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## Welcome back, NFIA Music Night



A crowd of about 150 gathers in Benoit Square in Fairhaven to listen to oldies by Eddie and the Exciters on Sunday, 8/29/21, for the annual North Fairhaven Improvement Association Music Night. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, a fun weekend coming up. The stormin' from the latest hurricane should be gone by the time the Biggest Little Feast gets underway. OLOA is holding a Festa! (See page 3).

Get ready for the best malassadas of your life. No, really, they're that good. You'll have to wait in line for a long time to get them, but I assure you it's worth it.

And be sure to be around on Monday for the procession at 1 p.m.

Our cover story is lots of fun. Dancing on the sidewalks, not the streets. But you'll have to go to page 12 to read why.

We have meeting coverage, too: The Select Board and School Committee picked someone to fill Stasia's seat (see page 4); and the BPW is on page 17.

We also have a couple of notices from committees: The Belonging Committee is ready to staff up, see page 5 on how to volunteer; and the Community Preservation applications are ready (see page 5).

Lt. Lincoln retired from the Fairhaven Fire Department and went on his "last ride home." See page 18 for that. And Livesey Park got a spruced up flag pole (see page 18).

And then there's that yacht fire. Ouch. That was one big fire (see page 19). First off all, I can't imagine owning a boat like the Miss Dunia. And if I did manage to imagine it, I think I'd be pretty sick about it burning to the water line.

They tell me summer is over, and the scheduling of the fall encampment (see page 3), sure does make it seem that it's possible.

Meanwhile, back in the present, there's other fun stuff in here.

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Until next week then...  
see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really?  
Cool.

# OLOA Feast is this weekend

## OLOA Feast



The 91st annual Feast of Our Lady of Angels, Sat., Sun., Mon., 9/4, 5, 6; Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven. Sat. 5 p.m.-Midnight, Sun. Noon - Midnight; Mon. Noon - 10:00 p.m.; Procession on Main St. Monday at 1:00 p.m.

A traditional, weekend-long Portuguese "festa" featuring live

music, game booths, Portuguese and American foods, auctions, kids' activities. On Monday at 1:00 p.m. a procession is held from St. Mary's Church to Benoit Square and back, with marching bands, clergy, local officials and invited guests. The carved wooden statue of Our Lady of Angels is carried along the route on the shoulders of members of the club.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. For more info: 508-990-0502

Opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. on Saturday followed by a concert by Our Lady of Light band of Fall River; 8 p.m.-midnight, music by 7 Day Weekend.

Sunday, 9/5: Grounds open from noon to midnight. 3-7 p.m., entertainment by Richard Canastra & Paul Sovoie Show; 8 p.m.-midnight, entertainment by Hardwire.

Monday, 9/6: Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Main St. Mass celebrant Fr. Arruda of the Fall River Diocese.

Procession at 1 p.m. on Monday, followed by auction. 6-10 p.m., entertainment by Red Handed. Grounds close at 10 p.m.

Must purchase tickets for food and beverages. All three days Portuguese and American food will be served.

## SAVE THE DATE: Fall Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia Revolutionary War Encampment, Sat. & Sun., 9/25 & 26; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to sunset, Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fort Phoenix, Fort S., Fairhaven, MA

**Cannon firing is Saturday evening at 6:45 p.m.**

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and see period activities such as tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more. At sunset on Saturday, about 6:45 p.m.) the fort's five large cannons will be fired.

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See pages 5, 8, 9, for more happenings.

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229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven MA

30 plus crafters and vendors including many talented local crafters of soaps, By the Bay Farms — cannabis pain salve, gnomes and fashion wraps, soy candles, deco mesh wreaths, Gray's Blankets — flannel baby blankets, Tupperware, Scentsy, Paparazzi Jewelry, Mary Kay and many more.  
Raffles. 50/50 Raffle, you keep half of money raised.

# Selectboard and school committee choose new SC member

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board and School Committee interviewed three candidates to fill an opening on the SC on Monday, 8/30/21. The opening was created when former SC member Stasia Powers won a seat on the Select Board in a special election on 7/26.

Erik Andersen, a Licensed Mental Health Clinician with two children in the Fairhaven Public Schools system, was chosen in a 6-2 vote. All five SC members and Ms. Powers voted for Mr. Andersen.

Both SB members, Bob Espindola and Keith Silvia, voted for Cathleen Marchessault, who had run for a seat on the SC in the last election.

The third candidate was Robert Pimental, a 1984 graduate of Fairhaven High School, and an educator at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech for 30 years.

Each member of the SB and SC asked the same question to each candidate.

When asked why he wanted to be on the board, Mr. Andersen, a Fairhaven resident since 2008, said he felt he could bring a "unique perspective" to the committee.

He said his background working with kids gave him an understanding of the social-emotional needs of students. He also said that both his children on special education plans.

"I'm a listener. I'm the one that hears," said Mr. Andersen, adding that his job requires that he listen.

He also said he was more of an introvert and would look around to find his role on the committee.

"I'm not rambunctious," he said.

He also said that COVID was the biggest challenge facing the district and he would have voted to support the mask mandate that the SC passed.

"I work in the hospital. To me, that's the answer right there," he said about supporting mask wearing. "And I see what the pandemic is doing."

He said he had not been able to be on a committee before due to his work schedule, which has changed.

Ms. Marchessault revived many of her campaign points, stressing that she is a "passionate educator" who wants to give back to the community she lives in.

Mr. Pimental stressed that he is a lifetime resident of Fairhaven, FHS

graduate from a long line of FHS graduates, and has been an educator for 30 years. He also coached JV basketball at FHS for nine years as assistant coach to former Superintendent Bob Baldwin.

Mr. Espindola and Mr. Silvia both said they supported Ms. Marchessault because she received so many votes when she ran last April.

Mr. Andersen said he would get sworn in right away so he could attend the next SC meeting on 9/8.

"I'll be in touch," said SC chairperson Brian Monroe to Mr. Andersen. "You're not alone on this."

He said the Mass. Association of School Committees has an orientation course that will be very helpful to the new member.

"We'll get together," said Mr. Monroe. "We'll get you going."

Mr. Andersen thanked Mr. Monroe and said it was "humbling."

