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## “It’s the end of an era”



Firefighters battle the blaze that destroyed Jackson’s Variety on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on 2/3/20. The little variety store has operated as Jackson’s Variety for more than 50 years, and was Buster’s before that. “It’s the end of an era,” said Phil Lawrence (pictured at right standing near firefighters), whose wife Tina owns the building and business with her siblings. Their father, Colin “Jack” Jackson, was rescued from the upper floor, where he lived, by passersby. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

So much to write about in this space tonight.

First, our recent tragedy: Jackson's Variety had a devastating fire that destroyed the building, and, of course, the business along with it. Owner Colin "Jack" Jackson will have to find a new place to live. His daughter Tina no longer has a job.

They did manage to get out, though, without any serious injuries, thanks to a few passersby who ran into the building and helped Jack get out.

Tina refused to leave her father there to die alone, and they were both lucky that a few physically strong people showed up when they did.

That's community, that's how we take care of each other. It was a dangerous thing they did. And Tina's devotion to her dad...Well, let me just say I hope I'm never tested like that. See page 12 for the story.

And, I suspect, we'll be doing a follow-up or two. If you have any pictures of the old place that you're willing to share, please send them in. And stories, too. Send us some stories. I'm sure Jack and Tina and Colleen and Randy will be happy to know about them.

A place like that, with penny candy back in the day, smokes and the newspaper, soda and ice cream, is the kind of place that makes memories for kids in the neighborhood. It's just heartbreaking to see it go down the way it did. There's information on a fundraising page for the family, too.

In another matter...

This is the last week to take out nomination papers. We have a couple of races in Fairhaven, but, hey...c'mon...the more the merrier. See page 3 for that.

And, one last thing. Grab your popcorn and watch the Selectboard meeting from 1/29. Jump right to the 1:50'ish mark and watch our own Dan Freitas tell the world that if we change the name of the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board, he will no longer be a man.

I kid you not, I could NOT make this up.

But, alas, that's a really fun one for another time. I'm on deadline, gotta get this baby to bed.

I guess I'll have to write a blog about it. I'm hoping to unveil my new website with a new blog soon.

Until next week then...see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

## Last chance to get nomination papers

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, with Mr. Wotton returning his; on the Planning Board, Jeffrey Lucas and Ann Richard are up for re-election, and Mr. Lucas

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## 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.

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# Selectboard okays stop signs on WI; discusses name change

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard, at its meeting on 1/29/20, approved stop signs for West Island unanimously, but was not as supportive of a suggestion that the board officially change its name from "Board of Selectmen," to "Select Board."\*

Ann Richard sent a letter to the board asking that members consider the name change.

Town Administrator Mark Rees noted that the Mass. Selectmen's Association just changed its name to the Mass. Select Board Association.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola immediately voiced unequivocal support.

"I think it's a great idea," said Mr. Espindola. "I definitely support the idea."

"I'm not," said board member Dan Freitas. "I'm a traditionalist. I think we have selectwomen, we have selectmen."

He said if a woman is ever on the board, then they should consider it.

"I don't want us to get too proper so that we're eventually not even saying 'yes ma'am, no ma'am, and yes sir, no sir,'" said Mr. Freitas. "Right now, we're all men, we're selectmen. If there was a woman sitting here, we could be the selectboard,

with a woman sitting here."

He also said he has daughters and would love to see them sitting in that seat.

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy Sr., asked town counsel Tom Crotty about the procedure involved.

Mr. Crotty said the board can declare itself the Selectboard immediately for all internal and public communications with just a simple majority vote. He said to change the bylaws, though, Town Meeting would have to approve a name change wherever the name appears. The town also some special legislation that would require legislative approval.

Ms. Richard, in her letter, noted that the MMA has stated that 85 towns have made the change in the past 10 years. She also noted that she can draft an article for Town Meeting without the board's support, but that she had hoped to get that support.

Mr. Freitas said he was not trying to be "a jerk about this," but he wanted to know what they would be called.

"So we would no longer be a man or a woman," said Mr. Freitas.

Ms. Richard answered that it would be just like Planning Board or Conservation Commission. They would be members of

the board.

"I'm just asking," said Mr. Freitas, accusing Ms. Richard of "getting angry."

"I want to clarify this so I'm not out there like a bigot or something, like a crazy person," said Mr. Freitas. "But I just think that we're selectmen. There could be a selectwoman."

At that point it would be "appropriate" to suggest the name change, he said.

"I just don't think that we need not to be selectmen or selectwomen," said Mr. Freitas. "We need to be what we are. We're selectmen."

Mr. Espindola reiterated his support.

"I do stick with my original sentiments on this. I feel like we should be proactive," said Mr. Espindola, adding that if so many other towns made the change, it cannot be overly burdensome. "And I just feel like it's a more welcoming name."

The board did not vote on the measure, as it was on the agenda under "correspondence," and not "action."

Mr. Crotty will also check with other towns to see how they handled the change.

*Editor's note: Our style policy has always called for referring to the board with the gender-neutral "Selectboard."*

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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!

## Hoarder Workshops

The Fairhaven Health Department and the New Bedford Fresh Start program are co-sponsoring an informational meeting regarding the enrollment of our upcoming Spring workshops for individuals who suffer from hoarding disorder. The informational meeting will be an opportunity to learn about hoarding remediation, upcoming workshop schedules, available resources such as textile recovery and organizational services, and a question and answer period to address any concerns or lingering questions. 3-8% of the population suffers from hoarding disorder. We would love to inform you or your loved one of the resources available to help manage this disorder.

