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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Earth day is this week. Sorry, it was Wednesday and it kind of slipped by me. But, most activities are going on for three days (see page 10). And, besides, we do the clean-ups when we can do 'em, right?

Of course, this year, due to the COVID-19 crisis, all the group clean-ups have been canceled (or were never organized). But there are a bunch of virtual events to watch or join, and, as far as clean-ups are concerned, we can do that anyway.

You don't have to go in groups, just go with the people in your household, who you've been with all along anyway. Take a bag and GLOVES with you when you walk and pick up trash along the bike path or whatever route you take to power-walk or walk the dog. Be careful what you pick up, though. Use gloves, and be sure to throw them away in the bag when you're done.

Take pictures of what you picked up and send them to me. I'd love to run a couple of pages of Earth Day pictures next week.

Meanwhile...

We do have some news in here. The governor of Massachusetts has canceled in-person schooling for the rest of the academic year (see page 3). Online learning is still on, though. The districts are trying desperately to make sure that students do not fall too far behind. I suspect there'll be some summer schooling going on this year.

Hopefully, the crisis part of this pandemic will be over, or at least eased up a little so that we can enjoy summer.

Massachusetts is a hotspot for this virus now. We are in the peak of it, or very close. So far, our hospital capacity and ICU capacity, thanks to the expansion created by our state leaders, has been able to handle the cases. That could change so quickly, though.

I'm guessing most of us know at least one person who has, or has had, the virus by now. If not, I'm pretty sure you will soon.

Please don't think it's not here just because you don't see it. The death rate of this virus is scary.

So, stay safe, stay apart.  
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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# COVID-19 update: Schools closed for rest of academic year

By Beth David  
Editor

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced on Tuesday, 4/21, that schools in the state will remain closed for the rest of the school year. The order also extends the closure of non-emergency child care programs. Only programs that serve the children of first responders, medical personnel, and essential workers will remain open.

Gov. Baker made it clear that the announcement did not mean early summer. He said the state will issue updated guidelines for districts throughout the state to conduct remote learning for students.

The Mass. Department of Higher Education is also deferring scheduled repayments for its no-interest loan program for four months.

On Monday, 4/20, the governor signed legislation to protect homeowners and tenants from eviction and foreclosure.

The portal for self-employe individuals, freelancers, and "gig" workers is also operational.

Residents who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits can now apply online for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. It provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits to

individuals who are unable to work because of a COVID-19 related reason, but are not eligible for regular or extended unemployment benefits. It includes self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig economic workers, and those with limited work history. Learn more and apply at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-pandemic-unemployment-assistance>

According to a press release by the governor's office, "Those able to telework with pay and individuals receiving paid sick or other leave will not qualify for PUA. Individuals receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits for less than their customary work week, however, may still be eligible for PUA. Also, those working fewer hours, resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19, who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits may be eligible for PUA.

The federal CARES Act signed into law on March 27 created PUA, as well as another temporary federal program called Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) that provides an additional \$600 weekly benefit for those receiving unemployment benefits or PUA. Massachusetts has implemented that program.

Fairhaven's health agent, Mary Freire-

Kellogg sent out a reverse 911 message on 4/21, asking people to help slow the spread of the virus "limiting movement outside of your homes beyond what is absolutely necessary to take care of essentials. We expect to see an increase in community spread, especially over the next few weeks."

She said if residents must go out, to wear masks, maintain six feet of social distancing, and practice good hygiene.

"While there is no need for panic, we want to highlight the seriousness of this pandemic," said Ms. Freire-Kwlllogg. "Our community will benefit from your decision to take precautions."

As of press time, there were 41,199 confirmed cases in Massachusetts; 175,372 individuals tested; 1,556 new cases on 4/21/20; 1,961 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, with 152 of those deaths reported on 4/21.

According to the state COVID-19 website, which lists long term care facilities that had at least two confirmed cases, Alden Court in Fairhaven had fewer than 10 cases. It was the only Fairhaven facility on th list.

The city/town list had not been updated by press time.

For details, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>



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# Fairhaven residents encouraged to sign up for new alert system

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard received a presentation from the Fire Department on 4/13/20, to explain the new communication system, RAVE, which allows residents to opt in for a variety of alerts the town might send out for emergencies.

The system is more sophisticated than the well-known reverse 911 systems. RAVE allows residents to opt in for specific events, such as weather alerts, minor fire/hazmat events (all major events would be town-wide notification); health department advisories; police, marine, water and sewer department advisories.

The system also allows for alerts specific to each of the Housing Authority properties.

Residents can register a landline, email address, and cell phone to receive alerts by email, text and voice call. Residents can add additional phone numbers, an emergency contact, pet information, and vehicle information.

Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia told the board that he was working

with Cable Access Director Derek Frates to create videos to notify the public of the system.

The system also allows for more than one person to be notified.

If there is a "hostile event in your neighborhood," said Mr. Correia, the system would not only call the house, but it would alert parents at work, so they can direct the school or their children who may be leaving school to shelter somewhere else.

The system also allows town departments to send messages to each other.

Mr. Correia said the lists are still being created. Residents and departments can choose the alerts they want.

The system also allows the town to see who received the messages and how long it took. Most receive the message in one second.

To sign up, users will need to visit the website and sign up with a user ID and password. The password is necessary, said Mr. Correia, because users can share personal medical information on the site.

He told the board that the informa-

tion will make it possible for the department to search a neighborhood by need. In a disaster, first responders will be able to check in on people who have noted a person who is disabled or needs special assistance to evacuate.

"I think it's very, very powerful," said Selectboard member Bob Espindola. "I like the way people can opt in or as little as they want."

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas said he was familiar with the system, and liked it because it can target people who need special help.

"It's a great system," he said. "I hope most people sign up."

Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy said he was already sign up, and was getting some of his clients who have special needs to sign up.

Visit the fire department's web page on the town's website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/fire-department-ems-ema>

If anyone has trouble navigating the system, Mr. Correia said they may call him at the station and he will help them get through it.