In other business, the Select Board discussed the recently reinstated mask mandate for town buildings. Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves said that two town hall employees tested positive for COVID, so the mask mandate that was imposed the week before "came at just the right time."

Mr. Espindola noted that people are no longer working remotely, but employees who test positive will not be in the building.

Ms. Graves said that employees will wear masks if they interact with the public or need to walk in the halls. For those at their desks who are able to socially distance, they do not have to wear glass; neither do those who have plexiglass between them.

Mr. Espindola said the agenda item will continue to be on the agenda as the situation is "fluid."

In another matter, the board approved the Town Administrator



The three candidates who vied for the open seat on the Fairhaven School Committee return to the room for the vote, L-R: Erik Andersen, who was chosen by a vote of the Select Board and School Committee; Cathleen Marchessault; Robert Pimental. Photo by Beth David.

position statement. Board member Keith Silvia recused himself and left the room as he has a conflict of interest, because his wife is the Council on Aging Director and is directly supervised by the TA.

The statement will be used by the Collins Center to recruit a Town Administrator. It describes the kind of community Fairhaven is; town government; finances and financial outlook; budget, bond rating, taxes and revenue; economy, industries, and economic development potential; open space and recreation; challenges and opportunities; current and potential projects.

Except for a few minor typographical errors, the board voted to accept the statement.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that the Collins Center hoped to start advertising for the position before Labor Day.

Ms. Powers also told the board that she attended the Bristol County Advisory Board meeting last week. She said communities in Bristol County are slated to receive \$109 million in COVID relief funds. Fairhaven is set to receive \$3.1 million. The BCAB will take a percentage from each municipality's grant for county-wide projects.

Ms. Powers said she was waiting for more information on the criteria for what kind of projects the money can be spent on.

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## OLOA Feast

The Our Lady of Angels Feast is on! Sat., 9/4 to Mon., 9/6. Portuguese food and music. See page 3.

## 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.

## Tree Canopy Tour

The Fairhaven Tree Warden invites the public to a 30-minute walking tour of the town center on Tues., 9/7, at 5 p.m., to see firsthand what the present state of our tree canopy is and what can be done. Start on the steps of the town hall. Anyone that cares about our trees is encouraged to come.

## CPC plan apps

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is now accepting applications for the 2021 (FY23) CPC funding round. **The deadline for full applications will be October 15, 2021.** The CPC will also be accepting Letters of Interest from parties who want feedback before submitting a final application. Letters of Interest for consideration for FY23 should be submitted to the Planning Department in Town Hall by September 17, 2021.

The FY23 Letters of Interest forms, Submission Guidelines and Application forms are available on the Town's Web Site on the Community Preservation Committee's page: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

The FY23 revised Community Preservation Plan will be reviewed and approved at the September 22, 2021 CPC Meeting and a draft plan for public comment is also available on the Fairhaven CPC website.

Activities that can be funded are:

- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Open Space.
- Creation, preservation and support of Community Housing.
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Historic Resources.
- Acquisition, creation and preserva-

tion of land for Recreational Use.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department. For information or appointments call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 122 or email [pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Belonging Comm.

A new "Belonging Committee" to support Fairhaven's efforts to become a welcoming town that recognizes diversity, pursues racial equity, and fosters inclusion, has been announced and is recruiting members.

The Belonging Committee will strive to identify and promote activities designed to further efforts of the core values of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and to advocate for the human and civil rights of all. To ensure clarity for all, the committee will use the following definitions:

**Diversity** includes all the ways in which people differ, encompassing the different characteristics that make one individual or group different from another. While diversity is often used in reference to race, ethnicity, and gender, we embrace a broader definition of diversity that also includes age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, education, marital status, language, and physical appearance. Our definition also includes diversity of thought: ideas, perspectives, and values. We also recognize that individuals affiliate with multiple identities.

**Equity** is the fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all people, while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of some groups. Improving equity involves increasing justice and fairness within the procedures and processes of institutions or systems, as well as in their distribution of resources. Tackling equity issues requires an understanding of the root causes of outcome disparities within our society.

**Inclusion** is the act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. An inclusive and welcoming climate embraces differences and offers respect in words

and actions for all people. It's important to note that while an inclusive group is by definition diverse, a diverse group isn't always inclusive. Increasingly, recognition of unconscious or "implicit bias" helps organizations to be deliberate about addressing issues of inclusivity.

The Committee will provide guidance to local governing bodies, municipal organizations, businesses, and residents on diversity-related issues, discourage prejudices and discrimination, and encourage unity in our community.

The first meeting of the committee will be held after the Select Board appoints the members. Agenda items will include the election of seven voting members — ideally one from each precinct. The chair will be exempt from the precinct count and the school, Select Board, police and fire departments will have advisory seats. All are welcome to join an open meeting that will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Please submit your letters of interest to the Select Board at [selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:selectboard@fairhaven-ma.gov) by 4:00 pm. on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

## Free Boating Class

### Boating Skills & Seamanship

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course is a comprehensive boater certificate course designed for both the experienced and novice boater. The course consists of eight core required two-hour lessons, plus five elective lessons providing up-to-date knowledge for handling boats under all conditions.

Every Monday from Sept 13, 2021-Dec 13, 80 Middle St Fairhaven, MA 02719. Pre-register for class at <http://flotilla65.com/public-education-class/> Class is FREE to all!!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Pet Photo Day

Who doesn't love photos of their pets? Join us for a pet photo day to help the Humane Society and Shelter SouthCoast, on Sun., 9/19, from noon-3 p.m. at Rose Homes LAER Realty Partners Office, 208 Washington Street Fairhaven. **Photos are \$15/each.**



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## The Museum of Fairhaven History *At the Academy Building*



The Fairhaven Historical Society is a member-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the history of Fairhaven for future generations. The Society operates The Museum of Fairhaven History located in the Academy Building at 141 Main Street to showcase a collection of Fairhaven art, artifacts, and other historical items.

For membership information, please see [fairhavenhistory.org](http://fairhavenhistory.org)



The museum is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Huttleston Marketplace.

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

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Seeking Contestants

The Miss New Bedford Scholarship Organization is actively seeking contestants for its upcoming "miss" and "teen" competitions. Multiple thousands will be awarded in scholarship prizes; Miss New Bedford will win a \$3,500 scholarship alone.

