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## Let the games begin!



The 2021 Fairhaven Acushnet All Stars show their rings while standing under the sign with all their names on it after being recognized at the 2022 opening day ceremony at Knox Field in Acushnet's Pope Park on 4/30/22. See page 13 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Hey, look what we did! We won two awards in the New England Newspaper and Press Association journalism competition. Jean Perry (you remember Jean, right?) and I won for our story on the appointment of Wendy Graves as Interim Town Administrator. Yeah, I know, let's just drop that, right? But, hey, the awards go back a year. And we did some good, solid reporting on that one.

Our other award is for a photo that Margie Green Joseph took. I bet you remember it. It's the pic of the kiteboarder on a warm day in October. He's up in the air, the sun is setting, the water is splashing and sparkling. It's dazzling. Quite the shot. See page 7 for those.

I have to say it's nice to be recognized by one's peers. Yeah, I know you guys love us (except for those who don't), but, it's cool when people in the biz recognize the hard work that goes into this little free sheet.

Speaking of which...this week was a killer. I was all over the place like doggie doo-doo.

You'll have to thumb through to see what's in here. I'm going to miss my deadline if I don't wrap this up.

But I will mention on story. See page 6 for a quick, fun piece on the 70th anniversary celebration of Jim and Dolores Leal. Yup, 70 years.

We know the Leals from all kinds of stuff they're involved in around here. Mostly, Jimmy is the veterans guy. They both attend all the fun events, so I know you've seen them there.

Congratulations to them. And thank you for inviting me to your shindig. I had a blast.

Yeah...tough gig this job, huh?

Hee hee.

Okay, that's it. The printer is waiting with bated breath. Please be sure to note who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

## Scenes from the Cherry Blossom Festival



LEFT: Under the careful eye of Joshua Hatcher, an instructor with Aikido of Bristol County, student Miles throws a powder egg at his opponents during a demonstration at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairhaven on 5/1/22. RIGHT, L-R: Maureen Lavigne and Ashley staff the raffle table at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society Museum during the Cherry Blossom Festival. See page 12 for sotry and more photos. *Photos by Beth David.*

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The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust needs volunteers so that we can continue our mission! Our organization conserves over 50 parcels of land totaling more than 1,000 acres across several SouthCoast, MA towns and we cannot continue this critical work alone. We are looking for volunteers of all ages for a variety of tasks including:

*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](mailto:falpt.board@gmail.com) for more information!*

# FHS Hall of Fame is baaacckkk!

## Press Release

The Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame Committee will hold their Banquet and Induction Ceremony for the 2020 Induction Class that has twice been postponed due to the pandemic on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Century House in Acushnet. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be reserved by emailing HOF Committee member Bob Foster at: [rwfoster22@gmail.com](mailto:rwfoster22@gmail.com)

This year's inductees to be honored are: Paul Goulet '58, Gerry Howland '70 (deceased), Ron Andrews '81, Colleen Pepin '08, Myles Perron-Sovik '10 and Lifetime Achiever Jim Hubbard '55.

The 1981 Girls' Tennis Team will be recognized for their memorable championship season and the Program Booklet will be dedicated in memory of Albert "Abbie" Teixeira '57.



The 1981 Fairhaven High School Girls' Tennis Team will be inducted into the FHS Hall of Fame on 6/26/22, L-R BACK ROW: Christine Louganis, Sue (Nolette) Aubin, Debbie (Rapoza) Dulude, Joanne Reedy, Cindy Mark and Carol O'Brien (deceased); FRONT ROW L-R: Anne (Gonsalves) Beauregard, Susan (Jacobsen) Nadeau, Coach Donald J.B. Dufour, Lee Vaudry and Tammy Pereira. Not pictured is Jenn Young. *Submitted photo.*

## BPW approves filming dates for "Finest Kind"

By Mary Chasse

### Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Tuesday 4/26 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works interviewed for a position for the Water Department, and discussed filming locations for the movie "Finest Kind." The board also discussed a mattress pickup and approved of a new driveway contractor.

The board first interviewed Daniel Snell for the Water System Maintenance Craftsman and Meter Repairman position. BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said Mr. Snell is highly recommended for the job and it would be a good promotion for him. Mr. Snell covers for that job frequently whenever that employee is out. He knows how to do the job.

Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson agreed and said Mr. Snell is a good guy for the position.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Snell for the position.

In another matter the board met with Victoria Virtue who is working on the filming of the new movie "Finest Kind" that has been filming in Fairhaven and New Bedford over the

last few weeks.

Ms. Virtue said she was there to ask the board if the crew can use Fort Phoenix for filming on Wednesday May 25th and then the following day for cleanup.

Board member Cameron Durant asked when actor Tommy Lee Jones would be in the area.

Ms. Virtue said the actor has not been in the area yet and he will only be in the area for ten days because he has such a busy schedule. Ms. Virtue said she is very excited to work with Tommy Lee Jones.

Ms. Virtue explained that the movie is about two brothers, one in law school, the other a fishing boat captain; and the brothers want to spend one last summer out on the fishing boat together.

Ms. Virtue said they have permission to use the parking lots near Fort Phoenix for three days, but they will only need to film at Fort Phoenix for about four hours and then the crew will come back the following morning to clean everything up.

The whole board agreed that they were excited to see the movie filming

in town and loved seeing the beauty of the town being used for a movie.

The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

In another matter the board met with Mark Young from Elite Paving to be approved as a new driveway contractor.

Mr. Furtado and BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton explained to the board that Mr. Young has had some complaints from a few customers and has some outstanding fines that he still needs to pay.

Mr. Wotton said he needed a better understanding as to why Mr. Young has had these issues before allowing him to become a contractor in town.

Mr. Young said he is a third generation paver and has been doing paving since he was six years old. He has been getting asked recently to do work in Fairhaven.

Mr. Young explained that he does 700 to 800 driveways a year and he is bound to get a few complaints here and there, but he said he does good work. Whatever the complaint or

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Voucher Prog Ends

The distribution of the 2022 FIA vouchers has ended. Following an overwhelming interest from Fairhaven residents the FIA has distributed all 100 vouchers allocated for 2022.

