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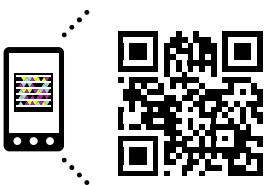
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Selectboard keeps Union Wharf on its to-do list



At its goals and objectives meeting on 1/22/22, the Fairhaven Select Board identified reconstruction of the north side of Union Wharf as an objective under their overall goal of improving municipal services. See story on page 12. ABOVE: First responder vessels are docked at the marine safety terminal on the north side of Union Wharf in Fairhaven, which is on the list of projects for this year, with the Select Board hoping to get grant money to reconstruct the north side. Photo by Beth David. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh boy. Looks like we've got a doozy of a storm heading our way. ML Baron is giving us a heads up (see page 13) that it shares the elements of the blizzard of 2015. Remember that one? We got 19 inches.

Oh, my aching back.

This one is going to have some big winds along with the big snow. So, get ready!

We've got some meeting coverage for you this week. Acushnet Selectboard (page 16) was quick, but possibly significant (vague enough for ya?).

Fairhaven made up for Acushnet with a four-hour meeting on Saturday (see page 12) and a regular SB meeting on Monday (see page 4).

Looks like we're on track to interview Town Administrator candidates again. Let's hope this one works. At least the process has been normal this time. Thanks to Mark Sylvia for that, and thanks to you-know-who not being around to throw a wrench in the works.

We've got some fun stuff for you this week, too. A little pup got stuck in his human's car (page 13) and had to be rescued by Fairhaven's finest. Poor little Casper had a bit of an ordeal, but he's okay.

A COVID sniffing dog was in Acushnet this week and Fairhaven's K9 "Blue" was giving lessons at Fairhaven High School. I kid you not. See page 6 for those.

We have another entry into the Select Board race. That makes six. So, stop saying people don't want to do these jobs. Treat people with respect and they will show up. Now that we're not in crazy-land, people are ready to step up and be heard.

Okay, time to get this baby to bed!

Keep an eye out on your neighbors during this storm. This is "it takes a village" territory.

Get your generators ready, get your wood stacked and covered, and stock up on the milk and bread (yes, I said that).

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Only two weeks left to request nomination papers in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Another candidate has thrown his hat into the ring for Fairhaven Select Board. As of press time this week, we had six candidates for the three Fairhaven Select Board seats in the 4/4/22 election. This election will have three seats on the ballot, as it is the election that will expand the board from three to five members.

We also have a contested race for Board of Health, with two people taking out papers for one seat.

And, as of this week, someone took out papers for one of the two Planning Board seats that will be on the ballot.

Steve Riley has added his name to the list of candidates seeking a seat on the Select Board. He joins Leon Correy, Cameron Durant, Cathy Melanson, Charles Murphy Sr., and incumbent Stasia Powers, who have taken out papers for that board. Mr. Correy, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Powers, have returned them.

Incumbent Peter DeTerra has taken out papers and returned them with the required signatures for his seat on the Board of Health. Heidi Hacking has also taken out papers for that seat.

School Committee incumbents Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen have both taken out papers for their seats, and both have returned them. Cathleen Marchessault has also taken out papers for School Committee, but had not returned them as of press time.

Planning Board has two seats up for election. Sharon Simmons has taken out papers for one of those seats, but had not returned them by press time.

Incumbent Barbara Acksen has taken out papers for her seat as a

Commissioner of Trust Funds; Louise Ponte has taken out papers for the seat she holds on the Commission, which is an unexpired term she was appointed to recently. Neither one has returned papers.

On the Board of Public Works, only the unexpired term held by Steven Riley is up for election. He indicated to the Select Board when he was appointed that it was unlikely he would run for the seat in 2022. Since he has taken out papers for Select Board, it appears he will stick to that promise. Ronnie Medina has taken out papers the BPW seat, but has not returned them.

Acting town clerk Linda Fredette has taken out papers for her seat; and Gary F. Souza has taken out papers for Housing Authority. Both have returned them

Nomination papers for all offices in Fairhaven in the 4/4/22 election are still 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 in 2021 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.

- **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/vyhlf13131/f/uploads/fairhaven2010.pdf>). This map will be updated with the 2020 Census Re-precincting information as soon as we receive the final approved information from the State.

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

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 seats, Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen incumbents
- Board of Health, 3 Years, One seat, Peter Deterra incumbent
- Commissioner of Trust Funds, 3 Years, One seat, Barbara Acksen incumbent

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Selectboard gets names of three TA candidates

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board received the names of the three finalists for Town Administrator at its meeting on 1/24/22. TA Screening Committee chairperson Mark Sylvia presented the names to the board.

Mr. Sylvia thanked all the SC committee members, noting that they had to start all over again after two of the three last finalists withdrew.

He said each member had “full engagement” in the process.

“Everybody was participating,” said Mr. Sylvia.

He said they interviewed each candidate, deliberated, and made their decision.

“We are very confident in the three individuals we are presenting for your consideration,” said Mr. Sylvia.

Mary Alcardi, the consultant with the Collins Group, said it was a “fabulous group” on the screening committee, who had the dedication to get it right. “We are just thrilled to be at this point.”

Mr. Sylvia presented the names in alphabetical order, emphasizing there

is no preference.

Jennifer Callahan, who was finalist in 2020, has been the Town Manager of Oxford, Mass., since 2018. She was also the town of Millville’s first town administrator. She has served as a state representative, is a registered nurse, and has taught at the college level. She has a Doctorate and a Masters in Public Health.

Recent local reporting shows that Ms. Callahan has been offered the town manager job in Bourne, and is a finalist for the same position in Plymouth.

Angeline “Angie” Lopes Ellison, formerly the Town Manager in Uxbridge and Blandford, left her position in Uxbridge before the end of her contract after criticism by the Select Board. Her tenure there was plagued by employee departures in the finance department, according to an article in the Telegram & Gazette.

She also faced criticism in her part time TA position in Blandford, where a citizen petition called to reduce her pay to \$1. She is currently working as administrative officer for the city of North Adams and does consulting

work.

She holds a Master’s Certificate, Local Government Leadership and Management from Suffolk University, and a Master’s Degree, American Studies from UMassBoston, and a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Government from UMassDartmouth. She also served in the Army National Guard and serve as Associate Dean of Students Affairs for the University of Massachusetts.

Thomas M. Guerino has also moved around a bit in the last few years. Mr. Guerino is currently the Housing Authority Director for the town of Greenfield, a position he took on October of 2020; and he is a consultant, doing work for the town of Wareham since 2019.

