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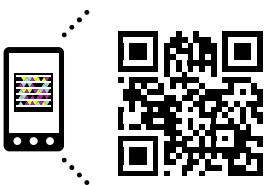
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Town of Fairhaven Memorial Day video honors the fallen



Surrounded by fellow veterans and the Fairhaven Firefighters Color Guard, Staff Sgt. George Brownell, Sgt. At Arms at Fairhaven VFW 2892, speaks during a ceremony on 5/14/21, for a video that was released on Memorial Day in lieu of the parade that was canceled due to COVID 19 restrictions. Photo by Beth David. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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

"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

Hopefully, this will be the last video-in-lieu-of-a-parade that we will have in our lifetimes (see page 12). The Fairhaven TV people did a good job, though, putting together a presentation. They pulled some video from 2006. That was the first parade we covered. No one knew who I was or what the *Neighb News* was. I remember running up and down Main Street handing out business cards.

Now, it warms my heart when people recognize me. Hey, you even recognize Charlie, my Evil Little Sidekick. But he's cute, yes?

The weather made Memorial Day plans a bit of a bust for a lot of people. But it also made the seriousness of the day a little easier to remember. This holiday is a serious one, but it kicks off the summer, giving us reason to appreciate the days ahead.

Speaking of weather. Some wind, huh? See page 13 or some cool pictures of a couple of boats that ran aground. I know it's not cool for the owners, especially the one that actually sank. That hurts, big time.

We have some meeting coverage, too. Selectboard is on page 4 and BPW is on page 11.

Today, 6/3, is also the last day to pull papers if you want to run for the Selectboard seat in the special election coming up. See page 22 for details.

The Office of Tourism has also announced that summer programs have started. See page 3 for that.

Next week is our special graduation issue. The school is sponsoring something similar to last year. We'll be publishing all the photos of the seniors, their class picture, and a bunch of ads from the parents and community wishing them a great send-off into the world. They've had a strange trip through high school to be sure. Let's hope things smooth out for them.

Get vaccinated! Do your part to get the world back on track.

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Until next week then...see ya

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really? Cool.

Fairhaven Office of Tourism summer programs start this week

Press Release

Regular Summer Tours/Presentations in Fairhaven begin this week

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning of June through end of September. Tours begin outside the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. WEATHER PERMITTING

Tour size limited to 25 people. Wearing face coverings for public safety is optional.

This shortened "pandemic-friendly" walk outlines the life of Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent public buildings that he donated to his hometown. You'll stop at several "off-the-sidewalk" spots in the village area where one of the nation's most powerful businessmen grew up while you learn about his boyhood, rise to riches, and the gifts he bestowed on Fairhaven. The tour will not go inside any buildings this season. It is held weather permitting. Free.

Tuesday tours guided by Bob Foster. Thursday tours guided by

Chris Richard.

For more information, call or email the Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Pirates & Privateers Presentation

Friday mornings, 10:00 a.m., June through September, Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Presentations take place near the cannons. WEATHER PERMITTING

Wearing face coverings for public safety is optional. Social distancing is suggested.

Is there really pirate treasure buried by Captain Kidd on Sconticut 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, 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, privateer 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,

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Fairhaven Selectboard considers leasing Rogers School to SMEC

Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

As the Fairhaven Selectboard approached its June 1 executive session to discuss a potential lease agreement for the Rogers School addition with the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC), Vice-Chairperson Bob Espindola asked first to discuss the matter in open session and voice some of his concerns. Chairperson Daniel Freitas was absent.

Careful not to disclose any sensitive information ahead of the private meeting with Rogers Re-Use Committee members Susan Loo and Doug Brady, Mr. Espindola said he needed a better sense of the project's timeframe and noted that Town Meeting was only 11 days away.

"It feels extremely rushed to me," said Mr. Espindola. "Especially given that the information on pricing in here (the Selectboard's executive session packet) is so far different than initially."

At the last Selectboard meeting, Mr. Espindola expressed his concern that the cost estimates that SMEC's

contractors provided might not be accurate. As a result, the board decided to consult with its own engineer consultant for estimates.

Mr. Espindola acknowledged that SMEC at first wanted to have the renovation of the newer wing of the Rogers School completed for a September startup for its special education programming but emphasized that SMEC is now willing to extend that timeframe to a January 2022 startup. For this to happen, though, an article would have to pass at the Annual Town Meeting, less than two weeks away, and Mr. Espindola said even if it does pass, he was not sure that a January completion was realistic.

When the proposal was first brought to the board, Mr. Espindola said, the proposal did not include any financial investment from the town. It then progressed to a cost-share between the town and SMEC of \$425,000 and \$250,000, respectively.

"Now, that number looks quite a bit different," said Mr. Espindola. "So, to me, the whole thing looks really rushed to try to be something

[comprehensive] to explain to Town Meeting. I don't feel real confident with that...."

Selectboard member Keith Silvia, the board's representative to the Rogers Re-Use Committee, said that SMEC does need to move on the proposal as soon as possible. Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves said that a Fall Special Town Meeting article would push the project out farther to the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Silvia said the building commissioner estimated that the project would take about six months to complete.