If you have already received your voucher you can redeem it at Kenny's Garden & Landscape center until September 30, 2022.

## FHS Reunion

### FHS Class of 1965 Reunion is on!

We are finally having our reunion after a two year delay because of the pandemic. The Reunion is on Saturday, June 25th at 6PM at the Century House in Acushnet.

All classmates should have been contacted by mail or email. If we haven't reached you yet, please email Nancy Netinho Dwelly, BigD396@aol.com or Diana Baldwin, dlbcata@aol.com.

## Drug Deactivation

Free to Fairhaven residents, drug deactivation disposal pouches. The Fairhaven Health Department is providing free drug deactivation pouches to Fairhaven residents for a safe, convenient and permanent disposal of unused, expired or unwanted medications. The plant based Detera Pouches uses organic proprietary activated carbon to deactivate drugs and prevent future environmental contamination.

The pouches are available at the Fairhaven Health Office in Town Hall, 40 Center St.; and at the Millicent Library, right across the street at 45 Center.

For more information, contact the Fairhaven Health Department, 508-979-4023, Ext. 125; BOH@Fairhaven-ma.gov; or visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health/>

## Rotary Meat Raffle

Please join the Fairhaven Rotary for a meat raffle at the Bayside, 125 Scoticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, on Sat., 5/14, 3-5 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Fairhaven Rotary Scholarship Fund. For more info, contact MK at 508-330-4837, or Melissa@fsuinc.com

## 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](http://www.NemasketGroup.org) Donations Appreciated.

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

Refreshments will be on site and police detail will be present to ensure the safety of our participants.

The Nemasket Group, Inc. offers personalized, flexible supports to families and individuals with disabilities to live, work, and develop relationships within our communities.

## Eve Walking Tour

Riverside Cemetery Evening Tour, 274 Main Street, Fairhaven, Wed., 5/25, 6 p.m. Limit 12 people.

Reservations required. Email [TourRiverside@gmail.com](mailto:TourRiverside@gmail.com) to reserve your place on the tour.

Created in 1850 by Warren Delano II, the grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, this is one of the most beautiful rural-style cemeteries in Massachusetts. The tour visits the final resting places of some of the town's most prominent people. You'll also see lovely examples of early tombstone art as you walk along the beautifully landscaped paths. Tour includes walking on uneven ground. Wear comfortable shoes. Sponsored by the Office of Tourism. Free. Note: Parking is allowed on the roads inside the cemetery, however two or three car lengths must be left open directly inside the gate. There are no public restrooms in the cemetery.

For more information about the walking tours, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085. This is not the phone number of the cemetery. To reach the cemetery, call 508-999-7551.

Learn more and download brochure at <https://fairhaventours.com/riverside-cemetery-evening-tour-4/>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### 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 [gepayette@aol.com](mailto:gepayette@aol.com) or call the pantry at 508-763-9289

## Huttleston Marketplace

More than 75 booths are scheduled to set up each Saturday at Fairhaven's outdoor Huttleston Marketplace, beginning its fifth season on Saturday, May 21. The marketplace is held on the lawns of Fairhaven High School and the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street, at the intersection of Route 6. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and there's free parking in the high school lots. It will continue to operate, rain or shine, every Saturday through September 17, except for June 25.

A list of vendors is posted at <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace>.

## Memorial Day Parade

Monday, 5/30, Main Street, from Center Street north to Riverside Cemetery. To march, meet by 9:30 a.m. Steps off at 10 a.m.

The annual Memorial Day Parade steps off from the intersection of Main and Union streets and proceeds north on Main Street to Riverside Cemetery, with a stop at Fairhaven High School to raise the big flag.

At the cemetery there is a ceremony at the Civil War monument with participation from military and veterans groups and others. The event is coordinated by the Fairhaven Veterans Services office, and proudly supported by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2892, Fairhaven Lions Club.

For information contact Brad or Jane at 508-979-4023, ext. 114 or 115

## Father's Day Road Race

The Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race is back with a 5K only! Don't miss it. Start time 9 a.m. on Sun., 6/19. Key chain medals to all finishers, t-shirts to the first 1,000 entries.

Reg. \$20 until 6/1, then \$25. Ages 13 and under, \$10.

Visit <http://fairhavenroadrace.org> for details.

# It's the big 7-0 for the Leals

By Beth David  
Editor

Jimmy and Dolores Leal are pretty well known in these parts. They are known for all kinds of stuff, being active in the community. A Korean War veteran who survived Pork Chop Hill as a medic, Mr. Leal has been a strong advocate for veterans for decades and was named Veteran of the Year.

But it's family that ties them together and family it was that celebrated with the couple as they celebrated 70 years of marriage. The group got together at Antonio's in New Bedford, a favorite place for Jim and Dolores, on Sunday, 4/24, although the actual date of their anniversary is the 26th.

"Talk to me later," said Dolores, getting a little emotional surrounded by children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Jim's two older sisters, Eva, 94 and celebrating her birthday on that day, and Palmira (Pal), 97, also joined the party, with Eva quickly becoming the life of said party regaling the crowd with stories and some gentle ribbing.

"It's a good day," said Jim and Dolores's daughter Lori, saying she has both parents alive and that is why.

Her dad doesn't get out as much as he used to, he doesn't walk all that great anymore and his memory is not as good as it was, but he still makes it to as many veterans' events as he can.

And he still gives a big smile and a "how are you," when he greets a friendly face, and will always tell you he is just fine.

"He's an awesome person who made me who I am today," said Lori.

"I'm very proud of them," said their son Robert, who has been married for 38 years. "We had a very good upbringing."

He said he never saw his parents argue, although he does not doubt that they did, just, "not in front of the children."

"We're a very close family," said Robert, adding that he was supported in anything he wanted to do, such as sports.

"We're very proud they're still together. It is not an easy task."

The older son Greg, who traveled from Maine for the party, said it's always a great day when he gets to see the family.

He said his mother was "amazing" for hanging in there all these years, through the "ups and downs, trials and tribulations."

