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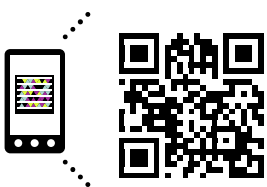
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Collasius pulls off upset in Fairhaven Election



Supporters hold signs in front of Fairhaven Town Hall, the polling place for precinct one, on election day, 4/5/21. Turnout was about 19%, which is pretty high for a local election, and the result was one upset, and two newcomers elected. See story on page 4. Photo by Beth David.



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"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

The pettiness continues. Not only did Mr. Freitas tell me I had to pick my spot in the room and stay put, making it impossible to get the good pictures of candidates addressing the board, he also would not let them in the room to hear the results.

That's not fair. All the candidates, on both sides of the win, worked hard for that moment. But he kept them out in the hall. The banquet room can hold 10 people according to the COVID guidelines, and there are six chairs set up to accommodate people for regular meetings now. Only five or six people were in the hall, then the four people running the show, and me and the town's communications person.

That's 11, I'm sure one could've stayed outside. So after the town clerk announced the results and went to the hall, the candidates still did not know the numbers.

It's just wrong, petty, foolishness. I guess he had to do something since his candidate did not win. But it wasn't fair to her, either. She had a right to be in the room.

Just because you have the authority to do something, doesn't mean you should do it.

This guy's never going to grow up. On a sadder note, Bob Parent died this week (see obituary on page 19). Bob was a gentle soul. He was also a great supporter of the paper. He would often slip me a few dollars when he saw me at events, and he'd send a donation a few times a year. He loved the paper. I loved seeing him out and about. Wherever the Lions were, you could bet that Bob would be there too.

We're going to miss you, Bob. I thank you one last time for reading the *Neighb News*.

My condolences to his family, and his Lions family, too. There's all kinds of good stuff in here this week, starting with the election coverage on page 4, and the Easter Bunny roll-through on page 13.

Speaking of the election, Fairhaven elected its first transgender person this week, when Ronnie Manzone was elected to the Housing Authority. Sure, she was unopposed, but she got elected just the same. Congratulations Ronnie, on all fronts. We'll be seeing you around town.

Oh, and did I mention we had an upset? Mr. Collasius bumped incumbent G. Bourne Knowles IV for Tree Warden. Oh Fairhaven...you really did speak your mind.

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Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Bijou building last week, we made a mistake in the Building Commissioner's first name: he is Chris (not Christopher).

We also made a teensy-weensy mistake in our Acushnet Selectboard story. The figure for the Police Department budget proposal was off by \$60. The FY 22 figure is \$2,510,019.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

Fairhaven resident wins \$10+ million on ticket from Fhvn 7-11

Mass. State Lottery Press Release

Stephen Pereira of Fairhaven is the winner of a \$10.04 million jackpot prize that was at stake in the Massachusetts State Lottery's Megabucks Doubler drawing that took place Saturday, March 20, 2021.

After having first pulled into a gas station that was closed, Pereira proceeded to 7-Eleven, located at 188 Huttleston Ave. in Fairhaven, to purchase his ticket. The combination of 2-16-23-27-31-45 on his Quic Pic ticket matched the six numbers selected in Saturday's drawing, resulting in his jackpot win.

The \$10.04 million jackpot is the largest won in the Megabucks Doubler game since March 11, 2017, when an \$11.34 million jackpot was won on a single ticket sold in Clinton.

Prior to visiting the Mass Lottery's headquarters in Dorchester to claim his prize, Pereira was able to verify that he indeed won the jackpot by using the Mass Lottery app on his smartphone to scan the code on his ticket. When he did so, a message stating the amount of his prize appeared and virtual confetti rained

down the screen accompanied by the sound of trumpets.

Pereira chose the cash option on his prize and received a one-time payment of \$8,424,485 (before taxes). Pereira plans on paying off his mortgage and helping out his

children with his winnings.

The store will receive a \$25,000 bonus for its sale of the jackpot winning ticket.

Megabucks Doubler drawings take place every Wednesday and Saturday evening. Tickets are \$1.



Steven Pereira of Fairhaven holds up his ceremonial check for \$10 million that he won on a Magabucks Double ticket on 3/20/21. *Mass. Lottery photo.*

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Collasius unseats Knowles in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven voters have spoken, choosing two newbies to politics and returning three incumbents, in the four contested races. Unofficial numbers show that about 19% of the electorate voted on Monday, 4/5/21, to choose officials on all boards and committees, and town moderator.

According to the Town Clerk, Fairhaven has 11,920 registered voters, and a total of 2,272 participated on Monday for a voter turnout of about 19%.

In the upset of the night, newcomer Don Carlos Collasius beat incumbent G. Bourne Knowles IV, in a close, but safe 1066 to 1030 count, for Tree Warden.

The Selectboard race also saw incumbent Bob Espindola fighting to keep his seat against challenger Lisa Plante, with Mr. Espindola retaining his seat 1766-491.

School Committee also saw a contested race, with three people running for two seats. Incumbents Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch both retained their seats with 1284

and 1282 respectively. Challenger Cathleen Marchessault made an impressive showing in her first foray into Fairhaven politics, getting 937 votes.

Board of Health also had a contested race, with two vying for one open seat. Newcomer Kevin Gallagher pulled off an impressive win over Barbara Acksen, who was on the BOH from 2012-2015. Mr. Gallagher received 1602 votes to Dr. Acksen's 558.


Other races, all uncontested, were: Board of Public Works with incumbents Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and Marcus Ferro re-elected with 1171 and 1249 respectively; Planning Board with incumbents Cathy Jean Melanson and David Braga re-elected with 1073 and 1260 respectively; an unexpired term for Planning Board held by Jessica Fidalgo who was elected with 1378 votes; Housing Authority, with Ronnie Manzone winning a full term, with 1500 votes, to the seat she had been appointed to, and Marc Scanlon elected to fill the unexpired term he was appointed

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"Ozymandias"

by Percy Bysshe Shelley

I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
'My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!'
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."




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Pump Track Cleanup

Fairhaven BMX Pump Track spring cleanup, Bernese St., Fairhaven, on Sat., 4/10, 10 a.m. Bring a shovel, no experience necessary. PLEASE wear a mask. 2020 was a bust but looking to bring the good times back to our track. After a year of very little maintenance we could use your help to bring it back to life. No track building experience necessary. Just positive attitudes and a willingness to offer a little good old fashioned manual labor. Please spread the word and hope to see you there.