Meetings are free and open to all of Greater New Bedford (this includes New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Westport, Freetown, Fall River). You do not need to R.S.V.P.

- **Tues., 2/11, 5-6:30p.m., Buttonwood Warming House, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford, MA**
- **Wed., 2/12, 3-4:30 p.m., Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719**

Please contact the Fairhaven Health Department at 508-979-4023 ext. 125 for more information.

## Bingo Night

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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.

## Calling All Seniors

Calling All SENIORS... the Fairhaven Rotary is hosting their 5th year Senior Talent Showcase on Sunday, May, 3, 2020 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) from 2pm to 4pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall. This is a free event open to the public. If any senior would like to be in the talent showcase, please call MK at 508.330.4837 for an application. We are asking for donations/and or advertisers to get into our Program Book; please email [pmederios67@comcast.net](mailto:pmederios67@comcast.net) to inquire. It's going to be a great show!

## 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)

## SAVE THE DATES

### VFW Valentine Dance

The VFW Fairhaven is holding its annual Valentine's Dance on Fri., 2/14, at VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven, 508-997-1707. Featuring entertainment by DJ Silky Smooth at 9 p.m.; light buffet. All are welcome.

### 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).

## 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).

# DA to distribute children's book to schools

## Press Release

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III has begun distributing a new children's book written by a local author that aims to open up the lines of communication with children who are living in a home with a loved one who is addicted to drugs or alcohol.

The book, entitled, "A Sickness You Can't See," was authored by Bristol County's own Laura Washington, who has worked in the addiction field for many years and has been a longtime community partner of the district attorney's office.

The book was written to help educators, police, physicians and others that come into contact with children who are unfortunately living with someone addicted to drugs. Often times the children are forgotten about when it comes to addiction and many people do not know how to even broach the subject of a loved one's substance abuse addiction with a child.

Ms. Washington wrote the book based on true stories and true events

that her family members went through loving someone with an addiction.

Unfortunately, given the ongoing opiate epidemic impacting our country, more and more children are having to deal with family members in the throes of addiction. Children are truly the innocent victims of the opiate crisis and this book is just one way our office hopes to help stem the tide.

District Attorney Quinn decided to use a small portion of the office's drug forfeiture funds to purchase 200 copies of the book with the goal of getting it into every school district in Bristol County.

During recent weeks, District Attorney Quinn, with the assistance of Community Affairs Unit Program Manager, April Funches, and the author herself, have begun to embark upon an effort to reach out to school superintendents and principals to get the book into their schools. Thanks to this ongoing effort, the book is already being utilized by the Henri Yelle Elementary School in Norton, the Quinn School in Dartmouth and

the Elizabeth Pole School in Taunton.

The book will soon be brought into more of Taunton's elementary schools and plans are in place to continue to distribute the book to schools in all 20 cities and towns in Bristol County during the coming weeks and months. The goal is to make sure every school district in the county has several copies. Our office will deliver or mail them to any elementary school that wants them and is willing to share it with students in need.

"I am very pleased to be able to provide these books to schools throughout Bristol County. It is very important for us to support children who are living in a home with someone who is battling addiction," District Attorney Quinn said. "My office has spearheaded a number of initiatives over the past several years aimed at combatting the ongoing opiate epidemic plaguing our communities and families. I am hopeful that more and more schools will support this initiative and utilize this book during 2020.



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By Rob Gonsalves

## Special to the Neighb News

Welcome to a new semi-regular column, **What's the Hoopla?** If you have a library card through the Millicent Library, you can avail yourself of the selection of e-books, music, and movies at [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com). Hoopla is a streaming service that allows access to thousands of titles for free. We'll be focusing on the available movies (or TV). This time, in honor of the forthcoming Oscar ceremony on February 9, we'll be looking at Oscar winners or nominees you can watch on Hoopla.

First of all, there are eight Best Picture winners there! If your goal is to watch all the victors in that category, that's a good start. *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *Midnight Cowboy*, *The Sting*, *Terms of Endearment*, *Rain Man*, *The English Patient*, *American Beauty*, and *No Country for Old Men* are waiting for you to catch up with them.

Now, I'd like to weigh in on a few Oscar winners/nominees on Hoopla that I'd personally recommend:

- *Across the Universe* (Best Costume Design nominee): This eye-popping, Beatles-worshipping labor of love deserves reciproca-tion. Watch it as a double feature with an Oscar winner on Hoopla — *Frida* (as in Frida Kahlo), which took awards for Makeup and Score. Both films were made by the visionary director Julie Taymor, whose new Gloria Steinem biopic *The Glorias* just premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.
- *Gods and Monsters* (Best Adapted Screenplay winner): A witty and heartfelt tribute to the aging director James Whale. Ian McKellen (as Whale) and Lynn Redgrave got

well-deserved acting nominations, but don't overlook Brendan Fraser as the humble glue of the piece.

- *Monster* (Best Actress winner): Charlize Theron forever changed her image from cover girl to serious actress with her Oscar-winning work as serial killer Aileen Wuornos. The director, Patty Jenkins, later made a little movie you might've heard of called *Wonder Woman* (and its upcoming sequel).

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- *The Red Balloon* (Best Screenplay) - It's a short film about a boy and the red balloon that accompanies him. It's a French film, but it has no dialogue, so anyone can follow it. It's a small, simple thing of beauty, and if you somehow missed it in school you can check it out now.
- *I Am Not Your Negro* (Best Documentary nominee): James Baldwin owned one of the sharpest intellects this country has yet seen, and this documentary captures it, as well as the often sad life that went with it. Other nominated documentaries viewable on Hoopla

include *Abacus*, *Last Men in Aleppo*, *Life Animated*, *The Invisible War*, and *The Act of Killing*.

