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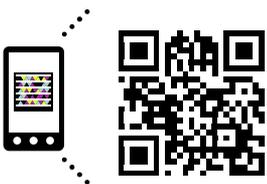


Schools distribute “grab n go” meals

L-R Felecia Connelly and Julie Costa from Chartwells Food Service don masks and gloves while they line up the 125 lunches available for pickup on 3/20/20 at Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven for the “Grab n Go” program that gives a lunch and breakfast to students who usually get them when school is in session. See page 12.

New Bedford also has a meals program during the pandemic shut-down (see page 8). Acushnet students may use New Bedford's program.

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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

I really was hoping that by now, everyone would be on board with the social distancing and taking this thing seriously.

But, no. People are complaining that they can't get their nails done, their hair colored, or buy new clothes. C'mon, suck it up. This is easy compared to what our parents and grandparents went through in World War I and WWII.

And, alas, the partisans are still spewing their BS, making up stuff that this person put that in the bailout package and that one wouldn't agree to for some absurd reason or other. Really, folks. There are serious reasons why people may not agree on a package put together by one side or the other. Do you really want to see trillions of dollars going to bail out big corporations, AGAIN? The bill should NOT give less to people who make less. This was not supposed to be a stimulus package. It was supposed to be a bailout package for regular Americans. Of course, that's not what it is. This president only sees the economic numbers, he only sees the stock market, and job numbers. He doesn't see people. So, of course, it had to become a stimulus package, so the most money went to the top.

I have no idea what it will end up being. As of now, it has not been voted on. They're still wrangling the details.

A little closer to home: Please stop hoarding and panic-buying. Yes, we are all supposed to stay home (see page 3), but no one is going to round you up and throw you in jail. Governor Charlie Baker said shopping for groceries in Massachusetts is a right. Yup, he said that...a right (see page 3 for link to his remarks).

Calm down, try to think of those less fortunate than you, those who really need what they are looking for at the ONE store they are able to get to.

As New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo said: "practice humanity."

Yup, even New Yorkers: Tougher than anyone in the world, but genteel, too.

So, let's take a lesson from Gov. Cuomo, and our own Gov. Baker. Ignore that boob in the White House. He's just gonna get us all killed.

Until next week then...see ya
(from a distance),

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update: stay HOME. Tax day is 7/15

By Beth David

Editor

The big news is that Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker ordered all non-essential businesses to close their brick and mortar operations as of noon on Tuesday of this week until at least April 7.

Visit here for a list of essential businesses that are allowed to stay open: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services>

On Tuesday, the governor filed legislation to help municipalities in the state better cope with the realities of a shut-down amid a public health crisis (<https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-files-legislation-to-address-challenges-faced-by-municipalities>).

The legislation would provide administrative relief to cities and towns so that they may utilize workers more efficiently, especially retired workers.

It also gives relief for permits that may expire or cannot be granted due to the shut-down; suspends the time limits on hearings until the end of the state of emergency; extends local tax deadlines by allowing municipalities to waive late fees for tax bills; modifies MCAS requirements.

The bill will also allow establishments licensed to sell alcohol for on-site consumption to sell wine and beer by take-out and delivery, with some restrictions (yeah, I know, I should've put that first, huh?).

If you do not have a computer, you may call 211, which is also available online at <https://mass211.org>

RMV

The Mass. Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has announced transition to phone and appointment-only reservations for required in-person transactions. Appointment reservation times will be available on a rolling basis up to two business days in advance on www.Mass.Gov/RMV in the myRMV Online Service Center under "Make or Cancel a Reservation."

The RMV has also extended all deadlines for inspection stickers: all non-commercial vehicle inspection stickers that expire on March 31, 2020 must be inspected by May 31, 2020; all non-commercial vehicle inspection stickers that expire on April 30, 2020 must be inspected by June 30, 2020; Non-commercial vehicles that are issued a failed inspection sticker that is due to expire in the month of March, 2020, must be re-inspected by May 31; non-commercial vehicles issued a failed inspection sticker due to expire in the month of April, 2020, must be re-inspected by June 30; the one free re-test for these vehicles is also extended to May 31 or June 30 provided the re-test is performed at the same inspection station that performed the initial inspection; regardless of the date of inspection, vehicles issued a failed inspection sticker due to a safety defect (indicated by a sticker with a red letter 'R') shall not be operated until appropriate repairs have been completed; all motorcycle inspection stickers originally set to expire on May 31 must be inspected by June 30.

To see all the changes the RMV has made due to the crisis, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

IRS

On the federal level, the date to file taxes has been moved to July 15, with a suspension of all penalties and interest. All IRS (Internal Revenue Service) centers are closed to in person transactions. The IRS continues to process tax returns and issue refunds. Visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus> for details on changes made due to the current crisis.

Links

To keep informed, visit mass.gov/covid19 for daily updates. To see the governor's press briefings, visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/MassGovernor/videos>. You may also text "COVIDMA" to 888-777 on your

cell phone to receive alerts.

For federal guidelines, visit <https://www.coronavirus.gov>

Hanging out at home, and other fun stuff

See page 14 for a list of movies you can stream at home, compiled by Rob Gonsalves, our DVDevelopments guru.

Please continue to find out ways to hang out with friends virtually. Use conference calling on your landlines. Call your service provider to find out how to make that work. Use Skype, Facetime, Google Hangouts, Zoom and conference/meeting software to see people in real time.

You've been seeing the commercials on TV for months, now is the time to take advantage of them. Many of the platforms are offering free trials during the crisis.

Here's something fun and interesting. The Washington Post ran an article about how cell phone tracking is being used to see how well people are social distancing. In Mass., we get an "A" while Wyoming gets an "F." Check it out at https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/03/24/social-distancing-maps-cell-phone-location/?fbclid=IwAR0mgZ4bPni9e0HgdL-02j1IcAFVgC0BSf0xSV6KyCdaw4_BH5mqSDgL39U&utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

Beware of scams

Yes, unfortunately, there have been some scammers out there trying to take advantage of people's fears. There is NO cure or quick fix for this virus. Your best chance is not to get it in the first place, and the best way to avoid it is to stay at home. Use take-out, use the delivery services, or be as quick as you can about it if you need to go to the store or the restaurant for take-out.