Find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/fairhavenBMXpumptrack/>

Beach Cleanup

Fort Phoenix, Sat., 4/10, 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Be The Solution to Pollution. Find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pollution/solution/> Coming up: West Beach and Palmer's Island, New Bedford, 4/24, 11:30 a.m.

Commy Garden

Have you ever wanted to try gardening but didn't know where to start? Perhaps you're interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Maybe your yard is too small or too shady for a garden? Or maybe, you just want to be part of a "growing green" community?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you're in luck. The Fairhaven Community Garden has garden beds available at three locations in town: East Fairhaven Elementary School, Hastings Middle School and Wood Elementary School. The annual fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed. All gardeners agree to use organic practices only.

If you are interested or have a question, visit our website at fairhavencommunitygarden.org where you'll find more information and the 2021 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

At the Millicent

Trivia Night: Superheroes!

Test your super-fan knowledge

with Millicent Library's FREE Trivia Night using Kahoot and Zoom. Join our dynamic duo librarians, Allie Thiel and Daniel Falcone **Monday, April 12 at 7 PM** for this special trivia night. Advance registration is required.

This event will be held live on Zoom and will require the use of the Kahoot game app to answer the trivia questions. For information on downloading the app onto your mobile device visit <https://kahoot.com/home/mobile-app/>

Join as an individual, or play as a family team for this FREE event. Winners will receive a prize, available for pick-up from the library!

For more information and to register for this free event please visit: <https://millicentlibrary.org/Events>

For questions or assistance using Zoom or Kahoot please contact the library at Millicent@SailsInc.Org or 508-992-5342.

Pickleball Construction

Representative Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett) announced that the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Jim Montgomery has notified him that construction of the six pickleball courts at Fort Phoenix State Park will occur this summer. The construction is slated to begin in early June, 2021 with a completion date in October 2021.

"Pickleball has become a popular outdoor court game that people of all ages will enjoy at one of most popular state parks in the Southcoast region. I commend DCR Commissioner Montgomery and the Baker Administration for responding to the local request of residents and guaranteeing funds to get this project to be a reality," said Rep. Straus.

Recently, Fort Phoenix has seen improvements to the tennis courts with new paving, striping, new tennis nets and the addition of the pickleball courts will offer the residents of the Southcoast another venue to be outside and enjoy the amenities that our state park has to offer. The pickleball project for Fort Phoenix has a budget of \$300,000 through the state agency.

Safe Boating Courses

If you are interested in learning how to be safe while boating, sign up for our online, exciting, in-depth, popular, beginning boating course taking place:

Tuesdays, from 7 pm to 9pm ... April 13, 20, 27 & May 4. Final exam to be arranged (Covid-safely) in-person.

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Register/sign-up at: <http://flotilla65.com/public-education/>

Topics include: Introduction to Boating, Boating Law, Boat Safety Equipment, Safe Boating, Navigation, Boating Problems, Trailering, Storing and Protecting Your Boat, Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating

Cancellations

West Island Road Race, originally scheduled for April 25, 2021, Canceled

Blessing of the bikes, usually the beginning of May. Canceled

Cherry Blossom Festival, Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society originally scheduled for Early May. Canceled.

Memorial Day Parade, originally scheduled for May 31. Canceled

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/cancellations/> for more cancellations.

Bingo Night

Virtual Bingo Night and Raffle 2021 on Friday, 4/16, from 6:30 – 8 pm. You can log on as early as 6 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$25/person to participate. Every participant will get 2 bingo cards to play for the evening.

Once you register online at communitynurse.com/bingo everything you need to participate will be sent to your email prior to the event.

A raffle featuring a Paddleboard, a Brahmin Bag and many gift baskets is also taking place online.

For more details visit, <http://www.communitynurse.com/bingo/>.

Dollars for Scholars

Application period is open until April 20, 2021.

Create profile/apply online at <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>

I would like to thank all my supporters who came out and voted for me. We may not have been successful, but know I am always here for you.



I would also like to offer my sincere congratulations to Kevin Gallagher Fairhaven Board of Health. I love this Town and I will be here to help you in any way I can.

Barbara Acksen

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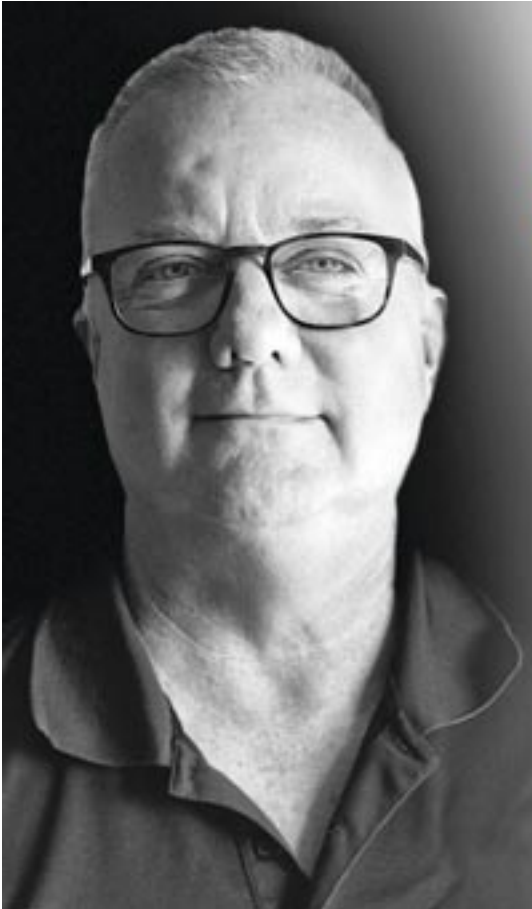
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Grant Applications

United Way of Greater New Bedford is now accepting proposals from non-profit organizations and public entities for Community Impact funding. Community Impact grants are aimed to support the most effective existing programs and services in United Way's target areas of health, education, financial stability, and basic needs.

