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

New officers include K9 Blue



Fairhaven Police Officer and K9 handler Jillian Jodoin keeps the attention of K9 Blue as he poses with his fellow officers (L-R), Andrew Dillon and Ethan Horsley, after all three were sworn in at a ceremony during the Select Board meeting on 2/28/22. Photo by Beth David.



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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, looks like we have a new Town Administrator in Fairhaven (see page 3). She'll be starting in about a month. Now, let's all be nice-nice for...say...oh, at least five minutes till she gets her feet wet, okay?

Seriously, though, lets welcome Angelina "Angie" Lopes Ellison to Fairhaven and wish her luck.

Now, during that meeting Mr. Espindola said that one of the candidates dropped out after hearing from someone in town hall that we were only interested in hiring a woman. Really, guy. If you're going to take town hall scuttlebutt as gospel, maybe you need to be looking for a different kind of job. Geesh.

There's other local stuff, of course, including our cover about three new police officers, if you include K9 Blue, and they do.

But, I want to take a few lines to express my heartbreak and horror at what is happening in Ukraine. God bless 'em, the Ukrainians are showing the world how it's done. They don't stand a snowball's chance, but there they are, staring down Goliath. They are acting out, in horrifying terms, the motto "Live free or die." They are choosing to fight, against a brutal, autocratic madman. The alternative, of course, is to live under the thumb of that madman.

Ordinary citizens, grandmothers and teenagers, are throwing molotov cocktails at Russian tanks, shooting rifles and blockading streets.

The rest of the world, with the notable exception of China, has united against Russia.

Ukrainian president Volodmyr Zelensky, a comedian by trade before becoming president, has proven to be an inspirational leader. He is hunkered down in his country, in the capital, refusing transport out of the country by the US, saying, "The fight is here; I need ammunition, not a ride."

One Ukrainian woman told Russian soldiers to get the f out of her country. She offered them sunflower seeds to put in their pockets so when they died there on Ukrainian soil, at least sunflowers will grow. The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine.

I want a sunflower shirt.

"Glory to Ukraine," as Mr. Zelensky said. "Glory to Ukraine."

Until next week then,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Selectboard hires Ellison; swears in new officers

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board voted to hire Angelina "Angie" Lopes Ellison for the Town Administrator position at its meeting on 2/28/22. The board and Ms. Ellison have been negotiating the terms of her contract in executive sessions since her interview on 2/10.

Ms. Ellison's start date is 3/23/22. Her salary will be \$163,000 per year. Other details of the contract were not immediately available as some changes needed to be made. Board members will each sign it this week.

Mr. Espindola also addressed a situation involving the search process. He said it was brought to his attention that someone dropped out as a candidate after hearing from "someone at town hall" that the board was looking for "someone of a different gender."

Mr. Espindola said the seriousness of the allegation should not be ignored and categorically denied that any such bias was part of the process.

He asked the board to address the allegation and to state publicly that they pledge to govern in a manner

that is not discriminatory.

"I agree," said Ms. Powers. "The whole point of equality is that everybody be treated equally."

She said that means no preference of one over the other, and everyone has a chance.

She said the screening committee was "fantastic" and presented candidates with varied experience.

"All of them were being judged on their qualifications," said Ms. Powers.

Select Board member Keith Silvia agreed, saying the screening committee members did their job.

Mr. Espindola said they were all "stating the obvious," but someone felt that way.

Acting TA Wendy Graves said it was the first she had heard of it and asked if the board wanted her to follow up on it.

Mr. Espindola said he did not want to find out who said it. He just wanted the message to come from the board: "That's not who we are."

He added that if anyone thinks that is why Ms. Ellison was hired, he wanted to assure them that it is "absolutely false."

"She was the best candidate," he said, she was one of the top three.

"Out of 39," added Mr. Silvia.

In another matter, the board changed the date of the annual Town Meeting to June 18. Town Moderator Mark Sylvia suggested the change, saying that everyone wants to be able to have the meeting in person.

"I know I would love to meet in person," said Mr. Sylvia.

Although that is not a guarantee by that date, he said there was a better chance that COVID restrictions would be relaxed enough by then to hold the meeting in person. He said if circumstances do not allow for that, the meeting can still be held remotely.

It will also give the new TA a little more time to get acclimated.

The board also approved the hiring of two police officers and K9 Blue.

Andrew Dillon and Ethan Horsley graduated from the Plymouth Police Academy on 2/18/22. Officer Dillon earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology/Crime and Justice with a minor in Business Management from

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March is Women's History month

By Beth David

Editor

March is Women's History Month, when we try to focus on the contributions of women throughout history.