Additionally, both winners receive a year-of-a-lifetime and a chance to compete for additional opportunities at the state level. Win or not, the competition is a confidence and leadership-building program for all who participate.

No experience is necessary. Contestants do not need to be New Bedford residents. Eligibility is open to women ages 13 to 25 who either live, work, or attend school in New Bedford, Acushnet, Assonet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, or Westport.

Contestants compete in varying phases of competition, depending on whether competing in the teen or miss division. These include talent, evening wear/red carpet, and speaking both on-stage, as well as off-stage in a private interview. There is no swimsuit portion.

An information session will be held soon. To reserve a seat, email [info@missnewbedford.org](mailto:info@missnewbedford.org).

## Hoarding Prog

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

- Acushnet Senior Center, 59 ½ South Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743  
Facilitator: Amanda Blais  
([amandablais@comcast.net](mailto:amandablais@comcast.net))

Saturdays beginning Sept. 11th, from 10am to Noon

- Buttonwood Warming House, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford, MA 02740  
Facilitator: Sandra Cambra ([sandracambrahd@gmail.com](mailto:sandracambrahd@gmail.com))  
Tuesdays beginning Sept. 7th from Noon-2pm

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

A maintenance group is also available for those who have previously attended at least one full round of the Buried in Treasures support group. The maintenance group continues to meet biweekly on Mondays from 5pm to 7pm at the Acushnet Senior Center. For questions, please contact Mary Freire-Kellogg at [kellogg63@gmail.com](mailto:kellogg63@gmail.com)!

If you are new to our support groups or the Buried in Treasures program, we encourage you to join one of our informational meetings either on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Buttonwood Warming House or on Monday, 9/13, at 4 p.m. at the Acushnet Senior Center. Come learn about the resources we have available to assist you and how our groups can best support you. All are welcome!

## AHA! Night

Downtown will be alight with free art and entertainment on September 9th as a fully live AHA! night fills the streets to celebrate the role that the arts play in the economic revival of New Bedford.

This month's theme celebrates 20 years since the opening of the UMass Dartmouth Star Store Campus for the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the impact it has had on the arts culture in the city.

Stroll downtown and check out all the free AHA! Night entertainment at dozens of venues, along with the fabulous food served at downtown's many and diverse restaurants.

Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/events/august-vaha/> for a full schedule of events.

## CPC Info Session

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the Department of City Planning announce the launch of the FY22 CPA

application cycle at an Application Technical Workshop, hosted by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The public is invited to attend this informational session on Thurs., 9/9 at 6 p.m. at the NB Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., 3rd floor.

The CPC anticipates a budget of approximately \$1.6 million to fund CPA eligible projects in FY22 and strongly encourages all those interested in applying for funding during this cycle attend the workshop to learn about the application process.

Direct questions to Jessica Bailey, CPA Coordinator by email: [CPA@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:CPA@newbedford-ma.gov). Application materials will be available on the city website at: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/> on September 9, 2021.

## Women's Work: At Sea, On Shore...

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, is pleased to announce the September 9 opening of its new exhibit, *Women's Work: At Sea, On Shore, At Home, In the Community*. The exhibit will shine a light on the many roles women play in commercial fishing communities.

The public is invited to meet the featured photographers at an opening reception from 6:00-8:00 pm, 9/9; the exhibit will remain on view in the Center's gallery through March 2022.

Through photographs and oral histories, the exhibit profiles more than sixty women from fishing communities in Mass., Maine, and Rhode Island, and amplifies the voices and experience of women who work in what is often perceived to be a male-dominated world. The exhibit features the photography of Shareen Davis, Markham Starr, and Phil Mello, and draws on oral history interviews conducted over the past 15 years.

Visitors will meet women who work on deck as fishermen and scientists, on shore as welders and electricians, women who own businesses and boats, and women who advocate on behalf of the fishing industry. The exhibit also explores topics ranging from "What do You Call a Woman who Fishes?" to "Women in Myths and Marketing." Please email [programs@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:programs@fishingheritagecenter.org) with any questions.

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Diverse Little Lib.

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR), a local non-profit organization, invites you to attend a **ribbon-cutting celebration for the Little Free Diverse Library on Friday, 9/10, 5:00 PM at Ned's Point Lighthouse in Mattapoisett.** The Little Free Diverse Library, recently built and installed by town staff, provides an opportunity to borrow a book and share a book. Diverse books are suitable for all ages.

The celebration includes refreshments; and a FREE BOOK will be distributed to each child as long as supplies last. TTAR is featuring "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters" by John Steptoe. Free bookmarks, book lists and stickers will also be distributed. People are welcome to bring a new or gently-used diverse book to add to the library's collection.

## Cruise Night

At Mattapoisett Wharf, Fri., 9/3 and 9/17 5-9 p.m. Music by Johnny Angel. No dogs allowed in park.

## COA Luncheon

The Friends of Mattapoisett Council on Aging are having a Luncheon at noon on Sept. 9. Come and join us for Burgers, hot dogs, french fries and ice cream. Punch and coffee will also be served.

Please bring a donation of canned goods or school supplies to the Luncheon. **Reserve your spot** by calling the Mattapoisett Council on Aging office (508-758-4110) **by 9/7.**

## Author Event

Former Merchant Marine Officer Eugene Kelly, one of only three survivors of a crew of thirty four, and award-winning author Robert Frump will recount the tragic story of the SS Marine Electric from their unique perspectives. The program will begin at 7:00 PM on Thurs., 9/9, at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Admirals Hall, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA. Registration is required.

**Tickets: \$20 each for the in-person event,** where a book signing will follow. The event will also be live-streamed on the Chatham Orpheum Theater's large screen with tickets at \$15 each. A home viewing option via

Zoom is \$15. For tickets visit [ChathamMarconi.org](http://ChathamMarconi.org).

## Vendors & Volunteers Wanted

The Old Colony PTO will be hosting their first annual Fall Family Festival. We are currently looking for craft vendors. We are only admitting one per type of craft/company. Spaces are free, as we do not yet know how big the crowd will be.

\*Register by September 15, and you will receive 2 free raffle tickets.

