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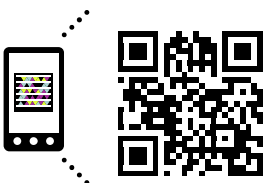
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

West Island 5K is back, with new record



Runners begin the race on Causeway Road at the top of the hill for the ninth annual West Island 5K on 4/24/22, when a new women's course record was set by Taylor Fortnam, who beat out the old record by four seconds.. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, all the fun stuff is coming back!

This week's cover story is a fun one that hasn't happened in two years. The West Island 5K and Kids Fun Run got everyone out there running around and hanging out and just enjoying the outdoors together (see page 12). It was a smaller field than usual, but... that's okay, things are opening up slowly. But they are opening up.

Acushnet has some big news this week (see page 16), with the police department getting certified...next step, accreditation. That's quite the feat.

Fairhaven's Selectboard met this week, too (see page 4), and went over budgets and other fun stuff. Don't worry, they'll be going over budgets in the next few meetings, too, so we'll get more details in about all that as we go along.

This weekend lots of people were out and about, working on gardens and riding motorcycles, and doing all kinds of other outdoor stuff.

The Fairhaven Lions were some of them, sprucing up Benoit Square (see page 7).

And, there are lots of events coming up, too.

This weekend youth baseball opens up with their traditional parade on Saturday, (see page 9), and that definitely means spring is here.

The Fairhaven Cherry Blossom Festival is also back, with their fun stuff happening on Sunday (see page 5).

There's plenty of other stuff going on this weekend. Check out the happenings pages to see who's doing what and what's coming up in the coming weeks.

There's other stuff in here, of course. As you check it out, please be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!

Glory to the heroes!



Beth David, Publisher

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Couple of crashes send several to hospitals

By Beth David
Editor

Two car crashes in Fairhaven on Friday, 4/22, sent several people to the hospital.

Police received a call at 3:19 p.m. about an accident on Sconticut Neck Road involving one vehicle. Fairhaven Police spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza said a gray 2001 BMW 325 left the road when the driver lost control of the vehicle. Theresa Cournoyer, 68, of Acushnet, told police the car was pulling to the right and the car did not respond when she tried to steer. The vehicle also did not respond when she tried to break, she said.

Two passengers were in the car. One person was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

The telephone pole had some damage to the base and Eversource was notified.

Also on Friday, around 8 p.m., a 2011 Chrysler Town and Country van with four occupants, including the driver, jumped the curb and sidewalk and collided with a utility pole on Route 6 eastbound, near the intersection of Alden Road.

The vehicle was traveling eastbound on Route 6 and spun around, ending up facing south. The driver, Maria Carreiro, 75, of New Bedford, and all three passengers were

transported to the hospital with unspecified injuries.

Mutual aid ambulances from Mattapoisett and Acushnet also responded.



A tow truck gets ready to pull out a 2001 BMW 325 that left the road, sideswiped a telephone pole and ended up in the trees on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on Friday, 4/22/22, a little after 3 p.m. Photos courtesy of M.L. Baron.

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Administrative work
Errand running
Public outreach
and advocacy

Map making
Graphic and website
design
Trail maintenance

This is a perfect opportunity for students seeking community service hours or resume building activities, or for anyone of any age who has some time to spare to give back to our beautiful community! We are looking for a commitment from a few hours a week to a few hours a month, as well as possible board service.



If this sounds like the opportunity for you, please contact us at falpt.board@gmail.com for more information!

Selectboard takes look at budget, TM articles

By Beth David
Editor

In its second meeting as a five-member board, the Fairhaven Select Board, set down protocols for making the meetings more formal. SB chairperson Stasia Powers said the aim was to “move meetings along” and tighten up parliamentary procedures. One change that affects the public is that agenda items requested by residents must be submitted by Monday, the week before the scheduled meeting. The board will also start meeting on the first and third Mondays of each month starting in July, with extra meetings as needed.

The board is also planning a “retreat” to review goals, roles and responsibilities of the board with Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison. That has not been scheduled yet.

The board discussed the financial policies, which include how much the town should spend from free cash each year, how much to keep in the stabilization fund and how the capital stabilization fund should be used, etc.

Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector Wendy Graves said the town was within its policy goals with the proposed budget for FY23.

Ms. Ellison also submitted to the board the top three goals based on the votes board members made at their last meeting: #1 is financial stability; #2 is Human Resources; #3 is inter/intra governmental cooperation. Ms. Ellison said she will incorporate the goals in the day to day operations with staff.

Public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado appeared before the board to discuss a town meeting article about the Tree Warden position that the Board of PW submitted, and the funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrades.

Mr. Furtado said the article submitted is the same as last year's, which did not pass. He said the BPW felt it did not pass because the Tree Warden Don Collasius spoke against it. The article would change the Tree Warden position from elected to appointed.

Mr. Furtado said he assumed his

position would absorb the Tree Warden role.

The change would not take place until Mr. Collasius's term ended.

This year's article simply changes the position from elected to appointed, said Mr. Furtado, and involves no funds to be spent.

If it passes, then the next steps would be to hire an arborist and some full time employees for the department; and add a bucket truck. The tree department currently has the part time tree warden and two part time employees.

Mr. Furtado said there is definitely enough work to be done for the additional employees. He said he was not recommending it this year, as his budget has been cut.

The Tree Department has a small budget and not enough employees, said Mr. Furtado, adding Mr. Collasius is “doing the best he can” with the limited resources.

“It needs to get better than what it is right now,” said Mr. Furtado, adding it is a “disservice to the town” to leave it the way it is.