Check on your neighbors, but do it by phone or text or email. We are so lucky to have so many ways to connect these days. Use them.

Support local businesses during this crisis

You can help local businesses get through this crisis: Get take-out or delivery from your favorite restaurant or bar; leave a tip as you would if you were eating in the dining room.; ask if there's anything you can do. We are all in this together. We want our favorite spots to be there when this is all over, for them, for their employees, for our community, for ourselves.



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Selectboard votes to move elections, Town Meeting dates

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard voted to postpone the town election and town meeting at its regular meeting on 3/23/20. The public was invited to attend and participate by calling in or using Zoom. The instructions on how to do so were included on the agenda, and also on the screen for those watching the livestream or watching on Channel 18.

During the crisis and emergency order from the state, the public is not allowed to be physically present at meetings. Town hall is closed to the public, although essential employees are working. Most employees are working remotely. Visit the town's website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov to see which services they may conduct online. Call the department you need to find out how conduct the business you require.

Town Administrator Mark Rees, Selectboard chairperson Charles K. Murphy, and board member Bob Espindola were present in the banquet room at town hall during the meeting on 3/23. Board member

Daniel Freitas joined the meeting via Zoom.

In consultation with Mr. Crotty, the board decided to postpone the election, originally set for 4/6, and chose a tentative date of Monday, 5/18. Town Meeting is usually held about a month after the election, but all TM business must be completed by 6/30, so the date for TM was set for Saturday, 6/20.

The dates are tentative pending some logistics to be worked out with the Town Clerk's office, although Mr. Rees said he did consult with the town clerk to get a list of dates.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, things may change quickly, so residents are encouraged to check the town's website for changes.

Mr. Rees also updated the board on the COVID-19 response. He included a "continuity of operations plan," that, he said, he was forced to implement before the board met because of the governor's order (see page 3).

The plan included shutting down town hall completely. View the order here: [https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/fairhavenma/files/news/office-](https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/fairhavenma/files/news/office-closure-covid.pdf)

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Essential employees are working remotely; the public works departments are splitting shifts so that fewer people are working at the same time.

Mr. Rees said the fire and police departments have not been directly affected. They are still responding to emergencies and there has not been an uptick in emergencies, he said on Monday.

He said local officials have the authority to enforce the governor's mandate that all non-essential businesses be shut down. He said he would meet with the Board of Health and the Police Department to discuss how to enforce the ban in Fairhaven.

He said it was a "serious matter," and asked all non-essential businesses to shut down voluntarily.

Food establishments, including grocery stores and take-out restaurants, gas stations, and pharmacies are allowed to be open.

"Town employees...are working very hard to maintain essential services," said Mr. Rees, noting that

SELECT: cont'd on page 10

National Harbor Bus Trip

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CANCELLATIONS

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Schools grab n go

With schools closed, many students will lose out on the meals they get. Fairhaven students who qualify, many go to the front entrance of Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Each "Grab and Go" meal contains one lunch and one breakfast for the next morning.

Use this link for all updates by the Fairhaven School system regarding COVID-19: <https://bit.ly/3d9rNZN>

Jackson's FR Update

The fund-raiser for the Jackson family, which suffered a great loss after fire destroyed Jackson's Variety and the family home, has been POSTPONED for 3/21. Organizers still hope to hold the event at a later date.

See ad on page 28 for details.

New Election Date

The Fairhaven election, originally set for 4/6, has been changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new date is 5/18 (see page 4).

Fishing Permits

To assist fishermen and others in the seafood industry during the public health emergency posed by COVID-19, The Mass. Department of Marine Fisheries has made the following accommodations to assist our stakeholders:

Commercial Saltwater Fishing and Seafood Dealer Permits In accordance with 322 CMR 7.01(11), any un-renewed 2019 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Dealer permits will be considered valid through April 30,

2020. Permit renewals should be mailed in to DMF and staff will process them as soon as possible.

Any applications for new Commercial Fishing or Seafood Dealer permits should be mailed into the Division of Marine Fisheries, 251 Causeway St. Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. Staff will process the permit applications as soon as possible.

Staff will continue to work with permit holders who are in the process of transferring their limited entry permits and endorsements, but the processing of these transfer applications may be delayed. We recommend emailing questions and other inquiries to the DMF general email marine.fish@mass.gov.

Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permits Recreational anglers and non-commercial lobster fishery participants are urged to purchase these permits through the convenient online application **MassFishHunt** (<https://www.ma.wildlifelicenses.com/Internetsales/IS/Internet/InternetCustomerSearch>).

Due to the public health emergency, DMF will not be able to accommodate walk-in transactions for its various permits. DMF urges permit applicants to continue to utilize online and mail-in options.

Buried in Treasures

All "Buried in Treasures" workshops are currently cancelled due to precautionary measures against the coronavirus (COVID-19). These workshops include the Tuesday group, as well as the maintenance group, that takes place at the Domino's Pizza in New Bedford and the Saturday group that takes place at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven.

Please visit our website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health> for updated information regarding the dates of when these groups will reconvene.

UU:Connect Online

The Unitarian Memorial Church, home of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, has cancelled all events and worship due to concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those seeking connection can visit our website at uufairhaven.org or visit us on Facebook @uufairhaven to view the most current opportunities

to get connected online.

Vendors Invited

The 44th Annual Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA Saturday, June 27, 2020 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 175 booths featuring artists & crafters from all over New England. Art exhibit, food, kids' games, fire engine rides, music & live entertainment for the entire family.

Free admission. Handicap parking available.

Booth spaces and Art Exhibit spaces are available. For information please email fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com or visit: <http://www.fairhavenimprovement.org> <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation>

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 offer 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 or on our website: www.marineryouthsoccer.com

Learn at Home

Here are some fun and FREE ways to learn from home.

- **Math:** Prodigy at play.prodigygame.com; Khan Academy at www.khanacademy.org
- **Reading:** Squiggle Park at www.squigglepark.com; Storyline at www.storylineonline.net/
- **Science:** Mystery Doug at mysterydoug.com; National Geographic at kids.nationalgeographic.com
- **Writing:** Typing Club at www.typingclub.com
- **Social Studies:** History for kids at www.historyforkids.net



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I encourage you to view our Meet the Candidates debate on FairhavenTV.com from March 11th, 2020 and have the rest of the story to my opponent's claims....