We also need volunteers. Please email [oldcolonypto1@gmail.com](mailto:oldcolonypto1@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook to learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/OldColonyPTO>

## Watershed Ride Reg

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride provides one of the most scenic coastal cycling courses in all of New England, and it returns for its 15th year on Sunday, Oct. 3. Cyclists of all ages and abilities can **sign up now** to bike 35, 75 or 100 miles at the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride by visiting [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride).

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

## Schooner Fest

Welcome to the 37th annual Gloucester Schooner Festival this weekend, Friday, 9/3 to Monday, 9/6. This capstone to the summer is steeped in history and jam-packed with events and opportunities to get up-close and personal with these beautiful ships. The GSF has become a Labor Day weekend tradition for thousands of people every year and we hope you will join in the festivities!

The Gloucester Schooner Festival is an event put on by Maritime Gloucester and has become a community wide celebration of the age of sail in Gloucester Harbor. Every year schooners from all over travel to Gloucester to race and to

show off their beauty and grace both under sail and as a dock-side attraction.

Visit <https://www.maritimeloucestergloucester.org/schooner-festival> for all the info you need to plan an exciting weekend on and off the water. Contact Us At: [Schooner@MaritimeGloucester.org](mailto:Schooner@MaritimeGloucester.org)

## Mamma Mia!

Theatre By The Sea's owner and producer Bill Hanney, who recently reopened his beloved Theatre By The Sea after more than a year of being shuttered, is pleased to announce that due to popular demand and limited seating availability, an additional matinee performance of *Mamma Mia!* has been added on Sun., 9/5 at 12:30 pm. Masks required.

The theatre is located at 364 Cards Pond Road, Wakefield, RI. Tickets are \$58 - \$81 (additional fees may apply). Discount rates are available for groups. Tickets are on sale at the box office daily from 11:00 am-5:00 pm and performance days until curtain, online 24-hours-a-day at [theatrebythesea.com](http://theatrebythesea.com) and by phone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 782-TKTS (8587).

## At the MAC

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce the return of several programs for children and adults this fall, including a few new classes.

Find out more and register for all adult classes online at [marionartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://marionartcenter.org/adult-classes).

## Agriculture Weekend

Coggeshall Farm Museum will celebrate Agriculture Weekend on Sat. & Sun., 9/4 & 5 as part of their new series of summer and fall programming events. This event, in its first year since partnering with Old Sturbridge Village, will feature costumed historians from both museums demonstrating how livestock on an 18 th-century farm was not only important to historic foodways, but critical to the success of the farm as a whole.

Agriculture Weekend programming is included with Standard Daytime Admission, or membership to Coggeshall Farm or Old Sturbridge Village. Visit <https://www.coggeshallfarm.org>

# Recipe of the Week

## Tuscan Salmon

- 3 salmon fillets
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 5 cloves garlic, finely diced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1/3 cup vegetable broth
- 5 oz jarred sun-dried tomato in oil, drained or fresh grape tomatoes
- 1 3/4 cups heavy cream
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 3 cups baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1 tbs fresh parsley, chopped

Heat oil in large skillet or frying pan over med-high heat. Season salmon filets on both sides with S&P, then sear in the hot pan flesh-side down for 5 mins. Repeat on the other side, or until salmon is cooked to your liking. Remove from pan and set aside. Do not clean pan.

In same pan, melt the butter in the remaining cooking juices over med. heat. Add in garlic and saute until fragrant (about one min). Add onion and saute until translucent. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and saute for 1-2 minutes so they release their flavors. Finally, pour in the vegetable broth, and allow the sauce to reduce down slightly.

Reduce heat to low, add the heavy cream, and bring to a low simmer while stirring often. Season the cream sauce with salt and pepper to taste.

Add baby spinach and allow to wilt in the sauce. Add parmesan cheese, then allow cream sauce to simmer for another minute until cheese melts through.

Add the grilled salmon filets back into the pan; sprinkle with the parsley, and spoon the sauce over each filet. Serve immediately and garnish with parmesan optional.

# Dear Frankie



## Doing The Right Thing

*Dear Frankie,*  
My friend and neighbor Rascal and I share a ride to the dog park. He has been spending most of his time recently with Maisie, a newcomer to the park.

The other day Rascal didn't catch a ride because he went to a birthday party for his long-term girlfriend, Gigi. When I got in the gate, Maisie ran over and immediately began talking to me about Rascal. She said he told her she was beautiful and looked forward to being with her. Maisie then asked if he had shared with me that they were dating.

She could have knocked me over with a feather. When I had a minute to recover, I told her that Rascal isn't much of a talker, so I wasn't surprised he hadn't said anything.

I don't know what I should do with this information. Is it up to me to say something to Rascal, Gigi, or Maisie or not say anything at all?

*Best, Apple*

*Dear Apple,*

If what Maisie told you about them being an item is true, I can see how difficult it would be for you to find out

that your friend Rascal has been two-timing his girlfriend.

Is it possible that Maisie is making more of Rascal's comments than he intended? Saying you enjoy being with someone and believe they are beautiful doesn't necessarily mean you are dating.

Before you say anything, you might see how things play out between the two of them over the next few weeks.

If you see Rascal's behavior to Maisie is more than casual, you might tell him what you have observed and ask him point-blank, "What's going on between you and Maisie?"

You have then put Rascal on notice that you are aware of his behavior. In terms of how he behaves towards Maisie, and what he does after that is up to him.

By asking Rascal, you will be acting responsibly and respectfully in that you will not be accusing him, tattling on Maisie, or looking the other way.

*Best, Frankie*

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# NFIA Music Night is back

By Beth David  
Editor

After being forced to skip last year, the music night in Benoit Square saw a pretty good crowd of about 150 turn out to listen to oldies and dance the night away. The annual North Fairhaven Improvement Association Music Night was a little different this year, but spirits were as upbeat as always.

The car cruise part of the event, and the dancing in the streets, had to be nixed due to a relatively new regulation by the state. The NFIA learned too late in the game that they needed to get a permit from the state police because Adams Street and Main Street are both state roads.

NFIA member Fred Raphael had the dubious honor of working like crazy to get the permit in time. He said he got all the way to the end of the process in a week, something that usually takes six weeks, and then hit the ultimate snag: The state trooper who had to sign off on it was on vacation.

