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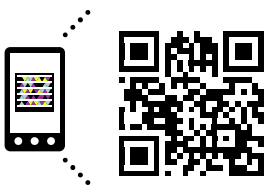
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

FHA beats DHS decisively on Thanksgiving Day



Fairhaven's Cadence Chase dodges the Dartmouth defense in the fourth quarter on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25/21, when the Fairhaven High School Blue Devils beat the Dartmouth Indians 24-7. 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.

Oh, I've said it before, and I'll probably say it again because it's worth repeating: This job is great because of all the great people I get to meet. This week, I got to meet Michael "Sully" Sullivan's family. Sully was the police dispatcher we told you about back in March when the dispatch center was dedicated to him. This week, the signage was unveiled and his family members were there in force. They're a great group, and I'm sure Sully was extremely proud of them. See page 13 for the story and some photos.



Beth David, Publisher

Our cover story was SUPER fun this year. I admit it: It's way more fun when we win.

The kids played hard, on both sides. It was a good game, more challenging and better than the score might convey. There were lots of close calls, but the FHS kids held back their Dartmouth rivals for the win. See page 12 for that.

Oh, and, shall we talk about the bonfire the night before? Y'know how the fire department is always warning about fires and sparks and wind and all that? Well, point proven on Wednesday. The bonfire sparked a fire in one of the trees. I guess our chainsaw-happy tree warden missed one. It looked like the trunk was a bit hollow on the top where a piece had broken off, presumably in one of the big wind storms.

The little bugger of a fire was pretty stubborn, too. Firefighters doused it, but the little spark that could, just kept coming back.

So, let that be a lesson to all of us. Keep an eye on those sparks.

Well, this week was the week of Giving Tuesday, when, supposedly, people give money to their favorite causes.

Keep us in mind during this season of giving. We're not a nonprofit (well, we're not supposed to be), but we are a good cause, right? We need readers support alongside our advertisers. It's the only model that is working for local newspapers. So, if you enjoy the paper, please consider financial support. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Christmas events this weekend



Lighting of Benoit Square & Sing Along

Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association for the annual Lighting of Benoit Square, on **Fri., 12/3, at 6:30 p.m.** (intersection of Main Street and Howland Road), Fairhaven. The lights will be turned on for the season; caroling with Miss New Bedford, and you can even see Santa!

Acushnet Lighting & Sing Along

After a year away because of Covid, Santa will return to the

Acushnet Fire Department this Sunday, December 5th for the annual lighting of the Christmas display and holiday sing-a-long.

“Last year we had to break a lot of little hearts by cancelling this beloved annual event,” said Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher. “My decision was based strictly on public health. This year we are fortunately in a better position and feel more comfortable hosting the event.”

Those attending can expect hot chocolate, cookies, music and an appearance from Santa who will once again arrive on a fire truck.

“The members of the Acushnet Firefighters Association have worked hard over the past few weeks getting the display ready,” said Firefighter/Paramedic and Association President Paul Frysinger. “It feels good to everyone to see this event return.”

Similar to the Halloween event, attendees will not be allowed inside the fire station. Refreshments will be served outside and Santa will mingle with the crowd and pose for photos.

“We hope this event next year completely returns to normal,” said Firefighter Frysinger.

Merry Little Christmas

Sat., 12/4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven.

Get into the holiday spirit with the Fairhaven Lions Club at the “All Things Christmas” Rummage Sale offering indoor and outdoor decorations, knickknacks, dishes, glassware, etc. There will also be a meet and greet with Santa, a children’s craft making station, a raffle table, Christmas music, and Gifts to Give with children’s gift packs. Masks or face coverings are required and will be strictly enforced. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club.

New Bedford Tree Lighting/ Clasky Common Lights + Downtown Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 4th, 5:00pm

Pleasant Street, corner of William, in front of Main Library downtown.

At 4:30 p.m., a parade will march from the bottom of William Street, near the Whaling Museum, to the library steps for the tree-lighting. The parade will feature the New Bedford High School marching band and color guard, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and surprise guests

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Nomination papers available for Fairhaven election

Nomination papers to run for office in Fairhaven in the 4/4/22 election are now available. Next year, three seats will be on the ballot for the Select Board. The seat now held by Stasia Powers will be up for re-election as scheduled, and two new seats will also be on the ballot. The person with the most votes will serve three years, the second place person will serve two years, the third place person will serve one year before needing to run again. After this year, all seats will be three year terms. Town Meeting voted this year to increase the number of seats on the SB to five, from three, and the Mass. state legislature voted to enact the change.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Deadline to register to vote is 3/15/22.

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m. Monday-Friday. Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library and State and Federal offices.

- **Friday, January, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for Town Meeting

Member incumbents to file written request for re-election with the Town Clerk

- **Thursday, February 10, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for requesting nomination papers
- **Monday, February 14, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for filing all nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters (Town Clerk's Office)
- **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour to withdraw nomination papers
- **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 8 p.m.:** Last day to register voters for the Town Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. this day
- **Monday, March 28, 2022** Warrant must be posted

Where do I vote?

The Town of Fairhaven Precinct Boundary Map can be found at (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif3131/f/uploads/fairhaven2010.pdf>). This map will be updated with the 2020 Census Re-precincting information as soon as we receive the final approved informa-

tion from the State.

- Precinct one: Town Hall, 40 Center St.
- Precincts two and three: Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, 30 School St.
- Precinct four: Fire Station Meeting Room, 146 Washington St.
- Precincts five and six, Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave.

2022 Town Election Seats

- Town Clerk, 3 Years, One seat, Linda Fredette, incumbent
- Select Board: 3 Years, One seat, Stasia A. Powers incumbent
2 Years, One, Vacant (New)
1 Year, One, Vacant (New)
- School Committee 3 Years, Two, Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen incumbents
- Board of Health, 3 Years, One, Peter Deterra incumbent
- Commissioner of Trust Funds, 3 Years, One, Barbara Acksen incumbent
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- Board of Public Works, 3 Years, One, G. Steven Riley incumbent

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Weekend Lightings

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Wreaths Across Fairhaven

The Fairhaven Veterans Service Office is now taking donations for our wreath laying in our Fairhaven cemeteries in December. Donations may be sent to The Fairhaven Veterans Office Wreath Gift Account, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, by November 29.