Organizations are eligible to apply for \$10,000-\$25,000 for operational support to continue, maintain, or expand already existing high quality programs and services. Proposals must directly align with UWGNB's priority areas and target issues and must have the existing infrastructure to track specific program indicators. Programs and services must be available to residents in United Way of Greater New Bedford's service area: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, and Wareham.

To read the full RFP and learn more about United Way's priority areas, visit unitedwayofgnb.org/community-impact-grants. **Applications are due on Friday April 23rd at noon.**

As with all United Way grants, Community Impact proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by a Citizen Review Volunteer Committee made up of community members from Greater New Bedford.

Contact Michelle N. Hantman with any questions regarding the Community Impact grants at 508-994-9625 ext. 212. To learn more visit <https://unitedwayofgnb.org>.

Art Reception

TAIP 2021: Passage of Time, April 8-May 30, 2021. Join us for a reception on Saturday, April 10 from 12-3 PM. Timed-Tickets Required

Featuring Judith Klein with Gabrielle Arruda, Devin McLaughlin with Mia Carter and Taylor Malcolm, Jay Ryan with Julia Gilchrest, Madison Moreno with Meghan Camarao, and Roy Rossow with Tessa Pereira.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is pleased to launch our 17th year of the Teen Artist Internship Program. TAIP's goal is to inspire and educate high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a career in the visual arts. The artist mentors introduce their students to other artists and help

connect them with the art community they aspire to join.

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org/taip/> for more information.

Virtual Concert

DOUBLES AND TRIPLES, Virtual Chamber Concert, Sat., 4/10, 4 p.m. A few fastballs and a pair of home runs!

Franz Schubert: Fantasy in F Minor – piano duet; Louis Théodore Gouvy: Sonata No. 1 in C Major – piano duet; Johannes Brahms: Piano Trio No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 101

Yaniv Dinur, piano; Janice Weber, piano; Jesse Holstein, violin; Leo Eguchi, cello

Due to overwhelming demand following their recent Holiday Pops appearance, Yaniv Dinur joins Janice Weber for two keyboard classics, Schubert's ineffable F Minor Fantasy and the goofy, groovy Gouvy Sonata in C Major. Maestro Dinur then returns alone to the piano bench for the brooding and majestic Brahms Trio No. 3 in C Minor with Jesse Holstein, violin, and Leo Eguchi, cello.

Tickets: \$20 per household and available for purchase until 3pm on April 10.

All ticketed patrons will receive an email on the day of the concert containing instructions and a private link for access on YouTube. The concert will premiere at 4 p.m. but after the premiere, you can watch the concert any time (and as many times as) you like for 30 days. We recommend linking your phone, tablet, or computer to your TV to enjoy the full visual-audio quality of the performance!

If you purchased a ticket and have not received your link by 3:30pm on the day of the concert, please email csousa@nbsymphony.org.

For tickets visit <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2020-2021/>

Free Food Boxes

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10, 17, from 10 a.m.–Noon, at New Life Church (behind the church), 1331 Cove Rd. his program will be held once a week for the foreseeable future.

COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.

Families must register by visiting <https://mmsfi.org/farmers-to-families/> (and scroll down to find New Bedford). For information, please contact Sargent Samuel Ortega of the New Bedford Police Department at Samuel.ortega@newbedfordpd.com or 774-510-0649.

Buried in Treasure

The New Bedford Fresh Start Program continues to sponsor hoarding remediation support groups known as Buried in Treasures. The support groups are designed for individuals who struggle with hoarding disorder and/or individuals who are interested in learning how to support someone they know who struggles with hoarding disorder, such as spouses, children, family members, care givers, etc. Please keep in mind that those who join must commit to the entire length of the support group (roughly twenty weeks). While we understand the duration of the support group sounds like a long time, the program does fly by and members of the group form a bond in which helps to support each other during the process.

- Acushnet Senior Center 59 ½ South Main Street Acushnet, MA 02743
Facilitator: Amanda Blais (amandablais@comcast.net)
Saturdays beginning April 10th from 10am to Noon

- Buttonwood Warming House 1 Oneida St., New Bedford, MA 02740
Facilitator: Sandra Cambra (sandra.cambraphd@gmail.com)
Mondays beginning April 26th from 1-3pm

To join, please e-mail the group facilitator listed above or simply visit the location on the meeting date. The support group is FREE and we welcome all of Greater New Bedford!

A maintenance group is also available for those who have previously attended at least one full round of the Buried in Treasures support group. The maintenance group continues to meet biweekly on Mondays from 5pm to 7pm at the Acushnet Senior Center. For questions, please contact Mary Freire-Kellogg at kello63@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Acushnet testing

Covid testing in Acushnet:

- Saturdays from 9 a.m.–noon in the parking lot behind the Council on Aging (59 South Main Street) using our trailer. We have witnessed a decline in the Saturday attendance and this change allows us to adjust our staffing level.

Fish Council Mtg

The New England Fishery Management Council will hold a three-day meeting by webinar from **Tuesday, April 13 through Thursday, April 15, 2021**. The public is invited to listen live and provide input during designated opportunities for public comment. The Council still cannot hold a large, in-person meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

To access the meeting visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1904697600653229067>

Anyone with questions prior to or during the Council meeting should contact Janice Plante at (607) 592-4817, jplante@nefmc.org.

April Vacation Programs

Spend your vacation week discovering all the amazing things happening in spring! Children ages six to ten will engage in an exciting week of hands-on activities, experiments, games, crafts and trail walks.

April Vacation Week Adventures will be led by Lloyd Center educators who will take children through the Center's ponds, woods, and fields, to discover what animals and plants are reappearing as the weather warms and seasons change. Each day of the week will have exciting new activities to explore the world around us.

This is a four-day program that will take place from **Tuesday, April 20, through Friday, April 23**. Check in is at 9:40 a.m. and program time runs from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily. Participants are to meet at the Lloyd Center Bond Building classroom. The price for Lloyd Center members is \$225 and for non-members \$275. **This program is limited to eight children, ages six to ten years old.**

Pre-registration is required by Thursday, April 15, 3:00pm.

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registration/. If you have specific questions regarding the program, please contact Ashley Gesner at 774-628-9241 or ashley@lloydcenter.org.

Note: To prevent the spread of COVID-19, masks and social distancing will be required.