Last month, during Black History Month, we included many women among the African American luminaries we highlighted. See our February issues for information on those African American women who made (or should have made) history.

Women's History Month began as Women's History Week in Santa Rosa, CA in 1978. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter Designated March 2-8 as National Women's History Week. In 1987 Congress passed a law extending it to a month.

Learn more at <https://womenshistorymonth.gov> and <https://www.womenshistory.org/>

American Women: A guide to Women's History Resources at the Library of Congress

A major new online research guide highlights hundreds of sources that tell the stories of women through a wide variety of perspectives and media in the Library of Congress

collections. The guide's comprehensive coverage includes historic and contemporary audio and video files, posters, photographs, magazines, sheet music, maps, manuscripts and rare books, as well as government documents and legislation. The topical essays highlight such themes as the Equal Rights Amendment, Patriotism, and Suffrage.

Visit <https://guides.loc.gov/american-women>

Brownie Wise

A self-made woman who made the coined the name "Tupperware" and became VP of Marketing, spreading the model of home parties to sell Tupperware throughout the country. She was the first woman to appear on the cover of *Business Week*.

Visit <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/brownie-wise>

Sandra Day O'Connor

The first female Supreme Court Justice, who could not find paid work as an attorney despite having graduated from Stanford Law School in the top 10% of her class. She

entered college at the age of 16, having skipped two grades in school.

She was nominated to the US Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, and was confirmed unanimously.

She retired from the court in 2006 to care for her husband who had Alzheimer's.

Visit <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/sandra-day-oconnor>

Sissieretta Jones

America's First Black Diva

An internationally renowned soprano who thrilled both Black and White audiences. Her family moved to Providence, RI when she was a young child. She was the first Black female vocalist to perform serious music, was the most famous, highest paid, and her career lasted the longest. She died penniless in Providence after having to sell off her properties, one by one.

Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/sissieretta-jones> and <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/jones-sissieretta-1869-1933/>

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For Fairhaven Select Board

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The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the election.

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, 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

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 by **March 18**. Please specify which position the question is intended for.

Homecoming Fair

After a two year hiatus due to Covid, the Fairhaven Improvement Association's 44th Annual Homecoming Fair is scheduled for Saturday 6/25/22. The Annual Homecoming Fair has long been Fairhaven's largest and most popular event with 175 craft and food vendors, an art show and all day live entertainment.

"We have missed our vendors, volunteers and the many town departments who help us put on the Fair," said Barbara Acksen Chairperson of the Homecoming Fair Committee. "Most of all we have missed the community. Everyone has missed the opportunity for connection with others in a fun and joyful atmosphere. The Fair has long provided that sense of community and all of us on the Committee are excited to be working on restoring it."

Applications for the Fair are currently available at the Town Hall, the Millicent Library, and the Tourism Office. Applications are also available at <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation>.

Wash & Read

The Fairhaven Police Department, 1 Bryan Lane, is teaming up with United Way of Greater New Bedford's Women United initiative to support early childhood literacy. Please swing by the Fairhaven Police Department where you will find a box for a new or lightly used children's book!

Established in 2018, Wash & Read meets underserved families where they are to give them access to free children's books.

The project was inspired by the national initiative of the Laundry Cares Foundation and the Coin Laundry Association. Women United adopted the Laundry Project, investing resources, recruiting laundromat owners, and teaming up with the New Bedford Free Public Library to ensure a consistent delivery of free, high-quality children's books.

The average family spends 2.5

hours in a laundromat and many laundromats are located in low-income neighborhoods where access to books may be limited. By meeting families where they are, Wash & Read supports children and families overlooked by traditional literacy programming.

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

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.

