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

Acushnet Town Meeting draws huge crowd



The Ford Middle School in Acushnet has full house for Acushnet's annual Town Meeting on 3/9/22, more than 560 voters attending to vote on the town's budget, bylaws changes, and other items. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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

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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Here we go again. Another crazy barely-made-deadline week. Apologies to the Fairhaven Selectboard. You were supposed to be on page 3, but, alas, time got away from me.

Catch up next week, okay?

Acushnet Town Meeting was just waaaay too much fun. Had to give that some good detail. Honestly, if you have chance to watch it, please do. I didn't have room for the quotable quotes, but, there were definitely a few.

There's some fun stuff in here, too. I think Margie is trying to get another award. See page 6 for some super cool pictures of a momma fox and her kits.

We have some sad news this week, too. Former Select Board member Dan Freitas died unexpectedly. It's always sad when someone so young dies. He has a couple of daughters who are about in their 20s I think by now. Dan's brother Eddie gave some emotion-laced detail on his Facebook page about Dan's death. I included a little of that. Just enough to let people know what happened. I know Dan and I didn't get along, but that was all about town business. This is a personal tragedy and it is sad any way you look at it.

There's more in here of course. You'll have to thumb through and see for yourself.

The big food drive with the USPS is this week (see page 5), and all the events are starting up.

Be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neigh News*.

Until next week then,
see ya

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Beth David, Publisher

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Former Select Board member Daniel Freitas dead at 52

By Beth David
Editor

Former Fairhaven Select Board member Dan Freitas was taken off life support on Sunday, 5/8, just one day shy of his 53rd birthday according to a Facebook post by his brother Eddie. The Fairhaven Select Board held a moment of silence for him at their meeting on Monday, 5/9.

According to Mr. Freitas's FB post,

Dan called 911 because he was having trouble breathing. Paramedics were able to bring him back, but he had been "down" too long, he wrote, "He suffered catastrophic brain injury."

"It's not much of a secret that Danny had a drug addiction problem. Kudos to those who knew and offered support rather than use the time to attack," wrote Mr. Freitas.

He said Dan had hurt his back

while at work, helping his coworkers clean off snow from their cars. The doctor prescribed pain medication and, "The rest is history."

"There was no overdose. He never overdosed. Despite what is being put out there, there was no overdose," wrote Mr. Freitas.

He said his brother's organs were donated.

Walking tours top start back up soon

Poverty Point Walking Tour

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Starts at Cooke Memorial Park,
Pilgrim Ave. (Parking on west side of
Cherry St. and south side of Pilgrim
Ave.)

A revised and updated walk along a new tour route in the oldest village area in present-day Fairhaven. This area, once known as Oxford Village got the nickname Poverty Point around 1810, but the downturn of fortune was short-lived. Hear about the old burial ground and the mysterious human remains dug up in 1902. See what was once called "the most pretentious dwelling in the village." Learn about the first Japanese person to live in America, the first man to sail around the world alone, the founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the woman who had a school named after her while she was still its principal. Guide: Christopher Richard. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Free.

Note: Parking is allowed on the west side of Cherry Street and on the south side of Pilgrim Ave.

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour

Tuesday and Thursday mornings,
10:00 a.m. beginning of June through
end of September. Tours begin
outside the Town Hall, 40 Center
Street, Fairhaven. Tours are held
weather permitting.

This walk outlines the life of Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent public buildings that he donated to his hometown. You'll stop at several at several locations in the village area where one of the nation's most powerful businessmen grew up while you learn about his boyhood, rise to riches, and the gifts he bestowed on

Fairhaven. The tour will include visits inside the Town Hall and the Millicent Library. It is held weather permitting. Free.

Tuesday tours guided by Bob Foster. Thursday tours guided by Chris Richard.

For self-guided tour sheets and a 30-minute video, visit <https://fairhaventours.com/henry-h-rogers-walking-tour-2021/>

A 30-minute video was created in May 2020 for those who prefer to view on their own.

Fairhaven High School

12 Huttleston Avenue, Route 6.
Tour dates in 2022: Saturday, 6/25, 10
a.m. and 12 noon; Wednesday, 6/29,
10 a.m.; Fri., 7/8, 1 a.m.; Fri., 7/15, 10
a.m.; Fri., 7/22, 10 a.m.

Tour the "Castle on the Hill," which was donated to the town in 1906 by Fairhaven's famous philanthropist Henry Huttleston Rogers. All tours will be conducted by FHS Alumni Association President Bob Foster and will meet in the Rotunda at the front of the building on the Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) side of the building. The tour goers will explore the beautiful rooms, auditorium and gymnasium of the 1906 building designed by Boston architect Charles Brigham. In 2017 Architecture Digest named Fairhaven High School the most beautiful high school in Massachusetts, and many would say the most beautiful in the United States. Admission is free. The building is handicap accessible, but not all parts of the tour may be. Sponsored by the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association. For more information, email info@fairhavenalumni.org or call Bob at 508-965-1399.

Visit the FHS Alumni Association website: <http://fairhavenalumni.org>

*The following tours are presented by
the Fairhaven Office of Tourism*

The Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main St., Fairhaven, has brochures and other written material available about the following tours. Stop by or call 508-979-4085, or visit <https://fairhaventours.com/>

Riverside Cemetery Evening Tour

274 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA,
Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Limit 12 people. Reservations required. Email 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, 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.

See our Riverside Cemetery pages to "visit" online: <https://fairhaventours.com/riverside-cemetery/>

A brochure and map highlighting some of the prominent burial sites can be downloaded as a PDF here: <https://fairhaventours.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Riverside-Reordered-2019.pdf>

Fairhaven's Bob McConnell launches GOP bid to unseat Straus

Press Release

Bob McConnell of Fairhaven has acquired the required certified signatures to be on the November 6th ballot as the Republican candidate for the 10th Bristol State Representative seat.

One clear reason McConnell gives as his motivation to serve is the fact that Massachusetts is sadly in last place for contested political elections. It's reported that 73% of state wide elections in 2020 went unopposed.

