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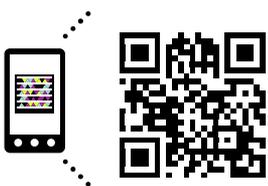
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Saying "Happy Birthday" under COVID-19



Friends and family gather on the sidewalk at Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven to wish Armand Patnaude a happy birthday, albeit a few days early, on 4/25/20. We featured a sidewalk visit by Mr. Patnaude's family in our 4/2 issue, and we are happy to report that people sent him cards and truly brightened up his days. Unfortunately, Mr. Patnaude suffered a setback and needed to go to the hospital for surgery, so the family decided to celebrate his birthday, which is on 4/28, a little early. See page 12. *Photo courtesy of James Mahaney.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Well, the world is still turning, apparently. The COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed a whole lot of life as we knew it. But the world does continue to go on.

The towns have figured out how to hold meetings remotely, so town business is getting done although with little contact.

The governor has extended the stay at home order (see page 3), but is actively working on ways to get things moving again.

Meanwhile, lots of businesses have taken devastating financial hits. We are still operating, but we have lost a lot of advertisers. They are not open, so they are not advertising. And...well, they are not open at all.

Hopefully, it won't last much longer. But, it looks like the return will not be to normal. Restaurants will have limited seating, which may not be financially feasible for them.

But, there are some heartwarming things happening, too. We have two birthdays from-a-distance this week (see pages 12 & 13), both at facilities that are not letting members of the public in, not even family members. It's heartbreaking that people can't see their loved ones, but it's also necessary, I guess.

I think, however, if this goes on much longer, that they will have to relent, and let some family members in, all suited up if necessary, because it's just devastating emotionally for residents who are already lonely. One CNA I know said her residents are dying of broken hearts, not COVID.

And on page 7, you'll find the best story EVAH! Two young girls decided to start a "heart fence," so people can hold their loved ones close to their hearts.

Now, how cool is that?

There's hope for us yet.

Now, if we could just get that doofus out of the White House...

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

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our BPW story in our 4/16/20 issue, we made a mistake on the number of days that the due date deadline was extended for water/sewer bills, it is 30 days (not 60); the due date is 6/9. (Real estate taxes are due 6/1.)

COVID-19 update: state restrictions in place to at least 5/18

By Beth David
Editor

Massachusetts governor Charlie Baker extended the statewide restrictions due to COVID-19 to May 18 at a briefing on Tuesday, 4/28/20.

As of Tuesday, 4/28, the state had 58,302 confirmed cases, 3,150 deaths, and a total of 254,500 tests performed across the state. Of the 3,150 deaths, 1,810 have been residents of long-term care facilities; 11,022 workers at those facilities have tested positive; and 310 facilities have had at least one case.

In Fairhaven, Alden Court Nursing Care and Rehabilitation had less than 10 cases, according to information on the state's COVID website, which only lists facilities that had at least two cases; Our Lady's Haven had less than 10 cases; Atria Assisted Living had 10-30 cases. The Royal of Fairhaven was not listed on the website as of press time.

The governor said on Tuesday that the number of hospitalizations has reached a plateau, but that the plateau is at a very high rate. He said he will not remove the restrictions

until he is sure that the trend is going down for new cases.

Gov. Baker also created the "Reopening Advisory Board to explore strategies for re-opening the economy and removing restrictions. The 17-person panel includes a municipal representative Easthampton (western Mass.), Lawrence (northern Mass.) and Boston, but none from the southeastern part of the state or SouthCoast. It will produce a plan to the governor by May 18.

The board includes public health officials, business leaders, and municipal government leaders. It includes three public health officials, three municipal leaders, and 11 business leaders, including Joe Bahena of Joseph Abboud Mfg. in New Bedford.

In addition to extending the closure of all non-essential businesses, Governor Baker's stay at home advisory is also in effect until 5/18. The order also extends the ban on gatherings of more than 10 people.

Residents are advised to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel

and other unnecessary person-to-person contact.

Residents are also advised to wear face coverings when out in public.

As of press time, Acushnet had 18 cases and Fairhaven had 45, according to the website, which is updated on Wednesdays, however the Fairhaven Health office had more up to date information, listing 50 cases in Fairhaven, with nine active cases being followed; New Bedford had 212; Dartmouth had 66; Marion had less than five; and Mattapoisett had nine.

The public is still not allowed to visit nursing homes or assisted living centers. Residents who have questions or concerns about the care their loved ones are getting in a long term care facility, may call 617-660-5399 for information from the state.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/> for more information.

Schools

School buildings in Massachusetts will remain closed to the end of the year, but districts are continuing

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Fairhaven Selectboard postpones election again, to 6/8

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard postponed the local election for the second time at its meeting on Tuesday, 4/28/20. Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley told the board that she was having trouble getting poll workers. She asked the board to postpone the election from 5/18, but not to pick a date until their 5/11 meeting so she could get more information.

The board, however, voted to change the date to 6/8, noting that they could always change it on 5/11 if necessary.

Selectboard Chairperson Charles K. Murphy, Sr., who is up for re-election and has a challenger, did not vote on the item. Board members Bob Espindola and Daniel Freitas both voted for the 6/8 date.

Town Administrator Mark Rees said that the governor's extension of the closures and other restrictions do not affect the town election process. The polling places would not be able to allow more than 10 people in the room, however, at the same time.

He also noted that voters can also

use the absentee ballot process.

Ms. Hurley told the board that the problem was getting workers. She said that she had a plan in place to disinfect the polling places, and to use plexiglass shields to protect poll workers.

Mr. Freitas suggested that the town put a public call out for workers in the local papers.

Ms. Hurley said it was the wardens that she was concerned about. She said she only had three wardens who agreed to work the polls, for six precincts.

She said she has 60 poll workers, based on four locations.

Mr. Freitas said there were plenty of people out of work who could potentially do it.

"My concern is the wardens," said Ms. Hurley, stressing that they needed to be experienced.

She asked that the board wait until May 11, hoping that the virus numbers would be on the decline by then.

The board, however, set the date for 6/8, and it will be on the agenda for their 5/11 meeting.

The board also received a COVID-19 update from Mr. Rees and health agent Mary Freire-Kellogg.