The public is invited to help with the laying of the wreaths on Sat., 12/4, at 10 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main Street, Fairhaven.

Beach Cleanup

Sun., 12/5, 1-4 p.m., Fort Phoenix. Sponsored by Be The Solution to Pollution. Email bethesolutionto pollution@gmail.com for more information.

Snow Park Ban

Fairhaven Snow Parking Ban. No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

By Order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Toy Drive

The Wireless Zone in Fairhaven is partnering with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign to collect new toys for less fortunate children in the area during Christmas,

a campaign that has taken on an even larger meaning amid the pandemic. The location at 28 Fairhaven Commons Way has a box in store through December 21 for locals to drop off donations.

Festive Front Doors

All addresses in Fairhaven are eligible to participate. Enter your front door or entryway into the first Festive Front Doors of Fairhaven contest, sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society. Judging will occur on December 11 and 12 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Only exterior decorations on a front door or entryway for the address side of a property will be judged.

Entry deadline is Friday Dec. 3. An optional entry fee of \$10 per household is gladly accepted and will be donated to the Greater New Bedford Food Pantry. Checks for the entry fee should be made out to the Fairhaven Historical Society. All entries must be sent to the Fairhaven Historical Society, P.O. Box 212, Fairhaven, MA 02719 by the deadline. The official entry form can be found here: www.fairhavenhistory.org

Oxford Res. Apps

Applications are now available to enter the lottery for affordable senior housing units at the Oxford School Residences, scheduled to open in the spring of 2022. Apartments at the old Oxford School, 347 Main St., Fairhaven, include on-site parking, on-site management, 24-hour emergency maintenance. Monthly rents are \$889 for one bedroom, \$1057, 2 BR. Rents are based on income.

Info Session

Join a virtual informational session on 12/9/21 at 9 a.m. Email oxfordschool@hallkeen.com to request an invitation.

Applicants will be chosen by lottery on 2/10/22. All applicants must meet the community's Resident Selection Plan criteria.

For more information or to receive an application, call 781-915-3-71; TDD call 7-1-1; email, oxfordschool@hallkeen.com

Applications are available at: Millicent Library, 45 Center St.; Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Sr.; Fairhaven Housing Authority, 275 Main St.; Fairhaven Senior Ctr., 229

Huttleston Ave.; online, www.hallkeen.com/oxfordschool

Applications will be taken until Jan. 31, 2022. Mail completed applications to Oxford School, c/o HallKeen Management, 1400 Providence Highway, Ste. 1000, Norwood, MA 02062.

SAVE THE DATES:

Santa Cruise

Come Out to Welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus as they drive through town in an Old Fire Truck. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Find a spot and get ready. Santa Claus is coming to Town! Sat., 12/18, (12/19), starting at Benoit Square at 1 p.m.

Stay tuned: We'll be publishing the whole route soon. Visit the NFIA on Facebook for the route.

Photos with Santa

Photos with Santa Claus, Sun., 12/12, 1-3 p.m., George H. Taber Lodge, first floor, 20 Center St., Fairhaven. Bring your own camera or cell phone to take photos with Santa Claus during this festive afternoon sponsored by the George H. Taber Masonic Lodge. Refreshments will be available. Admission is free. All are welcome.

The lodge building was built in 1901 by Henry H. Rogers after the Concordia Lodge was renamed in honor of Rogers' uncle, George H. Taber, who was the oldest living Freemason in Mass.s at the time.

Family Fundraiser

The Red Hatters of West Island are raising funds and gifts to donate to a Fairhaven family in need for Christmas. The family has been chosen by the school system. They have four children.

Call Kathi Konicki for details, 561-866-3435.

Calling all Photographers

The Fairhaven Select Board is calling for photo submissions for the 2021 Annual Town Report. Please send your digital photos to Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov. No more than three submissions per person, please. Deadline is Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. You can find old annual reports on the town's website, under Select board.

BRRR!! River's End and Lions hold annual bike run/food drive

By Beth David
Editor

A group of about 25 motorcycles and their hardy riders, braved the cold on Sunday, 11/28/21, to get toys and food to patrons of the Shepherd's Pantry. Even Ralphie from "A Christmas Story" showed up, sporting his special bunny suit.

The annual ride, sponsored by the Rivers End and the Acushnet Lions Club, collects money, toys and non perishable foods in the morning with kickstands up at noon to head to the

pantry. This year, the snow kicked up just as the group headed out.

The group then unloaded the goods at the pantry, where they will be distributed to families.

Mark DeSilva, who owns the Rivers End, thanked Adams and Adams for loaning their truck, Acushnet Lions, RepWeld Corp, Garage Equipment and Services, and the riders who came out in the cold to donate.

Other people also stopped by with goods to add to the truck, motorcycle not required. Mr. DeSilva said one

man donated 10 basketballs in memory of his son, "B."

The Shepherd's Pantry is located at Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 N. Main St., Acushnet; 508-763-9289. Checks and money orders may be sent to The Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. They hand out food on Saturday mornings, from 9-11 a.m. Visit <https://www.shepherdspantry.org>. Bins are also located at the Millicent Library and the Acushnet Public Library.



LEFT: Ralphie from "A Christmas Story" joins the annual motorcycle run and food/toy drive on 11/28/21 at the Rivers End in Acushnet. ABOVE MIDDLE AND RIGHT: The truck is filling up with food and toys, destined for the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet to be distributed to local families. BELOW: The group of bikers and volunteers who helped load and unload items, pose for a picture on the grounds of the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Photos by Beth David.



King's Castle Designs opens storefront in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Forget about shipping containers stuck in harbors, online snafus causing delays, or material shortages messing up factory production lines. You can get individual, locally

crafted, personalized gifts at King's Castle Designs, now open at 414 Main Street in North Fairhaven. Jessica and Jeff King have turned a pandemic pastime into a business, and held a grand opening last Saturday, 11/27/21. KCD personalizes a variety of

products on wood, slate, and ceramic tile. The business also offers experiences, with a variety of Do-It-Yourself products and classes.

