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## Freitas recalled, Powers wins in close race



L-R: The three candidates, Leon Correy, Cameron Durant, Stasia Powers, wait to hear the numbers in the Recall Election in Fairhaven on Monday, 7/26/21, when Select Board chairperson Daniel Freitas was recalled and Stasia Powers beat her opponents to win the seat. Photo by Beth David.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Ahhhhh. The people have spoken. In a big way, too (see page 12).

Not a peep from the ....ah, why bother with him, eh? I'm sure he'll show up soon enough with some cockamamie BS that we'll have to address. But not this week.

This week, it's all about the voters of Fairhaven who worked very, very hard to force a recall election and then voted out the sitting Selectboard chairperson.

Congratulations to Stasia Powers, who won in a close election, and is only the second woman to win a seat on the Selectboard in the town's 209 year history. Leon Correy, the new kid on the block, made an impressive showing, coming within 24 votes of the very well known Ms. Powers. Cameron Durant's vote count was not too shabby either. It was close all the way around.

I think it's safe to say that the vote shows a strong undercurrent for change.

The board will have a meeting this week, after our press time, so we'll report on it in our next issue. Hopefully, things will get back to the way things should be, with people treating each other with respect, and their disagreements being based on a result of their decisions, not on vindictiveness and petty grievances.

Fairhaven's Mr. History Person (see page 12) found the coolest little tidbit. The first woman to be on the SB won her seat in 1991, 30 years ago. Guess who she beat to get in? C'mon...guess...give it a shot! She beat Sam Freitas, Dan's father. I kid you not. Oh, the universe has a sense of humor, indeed.

We have other cool stuff in here of course, including a piece on the Methias getting an Emmy nomination for their production of "Caught in Providence." Did you know it was produced by Fairhaven guys? See page 3 for that.

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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really?  
Cool.

# Fairhaven team gets Emmy nomination

Jean Perry

## Neigh News Correspondent

The courtroom TV program "Caught in Providence," filmed inside the real-life courtroom at the Providence Municipal Court where the kind-hearted Judge Frank Caprio is more often than not forgiving the traffic violation tickets of a single mom with money problems or a veteran who has fallen on hard times, was doing all right when it was aired on a community access channel for a while. But it was Fairhaven's John Methia who, during the early years of social media, made the show a viral sensation making Judge Caprio a household name all over the world.

While he was still the operations manager of ABC Providence Channel 6, Mr. Methia, who has 45 years working in the TV business, was, among other things, in charge of the production of the Jerry Lewis Marathon. Part of that task involved recruiting local celebrities and notable people to appear on the marathon to solicit donations, and Judge Caprio was one of those notables.

"He was one of our go-tos," said Mr. Methia, and in 2018 Mr. Methia approached Judge Caprio's brother, Joe

Caprio of CityLife Productions, who was producing the cable access program that had gained quite the cult following since its inception in 2000.

Mr. Methia began editing the three-hour long program into a 30-minute show fit for TV and airing it twice a week on Channel 6. The show got more and more popular. And when it hit social media, the show was well-received.

Soon after, he helped launch the program further into the 21st Century social media scene through his joint venture with partner Steve Aicardi, Sociable!, a predominantly social media and broadcast TV production company. As managing partner and executive producer, Mr. Methia would edit scenes into bite-size snippets from the show. The pivotal moment came when the first post caught the attention of 10,000 viewers and it quickly caught on.

"First you got 10,000 views, then it went up to 50,000 views, then we got to the point where we were getting tens of millions of views," said Mr. Methia.

Eventually, a national syndicator reached out to him after seeing the success of the show on Facebook and wanted to bring "Caught in Providence" to

national TV.

The company produced two half-hour shows a day and when they had 250 episodes, enough for two seasons the show aired nationally.

Mr. Methia's son, Jared Methia, has been a part of this Fairhaven father-son team behind the huge success of the feel-good traffic violation justice program. That made the news that "Caught in Providence" was nominated for a Daytime Emmy for outstanding legal/courtroom program for 2021 an extra feel-good event to celebrate.

Both Methia men knew they had an extraordinary and unique production in their hands, but even before the surprise of the Daytime Emmy nomination, Mr. Methia recalled how Jared started to catch on to the success of the show while attending a Bruins game at TD Garden.

"He said there was a person behind him and he heard them talking about one of the cases on the show. And he said, 'Dad, how weird is that?'" said Mr. Methia. "I said, 'Actually, what are the odds that he was the only guy talking about the show and you just happened to hear him?'"

METHIA: cont'd on page 19



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# Fairhaven to receive \$332K Complete Streets grant

*From Press Release Materials*

On 7/20/21, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler and Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver to announce \$6.05 million in awards to 18 communities as part of round one of the Fiscal Year 2022 Complete Streets Funding Program. These grant awards will be used by recipient municipalities to fund local multimodal infrastructure projects that improve travel for bicyclists, pedestrians, public transit users, and people using other forms of transportation.

A "Complete Street" is one that enables safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation. Administered by MassDOT, the Complete Streets Funding Program aims to teach communities about Complete Streets and encourage the integration of Complete Streets into regular local planning practices. Since its launch in 2016, 235 municipalities have worked through the program to adopt a local Complete Streets Policy and 205

municipalities have advanced even further to develop an approved Complete Streets Prioritization Plan. A representative from each municipality registered with the program also attends a training course to learn about Complete Streets.

Fairhaven received \$332,636 to conduct a lane diet and add buffered bike lanes along Alden and Howland Roads to Bridge Street, as well as to provide crosswalk improvements, new bus shelters, and speed feedback signs at various locations.

"These funds will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians along some of the busiest corridors in Fairhaven," said Senator Mark Montigny, who has supported the Complete Streets program in the state Senate since its inception in 2016. "Congratulations to town officials for their continued success in improving local transit and safety across the community."

Municipalities may apply for up to \$400,000 in construction project funding in one application. Examples of project elements that can be implemented through the program

include sidewalks, multimodal paths, bicycle lanes, improved street lighting, and pedestrian signalization at crosswalks or intersections.

For more information about the Complete Streets Funding Program, visit [www.masscompletestreets.com](http://www.masscompletestreets.com).

"The Complete Streets Funding Program has awarded \$61 million in funding through 190 grant awards since 2016 to support municipalities in their ongoing efforts to improve their transportation infrastructure, build safe, convenient and easily accessible transportation networks and to facilitate economic development opportunities," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This program continues to make great strides in increasing mobility and connectivity to ensure that safe transportation options are available throughout the Commonwealth."

"Since taking office, our administration has been proud to help communities create safer transportation options through this flexible grant program," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.