Gifts to Give Needs YOU

Gifts to Give of Acushnet is in need of donated items and volunteers. The organization has continued its mission throughout the pandemic, but with fewer volunteers. They need volunteers to sort and inspect donations, fill backpacks with school supplies, fulfill requests for gift packages, help with small maintenance tasks in the building, and lots of other tasks. We have useful work for everyone and try to make use of the unique gifts that everyone has to give.

Donations are also needed. We can always use gently used children's clothes, shoes and sneakers; new socks and underwear (in package); toys, games, puzzles, books and dictionaries, bedding and towels. Visit <https://www.giftstogive.org/donate/items/> to see what we accept, what we take used, and what must be new.

Visit <https://www.giftstogive.org>, call 508-717-8715, or email contactus@giftstogive.org to learn more. Drop items off at 1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet, MA 02743, around the back at the freight ramp on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 9–5; Wed. & Sat., from 9–noon. Thrift store hours: Saturday, 9–2.

Gifts to Give is a 100% volunteer organization. No one gets paid.

Watershed Ride Reg

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride provides one of the most scenic coastal cycling courses in all of New England, and it returns for its 15th year on Sunday, Oct. 3. 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.

Participants who sign up before Monday, April 5 will save 50 percent on the registration, too.

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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 Watershed 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.

Black History/ Women's History

Meet Poet Anne Spencer

Visit <http://www.annespencer-museum.com/biography.php> to learn more about Anne Spencer, 1882-1975, poet, teacher, gardener.

Meet Ida Gray Nelsen First Black Female Dentist

Ida Gray Nelson Rollins (1867-1953) became the first black woman to earn a doctor of dental surgery degree in the United States. She graduated from the University of Michigan. Around 1860 she worked in the office of Jonathan Taft, a local dentist of prominence who supported women in the dental profession. Taft encouraged her to apply to dental school. She enrolled in October 1887 and graduated in June 1890, then returned to her town of Cincinnati where she established a dental practice.

Visit <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/rollins-ida-gray-nelson-1867-1953/> to learn more.

An Evening With Dionne Warwick

Celebrate Black Women's History with "An Evening With Dionne Warwick" interviewed by her close friend, Diahann Carroll.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXbuOoyNd0o>

Meet Ruby Dee

Artist/Activist/Star: Ruby Dee,
1922-2014

Ruby Dee was an American actress, playwright, screenwriter, activist, poet and journalist, perhaps best known for starring in the 1961 film *A Raisin in the Sun*.

Learn more at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00hctcf1zxE>

Recipe of the Week

Sheet Pan Chicken & Veggies

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and cut in half
- 2 large sweet potatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 medium sweet onion, cut into wedges
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided
- 4 (5 ounce) bone-in, skin-on chicken pieces

Mustard Vinaigrette:

- 2 tablespoons grainy mustard
- 4 teaspoons champagne vinegar
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Preheat the oven to 425°. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.

Prepare chicken and veggies: Toss Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, and onion on the prepared pan with 1 tbsp oil, 1 tsp salt, and 1/2 tsp pepper; spread into a single layer.

Sprinkle chicken with remaining 1/4 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper and nestle it, skin-side up, in between the veggies on the baking sheet. Brush remaining oil on skin.

Roast in preheated oven 45 mins or until chicken is cooked through, golden and crisp. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165°.

While the sheet pan dinner is cooking, prepare vinaigrette. Whisk mustard, vinegar, maple syrup, salt, and cayenne together in a small bowl until well combined.

Drizzle sauce over veggies and chicken.

From allrecipes.com



Dear Frankie

Jealously Takes Its Toll

My name is Bailey, and I'm a labradoodle. For the past six years, I have lived happily and in harmony with a Persian cat named Kirby. I can count on one paw the times

we didn't see eye to eye. Nothing had ever come between us until friends of my Mom showed up for the weekend. From the minute they arrived until they left, all they could talk about was Kirby this and Kirby that. Not once did they pay any attention to me or offer a kind word.

Since then, I can't look at Kirby without having the most terrible thoughts about him. I'm not proud of myself for feeling the way I do. When I can think rationally, I wish we could go back to being pals like we were in the old days. But as soon as I see him, these feelings well up inside of me, and all I want to do is bite him. I don't understand what has happened to me and how to work this out with Kirby.

Worried, Bailey

Dear Bailey,

First of all, there's no need to worry. Most of us have been angry, at one time or another, with a close family member. What you are feeling is jealousy. Who likes to be left out and ignored? No one. When it happens, sure, it isn't

pleasant. But why take it out on Kirby? He didn't do anything. He was merely the object of someone else's affection. Weren't many of the guests' compliments the very qualities you love about Kirby? Maybe they didn't realize they were hurting your feelings. More likely, they were just over-the-moon cat lovers. I suspect there have been times when your Mom had guests who were dog lovers. They probably lavished all their attention on you and ignored Kirby. A start in restoring your relationship might be to consider the last visit as being Kirby's turn.

The best way I know to get over angry feelings and restore a relationship is to have an honest and open conversation. Kirby needs to hear how upset these hateful feelings have been for you and how you can't shake them. He also needs to hear that you want your relationship to be what it was before the evil guests showed up. Kirby must have a chance to talk about his feelings and the effect your behavior has had on him.


Airing your feelings is crucial for both of you. It's never good for a relationship to keep toxic emotions all bottled up. End your conversation by reminiscing about your happy times together, and the things you did that brought you both so much pleasure. Then make a plan to do some of these same things in the future. To seal the deal, you might end with a rub under one another's chin. Nothing like the reassuring touch of a loved one to feel everything is going to be OK.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent

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DaCunha's Dispatches



News from high school in the age of COVID

By Elizabeth DaCunha

Special to the Neighb News

As a freshman, I have only experienced high school through a pandemic. So, the only sport seasons that I have witnessed have been modified due to the pandemic.

With that being said, I and several other freshman girls have been able to play volleyball this year. Although we can't play the sport exactly like the team has in the past, we are fortunate enough to get the opportunity to play, and would like to share how the season has been so far.

Ninth grader Kiana Coppa gave her opinion on her first volleyball season compared to her experiences playing the sport in past years: "Compared to my experience with recreational and travel sports, high school sports are much more serious. I was also able to meet a lot of really great players as well!"