- *The Last Temptation of Christ* (Best Director nominee): Did this even play around here? I remember General Cinemas (now AMC) refused it, but I wonder if Cinema 140 ever got it. Anyway, this undeservedly controversial masterwork was a passion project of director Martin Scorsese, whose *Raging Bull* (Best Actor winner) and *The Last Waltz* are also up on Hoopla, as well as the Scorsese-produced *The Grifters*, a four-time Oscar nominee.
- *A Fish Called Wanda* (Best Supporting Actor winner): "Oscar nominee John Cleese." I like the sound of that. (The only other Python so honored is Terry Gilliam, for co-writing *Brazil*. Neither man won.) Kevin Kline took a richly merited Oscar for his side-splitting performance as the intellectually challenged Otto. This remains one of the great modern comedies.
- *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot* (Best Supporting Actor nominee): This amiable Clint Eastwood vehicle — the directorial debut of future Oscar winner Michael Cimino (*The Deer Hunter*) — snagged an acting nomination for Jeff Bridges. It was his second such nod, though he ended up having to wait 35 years until he finally scored with *Crazy Heart*.

Well, that should give you more than enough to start with on Hoopla, enough to spice up any pre-Oscar party. And remember, if you can't stream these movies, they're also available on DVD at the Millicent Library (or through interlibrary loan). If you don't have a library card, why not get one today?



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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.

## 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." **For a list of participating 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/>

### Concert

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will host Golden Lane in Concert on Sat., 2/8, at 7:00 p.m.

Known for lively, interactive performances, Golden Lane plays traditional Irish dance music. The Southeastern Mass. ensemble includes John MacDonald (guitar and banjo), Pat Black (bodhrán Irish drum, whistle, and vocals), Bill Black (guitar, banjo, bouzouki, and vocals), Colin Everett (uilleann pipes and whistle), and Mark Oien (fiddle). Learn more about Golden Lane on their website, [www.capeirish.com/golden\\_lane](http://www.capeirish.com/golden_lane).

Tickets are \$10/Members of the Fishing Heritage Center, \$12/General Public. Buy tickets at the ticketing link on the Center's online calendar, <https://fishingheritagecenter.org>, or by calling the Center at 508-993-8894.

## 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.

Your donation is tax deductible. If you are interested in donating your boat or need more information, please contact Joe Pacheco, 774-328-2451, or [josephpacheco46@yahoo.com](mailto:josephpacheco46@yahoo.com)

## Three exhibits

New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks! Opens Three Exhibitions Featuring Local Artists and Curators

**Reception: AHA! Thurs, Feb 13, 6-8 p.m. (Snow Date 3/12). Free and open to the public. Light refreshments.** To learn more about the exhibitions and concurrent programming visit: [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org)

### Excavation: Layers of Meaning

Curated by Catherine Carter Adria Arch, Tracy Barbosa, Resa Blatman, Alma Cummings, Mary Dondero, Steven Duede, Anthony Falcetta, Lisa Granata, Nancy Hayes, and Jeannie Motherwell. **On view: Now to 5/17/20.**

## How to Make Slime

On view: Video and sculptures by Eli Brown **On view: 2/12 - 6/14/20**

## SHE PERSISTED: Women Artists of New Bedford, 1900-2019

Curated by Allie Copeland featuring artworks from the New Bedford Free Public Library's collection. **On view: 2/5 - 7/26/20**

## Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions on **Friday, February 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.** for all roles in of *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. Visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org) for details.

## February Vacation At New Bedford Art Museum

Art is important for growing and creative minds! Let your kids express themselves in our workshops and classes. Many of our classes are on rolling admission and some are drop-in to offer a bit of flexibility for busy lives. Check in often for any updates. Or all Deb Smook, the Education Director at (508) 961-3072. To register, visit [www.newbedfordart.org](http://www.newbedfordart.org)

### Frosty February Vacation Week Workshops 2/18 - 2/21/2020

Each February NBAM/AW! offers art-making workshops for kids 6-13+.

**Twens on Wheels Clay:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Ages 9-13+ Member: \$252.00 Non-Member \$280.00 Teens learn clay skills such as hand-building and wheel working. Beginners welcome!

**Teens: Digi and Animation:** 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Ages 9-13+ Member Price \$252.00 Non-Member \$280.00 Youth will create characters and learn how to make digital renditions to animate in Photoshop.

**Multi-Media:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Ages 6-9 Member: \$252.00 Non-Member \$280.00 Work in a variety of mediums such as paint, collage, and 3D using recycled materials. The theme will be chosen by students facilitated by the art instructor.

Need to drop off early? Can't pick up at 2 PM? We've got you covered!

Early Drop off is \$5 per day and runs from 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.; After-Sessions are \$27 per day and run from 2-5 p.m.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Acushnet Chief Change of Command

The Acushnet Police Department will hold a Change of Command ceremony on **Sun., 2/9, at 11 a.m., at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. The public is invited to attend this free event.** The Acushnet Police Department would like to extend a formal invitation to the public for the official Acushnet Police Department's Change of Command Ceremony.

The Ceremony will not only signify the beginning of Chief Christopher Richmond's Command, but will also highlight and celebrate the tenure of Retiring Chief, Michael Alves. The APD will also celebrate the promotion of Officer Michael Matton to the position of Sergeant.

We hope to see everyone there for what should be an exciting event during an exciting time at the APD.