Personalization can include engraving your favorite saying on a

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LEFT: Jessica King shows some of the ceramic pieces that people can paint for themselves in her new shop, King Castle Designs, which just opened in Fairhaven, Mass., this month. RIGHT: Jeffrey and Jessica King pose with their son Connor at their new shop. Photos by Beth David.

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Sea Scout Open House

Sea Scout Ship 1930 welcomes you to our open house on Sat., 12/4, from 1-4 p.m., Ft. Rodman Marine Educational Assn./Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000B So. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford (Fort Taber Park). Make new friends, have fun, chase adventure, challenge yourself, achieve new goals, save lives, make a difference, inspire others, win awards, impress your friends. Sea Scouts serve young men and women ages 14-21.

Holiday Concert

South Coast Brass Band Holiday Concert at The Kilburn Mill, 127 W. Rodney French Blvd., NB, Friday December 3rd. Doors open at 6 pm, band starts at 7 pm. Food concession and cash bar available.

Tickets: \$25, a portion of proceeds to benefit Boys & Girls Club of NB.

Proof of Covid vaccination required for this event. In addition, due to the virulent and highly contagious nature of the Delta variant, properly fitting face coverings are required when not actively drinking or eating. By purchasing this ticket, you agree that you will abide by this policy.

Tickets available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), search for South Coast Brass Band

NBAM Party FR

NBAM's Holiday Party is this Friday, December 3rd — but it's not too late to buy tickets! Enjoy live music, shop artisanal gifts, peruse NBAM's unique silent auction, and dive into delicious woodfired outdoor dining. Also, preview the Members' Exhibition — highlighting the best in local and regional art with select works for sale.

Guests will be asked to show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination, and masks will be required when inside the Museum.

Like in previous years, NBAM's Holiday Shop will have a wonderful collection of gifts for your perusal. The Holiday Shop is open late on AHA Night (December 9th) until 8pm. Visit

<https://newbedfordart.org> to view NBAM's online store.

Tickets are \$75 for members and \$85 for non-members.

For those who cannot attend but still wish to spread a little holiday cheer, donations are being accepted. Visit <https://newbedfordart.org>

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 12/7, 6-8 p.m., The Vault Music Hall & Pub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest Grant O'Rielly, a nuclear physicist with the Physics Department at UMass Dartmouth, will discuss "Fusion Power: The Carbon-Free Solution, But When?"

The promise of power from nuclear fusion is a nearly limitless energy that emits no carbon and avoids the pitfalls of nuclear fission. As Grant will share with us, both government labs and private companies have been making progress toward fusion energy, to the extent that some groups (one at MIT!) claim their fusion reactors will be operational within ten years. "Fusion is the vaccine for climate change," noted one researcher. Is the promise about to be realized? We request that those who join us in-person be vaccinated. Facemasks are strongly recommended.

We request that those who join us at The Vault be vaccinated. Facemasks are strongly recommended. New Bedford Cable Access often covers our events. Their videos of past events are available on our website and FB page for viewing.

For more information about New Bedford Science Café, please visit: <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> Or join us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/>

Buy Black Pop Up

BuyBlackNB is partnering with Downtown New Bedford Inc. to host a mini market on December 4th with a hand-selected, diverse group of local vendors offering you an opportunity to find your next favorite product! Closing out a successful 2021 market season, **Buy Black NB will pop-up at 752 Purchase Street** to offer a day to enjoy art, clothing, live music,

children's entertainment and handmade goods!

Find them on Facebook for updates.

Toy Drive

The Rachel's Challenge Club invites students and staff of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd., to join in on a Holiday Toy Drive. We are looking for NEW toys to be donated, as we join the Salvation Army in helping those in need during the Holidays.

We will be accepting donations on December 8th, 9th, and 10th during all lunch shifts. Remember, NEW TOYS ONLY! Visit <https://www.gnbvt.edu/rachels-challenge-toy-drive-2021/>

Vax Clinics

Free, walk-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics are offered regularly in New Bedford. Clinics offer CDC-approved booster shots for eligible adults, in addition to first- and second-dose vaccines and, at some locations, pediatric vaccines. Please bring your vaccination card when getting a booster.

- Fri., 12/3 PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., J&J, Pfizer and Moderna; pediatric vaccines for children 5 - 11 years old
- Sat., 12/4 Pilgrim Church Home (634 Purchase St.) 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J
- Mon., 12/6 Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J; pediatric vaccines for children 5 - 11 years old

More info: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p1021-covid-booster.html>

Holiday Parking

The City is reviving its Holiday Parking Program this year to encourage holiday shopping, dining, and retail activity in New Bedford's downtown and North End business district through December.

The Holiday Parking Program is in effect until 12/31, and offers two hours of free parking at both the Elm Street Garage and the Zeiterion Garage downtown, along with two hours of free parking at meters along Acushnet Avenue in the North End.

In addition to the free hours,

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people will be able to have tickets forgiven with same-day sales receipts. Anyone parked in either of the downtown garages or at a meter in the Acushnet Avenue business district, who receives a ticket as a result of parking longer than the two free hours, can have the ticket forgiven by presenting a same-day

sales receipt from a downtown or North End merchant or restaurant.

The receipt must be for spending at least \$10 and must be presented or mailed to the Traffic Commission office in the Elm Street Garage within three weeks (21 days) of receiving the ticket. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the

same-day receipt.

The Traffic Commission office is located at 51 Elm St. and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program can be directed to the Traffic Commission office at 508-961-3153.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Boston Tree Light

Thurs., 12/2, Boston Tree Lighting and Frog Pond Skating, near the Visitors Information Center on Tremont St and stars the special tree sent as a gift from Nova Scotia. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu will be joined by Santa and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Refreshments, music, and entertainment will be provided by local groups.

Lights on the tree, about 7,000 of them, go on at about 7:55 pm, followed by lights on 80+ other trees throughout the Common and the Public Garden. Before the lighting event, a free ice-skating show featuring Theatre on Ice of Boston, national and international competitive skaters, and Team Excel Synchronized takes place at Frog Pond from 5pm-6pm.