Just as Ms. Coppa said, high school sports have a different type of competitive environment because of course there is a sense of pride that inspires the team to play hard and win for the school.

Another component, the usual crowd of fans, is not exactly able to be a part of our first season. This year, there are only up to two spectators allowed per athlete, therefore downsizing the crowd by a huge rate.

Ava Bissonette shared, "This season isn't exactly everything I had hoped for because normally more people can come and watch, and there's more games. However, I can't complain since they allowed sports to happen at all so I'm really glad for that."

Even coming to watch the games in past years, the energy that the crowd brings is something so special, and I know I and the other players are looking forward to when we are able to play with such a hyped up crowd supporting us.

Despite not being able to play with a supportive crowd, all of the athletes on the team have continued to support one another, which is



L-R: Elizabeth DaCunha, libero for the Fairhaven High School freshman volleyball team, with her sister, Eliana DaCunha, who came to support the team's first game against Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. Photo submitted by Elizabeth DaCunha.

something that we are glad not to miss, especially during such an odd and shortened season.

Danica Anderson even commented that, "The team is really fun and inclusive. We are supportive of each other and everyone is like family."

Playing a team sport was some-

thing new for one of our players, Ryan Paiva, who said, "I think I went in a bit blind as I was new to the sport, but it has been good to learn as a team."

This season has been super enjoyable for the past month as the team has progressed together, overcoming the difficulty of the pandemic together through our common love for the sport.

Paiva noted, "I think with the pandemic, things can become more stressful but having a sport as an outlet is an opportunity I'm grateful for."

Adding onto that, freshman Laila Amoral shared, "COVID has made me appreciate even being able to play this year!"

I'd also like to mention some of the modifications that our athletes have either appreciated or disliked.

Ms. Coppa said, "I like the constant hand sanitizing. I honestly think this should be something we keep after the pandemic is over. I don't really like the six foot rule as it can be hard to celebrate points, but I understand why it is put in place."

Ava Bissonette shared how the modifications have actually pushed the team to communicate better on the court: "Because of the masks, you have to talk louder so people can hear you, and in volleyball you have to talk loud during the game anyway."

If anything, having to wear masks has emphasized the need for communication during our games which has helped us win our first two games against Greater New Bedford Vocational High School and Bourne High School.

If you would like to watch any of the Fall II sports games, please feel free to go to the Fairhaven Athletics Website and click on the link to any of our live videos of the games (http://fairhavenhs.ss16.sharpschool.com/athletics__clubs)



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to fill, with 1406; Town Moderator, with incumbent Mark Sylvia re-elected with 1596 votes.

Planning Board also had a seat to fill an unexpired term previously held by Wayne Hayward. Mr. Hayward launched a write-in campaign to get his seat back. According to the tally sheet there were 138 write-ins, but they had not been tallied by press time.

Also on the ballot was Commissioner of Trust Funds, with one open seat and no one on the ballot. According to the clerk's unofficial tally sheet, there were 65 write-ins, but they had not been counted by press time.

In a decades long tradition, after the election, Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley announced the unofficial results in the banquet room at town hall, which was televised on Channel 18, livestreamed, and available via Zoom. Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas and board member Keith Silvia were joined by Maria J. Carvalho of the Cable Advisory Board to play a bit of Fairhaven trivia while they waited for the results. Candidates were invited to address voters.

In the chit-chat before the results were announced, Mr. Freitas said it was a good turnout probably because it was a beautiful day, a nice day to hold signs.

Mr. Freitas said all candidates were



TOP: Bob and Anne Espindola pose outside Fairhaven Town Hall after Bob got re-elected to a third term to the Fairhaven Selectboard on 4/5/21. MIDDLE: Ronnie Manzone addresses voters remotely after being elected to the Fairhaven Housing Authority and notes she is the first transgender person to be elected to a position in Fairhaven. *Screen shot from Fairhaven Government Access TV by Beth David.* ABOVE: Kevin Gallagher enters the Banquet room in Fairhaven Town Hall to address voters after he won a seat on the Board of Health. *Photo by Beth David.*

winners for trying.

"Win, lose or draw you still win because you went out and you tried to help your community," he said.

First up was Ms. Plante, who lost her bid for Selectboard.

"I'd just like to thank everybody that supported me, that came out and held signs for me," said Ms. Plante, adding a thank-you to everyone who went to the polls and helped her in any way. "I'm grateful for everybody."

She also thanked her family for "putting up with all of this."

"I will be back," said Ms. Plante. "I'm passionate. I'm still going to serve this town."



She also congratulated Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Espindola thanked Ms. Plante for the "strong effort that she put it."

He also mentioned some of the negativity that swirled around the race, saying that some things "went on outside that weren't the best."

He said that he and Ms. Plante, however could look each other in the eye "and know that we weren't involved in anything directly."

"I'm real proud of the campaign that our team put together," said Mr. Espindola, and thanked his volunteers and his wife and daughter.

"I especially want to thank every single person who voted for me tonight," said Mr. Espindola, adding a message to those who did not vote for him. "I consider it my job to represent every single person in this town."

He welcomed those who did not vote for him to contact him and let him know what he can do better.

"Because I'm committed to the next three years to serve everyone in the community as best as I possibly can," said Mr. Espindola.

Dr Acksen also took the opportunity to thank voters and congratulate



Mr. Gallagher.

Dr. Acksen said she spoke with Mr. Gallagher in the hall and told him she would help him to "right" the BOH.

Mr. Gallagher said it has been "exceptionally rewarding," to run. He said he had been involved in campaigns years ago at multiple levels.

"I missed the opportunity to shake hands at supermarkets and go to bingos, and knock on people's doors," said Mr. Gallagher, noting that because of COVID-19 they had to "bounce on the balls of our feet," and come up with different ways to campaign.

He said he was extremely happy and grateful for this family for putting up with a "major league distraction," and said his wife had been "amazingly supportive."

"I'm just very thankful, but, now the work starts," said Mr. Gallagher, and noted an old saying that the "poetry of campaigning yields to the prose of governing."

He said he would wake up in the morning thinking, "Okay, you wanted it, now you got it. And let's see what we can do."

Mr. Collasius, a newcomer who won his bid for Tree Warden, also addressed voters.