"And, you know my father, right?" asked Greg, only half joking.

Jim Leal has been active in veterans rights



for years, appearing before a variety of boards in Fairhaven and other municipalities for a variety of causes. He was instrumental in getting the Veterans Day parade in Fairhaven started and there would not be a Korean War Memorial in New Bedford without the efforts of Jimmy Leal.

Ronnie Manzone served on the Select Board in Fairhaven during some of those years, and said in all the times that Mr. Leal went before the board, "He never went there for himself."



TOP: LEFT Jim Leal (seated) and his wife Dolores (RIGHT) celebrate their 70th anniversary with two of their great grandchildren, Kiley (with Jim) and Avery (with Dolores) on 4/24/22. MIDDLE: Jim and Dolores are joined by Jim's sisters (L-R) Eva and Palmira. ABOVE LEFT: Jim and Dolores are joined by their grandchildren, L-R: Amy, Josh, Amanda, Megan, and Tori. ABOVE RIGHT: Jim and Dolores with their children, L-R: Lori, Greg, Robert. Photos by Beth David.

# Neighb News wins two awards at NENPA banquet



The *Neighb News* won two awards in the New England Newspaper and Press Association's Better Newspaper competition for journalism in the weeklies under 5,000 category, at the awards banquet on Saturday, 4/30/22. Editor Beth David and former reporter Jean Perry took first place for government reporting for their story, "Graves Named Interim TA Despite Concerns," that ran on 1/14/21. "Fairhaven residents can thank Beth David for doing the work town officials should have done," the judges wrote. "David dug into the shaky financial history of the interim town administrator with solid reporting and good writing. Bonus points for providing the full text of the subject's full responses at the end of the story."

Margie Green Joseph took a third place in the Feature Photo category for weeklies for her picture of a kiteboarder at Town Beach that ran on 10/8/20, with the headline "Taking advantage of a warm October afternoon."

The competition drew nearly 2,000 entries that were published between 8/1/20 and 7/31/21. All results are available at [nenpa.com](http://nenpa.com)

TOP LEFT, L-R: *Neighb News* Editor Beth David and reporter Jean Perry pose with the first place prize they received for government reporting at the New England Newspaper and Press Association journalism awards banquet on 4/30/22. *Photo courtesy of NENPA.* TOP RIGHT: Margie Green Joseph holds up her third place award in the Feature Photo category for weeklies. *Photo by Beth David.* LEFT: Margie's winning photo that ran on 10/8/20.

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Ukraine Flags Support DWB

Brewer Banner, 77 Forest St., New Bedford, is sewing up Ukraine flags every day and have been a bit overwhelmed by the number of people wishing to show solidarity with Ukraine.

We are donating 1/2 of the purchase price for each Ukraine flag we sell during this campaign to Doctors Without Borders. This represents much more than just our profit for the sale so the customers are donating and so are we. We have already donated \$5000.00 to Doctors Without Borders. It is a small thing we can do together to support the Ukrainian people who are being unbelievably brave.

Call 508 996-6006, or email [info@brewerbanner.com](mailto:info@brewerbanner.com)

## 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](http://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](http://vaxnb.com) for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

**Fri., 5/6:** 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., 5/7:** Andrea McCoy Recrea-

tion Center (181 Hillman St.) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

**Mon., 5/9** Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 3 p.m. to 7 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](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test). Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

**Sun., 5/8:** Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Tues., 5/10:** Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

## Walking Tour

**Detour- Exploring the People and Places of Historic New Bedford** will take place on AHA! Nights every **second Thursday in May, June, July, August and September from 6:00pm to 7:00pm** unless otherwise stated. This series is made possible by the generous support of the New Bedford Local Cultural Council.

Previous tours may be viewed on the NBPS YouTube channel <https://m.youtube.com/user/NBPreservation>

NPBS also have mobile friendly walking tours on the app PocketSights. Download the app to your smart phone and search for zip code 02740 and scroll down until you reach "New Bedford Pathways."

The Hawthorne Street neighborhood is one of the premier residential areas of New Bedford. Developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries it is one of the most traveled and recognized streets in the city. Gather at the St Luke's Parking Lot, Corner of Page and Hawthorn Streets.

**VIP IV Walking Tour - Notable People in New Bedford History June 9, 2022** This Walking Tour will highlight people as well as places significant in the development of New Bedford.

2022. Gather at the James Arnold Mansion 427 County Street.

## Bike Run

**Ride for Homes Motorcylce 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, guineau pic 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.

## Mother's Day 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," ssaid 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."

## Newport Pride FR

Wed., 5/11, Newport Pride RI Fundriaser, Jane Pickens Theater, 49 Touro St., Newport, RI, 6-9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$28-\$75.

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New England Antique Tractor & Truck Association Spring Show at Silverbrook Farm, 934 Main St., Acushnet, Sat., 5/14 (rain date 5/15), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring flea market/swap meat, antique tractor & truck show, wagon rides, tractor games, plowing demonstration, food and fun for everyone. Admission: Cash or non perishable food donation to the Shepherd's Pantry. No pets (service dogs only).

Vendor space, \$30 for non members, \$20 for members. Call Jerry Baker, 508-269-8304. NETTA EDGE & TA Branch 256.

## Spring Arts Festival

Two fascinating perspectives on local and regional history through the unique lens of the arts will be offered at the Marion Art Center during the SouthCoast Spring Arts festival May 12 and 15.

On May 12, the MAC partners with Friends of the Blackstone, a nonprofit environmental organization supporting the Blackstone River, for a screening of their new short film, Kittacuck Speaks. Instead of the

dominant, industrially focused narrative about the Blackstone River, called Kittacuck by Native Americans, the film presents a story told by the river itself. Kittacuck Speaks was written and narrated by Nipmuc tribe member Bruce Curliss, with videography and editing by Gian Mancini. At the event, attendees will meet film directors Vincent Mancini and John Marsland and learn what it means to maintain a Blue Mind, a concept developed by Dr. Wallace J. Nichols, in which we become stewards of our planet and live in harmony with the natural world. The screening and conversation will take place from 7:00-8:00PM and tickets are \$5.

