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

## Memorial Day ceremonies held without public



American flags signifying armed services members who have died in armed conflicts, are displayed on the lawn of the Fairhaven Veterans Memorial during a ceremony on 5/14/20 that the town recorded to commemorate Memorial Day on 5/25/20, because the parade and other traditional ceremonies had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The inscription on the boot and helmet display reads: "Vietnam Moving Wall, Cushman Park, Fairhaven 2012." See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, hair salons and pet groomers are open. Charlie Dog and I will both be going in soon to get rid of my pandemic hair and his pandemic nails.

Events are starting to slowly happen, but nothing big yet.

New Bedford has cancelled all outdoor events until the fall, and that includes fireworks on the Fourth, and the Big Feast (we wrote about that a couple of weeks ago). But, slowly, things are opening up: the beaches (no restrooms in New Bedford, though...say WHAT?), farmers markets (food items only), the zoo (outside only), and some tourism tours at the fort.

Meanwhile, the seniors are graduating, but they can't have their traditional ceremony.

There will be a long procession, though, from Acushnet to Fairhaven (see page 4). The route goes past some special places for the students, like their old schools, and ends up at the high school, where they will receive their diplomas, one by one getting out of the car to pick it up.

It won't be traditional, but I think it might make for some fun memories for them. At least I hope it does.

Graduating from high school is a milestone, so is graduating from college. The whole community should share in the joy of the kids and their families.

So, if you live along the route, or within walking distance, don your mask and take a walk and line the route to cheer them on. I think the kids will appreciate it.

This week would've been the Memorial Day parade, unfortunately, COVID-19 scuttled those plans. But there are several videos you can watch of the ceremonies that were held. See page 5 for Fairhaven, and page 8 for New Bedford.

The phased opening of the state is continuing (see page 3), and hopefully, it will keep to the schedule and we can get back to some sort of normal pretty soon.

Summer is here, it seems, with warm weather and the need to get outside and play in the sun.

Fishing, swimming, bike riding, and all other manner of horsing around must commence.

And, no, I'm not going to fight with you about your mask. Wear it or don't. I'll be wearing mine.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Acushnet Selectboard, we misquoted board member Kevin Gaspar. He said "quite frankly the Chief's last few sentences in his email are disturbing." He did not specify which chief. It was the fire chief, not the police chief. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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# COVID-19 update: Hair salons, churches are now open in Mass.

By Beth David  
Editor

The phased re-opening of businesses in Massachusetts is underway, with houses of worship, hair salons, barbershops and pet groomers allowed to open this week. Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced guidelines for those businesses to re-open last week.

This week, on Tuesday, 5/26/20, he announced that The Boston Hope Medical Center, a field hospital set up at the Boston Convention Center, would no longer need to accept COVID-19 patients. The site treated more than 700 COVID patients, and served as a respite site for the homeless. It will remain open until all current patients are discharged. The facility will remain in place and the beds available throughout the summer in case they are needed.

The state has already closed two other field hospitals.

Explaining that the state's numbers are going in the right direction, Gov. Baker said the surge "is now behind us."

The state's numbers are "trending

in the right direction," he said, adding that it was only possible "by everyone's willingness to do their part," by practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, and washing hands frequently.

"We all have a responsibility to keep doing these things," said Gov. Baker. "The science on this is pretty clear: These things done together are highly effective."

He said this is how we will fight the virus and re-open responsibly.

The state has had more than 93,000 cases of COVID-19, and more than 6,400 people in Massachusetts have died from the virus.

Gov. Baker said that the positive test rate has stayed at about nine percent; 2,179 people remained hospitalized as of Tuesday, a number, he said, was a significant decrease over the past few weeks.

On Tuesday, offices were also allowed to open up, but with restrictions on the number of people that can be inside at the same time.

State beaches opened, too, but beachgoers are asked to maintain at least six feet of distance from others,

and wear masks if they cannot maintain that distance.

Charter boats have also been allowed to start operating again, with limitations, such as no more than 10 people, including crew, aboard any single vessel. Passengers and crew must wear face coverings.

Some retailers were also allowed to open this week, but most with curbside only service; others can be by appointment only; and others have to limit the number of people in the store.

The state's plan includes four phases, with a minimum of three weeks apart for each.

In phase two, nail salons and day spas will be able to open with restrictions.

The governor also announced the implementation of a \$56 million program announced last week to help the hungry, which includes sending food boxes that contain 30-35 meals each to regional food banks across the state.

The state has also increased access to SNAP benefits (food

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In person voting will take place on Monday, June 8th, 2020. There will be protocols in place to protect the safety of the voters and the election workers. If you plan to vote in person please adhere to Governor Baker's mandate that residents must wear masks in public areas. Social distancing measures will be in place and we ask that everyone follow the rules. We also ask that you bring your own blue or black pen.

Registered voters have the option to vote by absentee ballot. A signed absentee ballot application is required. Absentee voting information can be found on the Town Clerk's page of the town's website: [fairhaven-ma.gov/townclerk](http://fairhaven-ma.gov/townclerk).

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# Fairhaven High School graduation will be a procession

By Beth David  
Editor

## Line the route to show your support

Fairhaven High School will not hold its regular graduation ceremony on Sunday due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, seniors and their family members will join a procession of cars from Acushnet to the high school where graduates will receive their diplomas.

On Sunday, 5/31, at 10 a.m., seniors will ride in cars (as passengers) from Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road to Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven. The seniors will be arranged alphabetically so they may proceed to Fairhaven High School, via a winding route to pass some of their favorite spots along the way.

They will receive their diplomas at the front of FHS, one by one, staying in the car until it is their turn to get their diploma.

A police escort will lead the procession, and people are welcome

to line the route to cheer on the grads.

The route starts at Acushnet Elementary at 10 a.m. sharp, heads south on Middle Road, left onto Leonard Street, right onto Main Street, left onto South Main Street, stays right at fork at the town line onto Main Street into Fairhaven, along Main Street to left onto South Street, and right onto Fort Street to Fort Phoenix, then left onto Old Fort Street, then left onto Green Street, right onto Center Street, passing Our Lady's Haven and Rogers School; then left onto Tripp Street and right onto Washington Street, right onto Huttleston Avenue (Rte. 6); to right onto Sconticut Neck Road, turning around at Wood School, back to Route 6 East (right) to head towards East Fairhaven School,

then left onto New Boston Road passing by EFS, then left onto Bridge Street across Route 240 to Route 6, right onto Route 6 to right onto Adams Street, and right onto Ash Street to Elizabeth Hastings Middle School parking lot.