Visit <https://www.boston-discovery-guide.com/christmas-tree-lighting-ceremonies.html>

Wreath Pop-Up

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club annual Holiday Wreath and Greens Sale, a pop-up event on Sat., 12/4 (rain date 12/5), from 10 AM - 2 PM in the parking lot between Ying Dynasty and Jack's Kitchen, 22 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoissett.

The sale will feature a variety of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, and holiday centerpieces, plus bunched greens, MWC limited edition notecards and postcards featuring. Proceeds support the MWC Scholarship Fund and other philanthropic projects in the community.

Pancake Breakfast

Pack 51 is hosing a pancake breakfast with Santa at the **Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet, on Sun., 12/5, from 9 a.m.-noon.** Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/children 5-12; children under 5 are free. There will be a 50-50

raffle, silent auction, and arts & crafts for the kids, and an appearance by Santa.

Advent Services

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church would like to invite the community to several special events during the Advent season. Remaining events:

The Holiday Fair will be held on 12/4 from 9 am-1 pm in Reynard Hall with baked goods, handmade craft items including knitted hats, sweaters and shawls as well as handcrafted jewelry and other Christmas décor.

The White Gifts Pageant which celebrates the birth of Jesus will be held on Sat., 12/11 at 4 pm in Reynard Hall with a donation of gift cards collected for needy families in our area. If you are interested in participating by donating a gift card, please contact the church office at mattcongchurch@gmail.com or calling 508-758-2671 for more details.

A beautiful **Christmas Cantata** by the Mattapoissett Congregational Church choir and performers from Seaglass Theater will be held on 12/12 at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Every Sunday in Advent will be celebrated with lighting of the Advent candle with a culmination of all the candles being lit on Christmas Eve.

The **Christmas Eve Family Service** will be held at 5:00 pm and a Candlelight Service with a performance by the Harper and the Minstrel will be held at 10 pm.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season at Mattapoissett Congregational Church. Visit mattapoissettcongregationalchurch.org for more information!

Holiday Festival

Join us for the Padanaram Holiday Festival, Sat., 12/4, 11:11:15, Santa arrives; 11-3, art exhibit at Dartmouth Cultural Ctr, and write letters to Santa

on the Farm and Coast patio; 11-3:30, Cookie decorating and pictures with Santa at St. Peter's Church; Noon-2, Face painting at Bridge Ctr for Hope & Healing, and strolling magic hand puppets along Elm St.; noon-3, ornament making at Maritime Welcome Ctr; 1-1:15, Dancers Edge performance at St. Peter's Church; 1-3; Meet the Grinch at Anne Whiting RE, and arts and crafts at St. Peter's Church; 2-4, strolling juggler and unicyclist on Elm St.; 3-4, Carolers on Elm St.; 3:30-3:45, Motion Dance performance at St. Peter's Church; 3:45-4:30, Dartmouth Commtty Band parade from St. Peter's Church to Maritime Ctr; 4-4:30, Buoy Tree lighting at Maritime Welcome Ctr.

Be sure to stop by local businesses for special holiday treats.

Event parking is available at St. Mary's Parish Ctr. Shuttle service will be provided to the corner of Elm and Prospect Streets.

At Mattapoissett Mus

December Events at the Mattapoissett Museum, 5 Church St., Mattapoissett, www.mattapoissettmuseum.org

- 12/2, 6 p.m. Southcoast Lessons presents New Sounds of Silents: silent films set to live music. Featuring Winter holiday themed silent shorts with multiple teams of performers backing them. Free. Space is limited, registration encouraged, doors at 6.
- 12/4, 1 p.m. Discovery Days. During this one hour program, individuals will make personal connections with artifacts, discussion, art making, and multi-sensory activities facilitated by educators at the Museum. This program is limited to 30 people. All ages welcome. Please visit our website to register.
- 12/4, 11 & 18, 6:00 PM Christmas Caroling in Mattapoissett Village Hot cocoa and goodies at the museum. No registration required.

Recipe of the Week

Cinnamon Roll Casserole

- 2 cans (12.4 ounces each) Pillsbury cinnamon rolls
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoons nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 c finely chopped pecans, optional
- Icing from cinnamon rolls
- Powdered sugar or maple syrup, if desired for serving

Melt butter and generously coat a 9x13 baking dish.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, cream, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla.

Roll open canned cinnamon rolls and divide each cinnamon roll into a triangle, there should be 8 slices. Add cinnamon roll dough pieces into the bowl with the egg mixture and toss to coat well. Pour the contents of the bowl into the baking dish and spread out evenly. Pour any remaining egg mixture over the contents of the dish to make sure you dampen any dry pieces. If using pecans, sprinkle evenly over the dish.

Bake at 350° 18-25 minutes or until light golden brown. The type of cinnamon rolls might vary cook time so watch carefully! You will also want to check a middle piece

Remove the baking dish from the oven. Warm icing from cinnamon rolls in microwave for 15 seconds; pour evenly over cinnamon roll pieces. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or top with maple syrup if desired. Serve immediately.

From www.commandcooking.com

Dear Frankie



The Match

Dear Frankie, I overheard my mom tell her friend Amy she wished she had someone special in her life. Amy suggested she go on the computer and contact Match.

Ever since she reached Match, she's been on the computer, constantly writing and erasing.

Sometimes she gets so upset she calls Amy and asks, "Do you think I'm too forward? Should I say I don't like sports? Tell me the truth, does my blue dress make me look fat?"

Recently she started talking in a funny voice on the phone and saying things like, "That's so sweet of you to say that," or "Have you always been such a star?"

For the life of me, I can't figure out what's come over her.

I asked my friends, and they were shocked I didn't catch on that she was on a dating site. Fritzie said that's where most of the moms find new dads.

Chloe

Dear Chloe,

It does appear your mom has joined an online dating site. Her behavior is typical of people who haven't dated for a while — dating as an adult is often stressful for those brave enough to

take the plunge.

Your mom wants to be seen as charming and attractive and isn't confident she's going about it in the right way. Eventually, she'll feel more comfortable about what she says and wears.

If your more pressing concern is that a new dad will show up any time soon, rest assured the chances are slim.

There is a saying: "You have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find a prince."

In short, it means it's going to take lots of texts, phone calls, and dates before your mom finds that special someone.