On May 15 the Marion Art Center partners with the Sippican Historical Society to present "The Arts in Marion's Gilded Age" from 4:00 to 5:00PM. In the late 1800's Marion became a summer gathering place for artists, writers, actors, musicians, architects, and intellectual luminaries. At this panel discussion, our local experts, Wendy Bidstrup, Nancy Mitton, Judith Rosbe, and Meg Steinberg, will bring to light some of the characters who made up this lively scene, including Cecil Clark Davis, Charles Dana Gibson, Henry James, Mark Twain, Century Magazine editor Richard Watson Gilder, and architects H.H. Richardson and Stanford White. UMass Dartmouth professor and art historian Catherine Moran will set the stage with an overview of the Gilded Age in America. A question-and-answer session follows the presentations. Tickets are \$5.

Tickets for all SouthCoast Spring Arts @ the MAC events are available at [marionartcenter.org/scspringarts](http://marionartcenter.org/scspringarts). SouthCoast Spring Arts (SCSA) is a 10-day festival connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural experiences in communities from Fall River to Wareham. More than two dozen local cultural organizations, as well as artists and creative entrepreneurs, have come together for SCSA to celebrate the arts across the SouthCoast region May 6-15. For more information, go to [southcoastspringarts.org](http://southcoastspringarts.org).

See all upcoming MAC events at [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org).

# Recipe of the Week

## Earthquake Cake

- 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 (18.25-ounce) package German chocolate cake mix, plus the ingredients called for in the package instructions
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350°

Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan. Spread the coconut and pecans in the bottom of the baking pan.

Prepare the chocolate cake mix according to package instructions. Pour the batter over the coconut and pecans.

In a large bowl, beat together the butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy.

Add the powdered sugar and vanilla into the cream cheese mixture, beating until smooth.

Drop spoonfuls of the cream cheese mixture over the cake batter. The final result should look spotted.

Bake the cake for 50 minutes.

Allow the Earthquake Cake to cool completely before serving.

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# Dear Frankie



## Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

*Dear Frankie,*  
This summer, my family is going on a road trip to the National Parks for six weeks. They are renting a big camper that has enough beds for my

parents, my two siblings, and me. I have never been to the Grand Canyon, so I was really excited when I learned about the trip. The other night I heard my mom and dad discussing if it was a good idea to leave me in the camper all day when they were out touring.

My dad said he thought it would be fine since the camper had AC and a TV, and they could leave me water and a snack. My mom wasn't convinced; she thought I might be scared and lonely being on my own day after day. She said she called my Nana to ask if I could stay with her. My Nana told her she was pleased to have the company.

They decided they would discuss the options with me and let me decide what I wanted to do. I love being with my family and was psyched about traveling in a camper. But being inside during the day watching TV in an air-conditioned metal box is my idea of nothing.

On the other paw, staying at my Nana's has many perks. She lets me sit with her on the couch, choose what I want for a treat, and come and go into the yard whenever I want. She can't throw the ball or play with me

like she used to because of her walker.

Nana also goes to bed at 7 o'clock. So, I'll be by myself until 10, when I usually hit the hay. What do you think I should do, Frankie?

*Tobey*

*Dear Tobey,*

I say go to your Nana's. Here's why: being cooped up in a small space for hours can be very stressful. Think about it, what's your day going to be like. Waiting, pacing, sniffing, and wondering, is that their car? It doesn't sound like a good time to me.

In contrast, you can go in and out at your Nana's, sit with her on the couch, and choose your treats.

Look, I'm not saying it's a dream vacation. I know you will miss your family and playing with your sibs, but it's only for six weeks. Maybe this is the summer you get to do all those things you have been meaning to do — read dog adventure books, start a canine blog, or learn to play poker and teach Nana. You never know. You might walk away with a bit of pocket change.

In sum, make the best of it. I would, however, request a nightly call from the family; that's the least they can do under the circumstances.

*Best, Frankie*

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# Cherry Blossom Festival showcases Japanese culture

By Beth David  
Editor

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival, not held for two years because of the pandemic, was back in full force on Sunday, 5/1/22. Organized by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, the festival showcases Japanese culture and highlights the special relationship Fairhaven has with Japan dating back more than 180 years.

In 1841 young Manjiro, 14, was stranded on an island with four others while fishing off the coast of Japan, where they were rescued by Captain William Whitfield of the whaling ship John Howland. Manjiro returned to Fairhaven with the ship in 1843, and is believed to be the first Japanese person to live in the United States. Japan was a closed society in the 1840s.

Eventually, Manjiro returned to Japan, risking arrest because he had lived out of the country. He became instrumental in opening up Japan to the west. He achieved a heightened status and became Manjiro Nakahama, earning a last name.

The house at 11 Cherry Street in Fairhaven is believed to be the first place that young Manjiro laid his head to sleep on U.S. soil. The house is now home to the WMFS and is a museum.

Fairhaven also has a sister-city relationship with Manjiro's home town, now called Tosashimizu. The two towns alternate hosting the Manjiro Festival each year. Due to the pandemic, the festival was not held in

2021. It seems to be on track for October of 2023 in Fairhaven.

The Nakahamas and Whitfields still maintain their family ties and will often travel to the Manjiro Festivals.

On Sunday, attendees could tour the museum for free, witness origami, have their names written in Japanese, listen and watch a taiko drumming concert, and see an Aikido demonstration. Exhibits in the museum included a kimono display, documents of Manjiro's story, raffles, and a flower arranging display.

"This is fantastic," said WMFS President and CEO Gerry Rooney, noting the perfect weather and the presence of the Consul General of Japan, all five Select Board members, and Rep. Bill Straus, along with about 100 members of the public enjoying the activities.

Mr. Rooney said the focus of the WMFS is to get the cultural center completed. The carriage house in the back is being renovated to include classrooms, a kitchen, reception area, and will be fully ADA compliant. Funding has been slow, though, but the project is coming along. Funds from the Community Preservation Act, Mass. Cultural Council, and private funds are being used.

Ann Regan and Cassandra Roland said they enjoy local history.

