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

USPS food drive benefits Shepherd's Pantry



Volunteers slide boxes along a board to get food boxes down the stairs to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet, after the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers on 5/14/22. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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.

Y'know, I wasn't even going to watch it. It's routine, I thought. They vote on Town Meeting articles. They recommend some, they don't recommend others. But, they don't REMOVE the ones they don't like that come from other boards. That....like...doesn't happen. Until now.

First problem, they try to stop Mr. Foley from explaining the whole bylaw saying they all read it. Well, yeah, YOU read it, not us. But, hey, we're just the voters, it's just our money. We don't need to understand what you're talking about, right?

This foolishness all happened around the shade tree bylaw proposed by the Planning Board, which somehow ended up with the Select Board's name as the petitioner. Huh?

Everyone knows it was PB working on this for months. Ever since tree-lover Collasius cut down 62 (or was it 63?) trees without a single public hearing. Remember how proud he was of himself? (See 9/16/21 issue.)

Newly minted Leon Correy says it's a "snap reaction" to something that happened that people didn't like. Well, yeah. That's not a reason not to fix it, just because it only happened once? Once is one time too many. You've just given Mr. Chainsaw the whole season to cut down the rest of our shade trees.

He took down 62 trees. SIXTY TWO. If you don't fix it, it could happen again. It could happen again. Just because it only happened once, you think it's okay to leave in place the conditions that allowed it to happen? He took down 62 trees with NO PUBLIC HEARINGS. NOT ONE.

Meanwhile, Stasia Powers still has not disclosed her close relationship with Mr. Collasius and his wife. They are best buddies. People have a right to know if you can be objective when you are dealing with someone you socialize with on a regular basis. No, I didn't call the state ethics commission. I don't need to. I don't care what they say. This is common sense. You all talk about transparency, then you try to shut people down and you don't tell us pertinent information. Be honest, Ms. Powers. Can you be objective in this case? If so, tell us. We have a right to know. But, hey, you're blindly supporting a guy who clearly does not believe in the democratic process. Hearings? Nah, too much trouble. Nobody goes anyway.

Shame on all of you. To dismiss the work the PB did is a slap in the face to them. Let Town Meeting decide. THAT is the democratic thing to do.

But I guess we don't do that anymore in Fairhaven. Oh, and while I'm on the subject. We didn't change to a five member board so you'd be free to make back room deals. That was not what we wanted. Stop it. Just because you can talk one-on-one, does not mean you should be making deals. We have a right to know the thought process behind this stuff, so we don't think that maybe it's just because you're friends with someone.

Everybody needs a babysitter.
Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story last week on the death of former Select Board member Daniel Freitas, we made a mistake on his age. He was taken off life support on 5/9/22, his 53rd birthday. We apologize for our error.

Fairhven TV wins national award

Press Release

Fairhaven TV received a 2022 Hometown Media Award from the Alliance for Community Media Foundation. The awards program was established to honor and promote community media, community radio, and local cable programs that are distributed on Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access cable television channels. Proceeds go to the ACM Foundation which is exclusively used for facilitating, preserving, and promoting education in community media.

Fairhaven TV won "Best Children's Program" for a short film titled "Santa's Bell." This piece aired at the beginning of their 2021 Virtual Home for the Holidays Event. The video can be watched on Fairhaven TV's YouTube Channel at <https://youtu.be/OAcWjtK2JMg>.

Cable Access Director Derek Frates says, "Based on our success winning MassAccess Creator Awards at the statewide level in consecutive years, we decided to enter the ACM awards to compete against the entire country."

He added, "It's an honor for our staff to be recognized on a nationwide level for our continued work and commitment to the community of Fairhaven."

The team will receive their award in Chicago, IL at the 2022 ACM Annual Conference on June 29th.

Each year, nearly one thousand entries are submitted.

These entries, or programs, are submitted and evaluated on several factors resulting in over 100 award winners. A panel of judges from the industry evaluates the entries. Awards are presented to the most creative programs that address community needs, develop diverse community involvement, challenge



In this screen shot from the short film "Santa's Bell," produced by Fairhaven TV Cable Access, Magician Todd Migliacci looks in awe at a bell he finds as Santa slips away to the Banquet Room of Fairhaven Town Hall. The film won a Hometown Media Award from the Alliance for Community Media, in a national competition. *Screen shot from Fairhaven TV YouTube channel.*

conventional commercial television formats, and move viewers to experience television in a different way.

"The Hometown Media Awards celebrate both the excellence of work and the diversity of media that appears on community channels

TV AWARD: cont'd on page 21

CONGRATULATE FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

The community is invited to join in the fun of giving the class of 2021 a special send-off into the world. The school is sponsoring a special issue of the Neighb News on 6/9/22.

The public is invited to purchase ads at a special rate to congratulate seniors.

1/8 page: \$32 B&W, \$47 Color
1/4 page: \$54 B&W, \$84 Color
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Fairhaven Select Board kills shade tree bylaw

By Beth David
Editor

In a rather convoluted process over two meetings, the Fairhaven Select Board removed a Town Meeting article for a shade tree bylaw that the Planning Board has been working on since last September.