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## BBC Learning

The BBC has launched an online learning site for children, "Bitesize Daily," offering daily lessons. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> to find home schooling lessons for ages five to 15. Lessons include English, math, geography, science, and more depending on the age group.

## Nightly News Kid

NBC has expanded "Nightly News with Lester Holt Kids Edition," to two nights a week, Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. Each episode is about 10 minutes long, and previous editions are available on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (search for Lester Holt Kids News).

## New Bluefish Regs

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission has approved DMF recommendations to adjust the recreational possession limit for bluefish. Effective May 1, 2020:

- Recreational anglers fishing from shore or a private vessel are limited to harvesting and possessing 3 bluefish per day.
- Recreational anglers fishing from a for-hire vessel during a for-hire trip are limited to harvesting and possessing 5 bluefish per day.

These regulations reduce the recreational bluefish possession limit from 10 fish for all anglers to either 3 or 5 fish depending on fishing mode. This action is consistent with decisions of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to reduce coastwide harvest in 2020 so as to not exceed the recreational harvest limit. Massachusetts' recreational bluefish season remains open year-round, with no restriction on the

size of bluefish that may be retained.

Please visit our website: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries)

## Striped Bass Regs

New recreational fishing rules have been adopted in Massachusetts to increase the conservation of Atlantic striped bass. The size of fish that can be recreationally harvested has been further restricted to end overfishing on the resource, while additional fishing gear requirements have been established to address recreational catch and release mortality. Changes take effect on May 1, 2020.

- **Slot Limit:** Only striped bass measuring at least 28" and less than 35" (total length) may be retained in the recreational fishery. Recreational anglers may harvest and possess one striped bass per day within this slot limit, year-round. Striped bass measuring less than 28", or 35" and greater, must be immediately released.
- **Circle Hooks:** Recreational anglers are required to use an in-line circle hook when fishing for striped bass with whole or cut natural baits. A circle hook is defined as a fishing hook designed and manufactured so that the point of the hook is not offset from the plane of the shank and bend and is turned perpendicularly back towards the shank to form a circular or oval shape. Exceptions. This requirement does not apply in the following circumstances: 1) when a recreational angler is fishing aboard a for-hire vessel on a for-hire trip; and 2) when a recreational angler is fishing with natural bait attached to an artificial lure that is trolled, jigged, or casted and retrieved (e.g., "tube and worm").
- **Non-lethal Removal Devices:** When using a device to remove striped bass from the water, anglers must use a non-lethal device.  
Visit: [www.mass.gov/recreational-saltwater-fishing](http://www.mass.gov/recreational-saltwater-fishing)

## Video Conf. Tips

In response to reports of privacy and security issues with the video conferencing platform Zoom, Mass. Attorney General Maura Healey issued an advisory with recommendations for members of the public to practice safe video

conferencing to protect themselves from a new form of harassment known as "Zoombombing" by which intruders hijack video calls and post hate speech and offensive images:

- **Don't make meetings public.** Users that want to host a Zoom meeting should make the meeting private by requiring a meeting password or using the platform's waiting room feature to control who is and isn't allowed to enter the meeting. Find information on how to do this at (<https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/covid19.html>)
- **Don't share a link to a conference publicly.** Posting a link to a meeting on an unrestricted, publicly available website or on social media may open the door for unwanted guests to join the meeting. Provide the link directly to the guests you want to invite and ask them not to share it.
- **Manage screen sharing options.** In Zoom, change screen sharing to "Host Only."
- **Make sure you're using the most up-to-date software.** In January 2020, Zoom updated their software to add password requirements for meetings and disabled a feature that allowed users to randomly scan for meetings to join. To ensure you don't fall victim to unwanted guests, update your software to the most recent version. Only download Zoom's software from its official website or, for mobile devices, the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- **Check to make sure the highest security settings are applied to the video conference platform you're using.** If you're using Zoom or a similar platform while working remotely, consult your employer's IT department.
- **Educators should check with their school administration about how to use Zoom for online lessons.** Zoom has offered more information for educators at <https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/covid19.html>.  
Those who experience video or teleconference hijacking or any cyber-crime can report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. Visit the AG's Office COVID-19 resources page (<https://www.mass.gov/guides/resources-during-covid-19>) for how the office can assist the public during this emergency.

# Fairhaven Fire Department welcomes new grad

Press Release

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director David C. Evans announced the completion of the 281st class of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's fifty-day Career Recruit Firefighter Training

Program on March 20, 2020.

"This is the first class to graduate in these uncertain times with the entire nation facing a pandemic," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

"First responders are on the frontlines protecting their communities and these new firefighters are

needed more now than ever." MFA Director Evans said. "This rigorous professional training provides our newest firefighters with the basic skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program tuition-free.

Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Farias was one of the graduates of this class. Along with 34 other recruit firefighters, Firefighter Farias distinguished himself during the 11 week training program, obtaining only a single demerit and finishing first in his class.

This was the first class not to have an actual graduation ceremony, due to the need to maintain social distancing.

The officers and members of the Fairhaven Fire/EMS department would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Farias on his dedication to completing the course and returning to the ranks of Fairhaven Fire/EMS.



ABOVE: Career Recruit Firefighter Class #281 of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy graduates on 3/20/20, the first class not to have a graduation ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic. BELOW: Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Farias completes the program, finishing first in the 281st class. Photos submitted.

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## Fairhaven FD & PD get PPE

Fairhaven received a shipment of personal protective equipment (PPE), delivered by the National Guard on Sunday, 4/19/20, according to a tweet on the Fairhaven Fire Twitter account.



Members of the 164th Quartermaster Corps of the MA National Guard drop off PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) supplies to first responders in Fairhaven on Sunday, 4/19/20. Members of Fairhaven Fire/EMS assisted in offloading the supplies. *Photo from the Fairhaven Fire Twitter account.*

## Homemade masks donated to Fairhaven Fire

*From the Fairhaven Fire-EMS Facebook page.*

A special thank you to the Katz Family for the donation of handmade washable and reusable facemasks for our first responders, hand made by Donna Katz and delivered personally by her husband Howie Katz to the Fairhaven Fire Department. They will be widely used in our everyday calls to protect our staff.



Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Shawn Grajales models a mask donated by Donna and Howie Katz on 3/31/20.

*Photo from the Fairhaven Fire-EMS Facebook page.*



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## NBPS free lunches

Ne 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 offsite. Acushnet students may also use this service.

## WHALE Virtual Tours

WHALE (Waterfront Historic Area League) is excited to launch a new live virtual tour series on our Instagram throughout the month of April. We hope these weekly tours help us stay connected to our historic past and exciting future. The schedule for virtual tours is:

• **NEW DATE Friday, April 24 at 10:00: 305-307 Pleasant St.** Join us in celebrating success in the South Central neighborhood with the restoration of an historic two-family house.

Now is a really tough time for the entire world including the non-profit community, but a great time for you to connect with WHALE and become

a Member, Partner in Preservation, or Soiree Host.

For a how-to on watching a WHALE live Instagram video, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpL5ErgPhKw&feature=youtu.be>

Find us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/waterfrontleague/>

## Livestream concerts

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra continues to offer free livestream concerts during the COVID-19 crisis.

Visit <https://nbsymphony.org>. Concerts will remain on the website for viewing, if you miss them.

**Works for Solo Viola, Sat., 4/25, 7 p.m.** Join us for a special evening of music with NBSO violist Maureen Heflinger! Featuring an enjoyable mix of short pieces and movements including special permission from John Luther Adams for Maureen to perform his Maclaren Summit and a finale featuring an arrangement by Maureen accompanying herself in Elgar's Salut d'amour with a surprise appearance by a special guest!

**Spirit Through Isolation, Sun., 4/26, 4 p.m.:** Emmalee Holmes-Hicks, Adrienne Taylor. NBSO musician Emmy Holmes-Hicks (violin) invites her downstairs neighbors, good friends and wonderful musicians Adrienne Taylor (cello) and Andrei Baumann (piano) to join her for the next installment of living room soirees. The trio performs one of their favorites, the Brahms B Major piano trio, a luscious and enveloping piece that promises to transport listeners. This musical centerpiece will be surrounded by the lively spirited Polonaise Brilliant by Chopin and the quirky fun Graceful Ghost Rag by Bolcom.

## City Bills Extended

Due to the state of emergency declared citywide and statewide due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has provided municipalities with the ability to provide relief to taxpayers by extending deadlines for city bills and taxes.

New Bedford has extended several important deadlines. The due date for exemption and deferral applications for real estate taxes has been

extended to June 1, 2020, moved from its original date of April 1, 2020.

Interest and late payment penalties for excise tax, assessment, water and sewer rates, or other charges added to a tax for payments due March 10, 2020, or after, will be waived for bills paid late but paid on or before June 30, 2020.

New Bedford issued the following bills due after the state of emergency declaration:

- Motor vehicle excise tax commitments due March 16
- Motor vehicle excise tax commitments due April 22
- Real estate taxes (4th Quarter) due May 1
- Personal property taxes (4th Quarter) due May 1
- Boat excise tax due May 15
- Motor vehicle excise tax commitments due June 25 (estimated)

The Commonwealth has also prohibited municipalities from terminating an essential service if inability to pay was due to circumstances related to the outbreak of COVID-19.

City residents are strongly encouraged to pay bills online, by phone, by mail, or a drop-box location. Convenience fees normally charged for the processing of credit and debit cards are being refunded or credited back to the customer accounts during this period. As always, payments made by check or from your savings account are at no cost to the customer.

To pay bills online, visit [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov) and select Pay Bills. To pay by phone, contact the Treasurer's Office at 508-979-1430.

Residents can use the mailing address printed on their bills or mail their bills to: City Hall/Treasurer's Office, 133 William Street, Room 103, New Bedford, MA 02740

Residents can also drop off payments without person-to-person interaction by using one of the city's drop-boxes. These white drop boxes are located at: Corner of Elm and Sixth streets downtown; City Hall, 133 William Street (two locations: main entrance and Sixth Street entrance); Department of Public Infrastructure, 1105 Shawmut Avenue

For questions about paying bills remotely call the Treasurer's Office at 508-979-1430.

## CANCELLATIONS

*Editor's note: All non-essential businesses in Massachusetts have been closed to at least May 4), 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.*

## Food Pantry is Open

The Shepherd's Pantry is still open to help those who need to get food. We want to assure our regular families, and new families alike, that we are taking every precaution to make sure our handling of the food is safe and sanitary. The safety of our volunteers and for all who depend on the pantry is paramount.

Every volunteer wears a mask and gloves; we make sure are clients stand no less than six feet apart in the parking lot and only two clients are permitted in the building at any one time. We are also organized to make your trip quick and efficient.

If you have any questions, please call the pantry from Wednesday to Friday, 508-863-9389 to confirm hours of operation. The pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays, at Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main St., Acushnet.

## NOAA Art Contest

**Contest for Kids K-12: Virtual Entries Due Friday, April 24**

Although our offices are closed, to keep the contest going and to encourage students to learn about marine endangered species while they are home, we will gladly accept any electronic pictures or scans of the students' artwork for this year's contest!

All students have to do is take a picture or scan their artwork and email it to [edith.carson-supino@noaa.gov](mailto:edith.carson-supino@noaa.gov) **no later than April 24**. The revised art contest rules are located on our 2020 Marine Endangered Species Art Contest webpage ([https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/2020-marine-endangered-species-art-contest?utm\\_medium=](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/2020-marine-endangered-species-art-contest?utm_medium=)

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Artwork should highlight one or more marine endangered or threatened species from the New England/Mid-Atlantic region..

## Acushnet Bulky Item Pick-up Day

The town of Acushnet will hold a free large item curbside pick-up in May to assist residents with their residential spring clean-up. Residents are allowed to place **limit of three items per residential address**. Commercial/business addresses are NOT included.

Items will be collected on three Saturdays in May. If your regular trash pickup day is Monday or Tuesday, the pickup date is Sat., 5/2; if regular trash day is Wednesday or Thursday, the pickup day is Sat., 5/9; if your regular trash day is Friday, pickup day is Sat., 5/16.

