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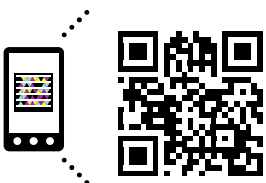
Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)



Teddy Bear Parade is BACK!

The 36th annual Teddy Bear Parade, which signals the end of the summer reading program at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, gets underway along Union Street on Saturday, 8/14/21. This year's reading theme was Tails and Tales.

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Glenn C. Silva
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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh no, is summer really almost gone? School starts in just a couple of weeks.

At least we have some fun events to report on, and to give you the heads up on, too.

Our cover story is one of my very favorite events to cover, the annual Teddy Bear parade. It was canceled last year, so it was even sweeter (see page 12).

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held its car show last weekend, too (see page 13). Hundreds of cars vied for prizes, while Livesey Park saw some fun action.

Coming up this weekend is the NFIA music night in Benoit Square (see page 3). There will literally be dancing in the streets. Gifts to Give will be at the senior center on Sunday (see page 3). If you have any appropriate items to donate after this long, hot summer, now is the time to dig 'em out.

We also have some meeting coverage this week. See Select Board on page 4, and Board of Public Works on page 19.

How's that for negativity, huh? We're being accused of publishing "swill" and only negative stuff. Yup, Teddy Bears and Purple Heart ceremonies (last week). So negative.

Ugh...I'm not even going to go there this week.

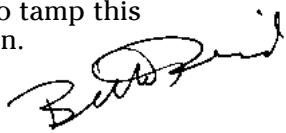
I want to daydream about getting my little boat IN the water. It's been a crazy summer. The weather simply did not cooperate with my schedule.

Here's hoping for a mild September!

Meanwhile, the COVID-19 virus is trying to make a comeback. We're still okay in Mass. because, dare I say it? Because...we have such a high vaccination rate. But, it may not be enough. This new variant is a nasty little bugger.

So, stay vigilant. We have to tamp this thing down so we can move on.

Until next week then...
see ya,




Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really?
Cool.

This weekend in Fairhaven

NFIA Music Night

Sun., 8/22, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benoit Square, opposite 267 Adams St., Fairhaven. Come to Benoit Square in North Fairhaven to enjoy a performance by Eddie and the Exciters, a classic car cruise, food, and dancing in the streets!

Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Free. For more information visit the Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/NfiaNorthFairhavenImprovement Association/](https://www.facebook.com/NfiaNorthFairhavenImprovementAssociation/)

Items Needed



Imagine...thousands of South Coast children who don't have the basic things they need. NEEDED: School supplies; new, un-opened shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes; children's new underwear

and socks.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club. Items will be distributed by Gifts To Give.

Drop off on Sun., 8/22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.

Gifts to Give is a magical place. Thousands of South Coast children actively engage in giving and service. We call it Tangible Philanthropy and Big Citizenship. Kids donate their "gently used" clothes, books, toys and all the good things they no longer need or use and volunteer to work at our huge factory in Acushnet to process, organize and package tons of donations. We then transform these donations into thousands of individual gift packages that are ordered by hundreds of local agencies for the children in their care. 100% volunteer staffed, no payroll! Adult volunteers always needed. We all have gifts to give: 1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet, 5089-717-8715; www.giftstogive.org; 501c3 nonprofit.

See more happenings on pages 5, 8, 9

Masks urged in Town Hall

Fairhaven Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves and the Fairhaven Selectboard (see page 4) discussed the possibility of instituting a mask requirement for town hall again, but decided to wait for the health department to weigh in.

Meanwhile, Fairhaven Town Hall entrances will have signs urging people to wear masks but not mandating it.

COVID-19 cases are increasing throughout the state, but Gov. Charlie Baker has not instituted a mask mandate. At this point, hospital and ICU beds in Massachusetts have been able to handle the new cases.

Mass. has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country. Vaccinated individuals can still contract the virus, but generally do not suffer from severe symptoms requiring hospitalization.

Fairhaven releases weekly reports on cases, test results and positivity rates on Thursdays. Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health> or call the health department, 508-979-4023, Ext. 125.



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Selectboard finalizes TA search committee choices

Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Select Board on August 16 finalized the Town Administrator Search Committee membership with the appointment of two Select Board representatives and two at-large citizen appointees.

Select Board Chair Bob Espindola's pick was Leon Correy and Select Board member Stasia Powers's choice was Kimberly Trahan. The at-large members are Anne Morton Smith and Gloria Perperas. Joining them will be School Committee representative Pam Kuechler, Finance Committee member Robert Grindrod, Board of Public Works member Cameron Durant, and Planning Board member David Braga.

Town Moderator Mark Silvia will chair the committee as the ninth voting member.

There is at least one candidate that the TA Search Committee will not be reviewing again, and that is current Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector and Interim TA Wendy Graves. Ms. Graves announced that she would not be applying for the job and stated

that she informed Mr. Espindola and Ms. Powers that she would not be applying for the permanent position last Monday.

Since the board's last meeting, Ms. Graves ceased recusing herself from the discussion and leaving the room, and now sits in on the conversation as a non-applicant.

Ms. Graves was initially a finalist during the first TA search process but was taken out of the running after the *Neighb News* published a story about Ms. Graves's past employment controversies, and her personal financial legal troubles that resulted in court cases. (See the *Neighb News* 1/14/21 edition). She was added as a fourth finalist outside the search committee's final three when Select Board member Keith Silvia motioned to grant her an interview, seconded by former Select Board member Daniel Freitas, who sat on the search committee as his own, self-appointed representative.

Mr. Silvia now recuses himself from the matter because of his conflict of interest, and Mr. Freitas has since been recalled in a special election.

Mr. Espindola referenced the last TA search committee and its lack of gender parity and said, "That's clearly been addressed here," as four of the nine members are women.

"I'm very excited to see this move forward," said Ms. Powers. "I think we have a rock star team ... [and] amazingly, all parts of the community represented. We can only get good results, and it's really exciting."