Candidate McConnell had intentionally made announcement of his candidacy accompanied by G.O.P. chairman Jim Lyons at the March 12th Monument Beach training event.

McConnell declares, "An unopposed election is not going to happen in the 10th Bristol District this year. The incumbent has held office since 1992. This year the 43,142 citizens of the 10th Bristol will have a choice."

- Unrestrained, unsustainable Beacon Hill spending OR conservative, transparent fiscal responsibility.
- Disastrous sanctuary city policies, political scofflaws of Federal immigration law OR support and enforcement of Federal immigration laws.
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Police reform legislation OR safe communities and respect and support of our law enforcement professionals.

- Filthy roadways, unsafe disgraceful condition of roads, bridges and tunnels OR unlit, well maintained, illuminated and safe roadway infrastructure.
- Permanent mail-in voting, same-day voter registration OR voter integrity and voter ID legislation.

These are all very concerning issues which have been created by a super majority one party controlled Democrat legislature.

Bob McConnell states he feels compelled to seek elected office because he hears the apathy, general disapproval, hopelessness and frustration of family, friends and neighbors.

Bob McConnell is a 25-year home owning Fairhaven resident. He is the proud father of two sons, Owen Henry and Liam Crawford, and now a beautiful grandson Rowen Michael. Liam is a US Marine Afghanistan combat veteran and also former Correctional Officer with the Plymouth County Sheriff.

Bob McConnell is a 34-year Law Enforcement veteran currently a sworn Deputy Sheriff with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office.

Since 2014 he has been assigned to the Department of Homeland Security ICE teams, working with E.R.O enforcement removal operations.

During his long career at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office, Bob McConnell planned and organized many charitable events for the Massachusetts Special Olympics and the American Red Cross.

Bob McConnell has held a Massachusetts Nursing license since graduation from Boston City Hospital in 1982. He is an active member of the Acushnet Wesley Methodist Church, where he sings in the choir, teaches vacation Bible School and serves on the Administration Board.

He is an active member of the New Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club where he has worked with clean-up committees and has chaired the Turkey Shoot charitable event.

Currently, McConnell is an elected Town Meeting member, and current chair of the Fairhaven Republican Committee and will serve as its delegate to the State Convention later this month.

He welcomes any and all support and donations at: Committee to Elect Robert S. McConnell, 32 Abbey St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; Email at bristolbob1rep@gmail.com or call or text at 508-863-0416.

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Yard Sale/ACO

To benefit the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, on Sat., 5/14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Featuring cages and crates, water bowls, dog beds, toys. Lots of great affordable items. All proceeds go to the animal shelter.

Rotary Meat Raffle

Please join the Fairhaven Rotary for a meat raffle at the Bayside, 125 Sconticut 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

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 or call the pantry at 508-763-9289

Book Group

In 1965 a shy, intelligent 20 year old boy left his home in Massachusetts and drove to Maine and lived alone in the woods for 27 years without telling his family. Christopher Thomas Knight had no reason for his actions other than he didn't want to be around people.

In 2013 he was found and his time in the woods was ended. Based on interviews with Knight, journalist Michael Finkel wrote the bestselling book "Stranger in the Woods: Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit."

The book will be discussed at Fairhaven's Millicent library, 45 Center Street on Thursday May 19 at 10 a.m., in the library's meeting room accessible through the Walnut Street entrance.

The discussion is free and open to the public. The book is available at the library or visit www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health

millicentlibrary.org. Call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745

SAVE THE DATES:

Townwide Yard Sale

The Fairhaven town wide yard sale is set for May 21st with a rain day of the 22nd. Look back next week for a list of addresses. Meanwhile, find Cristina Lopes or Daniel Lopes on Facebook to get your house added.

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/huttlesto-n-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

Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia Revolutionary War Encampment, Saturday & Sunday, May 28 and 29. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to sunset, Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Cannon firing is Saturday evening at 7:45 p.m.

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia

Companies present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and see period activities such as tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more. At sunset on Saturday, about 6:45 p.m.) the fort's five large cannons will be fired.

Free admission. Accessible.

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://fairhavendroadrace.org> for details.

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, dlbcat@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 Deterra 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>

Here come the spring babies



The next generation of foxes have come out of hiding on West Island this family has six kits total, although we don't see all of them at once in this series of photos taken by Margie Green Joseph from 4/14/22 to 5/1



FHS Alum bikes cross country to 50th reunion

Courtesy of Fairhaven High School
Alumni Association

Gary Valerio '72 is heading to his 50 Year reunion in Fairhaven by an unusual method and route. Gary lives in Palmetto, FL with his fiancé Darla Donovan, but on April 1, 2022 he dipped his bicycle wheel (see photo) in the Pacific Ocean at his son Mark's home in Long Beach, CA, and he and Darla then embarked on a 3,000 mile bike ride across the United States. They plan to arrive in Fairhaven sometime in the latter part of June

and Gary will end his ride by dipping the wheel of his bike in the Atlantic Ocean at the West Island Town Beach. Gary's father Herb Valerio '51 is sure to be there as well.

Gary and Darla are riding to raise awareness and money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of Gary's sister Heidi's 28 year old daughter, Libby Montigny, who is managing this awful disease.

As of May 1st Gary and Darla had reached central Kansas and had raised 10% of their goal of \$100,000.



LEFT: Gary Valerio, a 1972 graduate of Fairhaven High School, dips the wheel of his bicycle in the Pacific Ocean in California, where he started his cross country trip. When he reaches Fairhaven, he will dip the wheel in the Atlantic Ocean in Fairhaven. Submitted photo via the Fairhaven Alumni Association.

RIGHT, L-R: Darla Donovan and Gary Valerio, pictured on their fundraising page, are bicycling cross country to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Photo from <https://p2p.onecause.com/fightcfwithbef/gary-valerio>

Darla began the ride with Gary, but is now in a support role.

Gary recently became affiliated with Team Boomer and the Boomer Esiason Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis. To donate, visit <https://p2p.onecause.com/fightcfwithbef/gary-valerio>.