## Thank You



**I thank all residents for their support & consideration in the Special Election. Fairhaven will thrive because of you. I look forward to a life time of service to the Town.**

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### **Free Blood Pressure Clinic**

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## WIIA Buffet

### Breakfast is back!

Join the West Island Improvement Association for breakfast on **Sun., 8/1, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-10:30 a.m.** Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children** under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

## Millicent Events

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342, email athiel@sailsinc.org, or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events>

- **Baby Storytime** Every Tuesday, 9:30 AM Bond with your baby over books! Each weekly Baby Storytime includes early literacy fun with stories, songs, play, and lots of snuggles and love. Baby Storytime happens outside on the library lawn. Families are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, shade or whatever you need to be comfortable. This event is weather dependent, we will call you if storytime is canceled. Recommended 0-18 months.
- **Bottle Rockets** Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 10:00 PM Join Toby Dills and learn the science behind bottle rockets. Construct your own rockets and watch them blast-off on the Unitarian Church lawn. Rain date is the following day, Friday, at the same time. We will call you if the event is rescheduled.
- **Animal Trivia:** Thursday, Aug. 12 at 2:00 PM Join us for trivia on the library lawn. This event is for families and kids, recommended ages 8+ (younger siblings are welcome!). Play as a team to answer questions about the most biodiverse region of our world, and its many wonderful and colorful creatures! We will be using the Kahoot app.
- **Millicent Library's Annual Teddy Bear Parade - Saturday, Aug. 14 at 10:00 PM** Bring your favorite teddy bear (or any stuffed animal), and enjoy the fun! This year's Teddy Bear Parade will feature snacks, bubbles, and a show from Daisy D. Dotts.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Car Show

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Legendary Street Rods Car Club present a Car-Truck-Bike Show on **Sun., 8/15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** at Livesey Park, Fairhaven. Featuring raffles, awards, food, music and more. Vehicle registration, \$15 fee plus one canned good for the food pantry. Interested non-food vendors should email [northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com](mailto:northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com)

Proceeds will benefit local veterans organizations, food proceeds to benefit the NFIA.

### Purple heart town ceremony

The town of Fairhaven will hold a dedication ceremony for the town becoming a Purple Heart Town. The public is invited to attend at **10 a.m. on Sun., 8/8, at Veterans Park, Route 6 and Middle Street.** In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the VFW, 109 Middle St.

## Farmers Market

At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven (next to National Bleach). Sundays through 10/31, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring beef, chicken, produce farms, honey, eggs, herbs, jams, organic soaps and more. Accepts senior and WIC Farmers Market Coupons, SNAP.

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## Huttleston Marketplace

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](mailto: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/>

## Walking Tour

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour, Tues. & Thurs., 10 a.m. 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](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Pirates & Privateers

Fri., 10 a.m., 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.

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.

This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more. While being fun and informative for adults, it is also appropriate for children, particularly age seven and up.

For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov).

# 100 years old and counting

By Beth David  
Editor

"I wonder myself how I made it," said Barbara O'Brien on her 100th birthday. "I don't have any advice."

Ms. O'Brien and Beverly Wilson welcomed friends and neighbors to their home for the occasion last week.

One of the neighbors made up a banner and hung it on the fence. There was cake, and balloons, and, of course...chocolate.

"I'm going to sleep very good tonight," said Ms. Wilson.

Another neighbor took over scallop dinners for lunch.

Ms. O'Brien said she was taken totally by surprise.

"It was really nice," she said. "I never expected it. I didn't know about it. I had a feeling that different ones would drop in. I couldn't believe people showed up."

She said it was a "perfect day," just "sitting with long time friends."

"We've got a lot of good neighbors," said Ms. Wilson.

They all keep an eye out for each other, with Ms. Wilson not missing much from her perch in the window.

Ms. O'Brien still had a big smile on her face as she cuddled with their precious poodle Beau in her lap, after everyone had left. The balloons and other party paraphernalia were still evident.

Ms. O'Brien said no one in her family had lived to her age, so she had not idea why she made it so far.

"I have no advice," she said. "I don't know how I happened to make it. Nobody in my family lived to be 'elderly.'"

The two have lived together for years, and have enjoyed all the ocean has to offer over the years.

But, mostly, the best part about West Island, they

said, is the people.

"It was a nice neighborhood gathering," said Ms. O'Brien.



L-R: Judy, Judy Dawn, Ann, Bob, Bill, Marty, Kim, Pam, Beverly, gather around Barbara O'Brien (seated) on the occasion of her 100th birthday on 7/23/21. Donna Olney is behind the camera. Photo courtesy of Kim Hyland. BELOW: Friends created this banner for Barbara. Photo by Beth David.



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# Acushnet FD shines lights in honor of COVID deaths

From Acushnet Fire & EMS Department Facebook Page, 7/22/21

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

“At the bluesness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.”

*Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Reimer*

Sixteen months ago, a state of emergency was declared due to a novel virus spreading quickly across the world, country and state. In a few short weeks this virus made its way to Acushnet. There has been so much we lost, some things minor, some things major. No one was spared some direct impact from Covid 19.

We can never lose sight of the reality that the pandemic did not treat all residents equally. Some became ill, many didn't. Some recovered quickly and completely, many haven't.

And, fifteen residents of Acushnet, Massachusetts, died.

The Acushnet Town Clerk, Pamela LaBonte, has received death certificates for 15 residents for whom it was determined that Covid was the cause of death.

In the early days of the pandemic some death certificates cited pneumonia and other respiratory illnesses as the reason for death. All we are certain of is that, as of today, the official records show 15 residents lost to the virus.

Acushnet is known as a close community. Our population of slightly more than 10,000 residents accommodates friendships, strong neighborhoods and a sense of a really big extended family. We celebrate community successes and mourn community losses. We are, quite simply, aware that we are in this, that,

and the other thing, together.

The members of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department want to do something that demonstrates our deepest sympathies, and that of this community, to the families of those local lives cut short by Covid. We want the families of our lost neighbors to know that we share in their grief. We want the families to know that we care.

Beginning tonight (7/22), and lasting at least for the next few days, we will be illuminating 16 lights on the lawn of Fire Station #1. These lights represent the lives of the 15 known Acushnet Covid victims as well as one light for those whose Covid deaths are not officially documented.

This temporary memorial is designed to be a simple, quiet and respectful reminder of the members of our community, all of whom had so much more to give to their families, their friends and

neighbors, and their community. Their light was taken too soon.

We hope the families and friends of those lost take comfort in knowing that all of Acushnet shares in their grief.

*Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin A. Gallagher*



ABOVE AND BELOW: The Acushnet Fire Station shines 16 lights in honor of the 16 residents who lost their lives due to COVID-19. Photos from Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.



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## Plays in the Garden

Two short plays presented for your enjoyment under the tent at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House Garden, 396 Country Street, New Bedford, MA, entrance on Madison Street, lower gate.

First, *My Mother Is*, is a play about the relationship of mothers to their children. A series of glimpses into the world of several families. Written by local playwright Brienne Riccio.

Second, *Abstinence*, is a joyous romp into one evening in the life of a woman hosting a party for the liars club.

Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughs! It's free!

To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). Learn more at <https://yourtheatre.org/>

## Frozen Polish Food Sale

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church basement **235 North Front St. New Bedford, Sat., 7/31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Pierogi, golambki, (stuffed cabbage) and cabbage soup, etc. We thank you for enjoying our delicious food.

## Free Concerts

Summer Sound Series presents free concerts, Thursdays, 2-7 p.m., at the beer garden in Custom House Square in downtown New Bedford. Bring food, meet friends, grab drinks, enjoy music. Bring a lawn chair and lounge in the park, or sit under the tent and have a drink from the on-site bar.