"She was excited to show me the house and the history," said Ms. Roland. "I love things like this."

She said she remembers her grandmother in Virginia having a stove like the one in the museum.

Ms. Regan said she has close



relatives who live in Japan so she is especially interested in the Manjiro story.

Other people just oohed and aahed as they walked around.

"This is so awesome," said Susan Wood.

The opening ceremony included remarks by President and CEO of the WMFS Gerry Rooney; Fairhaven Select Board chairperson Stasia Powers, and Consul General of Japan Setsuo Omori.

Learn more about Manjiro's extraordinary story and the Manjiro Trail at <https://whitfield-manjiro.org>. All tours of the museum are by appointment only. Call 508-858-5303 or 508-995-1219, or email Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org.

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at <https://fairhaventours.com> for information on the self-guided Manjiro Trail.



TOP, ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Shin Daiko Japanese drumming group perform on Cherry Street in front of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society Museum during the Cherry Blossom Festival on 5/1/22. ABOVE RIGHT: Joshua Hatcher, an instructor with Aikido of Bristol County, demonstrates use of the long pole against an opponent with a samurai sword at a demonstration during the Cherry Blossom Festival. *Photos by Beth David.*

# Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball opens season

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball opened its season with the traditional parade along Main Street in Acushnet to Knox Field in Pope Park on Saturday, 4/30/22. With a little bit of speechmaking, a little bit of horseplay, and a little bit of serious discussion, the kids got off to a good start with a bright and sunny day.

Emcee Tony Ramous told the crowd that FAYB was the “best league in New England.”

“This is baseball,” he told the players, and where they will make memories for a lifetime.

David Wojnar took the mike to recognize the Fabian family, which donated three defibrillators in honor of Jake Fabian, who died at the age of 28 from heart failure, even though he

was an athlete.

This year, the Volunteer of the Year award was renamed for Dan Nault award in honor of all he’s done over the years. Chad Leclair became the first recipient of the Dan Nault Volunteer of the Year award.

Fairhaven Select Board chairperson Stasia Powers said players learn many lessons in life. She said her dad, who recently passed away, coached her.

“I was awful,” said Ms. Powers. “But I loved it.”

She said it taught her the importance of being part of a team

Acushnet Selectboard chairperson David Desroches said everyone has dreams, some want to go to the Big Leagues, and...well, everyone had to start somewhere.

“It’s all about having fun,” said Mr.

Desroches.

“Parents don’t put pressure on the kids, it’s little league. Kids, listen to your coaches,” said Mr. Desroches. “It’s all about having fun, not winning or losing.”

League president Jay Williams thanked the volunteers, sponsors and town boards for making it all possible.

He said it is a burden and is time away from family.

“But it’s an investment in our children,” said Mr. Williams.

Lily Fontaine sang the national anthem, and...she NAILED it.

Visit [www.fayb.org](http://www.fayb.org) to learn more about the league and schedules, or find them on Facebook. Games are played at Pope Park in Acushnet, and the Shaw Road Baseball Complex in Fairhaven.



ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Varsity Club team march along Main Street to Pope Park in Acushnet on opening day of the Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball league on 4/30/22. ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Chad Leclair receives the Dan Nault Volunteer of the Year Award from Matt Ponte during the opening day ceremony. BELOW RIGHT: Chris Vardo receives the Lifetime Achievement award from Matt Ponte. BELOW RIGHT: Members of the Koopman Lumber team march in the parade. *Photos by Beth David.*



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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 participate should have: (maximum number of participants 10 per class). Computer knowledge ratings: 0, Basic/Novice; 1, intermediate; 2, Advanced beginner; 3, Advanced; 4, Expert.

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# Acushnet candidates face off

By Paula Charbonneau

Neighb News Correspondent

Acushnet Lions Club hosted the town's first candidates night in two years. Candidates fielded questions from an audience of about 50 people, asked by local radio personality Phil Paleologos who emceed.

Incumbent Selectboard Chairperson David Desroches opened the Selectboard segment saying he was seeking a second term because the work is not done, and cited many projects in the works including South Main Street improvements and ongoing negotiations with PJ Keating.

Challenger Robert J. Hinkley said he wanted to serve the town and get townspeople involved. He first mentioned a focus on some infrastructure issues and education.

Voters asked where the candidates stood on issues like the solar farm moratorium or the MBTA impact on South Main Street and Slocum Street. Residents also wanted to know about the ongoing issues with PJ Keating and employee retention in town departments.

Mr. Desroches assured voters that the town boards were collaboratively working on all the concerns and outlined tentative plans with the state for Sout Main Street, as well as supporting the solar farm moratorium. Hinkley agreed, 19 solar farms were enough.

On PJ Keating Mr. Hinkley said the corporation has to come into compliance and he would work hard with people to assure compliance. Mr. Desroches pointed to the compli-

cated negotiations in place saying the new town administrator has been a great help in restarting the process in earnest.

On retaining town employees, Mr. Desroches said he understands but Acushnet salaries are lower than most towns.

He admitted it had been a challenge and in the past mistakes were made. Mr. Hinkley said he would like to see an environment where the town employees feel safe and valued.

Both candidates ended with an appeal to voters to become involved.

In the Board of Health race, incumbent Thomas Fortin faced challenger Douglas Thomas.

Mr. Fortin cited his 36 years of experience with the board and listed some accomplishments and plans. Mr. Thomas said he wanted to challenge Mr. Fortin because he had issues with an agreement the town has with the Fairhaven Visiting Nurse Association. Mr. Thomas questioned why the board did not use them during the COVID response.

Mr. Fortin assured voters that his board coordinated daily with the state and the town's EMS during the pandemic. Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher was instrumental and in agreement with all the work his department and the EMS did on behalf of the town. Everything the board did was according to state guidelines. Mr. Fortin did not fail to mention how difficult the task was.



TOP L-R: Acushnet Board of Health incumbent Thomas Fortin listens as challenger Douglas Thomas answers a question during the Acushnet candidates night sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club on 5/3/22 at the Council on Aging/Senior Center. ABOVE, L-R Selectboard incumbent David Desroches listens while challenger Robert Hinkley answers a question. Screenshots from Acushnet Cable TV video.



talked about the accomplishments they and the school committee have achieved. Ms. Gomes has 12 years experience with the Acushnet School system and seven years on the school committee. Ms. Downing is running for a second term.