Gary and Darla's progress can be tracked on this biking blog: <https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/directory/?o=3d2&user=garyvalerio&v=6>

You can also check out Gary Valerio on his Facebook page as well.



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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May 13, 5-8pm; May 14, 10am - 5pm ; May 15, 11am - 5pm. Hatch Street Studios, 88 & 90 Hatch Street in New Bedford's North End. Visit hatchstreetstudios.com

YTI Production

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For current COVID protocols, visit www.yourtheatre.org.

Concert

We're back! Greater New Bedford Choral Society presents a Spring Musicale, a choral program featuring works by Randall Thompson, Aaron Copland, Civil War songs, and more. The program, conducted by Music Director Raymond Buttero, will be presented on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3:00pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 884 Kempton Street, New Bedford MA 02740. Tickets are \$10; children under 12 are free with accompanying adult. Pay at the door by cash or check only; no advance

ticket sales. Doors open at 2:30pm.

COVID did its best to stop the music, but singers everywhere simply can't be muted. Our members come from New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet, and Rochester, and some have traveled even further. We are so happy to return to New Bedford to sing our hearts out with beloved musical selections from Randall Thompson's Frostiana, Aaron Copland's Old American Songbook, Civil War songs and some good old fashioned spirituals. We want our audience back too. For that reason, we have lowered the ticket price and chosen a Sunday afternoon to encourage families, seniors, couples, singles, young and old to join us in song. If you've missed us, please know that we've missed you too. Mark your calendars now.

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society is a non-profit organization that has been offering the best in choral arts to the greater New Bedford region for almost 60 years. We will be looking for new singers for our fall season. If you enjoy singing traditional and classical music, you'll appreciate our group which rehearses on Tuesday nights. No auditions required – all are welcome; speak with our Music Director after the concert or talk with any member. For donations, advertising, or further information, email info@gnbcs.org, check out www.gnbcs.org, or follow us on Facebook @Greater New Bedford Choral Society.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Email info@gnbcs.org or visit www.gnbcs.org

Speaker

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast will celebrate its Inaugural meeting with a special luncheon and distinguished speaker at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Korinn Petersen, Esq., vice president for Clean Water Advocacy at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will discuss her advocacy work on behalf of the Coalition in town halls, state,

and federal agencies, and in state and federal courts. Ms. Petersen's focus is the long-term sustainable use of Buzzards Bay by managing both local and regional projects designed to reduce nitrogen pollution from wastewater.

Ms. Petersen is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BS degree, cum laude, in Resource Economics. She received a Master of Studies in Environmental Law, cum laude, and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School.

Be a part of history, visit our website and help us unveil the League's new governance model at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast champions Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. As always, the League welcomes new members.

To register for the luncheon and program, contact the League at: lwsouthcoast@gmail.com by May 10, 2022. To view, the Luncheon/Banquet menu and cost go to: <https://wamsuttoclub.org/functions-banquets-weddings/>, scroll down to luncheons and banquets. A cash bar will be available.

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

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Perry Hill School

The Acushnet Historical Commission, a town board, is looking for pictures of the old Perry Hill School that once stood at the corner of Perry Hill Road and Mendall Road.

The school was originally built in 1814, then rebuilt in 1844. Then it was disassembled and the wood was used to build the American Legion Hall on Hope Street.

The Historical Commission has been searching high and low for a photo of the old school buildings. If anyone has one in their possession, or has a lead on where there may be one, contact Pauline Teixeira through Town Hall at 508-998-0200.

Antique Tractors

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. 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.

See all upcoming MAC events at marionartcenter.org.

Taste of Spring

Taste of Spring: 5-8 p.m., May 19, at Round the Bend Farm, South Dartmouth. Benefits Coastline Elderly. Enjoy locally-crafted beer and wine, 100% farm-fresh hors d'oeuvres, farm tour, silent auction, fire pit, and live music. Tickets are \$35, contact Christine Sullivan at 508-742-9132,

csullivan@coastlinenb.org or get online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-spring-tickets-314749332727>

Coastline is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides programs and resources to thousands of older and disabled adults across the Southcoast, helping them live healthy and socially connected lives.

Items Needed

Save the date! Cocktails by the Sea, the Marion Art Center's premier summer fundraiser, returns on Friday, July 29 from 5:30-9:00pm at 1 West Drive in Marion. The waterfront event will include a silent auction, open bar, light hors d'oeuvres, live music and more! Tickets, just \$95 per person, will go on sale in late May.

The MAC is seeking contributions for the silent auction to be held at the event. The fundraising committee is calling for high quality donations – artwork, jewelry, antique or unique items, experience packages, gift baskets, and more. To contribute, please call the MAC at 508-748-1266, or email info@marionartcenter.org.

Baby Items Needed

Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00am-12:00pm My Brother's Keeper will be hosting a Pop Your Trunk Spring Collection Drive for new Baby Items and Cleaning Supplies.

At My Brother's Keeper Dartmouth Building, 1015 Reed Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747. Participants can remain in their vehicles as staff/volunteers remove donations with a pop of the trunk.

Needed: diapers (sizes 1-6), baby wipes, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, hand soap, tooth paste and brushes, baby lotion, bar soap, disinfectant spray, and multi-surface cleaner.

This collection drive will support the organization's support of families with new baby items, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies. In addition to delivering cribs to families, My Brother's Keeper recognizes the expenses that come along with a baby. Our team of staff and volunteers deliver, diapers, wipes, and other baby essentials to those we serve. Personal hygiene and cleaning supplies are often

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Recipe of the Week

Creamy Steak Fettuccine

12 oz. fettuccine
1 lb. sirloin steak
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tbsp. butter
2 cloves, minced
2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
2 c. milk
1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley
1/2 c. freshly grated Parmesan
1 1/2 c. halved cherry tomatoes
4 c. baby spinach
Balsamic glaze, for drizzling

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions until al dente. Drain and set aside.

Coat both sides of steak with oil and season generously with salt and pepper. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook steak until your desired doneness, 4 minutes per side for medium rare. Transfer to a plate to let rest, 10 minutes, then thinly slice.