“Questioning the need for a Fire/Police Facility”

The town commissioned a study of all municipal and school buildings that identified over \$114 million in capital improvements necessary to maintain our existing buildings. Although the Town cannot fund all \$114 million capital improvements today, the number one priority identified by the Capital Planning Committee was the need for a new public safety facility.

“What does this Town Administrator do...he delegates too much.”

The current Town Administrator, who is our first town administrator, fully and completely carries out his responsibilities as provided for in the town Administrator Act including managing the day to day activity of departments that report to him, recruitment and hiring of town department heads, negotiating all collective bargaining agreements, proposing and maintaining a pay and classification plan for non-union employees, and developing and recommending the annual operating budget and a five year capital budget among his major duties. But in addition to his statutory duties, he is responsible for implementing the policy goals established by the Board of Selectman and he does that by identifying specific objectives that departments work on during the year and holding them accountable for their achievement through a formal job performance evaluation. He has also fostered a culture of teamwork throughout town government, breaking down pre-existing silos, and making sure that everyone is working in the same direction and purpose. My opponent doesn't seem to understand the role of a Town Administrator, that Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved.

“Town Hall offices being closed.”

Improving customer service in town hall has been a priority, including making sure that town hall offices are open during the business day. We were able to expand the staff so that there is now a full-time clerk for each office. In addition, the Veterans Services agent was a part time person, we now have a full-time veteran's agent in a much more accessible office. We also increased staffing in the Town Clerk's office and the Harbormaster office to provide for better customer service. Finally, my opponent seems to forget that the

Board of Health is a separately elected board that establishes its own operating hours. While we are available to provide backup such as taking messages, the Town Administrator is not able to direct them to as to their hours of operation. As demonstrated by my support to provide staffing levels at town hall, customer service is and always will be a priority for me. Most people who contact me are very happy with the customer service they receive at town hall. Additionally, I applaud the efforts of all our town employees who have completely gone above and beyond throughout this declaration of State of Emergency and their care for the citizens of our great community. Even with our Town Offices closed to the public and now only essential staff being brought in, our town employees are working from their homes! That is true dedication and I am grateful for each and everyone of our public employees.

“Excessive spending...too much borrowing.”

Of all the “gripes” my opponent brought forward at the candidate's night, this one is the most baffling in that he fails to acknowledge that the town has never been on such solid financial ground. One doesn't have to believe me, just look at the town's most recent bond rating from Standard and Poor's where our rating was increased to AA+, just one step below AAA, the highest rating you can get, in giving that high grade, S&P said the following:

“Strong Management with ‘good’ financial policies and practices”

“Strong budgetary performance with operating surpluses”

“Very Strong budgetary flexibility and liquidity”

“Strong debt and contingent liability position”

Add that our total financial reserves at \$11.4 million dollars is the highest it has ever been, that the residential tax rate has declined for each of the last 4 years and that we have brought in over \$4.3 million dollars in grants since 2018, I don't see how my opponent can imply that we are not properly managing the financial affairs of the town.

Lastly, these are extraordinary times. Throughout all the ever-changing daily events, please stay connected to one another, even as we practice social distancing and work on keeping us all safe, we have to remain united and strong. We are a resilient community and we will prevail. I continue to keep you and all your families in my thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Service, Charlie

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= Change is in your hands =



I would like to thank everyone who has been working diligently the past few months on my campaign to be your representative on the Board of Selectmen. The Town's administration has made a carefully thought out decision to postpone the Town election that was scheduled to be held on Monday, April 6th. The tentative date for the town election has been changed to Monday, May 18th.

I wholeheartedly support this change as the safety and wellbeing of the residents of this Town, as well as the people who work the polls, is the number one concern above all.

The residents of Fairhaven,

everyone from children to seniors, have been struck with life altering circumstances with Covid-19 threatening each one of us. At this time, we need to listen to the experts and comply with their request so our lives as we know them can get back on track.

Together we can get through this difficult time.

These next few weeks, I will continue to pay attention to administrative decisions and actions by watching the selectmen's meetings on Fairhaven Cable Access Channel 18 and I urge you to do the same.

Keith Silvia

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NBPS free lunches

New Bedford Public Schools Food Services is providing "Grab and Go" meals during district closure and until further notice. Pre-packed school breakfasts and lunches will be available FREE to all students K12 in the city of New Bedford.

Students 18 years and younger may take one (1) lunch and one (1) breakfast for the next day. Meals will be available 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following serving locations:

Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School, Campbell Elementary School, Carney Academy Elementary School, Hayden-McFadden Elementary School, Keith Middle School, Lincoln Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School.

All meals must be taken and consumed onsite. Acushnet students may also use this service.

NB City Update

In order to protect City employees and residents and stem the spread of COVID-19, the City is implementing the following measures and policies:

- For office-based employees, departments have arranged for remote work and flexible scheduling, all the while promoting effective social distancing, increased cleaning and promotion of good hygiene. Department heads are putting into place practices that manage remote work, such as daily virtual meetings among staff as well as regular communication.
- For employees not based in offices, their work will continue to be accomplished with measures in place that enforce appropriate

social distancing and increased hygiene. The City's custodial staff has worked continuously to thoroughly clean and sanitize work areas throughout City facilities.

Residents strongly encouraged to pay bills remotely

City residents are encouraged to pay any bills by mail, by phone, or online. Payments can be made online at the City's website, www.newbedford-ma.gov, and selecting "Pay Bills" directly on the home page. To mail payments, residents can use the mailing address printed on their bills or mail their bills directly to City Hall - Treasurer's Office, 133 William Street, Room 103, New Bedford, MA 02740. Anyone with questions about paying bills remotely should contact the Treasurer's Office, 508-979-1430

Public safety agencies remain active and continue to respond to emergencies across the city. As always, for emergencies, residents should call 911. For non-emergency business with the Police Department, please use their business line at 508-991-6300. For non-emergency business with the Fire Department, please use 508-991-6124.

The New Bedford Public Library branches and Buttonwood Park Zoo remain closed to public access. The New Bedford Regional Airport remains open with limited public access.