## PJ Keating Hearing

**PJ Keating Land Use Hearing, Tues., 2/11, 6 p.m. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, Acusnet.**

Meeting to amend the storage of explosive and inflammable materials. PJ Keating wants to relocate three liquid asphalt storage tanks at its facility on 72 South Main St. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Black History Walking Tour

The Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Center for Reconciliation, Stages of Freedom and the Rhode Island Historical Society revealed a new self-guided walking tour, which includes 14 stops between the Cathedral of St. John on North Main Street and India Point Park. Visit <https://www.goprovidence.com/things-to-do/providence-walking-tours/early-black-history-historic-walking-tour/>

## Easter Baskets Wanted

The Humane Society and Shelter-SouthCoast is asking for Easter Gift Basket donations from area businesses, schools, local organizations, individuals and anyone who wants to help our shelter animals.

These baskets will be prominently displayed at our Shelter for one month before our Easter Extravaganza event on April 4th, so we request that your donation be at our Shelter no later than March 1st.

Everyone visiting our shelter or attending the Easter event will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and enter them for the baskets they would like to win. The drawings will take place on April 4th.

To donate a gift basket, please stop by our Shelter at 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth between 12:30-5 p.m. Monday-Saturdays to drop it off. If you'd like to arrange for a volunteer pick up your basket, call the Shelter at 508-995-6661 and we'd be happy to do that.

## Fishing Regs Mtg

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking additional public input on the range of issues and information to be considered in the **Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment**. The Council is developing this action in cooperation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) in order to: (1) update the goals and objectives of the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan; (2) perform a comprehensive review of the bluefish sector allocations, commercial allocations to the states, and transfer processes; and (3) initiate a bluefish rebuilding plan. Hearings will be held coastwide February 13-March 4, with all comments due March 17.

The Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) are seeking public input on the range of issues and information to be considered in the **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment**. Hearings will be held coastwide February 13-March 3, **with all comments due 3/17.**

### BLUEFISH

**Mass. Scoping Hearing, Thurs., 2/13, 7:30-9:00 p.m.,** Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Admiral's Hall, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532. Contact: Nichola Meserve, 617-626-1531

For more information on Bluefish Allocation amendment visit <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/bluefish-allocation-amendment>

### SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, BLACK SEA BASS

**Mass. Scoping Hearing, Thurs., 2/13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.,** Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Admiral's Hall, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532. Contact: Nichola Meserve, 617-626-1531

For more information on summer flounder, scup, black sea bass allocation, visit <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/sfsbsb-allocation-amendment>

For more information on upcoming hearings visit <http://www.mafmc.org/newsfeed/2020/mafmc-asmfc-sfsbsb-allocation-scoping-hearings>

All comments, regardless of submission method, will be compiled into a single document for review and consideration by both the Council and Commission.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Mardi Gras Fund-raiser

Join Rolling Thunder, MA Ch2 for their second annual Mardi Gras celebration on **Sat., 3/7, from 6-11 p.m. at the Middlebor VFW, 12 Station St., Middleboro. Tickets: \$20** each, are available for pre-sale (email [presidentrollingthundermach2@yahoo.com](mailto:presidentrollingthundermach2@yahoo.com)) and will also be available at the door the day of the event. Or call 774-766-9214.

Enjoy a night out and a Mardi Gras inspired meal while supporting local veterans. Features live band, beads and masks, 50/50 raffles, games, photo booth, and crowning of this year's King & Queen.

Entertainment by local band Miracle Maxx. Play the free games to earn beads. The reveler winning the most beads at the end of the evening will leave with a coveted door prize.

### Red Dress Fashion Show

YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts is holding its 17th Annual Red Dress Fashion Show to raise awareness of heart disease in women, with Dr. Patricia Andrade as this year's keynote speaker. **Thurs., 2/27, at the Century House, 107 So. Main St., Acusnet; 5:30 p.m., cocktail hour; 6:30 p.m. dinner. Tickets: \$60; \$25/children; private table up to 10 seats, \$500. Deadline to reserve tickets: 2/19. Seating is limited. PURCHASE tickets online at <https://ywcasema.org/events/red-dress-fashion-show/>**

# Recipe of the Week

## Spanish Garlic Shrimp (Gambas al Ajillo)

- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 pound frozen large shrimp (21-25 count) thawed, peeled, and deveined
- kosher salt to taste
- 1 tsp hot smoked paprika (optional)
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1 tablespoon chopped Italian flat-leaf parsley

Slice garlic thinly. Season shrimp with kosher salt and paprika. Mix to coat.

Heat garlic and oil in a skillet over medium heat. Cook until garlic starts to turn golden, about 2 minutes. Add shrimp and increase heat to high. Toss and turn shrimp with tongs until starting to curl but still undercooked, about 2 minutes. Pour in sherry. Cook, stirring continuously, until sauce comes up to a boil and shrimp is cooked through, about 1 minute more. Remove from heat. Stir in parsley with a spoon.

*From allrecipes.com*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719;  
fax to 508-991-5580; email to  
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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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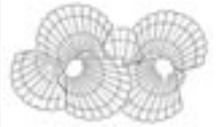
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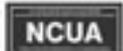


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# Fire destroys Jackson's Variety, a Fairhaven icon

By Beth David  
Editor

A devastating fire destroyed Jackson's Variety store, an icon on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven, on Monday, 2/3/20. The 911 call was made around 7:40 a.m. The business has operated as Jackson's for more than 50 years, and was Buster's before that.