Meanwhile, make alfredo sauce: Add butter to skillet and let melt, then add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Whisk in flour and cook 1 minute more, then add milk and simmer until thickened, 5 minutes. Add parsley and Parmesan and season with salt and pepper. Add tomatoes and cook down 2 minutes.

Add cooked pasta to sauce and toss until coated, then add spinach and toss until wilted.

Top with sliced steak and drizzle with balsamic glaze.

From delish.com

Dear Frankie

War

Dear Frankie,
The other day everyone at the dog park talked about what was happening to the dogs in Ukraine.

Marco said thousands of families were leaving the country because



of the war. Those families with dogs had to leave them behind because animals weren't allowed on trains, buses, or airplanes.

Skipper said he heard some dogs were being rescued, but not all. I can't stop thinking about these dogs. What must it be like, being on their own, wondering when their family was coming back? And the ones who weren't rescued, how will they find food and a safe place to sleep?

I'm just heartsick. Don't humans know how brutal war is for dogs?

*Distraught
Allie*

Dear Allie,
In this day and age, you do wonder why humans would even consider

war as a possible solution for their problems? If ever there was a time when "Use your words" could have made a difference, it is now.

Can you imagine if beagles decided chihuahuas were traitors and took it upon themselves to attack and kill them? How long do you think the breeders would put up with that?

But who is the boss of the humans? Who do they listen to?

What gets me is that the dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and even the animals in the zoo, are the innocent victims of the humans' decisions, and they don't get any say in the matter.

Sometimes it's hard to understand why humans do and say the things they do. No matter the reason, war is a tragedy.

Best, Frankie

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Acushnet TM passes moratorium on solar; soil bylaw fails

By Beth David
Editor

In two votes that were not the least bit close, Acushnet Town Meeting voted to pass a moratorium on large scale solar installations and, in a separate vote, did not adopt a soil bylaw change designed to regulate activities at PJ Keating.

Several other articles also garnered discussion, including a reserve fund transfer that spurred a spirited response by Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher.

More than 560 voters attended to vote on 27 articles and a \$33.2 million operating budget, a far cry from just a few years ago when town officials struggled to reach the 75 quorum.

The increased interest was clearly due to a citizens petition to amend the Soil Conservation bylaw. The amendments would have made it more difficult for PJ Keating to continue operating as it is. Several protesters stood outside before the meeting with signs reading: "Laborers for working families," in support of PJK's operations in town.

Former Selectboard and BPW member Garry Rawcliffe provided a bit of Town Meeting theatrics, commenting by far on the most articles. His penchant for yelling out from his seat provided chuckles from TM attendees, but not so many chuckles from the officials on the stage.

In a bit of unexpected drama, Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar made a snide comment about Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher's retirement and payout.

The article was to transfer \$10,000 to "miscellaneous." Mr. Rawcliffe asked for more details on the explanation. Interim Town Administrator Jamie Kelley explained that the money was for compensated absences, such as retirement.

Mr. Rawcliffe noted that an earlier item had put \$150,000 in the reserve

fund for compensated absences. He said they should be using that item and note adding "miscellaneous" because it will never disappear or go down.

Mr. Gaspar agreed that the reserve fund could have been used for that, then cracked: "The chief's retirement is going to cost you more than that, and his buyout and vacation."

Everyone knew Chief Gallagher was retiring and it would be his last town meeting. Moderator Les Dakin sang the praises of the chief and his 35+ years with the town, 19 as chief. Mr. Gallagher got a long round of applause.

Chief Gallagher had originally said he would resign in September, but decided to resign on July 8. He told TM



ABOVE: Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher gives a spirited response to a comment Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar made about the chief's retirement at the annual town meeting at Ford Middle School on 5/9/22. TOP: Gary Rawcliffe addresses TM. BELOW: Deborah Polchlopek speaks to TM. Photos by Beth David.

that his twins were going off to college and he wanted to spend the summer with them, so he left a couple of months early.

After Mr. Gaspar's remark, Chief Gallagher made his way to the floor mike and addressed the notion that somehow he was trying to "screw the town."

He said he had a contract that the Select Board members signed. The contract says that at separation, he is entitled to whatever unused vacation time exists. He also explained that it takes three months for the first pension check to arrive. Every municipal employee in Bristol County has to figure out how to bridge that gap, he said.

"Apparently it was okay for me to leave in September and cash out my



vacation," said the Chief, but for some reason it would not be okay in July.

He said the Interim TA told him about the discussion to try to get him to leave before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Kelley assured TM that he told Chief Gallagher that his contract would be honored.

Mr. Gallagher said if they did not want that provision in his contract, they had 19 years to change it.

"And say, y'know Gallagher, we don't want you to work eight days into the fiscal year and then cash out like every other cop, firefighter, public works employee does to take care of their families," he said. "Somehow, I'm being singled out. I don't appreciate it. I don't like the reference that somehow I'm putting a gun to your back and holding you up."

He said he would talk to anyone about, who wanted to. The rumors are flying, he said.

Maybe they should ask the Interim TA if any conversations happened, "about getting rid of me before the end of the fiscal year so they would've have to pay out the 10 thousand dollars in unused vacation" said the Chief.

He then said something about the applause he received earlier, but his comment got drowned out by new applause.

He said he worked along side town employees he had nothing but respect for and whom he loved.

"And they talk about low morale and they talk about the revolving door," he said. "Figure it out."

He then left the floor mike and went back to his seat.

Mr. Kelley then spoke, saying to the chief directly that he assured him his contract was valid.

"I appreciate that. I respect you for



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that," said Chief Gallagher. "But you also told me the comment about getting rid of me before the end of the fiscal year was also mentioned. I told you that should not even have been discussed in the town administrator's office. I'm, I'm heartbroken by that."

Mr. Kelley said he told the chief that so he would know what was going on and to assure him that his contract was valid and he would get his buyout.

Mr. Rawcliffe provided a bit of comic relief, saying, "It was not my objective to get this thing going, here. I just wanted to know where that ten grand was being spent."

