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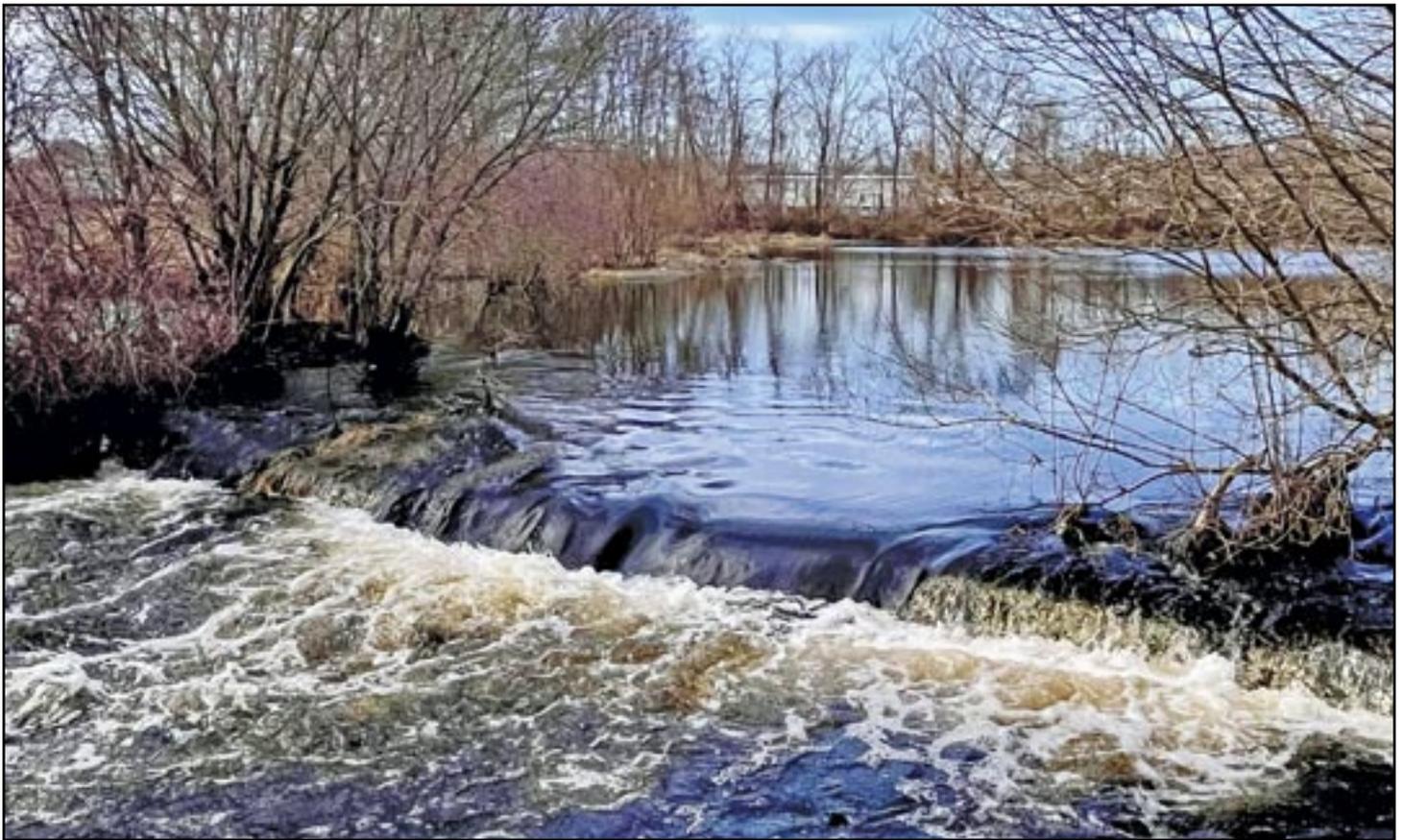


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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Spring teases with sporadic warm temps



Monday's warmer temperatures made a perfect time for a visit to The Sawmill, a park owned by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and open to the public, on Mill Road in Acushnet. ABOVE: The winter water flows at The Sawmill, which includes trails along the Acushnet River, a water overlook, a footbridge over the river, and a fishway that helps fish migrate upstream. *Photo by Kelly Smith.* See page 13 for more photos. *Photos by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, spring is really trying to break through.

But, winter isn't done with us yet. The fluctuations are crazy, but also typical New England weather. We'll be going from the 50s to the 20's and even lower. It'll be dry and sunny and the BOOM, we'll get snow.

Meanwhile, the calendar slowly moves towards spring. See page 12 for some cool pics that will make you want to get out and walk a little.

The election season is in full swing. We have letters and ads and more on the way. Candidates are holding fundraisers and meet-and-greet events, and getting ready for candidates nights.

We will be offering our freebie statement and head shot to the candidates. Get those statements in ASAP, Details are on page 5.

We had an incident at Wood School last week. I know emotions run high when it's about your kids, but really people, let's all just calm down. The incident was blown way out of proportion. Let's not villify the woman involved when it appears that there just seems to have been a cultural misunderstanding. She's from a culture that hugs and touches. Can't do that in the schools. Let's just leave it at that and not make it into something it is not. See page 3 for story.

Lots of happenings this week. Things are really picking up in the live performance realm. See pages 5, 8, 9, 22.

And while you're checking out other stuff in here, be sure to note who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week, then...see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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## Countdown to DST

Only 17 more days before Daylight Saving Time begins, when we re-set our clocks and spring forward, to get an additional hour of sunlight. Get ready!



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# Wood School incident blown out of proportion

By Beth David  
Editor

An incident at LL Wood School in Fairhaven that has been getting lots of play on social media seems to have been blown way out of proportion to what actually happened.

Fairhaven Superintendent of Schools Tara Kohler said the incident was handled appropriately. The reason a district-wide notice did not go out, she said, is that the incident simply did not rise to the level of requiring that kind of notice. The parents of the students involved were notified.

Ms. Kohler was rather sparse with details, saying she could not comment on a personnel matter.

Through a variety of sources, the *Neighb News* has ascertained that a per diem cafeteria worker apparently hugged or comforted a student and the student reported being uncomfortable with the touch.

The school has a strict policy about touching students.

The worker, contrary to rumors, was not fired or charged with anything. As a per diem worker, she

was simply not asked to return.