According to Kristina "Tina" Jackson, whose family owns the building and business, she was in the store working when she heard the baby monitor go crazy. The monitor was installed because her father, Colin "Jack" Jackson, lives upstairs from the store and is no longer able to walk. She went upstairs and saw flames and smoke coming from the sun room. She and her niece managed to get Jack out of bed and onto his hands and knees, but then they could not get him past the door.

The 6'4", 280-pound man was unable to move through the door himself.

They were both getting weaker, according to Tina's husband Phil Lawrence. The niece was shoed out of the building, but Tina refused to leave.

"She couldn't breathe, he kept

telling Tina to leave," said Mr. Lawrence. "She said 'no.'"



Firefighters attack the blaze through the window and get in position to cut through the roof of Jackson's Variety, which was totally destroyed by the fire on 2/3/20. Photo by Beth David.



In this *Neighb News* file photo from December, 2015, Kristina "Tina" Jackson and her father, Colin "Jack" Jackson sit in front of Jackson's Variety, with big smiles for the local free sheet. Photo by Beth David.

The fire was growing, and the smoke was getting thicker.

"She was getting weak and coughing, he was coughing. Then they showed up like angels," said Mr. Lawrence. "They showed up. I thank God every day they guys ran upstairs. My wife was not leaving her father up there."

He said there is no doubt in his mind that the "angels" saved the lives of both

Jack and Tina.

"If it wasn't for them guys, they'd both be dead now," said Mr. Lawrence.

Butch Beuparland and Roberta Raymond entered the building when they realized someone was inside. Soon after, Dr. Paul Fall, Ron Rock and Anthony Cogswell entered.

Dr. Fall, Mr. Beuparland, Ms. Raymond and Mr. Rock helped Mr. Jackson through the smoke and down the stairs. Anthony Cogswell also ran into the building. But he said he did not hear anyone after getting about halfway up the stairs before the smoke and fire stopped him.

There are two stairways in the back of the store leading to the living quarters, one with a stair-lift. But it was not working, presumably because the fire had interfered with the electricity.

Mr. Cogswell told the *Neighb News* that he left the building after

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believing there was no one inside. Then he heard someone calling for help at the rear of the building on the north side. He helped the others and they managed to get Mr. Jackson to the edge of the property and over a chain-link fence.

Glass from breaking windows shattered on the ground near them as they made their slow way along the building. First responders arrived as they reached the street.

Mr. Jackson, 83, and his granddaughter were taken to the hospital, where Mr. Jackson was kept for several days, being treated for smoke inhalation. Tina at first refused treatment, but then went to the hospital later that day and was kept overnight for observation, also for smoke inhalation. No one suffered burns in the fire, according to Mr. Lawrence.

After the intensity of those minutes passed, neighbors stood in disbelief for the next couple of hours as they watched the Fairhaven icon burn with an intensity of its own. More than an hour later, hot spots flared up in the roof and along the side of the building as firefighters fought the blaze.

The building is a total loss.

Inside, Mr. Lawrence said, everything in the living quarters was ruined.

"I went upstairs today," he said on Tuesday. "There ain't nothing there. I

was hoping to find a picture or something. Forget it. All the memories are gone. All the memories are gone."

Mr. Jackson's wife, Peggy, 83, has been in the hospital since December, suffering from her own ailments. Mr. Lawrence said she probably did not know what happened because of her medical condition.

"It's the end of an era," said Mr. Lawrence while on the scene on Monday as firefighters battled the blaze. "It's the end of an era."

Bob Santos lives in the neighborhood and said he has been in the store many times. He said he saw a Facebook post and went outside and saw the smoke.

"It's so sad, so sad," said Mr. Santos.

Dr. Fall told the *Neighb News* that he and the others managed to lift Mr. Jackson, but it was no easy task. He is not able to walk, so he was "dead



ABOVE: As firefighters continue to battle the blaze for more than an hour, a hot spot still flares up in the roof of Jackson's Variety on Scoticut Neck Road on 2/3/20, when the building was destroyed by the fire. BELOW LEFT: Firefighters climb onto the entryway roof to get a hose through the window. BELOW RIGHT: The "open" sign blinks on even as firefighters battle the blaze. Photos by Beth David.

weight," said Dr. Fall.

He said he was not sure how they did it.

Mr. Cogswell said he was dropping his child off at school and noticed a bunch of people standing around.

"When you see a group of people, there's confusion," he said.

He asked if there were any people, or animals inside.

"I'm an animal lover," said Mr. Cogswell. "I went upstairs, I saw the flames."

He later described it like flames

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Coach Jacob Girard has designed the next level volleyball clinic for young athletes who want to take their volleyball game to the next level. Coach Girard has volleyball coaching experience in New England's professional Women's Volleyball team, division three NCAA Collegiate volleyball, and Junior Olympic club volleyball. The clinics are drill and workout based to focus on improving the skills used to play volleyball. Game play will be used in varying levels throughout the session.

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2/19: Warwick Mall

2/26 Emerald Square Mall  
3/4 Tiverton Casinos

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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.

### 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.

### Foster Grandparents Program

### Classroom Grandmas and Grandpas Wanted

Help children who need it the most. The program is open to individuals age 55 and over who can serve between 15-40 hours a week and who meet eligibility requirements. For more information on

volunteering, contact Jacqueline Medeiros at 508-742-9198.

### Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Space is limited to 15. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029

- **February 10, 12:** Windows 10
- **February 24, 26, 28:** How to keep your internet browser safe and secure

### Sewing Circle

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.

### Precision Sculpting,

On Mondays, from 9-10:00 a.m. Walk in Welcome. \$6.00 per class for more information please call 508-979-4029.