Mr. Espindola acknowledged that he should not reveal the estimate numbers publicly that night before discussing a lease agreement in executive session as it could influence subsequent negotiations with SMEC.

But his bottom line was, he said, "I feel like, if we're not going to be able to present those numbers to Town Meeting members by June 12...then I'm not going to feel comfortable going much further with this here."

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Continental Breakfast

Sunday, June 13th from 8:30am-11am

West Island Improvement Association Meeting House

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

FHS Graduation

Fairhaven High School will hold a traditional graduation outside on the field on Sunday, 6/6, at 11 a.m. The seniors will gather at Fort Phoenix at 9 a.m. for Vespers and will be escorted by police and fire from there to the high school starting at 10 a.m. The public is asked to line Green Street to celebrate our seniors.

Mem. Day

Ceremony online

The town of Fairhaven Government/Community Access TV has prepared a video to commemorate Memorial Day in lieu of the parade that was canceled due to the pandemic.

The video features town officials and veterans and is available at <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/memorial-day-ceremony-2021>

Mem. Day Events

RESCHEDULED

The Memorial Day events that were scheduled for 5/31 have been rescheduled due to the storm. All events will take place at the same times on Sunday, 6/6.

The first event will occur at **8:00 a.m. on Sunday, 6/6** with a dedication to Angelo F. Puente who passed away on March 12, 2016. Angelo was a WWII army veteran serving with the 24th Coast Artillery Harbor Defense as well as an active member and past president of the Fairhaven Lions. His military flag will be raised at the "Highway Memorial" on Main Street and I-195 in a brief ceremony marking Angelo's commitment to his country and many civic organizations in town.

At 9:00 a.m. we will be raising the "Giant Flag" at Fairhaven High School. There will be a brief ceremony commemorating this day with guest speakers and a solo by Fairhaven's own Emma Whynacht. Immediately following the ceremony an antique car cruise will leave from the high school and travel through town escorted by the Fairhaven Police Dept.

At 4:00 p.m. we will return to the Highway Memorial site for a more involved affair retiring the flag of Angelo Puente in a formal flag service and final tribute to this army veteran and public servant.

The last event will be **returning to the high school at 6:00 p.m.** where the "Giant Flag" will be lowered and a beautiful new flag will be presented to the high school by the Fairhaven Lions Club in memory of Angelo Puente. Guest speakers will include Bill Moniz, current president and Bill Kligel, incoming president.

The public is invited and we hope to have a large turnout at each location to pay our respects on this Memorial Day.

Suddenly in command

Would you know what to do if the Captain of the boat became ill?

What if a passenger falls over board or the boat runs aground?

When bad things happen, you may be "Suddenly In Command"

This 2-hour boating safety primer is designed for those not generally at the helm, and will help you to be prepared with the basics in case of an emergency. In this class you will learn about how to prevent problems as well as what to do if a problem occurs. You will learn how to call for help, who to call for help and how to help yourself.

Online Zoom class on Wed., 6/9, 7-9 p.m. Pre-register at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/publiced>

Class is FREE to all!

Misfortune occurs in seconds, and you have the rest of your life to be grateful that you knew what to do because you were prepared.

Plan to attend this class and be more confident and prepared for the upcoming boating season!

Huttleston Marketpl

The Huttleston Marketplace will begin be open on Saturdays through 9/18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on at the Fairhaven Visitors Center lawn/Fairhaven High School lawn, 141 Main St., Fairhaven. Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring more than 65 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is held rain or shine.

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or 508-979-4085.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/> or visit the website: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

Nomination papers

Nomination papers are available for a single seat on the Fairhaven Selectboard for the special election on 7/26. Voters will be asked to vote yes or no on recalling Fairhaven Selectboard member Daneil Freitas, and then voters will be asked to vote for someone to fill the seat.

Candidates need to get 50 signatures of registered voters in Fairhaven to be on the ballot.

Contact the Town Clerk, 508-979-4023 ext. 3 for details.

COVID Testing

Fairhaven and Acushnet have partnered to provide COVID-19 testing on alternate weeks. Fairhaven will hold testing at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), on June 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; at the Fairhaven Emergency Management building, 150 Sconticut Neck Road on June 22.

Acushnet will hold testing from 9 a.m. to noon behind the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, on 6/12 and 6/26. Residents from both towns can use either site.

Residents can get tested, and can also get walk-in vaccinations at Walmart and Stop & Shop pharmacies. Call them for details.

Millicent Open

The Millicent Library is excited to announce that we have reopened at our regular hours. There is no appointment necessary to visit the library. Library hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We strongly encourage patrons to wear masks while in the library as children 12 years and younger are not yet able to be vaccinated.

The library is still offering outside pick up of material at specific times during the day. To request material to pick up please email Millicent@SailsInc.Org or call 508-992-5342.

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Fairhaven Project 351 Ambassador organizes clothes drive

Press Release

Project 351, an independent nonprofit organization that builds a movement of youth-led service, engages eighth grade Ambassadors from each of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts in a 12-month program of service learning, leadership development, and civic engagement.