Mr. Dakin then moved to a vote, asking if there was any more discussion.

Someone hollered out from the crowd, "We love you, Chief," and the room erupted into another lengthy applause.

The motion did pass.

After the meeting, Mr. Kelley, the Interim TA, told the *Neighb News* that Mr. Gallagher's contract was valid and he assured Mr. Gallagher that it would be honored.

Town meeting also voted to place a moratorium on large scale solar installations. The town has seen a rapid proliferation of the installations, and town officials fear they are changing the rural character of the town.

Initially, the idea was to give landowners an option to keep their land and keep it open instead of developing it. But too many installations are changing the landscape.

The six-month moratorium would give the town a chance to put regulations in place. It would not stop any projects already being built.

Several residents spoke about the problems they have encountered with existing installations and planned ones, including access roads.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar got a little applause after someone asked if the town or residents received any benefit from solar installations, such as reduced electric bills.

"Not thus far," said Mr. Gaspar. It's only for the developer to make money."

Selectboard Chairperson David Desroches noted that the town does receive tax money from the installations. That money, he said, has gone into the capital fund and is being used for a new roof for the school.

"I see that as a benefit," said Mr. Desroches.

Selectboard member David Wojnar said at the beginning it was to keep old farm land open and not developed for housing.

In the end TM voted by the required 2/3 to impose the moratorium.

Article 25, that would have changed zoning for some parcels at the end of Nelson Avenue and Pembroke Avenue, including an old junkyard, was indefinitely postponed.

The article reads that changing from Residential A zoning to Residential Village would create an additional 10-13 conforming lots.



ABOVE: Brittany Botelho speaks at the Acushnet Annual Town Meeting at Ford Middle School on 5/9/22. BELOW: Garry Rawcliffe addresses TM. Photos by Beth David.

Many neighbors spoke against the project, citing the increased traffic.

"Think safety, not dollars," said Dianne Abrams, saying there are many children in the neighborhood.

Neighbors implored town officials to at least look at the neighborhood.

Town Planner Doug Pimentel said there were many benefits to the plan, including that the contaminated junkyard property would get cleaned up.

Ms. Abrams said she was not against building a few houses there, but 10 is too many."

Paul Trahan, who said his grandsons were involved in the project, told TM that the project only called for a few houses.'

But Chery Hall also pointed out that it is in writing in the article that 10-13 lots would be created.

In the end TM voted to indefinitely postpone.'

The citizens petition to change the soil conservation bylaw was tabled. Amid some confusion on whether or

not discussion on the article itself should have been taking place after a motion to table, residents still managed to have their say. There was a motion to table and a motion for Indefinite Postponement.

Deborah Polchlopek read her statement anyway, saying that PJ Keating has been able to get around the current bylaw and keep operating in a manner that is detrimental to the neighborhood.

She said they do not want to shut down the quarry, they want PJK to comply with regulations. The company has sent out mailings with "bold faced lies," she said.

"Please use common sens, protect our town, protect our health, protect our environment," said Ms. Polchlopek.

TM also voted to approve all the capital projects using free cash and the ambulance fund. The items using Communication Preservation funds were not voted on because the Community Preservation Committee had not met to vote on them.

The capital projects that were approved included \$320,000 for the Fire Department to buy new breathing apparatus, from the ambulance fund. Free cash items were: a request from the public works department for \$280,000 for a 10-wheel sander/plow truck; \$50,000 from free cash for a slide-in sander to be able to use a snow truck for sanding as well; \$86,400 for the police department to buy tasers; \$9,500 from for a new computer workstation and software for the police department; \$15,000 for roof preventive maintenance for the school department; \$45,000 for the school department parking lots; \$16,000 for a new gas furnace for the EMA.

The meeting is available on the town's YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZ15ize6U7U>



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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.

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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.

Monday-May 23 & Wednesday

May 25: Part 1+2: Computer Skills (0-1): prerequisites) have a working smartphone): Let's learn all about Smartphones: Part 1): "The Basics" All about Smartphones: The main emphasis will stress the Apple iPhone and the Samsung Smartphones will be addressed. The class will learn about the following: care, charging, connecting to WIFI, the operating software, updating, connecting email services to your phone, control panels, airplane mode, notifications, checking storage, emergency SOS, basic gestures (finger swiping) and security (prerequisites must have a Smartphone)

Part 2: Smartphone Apps for Seniors: In this workshop the participants will be introduced to Smartphone apps that senior citizens might like to explore. The class will be shown a variety of apps that can be used on their smartphones. Class will learn how to download, install and how to delete apps.

Wednesday June 2 Part 1+2: Computer Skills (0-1): Computer Skills (0-1): Basics/Refresher and Introduction into Emails/Gmail: (Prerequisite participant must have a working Gmail, know their username and password) the main instruction will be about how to use your Gmail safely. The class will explore the following areas: Inbox, Tools, Labels, Left and Right side tools, Search functions, Cog Wheel, sending and receiving emails and General Settings. The class will create a new free Gmail account for the purpose of the presentation



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James and the Giant Peach at Keith Middle School

Press Release

Editor

SouthCoast Children's Theatre, the area's 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. New Bedford.

Tickets available online at www.southcoastchildrenstheatre.com. General admission is \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and seniors.

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. *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.*, 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.

The musical is directed by Sarah Lawrence, with vocal direction by Sarah Doner and Choreography by Julie Regan with production assistance by Chelsea Gomes and Patrick Lawrence.

Artistic Director, Sarah Lawrence is very excited to present another phenomenal musical.

"*James and the Giant Peach, Jr.*, has been a joy to direct, our children are incredible and are giving one hundred and ten percent of their talent and energy to bring this musical to the stage", Lawrence said, "This is our fourteenth year and we have been completely blown away by the talent they have assembled on the stage this year."

"We are extremely proud to have so many polished actors on stage and crew members off, from the surrounding communities that make up SouthCoast Children's Theatre. We can't wait for you to see them live and in person", said Lawrence.