### Food Program

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## Ongoing Programs

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

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# BPW hires for highway department

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 1/27, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed vehicular traffic at Cushman Park, final water rates, and also hired for the Highway Department,

The board first met with Fairhaven resident Ray Gardner about his concerns about traffic in Cushman Park.

Mr. Gardner said he was embarrassed by the condition the Park is in. He explained that he walks through the park frequently and there are ruts in the grass and car tracks everywhere. He said there are signs everywhere at the park that say no vehicles, and the park looks like a dump. He noted that there are no barriers to block cars from going in.

Mr. Gardner said he has seen pickup trucks driving on the track, as well as people with dogs on the track when there are signs that say no dogs allowed on the track.

He told the board he has seen cars driving through the park and sometimes a car drives into the park to empty the portable toilet. Mr. Gardner said that the toilet is in a

bad spot for a car to come and empty it and the it is constantly knocked over from the wind because it is not chained to anything.

He suggested possibly moving the portable toilet closer to the concession stand, so it can be more easily emptied and also be chained to the building so it does not fall over.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said the only vehicles that should be in the park are the guy who empties the portable toilet, the school with sports equipment, and BPW trucks picking up trash.

Chairperson Brian Wotton explained that Fairhaven High School uses the park for their sports teams and the portable toilet is rented through school. He said he agreed that it should be moved near a parking lot where the truck can pull up and empty it.

Mr. Gardner also said they should put up barriers. He explained that other parks in town have barriers to block cars. He also suggested that if all those cars from the school, BPW, etc., are going into the park, that maybe they should consider paving a

path for the vehicles.

Mr. Hobson said they will have to look into it and see what vehicles are going in and out. He said they will figure it out and come up with a solution in two weeks to a month.

Mr. Hobson also said he would go by the park to check it out and Mr. Gardner agreed to meet him there.

Mr. Wotton said he would reach out to other departments in town to see who is driving their vehicles in the park and to find out about getting the portable toilet moved.

In another matter the board interviewed Joshua Chase for Heavy Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department.

BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado said that Mr. Chase comes highly recommended by Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau.

Mr. Chase said he grew up in New Bedford but lives in the Fairhaven area with his family currently. He told the board he has been a truck driver for 23 years, but wants to work within the town and help out the community.

BPW members Cameron Durant

BPW: cont'd on page 22

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# UPDATE ON THE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR PCB CLEANUP: JANUARY 2020

## Shoreline remediation and restoration near the Wood/Slocum Street bridge to start in 2020

Temporary access road construction is scheduled to start in February 2020 on the Acushnet River shoreline just south of the Wood/Slocum Street bridge. Once these roads are completed, the excavation of PCB-contaminated shoreline soils and sediments above project cleanup levels will begin. Once excavated, Portland cement will be mixed into these soils and sediments and they will be placed into lined and covered trucks for disposal at an offsite licensed facility. The excavated shoreline areas will then be backfilled with clean topsoil and planted with thousands of salt marsh plants as well as abutting trees and shrubs. Similar remediation work is also scheduled for the New Bedford shoreline just south of the Wood/Slocum Street bridge beginning in summer 2020. These areas to be remediated are shown in yellow on the attached map. Final saltmarsh planting of some of these remediated areas will occur in spring 2021 to take advantage of the best time of year for such planting. Air monitoring will occur throughout this work to ensure it is being performed safely.

## Completion of subtidal Superfund dredging scheduled for spring 2020

After many years of effort, the Superfund subtidal dredging of PCB-contaminated sediments in both the upper and lower harbor is scheduled to be completed in spring 2020. In total about one million cubic yards of contaminated sediment will have been removed. As a result, EPA's rail-accessible shoreline sediment processing facility on Hervey Tichon Avenue in New Bedford is currently being decontaminated to allow for beneficial commercial reuse by the City of New Bedford in 2021.

## Reminder: fish and seafood caught in and around the harbor remain contaminated with PCBs

Even though the Superfund dredging is almost complete, fish and seafood caught in and around the harbor will remain contaminated with PCBs for some time. Local fishermen/women should familiarize themselves with applicable fishing restrictions and advisories to ensure harvested seafood is safe to eat.

See <http://epa.gov/superfund/newbedford> for more details, or contact ZaNetta Purnell, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at 617 918 1306 or at [purnell.zanetta@epa.gov](mailto:purnell.zanetta@epa.gov).



New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site–2020 intertidal areas to be remediated are shown in yellow

# Acushnet: Meet David Makuch

From Acushnet Fire & EMS  
Department Facebook Page  
**THIS IS US**

Monday, February 3, 2020: This week we will begin a new feature on our Facebook page designed to introduce each of our members to you. "This Is Us" (with apologies to the television show) will single out each member and tell you their story as a member of the department. I know how dedicated, professional and special our folks are. It's time you did as well".

- Chief Kevin Gallagher

We begin our introductions with the member of our department with the most seniority, David Makuch.

David joined the department in 1977 (the year "Rocky" was in theaters) and is serving his 43rd year of continuous service. He holds the rank of Call Captain and has the responsibility of supervising our members assigned to Station #2 in the north end of town.

Many of you know David as co-owner, along with his wife Cathy, of Chloe's Countryside Kennels on Leonard Street. After 21 years of daily

attention to their boarders, Dave and Cathy recently sold their business to Paul and Becky Fry-singer. (Paul is a full-time Fire-fighter for the town.)

C a p t . Makuch is an example of the experience level we benefit from.

As a resident and business owner in town he rarely fails to respond to a call regardless of the time of day.