At their 5/9 meeting, after a presentation by Town Planner Paul Foley and comments by Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward, the SB voted to remove the article; than at their 5/12 meeting, discussed it again, to possibly reconsider.

But the decision to remove it remained.

Tree Warden Don Collasius was against the bylaw. He was in favor of the proposed change to make his position appointed with the appointing authority being the Town Administrator.

The SB voted in support of Mr. Collasius's opinions on both articles.

In neither meeting did SB Chairperson Stasia Powers disclose her close personal relationship with Mr. Collasius and his wife.

The bylaw would require that tree hearings be held in conjunction with another board, such as planning, SB or Conservation. Mr. Foley said it would strengthen notification and accountability.

Last summer, Mr. Collasius cut down 62 shade trees using Eversource, saying he had no requirement to hold a single public hearing on any of the trees. The SB did not admonish Mr. Collasius at that time and Mr. Powers also did not disclose her close relationship with him and his wife at that time.

Mass. General Law requires a 90 day waiting period when utilities submit a plan to cut down trees, but it does not say what should happen during those 90 days. The proposed bylaw would have

required public hearings with other boards, not just stand alone tree hearings.

Mr. Foley said shade trees have great value: they cool the town in summer and provide aesthetic value. It will take 30-40 years for a newly planted tree to provide the kind of shade that the removed trees provided.

The bylaw also would require an annual inventory and assessment to create a plan for trees, such as trimming dangerous limbs.

The arguments against the bylaw ranged from it costing more to run the department, as it requires a deputy tree warden to be certified in a number of areas, to a concern that it would put more work on the TA, to an assertion that there has been no problem with the removal of shade trees except for last year.

"I feel this is a snap reaction to an isolated event," said SB Vice Chair Leon Correy, adding that policy should not be made based on a "one time thing that people didn't like."

Mr. Collasius said in principal the bylaw was good.

"However, in practice, I don't know how to say this. I think in practice this is absurd," said Mr. Collasius. "Your tree warden is already a pseudo volunteer job."

The position pays \$7,200/year, he said and he puts in more than 20 hours a week. But, he said, he is okay with that.

"I did this because I want to make the shade canopy better in this town," he said.

When SB member Charlie Murphy asked if the bylaw was created with input from the Tree Warden, Mr. Collasius laughed loudly from his spot in the corner, sure to be heard by everyone.

"I think a lot was learned last year with what happened, with many trees coming down," said SB member Bob Espindola, adding that did not "envision that

happening again without a little better communication."

Mr. Foley reiterated that the bylaw would just add more notifications and standard record keeping. He said there is no plan, no records to know where trees are being planted or taken down.

Ms. Powers said she was not saying those things should not happen, but she was not sure they should be in a bylaw.

SB member Keith Silvia said he thought the bylaw was "fine," but they needed to find money to fund it.

Mr. Hayward emphasized that changing the tree warden position from elected to appointed, which he is against, has nothing to do with the shade tree bylaw.

He said the tree canopy in town is not in good shape because unqualified people have been in the tree warden position. And people should not come home from work one day to find a shade tree in front of their house has been taken down.

When asked if he has hearings and if they are televised, Mr. Collasius assured the board that they were.

At the 5/12 meeting, the vote to remove the article form the warrant was affirmed.

Mr. Espindola wanted to revisit the article saying that the Planning Board did the work so it was really their article and the SB should not withdraw it but let Town Meeting decide.

Ms. Ellison said Town Counsel Town Crotty told her that department articles are petitioned by the SB so they can remove them. The only articles they cannot remove are citizens petitions.

In the end, he said he would stick with his vote to remove the article as long as he was assured that there would be a fall TM.

Ms. Ellison assured the board that their would be.

Both meetings are available for livestreaming at FairhavenTV.com

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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. See ad on page 6.

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

Townwide Yard Sale

The Fairhaven town wide yard sale is set for May 21st with a rain day of the 22nd. We can't list addresses because there are too many! Every neighborhood in Fairhaven has addresses that are joining in the fun. You'll need to have Facebook to get the individual addresses. Find the Old Town Fairhaven group or Daniel and Cristina Lopes for a link to Google Maps and more than 100 yards.

Swim for the Bay

Get some exercise, make new friends, and support a good cause at the 29th annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 18 in New Bedford and Fairhaven.

Registration is now open at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

Registration is \$25, and swimmers commit to raising a minimum of \$300 each (\$150 for youth).

The Buzzards Bay Swim is an exciting outdoor experience that welcomes swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels ages 11 and up. Over 300 swimmers complete a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water course from New Bedford's South End, past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier with a crowd of hundreds watching and cheering.

At the finish line at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, swimmers and their guests are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, local craft beer, and awards and prizes. First-time and beginner swimmers can swim with a personal kayak or paddleboard escort for added support.