- **July 29** Mark T. Small, Blues
- **Aug. 5** Djim Job Cabo Verdean

- **Aug. 12** Kim Trusty, R&B/Soul/Jazz
  - **Aug. 19** The Jethros, Bluegrass
  - **Aug. 26** Rebecca Correia, Indie Pop
- Presented by the City of New Bedford in partnership with the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center.

## Farmers Market

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.

Learn more about Coastal Foodshed at [coastalfoodshed.org](http://coastalfoodshed.org), or find them on social media at [@coastalfoodshed](https://twitter.com/coastalfoodshed).

## "Jaws" for free

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, welcomes you back with a FREE screening of "Jaws" on Aug. 13. Tickets required. Get tickets starting on 7/27 at <https://www.zeiterion.org> or [boxofficeinfo@zeiterion.org](mailto:boxofficeinfo@zeiterion.org), 508.994.2900

## Music in the Streets

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents Music in the Streets, a program designed to bring classical music to the streets and outdoor locales across the city. The objective is to bring cultural vitality to areas in New Bedford, often by performing musical concerts in collaboration with our nonprofit, government, or business partners. This project is funded in part by Wicked Cool Places, financed by the city of New Bedford's Arts, Culture, and Tourism Fund.

Events are weather permitting, free of charge, and will take place around the city of New Bedford. As many of our concerts take place in a New Bedford Public Park, please look for musicians to be performing in the playground area under a tent marked "New Bedford Symphony Orchestra."

- August 4, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Montes Park with Bonnie Harlow (cello) and Jenny Memoli (violin)
- August 5, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Buttonwood Park with Michael Mechanic's Wind Trio
- August 18, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Brooklawn Park with Bonnie Harlow (cello) and Jenny Memoli (violin)

- August 21, time TBD, Clasky Park with the NBSO Brass Quartet
- August 29, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park with Michael Mechanic's Wind Trio

## In the Parks, play along

The Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestra (SEMAYO) is partnering with the New Bedford Recreation Department to present "Music in the Parks" this summer!

Join them on Saturday mornings as they meet at a different park each week to play music and have fun! If you already play a stringed instrument, bring it along. They will have music and tunes and tons of fun. If you don't, percussion instruments will be available for you to play! No one is too young or too old to play music!

## Saturday Mornings, 10-11 a.m. weather permitting.

- July 31 Clasky Park playground area
- August 7 Hazelwood Park playground area
- August 14 Riverside Park playground area

## Call For Plays

Culture\*Park CALLS for Short Plays for the 18th Short Plays Marathon, scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2021 in the New Bedford Whaling Museum Theatre, downtown New Bedford, MA. The Short Plays Marathon will feature staged readings of up to 25 new and current plays.

We are seeking plays reflective of the social and political times we live in!

We welcome plays by seasoned playwrights, new writers, and students. "Journal Plays" reflecting COVID, quarantine, and current times, are, of course, welcome. This year's Marathon will also feature plays by playwrights from Climate Change Action Theatre, an international initiative.

Deadline for play submissions to reach Culture\*Park is, Saturday, September 04, 2021. Plays will be read by a committee of theater artists and writers.

For details, please email [culturepark.ed@earthlink.net](mailto:culturepark.ed@earthlink.net)

For more info Visit [www.culturepark.org](http://www.culturepark.org) or on culture park on facebook...

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Free Vax Clinic

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, quick and easy vaccination at no cost to you, Sat., 7/31, 9 a.m.–noon, Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 S. Main St., Acushnet. Pfizer vaccine; individuals 12+ are eligible. Walk-ups welcome or register at <https://curative.com/30583> to register.

## Local Art Drive

*The Art Drive 2021, August 6, 7, 8, 10am-5pm, Fri-Sun, Dartmouth & Westport, [www.the-art-drive.com](http://www.the-art-drive.com)*

The Art Drive is back for its 13th year! After a sabbatical year, the annual August tour returns with thirty two artists, including several new members in 2021. **The Art drive is a free open studio event, organized by Dartmouth and Westport artists.** This juried studio tour is intended to be a unique opportunity to visit working artists in their unusual and dramatic studio settings, spotted among the area's villages, lovely farm land and sea coast. The Art drive showcases professional works created by some of the area's premier painters, ceramic artists, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, woodworkers, and metal artists.

With only fifteen miles separating the studios, visitors will enjoy a scenic drive through this picturesque area with ample time for a picnic lunch at the beach or dinner at one of the many area restaurants.

Visit us online at [www.the-art-drive.com](http://www.the-art-drive.com) for a list of this year's participating artists.

Email [theartdrivema@gmail.com](mailto:theartdrivema@gmail.com) with questions.

## At Marion Art Ctr Auditions: Steel Magnolias

The Marion Art Center has announced open auditions for all roles in the upcoming production of *Steel Magnolias*, written by Robert Harling and directed by Jennifer Palmer. Auditions will be held on Thurs., 8/5, 6:00-8:00pm and Sat., 8/8 from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA. Due to the large cast and to adhere to COVID restrictions, policies, and safety, only fully vaccinated actors will be considered for roles in this production.

To view the cast of characters and

audition requirements, visit [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events). Email play director Jennifer Palmer with any questions at [jengpalmer@msn.com](mailto:jengpalmer@msn.com).

## Summer Members' Show

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce its upcoming Summer Members' Show. Any current MAC member may enter up to two pieces for exhibit. Artists must schedule a time for **drop off on Tuesday, August 3 between 10am-5pm**. All art must be original (of the artist's own design and creation), must not have been previously shown at the MAC, and must be properly prepared for installation. The Marion Art Center will not exhibit works that are in poor condition (including frame). Show dates are 8/6 through 9/3, with an opening reception on Friday, August 6 from 5:00-7:00pm.

To exhibit, visit [marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit) to download the contract, submit images and the signed contract, and request an appointment through the easy-to-use online form. Alternatively, MAC member artists may request a contract and/or send all required documents by emailing [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with "Summer Members' Show" in the subject line. Not yet a member? It's easy to join online at [marionartcenter.org/join!](http://marionartcenter.org/join!)

## Presenting Cedar Beach

The MAC Theater presents its second play of the 2021 season, *Cedar Beach*, written by local playwright Mark Howland and directed by John Heavey.

*Cedar Beach* is about family and a family-owned property. Spanning several generations that covers fifty years, the play attempts to chronicle the history of a vacation home and the vicissitudes of the people who inhabit it.

This is the MAC's third outdoor live theater event that will take place in Bicentennial Park, Marion, across the street from the MAC. Six show dates are scheduled August 21-22, 26-29. Thursday, Friday and Saturday productions will begin at 5:00pm, while Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00pm. (Times are subject to change before opening week of the show.) Guests should bring their own chairs. Tickets go on sale to MAC members (\$18) in person or by phone starting

Thursday, July 22. Tickets go on sale online and to nonmembers (\$20) starting Thursday, July 29 at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

## Handy House Open Talking Trees?

Only at the Handy House Heritage Trail! As part of a continued effort to interpret the history of Westport's forests and landscape, the Westport Historical Society, with the help of two voice-over artists, has given voice to some special trees along the Handy House Heritage Trail.