During their time on the committee both have worked to hire a new superintendent and revitalize the curriculum. Ms. Gomes said originally there was no line item in the budget for curriculum. She said she was shocked and assured parents there was now a line item in the budget for curriculum.

Acushnet voters will head to the polls Saturday, March 14th. All precincts will vote at the Acushnet Elementary School. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 6 PM.

An uncontested Mark P Francois is running for a Planning Commission seat for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 17th 2025.

Candidates for reelection include Liberio DaSilva Soares for a three year assessor term, Jennifer S. Downing and Sarah Gomes for two three-year school committee seats, Charlene Fortin for a three-year seat on the cemetery board, and Stephanie Vonjess for a five-year housing authority seat.

The ballot will show no candidates for a three year Commissioner of Trust Funds seat, a five year Planning commission seat, and two vacancies for three years as a Library Trustee and a three year park commissioner term.

Anyone who wants to run a write-in campaign should contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0215.

The candidates night is available for viewing on the town's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBnPHXUTucc>

# Acushnet Annual Town Meeting is Monday

By Beth David

Editor

Acushnet will hold its annual Town Meeting on Monday, 5/9, at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, beginning at 7 p.m. Acushnet has an open TM, meaning any registered voter in Acushnet can attend and vote on articles.

TM will decide on 27 town meeting articles, a \$33.3 million operating budget, and more than \$900K in spending from articles that will come from a variety of sources, including free cash and enterprise accounts. Those are funds earmarked for specific departments, such as water and sewer fees going to pay for water and sewer related projects.

Town Meeting will also be asked to place a moratorium on solar farms in town. The town currently has 20 approved large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations completed or under construction, according to the TM warrant.

"These projects have involved significant clear cutting of trees and ground vegetation and have been located in close proximity to abutting residential neighborhoods," reads the information in article 24. "An installation in an abutting town has made clear the threat of further solar development in Acushnet to scenic

vistas and recreational areas."

The article says that the high demand for large solar farms could change the face of the town.

"The Town needs time to consider and study the future implications and impact of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations upon the Town as a whole, as well as the consistency of the already completed solar facilities with the Town's current and future planning goals, and adopt regulation accordingly," it reads.

The moratorium would be for 6 months. It requires a 2/3 vote from Town Meeting.

The largest capital improvement project request is by the fire department, looking for \$320,000 from ambulance receipt funds for new breathing apparatus.

Other capital improvement projects include a request from the public works department for \$280,000 from free cash to buy a 10-wheel sander/ plow truck.

The DPW is also requesting \$50,000 from free cash for a slide-in sander to be able to use a snow truck for sanding as well.

The police department is asking for \$86,400 from free cash to buy tasers, noting that the present equipment is out of date and the manufacturer recommends replacement.

The PD is also requested \$9,500 from free cash for a new computer workstation and software.

The School Department has two requests from free cash: \$15,000 for roof preventive maintenance, and \$45,000 for repair and installation of new surface to parking lots. The DPW will provide labor for the parking lot work.

Emergency Management is also seeking some funds from free cash: \$16,000 for anew gas furnace and associated duct work. The old furnace is failing.

Requests for Community Preservation Act funds total \$88,750. The Historical Commission is seeking \$3,500 for fencing replacement at the Long Plain Museum; \$23,250 for storm windows at the Long Plain Museum; and \$42,000 to finish the interior of the Perry Hill Church, funds in addition to \$38,208 already used.

The Parks Commission is also seeking \$20,000 in CPC funds for improvements to Pope Park, to purchase and install new basketball equipment, paint resurfaced court, install trash receptacles and "doggie stations."

The warrant is available on the Town Clerk's website: <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/news/town-meeting-warrant>

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## Greetings from the Tree Warden

*Submitted by Don C. Collasius,  
Fairhaven Tree Warden*

April is our busiest month. But this is a great busy. Aside from the responses to requests for services, and occasional emergency responses we are planting trees, and that's the happiest thing we do. As I write this we have planted 50 in 3 weeks and we hope to put in almost 20 more by mid-May. If you would like a tree near you please reach out and let me know. We hope to plant 50 more in November.

Every tree we plant is important, but one really cool location this Spring is the High School, partly because of the magnificent setting, two trees one either side of the flag pole directly in front of the school (see page 19). But mostly because a class of biologists from the school helped select the trees and participated in the planting of them on Arbor Day.

Getting our youth involved with

tree stewardship is such a great investment in a green future. With the advent of acknowledged climate change and the fact that trees store carbon and actively cool a geographic area, getting these leaders of our future involved is crucial to a green cooler future for us all.

The Tree Department continues to work in our parks to remove dead/high risk trees and limbs. We will also be planting some trees in Livesey Park with money donated to the Tree Gift Memorial Fund.

Residents and former residents all the way from California have donated funds in order to plant trees in memory of a loved one, and also in honor of the living. It's about \$300 to buy and plant a tree but all donations are welcome. We do our planting in April through early May and November. I'm hoping to put some trees in to honor our veterans this coming Veterans Day. I'm looking for input as

to where and what to plant. Drop me a line at 508-922-1222 if you have an idea or two.

The Tree Department is in the early stages of surveying the town's 110 miles of roadways looking for high risk trees. If you see something that looks like a potential problem please let me know. If you would like to be involved with taking care of our tree canopy please reach out. We need folks to water, weed, mulch, plant and so forth. There are tasks for every age and physical ability.

Lastly please don't volcano mulch trees. Google it. I've seen professionals do it and it kills trees over time. Putting anything around the base of a tree can do harm if done incorrectly. String trimming the bark off of a tree will harm it as well. Young trees are delicate like kids. With a little love they thrive.

Thanks and be green.