There the cars will wait until everyone is assembled. From EHMS, the cars will go to the high school for the diplomas to be handed out near the front entrance.



All graduating seniors at Fairhaven High School received this lawn sign, as high schools had to cancel their traditional graduation ceremonies due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Photo courtesy of Sharon Marie Couto.



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## Grad procession

Fairhaven High School Seniors will drive in a procession from Acushnet to Fairhaven in lieu of the traditional graduation ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions. On Sunday, 5/31, at 10 a.m., seniors will ride in cars from Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road to Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven. Residents are welcome to line the route to cheer on the seniors. See page 4 for the route details.

## Virtual Graduation

Virtual graduation event begins on **Sat., 6/6, at noon.** Join the party throughout the afternoon. Commencement speakers: President Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, BTS, Lada Gaga, Sec. Robert M. Gates, Sundar Pichai, Sec. Condoleezza Rice, Malala Yousafzai; with special appearances by ASAPSciences, Alicia Keys, Chloe x Halle, Kelly Rowland, Kerry Washington, The Try Guys, Zendaya, Mr. Kate, Dude Perfect, Jackie Aina, Zane Hijazi.

Find "Dear Class of 2020 Commencement Address," Sat., 6/6, at 3 p.m., at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxpTjcouaeQ>

## Pirates & Privateers

Pirates & Privateers Presentation, **Friday mornings, 10:00 a.m., June 5 through September**, Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort flagpole. WEATHER PERMITTING

**For Public Safety, all audience members must wear masks and maintain six feet of separation.**

Is there really pirate treasure buried by Captain Kidd on Sciticut Neck? Why might you become a privateer instead of joining the Navy? What's the deal with the parrot on the shoulder?

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary

War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail Black, a ship's doctor who grows herbal remedies in her village garden when she's not at sea, Mr. Church, the ship's cook, and Caleb the Powder Monkey, a lad who knows how to load and fire a cannon.

Learn which pirate lore is really just myth based on fiction and what stories are true. (On Cape Cod, many people thought the tale of "Black Sam" Bellamy's wrecked ship full of treasure was just a legend until the ship was discovered in 1984 just 500 feet off the shore of Wellfleet.)

Find out the difference between pirates and "legal" privateers. Do you know when you "talk like a pirate" you're just copying an actor from a 1950s Disney movie? Would you like to know more about treasure maps and walking the plank?

The pirate lore is enhanced by true stories of privateering in and around Buzzards Bay during the American Revolution. During the war, privateers vessels such as the Broome, Sally, Black Snake, Friendship, and Hornet, manned with local sailors, aided the rebellion against the Crown by capturing enemy ships in far greater numbers than the Continental Navy did. One of the most celebrated actions was the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War in May 1775, led by captains Nathaniel Pope and Daniel Egery. Eventually the local wharves were full of vessels captured by privateers. Such actions eventually provoked the British raid on our harbor in September of 1778.

These stories are told in detail during the Friday morning program.

This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more.

There is no charge for the Pirates and Privateers presentations, but donations are accepted for the Tourism Gift Account.

You may visit Greybeard & Companie's Facebook page here:

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## Fish Stories

Check out the newly revamped NOAA Voices Oral History Archives ([https://voices.nmfs.noaa.gov/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=gov\\_delivery](https://voices.nmfs.noaa.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=gov_delivery)) a repository for archiving and disseminating oral history interviews related to our fisheries, oceans and coasts in the United States and its territories. Our collections include oral histories with fishermen, their spouses, processing workers, shoreside business workers, scientists, marine resources managers, and many others. These stories expand our knowledge and enrich our understanding of the nation's fisheries and their impacts.

## Cable Provider Survey

The Town of Fairhaven is conducting a Feasibility Study to improve Internet & Cable Service to residents and businesses.

If interested complete an easy-to-do- Comcast Invoice Upload to help the Broadband Study Committee.

Please upload your most recent bill from your Internet service provider on the town's website. Feel free to redact your name and account number on the bill but we need to be able to see the address to confirm the bill is for a Fairhaven property. Town staff will then redact any personal information you have not already redacted, including your address, before submitting your bill.

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov> and click on the link under "News and Notices."

## 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 Kids

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).

*= Change is in your hands =*



My name is Keith Silvia and I am running for selectman in the Town election to be held on Monday, June 8, 2020. If elected, these are some changes I would work toward making for the betterment of the Town and taxpayers.

The Town will need to relocate the recycling center to accommodate the nitrogen plant that is planned to be located where the recycling center exists presently. The BPW has contracted with a company who will recommend to the state the amount of clean up in the area of Bridge St. The State will then determine how much clean up has to be completed where the new recycling center potentially could be located. This clean up will be costly. New Bedford recently received a 9 million dollar grant for clean up of the Revere Copper and Brass site. Our Town Planner should be researching grants now for this project as it is to be initiated in 2021 and completed in 2025. It seems that this administration doesn't feel that this project is a priority. If we don't have a recycling site in place and ABC has to be contracted to pick up yard debris, the cost to the Town will be estimated in the amount of \$300,000.00 yearly.

Another project the Town Planner might

consider researching is a grant to better the area of Union Wharf. Fairhaven has always had the reputation of being a beautiful fishing community, yet we don't even have a fish market since McCleans closed years ago. Wouldn't it be nice to have a fish market /restaurant right on the wharf where people could enjoy the days catch. I feel as though the Shellfish Warden /Harbormaster's office should be located on Union Wharf where his rescue fleet is located right outside his door and also providing easy access for the public. The Harbor Masters of surrounding towns are located on their wharf's which just makes sense. I would love the opportunity to work with the Town Planner on making this happen.

These are just a couple of my goals that I hope to be able to make happen. The change is in your hands. I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday, June 8th.

*Keith Silvia*

*If you are concerned about voting in person due to COVID-19, there is still time to apply for an absentee ballot. Contact the Town Clerk at 508-979-4023 ext. #3 or visit <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleabsentee/absidx.htm>.*

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## Better safe than sorry?