Mr. Raphael said he had to get a

sign-off from the police department, fire department, select board and state police. He also needed drawings to show the street and what exactly would be blocked off, etc.

He contacted friends and family, anyone he thought could help. In the end, he still had to fill out the online form, a task he needed help with. He also said that next year, the event will cost more because the new regulation requires a police detail, instead of just volunteer Emergency Management Agency personnel.

Mr. Raphael did point out, though, that the NFIA was able to alert Our Lady of Angels to the new requirements, so the procession down Main Street should be good to go this Monday.

The Halloween Horribles Parade and Santa in the Square will also be all set.

Meanwhile, at the music night on Sunday, no one seemed to be upset that they had to dance on the sidewalk or in the square instead of the street.

The classic cars will, no doubt be back next year.

The NFIA also grilled up some hot dogs and burgers, and had malassadas for those with a sweet tooth.

To learn more about the NFIA and their events, find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NfiaNorthFairhavenImprovementAssociation/>



TOP, L-R: Flo DaCosta and Judy Cambra dance to oldies by Eddie and the Exciters in Benoit Square in Fairhaven on Sunday, 8/29/21, for the annual North Fairhaven Improvement Association Music Night. ABOVE LEFT & MIDDLE: Carol and Chuck Hassel sport some fancy moves as they dance to the oldies. ABOVE RIGHT: People enjoying the oldies say "hey" to the *Neighb News*. BELOW LEFT: Eddie and the Exciters play the oldies. BELOW RIGHT: North Fairhaven Improvement Association members, sporting their spiffy blue t-shirts, take a minute to pose for the local free sheet. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Acushnet Car Cruise fills Parting Ways with music, classic cars

By Beth David  
Editor

It was a bit smaller than in previous years, but the 11th annual Acushnet Car Cruise still filled the Parting Ways Green with music, the aroma of grilled food, dancing, and good conversation. Classic cars lined Main Street on Thursday, 8/26/21, while music by the Klassics filled the green.

Hamilton and Marilyn Walker showed their 1967 GT Shelby. Mr. Hamilton bought it in 1971 for \$900. It's worth close to \$200k now.

The Shelby, explained Mr. Walker, is in a Mustang body, but has no Ford parts. It was built for racing. All parts are high performance.

"Just don't call it a Mustang," said Mr. Walker.

They said they had it put away for years and just finished up the "last touches" on it, so, it was time to show it off.

Ms. Walker said she was surprised at how loud it was.'

"I couldn't hear my damn phone ringing," she said.

"It's a deep V8 sound," said Mr. Walker.

Amando Pereira was showing his 1969 Chevy Camaro, a clone, he said, but that was very difficult to know.

Still, it's worth about \$30-\$40,000, he said. He bought it in 2012 and started working on it. It needed a lot of body work, motor work, transmission.

"Everything," he said.

Mike Neider was showing a 1963 Comet S22 convertible that his parents bought. He said his mother wanted Mike's daughter to have it. So he fixed it up. His daughter doesn't drive yet, though, so dad is taking good care of it.

"She's 15 and owns a convertible," said Mr. Neider.

He said it's a rare model, with six tail lights, not four.

"We try to keep it up," he said.

In Mustang row, by the town hall, Gene and Debbie Sylvia showed their white 1967 Mustang that they've

owned for more than 10 years. Mr. Sylvia said they had it shipped from Alberta in 2010. He said he wanted one for a long time.

"I waited 40 years to get this," said Mr. Sylvia, adding that he started his family at a young age, which kind of messed up the car plan.

"So, I said, when this came along, I was getting it," he said. "At 63, I said it's about time I do it. I got it for my birthday."

They both love the car shows, they said, attending as many as they can.

"We have a good time," said Mr. Sylvia. "We just love them."

"Five days a week, sometimes two shows in a day," said Ms. Sylvia. "We're diehards. We show up everywhere. I love it. I love the shows, the people, the music."

She said she especially liked the Acushnet show because it had live music instead of a DJ.

The annual event is sponsored by the town of Acushnet and the Acushnet Celebration Committee.



ABOVE LEFT: A 1967 GT Shelby owned by Hamilton and Marilyn Walker is on display at the 11th annual Acushnet Car Cruise on Thursday, 8/26/21, which also featured oldies music by the Klassics. ABOVE RIGHT: A 1963 Comet S22 convertible is on display. BELOW LEFT: The food crew from the Acushnet Fire Association poses for the local free sheet during car cruise. BELOW RIGHT: Friends give big smiles for the local free sheet during the show. Photos by Beth David.



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## 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

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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

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# Acushnet news and events

## Town-Wide Yard Sale

Acushnet's Apple Peach Festival has been canceled. The weekend has always known as the weekend for yard sales. Driving along Main Street to get o the festival, drivers would see house after house with yard sales. This year, a group of residents has decided to promote a town-wide yard sale on the weekend after Labor Day, the traditional dates for the two-day Apple Peach Festival.

Those who wish to participate can add their homes to the list at <https://forms.gle/UDPo2Wbf4v8TtLU D6>

One week before (on 9/5), the list will be compiled and posted on teh All Things Acushnet Facebook group.

## 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](mailto: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 agriculure, natural resources and community service.

## 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 Cente, 59 1/2 South Main Street in Acushnet... all are welcome.

## Vaccination Clinic

The state will be back in Acushnet for another local clinic on Sat., 9/11, from 9 a.m.–noon, at the Council on Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. Second doses will be administered on 10/2.

No charge, residency not required. All you need to do is roll up your sleeve!

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## From our readers

### A Note of Thanks

I just wanted to express my gratitude that after all the hype about hurricane Henri, it looks like our town suffered no serious tree damage from the storm.

I don't know if my thanks go to the new tree warden, Eversource power company, the BPW, or all of the above.

I did notice that a number of trees have recently been removed, including one right across the street from my house which looked like it had very little life left in it and was very likely a hazard to the power wires.

I don't know who makes the decisions about planting new trees and taking down bad ones, but thank you.

*Stephan Becker, Fairhaven*

### Trump vs. Biden

President Biden together with his cabinet and military leaders are rapidly destroying America's respect and preeminence in the world. I can guarantee you our standing is at its lowest point in history.