A new audio experience "Tree Talk" enables visitors to the trail to listen as each tree tells its own story about how they were put to use by early settlers and by Native Americans. Visitors will meet the magnificent white oak, the majestic white pine, the medicinal sassafras, the lustrous birch, and the hardy black gum. Their stories interconnect with themes of shipbuilding, medicine and food, heating, and tools for daily life.

The trail can be accessed from the Handy House main visitor parking lot, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport. It is open dawn to dusk year round.

## Free Concert

The FirstWorks Live—Music at Roger Williams Park concert series offers a global journey from Polynesian dance and drums to Andean folk music, international hip-hop to Caribbean Carnival, red-hot Latin jazz to red roots Americana. For more information and the full series line-up visit <http://first-works.org>.

Ambassadors of Andean Folk Music – Voces de Los Andes a PVDFest featured summer happening. Live, in-person performance is free and open to the public. Also Live-streaming to FirstWorks' Facebook page. This multi-generational family band lifts spirits high with evocative sounds of the pan flute, charango, Spanish guitar and los bombos – the backbone of their signature sound of contemporary-tinged instrumentals and folk music.

Sun., 8/1, from 5:00-6:00 PM at Roger Williams Park, Dalrymple Boathouse Lawn. Park entrance, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence. The Boathouse Lawn is across the street from the Carousel.

# Recipe of the Week

## Butter Chicken

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion diced
- 1 tsp fresh ginger finely minced or grated (or use paste)
- 2-3 cloves garlic finely minced or crushed
- 1 1/2 pounds about 2-3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 4 tablespoons tomato paste or 8 oz can of tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon garam masala
- 1 teaspoon chili powder or paprika, adjust to taste
- 1 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- Cup heavy cream (sub for half & half or yogurt for low fat)
- Fresh cilantro, for garnish

Add the oil and butter to a large skillet over medium-high heat. Once the butter has melted, add the onion and cook until golden. Add the ginger and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds until fragrant (don't let it burn).

Add chicken, tomato paste, and all spices. Cook for 6-7 mins, stirring frequently until cooked through.

Add the cream and simmer for 8-10 mins, stirring occasionally. Garnish with fresh cilantro and serve over rice.



and more secure.

She chose me to be her support dog because of my gentle and easy-going disposition. Firecrackers, thunder, cats, you name it, have never bothered me. When my mom and I first started traveling about ten years ago, the passengers at the airport carried on about how cute and well-behaved I was. Even the TSA agents were impressed that I could walk through the metal detector on my own and sit and wait on the other side until my mom joined me.

However, in the last three years, the reaction of some passengers towards us has been downright hostile. One person glared at us on our previous trip to show his disapproval, and another shook her head in disgust. One guy had the nerve to ask my mom why she needed an emotional support animal? Do you think he asks wheelchair-assisted travelers why they need a wheelchair?

# Dear Frankie

## Ignorant Airline Travelers

Dear Frankie,  
My mom has always been high-strung. Her doctor suggested she get an emotional support animal (ESA) to help her feel calmer

I doubt it.

I can't tell you how upsetting this has been for my mom. I am afraid if these kinds of encounters continue, the stress will be too much for her to travel by air.

*Travel Wieried, Pal*

Dear Pal,

I am genuinely sorry that you and your mom had to be the object of such insensitive and ignorant behavior. I can't imagine the audacity of anyone asking a person with a disability why they required assistance.

The airlines are not even allowed to ask a traveler to disclose their diagnosis. People in airports who are rude to emotional support dogs and their owners have no idea what it takes these days to get permission from the airlines to travel.

Airlines today require these passengers to submit an up-to-date letter from their physician, usually a psychiatrist, stating they have prescribed an emotional support animal for their patient. Additionally, they need a current letter from the dog's veterinarian, saying the dog's shots are up-to-date, the dog is healthy, and well behaved.

The airlines had to tighten their requirements for passengers traveling with an ESA because too many people tried to pass off their dog as an ESA. Finally, the airlines got wise to them and put a stop to their dishonest

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# DNRT Opens Greer's Garden to the Public

## Press Release

After months of planning and hard work, Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) is pleased to open Greer's Garden, a micro-orchard and pollinator garden, to the public.

The garden, named in honor of Dr. J. Greer McBratney and located at the land trust's Chase Road headquarters, is a living example of what a healthy backyard ecosystem can look like. The garden features native plants that provide food for wildlife and pollinators throughout all seasons.

DNRT's TerraCorps Service Member Bruce Traban oversaw the creation of this orchard and garden as one of his capacity building projects, a major goal of the TerraCorps service program.

Traban worked closely with UMass Dartmouth professor and founder of the Beecology Project, Robert Gegear, to carefully choose plants well suited for the Helfand Farm location. Plants selected are all native to New England and provide food and nectar for declining bee species, including

short, medium, and long-tongued bees.

In addition to working with Gegear at Helfand Farm, DNRT continues to partner with UMass Dartmouth, to study and identify declining pollinators. Several DNRT properties are being monitored and planted with native species. Traban also worked with Susie Humphrey, a local landscaper and DNRT volunteer, who assisted with the design, layout, and planting of the garden.

Traban stated that the creation of Greer's Garden was "a rewarding experience" and he "looks forward to coming back, watching everything grow, and helping out in the garden" after his TerraCorps service term is complete.

Greer's Garden also features a 500 foot handicapped accessible trail that meanders through the native flora. Although a relatively short trail, it marks the beginning of DNRT's long road towards making its outdoor spaces more accessible to all.

DNRT will be hosting another TerraCorps Service Member in late

2021-2022, with one of their capacity building projects to assess all 40 miles of trails across 19 Reserves for accessibility.

DNRT Land Manager Linda Vanderveer reflects on the project, "Since moving our offices to Helfand Farm six years ago, I've had this idea. After many years of dreaming of being able to have a wildlife orchard and garden, Bruce has helped us realize this vision. He's done a great job. We couldn't have done it without him and we couldn't be happier with the results."

Other garden highlights are an antique potato digger, a bench created by Paige Durant for her Girl Scout Gold Award, a beautiful bird bath donated by DNRT volunteer Mary Dewar, and a "tree cookie" table handcrafted by Richard Tabors with a slice of an oak tree that was cut at Parson's Reserve.

The garden can be visited at 318 Chase Road, Dartmouth, MA. To learn more about DNRT visit [www.dnrt.org](http://www.dnrt.org).

To learn more about TerraCorps, visit <https://terracorps.org>

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# Stasia Powers beats competition in close race

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven voters chose to recall Select Board Chairperson Daniel Freitas by a huge margin in the special Recall Election on 7/26/21. Stasia Powers won his seat, in a field of three, by only 24 votes.

Official results show 2350 voters cast ballots, a 19.58% turnout, which is a pretty respectable showing in any local election. The last local election in April, which had a contested Select Board race, had a 19.2% turnout with 2290 voters casting ballots. In 2020, which also had a hotly contested Select Board race, turnout was 18.8%, with 2164 voters casting ballots.

The recall question passed 1906 to 421 (with 23 blanks).

Ms. Powers received 809 votes, Leon Correy III received 785, and Cameron Durant received 660.

Ms. Powers will be only the second woman to serve on the Select Board in the town's 209 year history. In a weird twist of irony, the first women to serve as a Select Board member was Ruth Galary, who beat Sam Freitas, Dan's father, in 1991 (see sidebar).