Mr. Rees said that the town has enough equipment thanks to Ms. Freire-Kellogg. He also praised her for getting out every day encouraging social distancing.

Mr. Rees told the board that the community nurses have gone "above and beyond" to help residents who have been exposed to the virus.

The school department has given 100 iPads to SouthCoast Hospitals for patients to use; the Council on Aging is working with Market Basket for the new breakfast program; Meals on Wheels is still operating through teh COA.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said there has been an influx of cases in at the Fairhaven Housing Authority properties. She said she worked with FHA director Krisanne Sheedy to create signs and to speak directly with residents.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said the residents did not understand that

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Sesame Street helps

Sesame Street characters teamed up with CNN to give children an understanding of the virus and how they can protect themselves, why they can't see their friends, etc. Here is a link to the "Best moments" from the program: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/25/us/cnn-sesame-street-town-hall-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>

Recycle Permits

2020 Recycle permits will be required as of May 2nd. Recycle Center hours beginning May 2nd are Monday and Wednesday 8:15-11:55 and 12:30-3:30; and Saturday 8:00-2:00. The office is still currently closed. You may download the application from the Town's website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov>): Boards and Commissions; Board of Public Works; Recycle Center; application is on the bottom; and mail it to the BPW with a copy of your vehicle registration and a check made out to the Town of Fairhaven. You may also pick up an application outside the BPW front door Mon.-Fri. 8-4.

Homecoming, Concerts Canceled

Due to concerns about COVID-19, the 44th annual Fairhaven Homecoming day fair, scheduled for the last day in June, has been postponed until next year.

"The well-being of the general public, vendors and town employees is our number one priority," said Barbara Acksen, chair of the Homecoming Day Fair Committee for the Fairhaven Improvement Association.

"We have decided that rescheduling the fair is the only responsible course of action at this time. We made this decision because there is currently no clear time when the virus will be under control and safe for large-scale events."

For many years the Homecoming Day Fair has been Fairhaven's most popular annual event. In 2019 the fair included more than 175 booths featuring artists and craftsmen from all over New England, food, kids' games, fire engine rides, music and live entertainment for the entire family.

"We want to thank all the vendors, artists, Town of Fairhaven employees, and other members of the community for their ongoing support," Acksen says. "Our team will be reaching out directly to vendors and other participants with information about providing full refunds for any fees they have paid."

Acksen concludes, "We're resolved to take up in 2021 where we left off with the Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair. We're excited to reaffirm the community connections the event has encouraged in its various forms going back over 100 years."

The FIA has also canceled the concert series in front of town hall.

"Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the uncertainty of future restrictions it is with a heavy heart that the Fairhaven Improvement Association is canceling the very popular summer concert series in front of the Town Hall," reads a notice from the FIA. "These concerts have drawn large crowds to the center of Town and the Fairhaven Improvement Association greatly appreciates your support. We are looking forward to returning next year and continue this popular event for many years to come."

"Thank you for all your continued support and we are looking forward to continuing the Concert Under the Stars in 2021 !!!

For information about the rescheduled event please email fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com or visit www.fairhavenimprovement.org or <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation>.

Reunion Postponed

The Fairhaven High School Class of 1960 reunion planned for June of 2020 has been postponed until June of

2021 because of the Covid-19 virus. The reunion committee has made this decision in light of the circumstances of which we all are aware. Regards for the safety and wellness of attendees was taken into consideration. More information regarding next year's festivities will be forthcoming throughout the coming year. Stay Safe!

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 (search for Lester Holt Kids News).

Teddy Bear Hunt

Residents of Fairhaven have started to participate in the Teddy Bear hunt. They have placed Teddy Bears in their windows and strategic places in their yards. Parents trying to find ways to get the kids out of the house, but still maintain social distancing, will especially enjoy this fun and harmless pastime. Local home owners are encouraged to join the fun by displaying a Teddy Bear in the window. See page 7 for some streets.

Fishing is OPEN

The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has become aware of rumors and a fabricated Facebook post, appearing to come from DMF, that state commercial and recreational fishing have been closed due to the Covid-19 public emergency. This is not true! Commercial and recreational fishing remain open in Massachusetts.

Visit DMF's verified Facebook page or website at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/dmf> for accurate information.

Please maintain a safe distance from other people fishing and maintain other guidelines of the pandemic.

Ducklings rescued from drain

“With all the bad news going around, here’s something to make you smile,” wrote Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps on the Fairhaven Animal Shelter Facebook page. All three baby ducks were rescued and reunited with their mother.

The three ducklings fell into a drain at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 4/22/20. A woman who was out for a run saw the mother duck “pacing back and forth and visibly stressed out,” wrote Mr. Cripps in an email. The woman heard the ducklings and called police.

Mr. Cripps arrived on the scene and used a Halligan tool to remove the drain cover, and then used a net to scoop up the ducklings. The special tool was purchased specifically for the Animal Control Department so the Fire Department would not have to be called every time this happens.

Mr. Cripps said it happens “quite often this time of year,” and said there was another incident on Alden Road the next day, and those ducklings were also saved.



A mother duck and her three ducklings waddle off together after the ducklings were rescued from a drain at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, Mass., by the Fairhaven Animal Control Officer on 4/22/20. Photo from the Fairhaven Animal Shelter Facebook page.

Acushnet: COVID-19 is here

From the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook Page on 4/13/20

“Within the past few days we transported to the hospital one of the 16 residents of Acushnet known to be infected with the COVID-19 virus. We followed all necessary protocols and all treatment and transport standards were met if not exceeded. Two crew members made entry and I remained more than seven feet away, in full PPE, in the event a third Paramedic was needed. We followed the book to the letter. But the book didn’t prepare us for the fear we saw in the patient’s eyes.

“I spoke with the patient’s spouse. I said that part of my job is to work towards getting our community to understand that the virus is here and that the crisis is real, not just something talked about at a televised briefing. They agreed. ‘People are not taking this seriously,’ they said. ‘I don’t understand it.’”

“I took this photo making sure that no identifying items were included. I showed it to the spouse and asked if I had their permission to display it, because it is real. They agreed.

“It will help people understand that the virus is here in town,” I told them. They nodded. ‘It is, it is,’ they said.