# Obituary



## Florence Roseman

Florence E. (Souza) Roseman, 82, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at Alden Court in Fairhaven. She was the wife of the late Leo

“Bernie” Roseman with whom she shared 22 years of marriage and former wife of Gilbert F. Oliveira.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Joseph L. and Evelyn

Florence (Bramwell) Souza, she had resided in Fairhaven for most of her life.

Mrs. Roseman was a talented seamstress and the proprietor of Flo’s Alterations on Washington Street and Fairhaven center for over 40 years.

Florence was a member of the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA).

She cherished her family and was a devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother.

She also enjoyed square dancing and traveling.

She is survived by her son, Gilbert F. Oliveira, Jr. of New Bedford; her daughter, Cheryl A. Farrow and husband James Farrow of Williamstown, NJ; and grandchildren Jeffrey and Jessica Oliveira, Jace and Devin Farrow; and many nieces and

nephews. She is also survived by Bernie’s children, Sandra Roseman, Joyce Hebert, Mark Roseman, Jinny Kimball and Noah Roseman and the late Alan Roseman; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Joseph L. Souza and Paul Souza.

Her Funeral Service will be held on May 6th at 1 p.m. in the Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn, 180 Washington St., Fairhaven. Visiting hours will be prior from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Florence’s memory to Dementia Society of America, Susan G Komen (New England).

For online tributes, please visit: [www.waring-sullivan.com](http://www.waring-sullivan.com)



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# Tree Warden and students plant trees for Arbor Day

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Tree Warden Don Collasius enlisted the help of biology students at Fairhaven High School to plant a couple of trees in front of the school on Arbor Day, 4/29/22. The students not only picked the species of tree, The Eastern Redbud, they helped plant them.

"These are the rock stars who got this done today," said Mr. Collasius at a short ceremony in front of the school. "You guys are awesome, you did a great job."

Mr. Collasius said the project came

about when the FHS Alumni Association asked about removing some overgrown shrub, and it grew into a planting project.

"Arbor Day is intended to acknowledge the importance of trees and their care," said Mr. Collasius, adding that with climate change, trees are recognized even more for their importance.

All around the world on Arbor Day, he said, people are doing the same thing: "And that's planting trees for their beauty, for their ability to store carbon and just to make the world a better place."

Mr. Collasius also thanked many people and organizations for making the day possible, including Eversource, which donated the trees.

The tree department planted 12 trees around town on Arbor Day, with the help of the public works department, which dug the holes.

Select Board Vice Chair Leon Correy and SB member Bob Espindola were also on hand for the event.

Mr. Correy thanked Mr. Collasius and the students who helped, saying it was "fun to watch" the students

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Fairhaven High School biology students help plant Eastern Redbud trees in front of FHS on Arbor Day, 4/29/22, working with the tree warden and the public works department. Photos by John Maciel for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.

## Bask gives away free fir trees for Arbor Day

By Beth David  
Editor

Bask, a locally owned Cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven, celebrated Arbor Day on 4/29/22 by handing out free tree seedlings to anyone who asked, no purchase necessary. This is the fifth year the company has held the "Free Trees" event.

By mid-afternoon, they had given away more than 500 trees, and were well on their way to giving away all 1,000. The company has given away nearly 5,000 trees through the program.

The Fraser Firs and Canaan Firs were just little baby seedlings, but they will grow into huge evergreens.

Bask bought the seedlings from the Mass. Tree Wardens Association, and the money contributes to their scholarship fund.

"This is so cute," said UMassD student Halie Davenport as she took a tree to plant. "I'm excited to plant the tree."

She said she did not know anything about planting trees, but she would learn.

Leslie Gomes of New Bedford also took a seedling to plant in her yard.

"Because I love our planet and just

want more trees and plants and happiness and wanting to breathe," said Ms. Gomes. "Saving the planet for future generations and because if we keep abusing it, it won't exist."

A steady stream of customers walked by on their way in or out of the dispensary, and some dropped in just to get the free trees. It was a

busy day for staff, but it was mostly sunny and mild, perfect for Arbor Day.

Bask is located at 2 Pequod Road in Fairhaven. Learn more at [www.cometobask.com](http://www.cometobask.com) or call 774-305-4749.



L-R: Sara Achorn and Ilena Rivard staff the table giving away free trees, while Security Director Gary Souza joins in for a quick photo opp at BASK cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven on Arbor Day, 4/29/22. Photo by Beth David.

# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## TOWN OF ACUSHNET



There will be an Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

David Desroches, Chairman  
David Wojnar  
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
5/5/22

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

(Public Hearing) NOI – Acushnet Company / 115 Manchester Lane A Notice of Intent was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34. The applicant proposes to construct a 55' X 110' visitors center with associated parking lot reconfiguration, utilities, subsurface sewage disposal system and stormwater management system within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name is "Test Facility Visitors Center prepared for Acushnet Company" dated April 26, 2022.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
FNN 5/5/22

## TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARING

This is to inform you that a hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 4:10 p.m. This hearing is on the petition of Verizon New England & Nstar d/b/a Eversource. Install two (2) JO poles, 120/8.5 and

120/8.5A, on either side of Main Street, which will be approximately 182' northeast from the centerline of Hill Street. Pole 120/8.5 will be installed in-line with and 64' north of existing pole 120/8 as well as 63' south of existing pole 120/9. Pole 120/8.5A will be located 36' across the street from the new Pole 120/8.5.

The installation of this intermediate pole is being requested to support the new gas station and convenience store being built at #158 Main Street.

Board of Selectmen  
David Desroches, Chairman  
David Wojnar, Member  
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member  
FNN 5/5/22

## Fairhaven Planning Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct two Public Hearings at beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 24, 2022.

The Planning Board Meeting and Public Hearings will be conducted both live and remotely and will be televised on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBmM2JPTXE0QT09>

or Telephone 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101; Password: 740257

• **SP 2022-05: Winslow Court Pier.** The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: SP 2022-05 – Winslow Court Pier. The applicant, Thomas Marshall, represented by Foth Engineering, is requesting approval through the Special Permit Public Hearing review process for a 123 foot long pier, ramp and floats at 2 and 8 Winslow Court (Map 12 Lots 9 and 10).