Hometown educators select each class of eighth grade Ambassadors. Educators select Ambassadors who have demonstrated an exemplary ethic of service and the values of kindness, compassion, humility, and gratitude.

United for a year of leadership and service, Ambassadors transform communities, elevate kindness, advance social justice, and gain the courage, compassion, and capabilities to lead change.

Our Project 351 Ambassador from Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven, James Delucia, collected new and gently used clothing for a non-profit organization called Cradles to Crayons as part of his service for Project 351. *Photo submitted.*



Elizabeth Hastings Middle School Project 351 Ambassador James Delucia collected new and gently used clothing for non-profit Cradles to Crayons as part of his service for Project 351. *Photo submitted.*

Leon Correy for Fairhaven Selectman




Fairhaven, I invite you to join me for "Coffee with the Candidate." As a candidate in the upcoming Special Election, I am eager to share my platform with you and hear all the questions and concerns of the people.

Let's continue to get to know one another through coffee and conversation!

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continue to be held outside on most Wednesdays at 11:00.

On Monday, June 14 at 7:00 PM the library will host Baseball Trivia on Zoom. To register for this event and information on storytimes and other events please visit [Millicent Library.Org/Events](http://MillicentLibrary.Org/Events).

Whitfield-Manjiro Open

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society wishes to announce the re-opening of its museum at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, MA on Sunday, June 6, 2021. All tours of the museum and the Manjiro Trail will be by appointment only.

Tours may be scheduled by calling 508-858-5303 or 508-995-1219 or email: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org.

All visitors must be fully

vaccinated or wear masks during the visit. Groups may not exceed 5 visitors at one time. Additional information available on our web site at: www.Whitfield-Manjiro.org.

Civic Engagement Presentation

South Coast Progressive Voices Offers Session Charting Ways to Be Civically Involved. On Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm, South Coast Progressive Voices (SCPV) will host "Building Power Together: Take Action to Reclaim Our Civic Society," a presentation outlining specific ways South Coast residents are working for social justice and how others can get involved.

Led by Elizabeth Murphy, community organizer for the New Bedford Immigration Support Network, the

meeting will feature brief snapshots of a variety of social and economic justice endeavors with a focus both local and wider; specific ways to become involved; and time for discussion and questions.

Those interested in attending this online session are asked to preregister at scpv.tiny.us/action

South Coast Progressive Voices, an occasional speaker series sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, features experts in fields of broad public interest locally, regionally, and nationally.

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (<https://uufairhaven.org>) is committed to the pursuit of religious freedom and to building a world that is just, peaceable and sustainable.

SCPV presentations are free and open to the public.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Walk-in Vax

To expand access and raise awareness of availability of vaccinations, walk-in appointments are now accepted to receive an immunization at more than than 250 of Stop & Shop's pharmacy locations across the Northeast, however customers can still schedule appointments on Stop & Shop's website. Customers can simply walk-in to their nearest pharmacy to receive either the Moderna and Pfizer series, or single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

Open House

At Our Sisters School, Sat., 6/5, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 45 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, MA 02740. For girls in grades 5-8. This will be an opportunity for families and community members to learn about the independent, tuition-free school for girls in grades 5-8. Attendees will tour the School's indoor and outdoor classrooms, find out about admissions for the upcoming school year, and learn about the School's mission of empowering girls academically and socially.

An online Open House will also be available, contact bsantiago@oursistersschool.org for details

Named for New Bedford's brave "Sister Sailors" who joined whaling

expeditions in the 1800s, OSS is an independent, tuition-free, non-sectarian middle school for economically disadvantaged girls from the Greater New Bedford area. OSS empowers girls to step into the future with valuable life skills and a mindset of achievement and excellence by providing a safe, supportive, and academically challenging environment. Unlike charter schools, OSS is not eligible for state funding as a single-sex school in Massachusetts and relies solely on community and foundation support.

Plays in the Garden

June 5th 4:30pm, June 6th 2:30 and 4:30pm All Performances Free; Donations Accepted.

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- *A Pair Of Lunatics* by W. R. Walkes; Directed by Stephanie LeBlanc. He and She meet for the first time in a lunatic asylum and each mistakes the other for an inmate. An old stand-by that's always fun!

- *While The Auto Waits* by O. Henry; adapted by Walter Wykes; Directed by Brienne Riccio. A young girl sitting alone on a bench reading meets a young man who is below her station in life.
- *The Philadelphia* by David Ives; Directed by James Sanguinetti. A young man in a restaurant has fallen into "a Philadelphia," a Twilight Zone-like state in which he cannot get anything he asks for.
- *Unemployment* Directed by Robin Richard. A language barrier complicates a person's application for unemployment compensation.

LGBTQ Films

To kick off Pride Month this year, The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network has partnered with the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center to launch the center's new Cinema New Bedford series with *Beyond the Binary*, a series of films which its curator Mocha James Herrup calls "a playful, joyous, and sometimes genre-defying series of films from the gender frontier." The event marks the official re-opening of the iconic theater, which has been closed to the public since last year due to the pandemic.

A red carpet event on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. will precede the premiere of the first film in the series at 7:00 p.m. A

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new film will follow **every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. throughout the month of June.** Tickets are available at <https://zeiterion.org/cinema-newbedford/>.