Acushnet, meet David Makuch.



As the most senior member of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, David Makuch is the first member to be introduced in the "This is Us" campaign. Photo from Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.



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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Bristol The Superior Court

CIVIL DOCKET# 1873CV01131  
RE: Wells Fargo Bank, Plaintiff  
v. Nicholas Gautreau, et al.

### ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: All persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate lien, or interest in the Locus being the unbuilt portion of the paper street formerly known as Seabec Street between Lots 126 and 127 on a certain plan of land entitled "Scouticut Brae" dated September 29, 1922 and recorded with the Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 25, Page 36.

### GREETING:

WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by **Ralph E. Wright & Barbara A. Wright** wherein they are seeking declaratory judgment from the Court that the Plaintiffs have acquired certain real property in Fairhaven, Bristol County Massachusetts through adverse, open, notorious and exclusive possession which has been continuous for over twenty (20) years.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020**, you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at New Bedford in the County of Bristol, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the **Fairhaven Neighborhood News**, a newspaper published in said Fairhaven, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day.

Dated at New Bedford, Massachusetts this 24th day of January, 2020.

Marc J. Santos, Esq., Clerk of the Courts  
By Dina Swanson, Esq., Assistant Clerk

FNN, 2/6/20, 2/13/20

## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Case # 2019.10.08A** A continuation on the case of Manuel Almeida, of 8 Wildrose Lane, Acushnet who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit for the use and parking of more than one commercial vehicle for business use at his address. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Residence "A" District- Section "B" (8)- Use and Parking of More Than One Commercial Vehicle for Business Use.
- Case #2020.01.21A** A continuation on the case of Garrett Soucy, of 5 Williams Street, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to turn renovations or additions of his dwelling into an accessory apartment. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) and Section 3.4 "B": Accessory Apartments.
- Case #2020.02.18A** A hearing on the case of Gary Hathaway, of 19 Westland Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance and expansion of the original Special Permit issued in October of 1989 to be able to add customer seating (waiting area) and handicap accessibility to the business, owned by Ahoy Matte LLC and located at 586 Main Street, Acushnet. These requests are being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 E (3).
- Case #2020.02.18B** A hearing on the case of Katie Belanger, of 8 Archer's Way Acushnet, who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to run a commercial dog breeding business out of the home. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (5).

\*\*\*Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.\*\*\*  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Fairhaven Planning Board**  
Tuesday, February 25, 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 25, 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 SP 2020 - 02 - Acushnet Co. HQ Modifications.** The applicant, the Acushnet Company, is requesting approval to construct a new 900 sf visitor entrance and a new 7,500 sf wellness area with associated infrastructure and landscaping at the Acushnet Company Headquarters. The location is 333 Bridge Street, Map 30C Lot 60, Fairhaven, Massachusetts (61.86 acres).

- A revised Notice that the originally scheduled public hearing on February 11, 2020 for **Special Permit application SP 2020 - 01- Ocean Breezes Condominiums (Dupras)** will be continued without taking testimony to February 25, 2020. The applicant, Brian Dupras, dba Shoreline Development (Property owned by Robert & Janet Tubbs ), is requesting approval to construct a single four-unit multi-family residential building with two-bedrooms each on Huttleston Avenue. The location is 294 Huttleston Avenue, Map 31B Lot 60B (0.64 acres).

A copy of the applications are 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. Information is also available on the Planning Board webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board  
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you would see in a movie.

He said he then went to the other side and found the other people "dragging" Mr. Jackson out.

"I was on the side," said Dr. Fall. "Rock went up. It took the four of us to get him down."

And all the while the fire was raging.

He said he was worried as they walked along the side of the house. He knew they had to get away from the building.

"The glass was popping, breaking on them," added Patricia Regan, a friend of the Jackson family, who helped direct rescuers.

"It's scary," said Dr. Fall, but that was after it was over.

"I didn't even think," he said. "I didn't think any of those thoughts. I just had to get him out of the house."

"I can't believe how fast that went up," said Dr. Fall as he watched the building burn.

"I've been saying the same thing," said Ms. Regan.

Tina was next door at Mac's Soda Bar after her ordeal.

"Thank God for those guys," she said. "I wouldn't have been able to get my dad down the stairs."

And, she added: "Thank God we got that baby monitor."

Mr. Lawrence, though, did manage to find his sense of humor, even as he

watched the smoke pour out of the windows.

"You can put this in the paper," said Mr. Lawrence. "We're gonna have a sale in the store, and it's all gonna be pre-cooked."

"What are you going to do," he added. "There's nothing you can do. Nothing you can do about it, unfortunately."

The fire started in the sunroom that is off the deck on the south side of the building. Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia told the *Neighb News* that the fire is still under investigation, but is "believed to be electrical in nature."

Ms. Regan, who has known the family for decades and said Jack was her best man in 1973, started a GoFundMe page for the Jackson family (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/jackson039s-variety-fire-fund>)

She wrote: "I started the gofundme page thinking that the Jacksons would need help with 'extras' that the insurance co. wouldn't cover but I found out today — and some donors suggested I share this information on an update — that **NEITHER THE BUILDING, NOR THE BUSINESS, WERE INSURED**. Thankful and appreciative of all the funds that have been raised so far, I got permission from Tina to share this information with you."

The page had raised \$5,915 by press time.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Public Works

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

### Conservation Commission

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

### Council on Aging

Mon., 2/10, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

### Finance Committee

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

Thurs., 2/13, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Marine Resources Comm

Thurs., 2/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### School Committee

Wed., 3/4, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

Wed., 2/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Comm.