The woman was new to the school, which added a layer of unfamiliarity with students. The woman's ethnic culture also may have played a role.

She simply did not understand that she was not supposed to touch students.

The alleged incident happened in the cafeteria with a lot of people around. Lunch time includes the students, lunch monitors, cafeteria workers, and other staff. That probably contributed to how quickly the story spread, said Ms. Kohler.

She said she always encourages students to come forward if anything makes them uncomfortable.

"I'm proud of any student who brings forward anything," said Ms. Kohler.

Had it been the kind of incident that the rumors are implying, she said a statement would have gone out.

"But I can say if what was on social media were true they would've heard from me directly," said Ms. Kohler.

At least one parent did talk to her directly and was satisfied with the response.

Annemarie Vinci Chagnon posted on Parents of Fairhaven School District Facebook Group page that the conversation was "very assuring."

"I came away from talking to her with a good feeling and I would encourage anyone with questions to please send her an email directly," wrote Ms. Chagnon. "After speaking with her I can assure you she is taking this matter very seriously and is acting with an abundance of caution for our Wood School kids."

Ms. Chagnon also said she wished she had known about it before she found out from her child, who was directly affected by the incident.

Sara Aiello posted that she knows the accused woman and works in the cafeteria with her, and she is a "sweet woman."

"English is her second language and I think that everything is getting blown out of proportion," said Ms. Aiello in her post.

She said it was not sexual in nature and the woman was new to the job, so she just did not understand that she was not supposed to touch students.

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# Alltrust CU announces intent to merger with Align CU

## Press Release

Alltrust Credit Union, a \$300 million credit union located in Fairhaven, MA, and Align Credit Union, a \$740 million credit union located in Lowell, MA, have announced their intention to pursue a merger. Pursuant to regulatory and member approval, the merger would combine Alltrust's 13,900 members with Align's 28,230 members and will result in an organization with combined assets of over \$1 billion.

Both credit unions were formed in 1922 as telephone worker credit unions and both are celebrating their 100th year anniversary. The joining of two telephone worker credit unions is a collaboration of shared mission and culture, and both have a passion for providing superior banking services to their members and the community.

The decision to pursue a possible merger was originated due to several criteria including the similar telephone worker backgrounds of each credit union; their shared values; desire to deliver financial guidance and solutions to their members and the community; and a joint dedication to their employees

and their careers.

"We are excited to explore this potential opportunity to become stronger together," stated Carmen F. Sylvester, Alltrust President and CEO. "Both credit unions have spent countless hours researching and discussing this possibility, always keeping in mind the impact to our members, employees, and the community. Joining with Align would allow our members to enjoy expanded products and services, additional locations, and provide us with resources to remain competitive in the marketplace."

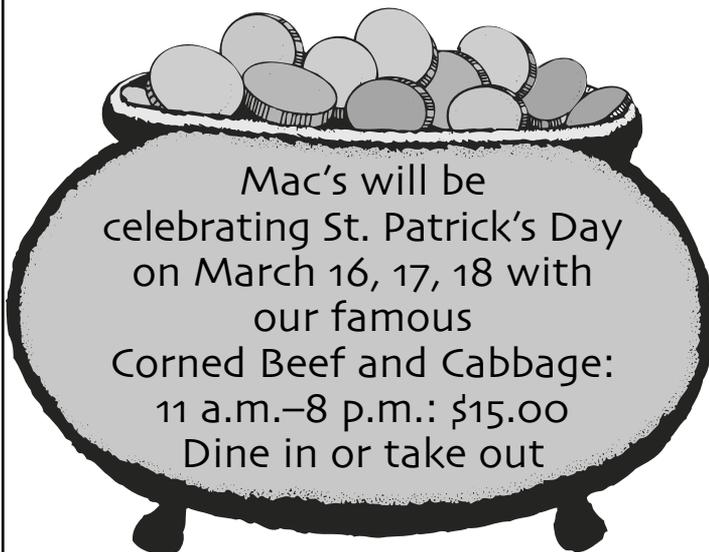
"The synergies between Align and Alltrust led us to this path of discovering the possibility of a merger," stated Ken Del Rossi, Align President and CEO. "Our credit unions were each established as telephone worker credit unions and the merger would bring the amazing vision and culture of our credit unions together. Along with the shared goals, a merger would allow the combined credit union to realize economies of scale and strengthen our abilities to improve the products and services offered to our members."

When Alltrust and Align join, Sylvester would become the Chief Executive Officer as part of the succession plan for both institutions. Del Rossi and Sylvester would work together through the merger and transition process for several years. There will not be any layoffs related to the merger. In fact, in merger situations such as this, existing employees are presented with further career development and opportunity for growth. The combined credit union will have greater resources to significantly advance the products and services offered, as well as support for members and community organizations.

The merger is subject to a due diligence review by both credit unions. This due diligence process will begin shortly, and then proceed to the application process with the regulatory agencies and must also be approved by both Alltrust and Align Credit Union memberships. Each credit union will continue to operate under their current names and banking systems.

MERGER: cont'd on page 19

## MAC'S SODA BAR & CUSTOM CATERING



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Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

**DEADLINE: Friday, 3/4, for Fairhaven's 4/4 election.**

Send by email (preferred) at [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net), or by fax, 508-991-5580, or mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Call 508-979-593 or email with questions.

## March Madness

Sixteenth annual March Madness Party to benefit the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund, funding new and impacting existing sports programs. Sat., 3/5, Town Crier, Maitland St., Fairhaven. Registration, 10 a.m.–noon; \$110 per person. Book now, limited to 100 seats. Includes snacks, lunch (cold buffet), fun and games, prizes, door prizes, raffles, giveaways. Cash bar.

Please make checks payable to the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund. Tax ID#14-1896392

For more info, contact Matt Oliveira, 508-207-8463.

## Volleyball FR

Fairhaven High School PTO presents Senior vs. Junior Boys Volleyball Game, Wed., 3/9, 6 p.m., FHS gym. Proceeds benefit After Prom. Admission: \$5. Concession stand available.

## Candidates Night Questions Needed

The Fairhaven Government Access channel is hosting a "Meet the Candidates" night on Thursday, 3/24, at 6 p.m., Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. The event will also be live on Channel 18 and on at [FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com)

Residents are asked to submit questions in advance to be asked anonymously to candidates. Each candidate for a particular seat will have an opportunity to answer the

same question, with a rotation of who answers first.