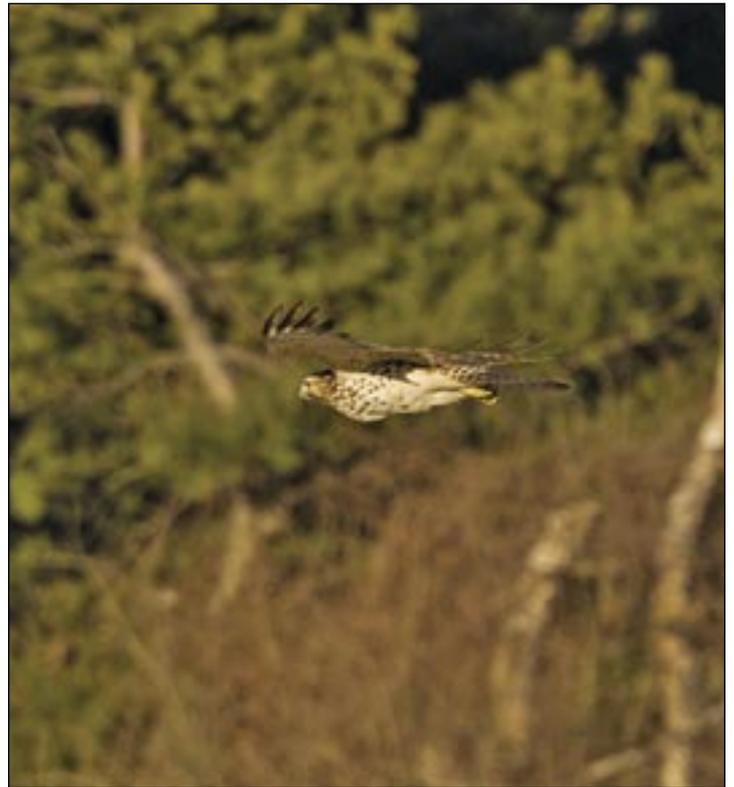
5K Walk/Run

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 info and to register, visit our website at www.NemasketGroup.org Donations Appreciated.

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Look who's looking for dinner



ABOVE A red-tailed hawk looks for prey and then seems to spot something promising from the trees on Bridge Street in Fairhaven on 2/28/22. Photos by John Maciel.

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Come Meet the Candidate

★ ★ ★ **Cathy MELANSON**
Candidate for Select Board

BRUNCH

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 11am – 2 pm
Travelers Ale House, 111 Huttleston Ave.

SCALLOP DINNER

Friday, March 18, 2022, 5 pm – 8pm
VFW, 109 Middle Street
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18-wheeler plunges into the Charles River in Weston



A tractor trailer crashed through a guard rail on a bridge in Weston and plunged into the Charles River on Saturday, 2/26/22, around noon. Dramatic video released by the State Police Association of Massachusetts shows the moment the 18-wheeler flew off the road and tumbled cab-first into the shallow water, flipped on its side, and ended up back on its wheels. You can see the video on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StatePoliceAssociationofMass/videos/483153216802978>. The driver survived and managed to get out of the cab to wait for rescuers, then was taken to the hospital for treatment. News reports indicate he was released and will recover. Preliminary investigation shows he was driving too fast. The truck is owned by R&F Transportation of Taunton and was carrying mail from the US Postal Service. ABOVE: Screenshots show a tractor trailer as it plunges off a bridge into the Charles River in Weston on 2/26/22 around noon. Screenshots from video provided courtesy of the State Police Association of Massachusetts. BELOW: RIGHT: A first responder helps the driver after the crash. Photo courtesy of State Police Association of Massachusetts.



Meet **HEIDI HACKING**
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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., 3/4: 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., 3/5: 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

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. Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

Fri., 3/4: Seven Hills at Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun., 3/6 Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 or 508-999-3255

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

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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COVID protocols will be observed. Visit www.yourtheatre.org for updated information

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, 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/>

Charlotte's Web

The New Bedford Ballet is hosting its annual spring Youth Ballet

performance on Sunday, March 6 at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Performances of Charlotte's Web by the New Bedford Youth Ballet are at 1:00 and 2:00 pm. All proceeds benefit New Bedford Ballet's arts education and dance scholarship programs.

Inspired by E.B. White's classic tale, artistic director Rebecca Waskiel- Marchesseault has created an adaptation of Charlotte's Web, the most read children's book of all time.

Tickets: Adults \$13, Seniors/Students/Children \$8

For more information, call the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387 or visit www.newbedfordballet.org.

Women in the Wheelhouse

March is Women's History Month, and the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Berthel St., New Bedford, has two **FREE** programs planned for you to learn about women in the fishing industry!

March AHA! Night: Women in the Wheelhouse, 3/10, 6:30 p.m. in person. Female captains, mates, and deckhands who work on commercial fishing boats will share firsthand experiences of life at sea. Seating is limited to 25. Masks are required. Registration is recommended. Book your **FREE** ticket here: <https://womeninthewheelhouse.bpt.me>

Book Talk: Ali Farrell, "Pretty Rugged: True Stories from Women of the Sea," 3/18, 7 p.m. Free. Remote: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061493513>. Author Ali Farrell, along with fishermen featured in the book, will regale you with tales about her book. Tune in on Zoom to ask questions and hear about the experiences of women in a historically male-dominated industry navigating changes in gender roles within their life and work.

This program is supported by a grant from the Bridge Street Fund, a special initiative of Mass Humanities.

Learn more at <https://fishingheritagecenter.org> or email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org

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.

Dress to impress and take advantage of the opportunity to have a professional headshot taken by Cindy Irving Photography.