In other matters, the board refrained from establishing another mask policy for visitors to Town Hall until the Board of Health weighs in on the subject at its next meeting. For now, Town Hall entrances will feature a "masks suggested" sign, and masks will be made available to visitors along with encouragement to wear them.

The board has yet to call a Special Fall Town Meeting, but it appears inevitable as potential articles involving grant funding are added to the growing list of matters seeking approval before the year is over.

Ms. Graves said she consulted with the acting town clerk about

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

NFIA Music Night

Sun., 8/22. See page 3

West Island History

Wed., 8/25, 6:30 p.m., West Island Improvement Association Community Center, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven. Free Event

This is a new project to begin collecting the really important history of West Island – OUR OWN HISTORIES! To start us off, we are focusing on the 1988 “Save West Island” effort that resulted in the east side of our island being protected from ever being developed into condos and a tourist hot spot.

Come and share your memories, information and memorabilia of this significant event that all of us benefit from today. Our goal is to share this important story and make it available for everyone’s future enjoyment. And if you don’t know how our Conservation Woodland came to be, come and learn! Contact Lisa Esten 508-989-3237.

Yaeger Scholarship

The 58th Yaeger Music Scholarship will be awarded this year. The scholarship has been awarded for the past 57 years from a fund established by the late Clement L. Yaeger, a Fairhaven resident and longtime New Bedford library employee. The committee wishes to recognize outstanding music students in this 58th year.

To apply, music students must submit a letter of application to include details about their personal background and future educational plans, a transcript of their grades and two letters of recommendation from music teachers or directors. Upon receipt of application packet, candidates will be contacted to schedule interviews; please be sure to include your contact information in your application to include phone and email address.

Please submit applications electronically either to: yaegermusic scholarship@gmail.com or by postal mail to Yaeger Music Scholarship c/o Douglas R. Leatham, CPA 492 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 **Deadline: Sat., 8/28, 4 pm.**

For more information, contact yaegermusic scholarship@gmail.com. Students from the Southcoast communities of Acushnet, Dart-

mouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester and Wareham are eligible for this scholarship.

Blood Press. Clinic

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, **August 25, 2021, 11:30am-1:30pm**

Riverside Eve. Tour

274 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA, Wednesday, 8/25, 6:00 p.m. Limit 15 people. Wearing face coverings for public safety is optional.

Reservations Required. Email TourRiverside@gmail.com to reserve your place on the tour.

Created in 1850 by Warren Delano II, the grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, this is one of the most beautiful rural-style cemeteries in Massachusetts. The tour visits the final resting places of some of the town’s most prominent people. You’ll also see lovely examples of early tombstone art as you walk along the beautifully landscaped paths. Tour includes walking on uneven ground. Wear comfortable shoes. Sponsored by the Office of Tourism. Free. Note: Parking is allowed on the roads inside the cemetery, however two or three car lengths must be left open directly inside the gate. There are no public restrooms in the cemetery.

For more information about the walking tours, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085. This is not the cemetery phone number. To reach the cemetery, call 508-999-7551.

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.

Contact: 508-496-9209; allnatural beef@comcast.net

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/>

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.

SAVE THE DATES

OLOA Feast

The Our Lady of Angels Feast is on! Sat., 9/4 to Mon., 9/6. Portuguese food and music on the fair grounds at 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven.

WIIA Buffet Breakfast

West Island Improvement Association breakfast, **Sun., 9/4, 8–10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8–10:30 a.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children under 12.** Tickets at door. Accessible.

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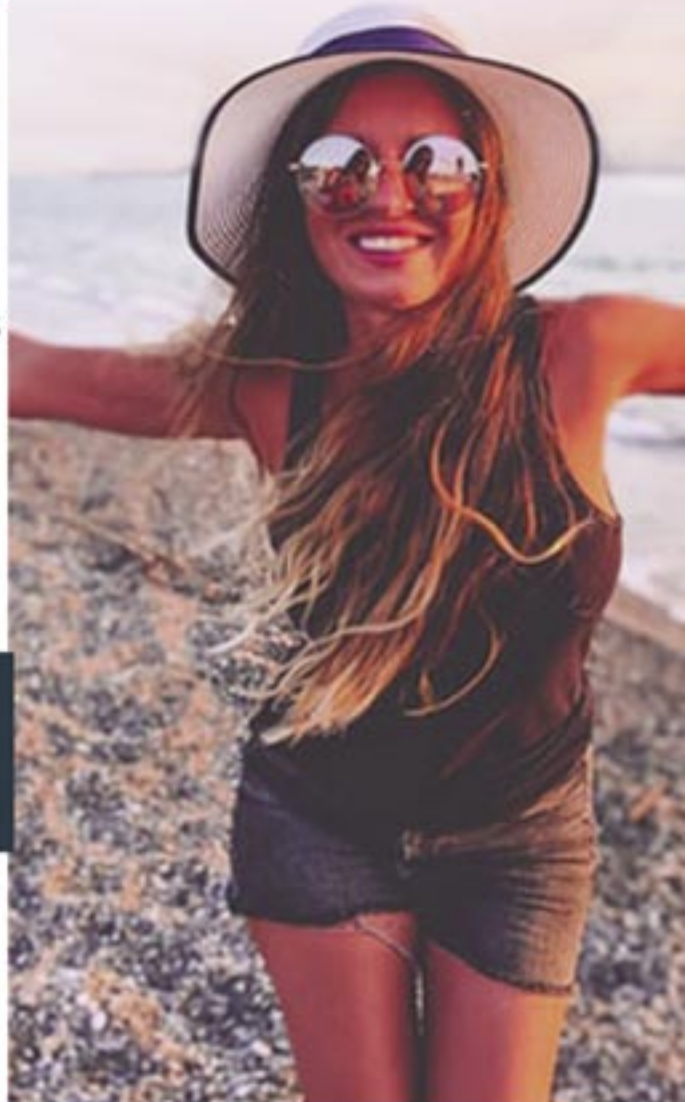
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Fairhaven Rotary awards two scholarships