He was the TA in Bourne from 2005 to 2019, when his contract was not renewed, but he stayed on until 9/30/20 while they searched for his replacement, according to news reports.

He had a bit of a dustup with the Bourne Select Board in 2018, resulting in a six-day suspension for approving

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This 14-week comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater.

It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating's fundamentals, such as: choosing, equipping, trailering and handling a small to midsize boat; rules of the road; how to: read a chart and chart plotter; make a May Day call; handle on-water emergencies; tie ropes/lines; and understand weather.

The \$45 fee includes the textbook, workbook, and all course materials.

To register, please go to <http://flotilla65.com/public-education-class>.

If you have any questions, please contact MaryBeth Soares, Flotilla Staff Officer-Public Education at 508-493-5531 or via email: mbsoares11@verizon.net

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Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

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If you have difficulty accessing the internet or need additional support placing an order, you can call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages - 8am to midnight ET, 7 days a week.

The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) is also available to specifically help people with disabilities place their orders. To get help, call 1-888-677-1199, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 8PM ET, or email DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.

For those who have questions about eligibility, the online ordering form, shipping, or delivery, you can contact the USPS Help Desk at 1-800-

ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).

Oxford Res. Apps

Deadline is almost here to get an application to enter the lottery for affordable senior housing units at the Oxford School Residences, scheduled to open in the spring of 2022. Apartments are at the old Oxford School, 347 Main St., Fairhaven and most rents are based on income.

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.

COVID Testing

Fairhaven will hold walk-in testing on Sat., 1/29, from 9-11 a.m., at the Fairhaven Emergency Management building, 150 Sconticut Neck Road.

We are presently watching the impending storm so this schedule remains fluid and may change.

Find us on Facebook for updates.

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

Alerts sign-up

To sign up to receive alerts for weather warnings and other town emergencies, visit the Fairhaven Fire Department's web page, www.fairhavenfire.org and click on "Fairhaven Emergency Alert" and follow the prompts. Or call the Fire Department at 508-004-1428, or the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029. Alerts can be sent to your landline, cell phone and/ or by email.

SAVE THE DATE:

Let's Talk About Food!

On Wed., 2/9, at 7:00 PM, South Coast Progressive Voices (SCPV) invites you to attend "South Coast Food Revolution: What Is It? Why Does It Matter?" with Christine Smith, program manager for the Southcoast Food Policy Council (SFPC). The Food Policy Council is a coalition of food pantries, farms, foundations and social service agencies working together to promote local food security. Formed in 2011 to address food security issues in our region, the SFPC's mission is to connect, convene and advocate for local food producers, consumers and community leaders who seek to strengthen our regional food system, improve community health and eliminate food insecurity.

Ms. Smith will present an overview of the food system in the US and take a deep dive into the food system in the Southcoast of Massachusetts. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion.

If you are interested in attending this online meeting, please register at scpv.tiny.us/food.

SCPV is an occasional speaker series sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, featuring experts in fields of broad public interest from local, regional and national perspectives. SCPV presentations are FREE and OPEN to the public. The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (<https://uufairhaven.org>) is committed to the pursuit of religious freedom and to building a world that is just, peaceable and sustainable.

And...the dogs have it

K9 Blue gives lessons at Fairhaven High School

Officer Jodoin and K9 Blue were invited to Fairhaven High School for an advisory demonstration. Students interested in a career working with animals learned about working breeds in Law Enforcement and the canine olfactory (The Nose). Students watched K9 Blue demonstrate his skills, and rewarded him with his favorite ball when a hide was found. Good boy Blue!

RIGHT: Fairhaven's K9 Blue seems to listen intently as his handler, Officer Jillian Jodoin, speaks to a class at Fairhaven High School. Photo from Fairhaven Police Department K9 Unit Facebook Page.



COVID-sniffing dogs help Acushnet testing program



Acushnet's Fire & EMS Department continues its testing of residents on Saturdays at the Ford Middle School. Last week, a K9 unit from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office swept the school after it had been cleaned and sanitized to make sure "100% effectiveness of our efforts," wrote the department on its Facebook page. ABOVE AND RIGHT: K9 Duke and his handler, Officer Teddy Santos from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, walk through the gym at Ford Middle School to sniff out COVID after the room was used for testing Acushnet residents on a walk-in basis on 1/22/22. Photos courtesy of Heather Chew.



NOAA: 50 years of conservation

From NOAA Press Release Materials
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Fifty years ago, Congress took action to protect the nation's ocean and coasts when it passed a set of powerful laws that help form the foundation for the nation's coastal and marine stewardship today: the Clean Water Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and National Marine Sanctuaries Act. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and our partners are launching a campaign to celebrate 50 Years of Ocean and Coastal Conservation and share what we've accomplished together to protect these special places, habitats, and species.

The diversity of our ocean and coasts is as great as its people. They provide places to live, work, and play, drive our nation's economy, and support a wealth of biodiversity. They are an integral part of our national heritage and character.

In 1972, in response to growing public concern about the state of our environment, Congress enacted banner legislation designed to protect our nation's ocean and coasts. The legislation shaped our past 50 years and will continue to shape the future.

Coastal Zone Management Act



Created to meet the challenges associated with future growth in the coastal zone, the Coastal Zone Management Act continues to be relevant today. The legislation provides for the management of the nation's coastal resources, including the Great Lakes, with a goal to "preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, to restore or enhance the resources of the nation's coastal zone."

The Coastal Zone Management Act is administered by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management (<https://coast.noaa.gov>), and implemented through the following programs: National Coastal Zone Management Program, National Estuarine Research Reserve System, Coral Reef Conservation Program, Digital Coast

National Marine Sanctuaries Act



Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce "to identify and designate as national marine sanctuaries areas of the marine environment which are of special national significance and to manage these areas as the National Marine Sanctuary System." Special national significance is based on an area's conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, scientific, educational, cultural, archeological, or esthetic qualities.

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>) conducts management, research, and education programs in areas designated as national marine sanctuaries, which include fifteen sites all over the country, and nationally as a system. This office also has co-management responsibilities for Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments under the Antiquities Act.

To learn more about the 15 national marine sanctuaries, visit <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/50/>
Marine Mammal Protection Act



In response to growing concerns that certain species and populations of marine mammals were in danger of extinction or had been depleted as a result of human activities, Congress passed the Marine Mammal Protection Act. With this legislation, the primary objective of marine mammal management was to maintain the health and stability of the marine ecosystem and, when consistent with that primary objective, obtain and maintain optimum sustainable populations of marine mammals. This legislation established a general moratorium on the taking and importing of many marine mammals.