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Introducing Shaun Ferreira

Born and raised on the Southcoast, Shaun has a real appreciation for the history of our community. Shaun's interest in real estate blossomed at a young age as he grew-up watching his father, Stephen, a successful realtor in the New Bedford area. Shaun prides himself on having a strong understanding of “current day” real estate and what it takes to get to the closing table. Shaun currently resides in Fairhaven with his wife, Kelly, and their two daughters, Sophie and Blair.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Walking Tour

Fairhaven's historical "Poverty Point" neighborhood will be the scene of a walking tour presented by the town's Office of Tourism on Sat., 4/30, at 1:00 p.m. The tour, guided by Christopher Richard, will begin at Cooke Memorial Park at 2 Pilgrim Avenue, Fairhaven.

This area, once known as "Ye Little Town at Ye Foot of William Wood's Homestead," and later "Oxford," got the nickname "Poverty Point" around 1810, but the downturn of fortune was short-lived. On the tour you will hear about the old burial ground and the mysterious human remains dug up in 1902. You'll see what was once called "the most pretentious dwelling in the village." And you'll learn about the some of the people who brought worldwide fame to Fairhaven.

The tour will last about 90 minutes. Parking is allowed on the west side of Cherry Street and on the south side of Pilgrim Ave. In the event of rain the tour will be canceled.

For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov. The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bake Sale

At St. Joseph Church, 74 Spring St., 4/30 and 5/1. See ad on back cover.

1st Responder mass

St. Joseph's Church at 74 Spring Street, Fairhaven, invites all First Responders to a special Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

We would like to Honor and Celebrate our First Responders for caring for, serving, and keeping us safe in our Community.

Cherry Blossom Fest

Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival, Sun., 5/1, 0:00 a.m., Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House, 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven

This traditional festival celebrates cherry blossoms and our friendship with Japan. Activities include names written in Japanese, origami (paper folding) instructions and demo, Japanese taiko drumming and martial arts, and displays of bonsai, quilts

and kimonos, and a museum tour. Free admission.

A Bento picnic box lunch (no raw items), with green tea and cherry cheesecake, is available (limited number) at \$20 for adult, \$10 for child under 12.

Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Councils' Festivals Program. To reserve tickets, call Gerry at 508-995-1219 or email Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org.

Free Trees

Bask, a locally owned cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven, will hold its 5th annual Arbor Day event at Bask's cannabis dispensary on Friday, 4/29, from 9am to 9pm at 2 Pequod Road in Fairhaven.

Tree seedlings will be available on the lawn outside the dispensary. There is no purchase necessary to pick up a free tree seedling.

Bask's purchase of the seedlings from the Mass. Tree Wardens Association contributes to the association's annual scholarship fund.

Arbor Day Planting

On Fri., 4/29, the Fairhaven Tree Warden will hold an Arbor Day event planting some trees at Fairhaven High School. They will be planted on both sides of the flag pole in front of the building. Students selected the species based on criteria they received from the tree warden, and they will be there to help with the planting. Town officials have been invited. Open to the public.

BMX Track Day

Join us for our community dig day on Sun., 5/1, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the BMX track at Macomber Pimental Field. Come show your support for the BMX pump track and help us get it ready for the 2022 riding season! No experience necessary! Please bring shovels, rakes and wheel barrows if you have them. All ages welcome!

Hope to see you there!!

Open Mike Night

Fairhaven Frets will host an Open Mic Night on the First Wednesday of

each Month at 105 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven. Next date: 5/4.

Doors Open at 6pm. The first 15 performers to sign in will play that night in random order. There's a 10 minute limit for each performance.

Please note that this is a Family-Friendly event. There is limited space so please know that late arrivals MIGHT not be able to enter!

Visit fairhavenfrets.com, or call 508-433-3738

SAVE THE DATES:

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.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male; 1st, 2nd & 3rd Female; Largest Team; Largest Fundraiser.

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Food Drive

The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers, will be on Sat., 5/14. Residents are asked to place non-perishable food items on or near your mailbox for pickup by your letter carrier. The food will be distributed to local food pantries including the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet.

The pantry can use some volunteers on that day to load and unload food from trucks in Fairhaven, and into the pantry in Acushnet. To volunteer, email Gerry Payette at [gpayette@aol.com](mailto:gepayette@aol.com) or call the pantry at 508- 763-9289

Town Yard Sale

A group of residents is organizing a townwide yard sale in Fairhaven on May 21. To add your yard to the list, contact Cristina Lopes or Daniel Lopes on Facebook.

Nursing students learn lots at Acushnet COA

By Beth David
Editor

It's hard to decide who made out better on the deal: The nursing students in the UMassDartmouth College of Nursing, or the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center and the people they serve.

"It was a great experience on both sides," said Heather Chew, Director of the Acushnet COA. "We both learned a lot from each other."

The students, she said, were most likely a little taken aback at how much they learned from the seniors at the COA. And everyone benefited from the information the students gathered and then shared with everyone.

The students spent their clinical rotation for community nursing at the senior center in Acushnet, using it as their base of operations for the work they did around the Greater New Bedford area. That work included going out into neighborhoods, conducting interviews, talking to residents, and working to identify a variety of resources that can help improve the health of people in the community.

Students conducted a needs assessment of the New Bedford area that included finding out about health insurance, nutrition, and other health needs. It became apparent that food insecurity and nutrition were major areas of concern that negatively affected the health of area residents.

Students also found that, although there are a lot of resources available



to area residents, there are also a lot of barriers keeping those resources from those who need them most.

The majority of resources are located in New Bedford at a few places, but not necessarily easy to get to for those without cars.

"Community Nursing is a lot different than we expected," said Azia, adding that she thought it would be more structured, but it was truly out in the community. "It's so different than a hospital setting."

Allison said going into the community gave her a sense of humility and humanitarianism.

Jillian said she did not realize how many opportunities there are in community nursing.

"It was really different for me," she said, adding it was an "excellent program" for her.

Meaghan's mother was a community nurse, so she at least knew what

it was. She said some of her classmates had no idea.