“We are not the focus of this post, YOU are Acushnet! This is one of our neighbors. Honor them by following the social distance requirements, constantly washing your hands, limiting possible exposure and being smart during this unprecedented time.”

Kevin A. Gallagher, Fire Chief



This is one of the 16 people identified as having COVID-19 in Acushnet, Mass., as of 4/16/20. Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher wants everyone in town to see that the virus is real, it can lead to hospitalization, and that slowing the spread, through social distancing and proper hand hygiene,, is critical. Photo from the Fairhaven Fire & EMS Facebook page.



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Fairhaven neighborhood shows its heart

By Beth David

Editor

Everyone is struggling with accepting the “new normal” brought on by the COVID-19 crisis and the restrictions we are all living under.

But when seven-year-old London and her sister, five-year-old Penelope had so many questions of “why” and

“how come” and “what ifs,” their mother, Ashley Hennessy, found she could not answer them.

“They just couldn’t grasp the fact that they couldn’t hug their cousins and their grandparents,” wrote Ms. Hennessy in an email. “So I told them this: if we hold everyone we love close to our hearts, that’s the best we can do right now.”

Her daughter said she wanted to

everyone’s hearts because she doesn’t want people to keep getting sick. So they thought they would make a heart wall on the house, but the “whole six feet thing” made that not possible.

“So we made a heart fence so people could add their family to her heart fence, so she can hold them close to their hearts, too,” wrote Ms.

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A message of compassion is clipped to a chain link fence on the corner of Reynolds Drive and Fort Street in Fairhaven on Thursday, 4/23, encouraging passersby to “add your loved ones to our hearts so we can keep them in ours.” And clearly, many people complied. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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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 onsite. Acushnet students may also use this service.

WHALE Virtual Tours

This week we are heading over to 148 Hawthorn Street! Join me on WHALE's Instagram **THIS Friday, 5/1 at 10:00** to virtually take a step inside and see the wonders of the Leander A. Plummer House. Get ready to see hand painted woodwork, beautiful Delftware tile fireplaces, and a very early example of an indoor bathroom.

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

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• **Friday, May 8 at 10:00: Co-Creative Center** Come check out this mixed-

use development featuring an art gallery, education and meeting space, and co-working space, in addition to loft-apartments, business and non-profit offices and storefronts.

• **The First Baptist Church Tour, the Strand Theater Tour, 1060 Pleasant Street (VTH) Tour, and 305-307 Pleasant Street Tour** are all available on YouTube, check them out if you haven't already! Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to receive daily updates on our projects and tours.

Other Events:

All registered participants will receive a follow up email with information on how to join in virtually for both events

• **Thursday, May 7 at 5:00: Historic Hooplah with WHALE - Cultivating Colors** - Have you been interested in learning about historic paint colors? You're in luck!! WHALE is hosting a virtual meet-up to learn about historic colors, important tips, and services available. Come chat with our awesome group of speakers, including WHALE staff, Sherwin-Williams, and Anne Louro the Preservation Planner for the City of New Bedford. Thank you to Sherwin-Williams for sponsoring our event. Register here to participate

• **Thursday, May 14 at 5:00: WHALE 2020 Annual Meeting** - Join your fellow WHALE members and friends for our annual gathering! All are welcome, members and non-members, to come learn about WHALE's current preservation projects. Hear from Executive Director, Teri Bernert, and WHALE Board President, Andy Burnes. Register here to participate

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.

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Livestream concerts

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

Visit <https://nbsymphony.org>. Con-

certs will remain on the website for viewing, if you miss them.

• **The Lightness of Spring, Friday, May 1, 7pm EDT** Continuing our living room tour, Emmy and Peter bring you an evening filled with a sprinkling of Scottish fiddle tunes, Italian songs, Disney classics, a sparkly Mozart duo and more. During these challenging and solitary times, join us for some familiar and lively favorites to give you a little break from the day to day fear and hardship we're facing. Peter Zay, cello and EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin

• **When Oboe Met Viola Friday, 5/8, 7pm EDT** Tune in and join Rebecca and Ben for an evening of some of our favorite chamber works, arranged for viola and oboe. We'll begin with a rarely heard duet by a nineteen-year-old Mozart, followed by selections from Schubert's beloved song cycles: Die Schöne Müllerin and Winterreise. Our program concludes with one of Brahms' final compositions for piano, the third Intermezzo from Op. 119. Rebecca Hallowell, viola and Ben Fox, oboe

Don't worry if you miss them! The concert swill remain available for viewing on the website.

Vote for Historic Women

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is inviting the community to join a public art initiative, *Lighting the Way for ALL*, marking the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution recognizing women's right to vote. The public will decide which of the 10 featured women from the Museum's project *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast* will be represented in large outdoor artwork at the end of the summer. Local middle and high school students have narrated the stories of different women from the project in videos that will be released online. The community is invited to vote on which women should be celebrated through the public art, which will be unveiled in August. **Voting is open for the entire month of May** at www.historicwomensouthcoast.org.

The women in *Lighting the Way for*

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STILL OVERTOWN

ALL have unique and remarkable histories, and played a variety of roles in their communities: educators, artists, political activists, crusaders for social justice, and politicians. The videos feature the stories of Emma Louise Piper (1845-1915), Elizabeth Terry Delano (1845-

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

CANCELLATIONS

Editor's note: All non-essential businesses in Massachusetts have been closed until at least May 18, and all gatherings are also canceled. People are allowed to shop for necessities, such as groceries or medications, 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.

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>

Local Photo Contest

Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust is pleased to announce its first annual greeting card photo contest! While DNRT has previously offered a calendar contest, this year's challenge will be a little bit different. Twelve winning photographs will be chosen to adorn the faces of a set of greeting cards, which DNRT will sell. The cards will be published in September of 2020. Proceeds from the sale will benefit land conservation.

Entrants may submit up to 8 photos to DNRT by Sunday, August 16, 2020. Photographs must be taken on or of a DNRT property and can feature agricultural lands, forests, lakes and rivers, coastal dunes, salt marshes, recreation trails, historic sites, wildlife, and people enjoying or using the land. Images from all seasons are welcome.