Have you considered that your mom may not be looking for a dad for you? Maybe she's in search of someone she thinks is special and enjoys their company. If you do get a new dad, the good news is it doubles your chances for tummy rubs, walks, and treats. Sounds good to me.

Best, Frankie

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Horseshoe Mill property open to public

Press Release

The Buzzards Bay Coalition welcomed Wareham Select Board Chair, Judith Whiteside; State Representative Susan Williams Gifford; state agency partners; and the public to celebrate the opening of the Weweantic River Reserve at Horseshoe Mill in Wareham, a new beautiful park and natural area open to everyone.

The Coalition purchased Horseshoe Mill in 2012, a former mill site with a decrepit dam, to protect the property from development, improve public access, and enable restoration of this important stretch of the river for its high natural resource values. Once a large, industrial site for manufacturing nails and horseshoes, the property has been transformed into a public reserve to improve river health, and offer canoe launches and improved trails for people to explore and enjoy the river.

The Weweantic is the largest freshwater river that flows to Buzzards Bay, and rich populations of fish, plants and other wildlife call the Weweantic River home. Prior to the

project, migratory fish like river herring were blocked by the crumbling remnants of the mill dam preventing them from accessing upstream spawning habitat. The recently completed restoration, which included the removal of the dam, allows the migrating fish to freely swim upstream to access more than three miles of freshwater spawning grounds.

“Old dams like the one that was at this site create all sorts of problems for fish and wildlife that depend on the rivers flowing into the Bay,” said Brendan Annett, Vice President for Watershed Protection at the Coalition. “Removing this dam has immediately improved the natural functions of the Weweantic, undone many years of environmental damage and already begun to bring the river back to life.”

The removal of the Horseshoe Dam allows for the Weweantic to revert to an ecosystem similar to the conditions that once existed, before dams were constructed at this site, more than two centuries ago. The dam was at the river’s head-of-tide, where salt

water from the daily tides of the Bay meet freshwaters flowing from the river. With its headwaters in Carver and Middleborough, the Weweantic River contributes significant freshwater inputs to form an important Buzzards Bay estuary. The ecosystems that form at these estuaries, shaped by the mixing of salt and freshwaters, are home to plants that are adapted to these unique estuarine habitats. With flow of the tides restored to the area upstream of the former dam, plant species that were once restricted to downstream areas, are now re-establishing at this prime new habitat. These marsh plants are restoring rapidly, thanks in part to seeds that have been long buried in the sediments, but now have favorable conditions helping the plant community to recover.

The restoration of this natural flow also strengthens this river system against climate change, by providing room for brackish ecosystems to move upstream as waters warm and sea levels rise.

Significant funding for the project
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FHS beats Dartmouth 24-7 in Thanksgiving matchup

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Blue Devils handed the Dartmouth Indians a decisive loss at Dartmouth Stadium on 11/21/21 in the traditional Thanksgiving Day matchup that usually has the

Fairhaven High School team at a disadvantage.

Although Dartmouth made the first scores, they were the only points they made, with FHS scoring 24 unanswered points for a final score of 24-7.

Both teams played hard, with at

least six injuries.

The two teams are not in the same division, but meet up every year on Thanksgiving Day, alternating venues. This year Dartmouth hosted, losing on their home turf.



LEFT: Despite a tackle attempt by two Dartmouth High School Indians, Fairhaven's Colby Correia heads for a third down conversion, and makes the first down in the first quarter on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25/21, when the Fairhaven High School Blue Devils beat the Dartmouth Indians 24-7. TOP RIGHT: Fairhaven's Kevin Moura raises his hands to signal a touchdown after Justin Marques breaks through the Dartmouth defense into the end zone, bringing the score to 9-7. ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven's Cadence Chase stays ahead of the pack to make a touchdown, bringing the score to 16-7 in the second quarter. *Photos by Beth David.*

Pep rally gets the team and crowd fired up for the big game



Fairhaven held its traditional pep rally and bonfire on Wednesday, 11/24/21, at Cushman Park, the evening before the Thanksgiving Day game against Dartmouth, which Fairhaven High School went on to win 24-7. The traditional bonfire sparked a fire in a tree that had a broken trunk, presumably from one of the wind storms. Firefighters were on hand to contain the blaze, but it did prove to be very stubborn, flaring up more than once. Eventually, they used the bucket truck wot put it out. LEFT: A group of friends pose for the local free sheet during the Fairhaven High School pep rally and bonfire at Cushman Park on 11/24/21 the night before the Thanksgiving Day game against Dartmouth, that FHS won 24-17. RIGHT: The bonfire roars to get the crowd all fired up. *Photos by Beth David.*

Fairhaven Police Department unveils Sully's dispatch center

By Beth David
Editor

By all accounts, and we do mean ALL, Michael A. "Sully" Sullivan would not shy away from the honor of having his name affixed in grand style to the Fairhaven Police Department dispatch center. On the contrary, he'd be absolutely thrilled, so said members of his family at an unveiling of the signs last Tuesday, 11/23/21. The center was officially dedicated on March 22, after a vote by the Fairhaven Select Board.

"He would love it. He's in heaven looking down loving every second," said his widow Coreen before the official proceedings began. "It's amazing how much he loved being here."

She said the station was his "home away from home," and he would be "so proud" to know they named the dispatch center after him.

It held a special place in his heart, she said: "They loved him, and he loved them."

Mr. Sullivan died from cancer in 2019. He retired after 22 years in the Army before embarking on his second career as a dispatcher, a post he held for 18 years.

Mr. Sullivan's wife, their children and grandchildren, his mother and other relatives gathered in the small foyer of the police department for a short ceremony. Select Board Chairperson Bob Espindola, SB member

Stasia Powers, Acting Town Administrator Wendy Graves, Fire Chief Todd Correia, and a group of police officers and fire department personnel also attended, although many had to stand outside in the cold, or in the hall.

He absolutely loved the job, said Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers. He said Mr. Sullivan never refused extra shifts.

"He worked whenever we needed him," said Chief Myers. "He would've worked 24/7 if he could have. If we would've let him."

In his presentation, Chief Myers said Mr. Sullivan was an "absolute rock."