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Vaccination Clinics

With New Bedford seeing nearly triple the amount of COVID-19 cases as this time last year, City health officials are reminding the public that it's never too late to start your vaccinations and that boosters are crucial for those who completed their vaccinations at least five months ago.

While cases are surging due to the highly contagious omicron variant, death rates are not: case fatality rates in New Bedford have fallen by more than half from a year ago, with the highest fatality rates among unvaccinated residents. About 63 percent of all COVID-19 deaths in the city in December 2021 were among unvaccinated residents, and 31 percent were among those who completed their vaccinations five months ago or more, according to Health Department data.

Free, walk-up COVID-19 clinics in New Bedford offer CDC-approved booster shots, in addition to first- and second-dose vaccines and, at most locations, pediatric vaccines and boosters for teens 12-17. Please bring your vaccination card when getting a booster. Visit vaxnb.com for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

Fri., 1/28: PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old & boosters for teens 12-17

Sun., 1/30: 9am-12:30pm, Workers Community Center, 1534 Acushnet Ave., corner Phillips Ave. all vaccines

Wed., 2/2: 1pm-5pm, Howland Place, 651 Orchard St., Main Floor, Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson, 1st, 2nd, boosters and pediatric (5+)

COVID Testing

Testing sites in New Bedford and surrounding towns can be found on the state's Stop the Spread website, www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test. Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

Fri., Jan. 28: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members Exhibit

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is exhibiting the annual

Member's Exhibition until May 8th.

Nancy Whitcomb's *Dog Eat Dog World* was awarded Best in Show. Susan Gilmore's *Blustery* was the first runner up, and Dora Atwater Millikin's *Nantucket Light Ship* was the second runner up. The staff pick was Elizabeth Stanton's *Waiting On Citrus To Ripen*.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! (NBAM) is located in the beautiful Seaport Cultural District in historic downtown New Bedford at 608 Pleasant Street. NBAM presents a rotating schedule of exhibitions, workshops, and digital experiences as a local cultural institution and is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 AM - 4 PM. Advanced booking is required, and timed tickets are available through newbedfordart.org/ visit or by phone (508) 961-3072. You can connect with NBAM on Facebook and on Instagram @nbam_aw.

Whimsical Winter At the Z

Cinema New Bedford showcases acclaimed films from around the world that feature great storytelling and a variety of perspectives. Join us to experience award-winning films that harness the power of feeling to entertain and enlighten. Visit <https://www.zeiterion.org/program/cinemanb>

February 8: *Rushmore*, the story of a gifted, rebellious teenager who falls for his elegant teacher and competes for her attention against his friend's wealthy father. Tickets: \$10

March 8: *Moonrise Kingdom*, set on an island off the coast of New England in 1965, tells the story of two 12-year-olds who fall in love, make a pact and run away together. Tickets: \$10

At the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, 02740; 508-994-2900.

Contact the theater for COVID protocols.

Triple Decker Retrofit Project

The Triple Decker Retrofit Pilot is a Mass Clean Energy Center pilot that will offer technical support, incremental financial incentives, and performance monitoring to implement high-efficiency, all-electric retrofits of triple deckers. The Triple

Decker Retrofit Pilot will build upon the lessons learned from the Triple Decker Design Challenge to demonstrate cost-effective strategies for decarbonizing small multi-family buildings.

The Triple Decker Retrofit Pilot will be separated into two tracks: one for market rate triple decker owners and one for affordable housing triple decker owners.

To apply, visit <https://form.jotform.com/MassCECForms/tripledecker>

Join a webinar on Wed., 2/9 at 2 p.m. Visit <https://www.masscec.com/events/triple-decker-retrofit-pilot-affordable-housing-track-hosted-masscec>

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February 4, 6:00 PM Southcoast Lessons presents New Sounds of Silents: silent films set to live music - Join us at Mattapoisett Museum for the continuation of Southcoast Lessons' silent films set to live music series! Come on out for comedy, documentary, and early special effects movies set to both improvised and newly composed pieces brought to you by Southcoast Lessons staff, students, and guests. Free. Space is limited, registration encouraged, doors at 6. FREE

Learn to Macrame Tickets are now on sale for the museum's macramé class with Grow Away Girl on February 5, at 4:30pm. Space is limited to 10 people. \$15 includes all supplies to make a Valentine's Day wall hanger. Visit www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events for tickets.

Contact Mattapoisett Museum at info@mattapoisettmuseum.org or Jeff Angeley at southcoastlessons@gmail.com for more information.

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In-person: Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett, Register: 508-758-4110. Free.

Wealth Seminars

for Women

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg's Office of Economic Empowerment and Citizens Bank have launched registration for their new Worth and Wealth Seminars. These free virtual trainings will equip Massachusetts women with financial skills and knowledge to build confidence in their economic futures.

During each session, participants will attend a kick-off event and four subsequent weekly webinars where they will learn about salary negotiation skills, employment rights, investing strategies, and many other topics that will benefit them in their career and personal life. Registration is open now at <https://www.worthandwealth.org> and all Massachusetts women are encouraged to sign up.

The Worth and Wealth Seminars are funded by a generous grant from Citizens to the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund. Citizens staff also volunteer their time to support the program through one-on-one financial wellness checkups for interested program attendees, and lead regional breakout groups to help encourage deeper learning of the topics addressed in the sessions. The Office of Economic Empowerment also created a "Partners Circle" for Worth & Wealth presenters, non-profit organizations, and state agencies to get involved in the events, and spread the word to their constituencies.

Arts in the Park Call for Applications

The registration and jury process for Arts in the Park 2022 at the Marion Art Center will begin in February. Arts in the Park is the MAC's signature outdoor artisan market and occurs annually in July. This year the event is scheduled on Saturday, July 9 from 10:00am-4:00pm.

The exhibitions committee is now accepting applications online at marionartcenter.org/arts-in-the-park. Space is limited, and the committee curates the event each year to include a select group of skilled artists and artisans. Goods include baskets, ceramics, clothing, collage, fiber, glass, jewelry, woodworking, painted, and hand-crafted furniture, paintings, photography, and more.

The MAC, with generous grant

support from the Marion Cultural Council, sponsors this family-friendly event featuring live music, a food truck, raffle, and free arts activities for kids. Send questions to info@marionartcenter.org.

Auditions

Rhode Island's oldest community theater, The Community Players, currently celebrating their 100th season, will hold auditions for their spring musical *Mamma Mia!* on **Sun., 1/30 from 1-4pm and 6-9pm** with callbacks on Thursday, February 3 from 6-9pm at Jenks Auditorium, 350 Division Street, Pawtucket, RI, (across from McCoy Stadium). Sign-in will begin at 12:30 pm and 5:30pm.