Cape Verdean Gala

The 11th annual Cape Verdean Recognition Committee Gala Celebration in honor of John B. Cruz III, Sun., 4/3, 3-7 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport. Featuring Jackie Santos and Friends, Stran Strickland and Joel Hiller, along with Ponta d'Sol, The KG Express featuring Kevin Gomes and Angella Kronillis.

Donation: \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. For tickets call Diane Gomes, 508-994-7625; or Celia's Boutique, 508-525-9490, 11 William St., New Bedford. Proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund and Annual Cape Verdean Parade.

A Wedding Dress Retrospective

Do you have a wedding dress stored somewhere in your attic? Would you consider loaning it for a special exhibition?

Victorian or vintage! Hand-made or machine-made! Classically white or creatively colorful! With accessories or without!

This summer the Westport Historical Society plans a special exhibition of wedding dresses. We seek assistance from members of the community willing to loan wedding dresses for this exhibition. We would like a variety of wedding dresses from different time periods that illustrate a diversity of styles and associated personal stories.

The exhibition will be located at the Handy House, June - September 2022. All dresses will be returned to their owners.

This exhibition will be curated by clothing and textile historian and conservator Blair Walker.

Guidelines for the possible loans: Does the dress have a connection to Westport? This connection could be as simple as the wearer of the dress lived in Westport or the person

loaning the dress has connections to Westport. Is the dress in good condition? Can it be displayed safely? Please note the exhibition will be open for 3 months. Is there information about the wedding dress, such as who wore it and other information such as photographs?

We would be happy to provide you with more information about the exhibition. Please respond by email at westporthistory@westporthistory.net or call 508 636 6011. Westport Historical Society, www.wpthistory.org

Free Art Exhibit

Come to the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 3/15/22 - 4/14/22, to see the beautiful oil paintings by Mattapoissett resident Charles W. Stockbridge, a marine and landscape artist.

Charles is classically trained as a student of history and antiquity. Utilizing a traditional palette, Charles endeavors to create luminous skies and the sublime poetry of the Grand Architect's work. His paintings are spiritually driven to the 19th century American masters, Fitz Henry Lane, Thomas Cole, and Frederic Church. Charles's work has evolved from a representational style to a more impressionistic style over time. French impressionists and American impressionists as well as contemporary masters have had a wide influence on him and he endeavors to embody their spirit and primacy.

His work can be found in local and regional shows and he has received honors and numerous 1st place finishes. Charles's work is held in personal collections across the US, Canada, and Eastern Europe.

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At the MAC

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

Art Exhibit

The Marion Art Center has once again partnered with the local organization Tri-Town Against Racism to showcase entries to TTAR's Creative Expression Contest held during Black History Month. The theme this year is Influencers and Game Changers, Past

or Present. Entries including artwork, essays, poetry, song and dance, and short films were encouraged.

The MAC will showcase all entries in an online gallery on the Marion Art Center website in early March, with a virtual reception scheduled on Thursday, March 10 from 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Learn more about the contest, view all the entries including contest winners, and register for the virtual reception at marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac.

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.

Rummage Sale

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Recipe of the Week

Party Meatballs

Is it even a party without Party Meatballs?

For the meatballs:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup onion, grated
- 1/2 cup parsley, finely chopped
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

For the sauce:

- 1 (12-ounce) bottle chili sauce
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sriracha

Combine the beef, pork, breadcrumbs, onion, parsley, eggs, salt, and pepper in a large bowl and mix until combined.

Using a tablespoon measure, scoop and roll the meat mixture into small meatballs. It should make about 45.

Whisk the chili sauce, apricot preserves, soy sauce, and sriracha together in a slow cooker.

Remove 1/2 cup of the sauce, and set it aside.

Nestle the meatballs in the sauce in the slow cooker in two layers. Pour the reserved sauce over the top of the meatballs in the slow cooker.

Cover the slow cooker and cook on high until the meatballs are cooked through and the sauce is thick, for about 4 hours. Gently stir the meatballs halfway through to ensure even coating.

Dear Frankie



Rolling Rovers Doggie Daycare

Dear Frankie,
There is a new doggie daycare in our town called Rolling Rovers. It's a daycare for dogs who can't walk because they have bum

back legs. The dogs from Rolling Rovers get around in carts outfitted with a harness for their back legs. They use their front legs (which are fine) to pull the cart. It was amazing how fast they could make those carts go.

Recently the dog park was closed. This was a real bummer for those of us who go to agility class and use the park on off days to exercise and practice. When the park reopened, the area where we practiced had been made into a track for dog carts. I understand the Rolling Rovers need a place to run and exercise in their carts. It just seems there were a lot of other sites the town could have built a track than in our park. Don't you agree?