A deer decoy is being diligent about not spreading COVID-19 by being high up in a tree to physical distance itself from others, and by wearing a mask, too, at Leonard Pierce Memorial Park in Fairhaven on Monday, 5/18/20. *Photo courtesy of Glenna Downing DeSouza*

## So easy a ...



Wearing a face mask is easy if you can find one. It's So Easy Even a Caveman...or a Sasquatch... can do it, as shown by this big guy on Bridge Street in Fairhaven on March 29, 2020. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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## Memorial Day Ceremony Online

The City of New Bedford held virtual Memorial Day commemorations due to social distancing measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

While New Bedford's 2020 Memorial Day parade was cancelled, two events were livestreamed on the City's Facebook pages and aired on New Bedford Cable Access: the annual Fishermen's Memorial Service at Seamen's Bethel; and the City Memorial Service and Wreath Laying at Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Clasky Common Park.

Both events are available on the New Bedford Government Access website: <http://173.9.65.75/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=1>

## Yard Waste Pick-up

City of New Bedford bulky yard waste and brush collections have resumed. Bulky: schedule by appointment ONLY. Brush: schedule by appointment ONLY. Yard waste: regular schedule

Yard Waste in WET or RIPPED paper bags will not be collected by ABC.

Property owners may continue to bring Yard Waste to the Transfer Station through the end of May for disposal. Hours of operation will continue to be Monday – Friday, 12:00pm to 5:00pm and Saturday 7:30am to 3:00pm.

NORMAL Transfer Station hours have resumed: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:00pm to 5:00pm, and Saturday 7:30am to 3:00pm.

## City Beaches, Zoo Open

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced that the City of New Bedford will follow and implement the first phase

of Governor Charlie Baker's reopening plan, with adjustments warranted by the current risk level of disease transmission in the city and region.

The state of the virus in New Bedford is different from that of the state as a whole. There have been fewer positive COVID-19 cases in New Bedford per capita than most cities in the Northeast, but the number of new positive cases and hospitalizations have been relatively flat – that is, not declining – and the rate of positive tests is higher than the rest of the state. Current information on these trends may be found on the city's website: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/health-department/coronavirus/>.

Parking meters will not be enforced until the second phase when restaurants can reopen.

**City Beaches** will be open but with stricter restrictions than the state. At New Bedford's beaches, **only New Bedford residents will be able to purchase a beach pass until further notice.** Social distancing measures will be enforced, with no beach volleyball or other organized sports permitted. **Public restrooms at the beach will be closed until further notice.** Call New Bedford Parks, Recreation and Beaches, 508-961-3015, or visit at [www.nbprb.com](http://www.nbprb.com), for details on how to buy a beach pass.

Buttonwood Park Zoo will reopen on May 31 and then from Wednesday through Sunday only. Time-based tickets will be sold online and indoor exhibits and rides will be closed to the public. Visit [bpzoo.org](http://bpzoo.org) for details and to buy tickets.

The following businesses are also open, but must following strict guidelines, including physical distancing, mask-wearing, and occupancy restrictions: Manufacturing & Industrial Operations; Construction; Places of Worship; Parks, Trails & the Blue Lane (have been open); hair salons and barbershops; pet groomers; car washes; recreational boating; private offices; retail (clothing stores, toy stores, jewelry stores, nurseries and garden centers) for curbside pickup only; auto dealers and wholesalers; libraries, for curbside pickup only.

For more information on the status of reopening in New Bedford and other important news, visit the

COVID-19 page on [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov). For information on the masks available to any New Bedford resident who wants one, visit [www.masknb.com](http://www.masknb.com).

For detailed guidelines on opening these businesses, visit <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/health-department/coronavirus/>.

## Free Masks for NB Residents

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced that the City of New Bedford has launched MaskNB, an initiative in partnership with the Southeastern Massachusetts chapter of the American Red Cross and Joseph Abboud Manufacturing Corporation, to continue to promote the widespread use of masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by offering a mask to any City resident who wants one at no cost, at a series of drive-through distribution events in late May and June.

Under the MaskNB distribution plan, interested residents in each of the City's six Wards will have an opportunity to obtain free cloth face masks at New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, on the following assigned dates and times:

- Ward 1: Sat., 5/30, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Ward 2: Sun., 5/31, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Ward 3: Sat., 6/6, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Ward 4: Sun., 6/7 – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Ward 5: Sat., 6/13 – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Ward 6: Sun., 6/14 – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

The dates are listed at [www.masknb.com](http://www.masknb.com). Additional dates may be announced based on supplies.

## Donate Convalescent Plasma

Southcoast Health enrolled in the Convalescent Plasma Expanded Access program through the Mayo Clinic and the American Red Cross. We are now encouraging patients who have fully recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma through the American Red Cross to help current COVID-19 patients.

There is evidence that people who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that can attack the virus. This convalescent plasma is being

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# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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## Watershed Ride Reg Discount

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride provides one of the most scenic coastal cycling courses in all of New England, and it returns for its 14th year on **Sunday, Oct. 4**. Cyclists of all ages and abilities can sign up now to bike 35, 75 or 100 miles at the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride by visiting [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride). **Participants who sign up before Monday, June 1 will save \$10 on the registration, too.**

The Watershed Ride is a fun community event that supports a great cause: clean water in Buzzards Bay. More than 300 cyclists participate in the ride each year, pedaling through 11 coastal communities and passing more than 3,300 acres of conservation land protected by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and other conservation organizations.

Starting in Little Compton, R.I., the 100-mile route travels past coastal farms and villages, picking up the 75-mile riders at Horseneck Beach State Reservation in Westport and the 35-mile riders at idyllic East Over Farm in Rochester. All three route options finish together at a waterfront celebration in Woods Hole on Cape Cod, complete with cheering supporters, a hot dinner, beer and wine bar, live music and complimentary massages.

Each rider raises a minimum of \$300, and prizes go to riders and teams that raise the highest totals.

To register visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride).

## Jigsaw Puzzle Online

Enjoy a free, virtual jigsaw puzzles at <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/forum/youth-teens/virtual-jigsaw-puzzles>. You can also create your

own virtual puzzle using your own photo.