Told through the legendary music of ABBA, this worldwide mega hit musical tells the tale of Sophie, a 20-year-old bride-to-be, who is on a search for her father. On the eve of her wedding, her quest to discover her father's identity brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they had last visited 20 years earlier.

All roles are open.

For further information, call (401) 474-4521 or email auditions@thecommunityplayers.org.

For more information about The Community Players, visit www.thecommunityplayers.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

Lebanese Feast

Please join us on February 5, 2022 for the Annual St. Maron Hafli to benefit New Bedford's Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church. This year's Hafli will take place at the St. Sharbel Hall at St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 North Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA. We are very excited to announce that Chaddi Naddaf will be our featured entertainer and he will be accompanied by the Bachir El Khoury Ensemble.

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For more information, please contact Our Lady or Purgatory Church at (508) 996-8934 or by e-mail at ourladyofpurgatory@verizon.net.

Recipe of the Week

Honey Baked Chicken Thighs

- 3 pounds chicken thighs, bone-in and skin on
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- parsley, chopped, optional, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350°.

Place the chicken in a shallow baking dish, skin side up.

Combine the melted butter, honey, mustard, salt, and curry powder until well-mixed, and pour the sauce over the chicken.

Bake the chicken until browned, tender, and cooked through, basting every 15 minutes with the pan drippings, about 75 minutes.

Serve hot!

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

Dear Frankie



Patients' Rights

Dear Frankie,
Recently the vet cut several large fatty lumps out of my back that required many stitches.

When he finished the surgery, he put a cone around my neck and told

me I had to keep it on for two weeks. When I objected, he said the cone was the only way he could be sure that I wouldn't lick or chew my stitches.

I was furious that I had to wear a cone for his peace of mind and was insulted that he didn't trust me to follow his post-op instructions.

Driving home, my mom came up with the bright idea that we should go over to the dog park for a short visit.

I dreaded going knowing that the dogs would razz me unmercifully for looking like a dork.

As expected, several dogs did mouth off, and it was as painful as I thought it would be. When I look back on that day, it could have been so different if the vet had taken the time to discuss why the cone was necessary and asked me rather than told me I had to wear it.

I genuinely believe I would have agreed and felt better because I was asked to consent.

Do you agree, or do you think I am just fooling myself?

Rupert

Dear Rupert,
I'm sorry your vet didn't explain that a cone is a necessary evil for dogs

recovering from surgery.

If he had, I do believe you would have agreed to wear one despite its physical and mental discomfort. Wounds itch when they heal, and despite your best intentions, it's hard to resist scratching or biting an annoying itch.

I agree that patients have a right to discuss and consent to their treatment and recovery plan. Feeling respected as a patient and confident about your care is an essential part of recovery

As for your dork issue, are you sure this is how the other dogs saw you? Could this be more about how you see yourself? Could it be you have difficulty being seen wounded or less than perfect? I'm no psychologist, just offering some food for thought.

Best, Frankie

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New Bedford Creative Grants awarded

Press Release

The announcement of the latest round of Wicked Cool Places grant awards is a cause for celebration and appreciation for the critical role of culture in our community, believes Margo Saulnier, New Bedford's Creative Strategist.

"The range and impact of the newest Wicked Cool Places grant awards is astonishing," states Saulnier. "These sixteen projects represent a far-reaching slate of place-making and place-keeping projects in the city. Each underscores the profound impact of creativity in our community — and the ability of our 'cultural ambassadors' to activate and showcase all of New Bedford."

Wicked Cool Places (WCP) is the grant program administered by New Bedford Creative, housed at the New Bedford Economic Development Council (NBEDC). Funding is provided by the city of New Bedford's Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund, with additional support from Bristol County Savings Bank, Mass Cultural Council, and MassDevelopment's

"TDI Creative Cities Initiative."

This year, a total of \$70,000 will be invested in the program's most diverse round of competitive applications since the program's inception in 2018. New projects will join returning favorites to offer the City of New Bedford and South Coast a profound range of resident-driven projects and events which will enrich the entire region.

Anthony Sapienza, President of the Board of Directors for the NBEDC, notes that, "Wicked Cool Places awards reflect the strength of New Bedford and the ability of its creative citizens to invigorate not only our economy but our very sense of purpose as a city."

The WCP awards achieve that by recognizing the broadest possible definition of culture. Grant awards to city cultural ambassadors highlight the role visual art, music, performance, heritage, health, well-being and critical thinking play in our world today. The sixteen projects also mirror the multifaceted potential of all neighborhoods in the City of New Bedford.

This year's New Bedford Creative Wicked Cool Places awards are:

\$50,000 funded by the city of New Bedford's Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund, with additional support by Bristol County Savings Bank:

- The Community Economic Development Center (CEDC) designed "Patio de Comida" specifically to serve the city's Latino population. It features foods from Guatemala, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Mexico, and more at Riverside Park. \$5,000 will help it host more food vendors, kids activities and local artists, including Mayan dancers, Marimba players, weavers, and contemporary musicians.
- Massachusetts Design, Art, and Technology Institute (DATMA) has been awarded \$4,000 to collaborate with New Bedford High School faculty and students, the Consortium for Research & Robotics, and NORPEL Fisheries to create a three-dimensional (3D) public art mural.
- In June, the Queer Arts Council of

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Fairhaven Select Board outlines goals and objectives

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held a marathon meeting to discuss policy goals and objectives on Saturday, 1/22/22. The board identified nine goals, each with a number of objectives to reach the goal.

Former Town Administrator Mark Rees, who is now a Special Projects Coordinator for the town, used the 2019 document, the last time the board met for the purpose, as a starting point. Board members made changes and suggestions to the document.

Mr. Rees made changes in real time, allowing the public to see the changes. He will create a draft document for the board to consider at a future meeting.

The nine goals, which are overall general intentions, are: #1 Human Resources Improvements; #2 Town Committees Collaboration; #3 Inter and Intra Governmental Cooperation; #4 Financial Sustainability; #5 Economic Development; #6 Health, Welfare and Safety of Town Residents; #7 Civic Engagement; #8 Long Term Planning; #9 Improve Municipal Services.

Each goal has a series of specific objectives designed to achieve the goal.

For HR, the goal is to strengthen HR operations to enhance employee productivity and create a better atmosphere, develop competitive compensation, and foster employee accountability.

Objectives include revising the personnel rules and regulations and writing an employee handbook; working with department heads on developing succession and cross training.

Under committee collaboration, objectives include updating the committee handbook; making sure committees are clear on their purpose and meeting at least annually with each committee; develop a policy for committee members' attendance; and provide training opportunities for volunteers and staff.