Residents must have large bulky items out by 6 a.m. on pickup day.

The DPW will be running a special truck for bulk items. If you experience a missed collection, a recovery call must be made within 24 hours, at 508-998-0230. The DPW will be taking calls on each of the Saturdays.

**Eligible items include:** Mattresses (dry), box springs, sofas, stuffed chairs, carpets (must be rolled and either cut in half or tied in half), construction debris, electronics, furniture, tires (on or off rim), propane tanks, white goods (washer, dryer, stove refrigerator, water heater, etc.), televisions, computer monitors/towers, air conditioners, large metal items (grill, microwave oven, aluminum lawn chair, swing set, bicycle, file cabinet, etc.), bundled wood (not greater than four feet in length), etc.

**Items NOT included:** hazardous waste (light bulbs, paint thinner, anti-freeze, engine oil, batteries, etc.), yard waste, or any household items that would normally fit inside your collection cart.

Visit <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/sites/acushnetma/files/uploads/scan0005.pdf>

## Virtual Walk

**Boston Area Rape Crisis Center Virtual Walk for Change, Sun., 4/26, 10:00 AM. Registration: \$40. Visit**

<https://barccwalk.org> The virtual Walk for Change will combine elements of online livestreaming, prerecorded messages, and fun online activities, including the announcement of the #Bark4BARCC dog contest winner. Registered participants will have access to exclusive online Walk for Change content in the week leading up to the Virtual Walk as well as on the day of the Virtual Walk.

The annual Walk for Change is the largest event in New England raising awareness of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse and offering visible community support for survivors. The event raises hundreds of thousands of dollars, supporting the confidential services that survivors rely on — including the hotline, counseling, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, and assistance with health, housing, financial, and safety needs. Funds raised at this year's virtual Walk for Change will also help meet the immediate evolving needs of survivors during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, such as food and housing insecurities.

By keeping the Walk for Change on April 26, but holding it in a different way, BARCC will create a space where survivors and their loved ones can still gather and feel supported, and community members throughout Greater Boston and beyond can come together to show their support, take action, and raise vital funds for BARCC's services.

In addition to exclusive online Walk for Change content, registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Founded in 1973, BARCC is the only comprehensive rape crisis center in the Greater Boston area and the oldest and largest center of its kind in New England.

## Connected for Kids

Visit <https://www.stagesof freedom.org> for links to a variety of videos with activities for children, including "10 Do it yourself indoor activities for kids during quarantine"; virtual museum of African American History & Culture; Scholastic Learn at Home; Virtual Zoo tour; Studio Museum in Harlem/Coloring pages, online lesson plans and more.

## Recipe of the Week

### Double Chocolate Banana Applesauce Muffins

2 ripe bananas  
½ cup granulated sugar  
¼ cup brown sugar  
½ c applesauce no sugar added  
⅓ cup water  
1 tsp white vinegar  
1¼ cups all-purpose flour  
¼ cup unsweetened baking cocoa  
1 tsp baking soda  
¼ tsp salt  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips divided

Preheat oven to 350°. Line muffin tin or spray lightly with cooking spray.

Mash bananas in bowl. Stir in the sugars, applesauce, water, and vinegar until thoroughly combined.

Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, stirring just until combined. Fold in half of the chocolate chips.

Divide batter into the 12 cups evenly. Sprinkle the remaining chocolate chips on top of the muffins. Bake for 22-27 minutes or until toothpick inserted into a muffin comes out clean. Let cool in tin slightly before removing.

From [www.momontimeout.com](http://www.momontimeout.com)

## Earth Day celebrates 50 years

By Beth David  
Editor

Earth Day is 50 years old this year, and it will be digital. Wednesday, 4/22, is the official date of Earth Day, but activities that support the natural earth will be happening all week.

This year's theme is climate action. "The enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary," reads a post on the website. "Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable."

Earth day began 50 years ago as a unified response to pollution, including rivers so polluted they actually caught fire.

On 4/22/1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for the planet.

"The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now

recognized as the planet's largest civic event," according to the website.

After that first Earth Day, the Environmental Protection Agency was created and the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created. Other countries soon followed.

### Tune in

Tune into Earth Day Live from April 22–24, at <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-live/>. The digital actions will "flood the world with messages of hope, optimism, and above all — action."

### Register your event

Register your event here: <https://www.earthday.org/actions/register-your-earth-day-event/>

### Share

Share your event on Social Media: Visit <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-live/> for link.

### From the Website

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# Daffodils and tulips brighten up the neighborhood

By Beth David  
Editor

John Hergenhan spoke with the *Neighb News* a year or two ago about his daffodils and tulips. Anyone who has driven on Scoticut Neck Road has seen them in the early spring as they bloomed, filling up the whole extra lot on the corner of Smith Street.

It is with great sadness that I must report that Mr. Hergenhan died in February. I did not realize it until I

decided to put his beautiful daffodil field on the cover this week.

I thought it would be a surprise for him, as we had talked about it before, but I never got around to it.

I hope his wife enjoys these photos. The sun was not out on the day I took them, so some of the blooms were closed compared to a day or two before when I didn't have my camera with me. But the sheer volume and beauty of these daffodils and tulips that still bloomed on a

somewhat colder day, even though John was not there to tend to them, just proves the loving care that he and his wife Laura have shown to these colorful blooms for so many years.

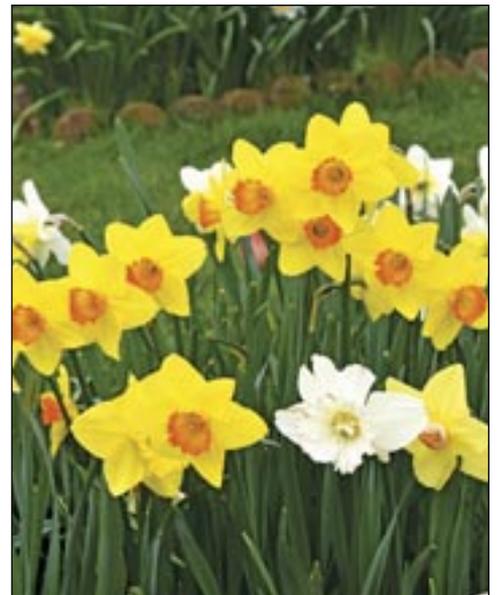
Our condolences to the family, and please know that many people have enjoyed these flowers over the years.