SouthCoast Children's Theatre is proud of the fact that they continue to provide children in the South Coast area an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of professional theatre for children at no charge to their families.

"This is what makes SouthCoast Children's Theatre the premiere children's theatre program in the area," she stated.

The Cast of *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.*, includes Cody Orlando of Acushnet, Nicholas, Isabella and Sophia Faria, Kedzie Calabrese, William Donovan, Annie Witzig, Luke Langlois, Julia Thomas, Sydney Hart, Mila Korepin, Brady, Mariah and Nina Jackson, Alex and Tyler Hamilton,



Sydney Mello, Lily Pavao, Juliette Tavares, Lily Tavares, Evan Coe, Charlotte Novo, Gabby Morency and Rosie Vargo of Dartmouth, Mya McPhillips of East Freetown, Hazel Hochella and Heaven Figueiredo of Fairhaven, Charlotte Sharples, Sophia Tavares, Mikyla Cabarles, Eden Sylvia, Jezel Tavares and Lilah DiGregorio of New Bedford, Olive Hasbrouck and Abigail Jacques of Rochester, Ella Baker and Eleanor LaBrode of Westport, Stevie Raposo of Fall River and Zach Lindstrom of Norton and Malin Bowlin.

SouthCoast Children's Theatre a not-for-profit program open to children in grades one through eight. Our goal is to strive to give the children of SouthCoast the opportunity to be involved in a professional learning atmosphere as it relates to the performing arts. We teach children respect for others while at the same time building self-esteem and reinforcing team work to achieve a common goal. That goal being to allow children in grades one through eight to participate in a production of



TOP & ABOVE: The young actors in "James and the Giant Peach, Jr., on the set. Submitted photos.

Huttleston Marketplace to start on 5/21

Press Release

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.

There are arts and crafts, including pottery, woodworking, jewelry, knitted goods, note cards, original artwork and prints. There are hand woven items, t-shirts, and upcycled and repurposed household decor. There are wreaths, yarn, walking sticks, soaps, balms, candles. There are antiques and vintage collectibles. There are local eggs, farm fresh

produce, herbs, plants, honey, and fresh baked breads, cookies, pastries and more. There will also be ice cream, hand crafted popsicles in adventurous flavors, and Del's Frozen Lemonade every week.

"Each year since 2018 the marketplace has grown as word about it has spread," says Fairhaven's tourism director Chris Richard, who created and manages the market. "It survived Covid and even grew stronger. Besides being a great place to shop, the Huttleston Marketplace provides a venue for crafters, artists, and other compatible merchants to set up shop, so to speak."

Overall there are more than 165 different vendors signed up to be here during the 2022 season, but not all of them will be at the market every week. The vendors will vary, so there are lots of reasons to stop by every Saturday.

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

fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace.

"The public coming here each week sees select, unique things for sale. There are not any direct-sales consultants, multi-level marketing products, or garage and rummage sale items," says Mr. Richard. "Shoppers will be supporting creative artisans from our own region."

While the majority of the weeks are completely filled with 77 booth spaces reserved, a small number of vendor spaces are still available on a few Saturdays. Application forms and guidelines for vendors are available now and can be downloaded from the Fairhaven Office of Tourism website at <http://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace>.

For additional information about the Huttleston Marketplace, you can email Chris Richard at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or call 508-979-4085.

Southcoast Pride to hold fund-raising event, celebrations

Press Release

The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network (The Network) has announced sweeping plans for June Pride Month that include major outdoor events in New Bedford and Taunton, as well as weekly activities designed to lift up and celebrate the South Coast LGBTQ+ community.

The Network's marquee event in New Bedford will take place on Saturday, June 4, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in Buttonwood Park. On Saturday, June 11, from noon-5 p.m., Taunton will host its first-ever Pride Festival at Hopewell Park. Throughout the month, the Network will host a wide range of activities for LGBTQ+ individuals, their families, and allies focused on art, health and wellness, and local businesses.

Partnerships with the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, Gallery X, the New Bedford Wellness Initiative, the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, 20mi2, Le Place, and Gnome Surf, among others, will extend the reach and impact of what promises to be the most important Pride celebration in years. An overview of Pride Month 2022 is available at <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/pride-2022.html>.

Of special note: On Friday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m., The Network will host a

fundraising gala to benefit the construction of the future South Coast LGBTQ+ Community Center. Out in the Wilde (And Then Some) will feature an evening of cocktails, hors-d'oeuvres, and dinner at Round the Bend Farm in Dartmouth, as well as a performance by The Performing Arts Collective.

"I can't remember a time when interest in Pride has been so intense," said Andy Pollock, president of The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network. "People are really excited to be outdoors after two years of pandemic restrictions and we're going to give the LGBTQ+ community plenty of opportunities to celebrate being together again."

For more information about The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network, contact Andy Pollock, president, 508-775-2656, or email andy@sclgbtqnetwork.org.

The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to create and support a thriving LGBTQ+ community on Massachusetts' South Coast where members can freely, safely, and joyously celebrate their true selves. For more information, visit [sclgbtqnetwork.org](https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org).

Flag Raising

Join us for the raising of the Pride

Flag at New Bedford City Hall. Pride 2022 opens with the raising of the Pride Flag in downtown New Bedford. With special guest David Velasco Bermudez, a Stonewall veteran.

Meet at NB City Hall, 133 William Street at 4 p.m., on Friday, June 3.

Pride Gala

Out in the Wilde (And Then Some), a Pride Gala to Benefit To light up an evening of cocktails, hors-d'oeuvres, and dinner at Round the Bend Farm in Dartmouth, Mass., local creative group The Performing Arts Collective sets a creative and joyful tone for Pride 2022 with a performance of witty excerpts from gay icons Oscar Wilde and Shakespeare, spoken words, and a song or two from Broadway hits. Tickets are \$200 and may be purchased here. All proceeds benefit the building of the future South Coast LGBTQ+ Community Center. June 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Pride Celebration

South Coast Pride 2022 New Bedford., features music, food, vendors, wellness activities, drag performances, and fun for everyone. Followed at 4:00 p.m. by an afterparty at Le Place in New Bedford. At Buttonwood Park, 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chimney fire damages house on Balsam Street

By Beth David
Editor

On Monday, May 9, 2022, at 05:04 a.m., the Fairhaven Fire Department responded to a report of a fire around a fireplace at 140 Balsam Street in Fairhaven. The first crew arrived at 05:15 a.m. and reported the fire around the chimney. Crews opened up the walls around the fireplace and extinguished the fire. The fire was declared under control at 05:25 a.m.