The seat is for the eight-month unexpired term, so Ms. Powers will have to run again in April, when it is up for re-election.

All three candidates, and some supporters, were at Fairhaven Town Hall on Monday night to hear the

results first hand. Government Access TV cablecast live from the Banquet Room as Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette read the unofficial numbers. Then each candidate had a chance to speak.

Mr. Correy thanked everyone who supported him, "openly and behind the scenes."

He thanked his wife and family for helping him along.

"It's been a lot of hard work," he said, and thanked everyone who sent "positive and encouraging thoughts."

Mr. Correy also thanked both the other candidates.

Mr. Durant, who serves on the Board of Public Works, also thanked his wife and his "three little girls" for giving him the opportunity to "follow passion and try to serve the town in a new capacity."

He also thanked his supporters and volunteers for their "graciousness."

"It has just been incredible and I have so much gratitude for everything they've done for myself and my campaign," said Mr. Durant. "I'd like to thank Selectwoman-elect Ms. Powers and Leon for just being lovely individuals to go through this exercise with, and I just wish them all the best."

Ms. Powers thanked her "hard-working team" and turned to the crowd: "You guys are amazing," she said.

## History tidbit of the day

By Christopher Richard,  
AKA Mr. History Person

Thirty years ago in 1991 Ruth Galary became the first woman elected to the Fairhaven Select Board with 1,756 votes, defeating incumbent Samuel Freitas, who got 813 votes.

On Monday, July 26, 2021, Stasia Powers became the second woman elected to the Select Board, replacing Sam Freitas' son Dan.



Photo courtesy of Spinner Pubs

"I'm so grateful for everything they have done. I couldn't have gotten through this without them...so many hours of work," she said. "And I'm just so grateful."

She thanked her family for being supportive, "because it is a great undertaking, and you end up having to be out a lot. And I'm so grateful that they were patient with me."

Ms. Powers told voters she was "so proud to be able to serve the town in this capacity."

"It's a been a haul," she added. "And I couldn't be happier."

Ms. Powers also asked people to step up and volunteer to be on committees and to run for office, noting that she will have to resign her seat on the School Committee.

"Run, please run for election," said Ms. Powers. "We need more people, we need more good people to run for election. It's an amazing experience and you can have an immediate impact on your community. It's a wild ride but it's wholly worth every minute of it."

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L-R: Leon Correy III listens to the moderators as candidates Cameron Durant (center) and Stasia Powers (right) share a laugh after hearing that Ms. Powers had been elected to fill the unexpired term of Select Board chairperson Daniel Freitas, who was recalled 1906 to 421 in a question on the same ballot. Photo by Beth David.

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Select Board member Bob Espindola started by thanking Mr. Freitas for his time on the Select Board.

"He did serve for some time and I think he deserves to be acknowledged," said Mr. Espindola.

He also thanked all three candidates for running, and said he would like to meet with each of them to hear their ideas. He also said he looked forward to the future when there would be five members on the Selectboard.

"So I hope you'll stay engaged," said Mr. Espindola.

Selectboard member Keith Silvia congratulated Ms. Powers and said he looked forward to working with her.

He also said he felt all three of them were winners, "because it takes a lot to put yourself out there."

"And you get ridiculed, everything," he said. "Get ready."

After the statements to the public, the group mingled around town hall for a bit.

Mr. Durant said he was pleasantly surprised that he made friends with his opponents along the campaign trail. It was an unexpected bonus, especially with Mr. Correy, he said; their daughters were at paint night together.

He said he believed Ms. Powers would do a good job for the town and

believed the nature of the campaign was good for the town.

"It's so good to start with the healing to come," said Mr. Durant.

Ms. Powers exuded exuberance as she said, "I am excellent."

"I'm really excited to get started to try to make an impact to move the town in a positive direction," said Ms. Powers.

In a phone interview, Mr. Correy said he did not believe in "moral victories."

"I mean, I lost," he said. "I'm certainly disappointed, but appreciate the people who did vote for me."

He said the support was "overwhelming" with no one seeming



recall election to remove Mr. Freitas from his seat on the board. The Select Board set the date for 7/26, the last possible Monday to hold the election and still be in compliance with the bylaw.

The Recall Dan Freitas group sent a statement to the *Neighb News*.

"From the dedicated volunteers who organized the successful recall signature drive: 'We're proud to help Fairhaven cast its voice for decency, integrity and our town's positive future.'"

To watch the candidates after the election, visit <https://livestream.com/fairhavenlive>

To see a breakdown of numbers by precinct, visit the town clerk's website <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk>



to believe he could do what he did.

"So it's really an honor to have gone from an absolute nobody to 785 votes coming within [24] votes of Stasia," he said, noting she had the entire School Committee behind her and an endorsement from Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Correy said he did not have a team, he had his wife and himself.

He said his next move is to focus on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

The election in April is a decision to be made later, he said.

"Now, I just want to spend the rest of the summer with the kids," said Mr. Correy. "They got cheated. They get daddy back for the rest of the summer."

He added that he appreciated that he ran as the best candidate, and did not mention race in his campaign.

The recall effort started in April, when a group of dedicated volunteers collected 2521 certified signatures, 138 more than required, to force a



L-R: Stasia Powers hugs Pam Kuechler at Fairhaven Town Hall on Monday, 7/26/21, after learning Ms. Powers had been elected to fill the unexpired term of Select Board chairperson Daniel Freitas, who was recalled 1906 to 421 in a question on the same ballot. Photo by Beth David.



TOP: Stasia Powers addresses the voters via Government Access TV at Fairhaven Town Hall on Monday, 7/26/21, after she learned she had been elected to fill the unexpired term of Select Board chairperson Daniel Freitas, who was recalled 1906 to 421 in a question on the same ballot. MIDDLE: Candidate Leon Correy addresses the voters. ABOVE: Candidate Cameron Durant addresses the voters. Photos by Beth David.

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### Senior Center is Open

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 Bingo on Fri. 1-3:00 p.m. Community Nurse Caregivers Support Group 1st Wed. of the month 1-2:00 p.m. LGBT Supper Club 4th Wed. of the month 5-7:00 p.m. Fit Quest on Thurs. 9-10:00 a.m. Legal with Attorney Suzanne Sequin on Wed. please call the Senior Center 508-979-4029 for appointment. Wednesday Mall Trips have begun, please call Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up. Zumba will start on Fri., 9/3 from 11:30-12:30.

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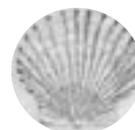
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# 2021 Buzzards Bay Swim raises \$122K and counting

*Press Release*

Fifty swimmers dove into outer New Bedford Harbor early Saturday morning, 6/26/21, to celebrate clean and healthy water in Buzzards Bay during a special post-pandemic version of the annual Buzzards Bay Swim.

The thrill of being back in the swim brightened up the otherwise cloudy morning with enthusiasm. Swimmers gathered on the beach next to the new Cisco Kitchen and Bar in New Bedford's South End. The first wave of swimmers started at 7:15 a.m., and by 8:30 a.m. the final swimmers had covered the 1.2-mile course and arrived at the finish line at Fort Phoenix Beach State Reservation in Fairhaven.