Please submit your questions to [FairhavenTV@gmail.com](mailto:FairhavenTV@gmail.com) by **March 18**. Please specify which position the question is intended for.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Climate Talk

*Climate Change and How to Create a Better Future.* It's happening. It's happening now. The changing climate is already affecting ecosystems and communities across the globe, but it is not too late to take action.

The League of Women Voters Southcoast elected climate change as an action priority for Southcoast communities, and they aim to bring all residents up to speed on climate change and its impact by way of an educational session with guest speaker Ms. Laura Gardner, on Thursday, March 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.

Ms. Gardner is a local Climate Reality leader and the chair of Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast.

Come join Laura Gardner, and the LWVSC to learn about the local and global effects of climate change, as well as what you can do to help create a better future for the planet.

For more information contact the League @ [lwvsouthcoast@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsouthcoast@gmail.com)

### OLOA Dinner

Our Lady of Angels Club annual Bifana/Chicken Dinner, Sat., 3/26, 5–8 p.m., \$12.00. Eat in or pick up. Call Joe Mello, 508-733-4608, or find him on Facebook.

### K Walk/Run

Register now for our 5K Walk/Run on Sat., 5/7/22, at Ft. Phoenix State Reservation, Fairhaven. Registration Begins 8:00 am Race Begins 9:00 am. \$15 Registration fee includes event T-shirt. T-shirts are limited, register early.

For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.NemasketGroup.org](http://www.NemasketGroup.org) Donations Appreciated.

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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.

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# Livesey Club Senior Boys win basketball championship

By Beth David  
Editor

The Livesey Club Senior Boys

Basketball team won the 2022 Championship after they beat Extreme Drywall Contractors, 40-21. at Fairhaven

High School on 2/5/22. The Livesey Club treated the team to a pizza party to celebrate their big win.



LEFT: The Livesey Club Senior Boys team won the 2022 championship after beating Extreme Drywall Contractors on 2/5/22 at Fairhaven High School. Back row L-R: Dean Joseph, Wes Amarello, Grant Darmofal, Joshua Vieira, Elijah DeOliveira, Coach Vieira; Front row L-R: Gavin Herman, Max Arruda, Ciam Piehl. Submitted photo. ABOVE: The team members and coach receive their championship t-shirts. Photo from American-Fairhaven Basketball League Facebook page.

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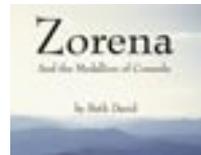
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**Fri., 2/25:** PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old & boosters for teens 12-17

**Sat., 2/26:** Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

**Mon., 2/28:** Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 2–7 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Access your vaccine records at <https://myvaxrecords.mass.gov/>, and find local listings at <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>.

## 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](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test). Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

**Fri., Feb. 25:** Seven Hills at Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 27** Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Lobster Days

Lobster Days return on Feb 24 and 25!! From 11-3, bring the whole family to Lobster Days at the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Behel St., New Bedford. Learn about the lobstering industry through presentations from working lobstermen (Capt. Steve Holler and Capt. Dave Casoni) as well as making crafts, participating in a storyline reading, and other activities!

You'll also be able to check out two lobster boat models from retired

lobsterman and current tugboat captain Capt. Bruce Gifford!

Book your FREE ticket at: <https://lobsterdays2022.bpt.me/>

Lobster Days 2022 is sponsored by the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association.

## Bias Workshop

Break the Bias: Addressing and mitigating implicit bias, a virtual workshop, will be held on Tues., 3/8, from noon to 1:30 p.m.. Register at <https://bit.ly/IWDBIASWORKSHOP> Or <https://www.facebook.com/ywcase.ma/>

For questions, please contact Raelyn at [rmonteiro@ywcasema.org](mailto:rmonteiro@ywcasema.org) or 508-999-3255

## Free Dance Lecture

Gather on The Z stage in a café setting to hear dance experts, watch dance, and enjoy a beverage at this complimentary event! Join us and learn about the international touring company, Pilobolus, through the eyes of former Pilobolus dancer, Mary Ellen Beaudreau. Wed., 3/2, 7 p.m., Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, 02740; 508-994-2900.

What's it like to be a dancer for an international touring company known for "testing the limits of human physicality to explore the beauty and the power of connected bodies"? Former Pilobolus dancer Mary Ellen Beaudreau will share her unique perspective — touching on performing, community building, educational outreach. She'll approach the evening's discussion from Pilobolus' perspective that "everyone can dance" and maybe invite us to do a few moves of our own!

For link to buy tickets: <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/dance-barre-pilobolus>

## Live Performance

Your Theatre Inc., presents "The Outsider," Fri., Sat., March 4, 5, 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., March 5, 6, 12, 13, at 2:30 p.m., at YTI at St. Martins, 236 Rivet St. (County Street entrance), New Bedford. Tickets: General admission, \$18; Seniors and students, \$15. To make reservations, please call 508-993-0772, or email [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org)

Ned Newley doesn't want to be

governor. He's terrified of public speaking and his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. Political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently. He believes Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office, unless the public is looking for the worst candidate to ever run for office. A timely and hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

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## Science Cafe

Please join us for New BedfordScience Café on Tues., 3/8, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Vault Music Hall & Pub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest Mary Parks, the founder and director of [Greencrab.org](http://Greencrab.org), will examine "From Problem to Plate: A solution for Invasive Green Crabs."

Since arriving in New England ~200 years ago in the ballast water of European ships, green crabs have become fiercely invasive, eating our local shellfish species & ruining marine habitat. As Mary notes, if you find a crab on a beach, it's likely a green crab. Mary is working with fishermen and chefs to turn this invasive into a culinary delicacy, as Europeans have done.

We ask that those who join us be vaccinated. Facemasks are strongly recommended. For more information about New Bedford Science Café, please visit: <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/>

Or like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/>

## Local Black History

In honor of New Bedford's history and Black History Month, the NB Historical Society has been sharing content on its website of important figures in New Bedford History. <https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/important-figures/>

## Singers Wanted

It's not too late join in! Sing the winter blues away.

Rehearsals began Feb. 7 for the Sippican Choral Society's springtime "Mostly Mozart" concert, but dropping in a week late is not a problem. Everyone is invited—with proof of vaccination.