The Fairhaven Rotary Club awarded two scholarships to Fairhaven High School students. Brian Poirier and Colby Bolger each received \$500 at a recent Rotary Club meeting. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Fairhaven Rotary Club members Denise Barr, Jeannine Lopes, Melissa Kucharski, scholarship recipient Colby Bolger, and FRC members Pattie Pacella and Ivan Brito pose for a picture after Mr. Bolger received his scholarship. ABOVE RIGHT: FRC members pose with Brian Poirier. *Submitted photos.*

At the Museum of Fairhaven History

William Bradford 1829-1892



In 1869 Bradford traveled to the Arctic and became famous for his paintings of ships in the Arctic waters. This etching was displayed in the New Bedford Whaling Museum's 2003 exhibition of the artist's works, which helped to reestablish Bradford as an important 19th century American artist.

The museum is open at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Huttleston Marketplace.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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Summer Sound

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, Thursdays, through August 26. Beer Garden open 2-7 p.m., Live Music 4-7

Presented by the City of New Bedford in partnership with the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center.

August 19: The Jethros are a fixture in the local folk music scene presenting their folk/blues/alt/soul/swing jazz/bluegrass/funk/country/mariachi/klezmer stylings to one and all.

August 26 Rebecca Correia has been lauded as "one of the best singer-songwriters in America," describing herself as "Sheryl Crow meets Gavin Degraw."

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 21, 11 am-Noon, Clasky Park with the NBSO Brass Quartet
- August 25, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Haskell Public Gardens with Peter Zay (cello) and Emmy Holmes-Hicks (violin)
- August 29, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park with Michael Mechanic's Wind Trio

Sonata Saturdays

"Summer in the Seaport" with Sonata Saturdays, The Drawing Room, 36 N. Water Street, in the Center of New Bedford

Join us for art, music, flowers, & bubbles on the 4th Saturday of the month, through September.

On these select dates, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra musicians will be on the Front Porch of The Drawing Room treating the neighborhood to an outdoor performance from 4-6pm.

There will be wine tastings, locally-grown flowers in the bouquet bar, and, of course, artful treasures inside The Drawing Room. Stop by and experience something beautiful this Summer In The Seaport!

Musician Schedule:

- **Aug. 28:** David Rubin, violin and Maureen Heflinger, viola
- **Sept. 25:** Fariba Hunold, violin, Maureen Heflinger, viola, and Shawn Wang, violin.

Note: We'll have some chairs set up around the block, but you may want to bring one of your own

Madeira Beer Fest

Clube S.S. Sacramento Inc., sponsors of the greatest Portuguese Feast in the World, the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.

Michael Canasta, President of the Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc. has announced the first of special ticketed events scheduled for this summer and fall!!

The 1st Annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa at **Madeira Field, New Bedford, Sat., 8/21, 2-8 p.m.**

This is a "limited ticket" event. Tickets must be purchased online prior to event. Tickets will not be sold at door!!

Tickets will made available Online

very soon!! Learn more at <http://feastoftheblessedsacramentco.m.ning.com/craft-beer>

Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc. is proud to continue to provide academic scholarships and vocational awards as well as assisting Southcoast organizations.

Vax Clinics

The City of New Bedford's COVID-19 vaccination center at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center at 181 Hillman Street is available for walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations, with no appointment needed, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Monday through the month of August, and on Tuesday, September 7 on the Labor Day week.

The site is one of many convenient locations where New Bedford residents may get a COVID-19 vaccination, with no appointment needed, and receive a \$20 Dunkin' gift card.

Park Cleanup

Join Operation Clean Sweep at our cleanup on Sat., 8/21, 9-11:30 a.m., in the Clasky Common neighborhood! Make a positive difference in your community by volunteering with us.

- Free t-shirts to all volunteers
- Gloves and tools provided
- Wear closed-toe shoes

Pre-registration preferred but not required. Walk-ins welcome.

Sign up form link: <https://forms.gle/uHT15tZW3aqDswES9>

Meet across the street from the park at the ServPro parking lot, 1476 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Buy Black Pop-up

Sat., 8/28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Roch-Jones-Duff House, 396 County St., New Bedford. Black businesses have suffered huge losses during the COVID-19 quarantine. So BuyBlackNB is creating a safe space to support them and allow you to #BuyBlack. Shop a curated selection of local Black-owned businesses while enjoying music, giveaways, networking, and community building. For children there will be activities by Doodles Creative Sessions. There will be live entertainment and free admission with advance registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-in-business-vendor-market-tickets-162230121661>

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Mattapoiset Road Race

It's an atypical year, so we are hosting an atypical version of our race: a 5K in AUGUST!!!

Race Date: August 21, 7:30 - 8:30 AM in the tent at Center School: Race Day t-shirt and/or number pick

Starting Point: The Intersection of Church Street and Barlow Street

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Entries online at www.mattapoissetroadrace.com Entry fee: \$30 and is non-refundable

Deadline 8/19 for Online Reg.

Volunteers Needed

Acushnet Grange is havng an agricultural and craft fair on Sat., September 25. We are looking for local crafters with homemade items, vendors to sell jams, jellies and baked goods, and farmers who would like to sell vegetables, fruits, or flowers. The fair will be held at the Acushnet Grange Hall, Main St. from 10am to 3pm. Cost of 10 x 10 booth is \$25. Please contact Caroline at cornerstone_88@comcast.net or call 508-763-2795 for application or questions.

The Grange has been seving Acushnet for over 100 years and is a family oriented non-profit organization which promotes agriculture, natural resources and community service.

Free Vax Clinic

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, quick and easy vaccination at no cost to you, Sat., 8/21, 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.

Cedar Beach

The MAC Theater presents Cedar Beach. 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.

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. Guests should bring their own chairs. Tickets: to MAC members (\$18) in person or by phone. Tickets on sale online and to nonmembers (\$20) marionartcenter.org/events.