This debacle in Afghanistan would never have happened if Donald Trump was still in power.

He had plans worked out together with Mike Pompeo, his secretary of state, and chief of staff of armed forces Kellogg who comes from a military family and had real combat experience in the Gulf and Iraq wars. We are being led by a president with

no military experience and the same is true of many of his staff.

Our present situation in Afghanistan is like a rudderless ship floundering around in the ocean.

Trump put America's interests and safety first. He knew that peace was never secured through appeasement and concession. Your enemies have to respect and fear you.

Trump would have withdrawn from Afghanistan in an orderly and measured manner, making sure that American civilians and Afghan collaborators would have been evacuated first. He wouldn't have abandoned the Afghan army and the Afghan women the way Biden did. He would have held onto the air bases which support the Afghan army.

We will be in a more perilous situation since September 11, 2001, the Taliban Al Qaeda and ISIS will be in control in Afghanistan. They will be in control of all military bases and armaments we we'll be leaving behind. Worse yet, they will have the psychological advantage of saying you can't trust America.

How did Donald Trump earn respect for America and why did our enemies fear him?

I would like to present a few examples. The brutal dictator of Syria was using poisonous gas on his citizens. Obama warned him he'd be crossing a red line if he used it. Assad used it. Obama did nothing. He tried

it with Trump. Trump launched 10+ cruise missiles destroying his bases.

North Korea's dictator Kim Jong-un, who starved millions of his subjects, was developing his nuclear arsenal and the missiles to deliver them. There was a false report of an incoming missile headed toward Hawaii. People panicked putting their children down man holes. What did Trump do? He told Kim he had a bigger button that his and his worked. He put two aircraft carriers off his coast. Kim backed down.

He took out Iran's second in command Soleimani who was responsible for the death of thousands of American soldiers. He took out the leader of al Qaeda al-Baghdadi.

He tore up the nuclear agreement with Iran with no real inspections. Obama spent billions on flights in the dark of night so secure it.

Our southern border with Mexico is wide open. Drugs, criminals, gang members, COVID infected people are pouring in. With no vetting or restrictions. Soon terrorists will be crossing. We are in a more perilous situation than we were in September 11, 2001.

My hope and prayer is that this letter can in some way inform people and shake them out of their apathy. The stated goal of those now in control in Afghanistan is to kill Americans and wipe Israel off the map.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

# BPW discusses new signs at Cooke Park; apologizes to Lavalette

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 8/23/21, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed Town Beach personnel matters and signage at Cooke Park,

Board member Marcus Ferro and BPW Chair Brain Wotton were both absent from the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson chaired the meeting.

The board first met with Town Beach parking attendant Gary Lavalette. BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained that a few meetings ago a resident came in to discuss issues at Town Beach that involved Mr. Lavalette.

Mr. Furtado said the board should have stopped the resident and waited to discuss the issues when Mr. Lavalette was present, but the board made a mistake. Mr. Furtado said that they apologize for letting the resident speak without Mr. Lavalette present.

Board members Cameron Durant and Frank Coelho said they apologized as well.

Mr. Hobson said Mr. Lavalette does a good job down at Town Beach and they really need him to help with parking because it is difficult for the teenagers they have working there, and they do the best they can.

Mr. Hobson said it can be controversial in the parking lot and that Mr. Lavalette can be quite controversial himself. Mr. Hobson said residents are going to love you or hate you.

He also said he had nothing bad to say about the resident who came in to voice her concerns, but everything should not have happened the way it did.

Mr. Lavalette said what happened

was very unfortunate. He explained that telling people where to park can get quite controversial, and that people can be confrontational.

Mr. Lavalette said he did not know a resident had gone in front of the board and complained, but he heard about it from family members, people in town; and the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* published about it. Mr. Lavalette said it amplified and it snowballed.

He said he thinks everyone has learned a lesson from the situation and that they should all just move forward.

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Mr. Hobson said people on Facebook say things that are not true and newspapers can write things that are not true.

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Mr. Hobson agreed that they should move forward, and whatever happens happens. Mr. Hobson said people on Facebook say things that are not true and newspapers can write things that are not true. Mr. Hobson said you have to get all sides of the story. Mr. Hobson said everyone has learned a lesson and they can all move on from it.

In another matter the board discussed the new signage at Cooke Park. Mr. Hobson said that Cooke Park has been the most controversial park; he has been on the board for 10 years and Cooke Park has been an issue the whole time.

Mr. Furtado explained that at a

previous meeting they agreed to have an anchor placed in the rain garden with signage made by the Historical Commission to explain the memorial. The anchor and the sign have been placed at the park.

Mr. Furtado said he will not do or change anything at the park without board approval because he does not want to add to the controversy.

Mr. Durant said that he found out more information with the new signage. He said he thought the anchor and signage looked very good and historic, but town resident Karen Vilandry is upset there is no mention of the park being an old burial ground; and that she wanted recognition that the park used to be Oxford Burial Hill.

Mr. Durant said suggested that they add an additional sign stating that Cooke Park is the former Oxford Burial Hill. If that sign is added all the concerns would be met.

Mr. Coelho said the new sign that is already there is too big; it can be seen from New Bedford.

Mr. Lavalette said he was also wondering if the anchor could be moved to the basin. Mr. Lavalette also said he had no problem with the Oxford Burial Hill sign being added.

Mr. Furtado said he would have to ask the EPA if they can put the anchor in the basin because the basin is part of the storm water permit.

Mr. Hobson said the board should not vote to do or change anything without a full board present, and they should table the matter until next meeting. It will also give Mr. Furtado time to check with the EPA about moving the anchor.

The board voted unanimously to table the matter.



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# Lt. Robert “Tall Bob” Lincoln’s last ride home

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Fire Department Lt. Robert “Tall Bob” Lincoln officially retired this week, and took his “last ride home” on Friday, 8/27/21.

According to the Fairhaven Fire Department, Lt. Lincoln had more than 45 years of service in Fairhaven. He started as a volunteer firefighter in 1976, was hired as a call firefighter in 1978, becoming permanent in 1986.

He was appointed to the rank of lieutenant in 1991.