- June 8 *TCHINDAS*, a beautifully shot verité chronicle of the all-consuming Carnival preparations by the transgender community on São Vicente, Cape Verde's second-most-populous island. Featuring a pre-recorded Q&A with Tchinda, star of the film.
- June 15 *NO ORDINARY MAN*, an

innovative documentary that uses fiction and non-fiction storytelling to explore the life of the legendary transgender jazz musician, Billy Tipton, and his continued legacy today. Featuring Q&A with writer Amos Mac and cast member Marquise Vilsón.

Farmers Market

The outdoor New Bedford Farmers Market season kicks off with the opening of Buttonwood Park on Thursday, June 3rd. There will be

three markets every week from June through October: Mondays at Brooklawn Park, Thursdays at Buttonwood Park, and Fridays at Clasky Common. All markets will operate from 2pm - 6pm and accept cash, credit cards, SNAP, HIP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons.

To learn more about Coastal Foodshed and all of the different ways you can shop local, you can visit their website at coastalfoodshed.org, or find them on social media at @coastalfoodshed.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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Duck Race

Annual Acushnet Lions Club Duck Race The Ducks Are Back! The annual Acushnet Lions Rubber Duck race is finally here! We have 1000 ducks that need adopting, \$10 each. All money goes to eye research. The race will be held at the Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Sun., 6/20, at NOON. Buy tickets at practically anywhere in town, including Town Hall, River's End, or call Duckmaster Joe Costa, 508-971- 1859. Lots of fun, lots of great places to watch the ducks float down the river from the Sawmill to the finish line at River View Park in Acushnet. 1st Prize, \$1,000; 2nd Prize, \$500; 3rd Prize, \$250; Gift Certificates.

Grand Opening

Magical Blessings Boutique, Acushnet's newest holistic healing store at 143 Main Street, will be holding a grand opening event on 6/12 & 13, from 1-5 p.m. The store features a variety of eclectic crystals, candles, home decor, books, and more. Visitors can also inquire about Reiki sessions.

After 2 years of practicing as a Reiki, owner Sandy Teves decided to open a store that gives visitors a space to relax. Teves hand selects each of the items within the store, filling the shelves with unique

treasures.

During the grand opening event there will be a variety of raffles, including the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate and a free reiki session. Visitors can check out their Facebook page, @magicalblessingsboutique, for more information.

Portuguese Center

Please join us and the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives for a virtual presentation by Dr. Gilberto Fernandes titled "Breaking the News: Portuguese Lusotropicalist Public Relations and Lobbying in the United States, 1961-4," with the special participation of Prof. Glória de Sá.

Dr. Fernandes' presentation will examine an important episode in the history of "fake news" in American mainstream media related to the Estado Novo's pro-colonialist propaganda and lobbying campaign in the United States during the Presidency of John F. Kennedy. It will discuss the operations of the New York-based public relations firm Selvage & Lee and the non-diplomatic activities of Portuguese-American "foreign agents," as revealed by a Senate Committee on Foreign Relations investigation that led to the 1966 amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Dr. Fernandes' lecture introduces an Anglophone dimension to the study of lusotropicalism outside of the "Lusophone world," by exploring some of the channels through which its pro-miscegenation ideas were disseminated among American conservatives, including right-wing African-American intellectuals.

To register visit <https://www.umassd.edu/portuguese-studies->

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Harbor Days

Harbor Days kicks off on Saturday July 10 and culminates with our craft fair on Saturday July 17-18 with many great events during the week.

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Scavenger Hunt

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This is a great activity for individuals, families, and friends! Get outdoors and enjoy the lovely spring weather while discovering new places and exploring old favorites.

Registration is \$25 per entrant (can be individual or team) and the contest will end on October 31, 2021.

BBC Summer

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has announced a full schedule of FREE outdoor activities for the summer, resuming its Bay Adventure program. Visit <http://savebuzzardsbay.org/events>.

Recipe of the Week

Easy Crab Cakes

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound jumbo lump crabmeat, picked over for shells
- 3/4 cup panko bread crumbs (or saltines)
- 2 tbsps freshly chopped parsley
- Canola oil, for frying

Lemon wedges, for serving
Cocktail or tartar sauce, for serving
Combine mayonnaise, egg,, Dijon, Worcestershire, and hot sauce in a small mixing bowl with a whisk. Season with salt and and pepper to taste.

Mix crabmeat, bread crumbs, and parsley together in a medium-sized bowl. Gently fold in mayonnaise mixture and form into 8 crab cake patties.

Coat the bottom of a skillet with oil and heat over medium-high. Add patties and cook in batches until golden brown and crisp, approximately 3-5 minutes each side. Serve warm with lemon, cocktail sauce, or tartar sauce.

From CookingProfessionally.com

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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Dear Frankie

A Rose by any Other Name is a Rose

Dear Frankie,
Hi Frankie, Champ here. I'm a Labrador Retriever from a long line of pedigrees. My Dad was a breeder. When a puppy came along,

he told me that had what it took to win a championship at The Westminster Dog Show; he would name him Champ. So that's how I got my name. Unfortunately, we never did get to go to Westminster, but I did win many state and regional first prizes.