Kitten Cuddles

Sun., 8/21. See page 16 for details.

Free Movie

Patriot Place invites you to Summer Flicks, a free outdoor movie series, located on the Enel Plaza outside of Patriots ProShop and the Patriots Hall of Fame presented by Raytheon Technologies on Wednesday nights throughout the summer. Reserve your seats beginning at 6:00 PM. The film will begin at sunset. At Two Patriot Place, Foxborough MA 02035; Phone: (508) 203-2100; <https://www.patriot-place.com/summerflicks/> Concessions from Showcase Cinema de Lux will be available to complete your movie experience! Enjoy take out at a variety of Patriot Place restaurants.

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Climate Change

In order to help fishing communities and fishery managers prepare for an era of climate change, numerous fisheries management bodies along the Atlantic seaboard have teamed up to launch the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning project.

The project is being organized by a core team of representatives from the New England, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NOAA Fisheries.

The team has lined up three kick-off webinars to introduce stakeholders to climate change scenario planning, explain the benefits of participating in the process, outline additional ways to become involved, and begin collecting stakeholder input.

Advance registration is strongly encouraged.

• East Coast Climate Change Scenario

Planning Kick-Off Webinar #1 Aug 30, 2021 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

- Kick-Off Webinar #2: Sep 1, 2021 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- Kick-Off Webinar #3 Sep 2, 2021 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Register for Webinar #3

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New Girl Scout Cookie

Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass. (GSEMA), Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts (GSCWM) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) announced that the new Adventurefuls cookie will join the nationwide lineup for the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie season. An indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt, Adventurefuls take cookie lovers on a delicious taste adventure just like Girl Scouts go on their own amazing adventures through the program. Girl Scouts in Massachusetts and across the United States will offer the Adventurefuls cookie next season alongside favorites like Thin Mints®.

Every purchase of Adventurefuls, and the whole portfolio of iconic cookies, during cookie season, fuels local Girl Scouts' adventures throughout the year: exploring what interests them, discovering their passions, and taking action on issues they care about. Whether they're using their STEM skills to solve a problem, changing a law to help their community, having a courageous outdoor experience, or starting an innovative nonprofit, Girl Scouts build a better future for themselves and the world. Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, not only do girls become entrepreneurs as they gain hands-on experience running their own small business, but they also earn money to fuel their Girl Scout adventures, which catapult them where they want to go.

GS of Eastern Mass. kicks off cookie season on 12/7/21; GS of Central and Western Mass. kicks off cookie season on 1/14/22; visit www.girlscoutcookies.org to sign up to be notified as soon as Adventurefuls and other Girl Scout Cookies are on sale.

Recipe of the Week

Sheet Pan Sweet & Sour Chicken

- 1 large onion
- 2 green bell peppers
- 1 red bell pepper
- 20 oz can pineapple chunks
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1.25 lb.)
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1/4 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup rice or apple cider vinegar
- 1.5 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1.5 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 6 cups cooked rice

Preheat oven to 400°. Slice onion, bell peppers, and chicken breasts into 1" pieces. Drain pineapple well, reserving juice. Mix and evenly spread the onion, bell pepper, chicken, and pineapple on a large sheet pan. If needed, use a second sheet pan to prevent the chicken and vegetables from piling atop each other.

Gently drizzle cooking oil over the ingredients on the sheet pan. Next sprinkle the garlic powder, ground ginger, and a pinch or two of salt and pepper. Toss until evenly coated in oil and spices.

Bake pan(s) for about 40 minutes, or until the edges are just browned. Halfway through the baking, stir to heat evenly and prevent burning.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan whisk together the pineapple juice, ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar, soy sauce, and cornstarch until the cornstarch is fully dissolved. Once combined, heat on medium, stirring often, until sauce begins to simmer and thicken. Once the sauce has thickened to a glaze, remove it from the heat and set it aside.

When the oven time is up, remove pans from the oven and pour the glaze sauce over top. Mix until evenly coated.

Serve over cooked rice and garnish with sliced green onions.

From cookingprofessionally.com



Dear Frankie

Making Smart Pay Off

Dear Frankie,
I am a seven-year-old poodle. I started agility school when I was a puppy. As soon as I graduated, I began competing in the agility trials.

I am now one of the top competitors in the sport. When I'm at a competition people often compliment me on my intelligence. On occasion someone will say I'm almost as clever as an Australian Sheep Herding Dog.

This comparison never ceases to annoy and amaze me. Sheepdogs live their entire life outside under brutal weather conditions and spend their days moving a flock of smelly and dumb sheep from one place to another.

On the other hand, I sleep in a soft bed and have lots of free time to relax and get my hair and nails done. It's essential to look your best in a competition. So now I ask you, which dog do you really think is the smartest?

Skipper

Dear Skipper,

I don't think your question is about which dog is more intelligent, but

rather about the rewards the smartest dog gets for its accomplishments.

You believe that dogs awarded with a life of comfort, public applause and blue ribbons are the smartest. I'm not sure sheep herding dogs would agree with you or if given the opportunity would trade places.

However, the rewards they get are a tremendous sense of pride in living a meaningful life and playing a vital role in keeping thousands of sheep safe.

A saying, "To each his own," means what is rewarding for one may not be rewarding for another. Although the rewards for champions and herders are different, isn't it fortunate how much pleasure and satisfaction they bring to each of you?

Best, Frankie

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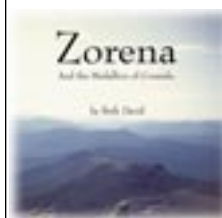
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Teddy Bear parade returns to the center

By Beth David
Editor

The 36th annual Teddy Bear parade, which traditionally marks the end of the summer reading program, resumed this year after a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID-19.

This year's reading theme was

Tails and Tales, and approximately 75 Teddy Bears and their humans joined in to enjoy bubbles, lawn games on the lawn of the Unitarian Church, and a parade from the Millicent Library to Our Lady's Haven and back.