"Everybody can sing with us," said SCS President Mike Chaplain. "Rehearsals start at 7:30 pm every Monday, at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 26 Hammond Street in Mattapoisett."

The group wants to re-recruit all the members who understandably chose to "duck and cover" as a result of pandemic restrictions, as well as newcomers—as many as possible.

This will be the Sippican Choral Society's 58th year of making music. It draws its members from towns all over the South Coast of Mass.

To protect everyone involved, the group's rehearsals are limited to 45 minutes, masked, in a large, well ventilated church with room for everyone to keep their distance, Chaplain said.

The Sippican Choral Society is a volunteer organization, with a professional music director who can help all singers to develop their skills. You do not have to read music.

Proof of vaccination will be required at the door, and masks are essential. Specialized "singing masks" are available.

## At Mattapoisett Museum

The following events are at the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church St, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; director@mattapoisettmuseum.org; 508-758-2844

### Fiddle Session

February 27, 1:00 pm - Southcoast Lessons presents Old Time Fiddle Session - Join us for a gathering of traditional string band musicians and music lovers. Bring an instrument if you play, a seat if you've got one you love, and yourself whether you play and own seating or not!

All events are free but donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Contact Mattapoisett Museum at info@mattapoisettmuseum.org or Jeff Angeley at southcoastlessons@gmail.

com for more information.

## At the MAC

The following events are at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion; marionartcenter.org. Visit the website for COVID protocols

### New Exhibit

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its newest exhibit *Exploring Native American Culture: Art, Craft, and Inspiration*, with works by Max Brown-Garcia, Makerjake, and Vincent Mancini.

The exhibit showcases three unique experiences of Native American culture. Brown-Garcia's craftwork, including an eagle feather bustle, staff, and regalia, offers a glimpse into his firsthand Native male perspective.

Makerjake (a pseudonym for artist/educator Jacob Ginga), descended from a large Native American family filled with indigenous craftspeople, finds himself "occupying the cultural space between his Indigenous ancestors and his traditional middle-class upbringing." His paintings, art, which he sees as studies in visual culture, are also vehicles to explore the "emotionally complicated space" in which he exists.

Lastly, Mancini, who is not Native, creates works inspired by Native American culture and spirituality, through a process called feather lineation. The process involves delineating an image by arranging segments of cut feathers in a geometric pattern. Mancini is "particularly interested in challenging perceptions, stereotypes, and expectations of Native American culture."

The exhibit runs through March 25, with a **reception scheduled on Frid., 2/25/25 from 5:00-7:00pm**. Guests should check the MAC website for updates on in-person events, which are subject to change during local surges of COVID cases. Current gallery hours are Thurs-Sat 10am-2pm, or other times during office hours (Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm) by calling ahead. Visit marionartcenter.org/-on-exhibit to learn more.

### New Play

The MAC Theater is pleased to present its first play of the season, *The Puzzle with the Piazza*, written by Mark Dunn and directed by Pippa Asker. The cast includes Oliver Asker, Cynthia Latham, Stephanie Lawrence,

Susan Salvesson, and Susan Sullivan, with Donn Tyler as stage manager, sound and lighting by Steven McManus, and radio characterization by Tristan McCann.

Show Dates are March 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20, with Thursday, Friday & Saturday shows at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$18 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. Tickets go on sale to MAC members on Friday, Feb. 18 and to nonmembers on Friday, Feb. 25 at marionartcenter.org/events.

*The Puzzle with the Piazza*, a new full-length comedy-drama by Mark Dunn, author of *Belles*, *Five Tellers*, *Dancing in the Rain*, and *The Glitter Girls*, tells the story of septuagenarian Althea Witlin, who has one jigsaw puzzle among her large collection that she's never worked. It contains 3,000 pieces and she has less than a day to finish it, because poor health has forced her to move in with her younger sister... without her puzzles. *The Puzzle with the Piazza* is a gentle, bittersweet comedy/drama about the fragility of family ties and the often much stronger bonds of friendship that lattice the final years of our lives.

## Satirical Play

As part of its annual Student Repertory Theater Festival, Bridgewater State University's Department of Theater presents *Sensitive Guys* by MJ Kaufman. Set at a liberal arts university in the northeast, this satire takes aim at student support groups and their well-intentioned missteps to improve the world. *Sensitive Guys* performs Wednesday, February 23 at 8pm; Friday, February 25th at 8pm; and Saturday, February 26, at 2pm. All performances are held on the BSU campus in the Rondileau Student Union Auditorium at 19 Park Ave in Bridgewater. Tickets are available online at www.BSUTix.com and at the door while supplies last.

Contact the BSU box office at boxoffice@bridgew.edu for further information.

*Sensitive Guys* chronicles a Women's Survivor Support Group and a Men's Peer Education Group, played by an all-female and non-binary cast as they lampoon university bureaucracy, masculinity, and the

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# Recipe of the Week

## Tuscan Ribeye

*You can capture the taste of an Italian steakhouse in your own kitchen and in less than 30 minutes!*

- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
  - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
  - 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
  - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
  - 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
  - 1 teaspoon brown sugar
  - 2 teaspoons salt
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more as needed
  - 2 (12-ounce) boneless rib-eye steaks, about 1-inch thick
- Preheat grill to med-high heat.
- Mix the thyme, oregano, paprika, cayenne pepper, black pepper, brown sugar, and salt in a small bowl.
- Rub steaks on both sides with the olive oil and the spice rub.
- Place the steaks on the grill and cook until reaching your desired level of doneness, reading 135 degrees F for medium-rare, about 5-7 minutes per side.
- Let the steaks rest for at least 15 minutes before slicing against the grain and serving!

**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](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net) (Email preferred)

# Dear Frankie



## Doggie Volunteers

*Dear Frankie,*  
I know I live a privileged life. I'm never ungrateful, like some of the dogs I see at the dog park, doggie day-care, or the groomers. You wouldn't believe how self-centered and entitled they are.

Some of them haven't a clue about the lives other dogs live.

When I see programs on TV about dogs that are chained outside in the winter, homeless, or dumped by the side of the road, I go berserk. It takes me days to stop thinking about the horrible lives these dogs live.

My parents contribute to shelters and dog charities in my name every year. I told them I would prefer they spend money on dogs in need rather than on expensive birthday and holiday presents that I don't need or want.