"He was the epitome of a police dispatcher," said Chief Myers. "His dedication was second to none."

He said Mr. Sullivan was the best dispatcher they ever had.

"He loved this town," said Chief Myers.

After Mr. Sullivan died, Executive Assistant Juanna Adesso put up a photo of him. But that did not seem adequate, so they looked into doing a bit more. After the SB voted to name the dispatch center after him, the work to get the signage began. It took a lot to get the plaques, said the chief.

A large sign hangs above the dispatchers' window: "The Michael A. 'Sully' Sullivan Emergency 911 Communications Center."

A smaller plaque has a picture of



Mr. Sullivan, a Fairhaven police badge and patch, and the story of his service. Ms. Sullivan noted that he loved the shirt he was wearing in that picture.

"Mike is here with all of us," said Ms. Sullivan. "He's smiling down. He loved you guys. He loved all of you."

She thanked them for all the love they showed to him and for naming the dispatch center after him.

"He'll always be here," she said. "Telling you guys what to do forever."

The department also presented a plaque to the family, which included the story of the naming of the center.

"He was very honored and proud," to be a dispatcher, said Mr. Sullivan's mother Millie Hella, adding he is "probably doing the same thing upstairs."

"He loved it over here," said Ms.

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TOP: Coreen Sullivan explains that her husband Sully loved the shirt he is wearing in the picture that hangs in the foyer of the Fairhaven Police Department, where all who enter can see his smiling face, and read his story and the reasons the dispatch center was named "The Michael A. 'Sully' Sullivan Emergency 911 Communications Center" at a ceremony on 11/23/21. ABOVE LEFT: Sully's family members, including his wife, mother, and children, pose for a picture after the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Millie Hella, Sully's mother, and Sully's daughters Holly Gallagher and Kelly Field, read the plaque that was given to the family, while young Jack Field strains to see what they're all taking about. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Time: Drop off 8Am, pick up by 3PM. Instructors: Staff

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Recreation Basketball Clinic

Fairhaven Recreation will be running clinics to teach the basic fundamentals of basketball. Each week will have skills and drills shown and practiced to develop young players.

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End Date: Saturday January 29th
Time: Grades 1 through 4 8 AM-9 AM
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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Computer Lessons

Kraig Perry from the Fairhaven Technology Department is holding computer lessons for Fairhaven and Acushnet Seniors, 60 years old and older.

The classes are given by skill level and include computer safety, internet browsers, the cloud, email/gmail, Google, word processing and smart-phones. Sign up for the classes must be done in person at the senior center to be sure you are signing up for the appropriate skill level being offered. An entire list of classes, dates and skill levels can be found in the Fairhaven COA newsletter or pick up a copy at the senior center.

Holiday Music Show

Join us for some holiday spirit as Judy and Barry DeRossi perform all our favorite Christmas songs. December 9, 2021 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Council on Aging.

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Acushnet tax rate still not set, shift to stay at 25%

By Mary Chasse

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Friday 11/19 the board met briefly to discuss the FY 2022 tax rate, and renting air quality monitors for the neighborhood surrounding PJ Keating.

The board first reopened the hearing to discuss the 2022 tax rate and tax shift. At the last Selectboard meeting the board met with Principal Assessor Kelly Koska about the options for the 2022 property tax rates.

At that meeting Ms. Koska explained that the Selectboard has chosen a 25% tax shift for the last eight years, which is the difference between the rate for residential properties and commercial, personal property (for business), and industrial properties (CIP).

The Selectboard decided to table the discussion to look at more data, but had to make a decision before Thanksgiving at this 11/19 meeting.

At the 11/19 meeting board member Kevin Gaspar said the tax rate depends on how much money the town spends every year and the

less the town spends the lower the tax rate.

Mr. Gaspar asked if the board had to increase the rate by 2%.

Town Administrator Julie Hebert said they do not have to but if they do not increase it by 2% it will cut the levy limit for next year.

Mr. Gaspar said he just got the values for commercial properties yesterday, but he thought the town should just stick to the status quo with the 25% tax shift.

Board member David Wojnar said he agreed that keeping the shift at 25% was the best way to go.

Chairperson David Desroches said the assessor said to do a shift of 5% but 125 is good.

The board voted unanimously to leave the shift at 125 (25%).

Mr. Wojnar said that next year they should mark it in their calendars to start collecting data and research for tax rates earlier next year, such as after July 1st.

In a follow-up phone interview, Ms. Koska said the rate itself was not announced because it has not been set yet.

"Becasue we have to finish our final numbers to the Department of Revenue," said Ms. Koska.

It depends on what the state decides the maximum levy will be, then how much of that the Selectboard decides to use.

If they go to the max, based on a \$20.5 million tax levy, the rate will be \$13.34 per \$1,000 for residential, and \$17.27 for CIP. Last year's rate was \$13.83 for residential \$17.86. The drop in rate does not, however, mean that an individual property tax bill will go down. As property values increase, the rate goes down, pretty much equalizing the result. Massachusetts has a cap on the tax levy of 2.5% (Proposition 2 1/2), plus new growth.

In another matter the board discussed renting air monitors for an air quality study in the PJ Keating neighborhood.

Mr. Desroches said the cost to rent three air monitors for two months would be around \$6,500-\$7,500.

The board voted unanimously to pay for the monitors.



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Hella. "He really did."

Mr. Sullivan's two sons, Michael Jr. and James; and his two daughters, Kelly Field and Holly Gallagher; and his three grandchildren were also there, along with other friends and relatives.

"This is amazing," said Ms. Field. "He would absolutely love this. He would be smiling from ear to ear. He'd be in his glory."

She said it was her father's

"retirement job," after leaving the Army, and "he just fell in love with it."

"I'm happy for dad," said James. "He loved it. It's nice to see everyone remembers him."

He said his father loved the night shift because there was more action then.

Michael also said his father would be "honored."

The department showed how much a part of the team his father was. He felt he was "integral" to the team.

"They made him feel that way," said Michael. "He took pride in the work."

And he would work a double, sleep for a bit, and then be ready to go back.

"The job came naturally to him," said Michael. "Not that it was easy. But he could do it, and he enjoyed doing it."