This year, due to continued COVID restrictions, the marchers did not

have contact with OLH residents, but they were able to wave to the children as they went by. For more information about activities sponsored by the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, visit [http://www.millicentlibrary.org/ events](http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events), call 508-992-5342, or email athiel@sailsinc.org.



ABOVE LEFT: Lilliana Melanson knows what's coming as a giant bubble is about to burst on her head during activities at the 36th annual Teddy Bear Parade, which signals the end of the summer reading program at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, on Saturday, 8/14/21. This year's reading theme was Tails and Tales. MIDDLE: Aand....it happens, she gets doused by a giant bubble. RIGHT: Residents of Our Lady's Haven wave to parade participants as they march by. BELOW LEFT: Daisy D. Dots, plays with ribbons on the lawn of the Unitarian Church after the parade. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.* BELOW RIGHT: This little guy clearly enjoys playing with bubbles with other children after the parade. BOTTOM LEFT: This little one shows just exactly what to do when you see a camera, during the parade. BOTTOM RIGHT: Grace Rebello isn't quite sure, but still goes in to give the Teddy a high five just before the parade. *Photos by Beth David.*



Street rods and old music...VROOM VROOM!

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Legendary Street Rods Car Club held a car-truck-bike show on Sunday, 8/15/21, at Livesey Park in north Fairhaven.

In addition to featuring a whole bunch of cool cars to check out, the day included raffles, awards, music and food.

The weather was almost perfect, maybe a tad warm for some, with temperatures in the 80's and a nice breeze throughout the day.

Almost 200 cars of all kinds joined the show, with price of admission including one canned good for the food pantry. Proceeds will benefit local veterans organizations. Food booth proceeds to benefit NFIA.

Mike Toupin was there with his

1967 Dodge Pickup, that is referred to as a "Sleeper" by many because it is powered by a Viper engine. Mr. Toupin said he always liked the look and feel of an old work pickup and that it was a finished project.

Then he added, "Well if it got a little more rusty, that'd be OK too."

For more info about the NFIA, email northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com



ABOVE LEFT: Hector Rivera from Tiverton, RI tows his 1927 Austin on the trailer with his 1954 Chevy to join the car show on 8/15/21 at Livesey Park in Fairhaven sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Legendary Street Rods Car Club. That's one way to get two cars to a car show with only one driver. ABOVE RIGHT: This 1967 Dodge Pickup owned by Mike Toupin is often referred to as a "sleeper" because it is powered by a Viper engine. BELOW LEFT: Almost 200 cars of all kinds join the car show. BELOW RIGHT: Trophies of all shapes and sizes (some even with Jeeps on top) are awarded to winners of each class. BOTTOM LEFT: L-R: North Fairhaven Improvement Association members Ed Rose, Fred Raphael, and Pauline and Barry Parker pose for a picture as the rest of team work the grill behind them to help feed the masses. BOTTOM RIGHT: eidi Hacking (LEFT) receives a burger from Chris Koska at the NFIA food booth. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*



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CPR Class

We are offering a CPR class to any adult who would like to learn this great skill. Perfect for a new parent or just want to sharpen your skills. Sign up today! Ages: 18 and older. Date: October 25 Time: 6PM-8:30 P. Instructor: Beth Oleson. Cost: \$55 Member, \$65 Non Member

Home Alone Safety Class

This course is designed to encourage children to be more independent. Topics covered will be basic first aid, door and telephone protocol, accident prevention, first aid for choking and safety measures. Pizza will also be provided. Space is limited... sign up soon.

Ages: 9-11 Date: September 13th Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6 PM-7:45PM. Cost \$55 members, \$65 non-members

Babysitting Class

This is a comprehensive 3 hour course for 11-14 year olds. Topics will include first aid, choke saving techniques, mealtime, bedtime, diapering, discipline, contracts and ethics. Pizza will be provided. Ages: 11-14 Date: October 4th Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6 PM-8:15PM

Cost: \$55 members/\$65 non-members

Please register early as we will make a decision on whether the class will run 7 days before the scheduled date.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Legal Services

Join us on Sept.13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for a presentation by South Coastal Counties Legal Services (SCCLS). Attorney Andrew Bardetti will discuss the services and spend some time discussing housing rights for tenants and homeowners. SCCLS is a nonprofit corporation that provides free civil legal services to low income families, elders, victims of crime, and people with disabilities in our communities. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to reserve your seat at 508-979-4029.

Fhvn Lions Club Craft Fair

On Sunday, September 19, 10:00-3:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center parking lot. Rain Date Sunday, September 26, 10:00-3:00 p.m. 30 plus crafters and vendors including many talented local crafters. 50/50 Raffle

Music Series

1:00-2:00 p.m.
Outdoors at the Fairhaven Senior Center.
Wed. 8/18, TBA and Thurs., 9/16, Under Fairhaven Council Music Series will be Torch Song, a duo featuring Brenna Joyce, vocalist and Robert Chandler, guitarist performing those

beautiful, romantic songs from the 30s, 40s and 50s. The enduring, iconic music of Frank Sinatra, Julie London, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, Lena Horne, Dean Martin, Peggy Lee, Dinah Washington and so many others are what you will experience with Torch Song.

Chairs will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Light refreshments will be provided by the Atria of Fairhaven, Please call 508-979-4029 to sign up.

Financial Help

Financial Help might be available if: you are a woman over 70 years old, live in Fairhaven, live alone, have unpaid bills due to low income. Call the Senior Center, 508-979-4029 if you meet these criteria and ask for Lucille. All information is confidential.

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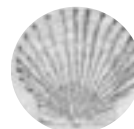
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Acushnet's new principals send message to community

Acushnet Elementary School's principal and assistant principal wrote this letter to Acushnet families that was posted on the town's website.

Greetings, Acushnet Families!

We are both thrilled to join the Acushnet community as the new administrative team at the elementary school.