High-resolution photographs can be emailed to kendra@dnrt.org with the subject DNRT Photo Contest. Please include the photographer's name, address, phone number, where the photos were taken, and any comments the entrant would like to share about the photo. The entrant must be the sole author and owner of the copyright in all photos entered. Although photographers retain complete copyright over their image, they grant DNRT a royalty-free right

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Mothers Day Walk

Virtual Walk-a-thon for Peace, Sun., 5/10. Join us on Mother's Day from **9 a.m.-9:45 a.m.** from the comfort of your living room or bed! There will be a link to join the live Virtual Walk-a-thon on our homepage, mothersdaywalk4peace.org. **Registration: \$20 per person.** Proceeds benefit the Peace Institute.

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a beloved Boston tradition and celebration of our potential to create more peaceful communities. Every year, families from across the state and region walk together toward peace. Join us for the Mother's Day Virtual Walk-a-thon for Peace as we support the critical services of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. COVID will not stop this annual tradition and this year's theme is right on time — This Way Toward Healing!

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace started in 1996 so that mothers of murdered children could receive support and love from their neighbors. Twenty-four years later, the Mother's Day Walk for Peace continues to be a powerful way to honor our loved ones who have been murdered and embrace our shared responsibility to create more peaceful communities.

Recipe of the Week

Chez Panisse's Blueberry Cobbler

THE BERRIES

- 4 ½ cups fresh blueberries
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

THE DOUGH:

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 ½ tablespoons sugar
- 2 ¼ teaspoons baking powder
- 6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- ¾ cup heavy cream, plus additional for serving, if desired

Heat oven to 375°. To prepare the berries, place in a bowl and toss with the sugar and flour. Set aside.

To make the dough, mix the flour, salt, sugar and baking powder in a bowl. Cut in the butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add the cream and mix lightly, just until the dry ingredients are moistened.

Put the blueberries in a 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Make patties out of the dough, 2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter and 1/2-inch thick. Arrange them over the top of the berries. Bake until the topping is brown and the juices bubble thickly around it, 35–40 mins.

Let cool slightly. Serve warm, with cream to pour on top, if desired.

The dough rounds for the top are placed so they don't cover all the berries, and the juice from the berries bubbles up around the dough.

From New York Times cooking

St. Luke's opens ICU ahead of schedule

Press Release

Southcoast Health's \$14 million, state of the art intensive care unit at St. Luke's was slated to open soon — just not quite this soon.

But the not-for-profit health system opted to accelerate the project's completion as part of its preparation for and response to the COVID-19 pandemic's potential impact in the region, Southcoast officials said this week during a "virtual ribbon cutting" featuring physically distanced administrative and clinical leaders. The timeline was moved up by as much as a month in anticipation of a projected surge, they said.

At 16,000 square feet, the new ICU, built on the fourth floor of St. Luke's, more than doubles the size of the previous unit, which itself will remain in operation to handle increased patient volume related to the coronavirus. At a later date to be determined, the space will be repurposed for medical/surgical patients.

"The fact that this investment in our community could be up and running at such a crucial time is a remarkable achievement on the part of our staff and a testament to the trades and small businesses who stayed on the job to see the project through ahead of schedule," said Keith Hovan, President and CEO of Southcoast Health. "Amid so much uncertainty right now, these frontline health care heroes and amazing essential workers are a source of

the local legislative delegation, and the City of New Bedford for working closely with Southcoast throughout the process.

The new ICU will add 16 beds in 440-square-foot rooms to the hospital's capacity. Other features include an advanced video system for monitoring and safe patient-nurse communication, transitional screening windows for privacy, and images of the region created by local artists to promote a calming, healing environment.

"This new ICU is important for our trauma and critical care patients and staff," said Maria Tassoni, RN, Nurse Manager. "It's more modern, more spacious, and more accessible. We're thankful to everyone who has worked on this project. It's been a group effort, and all involved have been tremendous."

Officials said the new ICU also aligns with Southcoast Health's process to establish St. Luke's as a Level II Trauma Center, meaning patients along the 195 corridor can receive critical care without necessarily needing transport to Providence or Boston during the moments that matter most.

"The Level II Trauma Center required a state of the art medical ICU with enhanced surgical capability, and that's what we have here now to provide our patients with the best possible care," said Dr. Michael Barretti, Medical Director for the new ICU. "The technology and comfort, along with the negative pressure rooms for airborne precautions and upgrades in safety and monitoring features, make this an incredible opportunity and honor for me and our entire staff."

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My name is **Mike Ristuccia** and I am a candidate for the Board of Health. As a means of introduction for those who do not know me, I am a long time resident in this Town, possess an innate desire to help others through Public Administration and am sincerely concerned about the financial future of this Town. I served the Town as a Board of Public Works Commissioner for a period of six years and was elected as Chairman for more than half of my tenure.

If elected, I plan to use the skills I learned while on the BPW to ensure that our residents are well served by the Board of Health both operationally and fiscally.

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Wishing a happy birthday under the specter of COVID-19

By Beth David
Editor

In our 4/2 issue, we showed you some pictures of family and friends of Armand Patnaude, who was feeling a bit down in the dumps as he lived on hospice and could have no visits from family and friends at Our Lady's

Haven because of restrictions due to the COVID-19 crisis.

This week, we bring you more pictures of family and friends wishing Mr. Patnaude a happy birthday, although a few days early. He had a setback and needed surgery, so they decided to have another sidewalk

party before he went under the knife.

After our last issue, some people sent cards and notes to him at OLV (71 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719) and cheered him up considerably according to his sister, Yvette Patnaude Randall.



Friends and family gather on the sidewalk near Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven to wish Armand Patnaude a happy birthday, albeit a few days early, on 4/25/20, as Mr. Patnaude had to undergo an unexpected surgery before his 4/28 birthday. Photos courtesy of James Mahaney.



Happy 85th Birthday, Ruth Niemczyk

By Beth David
Editor

It's not just nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities that won't let people through the doors. Assisted living complexes are also not allowing visitors to their residents. But that did not stop Ruth Niemczyk's family from giving her all the trappings and fixin's of a birthday party at Atria in Fairhaven.

Ruth turned 85 on 4/23/20, and her two daughters, her son and other relatives visited, from a distance, with signs and balloons, a lobster roll dinner, and cheesecake.

Workers wheeled Ruth out so she could see her family members.