Figaro

Dear Figaro,

No one likes to have something of value taken away from them. I get it.

A town dog park, however, is a public facility. It was built for all the dogs in your town, whether old, young, blind, sighted, agile, or physically disabled. In sum, disabled dogs have as much right to go to a town dog park as nondisabled dogs. Likewise, nondisabled dogs have the

right to use a track built to accommodate dog carts for disabled dogs.

Have you thought about setting up a schedule for specific times the track could be used for agility practice and cart runs? It seems to me that a smooth and paved track might be a terrific place for you and your pals to set up an agility course.

You mentioned the Rolling Rovers have no trouble burning a little rubber when they need to get where they are going. How about challenging them to a race, provided they are given a fair handicap? They might surprise you and give you a run for your money.

Best, Frankie

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

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DeTerra announces BOH re-election bid

*Submitted by Peter DeTerra
Fairhaven Board of Health candidate
for re-election*

Can you believe it's already been 3 years and it's time for me, Peter DeTerra to announce that I'm running for re-election to the Fairhaven Board of Health.

The world as we knew it has completely changed in the last several years. Public Health has come to the forefront of our lives. This has brought awareness to the need to have effective experienced leadership on the board of health.

Having been a member of the Fairhaven Board of Health for the past 18 years I have engaged in training and certifications related to serving the public health needs of Fairhaven. Being properly educated in public health related issues gives me the ability to work with the board and department personnel to properly serve the residents of Fairhaven.

Many think the Board of Health is responsible for personal health care. Personal health care is the responsibility of Doctors, Nurses and EMS professionals not the daily operations

of the Board of Health. My understanding of the functions and operations of the Board of Health is what makes me the right person to continue to represent you on the Fairhaven Board of Health.

So what does The Board of Health do? We set policies and make regulations to protect the public and environmental health. Under Massachusetts General Laws, Boards of Health are held responsible for disease prevention and control, health and environmental protection and promoting a healthy community.

Boards of Health serve as the local arm of both the Mass. Department of Public Health and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection. To fulfill our duties, we develop, implement and enforce health policies, oversee inspections to maintain minimum standards for sanitation in housing and food service, and assure that the health needs of our community are being met.

My education and training consist of Title V Inspector, Soil Evaluator, OSHA Certified, NIMS 700, National Certified Food Manager and other

certifications and classes related to public health.

I am currently the only board member certified to do soil evaluation, restaurant inspections and septic inspections. In the absence of the Health Agent I'm the only member of the board certified to do these inspections. This provides seamless services to our town residents and businesses.

If re-elected to the Fairhaven Board of Health I will continue to work with the board and the Health Agent to protect the public health of Fairhaven. I will continue to listen to and work with the residents of Fairhaven. I will use my training and experience on the Board of Health to do what is needed to keep Fairhaven a safe and healthy town to live in.

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SELECT: cont'd from page 3

Suffolk University.

Officer Horsley earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater University. Both are residents of the Town of Fairhaven.

Officer Jillian Jodoin is K9 Blue's handler and they trained together at the Bristol County Narcotics Detection Dog Academy and graduated on December 3. Officer Jodoin and K9 Blue participated in just over 400 hours of training, conducted twelve narcotic searches, five community policing calls, and five demonstrations.

Fairhaven police chief Michael Myers introduced all three to the Select Board. He said K9 Blue is trained to detect eight scents. He will be trained in human scent for tracking, and will be trained as a comfort dog.

Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette swore in the officers (yes, Blue, too) during the meeting. All three received a badge, and Blue received a Town of Fairhaven dog license with the number 911 on it.

Louise Dillon, Andrew's mother, pinned his badge on his uniform; and Wendy Horsley, Ethan's mother, pinned his badge on his uniform.

After the ceremony, outside the meeting room, family members and police department personnel

gathered for a few minutes to congratulate the new officers and take pictures.

"I'm excited," said Officer Dillon. "It's been a dream to be a police officer and serve my town."

Officer Dillon grew up in Fairhaven and graduates from Fairhaven High School.

He said he had just finished his first full week.

"I can't believe I'm getting paid to do it," he said, adding that he was looking forward to finishing his training.

"I'm excited and nervous," said Andrew's mother Louise. "I'm proud of him. It's something he's always wanted to do."



She said he grew up near Sgt. Stephen Foster, and seeing his neighbor drive by in the cruiser made an impression on Andrews.

"I feel good," said Officer Horsley, adding that he was learning a lot on his shifts. "The department, all of them have been great, to make sure we understand the job and do it correctly."

"I love it," he said. "It's nice to serve the community I grew up in."