## Virutal Coloring Books

Libraries, archives, and other cultural institutions around the world are sharing free coloring sheets and books based on materials in their collections. Please download, print, and share your favorites!

Visit [http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/?mc\\_cid=9fb6124222&mc\\_eid=0de76ea781](http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/?mc_cid=9fb6124222&mc_eid=0de76ea781) A great activity for children and adults.

## Gooseberry Neck History

*A little history to distract you from the present*

The Bell School Bugle, Published by the Westport Historical Society For the Duration of Social Distancing/Self Isolation/Quarantine. We welcome your contributions to The Bell School Bugle. You can share your own memories or old photos by sending them to [westporthistory@westporthistory.net](mailto:westporthistory@westporthistory.net).

Gooseberry: "A neck of land that lyeth a joyning to the south side of the Horseneck in Darthmouth containing 74 acres of land and ponds and land commonly coled and known by ye name of Goosebery neck and ye south end there of by the name of poynt peril, layd out to Christopher Gifford March the 6 day 1707."

William Almy, Jr. was interviewed by Mary Giles on October 25, 1975. He spoke to her at length about his family's long history in Westport, along with his career in horse breeding.

"I can tell you quite a few things about Gooseberry Neck. I used to, when I was a very young boy, drive with my mother in a meadowbrush cart. There was a bar, which went from East Beach to Gooseberry Neck and at very low tide it would be exposed..."

To listen to the interview, visit <https://wpthistory.org/2014/07/william-almj-jr/>

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## Extra Food Benefits

The Shah Family Foundation and Project Bread in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) launched an outreach campaign to ensure families know about **extra food benefits available to them through Pandemic EBT, or P-EBT**. The campaign includes a comprehensive website, [www.MAP-EBT.org](http://www.MAP-EBT.org), and PSAs featuring First Lady Lauren Baker and Wally the Green Monster that showcase how the funds can be used.

The new [www.map-ebt-org](http://www.map-ebt-org) website includes resources and a toolkit for others to help support participation in Massachusetts' P-EBT program. The one-stop site provides families with information on how to access benefits, and local stakeholders with information to share with the families they serve. The online resources include instructions for families to activate their benefits, and a toolkit for retailers to use to help communicate the program. The outreach materials can be customized for each partner to use with their own communities and networks.

Since the beginning of this public health crisis, the weekly average number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications received has increased by nearly 400%. DTA and DESE, along with Project Bread and the Shah Family Foundation, continue to work collaboratively to ensure all efforts to promote food security for families and children are made available to every community across the Commonwealth.

# Recipe of the Week

## Refreshing Watermelon Lemonade Slush

- 1 cup cubed seeded watermelon
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 3 tablespoons sweetened strawberry lemonade drink mix

Place the watermelon pieces onto a plastic-wrapped baking sheet, and freeze until solid, about 45 minutes.

Place the frozen watermelon, water, and strawberry lemonade drink mix in a blender; blend until slushy.

*From allrecipes.com*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# Towns hope to open to public soon

By Beth David  
Editor

Town employees in both Acushnet and Fairhaven have been working partly from home and partly on site during the COVID-19 restrictions. Both town halls are closed to the public, but all departments are serving the public as well as they can.

“We’re open for business, but unfortunately closed to the public,” said Fairhaven Town Administrator Mark Rees.

“Offices are open right now,” said Acushnet Selectboard Chairperson Roger Cabral. “Call and someone will answer. They’ll find a way to serve you and get it done.”

Both towns are also trying to map out ways to conduct business with the public in person and continue to maintain physical distancing, such as keeping people at least six feet apart, regulate the use of face coverings, and keep everything sanitized.

Mr. Rees said Fairhaven is getting ready to be open in phase 2, when the governor announces it. He said they are installing plexiglass at public counters, will have hand sanitizers

available for everyone to use, and will have markings on the floor to space people out.

Meetings in Fairhaven do have public hearings and input by the public via call-in conference call or Zoom.

Enhanced cleaning includes daily sanitization at town hall.

“We’re blessed with a very excellent custodial staff in town,” said Mr. Rees.

He also said that so far, he has not heard of any town employee testing positive for the virus.

“We’ve had a couple of exposures, but no positive tests,” he said, adding that employees, especially first responders, have been vigilant about following proper protocols with personal protective equipment.

He said anyone who needs to conduct town business should visit the website or call the office they need to find out the best way to get the services they need.

Mr. Rees said the town is striving to be ready to open on June 8 if the governor gives the word.

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# Remembering on Memorial Day, without a parade

By Beth David

Editor

The parade had to be canceled, but that does not mean that the ceremony and rituals of remembering the fallen had to be canceled. The Town of Fairhaven still placed flags on the graves of veterans at town cemeteries, raised the big flag at the high school, and held a ceremony. The activities were recorded by the Cable Access department and is available on demand on the town's YouTube channel via a link at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com).

The video begins at the town's Veterans Memorial at the corner of Middle Street and Route 6. Fairhaven Veterans Agent Brad Fish begins by explaining that this year's activities will be different without a parade. He then read the names of the Fairhaven veterans who died this year.

Several members of the parade committee joined the ceremony. Flags were arranged in several places, as they have been at Riverside Cemetery in the past, to represent the Fairhaven residents who were killed in various conflicts starting with the Revolution.

"I'd just like to say there's a lot of fear around now, especially among our veterans," said George H. Brownell, SSG at Arms, VFW 2892 Fairhaven Post. "If you're sitting home now or in a nursing home or assisted living, I'd like to offer you a salute and show you that we're



TOP L-R: George H. Brownell, SSG at Arms, VFW 2892 Fairhaven Post, and U.S. Army Veteran John Medeiros pose for the local free sheet at the Fairhaven Veterans Memorial on 5/14/20 after the town recorded a ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day on 5/25/20, because the parade and other traditional ceremonies had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. ABOVE L-R: Jim Martin, John Medeiros, Wayne Oliveira and Bill Kligel fold the flag after the ceremony. Photos by Beth David.

thinking about you every single day and you will never be forgotten."

Then he called the group to attention and saluted the veterans he hoped would be watching.

Wayne Oliveira, speaking on behalf of the Fairhaven Village Militia, which always takes part in the parade, and often fires muskets or the traveling cannon during the parade and at the ceremony at Riverside Cemetery, offered a "special remembrance" for FVM Commander Ellsworth (Ellie) Sylvania, who died suddenly in March.