"It was a surprise for mom," said Karen Niemczyk, Ruth's daughter. "Because none of us has been able to see her since the beginning of March"

The Ruth's children try to talk to her every day, but there can be technical difficulties with the cell phone, so sometimes they have to get staff members to help with the cell phone, said Karen. But, mostly, they are able to talk to her at least once a day.

A traditional birthday would include a lunch or dinner at a restaurant, or a meal at one of Ruth's children's homes.

The new reality is difficult for everyone, but they are all trying to

make the best of it.

"We really miss seeing her and can't wait for this to be over," said Karen. "And we all hope she stays healthy and everybody else stays healthy there."

It's especially hard on Ruth, who has to spend so much time in her room, said Karen. The activities have all been canceled, and to complicate matters more, Ruth had a broken ankle a few months ago, so she is not as mobile as she was.

"Everybody's stuck in their own apartments," said Karen. "It's a pain, but it's the right thing to do at this point."



ABOVE LEFT: Ruth Niemczyk's family members gather at a safe distance at Atria Assisted Living in Fairhaven to wish her a happy 85th birthday on 4/23/20, as they were unable to enter the facility due to COVID-19 restrictions. ABOVE RIGHT: Ruth's gifts are set down in front, while family members hold signs from afar. BELOW LEFT: Staff members of Atria help Ruth get outside and hold a sign so family members can take a picture and wish her a happy birthday. BELOW RIGHT: Cheesecakes are among the gifts. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



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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. Transportation is also available

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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.

Route 6 Corridor Study completed

By Beth David
Editor

SRPEDD (Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District) announced on March 27, that the Route 6 Corridor study is finished and the final report has been approved by the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO).

At the request of the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoissett, Marion, Wareham, and MassDOT District 5, SRPEDD is embarked on the study of the Route 6 corridor due to safety concerns expressed by community officials, residents, and Massachusetts state representatives. The examines the current traffic conditions, intersection operations, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation facilities, land uses, and overall safety of the Route 6 corridor from Route 240 in Fairhaven to High Street in Wareham.

In addition, the study includes potential future improvements for the corridor based on data analyses, stakeholder input, and comments or suggestions provided by the public.

Visit <http://www.srpedd.org/Route-6-Corridor-Study> for details and a link to download the full report.

Executive Summary

Prior to the extension of Interstate 195 to Route 25 in the 1970s, Route 6 was the primary highway used to access Cape Cod. Therefore, at that time, the roadway was designed to accommodate a higher number of vehicles traveling at higher speeds in order to get "from point A to point B." Although it still allows for that use, it also serves other purposes — providing access to residential properties, local businesses, recreational areas, and municipal facilities. Those land uses, the trips they create, and the associated users all need a roadway that is safe, reliable, and accessible.

Currently, Route 6 is an auto-centric, 4-lane highway, that prioritizes vehicle uses and discourages walking or biking. As such, the Route 6 Corridor Study was initiated to analyze current and future traffic conditions and to develop improvements aimed at making the roadway safer for all road users.

Improvements

During the study, it became clear that improving the corridor needed to include answers to two basic questions — First: "what improvements can be made with the existing layout?" and, Second, "is it possible to reduce the number of travel lanes?"

Similar to typical transportation studies, SRPEDD first developed several improvements that answered the first question and then developed four (4) conceptual layout alternatives to build consensus around the second question, otherwise known as the "number of travel lanes" conversation.

Importantly, both the future improvements and the conceptual layout alternatives (page 30) were crafted considering: (1) the overall goal of the study, (2) the core issues, (3) the guiding principles, and (4) current federal and state design guidance.

In the end, SRPEDD recommends that the communities work with

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Acushnet extends tax deadlines, discusses PJ Keating permit

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met remotely on Tuesday, 4/14/20, quickly deciding to extend the deadline for payment of Real Estate taxes and filing of exemptions to June 1.

The move is allowed because of new legislation passed to help municipalities manage business under the challenges of the COVID-19 restrictions.

The board also discussed the possible opening of the Acushnet Golf Course.

Board member David Desroches stated that because Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has the government and businesses closed, that the town should be following the same regulations.

Mr. Desroches said he felt it was "premature" to open the golf course at this time.

Board member Kevin Gaspar said that with the COVID 19 situation still up in the air, they should not put definite date on the opening, but should perhaps review the topic in a few weeks.

Mr. Gaspar and Town Administrator Julie Hebert discussed where they were with the Town Accountant position. Ms. Hebert stated they had dwindled down the resumes to a total of four, including one internal candidate, and one person that stated they would only want to be an "interim" Town Accountant.

The board decided they did not want to go down the road of having an interim, and will move forward on interviewing the other three.

Mr. Gaspar stated that he and Ms. Hebert were comfortable asking the person to come into Town Hall to interview for the position, while still

practicing social distancing; however Selectboard chairperson Roger Cabral said he was opposed to that process and asked that a Zoom meeting be first offered to a candidate.

Ms. Hebert stated she understood Mr. Cabral's concerns, however she wanted to fill the position immediately and the person would have to come to Town Hall to work if he/she accepted the position. The board agreed that Mr. Gaspar and Ms. Hebert should do what would be in the best interest of the candidate as far as safety and health concerns.

The Selectboard briefly spoke about postponing the PJ Keating hearing that was slated for April 28, 2020 to May 26. Mr. Cabral stated that a Cease & Desist order by the Acushnet Fire Department was given to PJ Keating, and that the representatives from the company advised that they were going to ignore the order and continue to operate the business within two weeks.

Mr. Cabral reiterated that currently the site does not have a working license, or a soil removal permit from the Soil Board. Ms. Hebert stated she would reach out to the PJ Keating representatives about the new hearing date.

In another matter, Mr. Cabral read a proclamation naming the week of May 3 to May 9 as Acushnet Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

The board also met on Tuesday, 4/21, and received an update on COVID-19 cases in Acushnet. Ms. Hebert told the board that there were 17 cases in town.

Mr. Desroches recommended creating a plan for an "exit strategy" in the upcoming weeks. He suggested speaking to restaurateurs and making the decision about opening the golf

course. He said they really needed to come up with a plan.

Mr. Gaspar agreed stating that he would like to see a discussion with Building Commissioner Jim Marot on perhaps putting up plexi-glass at the Town Hall counters that are frequently used by the public, to protect the employees as well as the residents. Ms. Hebert agreed to have a conversation with Mr. Marot.