You brought color and beauty to your neighborhood, John, and for that, we thank you.

Rest in peace.



Photos by Beth David.



# Fairhaven & Mattapoisett knock down four-acre brush fire

From the Fairhaven Fire Department  
Facebook Page

At 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, 4/19/20, Fairhaven firefighters fought a four-acre brush fire in the area of the bike

path at Egypt Lane.

Mutual aid from Mattapoisett was requested, as the fire was pushed rapidly east by the wind through marsh grass and woods.

The fire was contained in an hour and a half, requiring four pieces of fire apparatus and approximately 15 firefighters.



ABOVE & BELOW: Firefighters from Fairhaven and Mattapoisett fight a four-acres brush fire on Egypt Lane in Fairhaven on Sunday, 4/19/20. Photos by Ed Pepin, Fairhaven Fire Department photographer.



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**The Fairhaven Recreation Center is closed due to the threat of Covid-19 (coronavirus).**

**Please check the town of Fairhaven website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov> for updates.**

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### Fairhaven Council on Aging Closure

The Fairhaven Council on Aging Senior Center is closed until further notice. The Supportive Social Day Program, all trip and activities have been cancelled.

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. Transportation is also available

for morning appointments to South Coast on Mill Rd. Meals on Wheels deliveries will continue as usual. If you are in need of a meal, please call the senior center, 508-979-4029.

#### Senior Shopping Hours

*Walmart:* Tuesdays 6 a.m.-7 a.m.

*Market Basket:* Tues., Wed., Thurs., 5:30 a.m.-7 a.m.

*Stop and Shop:* Every Day 6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

#### Pet Food Available

If any senior is having trouble getting pet food, call the Fairhaven Animal Shelter at 508-979-4028. Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps will deliver pet food to you.

## AG provides guidance on donating during COVID-19 crisis

*Mass. Attorney General Press Release*

On April 1, Attorney General Maura Healey advised residents to make informed decisions when donating to charities that support people affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"There are a lot of people across our state who are struggling right now, and many are looking for ways to help through charities and non-profit organizations," said AG Healey. "If you are in a position to donate, make sure that you do your research and make informed decisions on where you are giving."

AG Healey recommends that residents take the following steps to make smart, safe charitable contributions to support those who have been affected:

- **Give to Charities You Know and Those You Can Trust:** Well-established charities with experience in disaster relief, community foundations, or organizations established with support from government agencies are generally good places to donate.
- **Check the website:** If you are

contributing over the internet, make sure that the website you are visiting belongs to a legitimate and established charity. Be advised that most crowdfunding sites are not charities and many typically take a percentage of your donation as a fee.

- **Ask lots of questions:** How much of the money goes to the charity and how much to a professional fundraiser? Ask if your contribution is tax deductible and what the charity intends to do with any excess contributions that might remain after the victims' needs are addressed.
- **Beware of social media posts or emails** soliciting donations to copycat organizations or fake websites.
- **Do not give your personal or financial information** to anyone soliciting money.
- **Never pay by cash:** Pay by check or credit card and make a check out directly to the charity, not the fundraiser or any other individual. Specify, on the check and in writing, whenever possible, the purpose of

your donation.

The AG's Office maintains annual financial reports from charities and professional solicitors that operate in this state, which are available for public inspection online (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/public-charities-annual-filings>).

Consumers with concerns about solicitations they have received should contact the AG's Non-Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division at 617-963-2315 or access the complaint form online (<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-complaint-about-a-charity-or-non-profit>).

Visit the AG's COVID-19 resource page (<https://www.mass.gov/guides/resources-during-covid-19>) for information about how the AG's Office can help during this crisis.

For additional tips on donating, consumers may also review our Give Wisely Advisory (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/giving-wisely-to-charity>) and the Donating Dos and Don'ts Guide (<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/09/14/donating-dos-and-donts%202018.pdf>)



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# Acushnet shares the bounty

*Press Release*

The Acushnet public safety departments received a significant donation and promptly paid it forward!

The town received two barrels containing fifty-five gallons of hand sanitizer each. The much needed hand sanitizer will be used by Acushnet's Fire, Police and Public Works departments.

Acushnet resident and former member of the Board of Selectmen, David Wojnar was made aware of donations of hand sanitizer being made by his professional associates to public safety agencies including the New York City Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Wojnar contacted

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher to inquire about Acushnet departments' inventory and learned that it was running low.

Mr. Wojnar made arrangements with Ms. Tara Engle of the liquor company Pernod Ricard USA to have the barrels shipped to Acushnet free of charge. The hand sanitizer was made at Pernod Ricard distilleries across the country.

"Distilleries like Pernod Ricard are stepping up and making hand sanitizer. I am really thankful that Pernod Ricard shared with us some of their supply. It is a real nice gesture and will go a long way in our small town," said Mr. Wojnar.

After consulting with Acushnet Police Chief Christopher Richmond, it was decided that Acushnet would share this donation with the public safety departments of Fairhaven.

"Fairhaven is our primary mutual aid partner and we are theirs," stated Chief Gallagher. "We are in a position to help them out during a time of need. We are simply paying it forward."

"This donation will make certain that our first responders have enough hand sanitizer to meet both our short and long term needs," said Acushnet Police Chief Christopher Richmond. "It couldn't have come at a better time."

The Fairhaven Fire-EMS acknowledged the gift on both its Twitter and Facebook accounts.

"The members and administration of Fairhaven Fire/EMS would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Town of Acushnet for their recent delivery of 55 gallons of sanitizing liquid. This much-needed supply of sanitizer will help keep our first-responders safe and healthy for a long period of time," reads the Facebook post. "We appreciate your consideration and the partnership that we have created over the years. We would like to thank the Town of Acushnet, Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, Police Chief Christopher Richmond, former Select-board member David Wojnar, and Pernod Ricard USA for this donation."