I've recently thought I need to do more for unfortunate dogs than have my parents send money. Can you suggest ways to help canines in need or places where I could volunteer?

Tootie

*Dear Tootie,*

I read an article the other day about dogs at animal sanctuaries that were companions to unlikely animals such as an elephant, a chicken, and a tortoise. There is no accounting for chemistry.

From the return address on your envelope, I see that you live in the city, so there's no chance you'll cross

paths with any of the animals in the article. You mentioned you go to a dog park. You can't imagine how many heartbreaking letters I receive from dogs who are lonely and depressed because none of the dogs at the dog park ever notice them or ask them to play.

There are organizations where humans volunteer to build a caring relationship with a child facing adversity. Perhaps you could take a page out of their book and be a volunteer by chatting with dogs at the park that seem sad and are often alone and asking them to join in a game.

You could also talk to your dog park friends and ask them to be doggie volunteers. Just think of the joy and happiness you and your friends could bring to these dogs. It would be life-changing for them to be with canines who cared about them and made them feel special.

Just thinking about the difference one or two dogs could make in the lives of their own gives me chills.

*Best, Frankie*

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*Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at [dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com). The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net), request their name be added to the email list or visit [www.neighbnews.com](http://www.neighbnews.com) to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.*

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# Northeast Maritime spearheads effort to shore up industry

*Press Release*

WASHINGTON, DC — A landmark Revitalization Plan for US Maritime Trade, Commerce and Strategic Competition to support and assist in ensuring maritime sovereignty and security, and revitalizing maritime commerce, was launched this month in Washington, DC.

Leading with remarks by Ambassador John D. Negroponte, the first U.S. Director of National Intelligence and former Deputy Secretary of State, followed by the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr. and President Eric R. Dawicki of the Northeast Maritime Institute, the event also included a panel of subject matter experts on national security, regulatory enforcement, technology and trade, and mariner welfare.

Highlights of the Plan include the formation of the first U.S. open registry, and other maritime initiatives designed to make the United States more competitive, secure and propel it into a stronger leadership position as a maritime nation.

Signifying the importance of the

Plan, Governor Bryan and President Dawicki participated in the signing of a historic agreement between the U.S. Virgin Islands and Northeast Maritime Institute which features their collaboration on the development of the first open U.S. registry.

The significance of the U.S. Virgin



Erick Dawicki, president of Northeast Maritime Institute, speaks in Washington DC about a new effort to support the maritime industry developed by COPE: the Center for Ocean Policy and Economics, which was created by NMI. *Submitted photo.*

Island's partnership was made known in the retelling of its acquisition from Denmark by the United States in 1917 to help defend the Panama Canal from German U-boats in the region.

"We gather here today as an interested maritime community, as American citizens and as a collective body of people who care deeply about the maritime industry. We are guided by the creed 'to honor the Mariner' and to get back to an industry that has provided wealth and prosperity to our nation throughout the centuries," stated President Dawicki in his opening remarks. "The revitalization plan for US maritime trade and commerce and strategic competition is ultimately about providing the United States with the tools to build, promote, and maintain a rules-based order on the high seas, and to reemerge as a competitive maritime nation. The plan recognizes that maritime commerce can lead the way towards economic success, peaceful and meaningful trade and commercial opportunities that are driven through

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## Kool Kids play it up on February vacation week



This week is February vacation week and the kids in the Kool Kids vacation program at the Fairhaven Recreation Center will participate in fun group activities including sports and crafts. See page 14 for details about signing up for Kool Kids April Vacation. ABOVE: Children in the Kool Kids February Vacation program get instructions on playing a game in the gym at the Rec Center. BELOW: Children in the program participate in arts and crafts. *Submitted photos.*



## Fairhaven Recreation Director earns certification

Fairhaven Recreation Director Warren Rensehausen recently passed the National Recreation and Parks Association's Certified Park and Recreational Professional (CPRP) exam.

The CPRP certification is the national standard for all parks and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession.

Attaining the CPRP designation shows that they have met education and experience qualifications and illustrates their commitment to their profession as well as their knowledge and understanding of key concepts

within the parks and recreation field.

The CPRP exam is 150 questions (125 scored, 25 unscored pretest) and covers five core competencies: Operations, Programming, Human Resources, Finance and Communication. The exam includes a set of unscored sample questions to familiarize candidates with the structure.

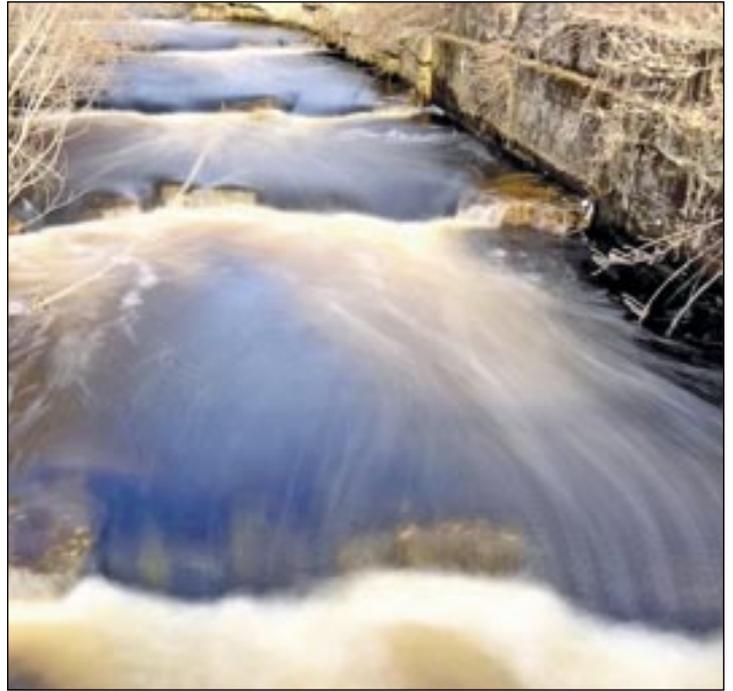
The certification requires regular renewals through Continuing Education Units/Credits.