"I'd like to thank all the folks who supported and voted for me in this effort," said Mr. Collasius. "I would like to thank Beth David for her coverage of the campaign and thorough publishing of local politics."

He especially thanked his wife for her "unwavering support, and the rest of my family who backed me in this effort."

Mr. Collasius promised to work "diligently" to ensure no one regrets voting for him. "I will do all I can to make Fairhaven a safer and greener place for all those who dwell and pass

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Easter Bunny rolls through town

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association had to cancel its annual Easter Egg hunt for the second year due to COVID-19 restrictions. But this year, the organization decided that, since the Easter Bunny was scheduled to be here anyway, they would all drive around town and at least let the children (of all ages) have a chance to see the big guy.

The antique fire truck was a little fussy the morning of Saturday, 4/3, so John Rogers showed up in an

Emergency Management vehicle that worked out just fine.

The route started at Benoit Square and traveled to every part of town, with stops for photos and candy distribution at different places along the way.

At St. Mary's Church, a crowd of about 40 people of all ages gathered, including little Aubrey, who decided she liked a lot about Easter, like coloring eggs, and eating good candy.

Maddie said she liked the Easter Bunny, too, because of the candy and the eggs.

Aubrey was not taking any chances, either. She wanted to make sure the Easter Bunny knew how she felt, so young Aubrey held up a homemade sign saying "I love you Easter Bunny."

To learn more about the NFIA and the various events they hold throughout the year, visit <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com>. They hold monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at their meeting house, 267 Adams Street at Benoit Square, Fairhaven.



ABOVE LEFT: The Easter Bunny and helpers wave as they leave Benoit Square to embark on a drive throughout Fairhaven on 4/3/21, in lieu of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which had to be canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. ABOVE RIGHT: Aubrey, standing with her mom and dad, holds a sign that says "I love you Easter Bunny" as she waits at St. Mary's Church for some Easter candy and a chance for a photo. BELOW LEFT: Some children wait for the Easter Bunny to arrive at St. Mary's Church. BELOW RIGHT: Four children have 4/3/21, an event that took the place of the annual Easter Egg Hunt. *Photos by Beth David.*



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The next level volleyball clinics are drill and workout based to focus on improving the skills used to play volleyball. Days : Tuesdays Time: 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 Members; \$100 Non-Members. Starts March 23rd, Ends April 27th. Ages: 10-14 years old

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

The Fairhaven Council on Aging Senior Center remains closed to the public until further notice. The staff is available to take phone calls and to assist you in any way possible.

Volunteer Medical Transportation

Volunteer Medical Transportation will be available to any Fairhaven senior 60 years old and older who have been fully vaccinated to local doctors appointments. The volunteer driver has been fully vaccinated. We are asking that both continue to wear masks during the transportation. A donation of \$10.00 can be made directly to the volunteer driver.

Tax Assistance

The Senior Center will be offering

tax assistance every Tuesday and Thursday to low income seniors. Please call the Center at 508-979-4029 to set up an appointment. You will be given a list of items to bring to your appointment and a form to fill out . It is mandatory that you bring the forms and your 2019 tax return.

Transportation

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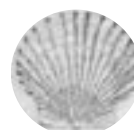
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More budget talk from the Acushnet Selectboard

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard approved some Fiscal Year 2022 budgets, including Fire and Police, after brief presentations during a 3/30 morning meeting (see 4/1/21 issue).

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly presented her \$87,648 FY22 budget reflecting a \$12,000 increase in funding for the Town's contract with a stormwater collaborative.

During Ms. Kelly's presentation, however, Mr. Gaspar asked whether the stormwater "MS4 permit" budget should be removed from the Conservation Department budget and placed within the Planning Board's budget since the Planning Board is the authority concerned with stormwater.

Ms. Kelly said that might make more sense, and the board made it part of its motion when approving the conservation budget.

Mr. Gaspar commented that he would like to see the process move forward with establishing a stormwater permit fee schedule and

advocated for funding the stormwater agent salary through fee revenue instead of the tax levy.

In other business, the board voted to waive its Right of First Refusal under Chapter 61A for a portion of 540R Main Street. That property is slated for lease to a solar farm developer.

The board approved \$8,950 in federal CARES Act funding for the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency to buy a trailer to store and transport COVID-19 testing related equipment.

The board approved an additional \$2,500 to supplement last year's Town Meeting-approved funding for the park commissioner's pavilion project planned behind the Veterans' Memorial.

The footprint of the pavilion is being expanded to account for social distancing measures.

The board also approved a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$405 for the Planning Board's advertisement line item, which has dipped into the red. Ms. Gaspar recommended approving

the fund transfer but wanted Town Administrator Julie Hebert to look into whether the applicants or the Town should be paying the advertising fees.

The board also approved a Class II license for Rep Weld Corp.

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All three School Committee candidates participated remotely.

Ms. McKenna thanked voters for giving her another three years.

"And I will do the best job I can," said Ms. McKenna. "And I appreciate all your votes out there."

Mr. Veitch said it has been a "great journey" and that he started out thinking about this four children and ended up being concerned for 2,000 Fairhaven children.

"I love my job," said Mr. Veitch. "And it's very satisfying and a huge part of my life."

Ms. Marchessault thanked the 937 people who voted for her, saying, "I sincerely appreciate your support... maybe we'll try again next year."

Ronnie Manzone thanked everyone for voting for her, joking, "Of course, we're in a race by ourself this year, so we were looking pretty good all the way through it."

She said she appreciated the support and vote of confidence and, "As always, I'll give it my best shot."

She added she will try to do what is best for Fairhaven.

"I love this town," said Ms. Manzone.

"I think everybody knows that."

She also noted that with her election the town made history.

"We elected the first transgender candidate in the town of Fairhaven," she said. "So God bless all of us."

Mr. Braga, who won a seat on the Planning Board, thanked everyone who ever reached out to him during the election about his viewpoints on various issues. He thanked those who

We elected the first transgender candidate in the town of Fairhaven [Ronnie Manzone]

voted for him and those who did not.

"I look forward to serving the town off Fairhaven and working to make Fairhaven a place where we all continue to love to live and I look forward to working with the other Planning Board members," said Mr. Braga.

He congratulated all the candidates and invited voters to reach out to him with any questions.