Goal 3, to identify and advance opportunities for cooperation between town departments, the objectives include completing cost

allocation agreement with the school department, which allows for the school to pay for town costs of running the school department out of the school budget; study revenue sharing with the schools. Ideas for collaboration with other departments also include determining the feasibility of consolidating maintenance with the school department; studying the feasibility of a regional police/fire 911 system; creating online permitting for all departments; and scanning town documents to free up space.

Objectives under financial sustainability, included having department heads report annually on their work to identify and apply for grants; and construct an informational tool so



The Atlas Tack building sits abandoned and slowly deteriorating on 1/24/22, a hazardous waste site that the town wants to remediate, making it onto the list of objectives during the Fairhaven Select Board's goals and objectives meeting on 1/22/22. Photo by Beth David.

taxpayers can see how tax money is being spent; and a number of financial moves including possibly hiring a new audit company.

Under Economic Development, to expand the town's tax base by implementing programs to help existing businesses grow and attract new businesses, the board's former objectives included hiring a consultant to analyze and strengthen the retail market in Fairhaven, which is now partially completed.

Other objectives include developing a strategy to address large vacant parcels redevelopment, such as Atlas Tack and Park Motors; review the current tax structure, taxes commercial properties at a higher rate than residential.

Goal 6, the health and welfare of town residents, notes that the town provides a variety of services and programs. Objectives include continuing to revise the emergency response plan and training

employees; and a number of initiatives around fire safety, traffic safety, COVID response. Recruiting volunteers for Emergency Management, cyber security, and the upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant fall under this category. The board also hopes to promote new and existing recreational opportunities for town residents.

Under Civic Engagement (Goal #7), the board touted the importance of volunteers serving on the various town boards and committees.

Objectives include standardizing reporting by town departments on their activities and making them public; promoting expanding public access programming; develop ways

to review town bylaws and enforce them for quality of life issues, such as noise, littering, etc.; study the pros and cons of creating a nonprofit to run Cable Access TV; produce videos to help town departments in their public messaging efforts; study the feasibility of installing civic engagement software on the town website and social media platforms.

Long term planning objectives include planning for a new public safety complex; re-establishing the open space and recreation committee; continue work on repurposing the Rogers School;

conduct a comprehensive street tree inventory and develop an Urban Management Plan and public tree bylaw.

Their board also set as an objective developing a 40R Overlay district, which would allow for higher density residential units above commercial units.

Goal 9, to improve municipal services, objectives include work on the sidewalks on Walnut and William Streets; work at Livesey Park including to the courts; installing wheelchair mats at town beach; develop intergenerational programs; proceed with West Island dredging project now that the study is complete; plan for reconstruction of the north side of Union Wharf; install an fiber optic telephone system for th town and schools; address historical signage/markings in town, including installation of a monument recognizing Herman Melville's departure on the Acushnet from Fairhaven.

Classic nor'easter could really sock us with snow this weekend

Courtesy of ML Baron
West Island Weather Station

Forecast Echoes Full Blown Blizzard of January 2015

"If things come together just right, we could have a Blizzard on Saturday," said Matt Noyes, Chief Meteorologist, NECN Jan 25, 2022 6:50 AM

January along Southcoast usually comes in like a lamb, then ends like a bull in a China closet after sifting through our logs at West Island Weather

NWS discussion chat as of Jan 25, 2022 at 115AM is sprinkling in some foreboding vocabulary that spells concern for the weekend. Potential, impactful, uncertainty, and deterministic are in this Saturday's weather wheel of fortune. This kind of chat usually has copious snow on the ground, and front page headlines, when it's all over.

ML's Note: This discussion is days away from the potential event and is subject to change for better or worse, so stay tuned.

January 2015 holds the big snow trophy for the past 7 years, with 2

blizzards just days apart the last week of the month.

Near blizzard conditions on Jan 24, dumped 8.5" in Acushnet. East Falmouth (10 miles across the bay) was buried with 15.3" and a gust of 75MPH was reported at Block Island, then a full blown blizzard on Jan 26-28 2015 meant business. West Island Town Beach had gusts to 60 mph, with 19" of snow in the lot. Other depths included, Acushnet 22.2" Oak Bluffs 27" and New Bedford 21" Source: <https://www.westislandweather.com/.../latest.nous41.KBOX...>

ML's Note:

Past January records:

January 2021: 4.3" snow measured or 6.9" below normal.

January 2020: Least snowiest year 16.8" or 21.5" below normal for season.

January 2019: Thunderstorms and lots of rain - wettest Jan since 2006. Month's snow 1.5"



Letter carrier Joanne Bourque, in her last year before retirement, brought along her own snow shovel to clear the mail boxes at West Island, days after The Blizzard of January 28, 2015. February 2015 also pounded the region with a powerful blizzard. Photo courtesy of ML Baron.

January 30, 2018: had 6" with rain changing to heavy wet snow that went into a flash freeze. Total month snow of 16" was 5.3" above normal (Acush)

January 2017: logged 21.3" for the month or 10.8" above normal.

Rescuing stuck dog is a collaborative effort

From Fairhaven Police Department
Facebook Page

Casper the 10-year-old Poodle found himself in quite the predicament this morning, 1/25/21. He was able to maneuver himself under the seat of his owner's vehicle and got

stuck within the seat motion mechanism.

With the help of Lieutenant Josh Benoit of the Fairhaven Fire Department (and Firefighter/Paramedic Tim DesRoches), Dr. Nicholas Dagenais of New England Animal Hospital, the

quick thinking of Fairhaven Police Officer Laurie Cannon, Sergeant Matthew Botelho, and Captain Michael Botelho, and Fairhaven Assistant Animal Control Officer Evan DeSousa, Casper was untangled with minor injuries.



LEFT: Casper, a 10-year-old poodle, finds himself in quite the predicament stuck inside the seat motion mechanism of his human's car on 1/25/22, when he had to be rescued by a cadre of first responders in Fairhaven. RIGHT: Dr. Nicholas Dagenais of New England Animal Hospital holds Casper after he was rescued. Photos from Fairhaven Police Department Facebook page.

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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. pace is limited...sign up soon. Ages: 9-11 Date: January 24 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: Feb. 7 Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 6-8:15PM Cost: \$55 members/\$65 non-members

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Grief Meeting Virtual

Adult Grief Education and Support Group Thursdays Feb. 17, 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 2:30-4:00 pm. To register contact email-info@communitynurse.org or call 508-992-6278.

Weather Cancellations

If we have any amount of snow accumulation, there will be no shopping that day and activities may be canceled. Call the Senior Center 508-979-4029 to confirm. So please stock up on non-perishable food items.