"I'm very proud, very nervous," said Ethan's mother Wendy. "Lot's of emotion, but mostly proud."

The board also voted to remove the parking meter for credit card payments at Hoppy's Landing. Marine Resources Committee Chairperson Mike McNamara, and Harbormaster Tim Cox told the board that numerous high fees resulted in the process actually costing the town money. The volume at Hoppy's for credit card users is just not high enough. Ramp users can pay with cash or by check, which is how payments are made at Pease Park and Seaview Avenue.



TOP: Fairhaven police officer and K9 handler Jillian Jodoin has the ball at the ready as K9 Blue listens to Acting Town Clerk Linda Fredette read the oath of office for police officers at a ceremony during the Select Board meeting on 2/28/22. ABOVE L-R: Louise Dillon pins the badge on her son Andrew, and Louise Horsley pins the badge on her son Ethan after they were sworn. Photos by Beth David.

New police officers sworn in



The Town of Fairhaven swore in two new police officers and K9 Blue at the Select Board meeting on 2/28/22 (see story page 3). ABOVE LEFT: Louise Dillon gives her son Andrew a big smile after pinning his badge on him after he was sworn in as a Fairhaven Police Officer at a ceremony during the Select Board meeting on 2/28/22. ABOVE MIDDLE: Wendy Horsley hugs her son Ethan after pinning his badge on him. ABOVE RIGHT: Officer and K9 Handler Jillian Jodoin pins the badge on K9 Blue. BELOW LEFT: Newly minted Fairhaven Police Officer Andrew Dillon (center) poses with his family after the ceremony. L-R: Andrew's brother Patrick Dillon, mom Louise, Officer Dillon, Katrina Costa, dad Andrew. BELOW RIGHT: Newly minted Fairhaven Police Officer Ethan Horsley (center) poses with his family after the ceremony. L-R: Erik Horsley, Olivia Horsley holding Hudson, Officer Horsley, Ashley Fidalgo, mom Wendy, dad Steven. *Photos by Beth David.*



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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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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

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The last day to take out papers is Wed., 2/23. Papers must be returned with the required signatures by 3/25.

The annual town election will be on Saturday, 5/14. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

The final day to register to vote is Fri., 4/22. The clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on that day.

Seats up for election in 2022 are: Selectboard, David Desroches, incumbent; Assessors, Liberio Dasilve Soares, incumbent; Board of Health, Thomas Fortin, incumbent; School Committee/two seats, Sarah Ann Gomes and Jennifer Downing, incumbents; Commissioner of Trust

Funds, Marc Laplante, incumbent; Library Trustee/two seats, Nancy Franics and Stephen Reale, incumbents; Cemetery Board, Charlene Fortin, incumbent; Housing Authority, Stephanie Von Jess, incumbent; Planning Board, Mark Francois, incumbent; Moderator, vacant.

For more information contact the Town Clerk, 130 Main St./Parting Ways, 508-998-0215.

Selectboard approves wine and beer license for new store

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 3/1/22, the Acushnet Selectboard approved a Wine & Malt License for New England Farms, a new convenience store being built 156 & 158 Main Street and Wing Road.

A representative for the company said NE Farms is a small convenience store chain with a store in New Bedford. They began in 1998, and started selling beer and wine in 2009. He said the wine and beer sales are part of the business model.

The concept is one-stop shopping, he said. Customers can get gas for the

vehicles, pick up some groceries, including prepared meals to go.

They want to be able to offer customers the ability to "grab a six-pack or bottle of wine," he said.

Alcohol accounts for about 10% of sales.

He also told the board that the company employees state of the art technology. Everyone buying wine or beer has to have their ID checked. The ID scanner is built in, and the system will not allow restricted items to be sold without an ID check.

"It's really a great system," he said, that has worked successfully in the past.

They can lock up the coolers on off hours and the point of sale system will also lock out those items. He said in 12 years the company has had no violations of alcohol sales locally or on the state level.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar asked about the store's proximity to the church.

The representative said that the law allows the store. If the church opposes it, then the board can decide if it is detrimental.

Selectboard member David Wojnar recused himself from the discussion and left the room, saying he works in the industry.

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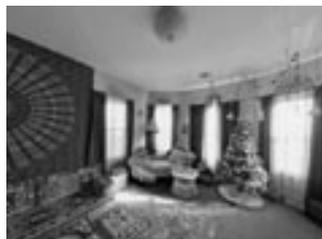
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Other requirements of Scholarship Recipient: A minimum of three hours of volunteer time at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification.