When my Dad got sick, he had to move to a hospice. Before he left, he asked a friend to find me a good home. Soon after, I had the good fortune to be adopted by a terrific family. My second Dad named me Max, after his childhood dog. He said he thought Max was the best dog in the world until I came along. Of course, I was flattered, but I still miss being called Champ.

I was proud of my name. It's also the only thing I have left from my first Dad. Do other dogs care as much as I do when their new family gives them a new name?

Sad, Max

Dear Champ,

I thought it would please you to address you by your first name. I understand how important your birth name is to you. It was not only a name. It was also an honor. There is a saying – “A rose by any other name is a rose.”

In your situation, it means a name doesn't change who you are. Once you are a Champ, you will always be a champ regardless of what anyone calls you.

Some women choose to change their last name when they get married. The difference, of course, is it's their choice. Also, when children from foreign countries are adopted, their names are often changed by their adoptive families. I'm not trying to minimize your feelings by the previous examples. I'm just trying to point out that name changes, whether right or wrong, do happen.

The name that your second Dad gave you, however, was also an honor. Max was the name of his cherished childhood dog. How many dogs can say they were given two distinctive names in their lifetime? Not many.

Best, Frankie

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BPW denies new sewer stub on West Island

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 5/24 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired an Assistant Sewer Superintendent and finally made a decision on granting a sewer stub to 14 Cherrystone Road.

The board started the meeting in executive session to conduct interviews for the Assistant Sewer Superintendent position. The meeting was reopened to the public and the board voted unanimously to promote current Sewer Department employee Christopher Holland to the new position with a salary at Level 16, Step Four.

In another matter the board met with Stephen Hickox again to make a decision on his request for a sewer stub at 14 Cherrystone Road. At the last BPW meeting the board chose to hold off on voting so they had time to speak with Town Counsel Tom Crotty

Mr. Hickox, his attorney and Mr. Crotty all joined the meeting via Zoom.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained that 25 years ago

when the town made the agreement for 380 sewer stubs for West Island Mr. Hickox's property on Cherrystone Road was labeled as an unbuildable lot. Mr. Furtado said the board should only allow a sewer stub at the property if it can be proven that the property was missed by mistake 25 years ago.

Mr. Furtado explained that the property has been re-categorized, but it is unknown if the new categorization would allow for the board to grant the sewer stub request, which is why Mr. Crotty was there to help answer some legal questions.

Mr. Crotty explained that there is one sewer stub available, but there are six other properties that have requested the stub and been denied. Mr. Crotty explained that if Mr. Hickox's property was missed 25 years ago, that available stub could be given to him.

Mr. Crotty explained that in 1996 when the town started the sewer project, the property had a small structure on it that seemed to be used for beach access, such as a changing room etc. Mr. Crotty said it

was not a building someone could live in, had no septic system or toilet, and was listed as unbuildable.

Mr. Crotty said there is no evidence that it was missed by mistake and he had no idea why it was listed as unbuildable. He said that legally the board can vote to grant stub or not and there will be no legal trouble from the state.

Mr. Crotty said that he was sorry there as no easy answer, but the board can vote whichever way they like and there would be no repercussions from the state.

Board member Cameron Durant asked when the town re-categorized the property was the town admitting that the property was not properly categorized or was that a separate issue?

Mr. Crotty said he tried to get in touch with the assessor's office, but was never able to reach them and never got an answer.

Mr. Durant explained that six other properties have been denied sewer stubs by the board; if they grant Mr. Hickox this sewer stub would that

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Town of Fairhaven Memorial Day video honors the fallen

By Beth David
Editor

In lieu of the parade that was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, the town of Fairhaven created a video to remember those who served in the military and are no longer with us. On May 14, veterans and town officials gathered at the Veterans Memorial on Route 6 in Fairhaven to commemorate Memorial Day.

Fairhaven Community Media recorded the event and added footage of the dedication of Fall River's Vietnam Wall replica, the Memorial Day ceremonies from 2006, including the raising of the big flag, and the placing of flags at the gravestones of veterans in all Fairhaven cemeteries. The video includes the reading of the Gettysburg address by Nina Medeiros, the singing of the national anthem, Fairhaven Veterans Agent Brad Fish reading the names of the Fairhaven veterans who died this year, and his reading of the governor's proclamation and the Memorial Day Prayer.

At the ceremony on 5/14, Staff Sgt. George Brownell, Sgt. at Arms at Fairhaven VFW 2892, emceed. He said although the event was different than most years, but like last year's, the important part is to remember the people who have fallen.

"That's why we're here," said Mr. Brownell.



ABOVE: Members of the Fairhaven Fire Department color guard (L-R) Chief Todd Correia, Maggie Debrosse, Shawn Grajales, Shawn Oliveira, Antone Medeiros, Deputy Chief Joy Nichols, participate in a ceremony on 5/14/21, for a video that was released on Memorial Day in lieu of the parade that was canceled due to COVID 19 restrictions. Photo by Beth David.