The City is committed to keeping all residents informed of the latest news. Follow the City's social media pages, including Mayor Jon Mitchell's and the City of New Bedford's Facebook pages, tune in to New Bedford Cable Access on Channel 18, and visit the City website at www.newbedford-ma.gov for regularly updated news.

Online Concert

NBSO Music Director Yaniv Dinur — our favorite conductor AND an accomplished pianist — will entertain us this Saturday evening from his home in Milwaukee. Join Yaniv for an evening of music by Mozart, Scarlatti, and Schubert, with a few tangos thrown in! **Watch LIVE at 8 p.m. on Sat., 3/28, by visiting our Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/nbsnewbedfordsymphonyorchestra/>). You will be able to view the concert even without a Facebook account.

And don't worry if you miss it! The concert will remain available for viewing on our page.

If you do have a Facebook account, be sure to "Like" our Facebook page then find the event "Live Stream: Yaniv Dinur on Piano" and click on "Going" so that you receive notifications about the performance.

Fiddle Time Encore

If you missed "Live Stream: Fiddle Time" with Peter and Emmy, you can still view it here: <https://nbsymphony.org/live-stream-friday-march-20th-2020-fiddle-time/>

NBSO Learning Online FREE

Symmetry in Shapes and Music

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's Learning in Concert program is a three-phase arts integration project that typically spans a school year and reaches thousands of elementary students across South Coast by bringing the first two phases into their schools and then presenting the culminating Young People's Concerts at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center. It explores a musical concept alongside other art and academic areas that authentically share the same concept. By using the unique, impactful, and accessible qualities of classical music in combination with other relevant arts and academic areas, students not only discover how seemingly unrelated concepts are connected, but they build deep and flexible understandings that span time, cultures, and contexts.

With so many students across South Coast learning from home, we decided to take Learning in Concert online! This free four-part video series, hosted by Education Director Terry Wolkowicz, explores symmetry in shapes and symmetry in classical music. The final video will feature your favorite NBSO musicians from our Learning in Concert program!

In this first video, we explore slide symmetry in Mozart's Piano Sonata No. 16 in C Major. Enjoy!

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/> and search for NBSO Learning in Concert.

Visit www.nbsymphony.org to learn more about the NBSO

CANCELLATIONS

Editor's note: All non-essential businesses in Massachusetts have been closed (see page 3), and all gatherings are also canceled. People are allowed to shop for necessities, such as groceries or at the pharmacy, can get take-out at restaurants, and go to the bank and other essential services.

We will use our Happenings pages to give people ways to pass the time while they are hunkered down at home, and to inform you of events that are scheduled for later in the spring and in the summer.

Report Scammers

U.S. Attorney Andrew E. Lelling Issues Stern Warning Regarding Scams and Other Crimes Related to the Covid-19 Outbreak

"As our communities take extraordinary measures to confront the coronavirus outbreak, some may view this as an opportunity to prey on the public's fears and anxieties. The Department of Justice is now focused on cybercrime, sale of counterfeit goods, treatment scams and other healthcare and investment scams arising from the pandemic. My office will aggressively prosecute anyone engaged in this kind of activity," said U.S. Attorney Lelling.

"With the outbreak of COVID-19, scammers have found a platform that preys on people's fears and could make them more likely to be victimized," said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. "We want you to avoid falling prey to these scams and help us stop them by reporting it at ic3.gov."

Massachusetts residents who believe they are victims of fraud or other criminal activity related to the pandemic should contact the United States Attorney's Office at USAMA.victimassistance@usdoj.gov or call 1-888-221-6023 and leave a message. Members of the public can also contact the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) by visiting www.IC3.gov. If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, please call 911.

Acush Rabies Shots

Due to the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency the Acushnet Rabies Clinic **is canceled**.

Dr. Gaumont from Acushnet Animal Hospital, 265 Main St., will offer rabies vaccinations for Acushnet Residents, by appointment only, beginning Monday - Thursday until April 16th from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Vaccinations cost: \$10.00 (cash only) per pet with NO office visit fees. Appointments can be made by contacting Acushnet Animal Hospital at (508) 998-3004

One (1) & three (3*) year rabies vaccines available. If your pet is currently vaccinated, bring the current vaccination documentation and a 3 year rabies vaccination will be issued.

In addition, the Town of Acushnet Annual Dog Licensing Deadline is extended until June 1, 2020. Dog Licenses can be obtained by mail by sending a check payable to the Town of Acushnet, for the appropriate fee: \$10, Altered; \$15.00 Unaltered; \$20.00, 3-4 Dog Kennel; \$50.00, 5-15 Dog Kennel; \$100.00, 15+ Dog Kennel. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 998-0215 or the Animal Control Officer, Rebekah Tomlinson at (508) 998-9040.

Grants for Artists

The Westport Cultural Council encourages all artists, writers, scientists, musicians, historians, creative people and organizations to apply for a Helen E Ellis Charitable Trust grant. This year the Council has an astonishing \$35,000 to distribute, and we are hoping for a record number of applicants. **You do not need to be a Westport resident to apply.**

Applications and further information can be found at <https://westport-ma.com/westport-cultural-council-wcc>. Or email westportcc02790@gmail.com

Nine printed copies of the application are required. Applications can be left at the Council's mailbox on the 2d floor of Town Hall, 816 Main Road, or mailed to the Westport Cultural Council, P.O. Box 4089, Westport, MA 02790. **Deadline HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 3.**

The Westport Cultural Council strives to continue Miss Ellis's mission by awarding grants that support arts, music, crafts, conservation, wildlife, and history preservation projects and programs for children and adults.

Register Now

Registration is now open for the 2020 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, 10/4, money raised from the walk will support adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The event is the only organized walk permitted on the historic Boston Marathon® course. Participants choose among four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles) from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; 10K Walk (6.2 miles) from Newton; Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles) from Wellesley; Marathon Walk (26.2 miles) from Hopkinton

Along the course, Walkers are treated to 12 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of the Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes displayed at each mile marker and half-mile marker as inspiration. The Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes are adult and pediatric patients from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute who volunteer to be part of the Patient Partner Program. The volunteers are called "Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes" because they inspire the Jimmy Fund Walk community to raise critical funds for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber. The Walk culminates in Copley Square with a Finish Line celebration complete with food, music, and family fun.