The fire and police chiefs of Fairhaven and Acushnet maintain social distancing while posing with two 55-gallon drums of hand sanitizer that was donated to Acushnet, which then gave one barrel to Fairhaven, since both towns have a close mutual aid relationship. L-R: Fairhaven police chief Michael Myers, Acushnet police chief Christopher Richmond, Acushnet fire chief Kevin Gallagher, Fairhaven fire chief Timothy Francis. Photo submitted by Acushnet Fire & EMS.

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# Acushnet: Meet Brian Donohoe

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

On February 3, the Acushnet Fire Department started a new feature on its Facebook page to introduce each of their members to the public. This week we meet Brian Donohoe.

What do Boston, Wareham and Acushnet have in common? Meet Brian Donohoe. Brian was born in Boston and began his career as a Call Firefighter and EMT in Wareham in the mid 1980's. In the mid 1990's, Brian attended the full-time Recruit Training Program offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and also became a Paramedic.

Beginning in 1998, Brian Donohoe was a full-time Paramedic for the town of Wareham. If you know EMS, you know that Wareham has a very busy and effective service. In 2011, with glowing recommendations from pretty much everyone he ever worked with, Brian joined our department as a part-time Paramedic. We quickly determined that Brian had the skill level, maturity and

temperament that would make him a leader here in Acushnet. He was hired as a full-time member of our department in 2013.

With time comes experience, and during his time in EMS Brian has accumulated a boatload of experience!

We are fortunate to have a seasoned, competent and friendly professional serving this community. Acushnet, this is Brian Donohoe.



Brian Donohoe has been a full time paramedic with the Acushnet Fire/EMS Department since 2013, after serving in Wareham for more than 30 years. *Photo from the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.*



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# Sewer workers deserve thanks and praise

*Submitted by Linda L Schick, PQE,  
Fairhaven Sewer Superintendent*

We are living through unprecedented times that no one can truly understand.

The country has essentially shut down, people are out of work, children are not going to school, and we look at each other and ourselves, wondering if we are carrying or catching a virus that can kill our own family members, friends or strangers. A new world of one way grocery aisles, early senior shopping, and banks welcoming customers with masks on, has us all wondering, praying and hoping that somehow life will go back to what it was before, when we could hug our friends, and smile at a stranger in passing.

When people take a minute to be thankful, they rightly praise their front line workers: police, fire, medical, grocery workers, truckers...all of whom are keeping us safe and fed for which we are ALL thankful.

While these front line workers are performing their tasks tirelessly, they are at least recognized for their contribution, and can feel proud that they are serving for the greater good.

I want to take a minute to thank the people that are not front line workers, but BACK end workers: the employees of the Fairhaven wastewater department.

For these employees there is no praise or recognition, yet they come to work every day, and put their lives on the line so that their customers can flush their toilets, wash their clothes, take a shower, without having the additional worry of flooding their homes with their own

waste. That waste makes its way to the pump stations and treatment plants of Fairhaven where it is silently, fearlessly treated by wastewater operators.

These operators are pulling "flushable" wipes from their clogged pipes, running emergency generators when the power goes out, monitoring all aspects of the system that allows the by-products of a good meal to become clean water to return to our beloved harbor.

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...they are true environmental protection warriors working the back end so that the front end can do their jobs and go home and shower, empty their bladders and bowels, wash their clothes, or cook a meal without ever giving a second thought to where all that waste goes.

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These people are the essential back end workers...the ones who take something that not many people will work with, that gives them the potential to become ill from not only COVID-19, but hepatitis, typhoid, paratyphoid, bacillary dysentery, gastroenteritis, and cholera...every day!

Many of these illnesses have similar symptoms, which vary in severity. Most infect the stomach and intestinal tract and can cause symptoms like headache, diarrhea (sometimes with blood), abdominal cramps, fever, nausea, and vomiting. These public servants deal with these issues daily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the greater good, but as back end workers, they do not

receive praise, and are frequently treated with ire when something does go wrong in the system, causing a backup in a home or business, that they have arrived at to resolve.

I have had the honor of knowing the wastewater operators of Fairhaven for 33 years of my life. I have seen them do the dirty, nasty, gagging jobs that no one else would think of doing, without giving it a second thought. I have watched them when they are listening to everyone praise the front line workers, who 100% deserve the praise, and wonder if anyone even knows they exist.

There is no pizza, or cookies, or thank-you posters from the school children. They don't receive awards, or public recognition, but every day they come in and do it all again. They know that they are true environmental protection warriors working the back end so that the front end can do their jobs and go home and shower, empty their bladders and bowels, wash their clothes, or cook a meal without ever giving a second thought to where all that waste goes.

I just want to personally, from the bottom of my heart, THANK all of the employees of the Fairhaven Wastewater Department...the back end workers that keep us all safe, at their own peril, all day, and every day.

I also want to thank Charlie Murphy, the Rotary through Pattie Pacella, and Donna Bosworth for supplying us with fabric masks so that they could continue to work in public with some additional protection from their newest but definitely not last, enemy to their health.

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## From our readers

### FinCom is Doing Its Job

I read in the April 9, 2020, issue of the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* (BPW talks road repair and piping plover) that Mr. Wotton (chair, Board of Public Works) and Mr. Furtado (Superintendent of DPW) are displeased that the Finance Committee wanted to see the roads that the BPW intends to spend money on during the coming year.

They asserted that the Finance Committee's sole role is to allocate money, and the Committee should

have nothing to say about the choice of roads.

I think they have got it wrong. The role of the Finance Committee is to serve as a watchdog for the town and, more specifically, for Town Meeting. FinCom is not just a group of bean counters. Historically, FinCom's role includes examining the appropriateness of expenditures and giving its opinion when articles are proposed at Town Meeting.

Personally, I value hearing that opinion, as FinCom generally can

examine matters in greater detail than I can, especially expenditures.