Both of us are longtime Southcoast residents dedicated to improving the education of students in our care. Between the two of us, we have over forty years of educational experience, both as teachers and as administrators. We complement one another with our areas of expertise. Leah has spent many years helping all students successfully read while Julianna has worked to ensure students have the strongest skills in math. At our core, however, we share the same passion: that all students have the opportunity not just to get what they need, but to shape the future they want.

After such a difficult year, we hope

to lead AES back to a place that feels more "normal", with plans that address students' academic, social, and emotional needs. We may still have to adjust policies and procedures to adapt to the pandemic to keep all students and staff healthy and safe. Just like you had to do last year, we ask for your flexibility and understanding if we need to make these adjustments.

We will do our best to provide you with the most up-to-date information whenever we can.

We can be reached at:

Leah Chesney, Principal: Email, leahchesney@acushnetschools.us; 508-998-0255 ext. 2388

Julianna Pasetto, Assistant Principal: Email, juliannapasetto@acushnetschool.us (508) 998-0255 ext. 2303

We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Leah Chesney

Julianna Pasetto

This weekend in Acushnet

Kitten Cuddle at the Senior Center

CARE Southcoast and the Acushnet Council on Aging invite you to Summer Kitten Cuddle on Sun., 8/22, 10 a.m., at the Acushnet Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.

Come in and meet some of our adorable, adoptable kittens! If you are pre-approved you may be able to take your new family member home that day.

We'll have a couple raffles with cat items and some coffee. Please email carecatvolunteers@gmail.com for an application

COVID Testing

Due to the rise in COVID cases, the Town of Acushnet has decided to continue with COVID testing on a weekly basis until further notice. The testing will be conducted every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12 noon in the trailer located at the rear parking lot of the Council on Aging and Senior Center, 59 1/2 South Main Street in Acushnet... all are welcome.

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BPW hires for Sewer Department, raises W&S rates

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 8/9 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired for the Sewer Department, discussed water and sewer rates, and discussed adding pickleball courts to Livesey Park.

The board met with Ken Pottel to discuss adding more pickleball courts. Mr. Pottel said that pickleball has become quite popular because it is a great sport and people of all ages can play. He asked about adding five pickleball courts at Livesey Park. Pickleball courts are one third the size of tennis courts and they are asphalt.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he was concerned about the parking at Livesey Park because there are so many activities that go on there. He said he was all for adding pickleball courts as long as it will not cause a parking issue.

Mr. Pottel explained that they play pickleball mostly in the mornings, so parking should not be a problem.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton asked how much it would cost and if they had a grant for it.

Mr. Pottel said they are doing some fundraising and that it will cost around \$150,000 for the five courts.

All the board members agreed that they love the idea and support it. Mr. Wotton said if Mr. Pottel needs any help from BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado or the board to reach out.

In another matter the board met with Pattie Pacella about adding a little library to the East Fairhaven area of Shaw Road near the bike path.

Ms. Pacella said she would like to name it the Longworth Little Library in dedication to Caroline Longworth who was the first woman on the Fairhaven Rotary Club and was a Librarian in town for 40 years.

Ms. Pacella said they already have four or five little libraries throughout town and adding one more in East Fairhaven would be nice. She said she lives right near the proposed location, so she could monitor it frequently.

Mr. Wotton said he thought it was a nice idea as long as Ms. Pacella makes sure to check up on it. Mr. Wotton

said that Mr. Furtado would let Ms. Pacella know a good place to put the library, that way it is not in the way of the town landscaping, mowing, etc.

A motion was made to approve of the little library. The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter the board interviewed Tyler Perry for the Sewer System Maintenance Craftsman position. Mr. Furtado announced that Mr. Perry is related to him by marriage and he informed Town Counsel, who said it was okay for Mr. Furtado to participate.

Mr. Furtado said that Mr. Perry has a grade one wastewater license which qualifies him for the position.

Mr. Perry said he went to college for a degree in law enforcement and works in the dispatch office for the Fairhaven Police Department. While he was in college he worked a summer

Mr. Furtado recommended a 5% increase for both sewer and water. He explained that they did not raise the water rates at all last year.

job for the Fairhaven Sewer Department and has six years of wastewater experience.

Mr. Perry said he was interested in the position because there is room for advancement and he would like to work more normal hours. He said his hours in the dispatch office are sometimes overnight.

Mr. Hobson said Mr. Perry seemed very intelligent and that he can advance quickly in the Department.

Board member Frank Coelho agreed that Mr. Perry would be a good addition to the Department.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Perry Sewer System Maintenance Craftsman.

The board then interviewed Seth Arruda for Sewer System Maintenance Man.

Mr. Furtado explained that the position did not require a license, but it was highly recommended to pursue licensure to advance within the

department. Mr. Furtado said Mr. Arruda is qualified for the job and he recommended him for the position.

Mr. Arruda said he is 20 years old and he is a hardworking and has had experience in the field.

Mr. Hobson agreed saying that Mr. Arruda comes from a very hardworking family.

Mr. Coelho agreed and said Mr. Arruda would be an asset and once he gets some licenses he will be able to advance within the department.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Arruda as Sewer System Maintenance Man.

In another matter the board discussed the water and sewer rates for the upcoming year. Mr. Furtado recommended a 5% increase for both sewer and water. He explained that they did not raise the water rates at all last year.

The board agreed that the increase was fair and vote unanimously to the 5% increase.

In another matter Mr. Wotton informed the board that they would need to choose one board member to be part of the screening committee for a new Town Administrator. The committee makeup did not initially include a BPW member, but Fairhaven residents came forward and said the BPW should be represented on the committee.

Mr. Wotton said the Select Board has asked the BPW to select one member to be on that committee. Mr. Wotton said he wanted to recommend Mr. Furtado, but they cannot because he is not a town resident. Mr. Wotton recommended Cameron Durant because he has a strong background in Human Resources.

The board agreed and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Durant to the screening committee.