He said it was "touching" to see

the respect the chief and everyone else who was there for the ceremony showed to his father.

"We appreciate it," said Michael. "It was a lovely ceremony and I can't thank them enough."

Ms. Sullivan's daughter Holly agreed that the job was "the love of his life."

Naming the dispatch center after him is his legacy, she said, and he would love it.

She said that after retiring from the military, her father had a few different jobs, but they were just jobs. They did not hold the purpose to him that being in the military had. He had always wanted to be part of the police department. The dispatcher job made that possible.

"He found his purpose here," she said.

TJ and Jack Field also attended their grandfather's big event.

TJ got a bit tongue-tied to talk about his grandfather, but it appears they did like watching TV together.

Jack was a bit more forthcoming, saying he liked sitting and rocking in the chair with his grandfather, watching TV, and coloring.

He also said he liked the picture they used in the plaque.

"He loved that shirt," said Kelly.



Sully's wife, Coreen Sullivan, holds the plaque that was given to the family with the story explaining why the Fairhaven Police Department dispatch center was named "The Michael A. 'Sully' Sullivan Emergency 911 Communications Center" after a ceremony on 11/23/21. L-R: Sully's mother Millie Hella, his daughters Holly Gallagher and Kelly Field, his wife Coreen, his grandsons Jack and TJ Field. Photo by Beth David.

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variety of products, your own special artwork on slate or wood, or...well, get creative. They're flexible.

"We can pretty much put just about anything on," said Ms. King. "If you have a picture of it, we can do it."

The shop will also include a consignment area for local artists.

Ms. King said that during the COVID shutdown, she was home with her young children instead of working at her job at a preschool.

She started experimenting, found some affordable equipment, and started with little things at first, things for themselves and for friends and family.

She's still not quite ready to go back to work full time, so she decided to open the shop. The business will hold craft times for children, ceramic painting, and classes.

"Everything is customizable," she said.

"He makes most of the things," Ms. King said about her husband, Jeff, a machinist by trade.

She does the designing, deciding what to buy, and the in-store activities.

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Christmas.

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Slate coasters with creative designs and sayings are ready for sale at King Castle Designs, in Fairhaven, Mass., during their grand opening on 11/27/21. Photo by Beth David.

FHS Craft Fair is big success

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven High School PTO organized The Blue Devil Craft and Vendor Fair at FHS on 11/20, with 87 vendor tables spilling out from the gym through the halls, upstairs and downstairs, in the Performing Arts Center, and stretching from main lobby to back lobby. Proceeds will benefit the class of 2022.

Most vendors reported good sales,

with a large and steady stream of potential customers strolling through the school.

"I love it. I'm having a ball," said Becky at the Maskarella table, where she was selling all brightly decorated face masks.

"We're selling a lot. We're happy," said Wendy Pacheco staffing the Blue Devils table.

"It's a nice community," said Hillary Kanter, who had a booth at

Fairhaven Marketplace this summer.

"It's been a nice afternoon," said Tom Hopkins at the Nettie's Bees table selling honey. "People are in a good mood. Everybody needs today."

He said everyone has missed being able to get out in public.

"It's nice to be out in public again spreading cheer," he said. "Just seeing people and spreading good health is the priority. The rest is gravy...or honey."



RIGHT: Christmas wreaths adorn the lockers in the hallway at Fairhaven High School during the Blue Devil Craft and Vendor Fair on 11/20/21 benefiting the class of 2022 and organized by the FHS PTO. RIGHT: Christmas wreaths adorn the lockers in the hall. Photo by Beth David.

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87117824906?pwd=R0txUVIRUVF5NkdENW02VERZYWNH209>
Meeting ID: 871 1782 4906
Passcode: 767290

The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on the application of Mr. John M. LeBlanc of 13 Priscilla Dr. in Lakeville, for a modification to the Special Permit originally issued for 1315 Main Street from a small retail landscape business with attached garage space for use by Northeast Property services and DBT landscape Design into a reconfiguration of the existing structure to be used as contractor bays for the storage of materials and equipment and the possible use of associated office space. The public hearing will be held on December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Those wishing to attend should contact the office of the Town Clerk for information at office number 508-998-0200 x 4217. The application is on file in the office of the Town Clerk for viewing during normal office hours. Review of matters presented; votes maybe taken.

FNN, 11/25/21, 12/2/21

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, December 13, 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 Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- CON 023-255: **10 Diamond Street** Notice of Intent filed by Ruby and Jaime Medeiros for the construction of a garage, mud utility room, and expansion/reconstruction of the existing dwelling at the property located at 10 Diamond Street, Assessors Map 29, Lots 46 & 72. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
- CON 023-256: **Winsegansett Avenue, Map 42A, Lots 232, 232A & 233** Notice of Intent filed by Alexander and Elizabeth Kalife, Trustees of the Kalife Residence Trust, for the reconstruction of the existing garage with a flood-zone compliant garage at the property located at Winsegansett Avenue, Assessors Map 42A, Lots 232, 232A & 233. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone to Coastal Beach.
- SE 023-1349, CON 023-213: **Cherrystone Road** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by John Kalife for the changes to the approved plan resulting from modifications to the house design and the elimination of the septic system at the property located at Cherrystone Road, Assessors Map 43B, Lots 313, 314 & 315. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

4. CON 023-257: **1 & 2 Marsh Island** Notice of Intent filed by Buzzards Bay Coalition for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project to restore a historically filled salt marsh at the property located at 1 & 2 Marsh Island, Assessors Map 15, Lot 1 and Assessors Map 17, Lot 129. Work to take place in Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Riverfront Area, Salt Marsh, Coastal Beach, Coastal Bank, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

5. CON 023-258: **89 Akin Street** Notice of Intent filed by Daniel Pounds for the removal of the existing house and construction of a new residence with town water and sewer connections and associated site work at the property located at 89 Akin Street, Assessors Map 30B, Lots 54-67. Work to take place within Riverfront Area and the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

6. CON 023-259: **10 Littleneck Road** Notice of Intent filed by Paul and Francesca Federico for the construction of a new flood-zone compliant foundation on which to place the existing house and an addition, the construction of a new deck, and associated site work at the property located at 10 Littleneck Road, Assessors Map 43A, Lots 86 & 87. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

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
FNN: 12/2/21

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came from the Bouchard 120 Natural Resource Damage Trustee Council, a federal-state entity comprised of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the State of Rhode Island. The funds used for the Weweantic River restoration helped to address shoreline and aquatic resource injuries resulting from the 2003 Buzzards Bay oil spill. In addition, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Massachusetts Environmental Trust, MA Department of Conservation & Recreation's Trails Program, and MA Division of Marine Fisheries' Recreational Fishing Development Fund also contributed funding to the project.