Firefighters remained on scene performing salvage and overall operations and cleared the location at 06:29 a.m.

No civilians or firefighters were injured, and the family was alerted to the fire by smoke detectors in the structure.

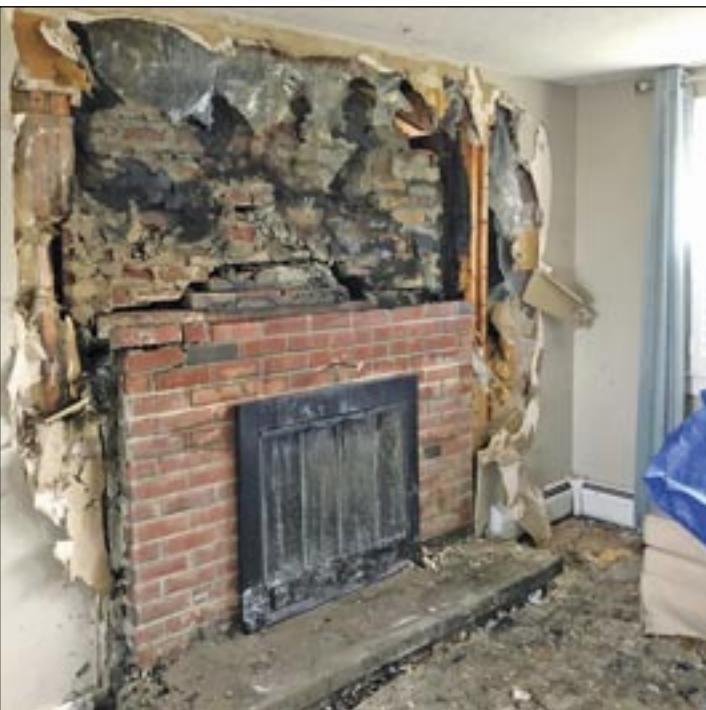
The occupants used the fireplace the prior evening. The unlined chimney had several mortar joints that were opened to the structural members behind the wallboard. Radiant heat and embers from the fireplace caused the wood frame members above the fireplace to ignite.

The damage to the structure is

estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

The house is owned by Jim and Alice Walczak.

"It was a rough early morning/day, 5 a.m.," wrote Ms. Walczak on her Facebook page. "Please make sure your fire alarms are working well. Thankfully ours was. Lots of clean up, work, renovations, and replacing of furniture. The smell is tough. But we are fine and that is all that counts. Thank you for all your thoughts and well wishes. The heart is full from us to you."



The chimney at 140 Balsam Street in Fairhaven had opened mortar joints that allowed heat and embers to catch the wood on fire causing a fire in the wall on 5/9/22. Smoke detectors alerted the occupants and there were no injuries. Photo courtesy of Alice Moulding Walczak.

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Candidate Statements: Acushnet Selectboard



David Desroches

Over the past few weeks, as I have been campaigning across this fine town, there has been one re-occurring question that I've been asked, why are you running for re-election?

To me the answer is simple — I'm running because my job isn't finished.

My opportunity over the last 3 years to represent this town and its residents has been an honor and a privilege.

Challenges face this town and decisions still need to be made. Some contentious, some not.

I believe fiscal challenges are at the forefront.

You must remember 86% of our tax base comes from the residential sector, a burden which needs to be reduced.

I was a proponent of the New England Farms project which will add to our commercial tax base as well as add jobs to our town. I believe it is imperative that this town attract new business but to do so we must start with infrastructure improvements such as water and sewer. Grants and ARPA fund money the town will be receiving should be immediately directed at these issues, as well as the reconstruction of Slocum Street and the transfer of South Main Street from the State to the town of Acushnet.

We need to write a Master Plan that includes over 55 housing.

Also, over the next 3 years the town will be facing the challenges of rezoning for new housing as train service arrives to New Bedford and Acushnet becomes a MBTA community.

I will continue the town's ongoing negotiations with PJK to achieve compliance with all federal, state and town of Acushnet by laws. PJK has a responsibility of protecting the environment and helping to solve sustainability challenges, such as air quality, water quality and land use. When they operate again, I fully expect that.

I'm happy to announce that for the first time the Senior Work Program will be funded, and eligible seniors can work for the town and receive a voucher for up to \$1500 to be applied to their tax bill.

I'm proud of the work I've done as SRTA director. With the help of Lynn Berube and her staff at Presidential Terrace we were able to expand the On Demand Service provided by the SRTA to create Market Basket Mondays and Walmart Wednesdays. And for the disabled in this town, this service can be used for medical and personal rides.

I was also able to secure a retired SRTA 12 passenger van for \$1 to help the Council on Aging with their transportation needs.

In conclusion I'd like to say — as a town we need to be pro-active not re-active in planning our town's future.

I believe the true measure of any democracy — large or small — is participation. I challenge all the voters of Acushnet to let their voices be heard. As my first term comes to an end, I look forward to the prospect of my second term beginning. Therefore, I respectfully ask for your vote come Saturday May 14th. Thank you.



Robert Hinckley

My name is Robert Hinckley and I'm running for Selectman in our town of Acushnet. We are at a point where I can't defend the actions of our town, so I'm choosing to fight for it instead.

I want to focus on infrastructure, education, and communication. I strongly believe that with an open dialogue, most of the issues in our town can be solved.

We have a chance to make our town the best small town on the Southcoast.

This town means a great deal to me. Every day I can wake up proud of where I live and am raising my family. That doesn't mean it doesn't need work. I think I can be the one to make that happen. My family has been in this town for 5 generations and I'm hoping there are many more to come.