"I love everything about swimming!" said Nancy Smith, 81, of Dartmouth, who completed her 20th Swim this year. "As I've gotten older, my focus has been more and more on making sure that other people will be able to get in and enjoy the ocean."

Together, swimmers raised \$122,251 and counting to support the Coalition's work to protect clean water, conserve land and educate youth and adults across the Buzzards Bay region.

Supporters can donate to the Swim at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim) until July 31 to pay tribute to the dedicated swimmers who participated in this year's event.

"It was a great swim today. The water temperature was good, there was very little wind and the water was nice and clean in New Bedford Harbor, thanks to the Buzzards Bay Coalition," said William Muldoon, 71, of Mattapoissett, participating in his eighth Swim. "This is important to me because it's about keeping the Bay

clean for the next generation."

The Swim drew participants from more than 30 communities in nine states, including as far as away as Missouri and Washington. Swimmers ranged in age from 16 to 81. Typically, the Swim draws up to 300 participants; this year's field was limited to 50 people, through invitations to past Buzzards Bay swimmers.

Kaitlin Ibara flew in from Chicago to participate in the swim with her best friend and fellow Bishop Stang High School swim team member Samantha LeBeau of Warren, RI. "We knew this was coming up and we've been checking in on each other by phone to stay motivated for training," Ibara said. LeBeau, who is eight months pregnant, added, "It was so nice to be invited to participate, there was no way we could say 'No.'"

Steve Johnson of Westport was the top fundraiser, raising \$11,140. Smith raised \$5,400 and Robert Fallon of West Falmouth and Michael Nelson of Cambridge each raised \$5,000.

"When it comes to the Buzzards Bay Swim, I try to treat it as just another swim, but when I get here it's anything but. It has such a great feeling as a community event," Johnson said. "I'm amazed and pleased by this year's fundraising. I give credit, straight-up, to the generosity of my friends and neighbors. I'm very grateful to my group for the support."

After the Swim, participants, volunteers and supporters enjoyed a finish line beach party with a hot pancake breakfast, local craft beer by Buzzards Bay Brewing, steel drum music from El Caribe and a live broadcast by Chris "Gazelle" Arsenault of Fun 107. The event concluded with an awards ceremony

that honored the top finishers, fundraisers and longtime swimmers.

Carlyn Soares, 23, of Boston was the top overall finisher, completing the course in 22:54.2. Justin Nyweide, 41, of Wellesley was the top male finisher with a time of 23:22.8.

Topping the participation awards were Nancy Smith and Jack Leary, 61, of Mystic, Conn., who earned the Pukwudgie Award for their 20th swim.

Two swimmers earned the "Cuttyhunk Award" for participation in 10 Swims — Steve Johnson and Alan Harris. Four swimmers earned the "Six Mile Award," marking five years of participation in the Swim: Ibara; Lebeau; Elizabeth Krane of St. Louis, Mo; and Marianne Buchinkas of New York, NY.

For a full list of results and photos from the 2021 Buzzards Bay Swim, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim).

The Buzzards Bay Swim is one of two signature outdoor events hosted by the Coalition. The other is the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, a one-day scenic bicycle ride with 100-mile, 75-mile and 35-mile routes from Little Compton, R.I. to Woods Hole, Mass. The 13th annual Watershed Ride will take place Sunday, October 3. Details and registration are available at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride).

The Buzzards Bay Swim is sponsored by BayCoast Bank, BETA Group, Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, Amica, Bristol County Savings Bank, Buzzards Bay Brewing, Cisco Kitchen and Bar, and Fiber Optic Center.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. Visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org)

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# MassWildlife: Report dead birds and remove feeders

## Press Release

In late May, wildlife managers in Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky began receiving reports of sick and dying birds with eye swelling and crusty discharge, as well as neurological signs. More recently, additional reports have been received from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. While the majority of affected birds are reported to be fledgling common grackles, blue jays, European starlings, and American robins, other species of songbirds have been reported as well. No definitive cause(s) of illness or death have been determined at this time.

While there is always an increase in reports of dead birds at this time of year due to natural high mortality rates of young birds, MassWildlife is encouraging the public to report any observations of sick or dead birds (with unknown cause of mortality) as a precaution to help track this widespread mortality event.

However, the mystery disease is not known to be in any of the New England states at this time. It is not

necessary to report dead birds where strong evidence links the mortality to collision with glass or vehicles or predation by cats. Use this online form (<https://www.mass.gov/forms/report-observations-of-dead-birds>) to report observations and upload photos.

As another cautionary measure, MassWildlife and Mass Audubon are also recommending the public to stop using bird feeders and bird baths at this time. Birds congregating at bird feeders and bird baths can transmit diseases to one another. MassWildlife, as well as other affected states, recommend taking the following precautions:

- Cease feeding birds until this wildlife morbidity/mortality event subsides.
- Clean feeders and bird baths with a 10% bleach solution (one part bleach mixed with nine parts water), rinse with water, and allow to air-dry.
- Avoid handling birds unless necessary. If you do handle them, wear disposable gloves and wash hands afterwards.

- If picking up a dead bird, place an inverted plastic bag over your hand to avoid direct contact with the bird. To dispose of dead birds, place them in a plastic bag, seal, and discard with household trash or alternatively bury them deeply.
- Keep pets (including pet birds) away from sick or dead wild birds as a standard precaution.

At this time of year, birds are able to find plenty of natural foods on the landscape without needing bird seed. MassWildlife advises that seed from bird feeders can draw the unwanted attention of squirrels, chipmunks, turkeys, mice, rats, and even black bears. Wild animals that become habituated to human-associated foods like bird seed can become a nuisance, spread disease, and cause problems. You can learn how to attract birds to your yard naturally throughout the year using native plants. Get tips here: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/create-a-bird-friendly-area>

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## METHIA: cont'd from page 3

Although they didn't win the Emmy, the nomination, was a great honor, said Mr. Methia.

"It was up against some very, very highly-produced, big-budget shows," like Judge Judy, The People's Court (the winner), and Divorce Court," said Mr. Methia. "But we thought we had it, to tell you the truth, because our show is unique. This show is about as unorthodox as you're going to get in a Hollywood network court TV show — and because it's real people."

The awards show was filmed without a live audience and aired on June 25, so all the nominees had to pre-record an acceptance speech in the event they were announced as the winner.

Due to the pandemic, the Methias were not able to walk down the red carpet, a moment the two were so deserving of, but the success of the show is evidence of their own success, and also the sheer power of the ever-expanding social media frontier. On Facebook, Sociable! Now has 10 million followers, and every video post of "Caught in Providence" is seen by millions of people. Surprisingly, said Mr. Methia, most of those views are from outside the US.

"It seems to come from other countries that don't have the judicial system that we have," said Mr. Methia. "The reaction is something like, 'You mean to tell me that you can go in front of the judge and the judge would side with you?' Think about that premise," he said. "That's what draws a lot of folks to [Judge Caprio]. And it's his compassion. He's a great guy. And he could, certainly, if he chose, he could have moved to a bigger court, so to speak, easily, like to the Superior Court. But he chose to stay, and, I mean, the Municipal Court is the smallest court in the state."