Contact for Further Information and Submission Email: historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com

Hoppy's Landing building damaged



Fairhaven police are investigating a car accident at Hoppy's Landing last week. A vehicle hit one of the support beams on Thursday afternoon, 2/24/22. Surveillance video shows a car hit the beam at about 2:30 p.m., according to Fairhaven Police spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza. He said the registration, with Connecticut plates, led back to Alamo Car Rental. Lt. Kobza said the matter was still under investigation. "It does not appear to be malicious at all," said Lt. Kobza. ABOVE and RIGHT: A beam that supports the upper deck at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven is hanging in the air on 2/25/22 after being hit by a car the day before. Photo by Beth David.



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1. **Case #2021.12.07A** A case of John M. LeBlanc, of 13 Priscilla Drive in Lakeville MA, who is petitioning for a modification to the Special Permit originally issued for 1315 Main Street from a small retail landscape business with attached garage space for use by Northeast Property Services and DBT Landscaping to be used as contractor bays for the storage of materials and equipment, and the possible use of associated office space.
2. **Case #2022.03.22A** A case of Seth Desroches, of 88 Mill Road, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit to be able to allow parking for five additional commercial vehicles, with GVW under 15,000, at the property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (8).
3. **Case #2022.03.22B** A case of Laureano A. Costa, of 175 South Main Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning

the Board for a Variance to be able to construct a second-floor apartment for storage to support the first-floor bakery. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "E" (5).

4. **Case #2022.03.22C** A case of Jeremiah Katz, of 19 Arsene Way Fairhaven MA, who is petitioning the Board for a 10.2' Variance to be able to construct a 12' X 18' addition of the east side of the existing dwelling located at 46 Hayes Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "E" (3), Section 4.1, Section 5, and Section 6.2 (3).
5. **Case #2022.03.22D** A case of Gregory and Amy Caswell, of 280 Main Street, who are petitioning for a Special Permit to be able to construct an accessory apartment above their barn/garage. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" 1 and Section 3.4 "B".

*** Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours ***

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From our readers

Healy Supports Correy

I believe Leon Correy is an exceptional candidate for Fairhaven Select Board. He will bring professionalism, a fresh perspective on local governance, and innovative solutions to our community's needs.

Leon has gone above and beyond to share his time and talent at school and in the community. In his five years as a resident, he and his family have fallen in love with the town and made significant investments in its future. His work selecting the new town administrator shows he understands the town's need for reliable, responsive governance.

And as the founding member and chair of the Belonging Committee, Leon has demonstrated his stalwart support for unity and emphasized values of respect and responsibility. After these tumultuous times in town management, we could all use more of that approach.

I urge you to join me in supporting Leon Correy for Select Board. With his leadership, Fairhaven will thrive for years to come.

Deirdre Healy, Fairhaven

Correy Will Impress You

Our annual town elections are in about a month, and I'm really excited for them. That shouldn't be surprising here, though, right? We're

reading the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. This is the place for civic-minded, community-oriented folks to stay connected to our town.

Being invested in town politics and events is pretty new for me. I never felt like I had a place in the process and just trying to keep the mortgage paid and get my Wood School Scholars out of the house on time was more than enough to keep me busy.

Then last summer I watched the recall election process unfold. I saw so many people driven to action by a desire to improve our community and watched positive change play out in real time. That's also when I happened to meet Leon Correy.

Since then, we've all had the chance to learn about Mr. Correy from last year's campaign and his work in town. What truly impressed me was seeing how much of an impact one informed, motivated person can make. I've seen his character, his commitment to service, and his leadership. It has been inspiring.

So inspiring, actually, that I've started volunteering for committees and getting myself involved: for the first time, it feels like government isn't just for the people that are already there. Mr. Correy's committed to hearing and amplifying all the voices in our community, involving

the youth and the underserved, and applying a lifetime of leadership and expertise for all of those voices, no matter how loud, active, or influential.

Whether we elect him or not, Mr. Correy has shown how hard he will continue to work for this town. I hope you'll join me in voting for him on April 4th, and if you're not certain, please take some time to meet him at an event or watch a few videos.

I'm sure Leon Correy will impress you as he has me, just as I'm sure he's the best choice to represent us on the Select Board.

Kylie Bateman, Fairhaven

DeTerra Has Skill and Knowledge

I am writing to recommend Peter Deterra for reelection to the Board of Health.

I have known Peter for 20 years as a supportive friend especially in times of need. I have nothing but positive things to say about Peter, his character and ability to serve the Town of Fairhaven in a professional, and capable manner.

I hold Peter in high esteem, knowing his intentions are for the very best outcome for our town. I have witnessed professional growth as a team leader in his current capacity on the Board of Health.

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I am sure with his skill and knowledge he has much to offer.