Financial Help

Financial Help might be available if you are a woman over 70 years old,

live in Fairhaven, live alone, have unpaid bills due to low income. Call the Senior Center, 508-979-4029 if you meet these criteria and ask for Lucille. All information is confidential.

I think of myself as something of a connoisseur of procrastination, creative and dogged in my approach to not getting things done.

Susan Orlean

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Acushnet Selectboard seems closer to choosing interim TA

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard met on Friday, 1/21, with one item on the open meeting agenda, and two executive session items. The main item was to discuss appointing an interim Town Administrator.

At the last meeting on 1/14, the board had been ready to negotiate terms of a contract with Richard Lafond to appoint him to the position. However, Mr. Lafond withdrew from the negotiations to take another position in another part of the state.

At the 1/21 meeting, Selectboard Chairperson David Desroches said they had interviewed a number of

people in December for the Interim Town Administrator position.

He noted that James F. Kelley was in the room and that they would be convening in executive session to discuss the position with him.

The board also had a second executive session item: An Open Meeting Law complaint filed against the Selectboard by Patrick Higgins dated 12/19/21.

The board did not reconvene in open session on 1/21. It is scheduled to meet on 1/26.

The agenda for that meeting has an item to appoint an Interim Town Administrator, although no name is listed. There is no executive session

listed for that meeting.

Mr. Kelley has extensive experience in Human Resources, and has been acting Town Administrator in Millbury, and was a finalist in Carver, which started their search over due to a shortage of finalists.

The board also noted that the town has a number of volunteer positions available on a variety of committees. Visit <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/pages/volunteer-opportunities> for a list of vacancies, or contact the Selectboard's office, 508-998-0200 x4200. The town also has a vacancy for a town moderator, who is responsible for running the annual town meeting in May.

Other Acushnet news and information

Acushnet Residents COVID Testing

Covid Testing will be held every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Acushnet Elementary School, Middle Road. Open to Acushnet residents only. Proof of residence will be required.

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a firefighter's transfer to another town after he had resigned, which made him ineligible for the transfer, according to a Cape Cod Times article in July of 2018.

He has been a finalist in Swansea and Southbridge, according to news reports.

The Fairhaven Select Board discussed dates to interview the candidates with Ms. Alcardi, but an agreement could be reached that night. She will send sample questions and the board will submit questions. They will meet before the interviews to finalize which questions will be asked.

Each candidate will be asked the same questions and will be unable to watch as the other candidates are being interviewed. As of press time, the SB had not scheduled a meeting for the interviews.

Select Board member Keith Silvia is allowed to participate in the new process because his wife Anne, who is the Council on Aging Director, will no longer be employed by the town by the time the new TA is hired.

In other business, the board made appointments to two boards.

The Zoning Board of Appeals had one associate membership available. Three letters were available in the online materials and one was received too late.

Ann Richard, Nicholas Sylvia, Denyce Wicht, and Patrick Carr all submitted letters for the ZBA seat. Mr. Carr's letter was not in the packet.

Select Board Chairperson Bob Espindola read all the letters.

Mr. Carr, who has a pending administrative appeal in front of the ZBA (see legal ad on page 20), wrote that he has a family owned

business in Fairhaven, A-1 Crane, and worked on fishing boats.

He also said he had a "vested interest in the success of our community."

Select Board member Keith Silvia, referred to a letter from Town Counsel about Mr. Carr's ongoing issues with the ZBA.

"I was told he had a clean slate and this is claiming he isn't," said Mr. Silvia.

Mr. Espindola also noted that "attorney Crotty" wrote about some "ongoing things with A-1 Crane."

In the end, the board voted unanimously to appoint Nicholas Sylvia to the ZBA, who is an attorney.

"I have said publicly that I would like to see an attorney on that board," said Mr. Espindola.

The board also appointed Robert Grindrod to a vacant seat on the Library Board of Trustees.

During the Committee Liaison reports, Mr. Espindola said that during the Economic and Development meeting the issue of charges to marinas for slips caused concern. Apparently, the assessor's office has not been charging for slips, for "a number of years."

He said it looks like a "significant increase for marina owners," so there was both concern and criticism. He said marina owners said they were notified, and the increase happened all at once in the same year.

Mr. Espindola said the assessor's office said they sent out a mailing asking for more information on the number of slips and only about 20 responded. So they estimated. It is too late to change for this year, because the information has been sent to the state.

Marina owners have the right to file for an abatement.

In another matter, the board approved the draft of the Annual Report of the Select Board and Town Administrator for calendar year 2021, with one change: to change the names on the bottom to the current board members.

The report lists the number of grants the town has received and the departments that received them, a total of \$3,165,790.48.

The board also discussed a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers concerning routine maintenance to the Hurricane Barrier that is required every 8-10 years. According to the letter the HB will not be available for "routine flood control operations, but will be available to provide protection in the event of a large coastal storm event."

The work was scheduled to start on 1/24 and continue for 2-3 months. Board members noted that this weekend we are due to get a nor'easter with high winds and snow during extra high tides.

The letter says they will "monitor" the weather and "ensure the barrier is operational in the event of a large coastal storm event."

- In other business, the board
- Accepted a \$20,000 check from an anonymous donor for improvements to Grimshaw Park.
 - Voted to continue the mask mandate in town buildings in accordance with the Health Agent's recommendations, and also to send a letter to the Board of Health urging stronger action to protect the public against the spread of COVID.

ELECTION: cont'd from page 3

- 1 Year (unexpired term), One seat, Vacant
- Board of Public Works, 3 Years, One, G. Steven Riley incumbent
 - Planning Board, 4 Years, Two, Geoffrey Haworth II and John Farrell incumbents
 - Housing Authority, 5 Years, One seat, 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.

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NOAA: cont'd from page 7

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for the implementation of this legislation. Also established by this legislation: the Marine Mammal Commission to provide oversight and make recommendations to further the purposes and policies of the Act.

Visit <https://www.mmc.gov/about-the-commission/our-mission/marine-mammal-protection-act/>

Clean Water Act

The Clean Water Act is the primary federal law in the United States governing water pollution. The objective is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters; recognizing the responsibilities of the states in addressing pollution and providing assistance to states to do so. This legislation is primarily administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in coordination with state governments, though some of its provisions, such as those involving filling or dredging,

are administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In the coastal zone, the regulations and policies regarding stormwater runoff are administered in conjunction with coastal zone management programs, a state and NOAA partnership effort.

National Marine



Sanctuaries System

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state

to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 15 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments.