Mr. Oliveira thanked Mr. Sylvania for his years of service to the militia.

"When you heard the large cannon roar at the Riverside Cemetery, that was one of Ellie's responsibilities, and he took a lot of pride in doing that," said Mr. Oliveira. "We also want to thank him for his education, promoting history throughout the town as a re-enactor. We thank him and we remember him during these special times."

Selectboard chairperson Charles K. Murphy, Sr., also spoke, taking on the traditional role of reading General Logan's Order, which created the memorial day holiday, first called "Dedication Day" in 1868, after the Civil War ended in 1865.

Mr. Murphy recalled his father, who was a veteran.

"I want to make sure we remember all the veterans who have passed on this Memorial Day," said Mr. Murphy.

In the order, Gen. Logan designates the day "for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their



country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

The order does not designate specific services, but asks for "fitting services and testimonials of respect."

Town Administrator Mark Rees spoke from a different location, first acknowledging that "we are all living in some very difficult times."

He said a lot of things had to be changed because of the COVID-19 emergency, including the parade.

"I enjoyed walking with the selectmen and other town officials in that parade on an annual basis," said Mr. Rees. "Mainly because it gave us an opportunity to recognize the service and valor of our veterans, particularly those from Fairhaven."

He recalled his Uncle Dan who was killed in WWII in Iwo Jima, saying that although he obviously never met him, Memorial Day is an opportunity to "reflect on his life."

"But I just want to remember him and his sacrifices that he gave to his country, as well as the sacrifices of all veterans and their families as a result of ... protecting our country and the life and liberties that we enjoy," said Mr. Rees.

As is tradition, the Fairhaven High School senior class president, Abigail Bernardo, read the Gettysburg Address, which was given while the Civil War was still raging.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion

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of it, as a final resting place for those who died here, that the nation might live. This we may, in all propriety do. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate — we can not consecrate — we can not hallow, this ground — The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have hallowed it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here; while it can never forget what they did here,” reads the address, although there are different versions.

Mr. Fish also read the proclamation from Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker designating 5/25/20 as Memorial Day.

“It is appropriate that all Massachusetts citizens remember the bravery of those who gave their lives, so that their sacrifice and service is a

reminder of the cost of our freedom,” read Mr. Fish.

Mr. Fish also read a Memorial Day prayer; Fairhaven High School student Alex Dasneves played taps while the video showed the big flag being raised at the high school.

Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy Francis also spoke, saying that it was sad that there would be no parade.

“And you people are the real heroes,” said Chief Francis. “I’m honored to know and have many of you as friends. I know here in the fire service we have some veterans on the department with us. And even though we respond to emergency calls to all the people in town, you are the real heroes and my thoughts and my prayers are with all of you.”

Although no one spoke from the police department, officers, wearing masks, are shown by their cruisers with the lights on in the video.

Several other town officials made remarks, including, Firefighter Mark Mattessich; Assistant to the Town Administrator Vicki Oliveira; Harbormaster Timothy Cox; Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley.

The video includes footage from last year’s parade.

After the recording of his portion of the ceremony, Mr. Murphy said there was no choice but to cancel the public events, due to the pandemic. But, he said, it was important to pay tribute to veterans.

“What a difficult time,” said Mr. Murphy. “Even though we can’t have a parade, we can still have some unity about Memorial Day.”

After the recording was over, Mr. Brownell had a word for the many veterans who are in nursing homes. He said people should find a way to connect with them, and as soon as it is



allowed, people should visit them.

As for wearing a mask, or the red, white and blue face covering he was wearing, he said: “Anything that saves one life stateside is worth the effort.”

The City of New Bedford also held services that were not open to the public. The videos are available for viewing on the city’s Facebook page and on the city’s Cable Access Facebook page, “New Bedford Cable Network.” The Fishermen’s Memorial Service from Seamen’s Bethel is also available for viewing on FB. Both videos will be available on the city’s cable network page (<http://173.9.65.75/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=1>), but had not been uploaded by press time.

In Acushnet, the Fire Department lit up the red, white and blue lights on Ladder One and kept them on all day and night. The fire department also posted a video on Facebook of Brian Shanbrun playing taps at the Acushnet 9/11 Memorial.

The state of Massachusetts also held virtual ceremonies, that are available for viewing at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-memorial-day-2020>

To read General Logan’s orders in full, visit the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration website. at <https://www.cem.va.gov/history/memdayorder.asp>

To read the full Gettysburg Address, visit the Our Documents initiative, a cooperative effort among National History Day, The National Archives and Records Administration, and USA Freedom Corps. at <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=36&page=transcript>



TOP: The service flags of the five branches, (L-R) United States Air Force, US Army, US Marine Corps, US Coast Guard, US Navy, fly in the breeze at the Fairhaven Veterans Memorial on 5/14/20 when the town recorded a ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day on 5/25/20, because the parade and other traditional ceremonies had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. ABOVE: Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Charles K. Murphy, Sr., reads General Logan’s Order. *Photos by Beth David.*

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stamps) and WIC benefits (for infants). The state has seen a significant increase in applications for food programs, and food banks across the state have seen demand skyrocket.

The new program will also help local farmers and the fishing community.

The state is also ramping up testing by increasing testing sites, and sending out a call for bids to institute mobile testing sites. The governor said the state currently can conduct 30,000 tests per day and has 250 testing sites statewide. The state

will be testing 45,000 per day by July and 75,00 by December.

For a list of businesses allowed to open in phase one, general guidelines and other information, visit <https://www.mass.gov/doc/reopening-massachusetts-may-18-2020/download>

For industry specific guidelines, including workplace protocols, sample posters, and a checklist, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

For the new "Safer-at-Home-Advisory," visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/safer-at-home-advisory>

## Cases update

According to the state's website, as of Tuesday, 5/26/20, Massachusetts has 93,693 confirmed cases of COVID-19; 545,481 individuals have been tested; 6,473 confirmed deaths; 57 deaths reported on Tuesday, 5/26, and 422 new cases.

Across the country, there are 1,662,414 confirmed cases, with 24,958 new cases on Tuesday, 5/26; 98,261 deaths, with 592 new deaths reported on Tuesday, according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) website.