To learn more about the certification and the National Recreation and Parks Association, visit <https://www.nrpa.org/certification/CPRP/>



Fairhaven Recreation Director Warren Rensehausen has passed the National Recreation and Parks Association's Certified Park and Recreational Professional (CPRP) exam. *Submitted photo.*

## Sawmill trails beckon as weather fluctuates



The crazy New England weather continues with wild fluctuations in temperature, rain, then snow, then warm spring-like days. Monday, 2/21, saw temperatures that squeaked just above 50 and sunny. A bit of a breeze made things feel cooler, but it was still very much a tease of spring. It took local photographer Kelly Smith to The Sawmill in Acushnet, where she captured these great shots. ABOVE LEFT: A couple of ducks hang out in the pond area of the Acushnet River. ABOVE RIGHT: The water racing down the fishway has an eerie look when the photographer uses a long exposure technique to create an artistic view on 2/21/22. BELOW: A creative view of the cover photo, with the water caught in a long exposure technique as it flows. *Photos by Kelly Smith.*



# Fairhaven Recreation Center

**Open Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri., 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227 Huttleston Ave, 508-993-9269 <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/recreation-department>**

## Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

(pre registration is required)

Join us for our annual flashlight egg hunt. Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation Center grounds and return them to the Easter Bunny for a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight & camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. In the event of rain, it will be held indoors at the Center.

Date: April 8th, 7:30PM Fairhaven Recreation Center.

Ages: 10 and under \$7 due at registration. No Refunds Deadline to register is Tues., 4/5. No late registrations will be accepted. No walk-ins will be allowed on the night of the event.

## Kool Kids April Vacation

This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodgeball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. 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 Dates: 4/19/22 - 4/22/22. Drop off between 8-8:15, pick up by 3 p.m. \$100/Member, \$125/Non Member

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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 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.

### Computer Classes

Next Series of Computer Technology Classes starting February 7-April 22, 2022. To sign up please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029. Classes are open for Fairhaven and Acushnet Residents

### Tax Return Preparation

AARP Foundation, 2021 Tax Return Preparation. Still have a few dates available. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center @508-979-4029

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# Acushnet COA hosts cat adoption day



The Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center hosted the cats and kittens of CARE Southcoast for a cuddle and adoption day on 2/12/22. Cats and their prospective human mommies and daddies had a chance to get to know each other. No word yet on how many found their forever homes. CARE is an all volunteer, no-kill, 501C3, non-profit animal shelter/rescue in Acushnet. Their physical shelter has cats only; dogs can be seen in foster homes by appointment. Learn more at [www.caresouthcoast.com](http://www.caresouthcoast.com). ABOVE LEFT: Acushnet Council on Aging Director Heather Chew cuddles up with Java during CARE Southcoast's cat cuddle/adoption day on 2/12/22 at the Acushnet COA Senior Center. ABOVE MIDDLE: This little one has a lot to say. ABOVE RIGHT: These two seem to be playing and staying away from the humans during the event. *Photos from the Acushnet Council on Aging and Community Center Facebook page.*



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## From our readers

### Durant lays out goals

Fairhaven is undergoing a transformation. Soon, we will have a new Town Administrator, a five member Select Board, and a proposed Charter to review at a future Town Meeting. While the past few years have been challenging, positive service-oriented leadership will continue Fairhaven's forward march.

I am proud to have served as a member of the Town Administrator Search Committee, where our group of nine immediately recognized Angie Ellison as the candidate with the skills necessary to further improve the culture at Town Hall and tackle the tough challenges that are ahead.

If given the opportunity to serve this April, I will help set the policies to assist Ms. Ellison in her task of municipal governance.

My goals include: an increase in our public safety funding, a permanent home for a modern recycling center, the successful completion of our Town Sewer upgrade, and the

reorganization of Town departments to increase efficiency and decrease costs.

Fairhaven has operated too long with an understaffed Fire Department, and our police officers have worked too hard without the assistance of a social worker. I intend to secure funding to help our First Responders in a time when their need is unprecedented.

Now is also the time to find a suitable location for a new public safety complex. As the footprint of our sewer plant will increase with our federally mandated upgrade, the Recycling Center will need to find a new home. The Town must prioritize entering into serious discussions with the DEP to find a suitable location for a modern recycling center, before we have no location and need to rely on ABC Disposal at the tax payers' expense.

Finally, to best serve our residents, the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Departments must be merged and properly funded. This will ensure maximized use of green space,

provide additional grant opportunities for beaches, as well as a healthy tree canopy in parks and public streets alike.

With my candidacy for the Select Board, I promise to bring a collaborative and communicative approach to Town Hall, as we see these important projects to completion.

*Cameron Durant, Fairhaven,  
Candidate for Select Board*

### Medina to run write-in campaign for BPW

To all *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* readers and town meeting members.

I am running for Board of Public Works as a write-in candidate and I need your support at the polls on April 4th. I currently serve on Cable Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, and Commission on Disabilities and would be honored to serve you for the next three years.

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# February is Black History Month

*Last in a series for the month of February*

February is Black History month, an annual celebration of the achievements of African Americans. The 2022 theme is Black Health and Wellness, to explore the legacy of Black scholars in Western medicine and the traditional healing arts. Black History Month began in 1915, by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Visit <https://asalh.org>

The organization is holding a virtual festival all month long, with workshops and seminars, author events, the announcement of the ASALH Book Prize, and more.

Most major networks will run special programming for Black History Month.

Learn more about these prominent African Americans and places of significance at the links provided.

Many of these came from <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org>.

(PS: If you've noticed that there are more men than women, it's because I'm saving some of the women's listings for March, Women's History Month.)

## "Disappearing Ink"

"Disappearing Ink: A Bibliography of Writings by and about Rhode Island African Americans with occasional annotation. Compiled by Robb Dimmick

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## John Henry Merrick

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Arthur G. Gaston established a funeral home and burial insurance company, then a savings and loan, a business college and a motel.

He became not only a business leader, but a political leader in the civil rights movement.

Learn more at <https://www.npr.org/2010/12/21/132089160/a-g-gaston-from-log-cabin-to-funeral-home-mogul> and <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/gaston-arthur-george>

## Frederick D. Patterson

During the turn of the century (no, the last one), many auto makers emerged as it became clear the horseless carriages were going to take over.

Frederick Patterson founded the first and only Black automobile manufacturer. Although it only operated from 1915 to 1918, it is important because it is the only African American owned and operated automobile company.