Whether participating for themselves, family, neighbors, or friends, each walker shares a common purpose: to support breakthroughs that benefit cancer patients around the world.

All walkers commit to raise a minimum of \$330 (including the registration fee); walkers 12 years old and younger commit to \$130 (including the registration fee). There is also a Virtual Walker option for those unable to attend the event on October 4th, but who still want to support the cause.

To register, support a walker or volunteer, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. Walkers who do not have a team to join are welcome to contact the Jimmy Fund Walk to connect them with other walkers in their area.

Recipe of the Week

Spaghetti with Fried Eggs

Salt
 ½ pound thin spaghetti
 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil or lard
 2 large cloves garlic, lightly smashed and peeled
 4 eggs
 Freshly ground black pepper
 Freshly grated Parmesan or pecorino cheese, optional
 Bring pot of salted water to a boil. Start the sauce in the next step, and start cooking the pasta when the water boils.

Combine garlic and 4 tbs of the oil in a small skillet over medium-low heat. Cook the garlic, pressing it into the oil occasionally to release its flavor; it should barely color on both sides. Remove the garlic, and add the remaining oil.

Fry the eggs gently in the oil, until the whites are just about set and the yolks still quite runny. Drain the pasta, and toss with the eggs and oil, breaking up the whites as you do. (The eggs will finish cooking in the heat of the pasta.) Season to taste, and serve immediately, with cheese if you like.

From

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/>

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the Council on Aging Director, Anne Silvia, was continuing Meals on Wheels. "So a shout-out to Anne Silvia and the Council on Aging."

Mr. Espindola directed his comments at "everyone," he said, and thanked everyone in town hall for all their efforts, and the leadership shown by the health agent, school department, IT, etc.

"There's been so many people involved in this," said Mr. Espindola. "It's really impressive to see how thoughtful people are. Leadership shows through in times like this."

He said they talk a lot about "resiliency" in different contexts.

"But in this case as a society, we are learning to be more resilient," said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Freitas chimed in to agree. He said there was a lot of great information from town hall. He was updated constantly by Mr. Rees and the staff.

"Everyone seems to be handling this very well," said Mr. Freitas, adding that he hoped it would not last for long.

He also thanked Mr. Rees, saying he has "done a great job keeping everything going and keeping us informed. A big round of applause for him and his leadership."

Mr. Rees said it would not be possible with the employees, "Thank you for your kind words."

"Every role of town employee has shined," said Mr. Murphy, adding that

their dedication to their jobs has shown.

In other business, the board approved a change to the license of the Courtyard Restaurant, changing from a sole proprietorship to an S Corp.

The board also approved a license for Gulf Resources, 277 Bridge Street, to sell beer and wine. The hearing was continued from the March 9 meeting because board members wanted to know how the additional license would affect the number of recreational marijuana retail shops the town would be required to allow.

The state formula requires that the town allow a minimum of 20% of the number of liquor stores it has. Mr. Crotty told the board that the town has 12. The way the formula works, an increase would not be required until the town reached 16.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the use of the front of town hall for the National Day of Prayer on 5/7/20, pending the status of the emergency order, restrictions on the number of people gathered, etc.
- Approved an extension on the deadline for shellfish and dinghy permits to 4/30 (from 3/31)

The board tabled several items that were on the agenda, including discussion of the personnel policy, FY21 budgets, preparation for town meeting, and appointment of poll workers.

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“Grab ’n Go” meals help students and families during crisis

By Beth David
Editor

Everything is shut down. The governor of Massachusetts has ordered ALL non-essential businesses to close while the state and the country battle the COVID-19 virus.

Schools had already closed, and that means that many students who rely on school lunches and breakfasts were at risk of going hungry. Fairhaven and New Bedford started “Grab ’n Go”

programs to get food to students who would normally get them at school.

In Fairhaven, meals are available to qualifying students Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the front entrance of Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. Students receive a lunch for that day and a breakfast for the next morning. The school system has been giving out 125 meals each day.

Demi Fernandez was at EHMS on

Friday, 3/20, and was grateful for the program.

“This has helped immensely,” she said “I’ve been here all three days.”

New Bedford is also offering the program. See page 8 for details. Acushnet students may access New Bedford’s program.

Use this link for all updates by the Fairhaven School system regarding COVID-19: <https://bit.ly/3d9rNZN>



LEFT, L-R: Demi Fernandez picks up meals for her children at Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven on 3/20/2020 while Felecia Connelly and Julie Costa from Chartwells Food Service check off her name. RIGHT: Cars line up at EHMS to use the program. People were allowed to get out of their vehicles one at a time, have their child's name checked on a list and pick up the meals. Students of all ages were there to take advantage of the program. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva for the Neighb News.*

Shelves are empty as stores can't keep up with hoarding



People have been hoarding and panic-buying since the severity of the COVID-19 epidemic started to sink in. Stores had widespread shortages of toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizers, and other cleaning products. Grocery stores have changed their hours to allow more time for employees to stock the shelves, but some stores just can't keep up. On various social media sites, people are giving hints and telling each other which stores have what items. Officials from the federal government to the local government are asking people not to hoard. There is plenty of inventory and no one will be banned from shopping for essential items, but people are still buying in bulk. Governor Charlie Baker ordered all non-essential businesses to shut down as of noon on 3/24/20. People are allowed to go out to shop for food, pick up food at restaurants (which are all take-out only now), pick up medicines, and do their banking. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services> for a list of essential services. To keep informed, visit [mass.gov/covid19](https://www.mass.gov/covid19) for daily updates. To see the governor's press briefings, visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/MassGovernor/videos>. You may also text COVIDMA to 888-777 on your cell phone to receive alerts. LEFT: The shelves at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven are completely bereft of toilet paper and other paper products on 3/20/20, but the produce section (RIGHT) has plenty of food. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*

Fairhaven Candidates night, part 2

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

On Wednesday, 3/11/20, six of the 11 candidates running for office in Fairhaven voiced their messages to the public at the candidates' night held in the Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium. The event was sponsored by the Fairhaven Cable Access Channel (Fairhaven TV) and will be cablecast on channel 18, and is also available on demand at www.fairhaventv.com

Last week we wrote about the Selectboard candidates, the only contested race. This week we present the candidates running unopposed for their respective offices.