Several years ago at a Town meeting, a BPW member expressed a similar opinion to that of Mr. Wotton and Mr. Furtado, saying essentially, "Just give us the money. We'll decide what to do with it."

That didn't fly then, and it should not fly now.

I urge the BPW to be more open on this matter. Let the FinCom have what they need. I don't see that they're

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com), under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30pm  
Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

To Access Meeting Remotely:  
<https://zoom.us/j/94153821174?pwd=aU5QVnNkY29dMeGpkMDI1OWhYzjkvZz09>

or CALL 1-929-205-6099  
Meeting ID: 941 5382 1174  
Password: 086629

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. SE 023-1316, CON 023-136: **Billy's Way and Treasure Bay Lane** Notice of Intent filed by Vincent Furtado, Fairhaven Department of Public Works for Billy's Way roadway improvement, including a closed drainage system utilizing an existing discharge pipe and the paving of roadway to alleviate frequent washouts/flooding of the gravel roadway and private property in the Billy's Way and Treasure Bay Lane right of way, Assessors Map 29A. Work to take place in buffer zone to Coastal Dune and Coastal Beach and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
2. SE 023-1317, CON 023-137: **Farmfield Street and Harbor View Avenue** Notice of Intent filed by Vincent Furtado, Fairhaven Department of Public Works for Farmfield Street and Harbor View Avenue roadway improvement, including the extension of a closed drainage system, installation of a water main, regrading of the roadways and paving the end of Farmfield Street to alleviate frequent washouts and erosion of adjacent properties in the Farmfield Street and Harbor View Avenue right of way, Assessors Map

2. Work to take place in buffer zone to Coastal Dune and Coastal Beach and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Public participation will be via virtual means only: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via remote participation. Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Jay Simmons, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
Fairhaven Neighborhood News, 4/23/20

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

To access the meeting remotely: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/261078330?pwd=VVdydWFyVjB3eG0vOV0xMj09>  
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 261 078 330  
Password: 067421

1. **Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard, re: 7 Union Street.** Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application attached) – Continued from April 7, 2020.

2. **5 Vincent Street, 198-16:** Special Permit request for an in-law apartment in a RA District
3. **5 Vincent Street, 198-18:** Variance request for a 3.6' variance from a previously approved building setback of 22' vs. the 30'; specifically, requesting a variance to allow the setback of the deck to be 18.4' from the rear lot line.
4. **43 Shaw Road, 198-16:** Special Permit for 6 chickens in a RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
FNN: 4/16/20, 4/23/20

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids marked for items listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:30 p.m., May 7, 2020.

On May 7, 2020 at 2:30 p.m., these bids will be publicly opened and read in the BPW Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

- 13-29: Equipment – Rental & Hired
- 31-38: Road Materials – Sand, Stone & Gravel
- 39-44: Road Materials – Asphalt
- 45: Rock Salt
- 46: Liquid Magnesium Chloride
- 47: Gasoline & Diesel Fuel
- 48: Pavement Markings
- 49-57: Highway Castings
- 58: Reinforced Concrete Pipe
- 59: Ductile Iron Pipe
- 60: Hydrants
- 61-66: Water Castings
- 67-73: Water Brass
- 74: Wastewater Testing

The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN: 4/23/20



## Streaming central: Acorn TV

Do you have a Millicent Library card? If so, you can now sign up for Acorn TV. Once you've registered with your library barcode number, you're free to browse Acorn's selections. Best of all, if you have supported devices such as Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire, or Chromecast, you can watch on your TV. (If not, you can also watch on your computer or Apple/Android mobile device.) You can find the link on the home page at <https://millicentlibrary.org>.

So what does Acorn offer? A mix of old and new British entertainment (TV series or films), with a smattering of content from other countries. Here are some standouts:

- **Lovejoy** I was happy to see this on Acorn (though they only have the first four of six seasons), because I'm a fan of this '80s-'90s mystery show starring a pre-Deadwood Ian McShane as the eponymous antiques dealer who always seems to get embroiled in trouble. It's good stuff, based on the long-running books by Jonathan Gash.
- **Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears** This feature-film spin-off of the popular **Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** has been heavily hyped on social media lately. It's an Acorn exclusive and, like the series, stars Essie Davis as the glamorous Aussie who packs a pistol and solves crimes during the '20s. Acorn also offers all three seasons of the show if you need to start there, as well as **Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries**, a spin-off featuring Miss Fisher's "long-lost niece" investigating murders in the '60s.
- **Agatha Raisin** M.C. Beaton's enduring sleuth comes to life in three seasons of cozy mysteries, including an assortment of bonus and behind-the-scenes videos.
- **Theatreland** is an eight-episode series taking you behind the curtains of a West End theater production of Samuel Becket's **Waiting for Godot** starring old friends Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart. The documentary series also covers the theatrical adaptation of **Breakfast at Tiffany's**.
- **Witness for the Prosecution** Kim Cattrall and Andra Riseborough headline this Acorn exclusive based on Agatha Christie's short story. If you like this, Acorn's also got ten episodes of **The Agatha Christie Hour**, eight installments of **Poirot**, three episodes (only three?) of **Marple**, and six episodes of **Partners in Crime**.
- If you're feeling cooped up, Acorn has you covered there too, with travel or nature shows like **Coastal Railways**, **Discovering Britain**, **Off the Beaten Track**, and **Walks with My Dog**.
- Acorn also has a page letting you know what will be available for streaming soon. The Australian drama **Seachange** starts April 13,

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for instance, and there will also be additional installments of the French mystery **Balthazar** (season 2, April 20), **Deadwater Fell** (episode 2, April 13), **Land Girls** (season 2, April 20) and **Vintage Roads** (season 2, April 13).

• There's also a "leaving soon" page telling you which stuff will no longer be streamable on Acorn, but it's confusing and not well-updated. However, among the things you should watch soon if you're interested: **The Mystery of the Roman Skulls** (leaving April 24), **James May's 20th Century** (April 30), **Mozart in London**, **Danger UXB, QI, Edward & Mrs. Simpson**, **The Flame Trees of Thika**, **Macbeth** (with Ian McKellen and Judi Dench), and **Alexander's Lost World** (all leaving May 5).