He said it was especially emotional to be where he could see the high school, where many of his classmates went through the doors and then off to a "very unpopular war," Vietnam.

"Many of them never came back," he said. "So on this day we try to remember the fallen."

Mr. Brownell said he looked forward to "a better U.S. where we can be

cohesive in our country."

Deven Robitaille, commander of VFW Tuttle Post 7239 in Acushnet said that Memorial Day was about remembering the troupes and our fallen soldiers.

"As you enjoy your families and cookouts, always remember the core

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ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Veterans Agent Brad Fish speaks while L-R Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola, and emcee Staff Sgt. George Brownell, listen during a ceremony on 5/14/21, for a video that was released on Memorial Day in lieu of the parade that was canceled due to COVID 19 restrictions.



ABOVE RIGHT: Deven Robitaille, commander of VFW Tuttle Post 7239 in Acushnet speaks while (L-R) Fairhaven Veterans Agent Brad Fish, Selectboard member Bob Espindola, and emcee Staff Sgt. George Brownell, listen. Photos by Beth David.

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reason for Memorial Day," said Ms. Robitaille.

She said it was important to honor young veterans, and it is also important for young veterans to get involved.

"The VFWs need our help," she said.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola noted that everyone is really looking forward to the future, when we can get back out for Memorial Day, July Fourth

and Veterans Day parades, saying they are "really part of the fabric of our community," and the parades recognize those who served the country in the past.

He said he applauded the work of those doing something special to recognize the day.

Even though there is no parade this year for Memorial Day, he said, "I really look forward to the future when we can

get back out in the street and do it right."

"It's coming," said Mr. Espindola.

To see the video, visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/memorial-day-ceremony-2021>

The Fairhaven Lions Club also planned events for Memorial Day, including the raising of the big flag, but postponed the events until Sunday, 6/6. See page 5 for details.



ABOVE: Veterans and members of the Fairhaven Fire Department color card present arms at the end of a ceremony on 5/14/21, for a video that was released on Memorial Day in lieu of the parade that was canceled due to COVID 19 restrictions. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola speaks, while Fairhaven Veterans Agent Brad Fish listens. BELOW L-R: Jack Daley and Bill Kligel share a moment with the local free sheet (while Fairhaven Fire Chief Todd Correia photobombs the shot). Photos by Beth David.



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haven residents ages 14+ More information and registration: <http://bit.ly/fcwp2021> Questions? Please email Stephanie Trott at fairhavenwriters@gmail.com

Fairhaven Council Music Series

1:00-2:00 p.m. Outdoors at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

Wednesday June 16th Jordan Paiva, Wednesday July 21st Jordan Paiva, Wednesday August 18th TBA and Wednesday September 15th TBA. Chairs will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Light refreshments will be provided by the Atria of Fairhaven, Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up.

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Acushnet welcomes new FT police officer



L-R: Acushnet Police Chief Christopher Richmond welcomes the department's newest full-time police officer, Dominik Sullivan-Souza, on 5/27/21 after Officer Sullivan-Souza graduated from the Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy. *Photo from the Acushnet Police Department's Facebook page.*

Vax Bus in Acushnet

The Southcoast Vaccination bus will be in Acushnet, behind the Council on Aging Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., on Friday, from 2-7 p.m. The J&J "one and one" vaccine will be administered. Open to all. No charge for the vaccine.

COVID Testing

The town of Acushnet is still providing weekly testing for free on Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon at the Council on Aging Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St.

Acushnet YouTube

Acushnet Cable is on YouTube. You can watch meetings and other events at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQLn-V7X9rp0JdWXh445neQ>

Acushnet residents are encouraged to subscribe to the channel. If the channel gets 100 subscribers, the name can be changed to a custom URL that will be easier to remember.

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Mr. Brady stated that all the cost estimates and the leasing agreement numbers would be ready for Town Meeting, and the goal is to introduce as much information as possible on June 12. He said SMEC's engineers feel the timeframe for the project is viable, and several meetings with Fairhaven public safety officials have been reassuring.

Mr. Espindola said he just wanted to be certain that, ultimately, the project is in the town's best interest. He said he remained concerned about a seeming "rush" ahead of Town Meeting and a proverbial cart before the horse situation.

Still, Mr. Brady said that a schedule for the project could not be finalized until the committee receives the okay from the Selectboard to discuss leasing terms, after which "a schedule can be created overnight."

Mr. Espindola said he disagreed with the ease of creating a schedule offered by Mr. Brady, but then added, "I think this is a good project and that this can happen [without] a significant risk. I'm just trying to avoid the town having a significant risk."

At that, the board adjourned to executive session to discuss the matter.

In other business, during open session, Mr. Silvia said he reached out to Town Moderator Mark Sylvia to organize an in-person meeting place for Town Meeting members to gather on June 12 and receive technical support from individuals on hand to assist if needed.

Mr. Silvia said electronic devices

would also be available at the site that will likely be the Senior Center, emphasizing that the accommodations would be provided "so that people can have their voices heard."