Two seats on the School Committee are on the ballot this year, with the two incumbents, Brian Monroe and Pam Kuechler, both running for re-election.

Ms. Kuechler made her opening statement thanking Fairhaven TV, and saying she is thankful to have served on the School Committee for the last 12 years.

Ms. Kuechler said the children deserve the best education possible and the School Committee works together to always make things better. They invest in the children and what the children deserve, which makes the whole community stronger.

Ms. Kuechler said they base their progress on the success of their graduates. She said the students have received many awards and three million dollars in scholarships.

Mr. Monroe made his opening statement thanking Fairhaven TV and everyone in town.

He said that he has been on the School Committee for nine years and that the Fairhaven schools are some



the best on the Southcoast. All schools now have integrated technology in all grades and are able to compete in the modern world.

Mr. Monroe said the schools can also utilize social media for promotion and awareness in the community especially with the most recent health crisis.

Mr. Monroe also said that the schools have a very inclusive environment with unified sports teams, and special services academically, socially, and emotionally.

He said the School Committee has also been fiscally responsible.

Being the School Committee has been amazing, Mr. Monroe told the voters, and asked the public to continue to trust him with their vote.

Panelist Derek Frates questioned for the candidates, asking that of all the work they have done what accomplishment are they most proud of.

Ms. Kuechler said that 12 years is a long time and a lot has happened, which makes it hard to choose one.

"It is hard to put one thing on top of everything," Ms. Kuechler said, adding that she is proud of the new Wood School and just proud to serve the town, as well as proud to continue pushing the envelope and making new things happen.

Ms. Kuechler said it has been humbling and she is grateful for the experience, as well as working together as a team.

Mr. Monroe said he had a background in engineering and technology, and when he first got elected to the SC, the schools were lacking in technology: They had old computers, varying types of machines and no infrastructure to support the technology that they needed.

Mr. Monroe said he got Dell Corporation to conduct a study of the technology in the schools and because of that study the town now has a fiber optic network that connects the whole town and all new technologies in the schools, including Chrome books for all high school students.

Mr. Monroe said the study did a lot.

Mr. Frates also asked the candidates was how their professional careers help them make decisions for the student body.

Ms. Kuechler said that she worked in early education for the majority of her career and learned early on that it



Fairhaven School Committee incumbents Pamela R. Kuechler, and Brian Monroe (BELOW) speaks at the Meet the Candidates night sponsored by Fairhaven Government Access TV on Wednesday, 3/11/20, in the Town Hall auditorium. Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Neighb News.

is all about the investment into the students She said she has always approached decisions with that knowledge.

Mr. Monroe answered the question stating that was an easy one: he has three kids.

"Everything I do, I do for them," Mr. Monroe said. "It is why I volunteer, and if they succeed all the students succeed."

Mr. Monroe also said that with his job in engineering and technology he wants to make sure that students are able to learn about his type of career and do his type of job because one day they will need to take over.

It is all about the kids when making decisions, and never let the politics get into the mix when making decisions for the students, said Mr. Monroe.

In her closing statement, Ms. Kuechler thanked the voters for the opportunity to serve them for the last 12 years, and said she would be grateful for their continued support.

Ms. Kuechler also said she just wants to give back and make a difference. She encouraged anyone not to be afraid to get involved and to pay it forward and do good for the town.

It has been the honor of a lifetime, she said.

Mr. Monroe closed by thanking the voters for trusting him to serve on

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The COA has staff at the senior center available to take your phone calls.

Limited transportation is available from 8:30-10:30 for shopping, banking and pharmacy.

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Quarantine streaming

Now that we're cooped up inside for a while, a lot of streaming services

have jumped in to give us things to watch, often with free trial periods. So let's look at a few.

ACORN TV ([acorn.tv](http://www.acorn.tv)), which specializes in British television like Doc Martin and Midsommer Murders among many others, is offering a 30-day free trial of their service. Use the code FREE30. Incidentally, the Millicent Library is (or was, before the plague) considering subscribing to this service for card-holding library patrons to use, so if you do the trial and like what you see, let us know (once we're open again).

SHUDDER (www.shudder.com), home to a bunch of classic and indie horror films as well as original content, is also sharing a 30-day free trial with the code SHUTIN.

SUNDANCE NOW (www.sundance.now.com), which concentrates on indie films and documentaries, has a 30-day free trial offer going. The code is SUNDANCENOW30.

SLING TV (www.sling.com) has

announced a "Stay In and Sling" initiative, "providing news, plus thousands of shows and movies for the whole family, with no paid SLING TV account required."

UMC (umc.tv), or Urban Movie Channel, is devoted to "feature films, documentaries, original series, stand-up comedy, and other exclusive content for African American and urban audiences." Right now they're offering 30 days free with the code UMCFREE30.

FILM MOVEMENT PLUS (www.filmmovementplus.com) deals in art-house and world cinema. They want to give you a 30-day free trial plus 50% off your first paid month. The code is PLUS50.

MOVIESPREE (www.moviespree.com) is offering 100 free movies with the code MOVIESPREE100FREE. There's a lot of cheese on there (nine of Andy Sidaris' T&A actioners, for instance) but also some good stuff, including the cult TV series *The Kids in the Hall*.

That should be a good start. In addition, various films that have played in theaters recently have been made available for streaming early (in some cases, very early) because theaters have been closed everywhere. Disney has put its latest Pixar film, *Onward*, up for rental for \$19.99; the movie only opened in theaters two weeks ago. If twenty bucks seems

steep for a rental, consider that most of the titles with that cost will be viewable for a few days, and it's cheaper than movie tickets (and concession snacks) for a family of four. Other movies coming out for purchase or rental on streaming services: the Ben Affleck drama *The Way Back* (available March 24), the DC Comics flick *Birds of Prey* (March 24), the Vin Diesel flop *Bloodshot* (March 24), the latest version of Jane Austen's *Emma* (March 20), the controversial thriller *The Hunt* (March 20), the popular Elisabeth Moss horror film *The Invisible Man* (March 20), the faith-based *I Still Believe* (March 27), and *Trolls World Tour* (April 10, bypassing a theatrical release altogether). Also, *Frozen 2* appeared on Disney+ on March 15, several months before it was supposed to.