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

### Town Meeting Review Com

Thurs., 2/6, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

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

### Conservation Committee

Tues., 2/11, Parting Ways, 6 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

	Feb. 2020	HIGH a.m.	p.m.	LOW a.m.	p.m.
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Friday	7	0613	1836	1155*	2355*
Saturday	8	0658	1922	----	1242*
Sunday	9	0745	2012	0048*	1333*
Monday	10	0834	2102	0145*	1423*
Tuesday	11	0924	2152	0241*	1508*
Wednesday	12	1013	2243	0329*	1550*
Thursday	13	1106	2339	0416*	1633*
Friday	14	----	1204	0509*	1723*
Saturday	15	0038	1302	0621	1829*
Sunday	16	0135	1400	0811	1945
Monday	17	0233	1502	1007	2132
Tuesday	18	0339	1612	1116	2315
Wednesday	19	0445	1713	----	1209*

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

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and Frank Coelho agreed that Mr. Chase had an impressive resume.

Mr. Hobson asked Mr. Chase if he had his hydraulic license. Mr. Chase said he did not. Mr. Hobson said if he obtains his hydraulic license he will get a pay increase.

Mr. Wotton said that with Mr. Charbonneau and Mr. Furtado's recommendation the board should make a motion to hire Mr. Chase.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Chase.

The board also met with Harbormaster Tim Cox about adding driveway aprons at Hoppy's Landing.

Mr. Cox said he wanted to add two aprons right at the entrance of Hoppy's Landing where the pavement meets the shells. He said they would be two big aprons that extend about 10 feet and flare out at the end.

The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Furtado offered his help as well as Mr. Charbonneau's for anything Mr. Cox might need to get the aprons constructed.

In another matter the board met with Steve Lisauskas from Waste Zero textile recycling program.

Mr. Wotton said that the board agreed that they were ready to move forward with the program.

Mr. Lisauskas explained that 8% of trash in Massachusetts is reusable/recyclable clothing. He said Waste Zero will collect the clothing bags curbside on regular recycling day and replace each full bag with a new bag.

Each resident will start with two bags, but anyone can call and request more bags at anytime. Mr. Lisauskas said he hopes the program can start in Fairhaven by the spring.

There is no cost for the program and the town receives \$20 for every 33 tons of textiles that are recycled.

Mr. Hobson asked if it would be possible to also put a textile bin/box at the recycling center.

Mr. Lisauskas said that it would be possible to do that as well.

Mr. Wotton said that residents are very excited about the program.

The board voted unanimously to accept the contract from Waste Zero to be sent to town counsel for review or revising and then to be signed.

The board also discussed final water rates. Mr. Furtado explained that when a house in town is sold realtors ask for the final water rates. He told the board that a lot of realtors

call last minute for the rates and it causes a lot of inconvenience for the department.

Mr. Furtado said he has looked at the surrounding towns to see what they charge for a realtor's late notice. Currently Fairhaven does not charge if a realtor is late, the town just charges the normal \$50 fee. He suggested increasing the fee to \$100 if the realtor asks for the final water rates less than three days in advance.

Mr. Hobson said the town should make it \$200.

BPW Administrative Assistant Rebecca Vento said that a lot of realtors call two days in advance and get upset when the town can't get the rates that quickly.

Mr. Coelho disagreed and said he does not think it will make many people happy raising the fee to \$100.

Ms. Vento said it will hopefully get them to call sooner in advance.

Mr. Coelho said he was against it and that he thought the fee was too much compared to other towns, like New Bedford, which only charges \$75.

Mr. Wotton explained that getting the water rates in New Bedford is quicker and easier because it is all done on the computer. He said it is a much slower process in Fairhaven because they have to send a worker out to the house to read the meter because Fairhaven does not yet have computerized meter reading.

Board member Keith Silvia said if they raise the fee how will they get the information out to the public.

Mr. Furtado said they can post it to the town website and on the town twitter page and when realtors call inform them of the new fee.

Mr. Wotton said after they pay the late fee once they will not want to pay it again.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to make the late fee \$200.

Mr. Furtado said he did not think that was necessary.

No one on the board seconded the motion.

Mr. Durant made a motion to charge \$100 if the realtor notifies less than three days before and to charge \$50 for

a missed appointment.

The motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Hobson and Mr. Coelho voting "no."

Mr. Hobson asked when the sewer treatment plant would be built.

Mr. Furtado said legally it has to be in operation by October 26, 2025.

Mr. Furtado explained that a study is being done now, then a plan will be made next year, and they hope to break ground in 2022.

Mr. Hobson asked where the treatment plant is going to go.

Mr. Furtado said that it will probably be built on Bridge Street but nothing is confirmed.

In another matter Mr. Coelho mentioned that the new driveway with the blocks and chain to the entrance at Livesey Park has a small issue. He said the chain is a little long and when it is open it hangs into the street and it is dangerous for cars driving over it or people walking. He suggested they go in and cut the chain to an appropriate length.

Mr. Furtado said he would have that taken care of.

Mr. Coelho also asked if the board would possibly discuss changing the BPW meetings to a different day because the BPW meetings often are scheduled at the same time as the Selectboard meetings.

Mr. Wotton said it is hard because the Selectboard switches its meeting days.

Mr. Furtado said that the Selectboard does schedule their meetings months in advance.

Mr. Wotton suggested the BPW schedule meetings a month in advance also that way the meetings can be on alternate Mondays of the Selectboard meetings and they will no longer conflict with each other.

Mr. Wotton suggested they discuss it at the next BPW meeting.

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