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evaluated as a treatment for patients with serious or immediately life-threatening COVID-19 infections, or those judged by a healthcare provider to be at high risk of progression to severe or life-threatening disease.

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Visit [Southcoast.org/covid19](https://Southcoast.org/covid19) for more information about our response to this public health crisis.

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# Acushnet Selectboard

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard met on Tuesday, 3/29/20, via Zoom. The meeting was not open to the public and there were no public hearings. It ran live on channel 18 and is available on the town's YouTube channel.

Town Administrator Julie Hebert reviewed the COVID19 updates and stated she has begun department head meetings to review the planning stages of opening up Town Hall to the public. She stated that currently there is one person at a time in the offices and moving forward they are trying to come up with the best practices to keep both the residents, and staff safe. The plan is to bring back all Town Hall employees in early June.

Board member David Desroches specifically asked about the Department of Public Works and what their plan was to return to work. Mr. Desroches stated they are considered "essential employees" and there should be a plan to bring them all back together. As of right now there are two teams that work on opposite

weeks

In other business, the board discussed the Fire Department's vacation rollover concerns.

Ms. Hebert stated that Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher had proposed a one-week carryover and a one-week buyback for employees who had more than the allowed to rollover time. Ms. Hebert stated it was a total of six employees that would be carrying over one week vacation and three that would be asking for a one week buyback at a cost of \$1459.00 to the Town.

The Selectboard voted to approve the one-week rollover and the one-week buyback.

Selectboard chairperson Roger Cabral stated that after reviewing the "other list" of employees who were requesting unique situations, that he again wanted to be sensitive to COVID19, however, he noted that employees did have up to eight months to take a vacation before COVID19 occurred.

He said that Ms. Hebert has been doing two jobs since September and he would be more likely to accom-

modate a request by her.

Mr. Desroches noted that in Ms. Hebert's contract it read that she could receive up to two weeks buyback on her unused vacation.

"Oh," Mr. Cabral said. "You can get two weeks buyout per your contract?"

Ms. Hebert said, "Yes."

"Then I take back everything I said," said Mr. Cabral chuckling. "Use it or lose," he said. "With a smile."

Both Mr. Desroches and board member Kevin Gaspar agreed that they did not want to discuss any other possible "unique situations" among employees.

Mr. Desroches reminded the board that they all agreed at the last meeting to allow "business as usual" with the up-to-one-week rollover of unused vacation.

"That is the decision of the board," he said.

Mr. Gaspar agreed: "I get it, there are different circumstances. But we all agreed last week and I stand by supporting that decision."

In other business, the Selectboard

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had Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly at their meeting to discuss the storm-water by-law changes that are on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant.

Mr. Gaspar shared his frustrations with the board and Ms. Kelly on the by-law. He said he had been in contact with the Environmental Protection Agency, which advised him that the Town of Acushnet has been out of compliance on storm-water issues since 2003.

Mr. Gaspar said he has not seen any public hearings scheduled to discuss the new by-law with residents, which is mandatory prior to going to a vote at Town Meeting. He also said there has been no formal or informal discussions by the Planning Board or Conservation Board before the Selectboard.

Ms. Kelly stated that it was the EPA

which stated the by-law had to be updated as far as the language was concerned. She said that she has put some information about the added language with last year's census mailing to residents, and has tried to inform the public.

"I don't think this is something that we should've waited until the last minute," Mr. Gaspar said.

He agreed it is a by-law that has to move forward but he said he did not agree with it not going through the proper channels.

"I'm concerned about paying an employee and them not doing their job," he said.

Ms. Kelly stated that the EPA had been to town and did an audit on the by-law and found there was language that had to be stated in it. She said that is why they are moving it

forward.

Mr. Gaspar suggested a list should be implemented so that all appropriate departments sign off on any by-law changes and that by-law changes need to go before the Selectboard for discussion and approval.

The Selectboard agreed that the by-law move forward to Town Meeting, and Ms. Kelly said there would be a Public Hearing posted for discussion from residents.

The Selectboard will meet again to continue to review Town Meeting articles on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

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# Hair salons are open, but it's a different experience

By Beth David  
Editor

Rose Dutra's Hair Biz in Fairhaven is just about ready to celebrate 40 years in business. But there won't be any big get-togethers, thanks to COVID-19 and the resulting restrictions. The business has, however, been allowed to re-open and she's hopeful that it will be open for the June milestone.

The business was ordered closed in March by Gov. Charlie Baker, along with almost all businesses in Massachusetts. Hair salons were allowed to open on Monday, 5/25, but with a boatload of restrictions and regulations in place.

"It's overwhelming and exhausting," said Ms. Dutra, who got emotional as she described the experience as being so different from what she had worked for decades to build up in her place. "It was so impersonal. Everything is such a change."

On Facebook she posted an apology to her customers for the impersonal service.

"Wait outside, wash your hands first

thing, don't touch this, don't touch that, wear a mask, no beverages, no socializing while processing (have to socially distance, go outside to take the mask off and get air) pay and get out! Spray, wipe down everything! Thank you thank you all! It will get easier! First day success!"

By phone the next day, Ms. Dutra said it was "such a change" from what her business was just a few weeks ago.

"Not to mention you're afraid of catching the stupid COVID, after we've been sheltering in place for two months," she said.

The clients were good, though, nobody gave her a hard time, the



Rose Dutra, owner of Hair Biz in the Walmart plaza in Fairhaven stands by the door of her salon with the sign noting that walk-ins are not longer allowed, on 5/26/20, the second day that Hair Salons were allowed to open under the Phase 1 re-opening guidelines announced by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker last week. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

were all compliant. But it all took a lot of time, getting set up in the first place, and taking care of each client.

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the hair.

"It's just horrible," she said. "I hate doing business like that."

She misses the short time she had with her clients as they paid and lingered a bit on their way out the door. She misses seeing the clients visit with each other while they are waiting, and chatting with each other under the dryer.

"There's no interaction like that," she said. "It's just business."

Then there's the social distancing inside the salon. She's at half capacity, and she's not sure the business will be able to survive that.

"It's going to be tough. I don't know yet. We'll have to see what the numbers do," she said.

She is, however, booked solid.

The landlord, though, made it clear from the start they he would not be giving any breaks on the rent.