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has launched Sanctuaries 360°— a collection of immersive underwater experiences to bring these exceptional underwater treasures to viewers all over the world. These underwater parks are destinations for many who want to visit the ocean and experience immense beauty, biodiversity and have the chance to encounter marine life.

For many, reaching and experiencing these special ocean areas — like a diver — can be a challenge. Visit <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/> to experience virtual dives, including a swim with a sea lion, sea turtles, shipwrecks, coral restoration.

Visit <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/lessons.html> for lesson plans to go with the virtual reality videos.

Mass Maritime begins 2022 Sea Term

Press Release

On January 10th, Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) cadets aboard the TS Kennedy departed Buzzards Bay beginning a six-week learning expedition. For more than 130 years, MMA has provided cadets the opportunity to participate in Sea Term, a hands-on experience at sea where cadets put into practice the skills they've learned in the classroom.

"Sea Term epitomizes experiential learning," said Rear Admiral Francis X. McDonald, USMS, President of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. "This year's itinerary allows our cadets to gain experience on the water as well as acquire United States Coast Guard required days at sea."

During Sea Term 2022, MMA's 540-foot training ship the TS Kennedy will travel through the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico making stops at Charleston, SC; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Tampa, FL.

All MMA freshmen and sophomore cadets majoring in Marine Engineering (Engine) and Marine Transportation (Deck) and freshmen Energy Systems Engineering and Facilities Engineering along with

senior Deck and Engine majors are required to participate in Sea Term to gain practical experience.

Sea Terms typically take place in January and February between the fall and spring academic term. A typical day for cadets includes rotating through classes, participating in laboratory

training at sea, routine maintenance, ship operations, deck and engine watches, and emergency drills. In addition, participating in Sea Term helps MMA cadets accumulate the days at sea required to sit for the United States Coast Guard exam.

For the International Maritime Business (IMBU) program cadets on board, who are pursuing careers in global supply chain management, this year's excursion provides a



The TS Kennedy returns to Buzzards Bay after the Massachusetts Maritime Academy 2021 Sea Term. *Photo courtesy of Mass. Maritime Academy.*

customized course highlighting the business side of shipping.

Captain Ashok Pandey, a master mariner and associate professor specializing in maritime economics and shipping route optimization, will lead the students at each port as they visit shipping companies and port authorities while they gain insight into the commercial side of the shipping business.

MMA: cont'd on page 21

GRANTS: cont'd from page 11

New Bedford will use \$5,000 to bring back the AHA! Pride Block Party to Custom House Square and the historical 54th Regiment Plaza to continue creating and establishing inclusive queer spaces downtown and avenues for the LGBTQ+ creative community and businesses.

- Continuing into its fifth year, Reggae On West Beach is a truly inclusive, diverse, multigenerational, family-friendly summer series for all walks of life. This event has established the West Beach Pavilion as a summer destination venue and is greatly anticipated — each year — and a \$5,000 award will continue this new tradition in the south end.
- With local artist Eden Soares, Pilgrim United Church of Christ is being awarded \$4,000 to recognize the historic importance of its building as a site where Booker T. Washington spoke when he visited New Bedford in 1895 by installing a mural on the south wall, adding to the renaissance of public art in the city of New Bedford.
- The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford (CVANB) will partner to present a free, outdoor music festival at CVANB's Island Park on Acushnet Avenue beside the historic Strand Theater. "Junta Mon: Together in Music" will use \$5,000 to make that happen.
- The public mural group SuperflatNB will bring together 12 BIPOC artists to co-create a rotating mural along Acushnet Avenue across from Custom House Square Park with a \$5,000 award. The theme for the mural is Harmony within Flora and Fauna.
- New Moon Dance Party has been awarded \$5,000 to present a series of outdoor community dance parties during warmer months at Riverside Park. These events will be radically inclusive, providing a safe place for self-expression to all dancers.
- This spring, the New Bedford Art Museum's artMOBILE Clay-on-Wheels project will be an active participant in several vibrant springtime venues, beginning with SouthCoast Spring Arts and continuing at open space parks in New Bedford thanks to a \$5,000 award.
- The Rotch-Jones-Duff House (RJD)

and Reverie Theatre Group (RTG), formerly the Glass Horse Project, will partner for a third summer to produce Shakespeare's most admired and uplifting comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." RTG will stage six free performances across two weekends in August 2022 with the help of a \$2,000 WCP grant.

- \$5,000 will help the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network to grow its annual South Coast Pride, working with community volunteers, businesses, schools and other non-profits to create healthy, family-friendly, fun activities, including the 6th annual South Coast Pride all-inclusive community event in Buttonwood Park on June 4.

\$5,000 funded by Mass Cultural Council, to support place-keeping within the Seaport Cultural District:

- La Soul Renaissance will curate six cultural events with \$5,000 that celebrate and uplift the cultural memory of New Bedford's African and Indigenous community through spoken word poetry and intercultural discussions facilitated at the Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall. The events will be recorded, broadcast online, and archived to preserve cultural memory.

\$15,000 funded by MassDevelopment/TDI and the Barr Foundation as part of the "TDI Creative Cities Initiative" to support arts-based economic development:

- Downtown New Bedford Inc. (dNB Inc) will host the Shop Small Crawl (spring), All Treats, No Tricks (fall), and the Holiday Stroll (winter) in 2022, attracting thousands of residents and visitors to downtown New Bedford with a \$3,000 grant.
- In an effort to continue supporting Black-owned businesses, BuyBlackNB will use \$5,000 to host outdoor markets where all people are invited to come purchase goods and services from Black-owned businesses in a safe and inclusive space, including a Juneteenth Vendor Market, a celebration of Black Independence Day.
- Building resilience in children from birth to preschool through Music Therapy and Yoga, Rosemary Williams of Mindful Melodies's main goal is to expand music therapy services for children who

do not have the opportunity to have access to this form of therapy in early intervention or preschool settings in low income communities. The LittleMelodies project will receive \$5,000 to further this goal.

- Coastal Foodshed will hire local and diverse musicians twice a month with \$2,000 to perform during the Mobile Farm Stand held at Serenity Gardens in New Bedford each Tuesday from 2pm – 6pm from June through October. While Coastal Foodshed's main goal is always to increase access to locally grown foods for Southcoast residents, they also believe the markets offer the opportunity to celebrate and build community through cooking demonstrations, music, and arts that bring residents together.

More information about New Bedford Creative and Wicked Cool Places, including future grant opportunities, can be found at NewBedfordCreative.org.

New Bedford Creative is housed at the New Bedford Economic Development Council, and tasked with implementing the city's first-ever strategic arts and culture plan, published in December 2018. The vision of the plan is that "In New Bedford, the creative community is an engaged and powerful partner, inspiring social, economic, and cultural growth.