So what does this all mean for the future of movie exhibition? Some say the convenience of watching a new blockbuster in the safety of one's own home is toothpaste that won't be put back in the tube so easily. Others say, and I concur, that once all this blows over — and it will — people will want to congregate more than ever, and get together and laugh and cry and gasp together again at movies (or sports events or whatever). This all may leave people with a greater

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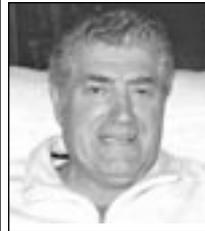
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Acushnet Selectboard holds emergency meeting

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard held an emergency meeting on Friday, 3/20/20, at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the town's response to it.

Chairperson Roger Cabral was attende the meeting remotely; board members david Desroches and Kevin Gaspar were in the meeting room along with Town Administrator Julie Hebert.

Ms. Hebert explained a "30 day Plan" that she and Mr. Gaspar worked on for the town employees. She explained that the Town Buildings were closed to the public.

She said the plan requires that department heads be working on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and clerical staff be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday.

Mr. Gaspar stated the schedule would "stagger" employees and help alleviate their concerns not to have to work with more than one person in their office.

Ms. Hebert stated that social distancing is encouraged and that

department heads would be forwarding weekly progress reports to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Cabral stated he was fine with the 30-day plan, but he did think that it was important to have government offices open.

"We need to provide the public with full access," Mr. Cabral said.

Ms. Hebert also stated that most department heads have laptops and computers that can be taken home, and there was a remote access policy that needed to be voted in by the Selectboard.

The board approved that remote policy.

Town Clerk Pamela Labonte was also present to discuss the timing of Town Meeting and advised the Selectboard if the meeting had to be postponed that information needed to be submitted to her so that the Town Moderator could move the date if necessary.

The Selectboard agreed to continue to monitor the situation and will follow up with Ms. Labonte in the near future.

In other business, the Selectboard

delayed the golf course opening another week to March 30, 2020.

On the state level, on Monday, 3/23, the Governor closed all non essential businesses in the state (see page 3). Government offices were also ordered closed except for essential personnel.

Visit the town's website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us> for updates

Acushnet has also launched an online application for registering and activating burning permits. Visit <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/news/burning-permit> for more information, or call the fire department at 508-998-0250.

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Meanwhile, we are still selling tickets to give the money to the Jackson family. The event will still be held at the **Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven, 508-997-1707**, and will include buffet dinner, music and dancing. **Tickets: \$20 per person.**

Get tickets at VFW, American Legion in Fairhaven, Bayside Lounge, Haircutters, Mac's Soda Bar.

A devastating fire ripped through Jackson's Variety on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on 2/3/20, destroying the building that housed the business and was also the home of owner Colin "Jack" Jackson and his wife Peggy.

A GoFundMe page has also been set up to help the family, who had no insurance on the business or the building: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jackson039s-variety-fire-fund>



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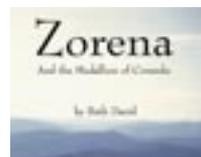
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Candidate statement: Fairhaven Housing Auth.

Carol Alfonso

Hi, I'm Carol Alfonso. I am a candidate for the Fair-

haven Housing Authority's vacant seat. I have been a resident of Fairhaven for four years.

As a board member I will work diligently with the Housing Authority Board. The Fairhaven Housing Authority faces many challenges and I feel like I would be a valuable asset

as a member. I would appreciate your vote in the local election*.

Carol A. Alfonso

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CANDIDATES: cont'd from page 13



Fairhaven Board of Public Works incumbent Cameron T. Durant (ABOVE) and Fairhaven Housing Authority candidate Carol Alfonso (BELOW) speak at the Meet the Candidates night sponsored by Fairhaven Government Access TV on Wednesday, 3/11/20, in the Town Hall auditorium. Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Neighb News.

the School Committee for the last nine years. He said there are great things happening in the School Department right now.

Mr. Monroe said he cannot wait to keep going and "push the ball up hill."

Also on the ballot this year are two seats on the Board of Public Works, with both incumbents, Brian Wotton and Cameron Durant, running for reelection. Mr. Wotton was not at the candidates night.

Mr. Durant gave his opening statement, introducing himself to the public, even though he has been on the BPW for three years. He noted that he wanted to introduce himself he was a write-in candidate when he was first elected to the board.

Mr. Durant said he has lived in Fairhaven for four years with his wife and children, and it has been a blessing being a part of the community and the BPW.

The list of accomplishments the

BPW has made makes him very proud, said Mr. Durant, adding that the board is so successful because of the staff and mainly because of Superintendent Vincent Furtado.

Mr. Durant said he appreciates and has learned so much from Mr. Furtado, and the town is blessed to have someone as good as him.

There have been some great gains in the Park Department, said Mr. Durant, especially the new BMX area at Macomber Park that is run by volunteers.

He said that the BPW really listens to residents' needs and tries to help. The BPW fought for stop signs to be placed on West Island, and because of Mr. Furtado they were able to get the approval for the signs.

The current big BPW project is the \$30 million upgrade to the sewer system, said Mr. Durant.

Mr. Frates stated that the BPW's mission statement states that the BPW strives to maintain and improve living conditions for residents, and asked Mr. Durant how he plans to improve conditions.

Mr. Durant answered that he plans to improve conditions by continuing to provide quality service.

By updating the sewer system they are improving the environment so residents can continue to enjoy living on the water for longer in a much cleaner environment.

In his closing statement, Mr. Durant said he has been a privilege serving on the BPW, and he hopes to continue doing more.

Mr. Durant said they will be moving the recycling center which could be costly, and they need a board that is responsible with money and regulations, and tries to keep costs down for residents as best as they can.

The last candidate was Carol Alfonso who is running unopposed for one seat on the Housing Authority.

In her opening statement, Ms. Alfonso said she will work very hard

and face any challenge. She said she wants to represent the concerns of all tenants.

Mr. Frates asked what Ms. Alfonso's thoughts were on veteran prioritization over longtime residents of Fairhaven for placement in public housing.

Ms. Alfonso said she has a lot of respect for veterans. She also said as far as she knows the veterans go to the top of the list to get housing first. She said as of now she does not know how else to answer that question.