"I didn't realize where you live affects your health," said Jillian. "The opportunities available in a community really affect health."

"Community Nursing is for the people," said Meaghan, and not just to help when they are sick, but to work on prevention with education, especially nutrition education.

The students gave a presentation to small group at the Acushnet senior center on Thursday, 4/21/22. They explained their findings and their experiences.

The key to good health, they found, is in good nutrition. Their presentation focused on making good food choices, how to save money at the grocery store, how to read nutrition labels, and where to find resources to help alleviate food insecurity.



TOP: Students from the UMassD College of Nursing pose with (L-R) community activist Pam Cole, Associate Professor Dorothy Dunn, and Doctor Douglas Fogg, who runs a free podiatry clinic at Mercy Meals and More in New Bedford, after the students gave a presentation at the end of their community nurse rotation at Acushnet Council on Aging on 4/21/22. ABOVE LEFT: Azia explains some of the findings from their work. MIDDLE: Jillian talks about the information on food nutrition labels. RIGHT: Sansha gets a laugh from Azia during the presentation. Photos by Beth David.

Lions spruce up Benoit Square



Members of the Fairhaven Lions club spent the morning of Saturday, 4/23, sprucing up Benoit Square as a service project. The Lions serve the community in a variety of ways, including scholarships eye glass and hearing aid collections for re-using; and service projects, like cleanups and help for seniors. To learn more about the LIONS, email them at FairhavenMALionsClub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairhaven-Lions-Club-1718721541728726/>

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Visitors Ctr Reopen

National Parks have an enduring legacy of Preservation. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is excited to share with you a beautifully restored Visitor Center.

Ribbon Cutting & Visitor Center Reopening, Sun., 5/1, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, 33 William St., NB.

Please join park staff as we celebrate Preservation Month with the official reopening of the park visitor center. After completion of a four-month restoration, the main bank room glistens with new 22K gold leaf trim. Ribbon cutting starts at 2. From 2:30 - 3:30 our park's Cultural Resource Specialist, Janine da Silva, Juan Ocampo of the National Park Service Historic Preservation Training Center, and representatives of Village Green Restoration, the contractor that completed the restoration, will be on site to answer questions and related to the process of preserving this unique piece of history.

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café on Tues., 5/3, from 6–8p.m.. at The Vault Music Hall & Pub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford

Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer! No registration necessary.

Our guest, ecologist/lawyer/whistleblower Kyla Bennett, will address “Aerial Spraying: Ineffectual and Costly to the Environment.” Massachusetts’ spraying program, meant to curb cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), is more dangerous than effective, maintains Kyla. Dispersed chemicals—sumithrin, PBO, and PFAS—can be highly toxic to humans, pets, birds, fish, bees & many insects. Instead of ground/or aerial spraying, Kyla advocates eliminating stagnant breeding waters, using less toxic sprays and other larva-halting measures. “In the spirit of Rachel Carson, we should rule out methods that barrage our world with poisonous chemicals,” notes Kyla, Director of Public Policy for PEER (Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility).

Note that when New Bedford Cable covers our events, links to videos can be found on our website. We ask those who join us to be vaccinated.

Facemasks 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/>

Dice/Bike Run

2022 Silent Drifters Dice Run: Sat., 5/7, reg. 11–12:15; kickstands up at 12:30 p.m. sharp, Centro Luso, 33 Beetle St., New Bedford. First roll at Centro Luso before you leave, with three stops in between and ending back at Centro Luso for your final roll, where the winner will be announced (5 rolls total).

Entry fee, \$10. Roll one time per stop. You visit each site and roll the dice. There will be a person at each stop to write up your total.

Good luck and enjoy the ride!

James & Giant Peach

SouthCoast Children's Theatre, the areas premiere children's theatre proudly presents the musical, JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH, JR .Friday May 13th at 7:00 PM & Saturday May 14th at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Keith Middle School Auditorium, 225 Hathaway Blvd. , NB

A delightful, offbeat adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl adventure of a boy and his insect friends take an amazing journey across the ocean. When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, rolls into the ocean, and launches a journey of enormous proportions. James befriends a collection of singing insects that ride the giant piece of fruit across the ocean, facing hunger, sharks, and plenty of disagreements along the way. It is a brand-new take on this “masterpeach” of a tale. Featuring a wickedly tuneful score and witty and charming book this adventurous musical about courage and self-discovery is destined to be a classic.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.southcoastchildrenstheatre.com. General admission is priced at \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and seniors.

Cuffe/Douglass Disc

Spinner Publications and Gallery X are happy to announce a panel presentation that will discuss the lives and legacies of two celebrated Americans—Captain Paul Cuffe of Westport and statesman Frederick Douglass—men linked to the area for unique and yet similar reasons. Both achieved national renown and were among a multitude of abolitionists in the region, but employed diverging practices.

The presentation will take the form of a panel discussion entitled: “Cuffe and Douglass: A Reckoning of Activism,” and will take place on Sunday, May 8th from 2:00–5:00 pm at Gallery X, 169 William Street in New Bedford.

For more information contact Spinner Publications 508-994-4564 or Corey Nuffer at 605-376-2692

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cuffe-douglass-a-reckoning-of-activism-tickets-311412070887>

Vaccination Clinics

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., 4/29: 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., 4/30: 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

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:

Thurs., 5/5: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 12 to 7 p.m.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Youth Baseball

Fairhaven-Acushnet Youth Baseball opens this weekend with the parade on Sat., 4/30, stepping off at 11 a.m. from St. Francis Xavier School on Main Street in Acushnet and marching to Pope Park for a short ceremony.

The public is encouraged to line the route and cheer on the athletes.