Asking you to trust me is a big request. I know it is. What I can tell you is I'm not a politician that says one thing and does another. I'll never be a politician. I just want to help the town I love, run better than it has.

When I set out to run for Selectman, it wasn't to obtain a position of power. It was simply to help hold the town to a higher standard of accountability. Acushnet has a rich history and we all deserve to continue that legacy of a wonderful little town we've all come to love.

Together as a town, we can make a difference. We can help fund our roads, our schools, and our parks. We run on a tight budget, so it's important to do all this without running over budget. I look forward to working with our finance committee to help them not have to tap into any override funds.

We can accomplish a lot with a little bit of teamwork and a lot of accountability. Ultimately that's my mission statement.

Accountability, availability, common sense.

Thank you for your consideration, and I ask that you vote for me on May 14th.

Vote in Acushnet

Acushnet voters will go to the polls on Saturday, 5/14, to choose officials on all elected boards.

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

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

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.

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"

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00pm

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/84075546886?pwd=NkIqM3ZZVHBldTlRaSFFSaFNXSDROUT09>

or CALL 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 840 7554 6886

Passcode: 413022

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. SE 023-1333, CON 023-181: **18 Point Street** Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Antonio and Doreen Albuquerque to relocate some boulders and rocks on the beach in addition to the existing approved work at the property located at 18 Point Street, Assessors Map 28B, Lots 207 & 220. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune, and the 100-foot buffer zones to Coastal Beach and Coastal Dunes.

2. CON 023-278: **4 Jeannette Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jacob Fleurent to construct an in-ground pool at the property located at 4 Jeannette Street, Assessors Map 34A, Lots 62D & 62N. Work to take place in the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

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: 5/12/22

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=NXg5WnUxZ3lK3drSVBBM2JPTXE0QT09>

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, MA 02719. 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

Acushnet Planning Board

Notice of Public Hearing

Hybrid meeting. Join via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82746080834?pwd=ZDNrSTZlZTBVExd2V3ZabEhFc3Z3UT09>

Meeting ID: 827 4608 0834

Passcode: 315054

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct a hybrid public hearing on **May 26, 2022 at 6:30pm** via Zoom and in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, 122 Main Street. This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 81T, to consider the following petition: Site Plan Review and Approval for the construction of a 9,924 square foot, two story Test Facility/Visitor Center, located at Manchester Lane. Proponent: Acushnet Company, Represented by: GAF Engineering. The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor, during regular business hours.

Doug Pimentel, Acushnet Town Planner
FNN: 5/12/22, 5/19/22

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Meet a Blacksmith

Handy House, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport MA, 4 PM - 7 PM, Tuesday May 17 (and every third Tuesday of the month). FREE. (Rain date third Wednesday)

Meet modern-day blacksmith Kyle Duarte for a hands-on demonstration of blacksmith techniques. Drop-in any time between 4 PM - 7 PM.

Generations of blacksmiths have lived at the Handy House. William White, the first resident of the house in the early 1700s, was a blacksmith.

His tools were passed down from one generation to the next.

SAVE THE DATES:

Car Wash

Boy Scouts of America Troop 11 Acushnet annual car wash on Sat., 6/11 (rain date 6/12), Acushnet Fire House, 24 Russell St., Acushnet, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$5/car.

Find them on Facebook: Acushnet Scouting: Cub Scout Pack 51 / Boy Scout Troop 11



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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven Board of Health

Wed., 5/25, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/23, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/23, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 5/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Joint meeting with Select Board

Planning Board

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/25, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Thurs., 5/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Mon., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 5/17, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Election

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

Selectboard

Wed., 5/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

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

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Hodgson opponent says he wants it both ways on recidivism

Press Release from Paul Heroux, candidate for Bristol County Sheriff

Candidate for Sheriff Paul Heroux is saying that Sheriff Tom Hodgson is trying to have it both ways and is being disingenuous.

On WBSM, incumbent Hodgson says in one sentence that "We're all in the same boat trying to find a formula that really makes sense and works to find the accuracy."

But then in another sentence, Hodgson says "But we measure our programs. We measure our grants, by law we measure our grants and the output and success of those grants."

Heroux notes the importance of corrections programs that are offered to inmates should reduce recidivism, which is a measure of reoffending. Programs that reduce recidivism are critical to the role of a jail increasing public safety, improving the community, and stopping the revolving door at a jail.

"Which one is it? Are you or are you not measuring if your programs reduce recidivism or not?" Heroux said. "And if you are measuring outcomes, please make public the

results and methods to measure the programs on your county jail website for experts to determine if you properly measure the outcome on recidivism."

Recidivism is a measure of reoffending. There are different ways to define recidivism, and recidivism rates should not be compared from one jurisdiction to another.

"The importance of measuring if jail programs reduce reoffending is one of the core functions of a jail system that the incumbent has not done in his 25 years in elected office as the County Sheriff", said Heroux "We are releasing inmates to the street, but we have no idea if our efforts in the so-called Bristol County House of 'Correction' are in fact correcting behavior."

"Does the drug treatment program reduce drug offending after release? Hodgson doesn't know. Does the anger management program reduce incidents of violence after release? Hodgson doesn't know."

Heroux continued, "I've also heard that there is minimal to no programming actually offered in our county

jail. We don't know because no metrics are reported to the public."

Attleboro Mayor Heroux, who has a background working in two corrections systems before entering elected office and has a Master's in Criminology from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard, says that among other changes, he will run a more modern jail system than is currently being run by measuring all programs to determine if they reduce reoffending or not.

"If the program works, we will do more of it. If it doesn't work, we will review the program to find out why it doesn't work and then reform the program to make it work, or replace it", Heroux said. "For the past 25 years, Sheriff Hodgson has had no idea if he is reducing recidivism or not. He thinks he does, but there is no evidence other than talking like a tough guy."

Heroux continued, "We will know what works in the Bristol County jail system I am running. I'm not going to talk like a tough guy for 25 years,

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