The first day back was also

physically exhausting, she said. After all, she's been off for about 30 days, and notes that she's 63 years old. And it all came after a "crazy" week trying to get the salon ready for customers with all the restrictions. She said she did not expect salons to be included in the first phase.

Still...

"Everybody was happy, everybody was compliant," she said, thanking her clients for being so accommodating.



LEFT: Angela Massa of Hair Biz in Fairhaven takes care of Ginger Daniels, one of the lucky clients to get in on 5/26/20, the second day that Hair Salons were allowed to open under the Phase 1 re-opening guidelines announced by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker last week. RIGHT: Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer greet clients as they walk through the door at Hair Biz in Fairhaven on 5/26/20. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Planning Board

NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 7:00 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Continued Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on **Tuesday June 2, 2020**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The originally scheduled continued public hearing on March 24, 2020 could not take place as the Planning Board Meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation. **The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted remotely for the public. To Join the Meeting from home, Log on to:**

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- The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Special Permit* application: 1) **2019-15: Bridge Street Mazda**. The applicant, Carapace LLC, is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to construct an approximately 14,000 square foot commercial building for an auto dealership with **fifty-four (54) parking spaces** and associated

infrastructure, stormwater control and landscaping. The location is 250 Bridge Street, Map 36, Lot 15.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. Much of the file can be viewed at the Planning Board webpage on Current Projects Under Review: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board  
FNN: 5/21/20, 5/28/20

## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Case #2020.01.21A** A continuation on the case of Garrett Soucy, of 5 Williams Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to turn renovations or additions of his dwelling into an accessory apartment. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) and Section 3.4 "B": Accessory Apartments.

- Case #2020.03.24A** A case of Richard Bonville, of 71 Quaker Lane, Acushnet, who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to convert a portion of his existing dwelling into an accessory apartment. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) and Section 3.4 "B": Accessory Apartments.

- Case #2020.03.24B** A case of Derek Sweet, of 51 Gammons Road, Acushnet, who is petitioning for a Variance for the minimum setback requirements for a detached garage. This request is being made under the provisions of Article VIII Section 3.3.1 "E" (3).

- Case #2020.03.24C** A case of Jennifer Melo, of 367 Middle Road, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to convert a single family dwelling into a two-family dwelling. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (6).

- Case #2020.03.24D** A case of Alfred Lemieux, of 17 Hathaway Road, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to maintain his existing welding shop located at his address. A Special Permit was approved on July 19th, 1983 but never filed with the Registry of Deeds so a new Special Permit will need to be granted. The request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (13): Light Manufacturing.

\*\*\*Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.\*\*\*  
FNN, 5/28/20, 6/4/20

## From our Readers

### Dumpers Have No Respect

In these unusual times, when all the world is pulling together, coping and trying to make the best of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is also the time all the losers and low-life people come out from under their rocks and dirty places where they've been hiding and make their presence known more than usual. They could be our friends, neighbors, seemingly good, church-going people, but they have this dark side that doesn't mind trashing their own public property as long as they don't have to look at it. They have no respect for themselves, basically, so how could they possibly have respect or their own environment. They are the DUMPERS.

In the 24 years the Town of Fairhaven has owned the Little Bay Conservation area, I've seen just

about anything and everything dumped there, but the latest is a new one. Some CREEP cut up a big boat trailer in pieces and spread them across the west side of the LBCA parking lot, hoping, I'm guessing, the new spring plant growth would cover it all up, so no one would notice, at least for a while.

These dumpers are like cats, they s—t and then they have to cover it up! It all comes naturally to them.

I'm counting on *Divine Retribution* to put these people in their rightful places, which is not where the regular folks go, but hey, these DUMPERS have no consciences, so they have no feelings, and they'll all to on DUMPING till they get old and die and good luck to them after that!!!

Sallie Johnson, Fairhaven

### The Coronavirus and China's Role

First of all, I don't intend to minimize the seriousness of its impact, but now with the passage of time we can assess the nature of it, and who is most vulnerable to it, and China's role in concealing its infectious nature and its deadly effects particularly among the aged who are sick in particular.

There is one other very important fact the Chinese knew about this back in December. They silenced all their scientists who tried to warn the world. The World Health Organization, which is a puppet of China, went along with it.

This being said, there is a far more sinister side to this in the province of

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In any case, they will follow whatever precautions the guidelines call for.

"For the safety of our residents, as well as our employees," said Mr. Rees.

In Acushnet, there have been at least two firefighters test positive for the virus, but both recovered.

Town hall is staffed, but employees are on a staggered schedule.

Mr. Cabral said the board has seen plans by the Council on Aging and the library to open. He said no decision has been made to either one the public.

The town will try to set create a walk-up window at town hall, to allow people to get business done in person without going into the building. Building Inspector/Facilities Manager James Marot is working on that, said Mr. Cabral.

The Department of Public Works is still on a split schedule, with one half of the employees working one week, and then the other half working a

week, a schedule Mr. Cabral did not want, but got out-voted on by the other board members.

"There's plenty for them to do," said Mr. Cabral. "We really need to get them back to work."

The town has not held any public hearings since the shut down, but the board has just approved the Zoning Board of Appeals to hold a hearing, he said. The town will make sure that people attending will be able to stay physically apart.

He said the town will not hold any hearings that they think will draw too many people to a room.

"It's complicated. We're breaking new ground here," said Mr. Cabral. "Hopefully we're near the end of it, or closer to the end than the beginning."

He said he has been pleasantly surprised at how well the Zoom meetings work, and how good they look on TV.

"I'm ready for normal, though, let me tell ya," he said. "I'm ready for normal."

## ALL IN PERSON MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED

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

The information on how to join remotely is listed on the agendas. Most meetings also run live on the government access channel, and Fairhaven meetings are livestreamed at [FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com)

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

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

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/1, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### ELECTION

Mon., 6/8, Polls open 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### School Committee

Wed., 6/3, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Thurs., 5/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 6/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Town Meeting

TM has been postponed to June 27.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tue., 6/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### ELECTION

Election has been postponed to 6/27

### Housing Authority

Wed., 5/27, Nate Gomes Ctr., 9 a.m.

### PJ Keating Meeting

Tues., 6/9, Senior Ctr, 6 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 6/2, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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TM has been postponed to June 22.