Visit <https://www.fayb.org>

Pop up Shop

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church St., will be hosting a Spring Pop-Up Shop on the lawn outside the museum on April 30 from 11-3:30 PM. Many of the vendors and local businesses have donated items to the museum's raffle that will take place during the pop-up. The rain date is May 1, 2022.

Additionally, the museum will be open free of charge during the event. Come see our newest exhibit featuring diverse families in our community!

Please visit our website <https://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events> for more information.

Contact Mattapoisett Museum at info@mattapoisettmuseum.org

Bike Run

Ride for Homes Motorcycle Run, Sat., 5/7, 10 a.m., kickstands up at noon. Begins and ends at Middleboro VFW, 12 Station St., Middleboro.

After two years off, we are excited to bring back our Ride for Homes event! After the ride, enjoy music, lunch, raffles and great camaraderie!

\$20 per rider and \$10 per passenger. Lunch and T-shirts will be available for purchase.

Register at <https://givebutter.com/rideforhomes>

All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth and all are welcome!

Pet Food Drive

Stuff The Van Pet Food Drive, Mon., 5/9, 5-7 p.m., Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Rd., Acushnet (back lot). Help Acushnet Animal Control "Stuff the Van" with much needed pet food donations to benefit Acushnet animals in need.

Items needed: wet and dry cat food, wet and dry dog food, cat and

dog treats, guinea pig and rabbit food.

All donations must be within date. Monetary donations not accepted. For more information, please contact Becky, 508-998-0200, opt. 5; or Heather, 508-998-0280.

Pol Meet n Greet

Volunteers, friends and Southcoast Democratic town committees invite you to a "meet and greet" for Tanisha Sullivan. She is a candidate for Secretary of State as a Democrat. It will be an informal event from 3-5 PM, Sunday May 1, at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front St., Marion. All area residents are welcome, including families.

Ms. Sullivan was born in Boston and raised in Brockton. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in government from the University of Virginia, and her MBA and JD from Boston College.

She has a history of working on important social issues as a Chief Equity Officer for Boston Public Schools and as president of the NAACP in Boston.

Ms. Sullivan wants to expand voter registration and also insure that every vote in Massachusetts is counted. Please come meet her. Light refreshments will be served.

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Ukraine Solidarity

Join us for an Interfaith Solidary Walk for Ukraine on Sun., 5/1, at 4 p.m. Beginning at Blessed Trinity Polish National Catholic Church, 1340 Plymouth Avenue - Fall River Parking Lot behind Church) stopping at Saint Stanislaus Church, 36 Rockland Street Parking Lot Broadway & Rockland), and Ending at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, 327 Center Street (Parking at Cox's Chocolate, 100 Griffin St)

Bring a Sunflower for the walk

For additional information contact: RobNem21@aol.com or Andrea.uisa@mcan.us

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Concert

Cards and flowers for Mother's Day are nice, but taking her to a concert might be better. Why not give Mom the gift of music?

The evening before Mothers Day, May 7, the Sippican Choral Society will perform "Mostly Mozart," at Wickenden Chapel on the Tabor Academy campus in Marion at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students, and they're free for children six years old and younger. All members of the Sippican Choral Society have tickets to sell, and also the following area businesses: the Marion General Store, the Symphony Shop in Dartmouth, Isabelle's gift shop in Mattapoisett, and the Euro store in Fairhaven. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the concert.

The May 7 concert will include solo vocalists and keyboard accompanists, with Mozart's rousing Coronation Mass, selections from other major works, and a nocturne that, in its day, served as dinner music for wealthy patrons of the arts.

"You may already have plans to honor Mom on her special day," said Mike Chaplin, president of the Sippican Choral Society. "But if Mothers Day Eve is still open, consider giving her the gift of music. I know she'll love it."

Recipe of the Week

Bacon Corn Dip

8 oz bacon chopped, uncooked
4 oz pickled jalapeños, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 cups corn, about 5 ears, cut from the cob
1 cup mayonnaise
4 green onions, chopped
2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1/2 teaspoon pepper, or to taste
tortilla chips, for serving

In an oven-safe skillet, add chopped bacon and cook until brown and crispy.

Stir in the jalapeños and garlic. Cook for 30 seconds or until you can smell the garlic.

Stir in the corn. Cook and stir until the corn looks golden and chars.

Then add mayo, green onions, and 1 1/2 cups of mozzarella cheese. Stir well and add salt and pepper to taste.

Sprinkle more cheese on top then place in the broiler. Allow cooking for 3-5 minutes, or until golden brown.

Serve with tortilla chips!

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Home Shelter.

We talked the other day about how rewarding it is to be there for the dogs in their final days.

I said, "It is such a comfort for them to know they will be going to canine heaven."

Olive said, "That's what you tell them? How do you know there's a heaven for dogs?"

I asked her, "Well, what do you tell them?"

She said, "I don't tell them anything; I ask them about their life, listen to their stories, and hold their paw."

Now I don't know what to think. Is there a canine heaven, Frankie?

Bethany

Dear Frankie

Is There a Canine Heaven?

Dear Frankie,

My friend Olive and I are canine hospice volunteers. She volunteers at the Rin-Tin-Tin, Rest in Peace Shelter, and I volunteer at the Lassie Heavenly

Dear Bethany,

Now that is some big question. I'm no theologian or philosopher and wouldn't presume to give you a definitive answer.

You and Olive are at the hospice shelters to make the dogs' final days peaceful. If you find that assuring them that heaven awaits them and they find it comforting, go for it. I'm sure you also hold their paw and listen to their stories.

Olive, on the other paw, takes a more open-ended approach. She lets the dogs come to their own conclusion about their final resting place.

It's great that both of you have chosen to provide such an important service to your fellow canines. May every dog be fortunate enough to have someone like you and Olive be there for them when the time comes.