The Selectboard continued their discussion regarding the FY21 budget. Ms. Hebert received back budget decreases from the different Departments and forwarded that information to the Selectboard. They will continue to discuss in future meetings.

The board also discussed the Soil Board permitting for PJ Keating, with all three Selectboard members agreeing that the bylaws have been in place for years, but it did not appear that they were being followed.

Mr. Desroches stated that it appears the quarry has never been in compliance, and Mr. Gaspar agreed.

The board agreed to continue the discussion to get a better handle on the quarry and involving the Mass. Department of Environmental Safety and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Fire Chief statement on PJK

Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher posted the following statement on the department's Facebook page on Wednesday, 4/22.

"At their April 14, 2020 meeting, held on Zoom due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Acushnet Board of Selectmen provided an update on continuing issues between the Town and P.J. Keating. I will attempt to

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they were not supposed to visit each other, even in the same facility.

"They took it as not going out," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg, and they did not understand that the stay at home order meant that they should also not go door to door visiting each other. "We have some who tested positive."

She said they will initiate a robocall to all the FHA residents.

"It's just that the more testing we do, the more positives we get," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. "So in one respect, I'm happy."

She stressed that people still need to stay on their properties and only go out if they have to.

Some of the bigger stores in town have had trouble getting people to maintain the six feet apart, she said, despite the markings on the floor, signage, etc.

"People are just not doing it," said Ms. Freire-Kellogg. "They just don't realize they're putting their lives at risk."

She said she is trying to find some masks so she can hand them out to people.

"So if you don't have one, I'll give you one," she said. "So maybe that will help alleviate the problem."

Ms. Freire-Kellogg also said the town has four nurses working to keep track of cases in town.

"They really stepped up to the plate," she said of the community nurses.

The board also discussed possibly cancelling Memorial Day event and the July 4 parade.

All three board members said they were pretty sure they would have to cancel the Memorial Day parade, but were reluctant to vote on it on Monday. The board decided to wait until the May 11 meeting, although they acknowledged that it does not

give organizers much time to work with if they decide to go ahead with the parade.

Veterans Agent Brad Fish sent the board a letter with some alternatives to the parade, but the board did not discuss the details, deciding to wait until the 5/11 meeting.

Mr. Espindola said he did not see how they could support going ahead with the parade when they were not okay with having the election in May.

"I think we're going to have to consider cancelling," said Mr. Espindola, adding that he was curious to see what alternatives Mr. Fish had in mind. "I just feel we don't have a choice on this one."

Mr. Freitas agreed, saying the July 4 parade could wait for a decision, but he felt they had to decide on Memorial Day.

Mr. Murphy said he spoke with Mr. Fish and he had some "very good ideas" working with Cable Access Director Derek Frates.

Mr. Rees asked if the motion was to cancel the traditional parade and consider alternatives, but the board decided to hold off until 5/11.

"I personally think it won't happen," said Mr. Freitas, but agreed to put it off until 5/11.

Mr. Murphy said things could change in two weeks.

"I'm okay with holding out hope," said Mr. Espindola.

They agree that Mr. Fish would need to be at the next meeting to discuss alternatives.

The board also discussed a request by the proposed developer of the Rogers School property to have the next meeting without the financial backer present. But the board decided the issue has been getting dragged out too long.

The board will ask for the

developer and his financier to join in at the 5/11 meeting.

In another matter, the board voted to support a request by the Board of Public Works to increase a request for funds to replace water meters in town.

Public works superintendent Winnie Furtado explained that the original plan was to replace the current old system with a drive-by system, and then upgrade a few years later to a fixed system. The reason for the two phases was that the fixed system was double the cost of the drive-by system. However, costs have come down, and a couple of hundred thousand dollars more, the town can skip right to the better system.

The current system takes four to five months for each meter to be read. The drive-by system would allow an equipped vehicle to drive by and record water usage. The fixed system uses towers on town buildings and the data can be downloaded daily.

"The current way we do it is just archaic," said Mr. Furtado, it takes months and it bogs down the clerical staff.

The current "Flintstone" system, he said, does not alert residents to leaks until months have passed. With the new system, the town can spot problems immediately.

The board voted to support the \$1.8 million request.

The board also again refused to add a Town Meeting warrant article requested by G. Bourne Knowles to have the property rezoned. The article missed the deadline and the board refused the request at a previous meeting. The owners sent a letter requesting that the board reconsider.

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learning by remote means.

For Acushnet schools, visit <https://www.acushnetschools.us>

In Fairhaven, Superintendent Robert Baldwin posted a letter to parents on 4/27, with additional information on remote learning.

Dr. Baldwin lays out the strategy for remote learning in phases.

"We will continue to be empathetic and cognizant about the personal, physical, social, emotional, and

financial well being of everyone in our school community when making our decisions," wrote Dr. Baldwin. "With that being said, our obligation will continue to be supportive to our families and students and to do whatever we can, as best as we possibly can. We stand ready to be that constant that is there for you. We've got this!"

Visit www.fairhavenps.org and click on "Coronavirus Updates and Resources" and then on "Extended Remote Learning Plan" to see Dr.

Baldwin's letter.

State Parks

The state has closed parking areas at most state parks and beaches to keep people from crowding beaches. Residents are free to walk on the beaches, but are asked to stay at least six feet away from each other.

For more information on the state's response to COVID-19, and links to the governor's orders, visit www.mass.gov.

Obituary



John Haaland, Jr.

John Haaland, Jr., 77, of Fairhaven, MA, passed away peacefully to complications from Alzheimer's Disease on

April 22nd, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital, with his loving family by his side. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 16th, 1943 to the late John and Magna Haaland. He was the loving husband of Bena (Sylvia) with whom he shared almost 58 years of marriage. John loved the Town of Fairhaven and served for almost his entire adult life as an educator, active citizen, coach, and loyal fan.

John worked as a cook for almost 20 years at A&W while teaching in Fairhaven and could be heard calling "Order Up" all the time. He retired from Fairhaven Public Schools (1964-2001) where he taught physics, chemistry, oceanography, biology, and mathematics before becoming vice principal at Hastings Middle School and then Fairhaven High School.