"The Coalition's project leadership combined with NOAA and Trustee partners' expertise and funding have led to reopening more than three miles of river for herring and other migratory fish," said Carrie Selberg Robinson, Director of NOAA's Office of Habitat Conservation, who noted this is a key project out of more than 25 restoring resources impacted by the 2003 Bouchard Barge 120 oil spill.

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"The Bouchard B-120 oil spill devastated natural resources in Buzzard Bay," said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning, Paul Locke. "The Commonwealth is thrilled that settlement funds from the spill were used to support this important dam removal project that has tremendous ecological benefit to migratory fish and other aquatic life and also improves public access and climate change resiliency."

The Coalition previously completed a similar, successful restoration project at The Sawmill on the Acushnet River. There, the Coalition and its partners restored fish passage and natural river banks while also installing trails and a canoe launch.

To learn more about the Horseshoe Mill property, 36 Station Street, Wareham, MA, and the Weweantic River, visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/places-to-go/horseshoe-mill/>

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 12/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Fri., 12/22, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/13, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Community Preservation

Wed., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/13, Remote, 6:30

Marine Resources

Thurs., 12/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/8, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 12/14, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Wed., 12/8, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Cultural Council

Thurs., 12/2, Library, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 12/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Dec. 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Wednesday	1	0502	1726	1045*	2244*
Thursday	2	0549	1813	1137*	2334*
Friday	3	0635	1900	----	1228*
Saturday	4	0723	1950	0024*	1322*
Sunday	5	0815	2044	0118*	1419*
Monday	6	0908	2138	0215*	1510*
Tuesday	7	1001	2233	0309*	1555*
Wednesday	8	1056	2332	0358*	1641*
Thursday	9	1156	----	0450	1743
Friday	10	0033	1255	0616	1949
Saturday	11	0130	1350	0842	2059
Sunday	12	0224	1446	0956	2204
Monday	13	0322	1547	1057	2257
Tuesday	14	0421	1645	1146	2337
Wednesday	15	0510	1732	----	1231

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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From our readers

Food Pantry thanks volunteers

Greetings everyone.

As the Shepherd's Pantry goes into our 22nd year helping the area's less fortunate, it could not have been possible without our dedicated volunteers. Of course, we depend highly on our monetary contributors and to all the folks and organizations who supply us with much needed non-perishable food. But without you, the volunteers, who wait at the

pantry to unload the Boston Food purchases, or those of you who actually go pick up donated food at the schools, churches and other businesses who have food donation drop-offs, our pantry could not remain open. And that is just the beginning.

When the food arrives, it is meticulously checked for any damaged or outdated food stuffs, cleaned and packed into bags to be handed out each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 am.

According to James, Chapter 2, Verse 14; "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him?"..... Verse 17; "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

By volunteering and helping the needy is what James was implying. You not only have faith but you're putting your faith into action. God bless each one of you and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Gerry Payette, Director

ELECTION: cont'd from page 4

- Planning Board, 4 Years, Two, Geoffrey Haworth II and John Farrell incumbents
- Housing Authority, 5 Years, One, Marc Scanlon incumbent

How to run

Nomination papers are available now at the Town Clerk's Office located inside Town Hall at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Nomination papers for town-wide office election require 50 certified signatures. Completed nomination papers with signatures must be submitted to the Town

Clerk's office no later than Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00PM.

How do I get on the ballot as a Town Meeting Member?

Nomination papers are available as now at the Town Clerk's Office located inside Town Hall at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Nomination papers for Town Meeting require 10 certified signatures from your precinct only. Town Meeting Members who seek re-election should file a written request with the Town Clerk no later than Friday, January 24, 2022 at 5PM.

Completed nomination papers with signatures must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00PM.

For information on registering to vote, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/voter-resources> or call the Town Clerk at (508) 979-4023 ext. 3

For more information on Fairhaven's local election, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/election-resources> or call the Town Clerk at 508-979-4023 ext. 3

WEEKEND: cont'd from page 3

Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Council President Joe Lopes and the New Bedford community for the annual tree lighting celebration. This year's emcee will be Armand Marchand, executive producer for New Bedford Festival Theater. Remarks will be followed by holiday songs. Free hot chocolate courtesy of Community Services, Veterans Transition House and New Life Church

Downtown Holiday Stroll

Kick off the Holiday Season in downtown New Bedford with the annual **Holiday Stroll, Sat., 12/4, from noon to 5 p.m.** (Rain date 12/11)

Shop small, eat local, and enjoy art, music, and fun holiday fare throughout downtown New Bedford!

Santa Spotting throughout dNB all afternoon.

Events include: New Bedford Fire Museum Antique Fire Truck Rides Barkers Lane 12-4pm; Southcoast Brass Band 12-3pm; Seaglass Theater Company Carolers Various locations 2-4pm; A silent soapbox Winter Fairy 12-2pm; BuyBlackNB Mini Market in Bristol Hall 12-5 with live music from Manny Escobar 12-2pm; A Festive Holiday Drag Performance by Kirbie Fully Loaded; A Special Dance Performance by NBPAC on The Whaling Museum Plaza 3pm; New Bedford Star Chasers Cosmic Bike Parade 2-4pm; Santa Spotting Throughout dNB; The Cureist Pop-Up Shop at Calico 12-5pm

For updates find "dNB's Holiday

Stroll" event page on Facebook.

Clasky Common Lighting

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Remarks by Mayor Mitchell and Councilor Lopes, followed by holiday songs by Miss New Bedford Megan Sylvia, Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen Hannah Lima, and Miss Whaling City Teen Kieyana Fleming (scheduling may not allow for all three), and the Parker School Chorus.

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