Best, Frankie

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West Island 5K returns with small field, new record

By Beth David
Editor

The ninth annual West Island 5K saw a small field compared to 2019, the last time it was held, due to the pandemic. In 2019 a combined 382 took to the streets. This Sunday, 4/24/22, a combined 211 raced along the streets of West Island: 29 in the Kids Fun Mile, and 182 in the 5K.

Taylor Fortnam, 25, of Providence, RI, set a new women's course record with a time of 18:24, shaving off four seconds from the old record and finished third overall. First place overall winner Jason Eddy, 25, of E.

Falmouth, crossed the line in 17:24.

In the Kids Fun Mile, eight-year-old Denver Shimala beat out the competition to come in first in 7:20. Ava Guerriero, 12, came in second, and was first girl over the line, in 7:35. Jacob Eddy came in third for the young'uns with a time of 7:36.

With a temperature of 49 degrees and a breeze off the ocean, it was a bit on the cold side, but the runners seemed to like it.

Kyle Bueno (24:52), said it was "perfect" for running.

Race organizer Lyle Drew thanked all the runners, walkers and

volunteers who participated.

"Lots of great positive energy and fun," he wrote on Facebook.

All proceeds of the race benefit the Cross Country running program at Fairhaven High School. Mr. Drew started the race to benefit the program eight years ago when he found out it was in dire need of funds and in danger of shutting down.'

He said the program allowed him to "grow as a young man."

Visit <https://westisland5k.org>.

See race results at <https://my.racewire.com/result/9092961>



ABOVE LEFT: Hannah Newcombe raises her hands and gives out a victory shout as she crosses the finish line of the ninth annual West Island 5K on 4/24/22. ABOVE RIGHT: James Miller raises his fists in victory as he crosses the, and (BELOW LEFT) Steven Ramsey pumps his fists and gives out a shout at the finish line. BELOW RIGHT: L-R: Annemarie and Dwayne Almeida cross the finish line together. Photos by Beth David.



From the Kids Mile Fun Run

In addition to the 5K (see page 12), the West Island race day included a Kids Mile Fun Run just before the 5K. Here are some photos of the young'uns. *Photos by Beth David.*

The start



Roger Masson and his adult.



Mirabella Gonsalves



Denver Shimala, First Place



Ava Guerriero, Second Place, First Girl



L-R: Ayda Medeiros and Vera Moran, running buddies from start to finish.



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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Memorial Day Parade Rides

Fairhaven Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30, 2022. If you are a Veteran and would like to ride in the COA van please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029, to sign up.

Single Supper Club

Next Single Supper Club is May 17, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up, 508-979-4029.

Blood Pressure Clinics

Is back at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 1-3:00 p.m. every other Wednesday. Next Date: May 11.

Computer Technology Classes

Offering a series of two-day computer classes now through June at The Fairhaven Council of Aging. Please call 508-979-4029 to sign up. All classes will be 90 minutes long, Monday and Wednesday only. Each class is rated as to how much computer skill the participant should have: (maximum number of participants 10 per class). Computer knowledge ratings: 0, Basic/Novice; 1, intermediate; 2, Advanced beginner; 3, Advanced; 4, Expert.

May 2 & May 4: Part 1+2: Computer Skills (0-1): Computer Skills: (1-2): Introduction to Computer Word Processing (Part 1): You must have a working account in Google Docs or Microsoft Word on your computer):

This computer class is part 1 of a two day workshop that will explain word processing, how it works, how to use it and how to get it for free.

The class will be instructed via the Google App called Docs. The class will examine what is a Google Doc, how to access it, create, edit, print and save a document.

Computer Skills: (1-2): Introduction to Computer Word Processing (Part 2): A continuation of the Part 1 workshop that will explain word processing, how it works, how to use it and how to get it for free. Class will instruct the participant on word processing via the Microsoft App called Word. The basic skills of word processing will be developed at this time.

May 9 & May 11 Part 1+2: Computer Skills (0-1): W10 Operating System and moving toward Windows 11. You must have a working w10 account on your computer. This class will explain and demonstrate the basics of understanding the W10 operating system. It will include all of the following and much more; turning off/on properly, signing in/off properly, understanding multiple views, notification areas, install and uninstall apps, file explorer, control panel, Taskbar and all the standard basic features of W10.

Monday-May 16 & Wednesday May 18: Part 1+2: Computer Skills (0-1): Smartphones and phone photos: (prerequisites must have access to a USB device that can connect to your Android or Apple smartphone...such as: SanDisk iXpand Flash Drive or similar device) Class will learn how to download personal pictures from their Smartphone to a USB device and then transfer to a laptop, desktop or external drive. Class will also be introduced on how to connect their Smartphone directly to their laptop and how to download and save their photos safely.



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Acushnet Police Department receives state certification

By Paula Charbonneau

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 4/26/22, the Acushnet Select Board formally recognized The Acushnet Police Department for achieving a goal 12 years in the making. The Massachusetts Police Association Commission Inc awarded the department with a Certificate of Certification bringing them one step closer to full accreditation.

According to Acushnet Police Chief Christopher R. Richmond the distinction is held by only 25 percent of all law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts. He said expects the department to become fully accredited in about a year.

Chief Richmond gave credit to his whole department for the accomplishment. He also recognized that Officer Jason White volunteered to work on the certification to accreditation process.

"Officer White accomplished in two years dedicating one day a week when other departments had full time staff finishing it in a year and a half," Chief Richmond said.

Along with Police Officer White, Police Sergeant Jeremy Fontes and Police Officer Ryan Hemphill were also credited with crawling through years of hard copy files, some in ring binders, to sort and bring the files up



L-R: Acushnet Police sergeant Jeremy Fontes, Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar, SB chairperson David Desroches, Acushnet police chief Christopher Richmond, Acushnet police officers Jason White and Ryan Hemphill, and SB member David Wojnar, recognize the Acushnet Police Department for receiving a certificate of certification from the Massachusetts Police Association Commission, at the SB meeting on 4/26/22. Photo by Paula Charbonneau for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.

to 21st century standards.