In another matter Mr. Wotton wanted to apologize for an issue that was brought up at the last BPW meeting. Mr. Wotton said they welcome residents to speak in the open forum part of the BPW, but at the last meeting an employee's name was brought up by a resident and the board should not have allowed the conversation to continue without the employee present.

Mr. Wotton explained that moving forward they will not allow discussion unless both parties are present.

Fairhaven resident receives Myra Kraft Community MVP Award

Press Release

Every year since 1998, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots have been celebrating those who give their time to help others. The program was originally known as the Community Quarterback Awards and were presented to those who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving their communities through volunteerism.

In 2011, the awards were renamed in honor of the late Myra Kraft who committed her life to volunteering. As part of the New England Patriots Foundation's ongoing Celebrate Volunteerism initiative, the Kraft family hosts a special luncheon each year to show their appreciation for local volunteers.

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, 26 volunteers were recognized for their contributions at an awards ceremony at Gillette Stadium. Twenty-five organizations received grants of \$10,000 in honor of their outstanding volunteers and one grand prize winner received a surprise \$25,000 donation.

On hand to congratulate the award winners were Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, New England Patriots Foundation President Joshua Kraft and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett.

"This marks the tenth year that this program has been named in memory of my sweetheart, Myra," said Robert Kraft. "The past 18 months have been unlike anything we've experienced in our lifetime. During these challenging times, these 26 honorees stepped up to serve more children and families than ever before. We admire their selfless dedication and we know that Myra is smiling down on all of them."

Jennifer Blum of Fairhaven, Mass. was recognized for her volunteer efforts and a \$10,000 donation was presented to the Help SAVE Foundation.

After surviving 13 years of mental and physical abuse, Jennifer created the nonprofit, which stands for, "Survivors Advocating for Violence Education." Since 2015, she has been speaking with youth about dating violence and sharing her personal experiences.

Jennifer leads programs to educate law enforcement and social service professionals about the challenges



Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett congratulate Jennifer Blum from the Help SAVE Foundation in Fairhaven, Mass. for being selected as a 2021 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. During the August 11 luncheon, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation awarded \$275,000 in grants to 26 New England nonprofits. The Help SAVE Foundation received a \$10,000 grant in honor of Blum's volunteer efforts. *Photo courtesy of Eric J. Adler/New England Patriots.*

faced by domestic violence victims when they come forward. She advocates for survivors as they navigate through the legal system, provides them with essential care items and teaches them how to be self-sufficient.

"I am incredibly honored to be receiving this important award," said Jennifer. "Myra's work in our communities and overseas in Israel has had a huge impact on so many lives. To me, being a recipient of this award means that I too am making an impact on those who I've helped."

"We at The Help SAVE Foundation are so proud to have Jennifer selected as a recipient of the 2021 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award," said the nonprofit in a statement. "Her dedication to helping families affected by domestic violence doesn't go unnoticed in our communities. Year after year her goal is to help more families deal with the impacts of domestic violence and she does. Many families are now safe and thriving due to her tireless commitment. It has been truly amazing watching her turn her own horrible

experiences with domestic violence into something so positive and helpful to others."

"I will continue to help those in our communities affected by domestic violence," said Jennifer. "I will continue to educate on the dangers of domestic violence and I will continue to help victims become survivors."

The 2021 Myra Kraft Community MVP winners range from 21 to 92 years old and represent every New England state. The selected nonprofits provide support for many causes, including education, domestic violence prevention, healthcare, homelessness, mentoring and military support.

The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation received more than 250 applications this year from nonprofit organizations looking to recognize their outstanding volunteers. Nominations open each spring and the awards are open to all nonprofit organizations in the New England region.

For more information on the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards, please visit www.patriots.com/community.

AAA offers tips for end of summer travel and beyond

Press Release

Americans returned to travel in droves this summer, with recent AAA Travel bookings up at least 11% over 2019 levels, and even more people planning trips for 2022 and beyond. As summer comes to a close, travel volumes around Labor Day are expected to remain high. Though, with a resurgence of COVID-19 cases attributed to the delta variant, some travelers are wondering if they should take that last summer trip — or continue with their future travel plans. AAA reminds travelers it's important to remain informed and be flexible as policies and guidelines continue to evolve.

"Whether and how to travel is a very personal decision. By and large, people who were planning to travel are still taking their trips, while being mindful to take precautions to protect themselves and others," said Mary Maguire, Director of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Northeast. "The hottest summer travel destinations by far have been Mexico, Hawaii and popular cities throughout the U.S., as well as cruises to Alaska, Greece and the Caribbean."

Is it Safe to Travel in Light of the COVID-19 Delta Variant?

AAA Travel experts are continually providing information and tips for traveling safely, to help people make the decision that is right for them. It's important to take into consideration the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, which advises that fully vaccinated people can travel domestically with little risk. For unvaccinated people, they advise delaying travel. Additionally, some destinations and travel providers may require proof of vaccination before traveling.

"Travelers should consult the expertise of a knowledgeable travel agent who can help guide you through this decision-making process, including exploring travel insurance options to protect your vacation investment," added Ms. Maguire. "Travel suppliers are also going the extra mile to help keep guests safe, in some cases requiring vaccines, but also adding wellness guides on tour vacations, cruise lines operating at reduced capacities, adding enhanced cleaning protocols throughout the travel landscape, and more."

Travel insurance options vary greatly, but could potentially cover expenses related to the need to cancel or postpone your trip, flight delays or cancellations, and any extra hotel or transportation expenses incurred. While travel insurance policies have historically not covered epidemics or pandemics, some providers have started to introduce plans that cover some losses due to COVID-19 or other epidemic diseases, due to shifting consumer expectations. Travelers should refer to a knowledgeable AAA travel agent or their travel insurance provider for details.

Mask Guidance for Travelers

The CDC recently updated its guidance on mask-wearing, advising people in areas with high COVID-19 transmission to wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status. You will be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Additionally, some states and cities have updated their mask and other travel requirements.