• **Text Amendment to Wind Energy Facilities Setbacks.** The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following text amendment to §198-29.5.B, the Wind Energy Facilities (WEF) Applicability section. The bylaw currently reads "Applicability. This section applies to all municipal and private utility-scale, on-site WEF, and small wind energy systems proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section, but not to facilities fully constructed prior to the adoption of this section." The proposal is to add the following sentence "... with the exception that no new residential structures shall be constructed within

the setbacks established in § 198-29.H (5) for new or existing Wind Energy Facilities."

• **SD 2022-01 – Alfred Street Unaccepted Street Discontinuance** The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Street Discontinuance application: **SD 2022-01 – Alfred Street Unaccepted Street Discontinuance.** The applicants, MIHI, LLC, represented by Christian Farland and Brian Murphy of Farland Corporation are requesting a Street Discontinuance for a portion of Alfred Street closest to Roy Street between Map 26 Lots 96, 110 and 121 in Fairhaven.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board  
FNN: 5/5/22, 5/12/22

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

The Fairhaven Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:10 PM at the Town Hall, Banquet Room, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. Purpose for this hearing is to consider approval for an application submitted for alteration of premise located at 200 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA02719. Applicant: Sarkis Enterprises, dba A&A Auto, Iskander Sarkis owner.

Stasia Powers  
Leon Correy III  
Robert Espindola  
Keith Silvia  
Charles Murphy  
FNN: 5/5/22

## 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, 5/5/22

## BPW: cont'd from page 4

issue he will try and make it right.

Mr. Wotton said he was willing to approve of Mr. Young being a contractor in town if he proves himself, and that the board could approve him on a probationary period of six months to a year, and very job Mr. Young does has to be inspected.

Mr. Wotton explained that before Mr. Young does work for anyone he must get a permit and pay for the application before each job.

The board voted unanimously to approve Elite Paving with a probationary period of one year.

In another matter the board discussed a new means for mattress pickups. Mr. Furtado said there is a new company called HandUp US LLC that will pickup good condition

mattresses from your home for \$40. Mr. Furtado said if the mattress is very dirty/been outside and is not in good condition they charge \$75.

Mr. Furtado said the company is working with ABC Disposal and with the City of New Bedford. He explained that the company recycles the mattresses. Residents can still use ABC Disposal for pickup but it costs \$100. Residents can also take mattresses to the BPW for \$40, but they must make an appointment.

Mr. Furtado said signing a contract with HandUp will just give residents another option.

The board voted unanimously to sign a contract with HandUp US LLC.

Mr. Hobson informed the board that landscaping needs to be done at Hoppy's Landing, and the Marine

Resources Committee does not have the money or resources to get it done. He asked if BPW could send crew there to cut the grass.

Mr. Wotton agreed and said everywhere in town needs to be cut and landscaped, and the town just cut the budget. He said everyone has established the budgets for the upcoming year, and now the budgets have been cut. Now the BPW does not have enough money for everything.

Mr. Furtado said supplies needing to be purchased also cost more now, so it hurts the budget even more. He noted it is happening everywhere.

Mr. Wotton said the BPW will do their best to get everything cut and landscaped including Hoppy's Landing.

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plant the trees.

"As a coastal town the environment does so much for us," said Mr. Correy. "It's what we admire, it's what we live with and what we appreciate."

He said it also brings in otehr people: "They admire what we have."

He then told everyone to go out and plant something for Arbor Day.

Fairhaven Cable Access TV covered the event which can be viewed at <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/arbor-day-2022>

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/3, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

#### 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.

#### Office Hours

Select Board member Stasia Powers:

Last Wed. of the month  
via Zoom, Noon-1 p.m.

Select Board member Bob Espindola

First Tues. of Month  
via Zoom, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/select-board-office-hour-for-zoom-links>

#### 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

#### Election

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.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	Apr. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	0702	1922	0142	1338
Friday	29	0742	2001	0229	1358
Saturday	30	0822	2040	0311	1406
	May 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0903	2120	0335	1429
Monday	2	0944	2201	0331	1501
Tuesday	3	1025	2242	0348	1535
Wednesday	4	1107	2324	0416	1611
Thursday	5	1153	----	0448	1647

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

### Bridge Street is Perfect for Recycle Center

Not too many years ago, the Fairhaven public works department requested the Staffon property on Alden Road for a new recycle center. It was a perfect fit. The public works department has to get the recycle center out of Arsene Street to make room for much needed and long awaited major upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant.

The Select Board instead voted to sell the property at that time. Not much foresight there!

Now, public works has been planning to move to the old landfill on Bridge Street to a new recycle center — another perfect fit, but someone has come up with an idea to put a new safety complex at the same spot.

**WRONG, WRONG, WRONG.**

The public works department needs this area, all of it! That's the priority. This spot is much too small for both, and the traffic would end up being a disaster.

Our public works superintendent is highly competent, but he's no

magician that can wave a magic wand and come up with another few town properties to choose from. We wouldn't want to lose him to another town out of frustration because a short-sighted Select Board voted to wow town residents and surrounding towns with a flashy new safety complex.

The priority is moving the recycle center. The safety complex is going to have to wait their turn.

*Sallie Johnson, Fairhaven*

### May 14 is NALC Food Drive

For the first time in three years, since Covid-19, the U.S. Postal Service, in conjunction with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), will restart the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive campaign on the second Saturday in May. Since its inception in 1993, this biggest one day food drive in this country, if not the world, where it has garnered billions of pounds of food for the needy, will continue on May 14. This annual event helps fill the shelves of local pantries that, at this time of year, need it most. During the week of May 8, postcards will be

delivered to help remind you of this very important opportunity to help out the less fortunate in your area.

What you need to do is check your pantry shelves and cupboards and choose non-expired, non-perishable food items and leave it out by your mailbox or on your porch, by 8 a.m., on the morning of May 14. Your letter carrier or helper, will do the rest. It's that simple.

If you want to find out more about this very successful endeavor, please go online at [www.nalc.org/fooddrive](http://www.nalc.org/fooddrive).

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*Gerry Payette, Letter Carrier (retired),  
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