Chief Richmond said there were tangible and intangible reasons for needing the accreditation.

"The first tangible benefit, and it is relatively small when you think about it, is we are entitled to a \$625.00 credit from MIIA the town's insurer," said the Chief.

He said the intangible included reduction of liability and risk to the town and that, "It also makes for a more professional department based on sound policy, when we are able to

document and show what we do."

He added that the adopted policies and procedures and the network of documentation will assist the department in keeping up with the ever changing landscape of policing.

"I will finish up with police reform," said Chief Richmond. "This is the smartest thing the town could be doing to make sure we are staying in compliance with a lot of the regulations that have been promulgated and what will come in regards to that legislation."

Acushnet has two contested races in 5/14 election

By Beth David

Editor

Acushnet voters will go to the polls on Saturday, 5/14, to choose officials on all elected boards. This year, the Selectboard and the Board of Health have contested races.

SB chairperson David Desroches will face challenger Robert Hinckley. And BOH chairperson Thomas Fortin faces challenger Douglas Thomas.

Several seats will have no one on the ballot: Moderator; Commissioner of Trust funds with one seat vacant for a three-year term; Planning Board with one five-year seat; Library Trustee, with two vacant seats; Park Commissioner with one vacant seat.

Other seats are: Assessor, one seat for three years, with incumbent

Liberio DaSilva Soares on the ballot; School Committee, with two seats, with incumbents Jennifer Downing and Sarah Gomes both on the ballot; Planning Commissioner, with Mark Franios on the ballot for an unexpired term ending in 2025; Cemetery Board, with incumbent Charlene Fortin running for her seat; Housing Authority, one seat, with incumbent Stephanie Vonjess running for re-election.

The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

Final day to register to vote for this election was last Friday, 4/22.

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

Acushnet SB appoints Kelley TA

The Acushnet Selectboard officially offered the Town Administrator job to to acting TA James "Jamie" Kelley at its meeting on April 20.

Mr. Kelley has been on the job as interim since January 26. Mr. Kelley is not officially the permanent TA quite yet, though. He and the town are negotiating the terms of the contract. If all goes well, he will be appointed at a future meeting.

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The article as written, however, may need some tweaking. First, there was some discussion about who the appointing authority should be. The article has the Select Board as the appointing authority, but it might be changed to the Town Administrator.

"I don't care who appoints it," said Mr. Furtado, reiterating that the first step is to change it from elected to appointed, which will better serve the town.

The SB asked Mr. Furtado to have some funding numbers ready for Town Meeting in anticipation of the questions TM members might have.

Also, Marcus Ferro, a member of the BPW, who said he was not speaking on their behalf, said he had a problem with some of the wording that seemed to give the Planning Board authority over the position. Planning Director Paul Foley said he believed Mr. Ferro misunderstood the wording. The two will meet to discuss the wording.

Mr. Furtado also spoke to the board about the upgrades to the WWTP. The project will cost about

\$50 million. The BPW has gotten approval for a loan at 2% interest rate from the state. He said a portion of that will also be forgiven. He did not know how much would be forgiven, but speculated it would be in the millions.

Mr. Furtado also said ARPA funds could be used for the project, and Mattapoisett owns 15% of the plant, so they would pay that portion of borrowed funds.

The upgrades are mandated by the state and federal government to remove nitrogen from the WWTP discharge, which goes into the harbor.

The board also voted on its recommendations for TM articles, and reviewed the budget, but did not vote on budget items. Some department heads will be at future meetings to discuss their budgets. The board will extra meetings to accommodate those appearances.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison notified the board that HGTV will be filming at two homes in Fairhaven starting this week. The production

will be inside private homes and will not require any road closures or other disruptions, so no vote was necessary. She said Fairhaven is becoming a "TV Mecca" for films.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," she said.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the health agent's recommendation that masks be strongly advised, but not mandatory in town buildings.
- Approved use of the town hall auditorium for Dollars for Scholars awards ceremony on 5/25, and waived the building rental fee.
- Appointed Heidi Piva to the Commission on Disabilities, Amy Roderick to the Bikeway Committee, and Laura Barillaro to the Belonging Committee.
- Did not act on the resignation of Francis Cox from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board directed Ms. Ellison to reach out to Mr. Cox to find out why he was resigning after so many years on the board.

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Laura Gardner is Mother Earth 2022

Press Release

Fairhaven's Laura Gardner was crowned "Mother Earth 2022" at the Earth Eve parade in downtown New Bedford on April 14. Mary Lou Nicholson of Be the Solution to Pollution bestowed the honor, calling Laura "the epitome of what Mother Earth symbolizes."

"Laura has been working on environmental issues for years. She

was an original volunteer with Be the Solution to Pollution, cleaning up local beaches along with her children," Nicholson said. "She has used her role as Dartmouth Middle School librarian to inspire students to care for their environment and work for change. As the leader of Climate Reality Southcoast, Laura has tirelessly worked on climate justice issues and encouraged local

businesses to embrace clean energy."

Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast is a local climate action activist group.

Everyone is welcome to join; the group meets on the first Monday of every month.

Find out more about the group at <https://www.climateactrealitysouthcoast.com/>



LEFT: Laura Gardner with Mary Lou Nicholson of Be The Solution to Pollution, at the New Bedford Earth Eve Parade in Downtown New Bedford on 4/14/22, when Ms. Gardner was crowned "Mother Earth 2022." ABOVE: Laura Gardner gives her children Miles and Lena a hug at the parade. Submitted photos.



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Phoenix Bike Trail offers many off track wonders

By Tim Garcia for the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.