The show was hit bad by COVID-19, closing down courts and therefore stopping any further production.

"Then the whole mask thing," said Mr. Methia. "We tried it; it didn't seem to have the same feel when...You really couldn't see the emotion."

The Methias are back in production now, but no new episodes have yet been released. Judge Caprio is still behind a pane of Plexiglass, "So it's not the best," said Mr. Methia, but Judge Caprio is back to taking his time with the public, coaxing out that "story" behind the hardship of their traffic violation or long string of parking tickets.

The Methias are also working on other projects, one of them being a 'biopic' documentary on Judge Caprio, which is in the pre-production funding stage.

Mr. Methia called "Caught in Providence" the "little show that could." It started without any Hollywood production companies and with a judge that nobody had ever heard of before, said Mr. Methia.



L-R: Son & father team Jared and John Methia received a 2021 national Emmy nomination for their production, "Caught in Providence," but, unfortunately, did not win. Submitted photo.

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## Tree Removal Hearing

Thursday August 5th 2:00 PM  
Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room  
40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA. 02719  
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Town of Fairhaven Tree Warden  
FNN: 7/29/21

## Town of Fairhaven Department of Planning & Economic Development Vacancy

The Town of Fairhaven Economic Development Committee has a vacancy. If you are interested in serving on the Economic Development Committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Planning & Economic Development Office, 40 Center Street or email: [ptoley@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:ptoley@fairhaven-ma.gov).  
Deadline for submittal is Monday, August 9, 2021 at 4 P.M.  
FNN: 7/29/21

## 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, August 3rd, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom Meetings:

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- 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).
- Case #2021.08.03A** A case of Randall DeTerra, of 193 Leonard Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for approval to be able to construct an additional dwelling on his 193 Leonard Street lot. This request is being made under the provisions of Zoning By-Law Section 3.3.1, which allows "One Single Family Dwelling per Lot".

- Case #2021.08.03B** A case of Laureano A. Costa, of 175 South Main Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to be able to construct a second-floor apartment over the 20% floor area ration. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "E" (5).

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FNN, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

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- Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard** re: 7 Union Street. REF#: ZBA-AA 01: Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application attached) – **Continued** from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, and July 7, 2020, and August 11, 2020, and September 2, 2020.) Asking for a continuance to December 1, 2020 per applicant's request. **Asking for continuance to August 3, 2021.**
- Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane** re: 86-88 Middle Street. REF#:ZBA-AA-02: Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the Mixed Use zoning regulations. (see attached-Exhibit 3) (continued per applicant's request to September 2, 2020 Meeting, see attached.) **Previously continued to August 3, 2021.**
- Delano Street. Leblanc, Karen.** REF #: ZBA-2021-028. 198-16: Special Permit request for 5 chickens, not to exceed 6 chickens, in a RA District. Continued from June 1, 2021.
- 133 Chestnut Street. Guillotte, Kevin & Willow Hawk.** REF #: ZBA-2022-005. 198-9: Variance request from the required setback of 10' to a proposed 7.5' for a proposed sun deck.
- 33 Chestnut Street. Hebert, James.** REF #:ZBA-2022-006. 198-9: Variance request from the required rear setback of 30' to the proposed side addition rear setback of 14'7". Variance request from the required rear setback of 30' to the proposed rear sundeck setback of 8'1"  
The applicant also seeks a finding from the board the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include the side addition, front addition and rear sundeck and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood.
- 77 Cottonwood Street. Pincince, Debra L.** REF #: ZBA-2022-007. 198-16: Special Permit request to park a 28' recreational vehicle (RV) on the property at 77 Cottonwood Street, Map 43C, lots 163 and 164 year round.

- 33 Point Street. Cabana, Wade & Wanda.** REF #:ZBA-2022-008 Determination from the Zoning Board that the increase in height (current 14.1' to proposed maximum of 35') and square footage (838 sq feet to 1009 sq feet) is not more detrimental to the neighborhood, pursuant to MGL 40 section 6.
- 123 Weeden Road. Aguiar, Kyle J.** REF#: ZBA-2022-009  
198-9: Variance request from the required front lot setback of 50' to a proposed 23.5' setback.  
198-9: Variance request from the required rear lot setback of 50' to a proposed 15.1 setback.  
198-9: Variance request from the required side setback of 30' to a proposed 14.0' setback.  
198-9: Variance request from the minimum lot area of 50,000 sq feet to a proposed 7.225'  
198-9: Variance request from the minimum frontage requirement of 200' to the current and proposed 85'.  
198-9: Variance request from the maximum lot coverage of 25% to the proposed 29.1%.  
198-9: Variance request from the maximum building coverage of 10% to the proposed 29.1%.  
Proposing a 1200 finished square foot addition to extend kitchen and living room.  
The applicant also seeks a finding from the board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include the side addition, front addition and rear setbacks; as well as the height to the maximum of 35' and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood, pursuant to MGL 40, Section 6.
- 159 Sconticut Neck Road. Gendron, Roy.** REF#: ZBA-2022-010. 198-23(B): Special Permit request for a Home Occupation Plastering Business.  
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I know If you can get through the TSA security check on your own, figuring out how to keep your mom occupied before you board the plane will be a walk in the park.

*Best, Frankie*

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and downtown area.

With this in mind, the City made known its own interest in taking on a proactive development role, with the City and its New Bedford Redevelopment Authority ultimately negotiating with Cannon Street Holdings to acquire approximately four acres of the site for a nominal amount.

The City has determined that environmental conditions on the NBRA-owned portion of the site are advantageous for redevelopment under the most probable end uses being contemplated. In the months ahead, the NBRA will undertake a focused planning exercise to determine the development scenario that maximizes the economic benefit of its real estate asset.

The Power Station building itself was recently sealed and stabilized by Sprague at a cost of about \$6 million; and Eversource has remediated a large area within the land owned by the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority, at a cost of \$3 million since 2012. Cannon Street Holdings is already developing plans for future remediation, which will include the demolition of the Power Station building and smokestack, a step made necessary because the building's location makes it inherently difficult to unload vessels docked at the site's main bulkhead. The circa 1856 Taber & Grinnell Iron Foundry Building will be retained.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Board of Health

Wed., 8/4, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/2, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Economic Development

Thurs., 7/22, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 8/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Mon., 8/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Selectboard

Mon., 8/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/3, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	29	0018	1250	0538	1803
Friday	30	0110	1342	0617	1900
Saturday	31	0201	1431	0708	2023

	Aug 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0250	1520	0807	2309
Monday	2	0343	1616	0859	----
Tuesday	3	0444	1717	0008	----
				0949	----
Wednesday	4	0545	1809	0053	----
				1043	----
Thursday	5	0633	1852	0130	----
				1137	----
Friday	6	0714	1932	0111	1221
Saturday	7	0753	2011	0118	1303
Sunday	8	0834	2052	0151	1347

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# Power Plant in New Bedford to be used for wind staging

*From Press Release Materials*

The Port of New Bedford will nearly double its capacity to stage offshore wind energy projects, as well as add new opportunities for seafood offloading at the site of the decommissioned Cannon Street Power Station in the City's central waterfront.