A former student affectionately nicknamed him "Sheriff Johnny Law" in his early years as v-p. He also taught at St. Joseph School for a short time after his public school career to return to his true love, teaching. His students enjoyed his humor, charm, and entertaining teaching tactics, such as when he'd incorporate his daughter's driving abilities in his Physics tests.

John was known for his loyalty to family, friends, and causes and had an upbeat, happy personality. He favorably impacted thousands of people. His grandchildren will cherish the many photos he loved taking of their performances and sporting events throughout their lives.

John was honored at the 2001 FHS Hall of Fame ceremony for many years of service to the students and community of Fairhaven. He coached his son's Little/Pony League baseball teams and daughter's high school track teams. He was instrumental in producing the Playbills for his daughter's *Sound of Music* and *King and I* high school productions. He also advised the FHS Chess and Interact Clubs. John was named a Paul Harris Fellow through the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for his tangible and significant assistance. The biggest Blue Devil fan, John could be found at almost every FHS contest, home or away, cheering on the students who were a great part of his professional life.

John served his town as a member of the Council on Aging, Cable Advisory Committee, Recreation Committee, and as a long-standing Town Meeting member. He was the past president of the Teachers' Association and chairman of the Steering Committee to prepare for the 1990-92 evaluation of the FHS NEASC. He belonged to a number of organizations including Fairhaven Educators' Association, Fairhaven Gridiron Club, Music Parents (now FAME), Fairhaven Rotary Club, Fairhaven All-Sports Boosters Club, Massachusetts Teachers Association, Massachusetts Secondary Schools Administrators Association, and various national professional organizations.

John was proud to be a full-blooded 100% Norwegian and went on the trip of his lifetime with his dad in April 1991 to Norway to visit his parents' birthplace.

A 1960 FHS graduate, John received his BS in Electrical Engineering from New Bedford Institution of Technology (now UMass-Dartmouth), his Masters Degree in Secondary School Administration from Bridgewater State College, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Systems and Development Adaptation from Boston University.

Survivors include his wife Bena; daughter Jo-Anne Charette and her husband Daniel; son John Haaland and his wife. He is survived by eight grandchildren: Megan Haaland Kolb and her husband, Benjamin; Morgan Haaland and partner Cameron Morin; Alexandra Charette, Danielle Charette, and Max Charette; John Tucker Haaland; Amy Charette and boyfriend Alex Dorsky; and Sara Farias and husband Nicholas. He is survived by two great-grandchildren, Paxten and Sawyer Kolb.

John is survived by one brother, Terence Haaland and nephews Joshua Haaland and Terence Haaland. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by brother Harry Haaland and sister Margaret Haaland.

The family would like to thank Our Lady's Haven, St. Luke's Hospital-Wilkes floor and St. Anne's Hospital staff for their professionalism and kindness.

Due to the restrictions on public gatherings, his funeral services will be held at a later date. For the online guestbook, please visit johnhaaland.forevermissed.com. You can also remember him by making a donation to a cause that matters to you or to the Alzheimer's Association.

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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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From our readers

Editor should keep political views out of paper

I have never written a letter to an editor, but I figured it was time to voice mine and probably many other people's concerns regarding your political views.

I pick up a copy of your publication whenever I get a chance. I find the articles interesting and informative. Overall, I think you do a good job. The only problem I have is how you alienate thousands of sophisticated, dedicated readers by voicing your political views.

My concern is how you always seem to depict President Trump in a negative light, even when he is doing his best and truly has the nation's best interest at heart. I'm sure many of your readers have the same opinion as I do.

I realize that you are certainly entitled to your opinion, as we all are. The problem for you is that by alienating thousands of your readers you are severely restricting donations that you would receive from people who, like me, think that President Trump is a positive force for our country.

Even though I think you are wrong, I certainly do not condemn you for your viewpoints. All I know is that if I were you, I would try to appeal to all your readers.

By toning down your political rhetoric you may actually see more donations pour in from others who do not share your political viewpoint.

Thank you for your time.

Donald Preston, New Bedford

Introducing Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast

On the heels of the 50th Earth Day, we're excited to introduce Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast, a group aimed at finding local solutions to the climate crisis and building public awareness to address them. We believe there's an urgent need for climate action at all levels of society, and we welcome newcomers at our monthly virtual meetings (see more info below).

Like everyone else, we had to cancel the events we'd planned for this spring. Then we spoke at length with Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola about the regional aggregate energy contract. Fairhaven has been buying electricity for the last two years together with 23 other Southcoast towns, netting savings for individuals and businesses alike. The new contract for 2021 allows for everyone to opt-up to 50% or 100% renewably sourced electricity.

To promote this new opportunity, we're thrilled to announce "100% Committed," Climate Reality Southcoast's new campaign to help convince everyone — businesses and individuals alike — to commit to using 100% renewably sourced electricity by 2030. We'll also work with Mr. Espindola, local officials, and the many regional green and sustainability committees, to build support for a steady increase in renewables in our joint Community Electricity Aggregation contract, with the aim to reach 100% Renewable Energy by 2030 as a region.

This may be our biggest collective opportunity to make an impact on the climate crisis at the local level. Quickly moving from brown to green energy will reduce our future costs for rising sea level mitigation, environmental degradation, and natural disaster recovery. With renewables getting cheaper by the year, purchasing more, locally generated solar and wind power could not make more sense, because it will help create much-needed jobs in the region, including from the Cape Wind projects.

Let's honor the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by working together to avert the worst of the climate crisis. The stakes couldn't be higher: scientists tell us we have ten years to make the switch from fossil fuels to renewables to prevent the worst outcomes of the climate crisis. Please join Climate Reality Southcoast in promoting "100% Committed," encouraging open discussion, and building community support for 100% participation in renewable energy from every sector across the region.

We hope to see many of you at our next online meeting, on Monday, May 4 at 6:30 pm. For more information, please visit, <https://bit.ly/joincrsc>, or email crmasc2019@gmail.com for more information.

*Laura Gardner, Founder and Co-Chair,
Climate Reality Massachusetts
Southcoast*



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summarize:

"First: the relocation of the Hot Mix Asphalt Plant triggered the requirement for revisions to an existing Land Use License for the storage of flammable and combustible materials. A public hearing was held on February 11, 2020 and was continued until a few weeks later. Unfortunately, due to the state of emergency, the resumption of that meeting has been further rescheduled. It is now slated for May 26, 2020 beginning at 6pm at the Ford Middle School.