He inherited his father's carriage making business and saw that the days of horse-drawn carriages were numbered.

Learn more at [https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/only-african-](https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/only-african-american-automobile-company)

[american-automobile-company](https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/only-african-american-automobile-company) or read *The C. R. Patterson and Sons Company, Black Pioneers in the Vehicle Building Industry, 1865-1939* by Christopher Nelson

## Eddie Holman

Eddie Holman is a Rhythm and Blues singer who had numerous hits on the Billboard R&B chart and the Billboard Hot 100.

He left the music performance industry to work for Xerox in 1978; in 1982 he studied theology, and became an ordained minister in 1984. In 2007, he was celebrated as a legend for his 50th anniversary in the performing arts.

## Three who died for civil rights

In 1964 three young civil rights workers were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan: Michael Schwerner, 24; James Chaney, 21; Andrew Goodman, 20. In 2005, 41 years after the murders, Edgar Ray Killen was tried and convicted and sentenced to 60 years in prison. He died in a Mississippi prison in 2018.

Learn more at <https://mscivilrightsproject.org/neshoba/event-neshoba/the-murder-of-chaney-goodman-and-schwerner/>

## Other resources

- The National Museum of African American History and Culture: <https://nmaahc.si.edu>
- History Channel online: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>
- Fabulous 1960s vintage footage of a Mississippi Gospel Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLFikYxCR5Q>
- BlackPast, dedicated to providing global audiences with reliable and accurate information on the history of African Americans and of people of African Ancestry around the world. Visit <https://www.blackpast.org/>
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute: <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu>



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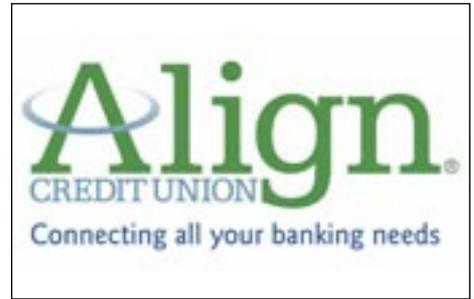
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tions to individuals and families throughout Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Align offers a full suite of products and services including Personal and Business Banking, Mortgages, Financial Planning and Insurance. Founded as the Northern Massachusetts Telephone Workers Credit Union (NMTW), the Credit Union changed its name to Align in 2013. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works or attends school in many communities throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

For additional information, stop by one of eight branches in Amesbury, Danvers, Framingham, Haverhill, Lowell, Methuen, Seabrook, and Wilmington or visit [www.AlignCU.com](http://www.AlignCU.com).



My name is Cathy Melanson and I am a candidate for Select Board.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my platform. Born and raised in Fairhaven, I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and businesswoman with an independent voice. I am dedicated to Fairhaven and currently serve on several boards and commissions: Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, Charter Committee, Broadband Study Committee, Capital Improvement Committee, Riverside Cemetery Trustee and Nomination Committee, St. Joseph Church Fundraising Committee, and Town Meeting Member.

With your vote, I will represent the needs and concerns of the citizens of our town!

Working together we can:

- ★ Keep taxes low and the town affordable for our fixed income residents along with our first-time home buyers.
- ★ Ensure fiscal responsibility in the way in which we spend your hard-earned money, now and in the future.
- ★ Increase collaboration between all departments, boards, and commissions
- ★ Support and collaborate with our new Town Administrator to move Fairhaven forward.
- ★ Develop an incentive program, designed to encourage and increase small businesses through communication, technology and partnership in our town government.
- ★ Create a healthy balance between our open / green space and development.
- ★ Preserve and maintain our historical buildings.

I look forward to serving you and our town. Please join me at one, or all, of my upcoming events!

I want to hear from you!

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## LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: 540R Main St., Acushnet, MA  
LOCATION: 540R Main St., Acushnet, MA  
PROPOSER: TJA Clean Energy

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before 2/28/22.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Goddard Consulting LLC 291 Main Street, Suite 8  
Northborough, MA 01532  
508-393-3784  
tim@goddardconsultingllc.com

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission of Acushnet where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By: TJA Clean Energy

FNN: 2/24/22

## TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings at its meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in the Town Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, beginning at 4 p.m.

1. **The hearing will be held at 4:10 p.m.** This hearing is on the petition of Verizon New England & Nstar d/b/a Eversource.

To install one (1) JO pole 120/94.5, on the southeasterly side of Main Street. New location being approximately 593' southwest of the centerline of Scotts Way; and is 56' northeast of existing pole, 120/94; and is 81' southwest of existing pole, 120/95. No. MA20221-44.

The installation of this intermediate pole is being requested to support the solar farm behind 550 Main Street.

This pole placement is necessary for the installation of a new solar farm.

2. **The hearing will be held at 4:15 p.m.** This hearing is on the petition of Verizon New England & Nstar d/b/a Eversource.

**VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. and NSTAR ELECTRIC d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** request permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:  
**Hayes St:** To place one (1) jointly owned pole 6/0.25 on Hayes St to facilitate service.

**NECESSITY:** To facilitate new service. Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires and cables, together with anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked-VZ N.E. Inc. Plan No. MA2021-42.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree that space shall be reserved and maintained for the limited purpose of attaching one-way low voltage fire and police signaling wires owned by the municipality or governmental entity for

public safety purposes only.

David Desroches, Chairman  
David Wojnar  
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.  
ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
2/24/22

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, March 7, 2022 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:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87903792842?pwd=WEHsTFhsZEpLQTRpcVBQN1pFZklnZz09>  
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Meeting ID: 879 0379 2842  
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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:

1. CON 023-265: **50 Balsam Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed after-the-fact by the Mary A. Spadaro Realty Trust for the construction of a front deck, installation of a driveway, and installation of footings for a pergola, at the property located at 50 Balsam Street, Assessors Map 43C, Lot 16. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Floorage.

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: 2/24/22

## Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday March 8, 2022, in Fairhaven for two public hearings. The Planning Board Meeting and public hearings will be conducted both live and remotely and will be televised on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com.