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Tuesday	2	0541	1810	1111*	----
Wednesday	3	0635	1859	0019*	1207*

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Wuhan where it originated. China stopped all domestic flights into and out of Wuhan but permitted all international flights from it, thereby speeding it throughout the world. I believe this was a conscious decision on China's behalf.

Trump gave the states authority to make decisions on how to deal with the coronavirus. Now consider New York Governor Cuomo was crying for help. Hew was pleading for mor ventilators, PPE gear, hospital beds. Trump delivered all these and more. What did he do? Instead of isolating these coronavirus patients, he put them back in nursing homes infecting others causing the death of thousands.

In many of the red states, Republican governors, using sensible precautions, have begun opening their economies. In most, infections and deaths have gone down.

Here are a few observations and opinions I have. First if you are in a store or confined space, wear a mask. If you are out in the open you don't need it. I walk the bike path a lot. I see a lot of people wearing masks. What do they think? Breathing the air will infect you?

Safe to say I think it's symbolic of the way much of this country has become. We have become too dependent on the government. Like sheep, no longer the self reliant, clear thinking people we once were. The Democrats love this. Their goal is power and control.

We know this virus affects mostly the elderly. The elderly who are sick in particular. The young have very little risk, you may get it and not even know it.

Work gives people a sense of purpose and direction. To dole out money with no regard for consequences will lead to rampant inflation. Hospitals, doctor and detail offices need to reopen. People need medical procedures, examinations, elective surgery.

You can't hide from it. It's too infectious. Do what you can with sensible precautions. Protect the

elderly. Children need to return to school. I don't believe there is any substitute for classroom learning.

Most of all, pray for deliverance. I believe this is God's way to show us that we are dependent upon Him. It's by His grace we have what we have.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

### Arts and cultural groups will light New Bedford's path forward

We write as a unified group of leaders from downtown New Bedford's organizations devoted to art, history, and culture located in the Seaport Cultural District. Since the beginning of this crisis, our primary thoughts have been centered on our community as we face this pandemic together. With unwavering concern for the well-being of our employees and our visitors, we closed our doors and suspended public in-person events in March. The health of our people and of this community came first.

We are in the business of connecting the community. Taken together, our programs, events, and exhibits are designed to create connections, foster deeper relationships, and enhance understanding. We hold a deep love for this city. Each of our organization's purpose plays a role in lifting our creative core, celebrating our rich heritage, and helping our neighbors share their stories. We not only gather people together; we strengthen their bond with New Bedford.

In the eye of this storm, we have been working with agility and swiftness to pivot our offerings to virtual platforms and find new ways to engage our community. We remain vibrant and vital sources for learning, inspiration, and reflection.

In addition to being the heart and soul of the community, collectively our organizations infuse New Bedford with more than \$29M annually in economic impact. We employ hundreds of citizens, hire countless contractors, and attract tens of thousands of people to the city each year. We are

an economic engine and we will drive a diligent effort to bring New Bedford back. We are proud to assume our responsibility in reigniting the flame and know that our shared economic vitality is instrumental to our long-term resurgence

Eagerly awaiting the day that we open the city back up, we fervently accept our role in helping revitalize New Bedford's future. The days, weeks, and years ahead are likely to bring numerous financial hardships and economic challenges, but we are invigorated knowing that our organizations will light the path — emotionally, creatively, and financially.

*This letter was signed by 14 members of the community. They include: Lee Blake, President, New Bedford Historical Society; Amanda McMullen, President & CEO, New Bedford Whaling Museum; Keri Cox, Board President, 3rd EyE Youth Empowerment; Lindsay Mi, Executive Director, Massachusetts Design Art & Technology Institute (DATMA); Rosemary Gill, Executive Director, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center; Ashley Occhino, Executive Director, New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!; Laura Orleans, Executive Director, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center; Lee Heald, Director, AHA! New Bedford; Dave Prentiss, President and CEO, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra; Lawrence Jenkins, Dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; Dawn E. Salerno, Executive Director, Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum; Margo Saulnier, Creative Strategist, New Bedford Creative; Jennifer Smith, Superintendent, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park; Fred Toomey, President, New Bedford Port Society.*

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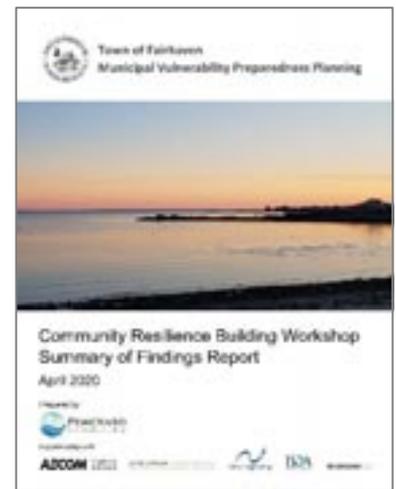
## CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS & ADAPTATION WEBINAR, REPORT, AND SURVEY AVAILABLE THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

Fairhaven is among many towns on the front lines of climate change. With nearly 30 miles of shoreline, our community is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise, increased flooding, and more severe storms. Increasing temperatures, extended heat waves, and changing precipitation patterns will bring additional impacts and challenges to Fairhaven.

Last year, the Town of Fairhaven received a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to begin addressing climate change impacts on Fairhaven's infrastructure, residents, and environment. The completion of this process will result in Fairhaven's certification as an MVP Community and provide access to additional state funding for climate preparedness and adaptation.

As part of its ongoing MVP planning process, the Town of Fairhaven is now seeking community input on the *Summary of Findings* resulting from a Community Resilience Building Workshop held in January 2020. This participatory, stakeholder-driven workshop included the identification and prioritization of specific community actions for Fairhaven to pursue in reducing risk and building resilience to climate change.

This web-based engagement effort includes a [summary webinar presentation](#), a copy of the [final report](#), and an [online survey](#) to record your comments and feedback.



### Watch the webinar at:

<https://bit.ly/MVPWebinar>

### Review the report at:

<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/mvp-program>

### Take the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fairhaven-mvp>

If you have questions or difficulty in accessing these materials, please contact Whitney McClees, Town of Fairhaven Conservation Agent and Sustainability Coordinator, at [wmcclees@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:wmcclees@fairhaven-ma.gov) or (508) 979-4023, ext. 128.