In the mid-2000’s he put himself through paramedic school. He became the EMS/Training Lieutenant in 2015, serving for five years.

Lt. Lincoln is also the assistant superintendent of the Fire Alarm. He worked under the late Lt. Earl Faunce to design and connect the town’s fire alarm system. As technology progressed and moved everything to

radio boxes, Lt. Lincoln was responsible for the transition to a modern-day alarm system.

Lt. Lincoln also served in many positions with the Fairhaven Firefighters Association Local 1555, including president and vice president.

He had the nickname “Tall Bob,” and was known for his calm demeanor on the ground during fires.



ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Fire Lt. Robert “Tall Bob” Lincoln (LEFT) salutes a line of fellow firefighters and retired firefighters after his last ride home, 8/27/21. RIGHT: Lt. Lincoln poses with his daughter Rachel Allen with a wall hanging she gave him. Photos courtesy of Margie Green Joseph.

## Livesey Park flag pole gets spruced up

Submitted

The Livesey Club of Fairhaven partnered with Alltrust Credit Union to refurbish the flagpole at Livesey Park.

Helping with the work were members Richard Souza, Steve Perry, Dave Darmofal, Leo Tremblay, David

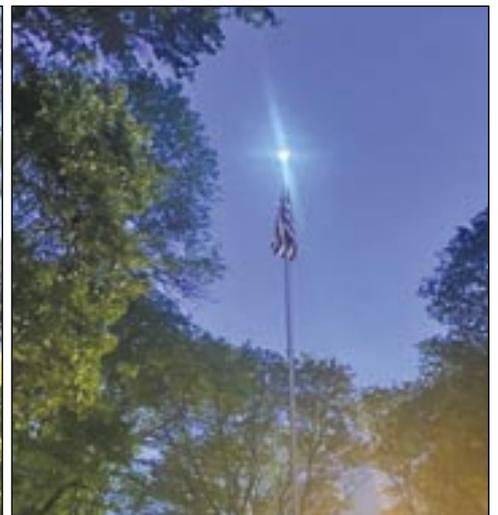
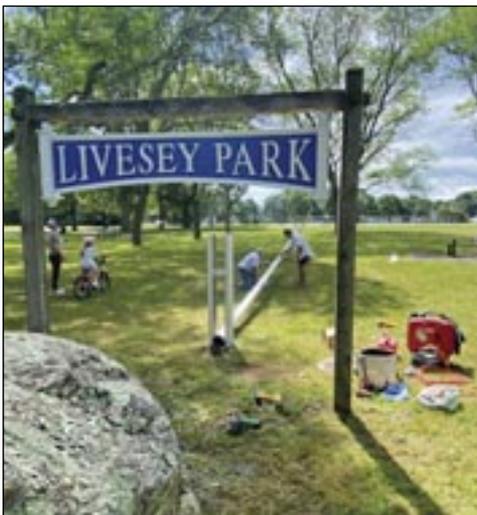
Tremblay and his friend Joe Souza.

We also want to thank the Fire Department, Chief Correia and the two firefighters who assisted with the lowering and raising of the pole.

Once painted and the pole was in place, new line and hardware were installed. Along with the new

hardware a solar LED light was placed on top with a new gold ball.

We want all to know that the Livesey Club has taken responsibility for maintaining the site and replacing the flag at the park. We also want to thank the Alltrust Credit Union for their willingness to support our town.



LEFT: Members of the Livesey Club of Fairhaven install the refurbished flag pole at Livesey Park in Fairhaven last month. MIDDLE: Members and friends of the Livesey Club of Fairhaven work with Fairhaven firefighters to install the refurbished flag pole. RIGHT: The US flag flies on the refurbished flag pole at Livesey Park in Fairhaven last month. Photos courtesy of David Darmofal.

# Fire destroys 82-foot yacht at Pope's Island Marina

By Beth David  
Editor

The 82-foot luxury motor yacht, Miss Dunia, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday, 8/30/21, as it floated in its dock space at Fleet Marina on Pope's Island in New Bedford Harbor. There were no

injuries.

New Bedford and Fairhaven Fire Departments responded at 5:18 p.m. By the end of it, assets from Dartmouth, USCG, Tow Boat US, Swansea, Berkley, and Providence were also put into action. Five engines and two ladder companies

arrived on scene.

Flames shot out from the 92-ton vessel, and smoke was so heavy that Route 6 at the Fairhaven bridge was closed to traffic.

As of press time, no cause of the

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ABOVE LEFT: The luxury motor yacht the Miss Dunia is engulfed in flames on Monday, 8/30/21, at Fleet Marina on Pope's Island in New Bedford Harbor. The 82-foot, 92-ton vessel was completely destroyed. ABOVE RIGHT: The wreckage after the fire. *Photos courtesy of Tim Cox, Fairhaven Harbormaster.* BELOW LEFT: New Bedford Ladder truck 3 pours water onto the Miss Dunia. BELOW RIGHT: The Dartmouth Fire/Rescue boat pours water the Miss Dunia. BOTTOM LEFT: The luxury motor yacht Miss Dunia begins to sink after burning for hours. BOTTOM RIGHT: The flag of Honduras flutters in the wind as the luxury motor yacht Miss Dunia begins to sink after burning for hours. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*



# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## Acushnet Planning Board

Notice of Public Hearing  
Thursday, 9/16/21, 6:30 p.m.  
Parting Ways Building  
130 Main Street, 2nd Floor  
Acushnet, MA 02743

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on **September 16, 2021 at 6:30pm** in the Planning Commission Office at the **Parting Ways Building**, 130 Main Street, 2nd floor. This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 81T, to consider the following petitions:

- Proposed Form C Subdivision for a 4-lot development at 301 Perry Hill Road for Mark P. Francois, applicant.
- Proposed Ground Mounted Solar Array 0 and 165 Nyes Lane Solar Array installation, assessors map 18, Lots 57 and 57A Acushnet Massachusetts. Proponent R&R Renewables LLC, Represented by: Henderson Consulting Services.

The plans and accompanying documentation for both petitions are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor.

Doug Pimentel, Acushnet Town Planner  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm  
Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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1. **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN FY23 DRAFT** The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing to receive information and public comment on the Draft FY23 Community Preservation Plan.