In this authentic seaport city, each and every person enjoys an opportunity to experience a diversity of cultures. Art is everywhere, encouraging fun, provoking thought, and nurturing the soul." Funding is provided by the New Bedford Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund, proposed by Mayor Jon Mitchell in the spring of 2016 and signed into law by Governor Baker in January 2017. The NBEDC has a three-year agreement to manage the fund for the City. This work is led by the Creative Strategist, a 24-member volunteer Creative Consortium, with staff support from the NBEDC and Departments of City Planning, Tourism & Marketing, Parks, Recreation & Beaches, and the Mayor's Office. Additional funding is provided by Barr Foundation, Bristol County Savings Bank, Mass Cultural Council, MassDevelopment/TDI, Arts Midwest, and New England Foundation for the Arts.

For more information, visit newbedfordcreative.org.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at http://masspublicnotices.org, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
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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. **Continued from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021 November 2, 2021, December 2, 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. **Continued from December 1, 2020,**

August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021, November 2, 2021, December 2, 2021.

- REF#: ZBA-2022-022: 184 Balsam Street. Applicant & Owner: Robert and Karen Sullivan. Applicant seeks a Variance to construct a dock greater than 75 feet in length due to shallowness of docking area pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2(3)(a). **Continued from December 2, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-022-023: 2 Elliot Lane, Map 12, Lots 196-198. Applicant & Owner Sandra Gifford. Applicant seeks a Special Permit under the Fairhaven Bylaw 198-16, to construct a two-floor addition, for the purpose of an in-law suite of approximately 1,400 square feet. **Continued from December 2, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-2022-025: 2 Oxford Street. Applicant and Owner: 2 Oxford Street, LLC. Applicant seeks: (1) Special Permit, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2, for a proposed 70' fixed pier, 30' gangway and four (4) floats totaling 2500 sq. feet; (2) Variance from 198-32.2(C)3(b) to exceed the 150' maximum pier length to the proposed 215' length; (3) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 7 to exceed the 300 sq. ft. total area of any and all floats to the proposed four (4) floats with 1500 sq. ft. of area; (4) Variance from 198-32.2(C)8 for an increase from the maximum amount of boats not to exceed two (2) as the four (4) floats will accommodate several boats. **Continued from December 2, 2021. Revised plot**

plan has been submitted.

- REF#: ZBA-2022-030: 114 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 28A, Lot 192. Applicant and Owner: Ronald Oliveira. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 to allow for increase of area of a nonconforming use by 916 square feet and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood. **Continued from January 4, 2022.**
- REF# ZBA-2022-001: 7 Alves Lane, Map 28, Lot 24E. Applicant and owner: Antonio Alves. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for an in-law addition on an approved single-family home under construction, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198.16.
- REF# ZBA-2022-002: 10 Littleneck Road, Map 43A, Lot 86 & 87. Applicant and owner: Paul Federico. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 for the expansion of a nonconforming use by 297 square feet and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
- REF# ZBA-2022-003: Akin Street, Map 31B, Lot 85 & 86. Applicant and Owner: Jennifer Raposo. Applicant seeks Variance for lot coverage for proposed 10,445 square feet from the 15,000 square foot requirement, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198.18.

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"These semesters at sea are instrumental for our cadets to develop the critical maritime skills, leadership skills and life skills needed to flourish after they graduate," said McDonald. "Our cadets value and treasure their time at sea that not only helps them develop their expertise in shipboard operations, navigation, safety, and port operations, but also provides them with time to learn from each other and foster comradery."

MMA's experiential learning opportunities during the January and February break are not limited to living aboard the TS Kennedy. Emergency Management (EMGT) students will volunteer at Habitat for

Humanity in Eustis, FL, two hours northeast of Tampa. Nearly 80 cadets will help build houses for local residents. As a leadership developmental opportunity, students will be separated into two groups. Each team will be led by five senior "Rates" who will oversee 33 freshmen.

Another group of EMGT students will attend the National Outdoor Leadership School in Arizona. Ten freshmen and an accompanying faculty member will participate in this unique opportunity to explore a wilderness classroom. As they explore the diverse terrain, students will cultivate new skills to navigate their environment, and gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the history of the region.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Belonging Committee

Wed., 2/9, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 2/2, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/7, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Charter Committee

Thurs., 1/27, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/14, Remote, 6:30

Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 2/1, Remote, 6:40 p.m.

Submit questions ahead of time at respindola@fairhaven-ma.gov.

School Committee

Wed., 2/9, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon. 2/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Golf Advisory Board

Thurs., 1/27, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs., 2/3, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Jan. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	27	0304	1534	0851	2051*
Friday	28	0412	1643	1011*	2200*
Saturday	29	0513	1740	1128*	2309*
Sunday	30	0605	1831	----	1227*
Monday	31	0654	1920	0008*	1327*
	Feb. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Tuesday	1	0744	2012	0109*	1421*
Wednesday	2	0834	2102	0212*	1458*
Thursday	3	0922	2149	0300*	1527*
Friday	4	1008	2236	0337*	1554*
Saturday	5	1055	2325	0412*	1623*
Sunday	6	1145	----	0449	1658*
Monday	7	0017	1238	0538	1742
Tuesday	8	0108	1329	0657	1840
Wednesday	9	0158	1420	0945	1938
Thursday	10	0253	1521	1054	2032
Friday	11	0356	1627	1145	2133

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

Opportunities abound for you to “be the change”

Someone once said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

These words guide me. In recent months, many of you have chosen to “be the change” as well, stepping up to serve on various Boards and Committees in town to make positive differences.

Since I took office, I am happy to say we have made 26 appointments, 15 of those being people who never served before. These individuals all bring new ideas, perspectives, and experiences to their respective roles.

My goal is to continue expanding participation in our town as there is no greater impact on your and your neighbors’ daily lives than local government. I encourage anyone living in Fairhaven to bring your time, talents, and ideas to our Boards and Committees.

We have openings on the Agricultural Commission, Bikeway Committee, Broadband Study Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, Commission on Disability, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging Board

of Directors, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Finance Committee, Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, and Sustainability Committee.

Visit the town’s website for more information about these openings at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/volunteer-opportunities>.

If you have any questions about joining a committee, feel free to reach me at spowers@fairhaven-ma.gov or on my Facebook page, Stasia Powers–Fairhaven Select Board.

When we all come together, positive things happen for our town. Now’s the time, Fairhaven, to continue building on the foundation we have laid together.

*Stasia Powers,
Fairhaven Select Board member*

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