In her closing statement, Ms. Alfonso thanked all for having her there and said she was grateful for the opportunity.

Moderator Marie Carvalho ended the night stating to get out and vote*.

The following candidates did not to attend the Candidates' Night: Michael Ristuccia running unopposed for the Board of Health; Jeffrey Lucas and Jay Simmons, running unopposed for two seats on the Planning Board; Brian Wotton running unopposed for Board of Public Works; and John Rogers running unopposed for Commissioner of Trust Funds.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

1. **166 Dogwood Street:** Elizabeth David. 198-21 (C): Variance request to extend a non conforming structure, not 5' from property line.
2. **260 Main Street:** Raymond J. Oliveira. 198-16: Special Permit for an in-law apartment above garage.
3. **Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard, re: 7 Union Street.** Seeking Reversal of Zoning Determination dated February 20, 2020.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
FNN: 3/19/20, 3/26/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, April 14, 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 April 14, 2020, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on the following hearings.

NEW HEARING

- **RZ 2020-01: Crow Island Rezone to Mixed-Use.** The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Rezone application: **RZ 2020-01** — the applicant, Crow Island Realty Trust, is requesting approval through the Rezoning public hearing review process to rezone Crow Island in New Bedford/ Fairhaven Harbor from a Single Residence (RA) zoned district to the Mixed-Use District (MU). The location is Crow Island, Map 44 Lot 1 (2.29 acres).

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning

Board will also conduct two **Continued Public Hearings** on the same date. The scheduled continued public hearings on March 24, 2020 could not take place as the Planning Board Meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation. The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Special Permit applications*

- **1) 2019-15: Bridge Street Mazda.** The applicant, Carapace LLC, represented by Richard Rheaume, P.E. of Prime Engineering, Inc. is requesting approval through the *Special Permit* review process to construct an approximately 14,000 square foot commercial building for an auto dealership with fifty-four (54) parking spaces and associated infrastructure, stormwater control and landscaping. The location is 250 Bridge Street, Map 36, Lot 15.
- **1) 2019-13: Lewis Landing.** The applicant, Dana Lewis, represented by Richard Rheaume, P.E. of Prime Engineering, Inc. is requesting approval through the *Special Permit* review process to develop a vacant 2.5-acre piece of land by constructing four (4) multi-unit residential buildings with three (3) two-bedroom units each plus two (2) one-story storage buildings (84' by 20' and 60' by 20'), one maintenance shed (24' by 24'), twenty-eight (28) parking spaces and associated infrastructure, stormwater control and landscaping. The location is Huttleston Avenue (between 347 and 355), Map 31 Lots 115A and 117C.

Copies of the applications are on file at the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Town Hall. Due to the present coronavirus situation, visitors are not allowed at Town Hall. Call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9, to make arrangements to see the complete files.

Much of the files can be viewed at the Planning Board webpage on Current Projects Under Review: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

For information on RZ 2020-01/Crow Island, go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/rz-2020-01-crow-island-rezone-mixed-use>.

For information on ways to participate in the public

hearing process without physically being present due to the present situation, please visit the Fairhaven Planning Board webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board>

You can call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to discuss the applications and ongoing measures to adapt to the situation.

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board
FNN: 3/26/20, 4/2/20

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appreciation of the arts — the misfits and dreamers who made the movies and TV many of us are binge-watching.

Personally? I predict the first big movie to bow after the all-clear is sounded will be huge. People will be champing at the bit to get out of the house again, to be transported by the big rectangle in the dark, to be told a story collectively, as an audience. Here's hoping the movie is worth it. And here's hoping for better tomorrows for you and me. We'll get there.

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ALL IN PERSON MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED

We are continuing to list government meetings here because both towns are moving to remote meetings. The public will be invited to dial in to participate, with the information on how to do that included on the agenda. Please check the town's website or call the appropriate office to find out how you can join in. Some meetings may still be postponed because not all meeting rooms have the capability for remote participation.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Public Works

Wed., 3/25, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

ELECTION

The town election has been postponed from 4/6 to TENTATIVELY on 5/18

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/26, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 4/2, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/8, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Selectboard

Tues., 3/31, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	Mar. 2020	HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Friday	27	1046	2305	0353*	1558*
Saturday	28	1127	2348	0427*	1633*
Sunday	29	----	1213	0504	1711*
Monday	30	0037	1306	0546	1754
Tuesday	31	0133	1402	0641	1852

	Apr 2020	HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Wednesday	1	0228	1458	0750	2004
Thursday	2	0325	1558	0857	2113
Friday	3	0430	1705	1002	2222
Saturday	4	0535	1804	1108	2333*
Sunday	5	0629	1853	----	1206*
Monday	6	0716	1939	0034*	1255*
Tuesday	7	0803	2026	0127*	1343*
Wednesday	8	0851	2116	0223*	1433*
Thursday	9	0942	2206	0318*	1522*
Friday	10	1032	2256	0406*	1608*

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COVID-19: Pray for deliverance

Subject: The Coronavirus, pray for deliverance. I don't mean to minimize the seriousness and the impact of the Coronavirus but what strikes me is the way many Americans have reacted. I wonder how many Americans have prayed and called upon God for deliverance. We as Americans should get on our knees and thank God for having the best medical facilities in the world. However, I believe it is unrealistic to think that sufficient medical supplies such as test kits, ventilators, and other such equipment can be provided on such short note.

President Trump's early action and decision to ban Chinese flights to the US is giving us time to prepare and minimize the impact on the death toll in our country. Just contrast the dire situation in northern Italy which didn't stop Chinese travel.

Another aspect, just look at the reaction of some of our citizens. Store shelves are bare, many items and paper products in particular. I invite anyone to google the Spanish

From our readers

influenza outbreak in 1917 when many millions world wide and many thousands here in the US died.

It looks as if this coronavirus outbreak is just starting, I do pray to God this is not the case. I believe we should heed the advice of our medical experts by avoiding unnecessary contact and washing our hands. And most of all praying to God for the deliverance.

John Pond, Fairhaven

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Thank you for your time. I hope you will join me in voting for Charlie in the next election

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**The date of the Fairhaven election, originally set for 4/6/20, has been tentatively changed to 5/18.*

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