Copies of the Plan may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Town's Community Preservation Committee website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Paul H. Foley, Director, Department of Planning & Economic Development

FNN: 9/2/21, 9/9/21

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSctiVzJJCQT09>  
or call 1-929-205-6099  
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952  
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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, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020 per applicant's request. **Previously continued to this meeting, September 7, 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. Previously continued to October 5, 2021.**
- 123 Weeden Road. Applicant and Owner: Aguiar, Kyle J.** REF# ZBA-2022-009 Requesting approval of a proposed 1,200 sq. 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. **Previously continued to October 5, 2021.**
- 33 Point Street. Cabana, Wade & Wanda.** REF#: ZBA-2022-008 The applicant seeks a finding from the Board under 198.9 that

the proposed increase in height current, 14.1 to a maximum of 35' shall not substantially be more detrimental to the neighborhood in a RA District.

- 27 Green Street. Applicant and Owner: Luckey, Autumn Anna.** REF#: ZBA-2022-011 The applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the proposed 562 square foot addition to the existing structure and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood in a RA District. Applicant also seeks a Special Permit for an in-law apartment in the RA District, pursuant to 198-16.
- 20 Brae Road. Applicant and Owner: Perron, Chris.** REF#: ZBA-2022-012 The applicant, whose property is located in a RA District, seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation Tree business per 198-23.
- 35 Cottage Street. Applicant: Burr, Kenneth; Owner: Shaka Zulu LLC.** REF# ZBA-2022-13 The applicant seeks a finding from the Board for a proposed 24'x25'.6" addition connecting the two existing non-conforming structures located in a RA District and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood, pursuant to MGL 40, Section 6. Applicant also seeks a side setback Variance from requirement of 20' to 10'.5".

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fire had been released. Officials were investigating if anyone was on board when the fire started.

Complicating matters were the 500 gallons of fuel on board, which caused the fire to burn for hours. Firefighters used foam to because of the fuel, and had to call for additional foam from mutual aid departments.

The boat is owned by Lars Vinjerud II, who owns Fleet Marina, a fleet of fishing boats, and the restaurants Fathoms and the Ice House.

In a post on Facebook, the New Bedford Fire Department stated: "Upon arrival crews observed a smoke extending from the 82' yacht Miss Dunia. Two crews descended below deck with a handline and began extinguishment while two additional fire crews began checking for additional fire and began ventilation. Conditions deteriorated in a short amount of time as the fire had extended throughout the vessel.

"Fire crews began exterior operations with the assistance of boats from the Fairhaven Fire Department, Dartmouth Fire District 1, Fairhaven Harbormaster, and the New Bedford Police Department. Tow Boat USA also assisted on scene."

According to online resources, the multi-million dollar M/Y Miss Dunia is 82 feet long, weighs 92 tons, and can sleep up to six guests comfortably, along with three crew members.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Board of Appeals**

Tues., 9/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Board of Public Works**

Tues., 9/7, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

**Board of Health**

Wed., 9/15, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**

Mon., 9/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

**Espindola Office Hour**

Tues., 9/7, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30 p

**Historical Commission**

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

**Marine Resources Comm**

Thurs., 9/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**School Committee**

Wed., 9/8, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

**Select Board**

Mon., 9/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Town Admin. Search Comm**

Thurs., 9/2, Remote, 6 p.m.

**Town Auction**

Sat., 9/18, BPW Barn, 9 a.m.

### Acushnet

**Selectboard**

Mon., 9/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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Wednesday	8	0934	2155	0243*	1510*
Thursday	9	1020	2241	0327*	1557*
Friday	10	1107	2330	0410*	1642*
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Sunday	12	0025	1258	0537*	1823
Monday	13	0127	1359	0634	1940
Tuesday	14	0227	1459	0748	2114
Wednesday	15	0329	1603	0909	2325
Thursday	16	0439	1713	1106	----
Friday	17	0546	1813	0027	1231

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# From the tree warden: Take a tour of center's tree canopy

## Greetings from the Tree Department

Sunday the 22nd of last month we were hit by Henri, a former hurricane downgraded to a tropical storm just before making land to the west of us. Many communities in our area fared much worse than us, particularly New Bedford which had many trees come down.

During tropical storm Elsa earlier this month the Tree Department was called out no less than five times. The BPW worked in conjunction with the Tree Department post Elsa to clean up numerous road blockages due to downed large tree branches.

During Henri there were no blocked streets due to downed trees or branches. Some small branches did come down of course, but nothing that could not be easily moved aside by very thoughtful residents who care. Thank you to those folks.

Given that Henri was a much stronger storm than Elsa, and that our neighboring towns fared significantly worse than Fairhaven one may ask why. What changed

between those two storms? Was it dumb luck? Coincidence? Or perhaps was it that 55 of the most dangerous diseased, dead, weak trees were removed in a joint operation by the Tree Department and Eversource.

Eversource did this at no cost to the Town and significant cost to them. I guess to the tune of \$30-\$35 thousand dollars. That's about half my yearly budget. I am thankful to them as a resident, taxpayer and Tree Warden.

### Avoiding a crisis

That's a big job ahead of us. The center of Fairhaven is a good example of what the rest of the town is like in regards to losing its trees that are such a key part of the town's beauty. The giants behind the Unitarian Church, all gone in five years. I am told by numerous professional foresters the Emerald Ash Borer will kill them. These wonderful giants are in a sad state to begin with due to lack of preventative maintenance. Then there is the terrible state of so many of the Maples in the same area.

In the spirit of team play, as no one

can do this alone, I am inviting you, and the town's Board of Public Works, Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee, Selectboard, Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission and Historical Commission to a 30-minute walking tour of the town center to see firsthand what the present state of our tree canopy is and what can be done. This will be September 7 at 5 p.m. starting on the steps of the town hall. Anyone that cares about our trees is encouraged to come.

Fairhaven is fortunate to have a significant tree canopy. It makes our town better for so many reasons. We need to take action if we want to keep and improve it. I am told by many industry professionals that there are very few towns that manage their tree canopy well. There is just not the funding or desire to do so. I think we can be better than most. But many have to think of a way to make it happen.

Thank you and be green,

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*Town of Fairhaven Tree warden*

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