To Join the Meeting from home **Log on to:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXG5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JPTXE0QT09>  
or Telephone 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101; Password: 740257

1. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: **SP 2022-01 - 128 Huttleston Car Wash.** The applicant, Team Ventures Two, LLC (DBA Wash Ashore Car Wash), is requesting approval through the Special Permit public hearing review process for a proposal to redevelop the site with a new car wash and automobile detailing facility, including associated parking, access drives, vacuum stations, landscaping, stormwater measures and utility infrastructure at 128 Huttleston Avenue (Map 25 Lots 240C and 243 - 1.55 acres).

2. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: **SP 2022-02 - A&A Car Sales Expansion.** The applicant, SAKO Properties, Inc. (DBA A&A Auto), represented by Doug Schneider of Schneider, Davignon & Leone Inc., is requesting approval through the Special Permit

public hearing review process for a proposal to convert the existing building on the site into a sales office for the Used Car sales and to utilize the existing paved parking and gravel parking areas for display and storage of vehicles for sale at 200 Huttleston Avenue (Map 30A Lots 82 and 85 - 0.57 acre).

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and all information is accessible at the Planning Board web page: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board>

To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 123.

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board  
FNN: 2/17/22, 2/24/22

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room  
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTlVzJkQ09>

or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. 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.**

2. REF#: ZBA-2022-023: 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.**

3. 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. **Continued from February 1, 2022.**

4. REF# ZBA-2022-004: 27 Charity Steven Lane, Map 40, Lot 15. Applicant: Timothy Bachand. Owner: Scott & Deidre Monize. Applicant seeks a Variance from the Board to exceed the maximum square footage of 700 square feet for an accessory structure and construct a garage that is 36'x36' feet (1296 square feet), pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 A. (1).

5. REF# ZBA-2022-005: 40 Sedgewick Road, Map 29B. Applicant and Owner: Henry & Pam Tilton. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 for the expansion of a nonconforming use to finish the second floor with dormers and add a side sun deck, and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.

6. REF# ZBA-2022-006: 100 Center Street, Map 10, Lot 163. Applicant and Owner: Elise Tetreault. Applicant seeks (1) a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 for the expansion of a nonconforming use by 270 square feet and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood and; (2) Variance from the minimum front setback of 20 feet to the 19.4 feet proposed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

7. REF# ZBA-2022-007: 2 Meadow Lane. Applicant and Owners: Jose & Kelly Rebelo. Map, 30B, Lot 25. Applicant seeks (1) Variance for a rear setback of 27.8 feet of the required 30 feet and; (2) Variance from the minimum side setback of 20 feet to the 17.1 feet proposed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 2/17/22, 2/24/22

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Captain Anuj Chopra, Co-Founder of ESGPlus, who participated on the panel discussion, commented: "I think this is an opportunity and a day we're going to remember for many years to come. We've had policies which were made decades ago, which served us well in the past as a nation. We now need to rewrite that policy so it will serve us in the 21st and 22nd century, whether it is welfare for seafarers, movement of cargo, security of delivery, or understanding ESG [Environment, Social & Governance] and how it applies to the maritime supply chain or maritime networks."

Learn more at Center for Ocean Policy & Economics, <https://thecope.org/> or <https://www.northeastmaritime.com>. See Mr. Dawicki's speech on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BaB1D5vtpk&t=10s>

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"I don't think she was aware whatsoever that what she was doing was making them uncomfortable. Esp[ecially] because on any given day, kids are giving hugs, high 5s, having conversations, or just being silly with the other adults in there!"

Ms. Chagnon also noted in one of her posts that students are just coming out of two years of social distancing, so this may have seemed "even more jarring to them."

Ms. Kohler said she would talk to anyone whose child was "even remotely involved" in the incident.

But she has little patience for the "storytelling" and maligning of the woman's character.

"I'm in this job for the kids," said Ms. Kohler. "And I'm honest. If there was something of that nature, I'll own it and deal with it."

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/1, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.  
NOTE CORRECTED DATE

#### Board of Health

Wed., 3/2, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/28, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/7, Remote, 6:30

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/24, Remote, 7 p.m.

#### Board

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

#### School Committee

Wed., 3/9, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon. 2/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Board of Assessors

Wed., 3/2, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

#### Housing Authority

Thurs., 3/17, AHA Comm Rm, 11:30 a

#### Selectboard

Tues., 3/1, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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	Feb. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	24	0141	1408	0722	1929*
Friday	25	0243	1515	0838	2039
Saturday	26	0353	1628	1034	2201
Sunday	27	0459	1728	1148*	2325*
Monday	28	0553	1818	----	1238*

	Mar. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Tuesday	1	0640	1904	0027*	1327*
Wednesday	2	0726	1951	0127*	1409*
Thursday	3	0812	2037	0218*	1437*
Friday	4	0857	2121	0252*	1457*
Saturday	5	0940	2203	0318*	1520*
Sunday	6	1023	2247	0344*	1546*
Monday	7	1108	2335	0413	1616
Tuesday	8	1159	----	0448	1651
Wednesday	9	0027	1252	0534	1737
Thursday	10	0120	1345	0642	1841

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## Job Fair

Job fair sponsored by One SouthCoast Chamber, Fri. 3/4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., White's of Westport, 66

State Road, Westport, MA. Admission is free for job seekers with resume.

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## SAVE THE DATES:

### Comedy Show FR

Comedy show to benefit Mercy Meals and More, Fri., 4/1. Doors open at 5 with raffle ticket sales and silent auction bidding. Buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., who at 8 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport, MA 02790. Silent auction and raffle. Featuring our "All You Can Eat / All You Can Laugh" Italian Buffet and some of Boston's hottest comics - Jessica Casciano, John Turco and Tony V. Tickets: \$40. Show only tickets (no buffet): \$25.

### Mamma Mia!

The Community Players of RI, presents *Mamma Mia!* 4/1 to 4/10.

Terry Murray directs the worldwide mega hit musical *Mamma Mia!* Told through the legendary music of ABBA, the tale unfolds on a

Greek island paradise where Sophie, a 20-year-old bride-to-be, is on a search for her father. On the eve of her wedding, Sophie's 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. Packed with 22 ABBA hits, including "Dancing Queen," "Super Trouper," "Take A Chance on Me," and "The Winner Takes It All," *Mamma Mia!* will have audiences dancing in their seats!

Produced at Jenks Auditorium located at 350 Division Street in Pawtucket, (across from McCoy Stadium), performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. Individual tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students (with a valid ID) for non-musicals, and \$23 for adults and \$18.00 for students for musicals.

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