Patricia Crowley, Fairhaven

Heroux is Alternative to Sheriff Hodgson

Sheriff Thomas Hodgson compares jail inspection to meat plant inspections.

Sheriff Thomas Hodgson is recently quoted as complaining that "we are inspected more than meat plants." This is a telling statement about how he views the facilities he runs, the people they house, and the staff who work in those conditions. Hodgson is known for his (if you don't like it) "don't come here" philosophy. He regards the many complaints of substandard conditions in the jails he runs as political persecution rather than an opportunity to reform.

It is also interesting that his reference to meat-packing plants was a part of his response to Bristol

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FREELANCE REPORTERS NEEDED Write for the *Neighb News*. We need reporters for evening meeting coverage. Reporting experience not required, but must have a solid grasp of grammar, good writing skills, and an understanding of what news writing is vs. your Great American Novel. Freelance only. Email Beth at NeighbNews@comcast.net or call 508-979-5593.

County for Correctional Justice's endorsement of Attleboro Mayor Paul Heroux's bid to run for Sheriff. Paul Heroux, with a Master's in criminology, correctional work experience, proven administrative skills, and an impressive track record of winning elections, is a serious threat to Hodgson who began his tenure as Sheriff as a political appointee without special qualifications.

Paul Heroux also represents a definite alternative to Hodgson's "don't come here" philosophy. He is running on a platform of reform with an emphasis on rehabilitation and humane, safe conditions as the best avenue to community safety and the most effective use of tax dollars. A revolving prison door is expensive and serves no one.

The voters of Bristol County will have a real choice this Fall, and it's well past time for Hodgson to leave.

Amy DeSalvatore, Fairhaven

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Upcoming Meetings

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Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/5, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 3/16, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/21, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Marine Resources Comm

Thurs., 3/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

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

Select Board

Mon. 3/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm

Tues., 3/8, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Housing Authority

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

Selectboard

Tues., 3/15, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

| | Mar. 2022 | HIGH | | LOW | |
|-----------|--------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| | | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. |
| 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 |
| Friday | 11 | 0213 | 1441 | 1018 | 1947 |
| Saturday | 12 | 0313 | 1547 | 1113 | 2049 |
| Sunday | 13 | 0518 | 1749 | ---- | 1253 |
| | | ---- | ---- | ---- | 2300 |
| Monday | 14 | 0611 | 1836 | ---- | 1314 |
| | | ---- | ---- | ---- | 2358 |
| Tuesday | 15 | 0654 | 1915 | ---- | 1246 |
| Wednesday | 16 | 0732 | 1952 | 0039 | 1308 |

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

Greetings from the Tree Warden

*Submitted by Fairhaven
Tree Warden Don C. Collasius*

It's been a pretty windy month and we have been busy with downed branches. We also started a systematic survey of the town looking for hazardous tree conditions starting with main roads. If you see something please let us know.

Almost every day I learn something new about trees, the town and its tree canopy. Here is some of that.

The Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association was organized in 1913. From the earliest days of the profession, arborists were aware that tree care is constantly changing. As early as 1894, Dr. George E. Stone of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (now the University of Massachusetts) gave a course of college lectures dealing with shade tree management.

Recognizing that a practicing tree warden also needs current technical information the organization currently offers a six-day course to qualify a Tree Warden. I took this class paying for it myself and driving 12 hours to

Sturbridge Massachusetts and back to do so.

During that class my observation was that MTWafa is very closely tied to the Massachusetts Department of Recreation and Conservation. DCR had representatives at every class and taught some topics. DCR are the folks we have applied to for a \$20,000 matching grant to do a partial street tree survey.

I learned a lot at that class. But what I learned most, as often is the case when one actually takes a class, I found out there was so much more I didn't know. I constantly try and remediate that.

Spring planting is coming up. The Tree department hopes to plant 55 trees this April. If you would like to have a tree planted on your street, help plant a tree, water a tree throughout the growing season please contact me at 508 992 1222.

I have requested that the BPW starts grinding stumps to 16" of depth in locations where trees have been removed and are good places for them. This is not currently done.

They are ground in such a way that replacing the tree is difficult or impossible. Having spoken with the contracted party who grinds the stumps for them it is not much more money. I have been informed by people in the know the money is there to do that. MTWafa highly promotes this practice of grinding and replanting. They are the experts.

I have also asked the BPW for permission to plant some trees in our parks to replace the dead ones we have had to remove. Ten dead trees from Cushman Park alone have been removed so they won't fall on somebody or something. We need to replace these trees successively in order to maintain the beauty of our parks.

Thanks for all the good words and support so far. We continue to do the best we can with what we have. If you care for trees and want to see Fairhaven's Tree Canopy improved and restored please reach out to us.

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