He added that he consulted with the Board of Health on the possibility of having roughly 10 to 15 people at the Senior Center on June 12, and the

case on June 10-11 for the taping of two interviews with two Fairhaven Police detectives involved in the case. Jheisson Nunez, a representative of the producer, said they would be filming from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. over the two days, and they would have a Covid compliance officer present to ensure social distancing protocols and, when necessary, face-mask requirements are followed.

The board tabled a request for a handicap parking sign in front of 54 Bayview Avenue after the safety officer requested more time to consider the request. According to Ms. Graves, the parking sign would fall on a hydrant side where parking is prohibited during winter months.

Ms. Graves said the person who requested the parking sign does have a driveway, and she noted that there is also a garage on the property. She said that when she asked the applicant why they do not park inside the garage, they replied, "Yeah, but I have my hotrod in there."

Ms. Graves said the person who requested the [handicap] parking sign does have a driveway, and she noted that there is also a garage on the property. She said that when she asked the applicant why they do not park inside the garage, they replied, "Yeah, but I have my hotrod in there."

board gave him their support, he stated.

Mr. Espindola said it was a good idea and thanked Mr. Silvia for working on the logistics.

Ms. Graves said she recently met with Tree Warden Don Collasius and Town Accountant Anne Carreiro to discuss the reclassification of Tree Department pay rates, which were reclassified by an outside human resources consultant from a grade 5 to a grade 7. Ms. Graves said the new pay rate would be \$17.52-\$21.34 spread across nine steps.

Town Hall will be hosting a production crew for a documentary film based on the Michelle Carter

said that when she asked the applicant why they do not park inside the garage, they replied, "Yeah, but I have my hotrod in there."

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Weekend storm pulls boats from moorings

By Beth David
Editor

Powerful winds and rain not only ruined many barbecue plans for the holiday weekend, but also wreaked havoc with some boats in the local waters. At West Island Marina in Fairhaven, two boats broke from their moorings. One was beached and escaped relatively unscathed. The other, the "Off the Hook," sank and had to be pumped out with significant amounts of water spewing from it on Monday, 5/31/21.

Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox said the larger boat was a 37-footer that had no damage at all.

The Off the Hook, however, had four holes in the bottom. Workers from TowBoat US plugged up the holes as well as they could, he said, but it still took six pumps to keep the water out long enough to float it to the ramp and get it out of

the water.

Mr. Cox said there were four pumps on board, and two more being run from the TowBoat boat that was

on a mooring not far away.

Mr. Cox said he was not sure if the boat was salvageable.



A 37-foot boat is beached, while a smaller boat is under water, just north of West Island Marina on Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven on Sunday morning, 5/30/21, after strong winds pulled both boats off their moorings in Round Cove. Photo courtesy of Arthur Jackman.



ABOVE LEFT: The cabin cruiser, Off the Hook, is under water on Sunday, 5/30/21, after strong winds pulled it from its mooring in Round Cove in Fairhaven, Mass. ABOVE RIGHT: As if to prove a point, water splashes up on the shore where Off the Hook is under water. BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: Water is pumped out of the cabin cruiser, Off the Hook, under the direction of TowBoat personnel on Monday, 5/31/21, after strong winds pulled it from its mooring in Round Cove in Fairhaven, Mass. Photos by Beth David.





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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 15th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom Meetings:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88107469192?pwd=Rm41bTFvTzZEajJiYmRkNTdlWdHdHdz09>

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1. **Case #2021.04.20B** A continuation on the 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).
2. **Case #2021.06.15A** A case of Tiago Oliveira, of 104 Cushman Road, Acushnet who is petitioning the Board for a 9-foot setback Variance for construction of a second floor living space. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "Minimum Setback".

Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

FNN, 6/3/21, 6/10/21

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30pm

Town Hall, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

To Access Meeting Remotely:

<https://zoom.us/j/99065661258?pwd=TzZOamJQTTdZM2xhTzNGb3FIY3RCQT09>

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

1. **CON 023-230: 78 Akin Street** Notice of Intent filed by Peter Arruda for the construction of a new single-family home with connections to town water and sewer and associated site work at the property located at 78 Akin Street, Assessors Map 30B, Lot 15. Work to take place in the buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
2. **CON 023-231: 685 Sconticut Neck Road** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Steven Koczera for the construction of a 38-foot-by-6-foot farmers porch and the addition of loam at the property located at 685 Sconticut Neck Road, Assessors Map 42, Lot 14B. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

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

Public participation will be via virtual means only: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting

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

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven
Conservation Commission
FNN: 6/3/21

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Upcoming Meetings

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Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov> for remote access information

Fairhaven

Board of Assessors
Tues., 6/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health
Wed., 6/9, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Mon., 6/7, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Broadband Study Comm
Mon., 6/7, Remote, 5 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 6/14, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Finance Committee
Thurs., 6/3, Remote, 7 p.m.