Ms. Fidalgo kept it short, thanking

everyone who voted, and those who ran, win or lose, for caring enough to run.

"And I hope to make everybody proud in the future," said Ms. Fidalgo.

Mr. Sylvia, the Town Moderator, said even though he was unopposed, he recognized that the voters of Fairhaven chose to re-elect him.

"I take it very seriously," said Mr. Sylvia, and noted that the town has dealt with difficulties running town meeting in the last year due to COVID-19, and said he appreciated the support.

"I appreciate the opportunity and am honored to continue in the role as moderator," he said.

All numbers are unofficial and do not include hand counts. The Town Clerk's office will finalize results in the next few days and they will then be certified. Hand counts are ballots that are rejected by the machine for a number of reasons and have to be counted manually. The clerk's office said that the total number of hand counts was not sufficient to change the result of any race.

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Obituary



Robert M. Parent

Robert M. Parent, 73, of Fairhaven passed away Thursday, April 1, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford after a brief illness.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Edward and Marguerite (Rogissart) Parent, he was a lifelong resident of Fairhaven and active

communicant of St. Mary's Church where he served as an usher, was a member of the Our Lady of Angels Society and the Golden Agers Club.

Robert had worked for the Fairhaven Highway Department for 33 years retiring in 2002. He was an active member of the Fairhaven Lions Club and the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. He enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles and following the local sports teams.

He is survived by three brothers, Edward D. Parent, Sr. and his wife Sarah of Hamburg, PA, Arthur L. Parent and his wife Mariette of Mattapoisett and Rene A. Parent of Fairhaven; a niece, Dr. Jennifer Drake and her husband Carl of VA; a nephew, Benjamin Parent and his wife

Jodi of PA and several great nieces and nephews. Mr. Parent was the uncle of the late Capt. Edward D. Parent, Jr. USAF and Kris Parent Elkins.

In accordance with his wishes Robert will be cremated and a Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven. Interment will be private and calling hours omitted. Arrangements are by the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven.

For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

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The Museum of Fairhaven History is located at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street in Fairhaven.

For membership information, please contact historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com or fairhavenhistory.org

The Fairhaven Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN Board of Health Public Hearing

In accordance with MGL Chapter III Sec. 31 and Fairhaven Board of Health regulations, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 40 CENTER STREET, TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM to review and hear comments relative to a proposed Board of Health Regulation entitled PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOBACCO SALES REGULATIONS

The Board encourages remote participation, access to the hearing by Zoom at this link:

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Proposed policies in the draft regulation include, but are not limited to, the following:

Regulation of the Fairhaven Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products.

Peter DeTertra, Chairman
FNN: 4/8/21

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, April 20th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom Meetings:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89803513754?pwd=VzJLNVFub3JBbTZ4dkhJc2M0cFJJZz09>

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Case #2021.04.20A A case of Vertex Towers LLC, represented by Parisi Law Associates, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit and Variance for construction of a Wireless Communications Facility located at 112 Quaker Lane, Acushnet; owned by Threfall Family Trust. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3 "C" (10) and 3.3.1 "E" (4).

2. Case#2021.04.20B A case of Daniel Furtado who is requesting two Variances from the Board for construction of a two-car garage with living space above

located at 22 Ludlow Street, Acushnet; owned by Barbara Piche. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "E" (3) and 3.3.1 "E" (5).

Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.
FNN, 4/8/21, 4/15/21

Acushnet Planning Commission

Notice of Zoom Public Hearing
Site Plan Review and Solar Special Permit
540R Main St, Acushnet, MA
April 22, 2021 - 8:15 pm

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 8:15 pm, via Zoom, in accordance with Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Sections 3.4 and 3.5, and the Acushnet Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Article III, Section 313, to process an application for a site plan review and a special permit for a solar array proposed by TJA Clean Energy. The engineer is Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc. The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office by appointment only, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

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tion Table, and §198-33, Definitions and word use. These changes would be made relative to possible new bylaws the Town is considering as well as to update and improve consistency. The potential new bylaws include a General Bylaw on Short-Term Rentals and a Text Amendment to Zoning Bylaw §198-29.6 to allow Solar Canopies in the B & I Districts as accessory units.

2. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on a possible Text Amendment to the Fairhaven Code, proposed by the Planning Board, that would make changes to §198.29.6, Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities (SPEF). The potential new bylaw is to see whether the Town will allow Solar Canopies in the Business and Industrial Districts to export power as accessory uses by Special Permit.

3. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Rezone application: RZ 2021-01 - G. Bourne Knowles RC to B. The applicant, G. Bourne Knowles Co., Inc. and Leslie P. Knowles is requesting a recommendation from the Planning Board to Town Meeting through the Rezoning public hearing review process to rezone their property, from a Multifamily/Apartment zoned district (RC) to Business (B). The location is 267-270 Huttleston Avenue, Map 31B Lots 302, 302A and 302C (22.12 acres).

Copies of the application are on file at the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Town Hall. The Department is currently by Appointment Only. To make an appointment call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 122 or email pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov. For information on the project go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/>

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board
FNN: 4/8/21, 4/15/21

Acushnet Stormwater Review Board

Notice of Zoom Public Hearing
Stormwater By-Law Discussion
April 15, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, to discuss the Stormwater By-law Regulations and potential amendments to same; review of matters presented; votes may be taken.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87410484813?pwd=2NHZ2ZwU3VLeXWQIFXKORNUiIFZz09>

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Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

FNN: 4/8/21

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Fairhaven Planning Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct three Public Hearings at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday April 27, 2021, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and online via Zoom.

To access remotely log onto:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JPTXE0QT09>

or call 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -

Password: 740257.

The meeting will also be televised live on Fairhaven TV channel 18 and streamed live on Fairhaventv.com.

1. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on possible Text Amendments to the Fairhaven Code, proposed by the Planning Board that would make changes to §198-16, the Use Regula-



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Gerald P. Rooney, President and CEO

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	8	0619	1844	0102	1327
Friday	9	0703	1924	0150	1407
Saturday	10	0742	2001	0235	1441
Sunday	11	0819	2038	0313	1425
Monday	12	0858	2115	0324	1428
Tuesday	13	0937	2154	0309	1455
Wednesday	14	1016	2232	0333	1528
Thursday	15	1055	2313	0403	1602
Friday	16	1138	2358	0436	1638
Saturday	17	----	1227	0512	1716
Sunday	18	0050	1323	0555	1802
Monday	19	0146	1418	0652	1904
Tuesday	20	0240	1511	0802	2018
Wednesday	21	0335	1610	0905	2124
Thursday	22	0437	1712	1003	2231
Friday	23	0538	1806	1102	2337
Saturday	24	0629	1852	1154*	----

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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Tues., 4/13, Remote, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 4/14, Town Hall/Remote, 5 p.m.

Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 4/8, Remote, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/12, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Economic Devel. Comm

Thurs., 4/15, Town Hall/Remote, 7 p.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/15, Arsene St/Remote, 7 p.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/13, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Rogers Re-Use Comm

Mon., 4/12, at Selectboard mtg

School Committee

Wed., 4/14, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon. 4/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 4/22, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 4/12, Town Hall/Remote

Stormwater Review Board

Thurs., 4/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

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From our readers

Chair has abandoned Selectboard

I'm looking on the town's website for the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting, and I don't find one. At all.

We have no legitimate Town Administrator, and no plan to fix that. At all.

Most of you should know who is responsible for setting Selectboard agendas: Chairman [Daniel] Freitas. By all indications he has just abandoned his job for weeks.

This town desperately needs a qualified, legitimate Town Administrator, and Mr. Freitas' only actions to date to get us one have been to repeatedly push for his unqualified insider to be appointed interim with the hopes that it turns into the permanent appointment.

Anyone who watched that interview can see that would be a disaster. More aptly put: it would be the continued disaster that has been Mr. Freitas and Mr. [Keith] Silvia's last full year of failures. Failures that are hurting this town and threatening to seriously hamper our efforts to fill the most important vacant position in our town government.

Who would want to come work under that umbrella of corruption and incompetence? In case there's any doubt: methodically and intentionally undermining the Town

Administrator search process so that one can force their unqualified insider upon us is corruption, plain and simple.

This incompetence, this corruption and this negligence have been carried out by Mr. Freitas and his silent conspirator Mr. Silvia for so long that we might start to think that this is what town government looks like. It isn't, and I think this town knows it.

I see two things that need to happen to move forward: First we need a new Town Administrator search committee (with no Selectboard members involved.) Second we need Mr. Freitas to resign immediately or be removed from office.

Meanwhile Mr. Silvia has done nothing to earn his seat on that board except further every destructive move Mr. Freitas has made. Both have turned the crucial work of an important office into a bullying, corrupt disaster and they need to go.

Phil Washko, Fairhaven

Textbooks cost too much

The costs of textbooks are outrageously high. No matter if classes are in-person or online, students like myself are struggling to afford the resource materials we need to get our degrees.

It's nonsense to me that an institution like college, which many of

us need in order to pursue our professional aspirations, we have to overspend for the educational resources we need to just take a class.

This current system is absurd, and it is also worsening as many educational resource companies are resorting to access codes. This means that students have to pay a fee to not just complete their coursework, but to take tests as well. I'm already paying tuition, why do I have to pay more to just do homework and take tests?

While the cost of a textbook has increased over 800% with the cost of inflation since 1980, it's obvious that the main priority that the college textbook industry has is exploiting every last cent out of the wallets of college students.

If we actually care about the success of students everywhere, we need to switch to open textbooks. Open textbooks are licensed under an open copyright and made available online to be freely used by the public. They are not only high-quality educational resources provided at a minimal cost, but they help give students like me some much-needed financial relief.

Student debt is one of the largest sources of debt in this country and we must do something about it.

Nathan Garcia, Fairhaven

Manjiro Society responds Asian hate attacks

*The following statement is from the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society:
<https://whitfield-manjiro.org>*

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The combination of the contributions of every new group has made this country rich and desirable based on its diversity and acceptance.

During this past year we have witnessed the shocking news of many other citizens being attacked or murdered based upon their race, gender or beliefs. These attackers tend to hold other people responsible as the cause of something with which they have no personal relationship. Unfortunately, we have seen rising occasions of random acts of violence against totally innocent individuals wrongly associated with a perceived problem.

One of the best solutions for this negativism might be for all of us to recognize the inherent worth of each of our fellow citizens and cherish their contributions to our society.

We should do whatever is within our power to counter-act these senseless attacks. One thing we can all do is to consider a "random act of kindness" to someone who least

expects it. Hopefully it might become contagious which would be a welcome relief to the society as a whole.

As an example, Capt. Whitfield showed a significant act of kindness to Manjiro when he invited him to come to the USA to acquire his first education. When Manjiro arrived in Fairhaven in 1843 he was generally accepted by the local population and his immense contributions to Japan upon his return showed the possibilities from a formerly unschooled peasant. He introduced navigation, whaling, the English language and many other items of value to the Japanese. His contributions earned him the rank of samurai (totally unusual for a person of lower class).

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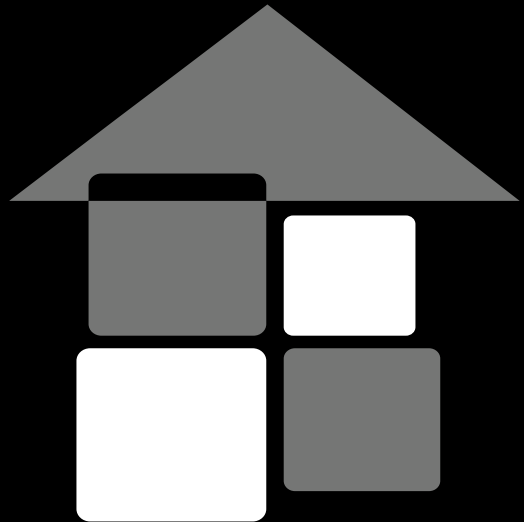
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I would like to take this moment to thank *every single* person who voted for me in this year's election. I want to especially thank my family and the truly AMAZING group of people who brought so much energy to our campaign. I can't put into words what all the support I received means to me.

It is clear that more people than ever are paying attention to our local Government. You want and deserve your local Government to be in a better place. So do I. I am committed to making this happen and am very confident we will get there. I hope you remain engaged and hold us accountable.

I promise to continue to listen to your concerns and to take action on your behalf.