The sprawling, strategically located 29-acre site had been underutilized for decades since the decommissioning of the Cannon Street power station in 1992, with limited utility operations in the years since. The redevelopment plan is made possible by the pending sale of nearly the entire site by its two owners, Eversource and Sprague Massachusetts Properties, to a group of local investors, Cannon Street Holdings, LLC. The local group intends to develop the site primarily as an offshore wind staging facility that would augment the nearby New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, the nation's only purpose-built, heavy-load offshore wind staging facility.

The site, which boasts the deepest berth in New Bedford Harbor, is expected to host significant offshore

wind staging, operations and maintenance facilities in coming years, with the added potential for a modern seafood offloading facility, the first expansion of its kind in many years. The site's new owners and leading offshore wind industry interests have begun planning for the activation of the site.

The prospects for the site have also grown in the past several months with the Biden Administration's announcement of its plan for 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy production and more than 44,000 people employed in offshore wind by 2030. Altogether, there are now more than \$24 billion in wind projects in the development pipeline within easy steaming distance of the site, located in the nearest industrial port to the nearest wind projects.

The site has long posed a development challenge for the city, with several proposals, including a casino and an aquarium failing to come to fruition because of insufficient market demand. With the site used exclusively for electric and gas utility services including power generation and distribution for over a

century, and no historic use by the commercial fishing industry, the site has never been fully integrated into the city's \$11 billion port-related economy, until now.

In the years since the proposed casino project, the area of the waterfront in which the site is located has seen extensive planning and engagement with local stakeholders. Led by the City of New Bedford Planning Department, the New Bedford Port Authority, the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority (NBRA), and the New Bedford Economic Development Council (NBEDC), a broad consensus was reached about the direction of future development. Water-dependent, industrial uses have been prioritized, while efforts have been taken to ensure areas adjacent to the downtown take into account the presence of Whaling National Historic Park, the Marriot Fairfield Inn and Suites, and other key non-marine stakeholders. Consistent with this approach, the City recently completed a Waterfront Redevelopment Plan and the NBEDC Regeneration Project issued its Realizing the Potential report. Both contemplate land immediately facing the downtown being oriented to take advantage of the relationship between the waterfront and business district, by encouraging the pursuit of publicly-accessible commercial fish offloading facilities, conference or other gathering spaces, and facilities that support marine innovation and entrepreneurship.

More recently, the offshore wind industry has taken a strong interest in the site as it has scrutinized the entire U.S. East Coast for waterside locations with suitable zoning, vertical clearance, water depths, and geotechnical characteristics. The redevelopment of the site will have positive impacts on local employment and the commercial tax base, as well as help catalyze other economic investments in the central waterfront

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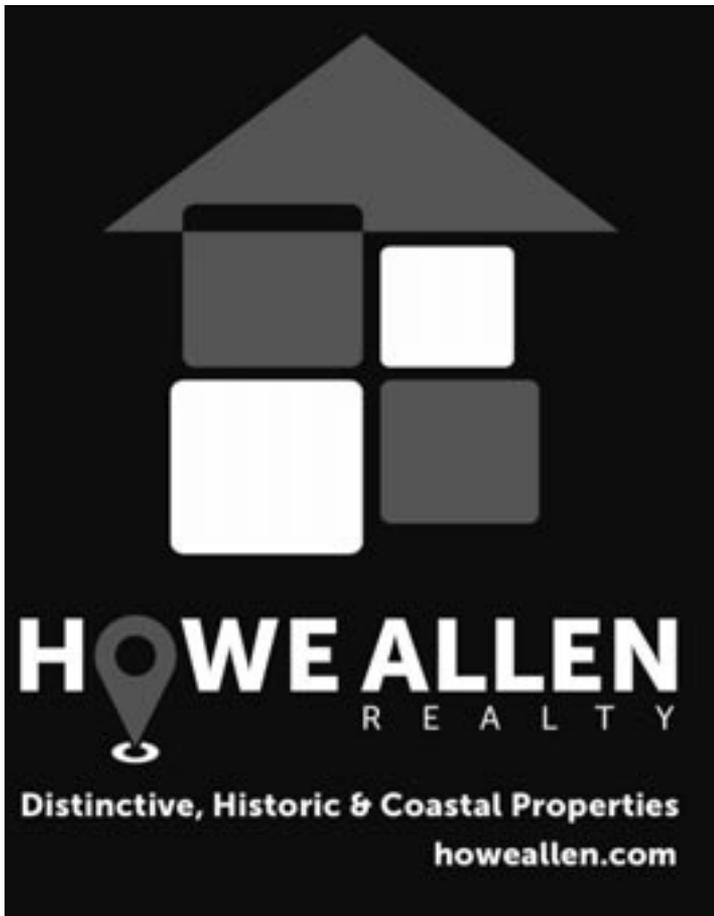


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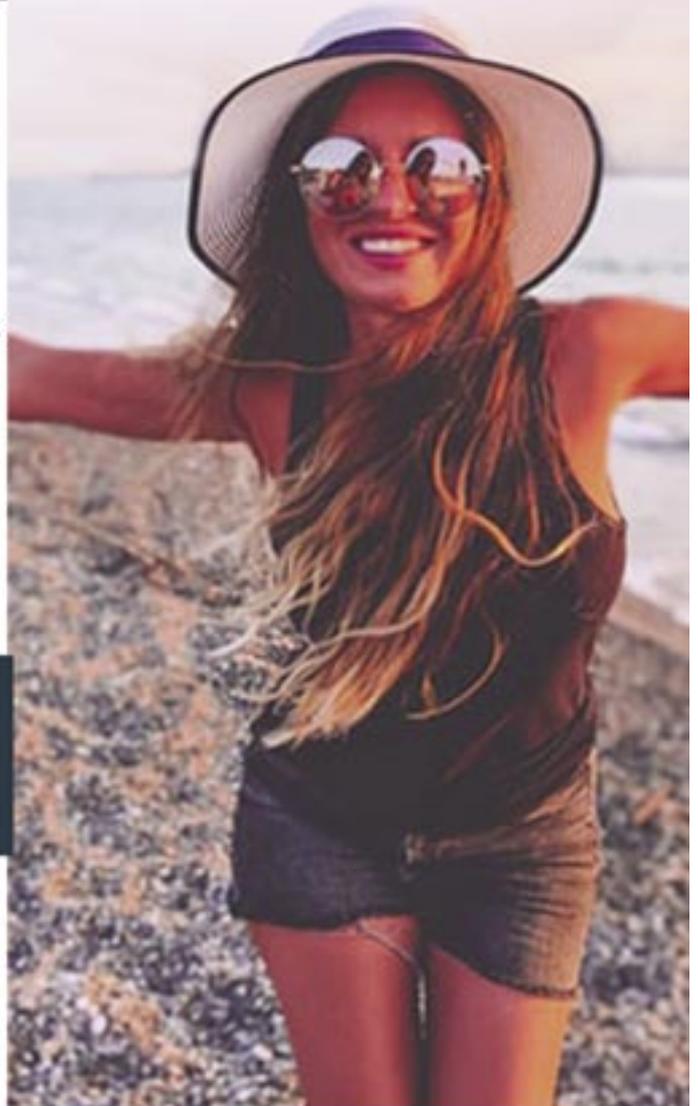
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