"Masks should be at the top of

your packing list, since guidelines and requirements will vary from place to place," continued Ms. Maguire. "Also bring along disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer and a thermometer to help protect and monitor your health. For road trips, also consider packing water and extra snacks to reduce the need to stop along your trip."

Modes of Travel – What to Expect

Road trips can offer more flexibility than some other modes of travel, but it's still important to plan ahead for travel by car. Understand the impact COVID-19 has on cities and states you are traveling through and if there are any restrictions in place.

To be informed, check out AAA's COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Map and TripTik.AAA.com.

For those traveling by air, the CDC advises that most viruses and other germs do not spread easily on flights because of how air circulates and is filtered on airplanes, in addition to universal use of masks throughout the air travel experience. AAA recommends travelers consider enrolling in TSA PreCheck, to help expedite your time through potentially crowded airports this summer.

Recent AAA Travel hotel bookings have increased almost 50% over 2019 levels, and these travelers are being met with a different hotel experience. In fact, the pandemic has had a vast impact on consumers' expectations for cleanliness during their stay. As a result, AAA has enhanced its Diamond inspections. Hotels that meet AAA's standards for cleanliness, condition and new surface cleanliness testing are now recognized as Inspected Clean and then assigned a Diamond designation.

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6:30pm
Remote

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, these public hearings will be conducted via remote means.

Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so in the following manner:

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No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing 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. SE 023-1308, CON 023-095: **Huttleston Avenue, Map 31, Lots 115A & 117C** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Dana Lewis for approval of changes to the stormwater infrastructure at the

property located at Huttleston Avenue, Assessors Map 31, Lots 115A & 117C. Work to take place in Bordering Vegetated Wetland and its 100-foot buffer zone.

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.

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

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven Conservation Commission
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requirements and a timeline for calling a special town meeting and said that the town clerk told her that "it's not written out," but typically requires a two to three months' notice. *

The Town will be contracting with Pierce Atwood, a law firm that will assist the Town in exploring a tax-taking option for the Atlas Tack property. Mr. Espindola supported the idea of identifying potential liabilities and partnering with the state Department of Environmental

Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency relating to the cleanup of the site.

In other matters, the board appointed Travis Rapoza to the Economic Development Committee. No one seconded Mr. Silvia's motion to appoint Nils Isaksen. FinCom member Lisa Plante and Planning Board member Wayne Hayward were appointed to the Rogers Re-Use Committee as representatives of their committees.

*The Fairhaven Bylaws state that for

a special town meeting, the warrant must be posted no fewer than seven days before the meeting, and all articles must be received 30 days before the meeting date.

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He said the board would like to apologize to the employee. Mr. Wotton said at the last meeting they did not know an employee's name was going to be mentioned.

Mr. Wotton said the board never wants to put an employee at risk and if the board had known the employee's name was going to be mentioned they would have stopped the discussion.

Mr. Wotton said the board wholeheartedly apologizes to the employee and they welcome the employee to come in and speak on the issue either publicly or in executive session.

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Travelers will be able to find Inspected Clean hotels on AAA.com/Diamonds to help plan their trips later this fall. In the meantime, look for AAA's Best of Housekeeping badge — awarded to the top 25% of Diamond designated hotels for cleanliness — for extra peace of mind. Also, prior to any hotel stay, call ahead to ensure your hotel is open and ask what precautions they are taking to protect guests.

Traveling with Children

Families with children who are not yet eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine face additional questions about whether to travel, especially as many anticipate the start of the school year in the coming weeks. If you are traveling with children who cannot get vaccinated at this time, the CDC recommends following recommendations for unvaccinated people and choosing safer travel options, such as a road trip with few stops or a direct flight, and taking steps to avoid crowds and close contact with unvaccinated people who are not from your household. If you do fly, everyone over the age of 2 will be required to wear masks on the plane and in airports.

Ultimately, the decision to travel is a personal one that must be made by each individual and family. AAA Travel advisors are available to help members with the information they need to plan a trip, when they're ready to do so. For more information, visit AAA.com/Travel.

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/23, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Contributory Retirement

Tues., 8/24, Remote, 9 a.m.

Cultural Council

Mon., 8/23, Remote, 6 p.m.

Economic Devel. Comm.

Thurs., 8/19, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Lagoa Friendship Pact Com

Tues., 8/24, Town Hall/Remote, 5:30

Marine Resources

Mon., 8/23, at Select Board mtg.

School Committee

Wed., 8/25, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 8/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 8/25, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 8/19, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/31, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	19	0559	1827	0025	----
				1146	----
Friday	20	0653	1916	0120	1253
Saturday	21	0740	2001	0213	1349
Sunday	22	0826	2047	0302	1447
Monday	23	0912	2133	0336	1529
Tuesday	24	0957	2216	0352	1556
Wednesday	25	1040	2259	0407	1622
Thursday	26	1123	2342	0430	1650
Friday	27	----	1208	0457	1723
Saturday	28	0030	1258	0530	1802
Sunday	29	0122	1350	0609	1857
Monday	30	0214	1441	0703	2009

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Fairhaven Schools participate in Lunch Program

Fairhaven Public Schools will be participating in the **National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program**. As part of this program, **Fairhaven Public Schools** will offer healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and Lunch will be **FREE** to all students for the 2021-2022 school year. **If you have received a Notice of Direct Certification — FREE from Fairhaven Public Schools, DO NOT complete an application.** An application is still needed for ALL students who are not notified of a FREE status. This application may qualify your family for additional State and Federal benefits.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school — unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available **at the office of each school, on the school's website www.fairhavenps.org and 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.**

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact **Barbara Loranger** at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, **the Business Manager** will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to **Tara Kohler, 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.**

When known to **Fairhaven Public Schools**, households will be

notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to **Fairhaven Public Schools**, households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as: Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call **Barbara Loranger at 508-979-4000 x 135** or e-mail at **bloranger@fairhavenps.net**

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2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266
7	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$1,428
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