Planning Board
Tues., 6/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 6/9, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Mon., 6/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting
Sat., 6/12, Remote, 9 a.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals
Tues., 6/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission
Tues., 6/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Mon., 6/7, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point/Wing's Neck

June 2021		HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	3	0314	1549	1035	2324
Friday	4	0411	1647	1132	----
Saturday	5	0512	1742	0018	1215
Sunday	6	0604	1827	0103	1244
Monday	7	0647	1905	0146	1226
Tuesday	8	0725	1941	0227	1240
Wednesday	9	0803	2019	0300	1308
Thursday	10	0842	2058	0208	1343
Friday	11	0924	2140	0240	1424
Saturday	12	1007	2222	0318	1510
Sunday	13	1050	2305	0356	1554

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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open up the board to lawsuits from the previous residents that have made stub requests previously?

Mr. Crotty said if the board did grant Mr. Hickox the sewer stub, it would definitely open up the board to lawsuits, but the town is always open to lawsuits no matter what.

Mr. Crotty explained that it is not so much about the lawsuit, it is about liability. Mr. Crotty said the board would have to look at each property they denied a stub to and see if the property had a building on it in 1996 or was labeled buildable etc. to see if any of those properties have a case to make for the available stub.

Board member Frank Coelho asked if the board could have a moratorium for a year to look into the properties that were denied to see if any of the properties are more deserving of the stub.

Mr. Crotty said that the board can definitely do that and it would be a great idea to look into the other properties and see what the board's options are.

Mr. Coelho also suggested contacting the state to see if they would allow more sewer stubs.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that the Board of Health and building inspector have all said the property is unbuildable. He said other properties have both a septic system and a well and have still been denied a sewer stub. If they grant Mr. Hickox the stub it is going to open up "a can of worms." Mr. Hobson suggested the board just vote and let Mr. Hickox take the issue to court.

Mr. Hobson said the whole thing was ridiculous.

Board member Marcus Ferro said it was a matter of determining if the property was missed in 1996. He asked if the board decided to grant the stub would the board be admitting that the property was missed in 1996?

Mr. Crotty said yes it would be.

Mr. Ferro said that he did not think the board was in the position to decide if the property was missed.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton agreed with Mr. Ferro and said he did not feel that the BPW had the right to make the decision. Mr. Wotton said they have no right to go against the state, the Department of Environmental Management, or the engineers and people that worked on the sewer project back in 1996.

Mr. Wotton said he had heard from people in town that were there when the project done in 1996 and they said that this property was absolutely not missed by mistake.

He also said that his concern was the six other properties that were denied a stub that have property that is buildable. He said that he cannot put the Cherrystone property above those other properties. There is one stub available and Mr. Hickox should not be able to cut in front of those six other properties.

Mr. Wotton said he agreed with Mr. Coelho about contacting the state to see if there is any possibility of getting more stubs, but Mr. Wotton said he felt that they discussed the Hickox property to death and he is over it.

Mr. Wotton also said he thought Mr. Hickox should get to tie in, but so should the other six properties, and the board has no right to grant Mr. Hickox the stub.

Mr. Hobson said he was interested in ending it.

Mr. Coelho made a motion to have a one year moratorium and form a committee to get in contact with the DEM to see if the town can get more stubs before granting the one available stub to anyone.

Mr. Durant said he would second the motion if the moratorium does not exceed one year and if they find out in a month that no more stubs are allowed they can make the decision right away.

Mr. Coelho agreed and Mr. Durant seconded the motion with Mr. Hobson, Mr. Ferro, and Mr. Wotton voting against it, so it failed.

Mr. Hobson made a motion to deny Mr. Hickox's request for a sewer stub. Mr. Ferro seconded the motion with Mr. Wotton in favor and Mr. Coelho and Mr. Durant against it. The motion passed 3-2.

Mr. Durant asked if at the next meeting they could discuss the possibility of getting in contact with the DEM to see what is allowed and what the rules are with the sewer stub agreement.

Mr. Wotton agreed and said it would be nice to meet with them and see what the possibilities are for getting more stubs.

Mr. Furtado said he did not think the state will allow more stubs and meeting with them will probably be a waste of time.

Mr. Wotton asked if they could just get some comment from them, even if it is just a letter.

Mr. Durant agreed and Mr. Furtado said he would get in contact with them.

Deadline for special election nomination papers is 6/3

The Fairhaven special town election is scheduled for Monday, 7/26, and nomination papers are available.

Thursday, June 03, 2021 – 5:00 PM
Last day and hour for requesting nomination papers. Papers require 50 CERTIFIED SIGNATURES

Monday, June 7, 2021, – 5:00 PM
Last day and hour for filing all nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters (Town Clerk's Office).

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – 5:00 PM
Last day and hour to withdraw or object to nomination papers.

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 Last day to register voters for the Town Election.

The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM on this day.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Last day to request a MAIL-IN absentee ballot for the Special Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on this day.

Friday, July 23, 2021-12:00PM (noon) Last day/time to request an IN-PERSON Absentee Ballot in the Town Clerk's office.

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As always, Mail-in/Absentee ballots must be requested in writing by either the voter or the voter's family member. If you would like to request an absentee ballot, you may submit an application or a signed letter to the Town Clerk's Office. You can find the application in our office, on our webpage, on the Mass.gov website, or you can request one to be mailed to you.

For regulations on mail-in/absentee ballots, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/recallspecial-town-election-july-26-2021> or call the town clerk's office, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.



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