"Second: while storage tanks for liquid asphalt (three tanks totaling 70,000 gallons total capacity) have been erected, they cannot be filled

until a permit is issued by the State Fire Marshal. The permit application will not be considered until a revised Land Use License is approved by the Board of Selectmen. You may see these tanks as you drive down South Main Street. They are in place but are not operational until all necessary permits are secured.

"Finally: PJ Keating officials have indicated that they wish to by-pass the storage tanks and feed liquid asphalt directly into the production process from tractor trailers. While PJ Keating has indicated that this process may have been used in a limited scope in the past without the knowledge of the town, it was done when the asphalt plant was a considerable distance from residences and on an infrequent

basis. I have asked Keating officials to provide an engineered plan stating that this alternative process is safe to the public, the environment and their employees. In the interim, I have issued an "Order of Notice" prohibiting Keating from using this abbreviated process until it is proven safe.

"While the pandemic has closed town buildings and reduced certain hours of operation, please know that town officials are staying on top of these asphalt plant issues and are working with our lawyers and others to seek a resolution that will be in the town's best interest."

You can find the video of the 4/14/2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting, at <https://youtu.be/LSbrldUiGJEPJ>; Keating discussion begins at 07:35

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The Heart Fence is located on the corner of Reynolds Drive and Fort Street in Fairhaven. You can find Ms. Hennessy on Facebook for more pictures.

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Saturday	2	0400	1637	0936	2208
Sunday	3	0506	1739	1038*	2322*
Monday	4	0605	1831	1138*	----
Tuesday	5	0655	1918	0024*	1230*
Wednesday	6	0742	2005	0117*	1317*
Thursday	7	0830	2053	0211*	1406*
Friday	8	0920	2144	0307*	1457*
Saturday	9	1011	2234	0355*	1546*
Sunday	10	1102	2324	0435*	1628*
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*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.
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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

Wed., 5/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

ELECTION

The town election has been postponed from 5/18 to 6/8 (tentative date)

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/30, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/6, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/11, Town Hall, Time TBA

Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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.

PJ Keating Meeting

Tues., 5/26, Ford MS, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Town Meeting

Town Meeting has been postponed to June 22.

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Martha G. Coggeshall estate transferred to Community Found.

Press Release

The estate of Martha G. Coggeshall has been transferred to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to establish an endowed fund to support the preservation and maintenance of buildings and artifacts with historical value in the Town of Fairhaven.

Martha was an original member of the Colonial Club, founded in 1912 as a social club and historical society, and willed that her residence be preserved in a trust for the use of the Colonial Club as a museum for the preservation and exhibition of documents, writings, books and all kinds of furniture and personal property of historic value and interest.

Once she passed in 1916, her home was used as a meeting place for the Colonial Club of Fairhaven. The residence homed the growing

collection of art and artifacts from Fairhaven's history contributed by early members who have spent over a century looking over collections of paintings, journals, jewelry, photos, furniture, scrimshaw, and other antiques spanning the history of the town.

To continue to honor this tremendous commitment to the preservation of historical artifacts, her residence, built in 1908, was sold and the proceeds of \$315,000 were transferred to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.

"The Martha Coggeshall Fund is a perfect example of keeping our philanthropy local — in perpetuity. We are excited to work with organizations in [Fairhaven] that are working to preserve the wonderful and rich history of their town" said John Vasconcellos, President of the Community Foundation.

Beginning in 2021, this endowed fund will accept annual grant requests from qualifying 501(c)3 organizations to support their work pertaining to historical and preservation activities.

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Fairhaven Planning Dept. offers info for local businesses

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Planning and Economic Development Director Paul Foley has been making regular updates to the Economic Development Committee's webpage on the town website to keep businesses informed on the variety of resources available to them during the COVID-19 crisis.

The page includes economic updates and organizations helping businesses through the crisis.

Updates include Mr. Foley's notes

about a weekly call with the Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and the Regional Small Business Association Director.

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/economic-development-committee> and look to the menu on the left for updates.

Topics include frequently asked questions (FAQ) on the Paycheck Protection Loans, which are designed to help businesses retain employees. If businesses that get the loan keep

their employees, or hire them back in a specified amount of time, the loans will be forgiven.

The page also includes links to the Small Business Association, Paycheck Protection Program, information on unemployment and COVID-19, webinars for business owners to learn about how to apply for the various programs, list of lenders, etc.

There is also a link to sign up to receive regular updates by email from the SBA.

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MassDOT to implement the following future improvements:

1. Signalize New Boston Road (Fairhaven)
2. Signalize Spring Street (Marion)
3. Signalize Swifts Beach Road (Wareham)
4. Modify North Street traffic signal to include protected/permissive left turns (Mattapoisett)
5. Modify Front Street traffic signal to include protected/permissive left turns (Marion)
6. Change physical geometries to create 90-degree intersections at six (6) locations
 - a. Brandt Island Road (Mattapoisett)
 - b. Church Street Extension (Mattapoisett)

- c. Marion Road (Mattapoisett)
- d. Converse Road (Marion)
- e. Creek Road (Marion)
- f. Hathaway Street (Wareham)

Additionally, the following general improvements should be made to improve safety:

1. Replace all existing signage and pavement markings with high-visibility retroreflective materials to improve visibility
2. Replace all existing High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights with high-efficiency LED lights to improve visibility
3. Replace all existing "standard" style crosswalks with "continental" or "ladder" style to improve visibility
4. Reconstruct existing drainage structures that are in disrepair and bring flush to pavement surface to

avoid depressions and standing water

5. Remove telephone poles from existing sidewalks or include a path that provides adequate clearance widths and add ADA compliant curb ramps to improve pedestrian mobility

6. Add bicycle signage along the corridor to improve awareness of bicycle activity

It should be noted that these improvements are intended to be implemented regardless of the future layout of Route 6.

The report includes four layout alternatives; crash analysis for all four towns; bicycle and pedestrian facilities analysis; public transportation and more. The full report is 1027 pages, but a shorter text only version of 42 pages is also available.



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