Fairhaven's town colors have always been blue and white, but during this time of year the color green temporarily takes over. Our town has some of the most beautiful combinations of green space/open space for all the public to uncover what land treasures await. While out enjoying the beautiful landscape throughout town, an entrance for such journeys perhaps gently passes us unknowingly.

The Phoenix Bike Trail is a mainway for all walkers, runners, cyclists; and venturing off this beaten path comes with most fulfilling rewards. As an avid runner and mountain biker, I find heading down an unknown road or trail offers the excitement of what I might see next and where will I end up?

Heading eastbound, I always begin the Phoenix Bike Trail from Main Street in our exquisitely historical center. Delightfully breathing in fresh air with a slight tinge of ocean breeze swaying the abundant leaves encompassing Egypt Lane in a scenery of greenery. Whether running or biking I always slow down to observe a spectacular view of Little Bay crossing over the Nasketucket River.

Upon arriving at Gellette Road the

lush thickness of forestry opens up to a sprawling sector of land I simply refer to as wide open. Traveling down Gellette awards perennial excursionists, the same as those who've never been, a chance to enjoy the serene quality of connection only vast fields of openness bring.

No matter the miles already run, I am never tired while here.

Rounding the bend and continuing onto the beginning of the Carvalho Farm trail, passing by this peculiar entrance is too tempting not to trek down. A simple sign standing tall and welcoming all to a distinctly traveled footpath through a sea of grassy fields ultimately leading to a tree line one quarter mile away. Sometimes I'll jog it, but usually walking is best. Building up a relaxing demeanor continues with every step, breathing in the soft subtle soundtrack of nature.

Once entering the open passage through the trees the trail transforms from open space to jagged and sometimes stony terrain. Ultimately, the path is clear and refreshingly enjoyable. A small creek here, a larger stream there. This landscape never lacks the opportunity to enjoy refreshing and reinvigorating feelings encouraged by what it must have been like here a hundred years ago. The whole reason for this trail is because it



is an untouched undeveloped, delightfully all natural area for anyone to take pleasure in. Sincerely unique since we live amongst four-hundred year old towns.

Half mile in, the scenery changes for a bit with open fields off to the left through the trees and plenty of places to soak in the earthly sounds. Three-quarter miles in, the scenery changes again to a tapered passage with an endearing bridge over a trickling creek. Continuing on the winding pathway through more untarnished thicket, ultimately ends with a quirky surprise spotting a giant boulder as the centerpiece marking the end of the line.

Climbing atop Indian Rock is a must-do when here. For me, providing a panoramic view clearly defines why conservation of land is so important. Untouched green spaces impart the strong connections we hold dear living in Fairhaven. Our conservation agent, along with members of the sustainability committee strive for these goals through steady robust commitment.

One of the beautiful things about Fairhaven is there are other spaces throughout town that provide different sceneries but are in fact just as significant as the Carvalho Farm trail. As the weather warms and early flowers are seen poking through, we are in the threshold of bloom season. My perception is to get out and enjoy it. I encourage all to come join in with family, friends and neighbors alike. Fairhaven is a beautiful place, and every year there's another opportunity to rediscover the places we love and maybe venture out to those new places waiting to be revealed.



Carvalho Farm Trail, with a trail head along the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven, offers views of many kinds of nature, including fields, streams, and wooded areas, and is especially known for the tree growing from a rock, known as Indian Rock (TOP). Submitted photos by Tim Garcia.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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

TREE REMOVAL HEARING

Friday MAY 13 10:30 AM
Fairhaven Town Hall

40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA. 02719

In accordance with MGL Chapter 87, Section 3.
Proposed removal of 3 Maple trees located at Center Street just west of Green Street. Anyone opposed to the removal of these trees should do so in writing per MGL at said hearing.

Respectfully submitted Don C. Collasius, Town of Fairhaven Tree Warden
FNN: 4/28/22, 5/7/22

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the proprietors of the Riverside Cemetery Corporation will be held starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022 in the auditorium, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

The meeting's business will include the presentation of annual reports and the election of trustees, the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery Corporation will meet immediately after the 2022 Annual Meeting of the corporation. The business of this meeting will include the election of officers, the formation of committees, the approval of an auditor and consideration of the budget of the corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Riverside Cemetery Corporation
Frederic D. Grant, Jr., President
Rhet Denault, Clerk

FNN: 4/28/22

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30pm
Remote

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, 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/82723219339?pwd=Z21KUMVSc2tBYTcvaVNXVnBGRyt5dz09>

or CALL 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 827 2321 9339

Passcode: 361467

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:

- SE 023-1363, CON 023-244: **4 Fox Run Lane** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Justyna Kaisig to increase the size of the garage by 2 feet and shift the driveway slightly at the property located at 4 Fox Run Lane, Assessors Map 30, Lot 45Z. Work to take place in the buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
- CON 023-273: **6 Turner Avenue** Notice of Intent filed by Pedro and Sandra Ferreira for the demolition of the existing house and the construction of a new flood zone-compliant house with associated site work and utilities at the property located at 6 Turner Avenue, Assessors Map 2, Lot 233. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
- CON 023-274: **14 Harborview Avenue** Notice of Intent filed by Brian and Jennifer Dupras for the demolition of the existing dwelling and the construc-

tion of a new flood zone-compliant dwelling with associated utilities, grading, and site work at the property located at 14 Harborview Avenue, Assessors Map 2, Lot 172. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zones to Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune, and Bank of Intermittent Stream.