The Millicent Library may also be subscribing to the service Kanopy soon, and if so, we'll keep you posted on what's good on there. Until then, stay safe and we'll see you on the other side of this.

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Thursday	23	0900	2117	0218	1411
Friday	24	0940	2156	0251	1448
Saturday	25	1020	2236	0329	1528
Sunday	26	1101	2319	0406	1608
Monday	27	1147	----	0444	1648
Tuesday	28	0008	1241	0526	1733
Wednesday	29	0105	1340	0617	1830
Thursday	30	0203	1436	0724	1945

	May 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	1	0300	1534	0833	2058
Saturday	2	0400	1637	0936	2208
Sunday	3	0506	1739	1038*	2322*
Monday	4	0605	1831	1138*	----

\*= 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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environmental emergency and a climate breakdown. We have two crises: One is the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The other is a slowly building disaster for our climate.

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- We say **we believe in science**. We say that **everyone can make a difference**.
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## ALL IN PERSON MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED

*No in-person attendance is allowed by the public during the COVID-19 crisis.*

*The public is invited to attend/participate remotely. The information on how to join is listed on the agenda. Most meetings are also run live on the government access channel, and Fairhaven meetings are also livestreamed at FairhavenTV.com*

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

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

### Board of Health

Thurs., 4/23, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/4, 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### ELECTION

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

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/27, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

[Time is tentative]

### Town Meeting

Town Meeting has been postponed to June 20.

## Acushnet Meetings

### ELECTION

The town election has been postponed from 5/16 to 6/27

### Planning Board

Thurs., 4/30, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.s

### Selectboard

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

### Town Meeting

Town Meeting has been postponed to June 22.

**planet and the wellbeing of the people who live upon it are the top priorities."**

To learn more about Earth Day visit <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2020/>

Please join [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) for virtual events, and make sure your own events adhere to guidelines for safe, social distancing. For example, simply clean up what you can along the bike path as you use it, instead of gathering a large group to do so; or pick up trash in your own neighborhood as you walk. Take a picture, send it to [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net) so we can share it with our readers.

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asking for veto power over the BPW's plans — just the information they need to do their jobs well.

I call that sticking to their jobs.

*Rich Griffiths, Fairhaven*

### **“Thank God” Trump is president**

Dear reader, I would like to give both credit and recognition to Beth David, the editor and publisher of this newspaper. She provides a valuable service to this community. Her newspaper provides information regarding meetings, events and services.

In addition, her letters to the editor section is a valuable asset to the town, where you can express your concerns or viewpoints. She'll print it as long as it's not libelous.

*The Coronavirus, Our Health, and The Economy*

Let me say this from the outset: I don't mean to minimize the impact and seriousness of the coronavirus.

I certainly support the efforts of the government to slow down and mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. No doubt the social distancing, face masks, and handwashing are effective. But to think you can prevent yourself from being exposed to it is an illusion. We all will come in contact with it.

Now that we have had some time to learn about the nature and facts about it, a few facts have become evident. One, the mortality among the young and healthy is quite low. However, it's much higher with the elderly, particularly the elderly with health issues.

The other is that it's becoming increasingly evident that this virus originated in a Chinese lab\* which was very careless in its safety standards. It escaped and quickly spread.

The Chinese and the World Health Organization, which is a puppet of the Chinese, should be held accountable for it because they knowingly withheld knowledge of it. Thank God that we have Trump as president. He banned flights from China on January 31, thereby giving us valuable time to prepare for it.

However, there is another aspect which I believe even more serious. It is the economic consequences. Let me say for the short term, I believe the government stimulus and funding to compensate workers and business is right and necessary, but to continue down this path will have far worse consequences. To think that you can print money which isn't backed up by goods, services and other commodities is a sad illusion.

For without these, money will lose its value and you will have rampant inflation.

I don't know what's going on in the mind of some of our government officials. Here's an example, I went down to Fort Phoenix. The parking lot was closed. There was a sign saying stay home. What are they thinking? We are to stay closeted in our homes? I think that, as a free society, we should have the ability to make our own choices. I think we are responsible enough to maintain our distance.

The president has put forth a well reasoned and thorough plan to reopen our country. He has consulted with both medical and economic officials.

I thank God that we have a president who loves this country, who understands business and trade, is not a career politician.

He is the only president who has held China accountable.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

*\*Editor's Note: There is no evidence the virus originated in a Chinese lab. Credible scientists agree that the virus was not “human-engineered,” although it is possible that it was spread by a lab worker after jumping from an animal, most likely a bat, to a human.*

## Pandemic Poetry

During the COVID-19 crisis, Victoria “Tori” Tepe needs to check in every day with her co-worker from home, presumably to make sure she is okay. All team members were asked

to do the same. Instead of just logging on each morning and sending a “hello” email, Ms. Tepe decided to get creative. She has been creating limericks and other “Pandemic

Poetry” for her wellness check each day since the middle of March. We decided to share a few with you as we find space on our pages.

*Limerick 3/20/20*

*By Tori Tepe*

Welcome home to the  
office of You  
Where you work to  
maintain revenue  
Be engaged, be astute  
Don't forget to un-mute  
(I've been at this since  
twenty-oh-two)

*Limerick 3/23/2020:*

*By Tori Tepe*

It's a frightening time  
just to be  
twenty-two, fifty-nine,  
eighty-three.  
Stay aliver, not deader.  
If you're sick, please get  
better!  
and try not to share it  
with me.

*Limerick 3/24/2020:*

*By Tori Tepe*

There's no time in the  
day, we all used to say,  
staring sadly at lists of  
“to do.”  
But since we've been  
grounded,  
that excuse is  
unfounded,  
and our wish lists might  
finally come due.

*Limerick 3/25/2020:*

*By Tori Tepe*

When hiding from  
SARS-Co-V-2  
means an evening with  
nothing to do,  
I can pick up the phone  
to complain, vent, and  
moan  
with my friends who are  
stuck at home, too.



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