- CON 023-275: **7 Peirce's Point** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John and Cynthia Behan to remove and reconstruct a deck, to construct a deck addition, and to construct a platform and ramp to access the deck at the property located at 7 Peirce's Point, Assessors Map 28, Lot 32. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zones to Salt Marsh, Bordering Vegetated Wetland, and Coastal Bank.
- CON 023-276: **2 & 8 Winslow Court** Notice of Intent filed by Thomas Marshall for the construction of a pile-supported fixed pier, floating dock, and concrete pad at the properties located at 2 & 8 Winslow Court, Assessors Map 12, Lots 9-11. Work to take place in on Coastal Bank and in Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, and the 100-foot buffer zones to Coastal Beach and Coastal Bank.
- CON 023-277: **39 Nelson Avenue** Notice of Intent filed by Stephen Taylor to demolish and reconstruct a single-family dwelling with associated new septic system at the property located at 39 Nelson Avenue, Assessors Map 43, Lots 224 & 225. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 4/21/22

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, May 3, 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

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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

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- REF#: ZBA-2022-022: 184 Balsam Street. Applicant & Owner: Robert and Karen Sullivan. Applicant seeks (1) 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(C)(3)(a) and (2) a Variance to construct a gear lift on the side of the dock, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2(5), which states setbacks for any dock and/or pier, and associated floats, shall be 25 feet to side property lines as measured along the shoreline. **Continued from December 2, 2021.**
- 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.**
- REF#: ZBA-2022-008: 5 Billys Way, Map 29A, Lots 185-186. Applicant & Owner: Sharon Simmons.

Applicant seeks (1) a Variance to construct accessory structure greater than 20 feet in height, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22(2) and; (2) a Variance to construct accessory structure in the front yard, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22(3). **Please note: The applicant will need a Variance from the Building Board of Regulations and Standards to construct a detached accessory structure in excess of 100 sq ft in the FEMA Velocity Zone. Request to Withdraw without prejudice**

- REF#: ZBA-022-009: 55 Orchard Street, Map 28B, Lots 410 & 411. Applicant & Owner: Despina Moran-Devlin. Applicant seeks (1) an appeal of the Building Commissioner's Stop Work Order dated 11/15/21 and; (2) a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § 6, for expansion of an existing nonconforming use to construct a 22'8"x 18'7" carport and 37'5"x9'5" deck, and that the additions are not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood. **Please note: The Board awaits the submittal of an instrument survey from a registered land surveyor to confirm that the proposed setbacks are conforming to the Zoning Bylaw 198-18: Intensity of Use Schedule. Continued from April 5, 2022.**
- REF#: ZBA-022-015: 1 Windy Way, Map 19, Lot 019. Applicant & Owner: Jillian Masse. Applicant seeks Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on the property in an RB district, and not to exceed 12 chickens, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16.
- REF#: ZBA-022-016: 6 Turner Avenue, Map 2, Lot 233. Applicant & Owner: Sandra & Pedro Ferreira. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § 6, to allow an increase of area of a nonconforming use and to raise the existing house & shed and construct a new home on a flood zone-compliant foundation, and that the additions are not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
- REF#: ZBA-022-017: 19 Atlas Street, Map 6, Lot 47. Applicant: Scott Henriques. Owner: Michael & William Henriques. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § 6, to allow an increase of area of a nonconforming use and to construct a 1,090 square foot addition, a 629 square foot attached garage, and that the additions are not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
- REF#: ZBA-022-018: 14 Harborview Avenue, Map 2, Lot 172. Applicant & Owner: Brian & Jennifer Dupras. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § 6, to allow an increase of area of a nonconforming use and demolish a 936 square foot, 1.5 story, single-family residence, and construct a new 3,328 square foot single-family residence on flood plain-compliant foundation, including site work and utilities, and that the additions are not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 4/21/22, 4/28/22

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Board of Health

Wed., 5/11, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/9, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/2, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/28, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

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School Committee

Wed., 5/11, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon. 5/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Mon. 5/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 5/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

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Sat., 5/14, Acushnet Elem. Sch., 10-6

Planning Board

Thurs., 4/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 5/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Wed., 5/11, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 5/9, Ford Middle Sch, 7 p.m.

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From our readers

Volunteers give much more than their time

Coastline, like many other service organizations, is approaching National Volunteer Appreciation Week from April 17-23 this year with a newfound understanding of what volunteers mean to the older and disabled adults we serve.

Well before the pandemic, we valued and appreciated the many volunteers who gave of their time to help others through the organization. These include older adults, like Anne Demers, a 91-year-old woman who has been volunteering as a foster grandparent in New Bedford classrooms for more than a decade; and Scott Baxter, a retiree who has worked with Coastline Money Management clients for 10 years and currently helps one woman organize and pay her bills regularly, due to her inability to see.

All had our gratitude for the skills and abilities they offered.

Then lockdowns hit and we lost the ability to be in the same physical space as the people we support. Classrooms went virtual and extra

protection was required even for one-on-one visits to the homes of elders or those living with disabilities.

Nursing home visits were impossible and volunteer ombudsman support had to be offered virtually.

Many personal connections were lost in those early days of the pandemic, and we discovered that no matter how important the skill, Coastline volunteers do much more than complete activities or offer skilled coaching. Their very presence matters.

They provide care, affection, and companionship as they help — qualities that are all too rare in some environments.

It's sad but true that loneliness and isolation are becoming an epidemic in our society. According to the CDC, those two conditions are a serious public health risk for older adults and put them at higher risk of developing dementia and other serious medical conditions.

More than one-third of adults aged 45 and older, the federal agency said, feel lonely, and nearly one-fourth of adults aged 65 and older are

considered socially isolated.

As we celebrate National Volunteer week this month, Coastline is recognizing the service of more than 125 volunteers who provide support to older adults, who connect with people living in assisted living facilities or nursing homes, and who bring their age, wisdom, and nurturing to schoolchildren.

On April 28, we celebrate our volunteers with a luncheon event to say thank you for the gifts of time and expertise they give, but most especially for their gifts of conversation, connection, and friendship. For, at its core, the connection between a volunteer and the person being helped is our most important outcome.

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