Sign up now at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim

SAVE THE DATES:

Pickleball Courts Opening

On Sunday, June 12th at 11:00 a.m. the Fairhaven Pickleball Association will host Opening Day at the new pickleball courts at Fort Phoenix (near the gazebo) in Fairhaven. Rep. Bill Straus, a main influencer of the project, will speak and town officials will be in attendance.

Please join us to view live demonstrations of the game and opportunities offered this summer. Sign ups and merchandise will be available. If you are curious about the sport, now is the time to see what it's all about!

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://fairhavenroadrace.org> for details.

Fairhaven's Got PRIDE!

Sunday, June 26, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA

Celebrate LGBTQ+ social and self-acceptance, achievements, experiences, and pride in the very heart of Fairhaven. Whether you are part of the LGBTQIA community, an ally, or wondered what all the rainbows are about, come and be welcomed. Preliminary plans include guest speakers, opportunities for members of the public to share their stories, informational booths, and more.

For information or to offer help and support, email batemanjk@gmail.com.

Homecoming Fair

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

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

BBC Swim for the Bay

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.

The marketplace
will open on
Saturday, May 21!
Please Join Us!



Fresh locally grown farm produce, art, crafts, photography,
locally produced food products, upcycled goods, antiques, collectibles

- The season runs from May 21 through September 17, 2022*
- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Rain or Shine
- More than 75 vendors will be set up every week!



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**No market on Saturday, June 25*

Lions Club awards two scholarships

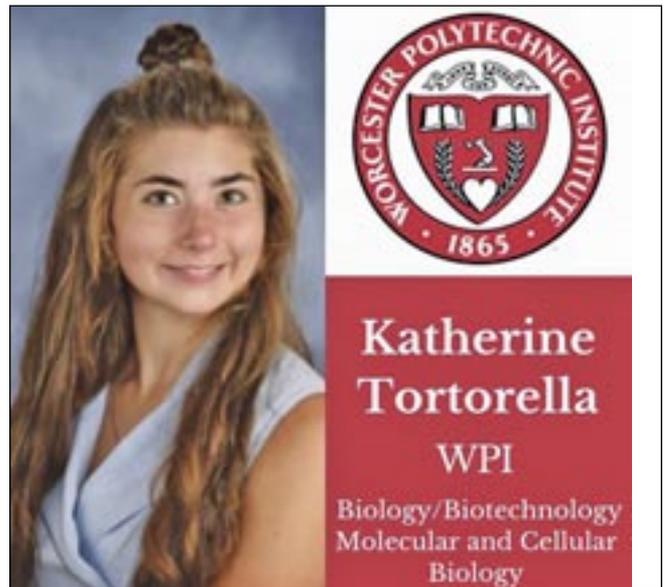
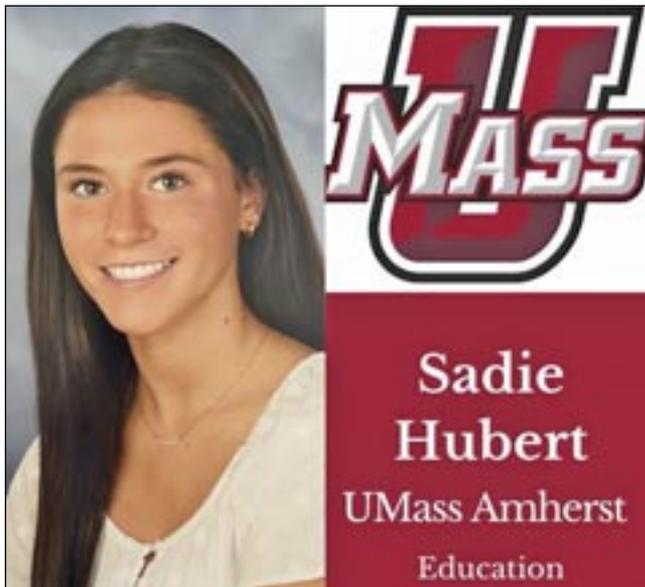
From Fairhaven Lions Club
Facebook Page

On behalf of all Fairhaven Lions we would like to congratulate this year's recipients of the Fairhaven Lions Club Scholarships: Fairhaven High School

Seniors, Katherine Tortorella and Sadie Hubert!! They will both be receiving \$500 to help towards their college expenses. Best of Luck to you both, as well as the rest of the Class of 2022!

We would also like to thank every-

one who continues to support the Fairhaven Lions Club Fundraising Events. Without the community's support we would not be able to offer these scholarships and other donations we give throughout the year.



Sadie Hubert and Katherine Tortorella have each received a \$500 scholarship from the Fairhaven Lions Club for use towards college expenses. They will both be attending college in the fall. *Photographic from the Fairhaven Lions Club Facebook page.*

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

YTI Production

The Shape of Things, By Neil LaBute, Directed by James Sanguinetti

How far would you go for love? For art? What would you be willing to change? What price might you pay? Such are the painful questions explored in this twisty play. A young student drifts into an ever-changing relationship with an art major while his best friends' engagement crumbles, unleashing a drama that peels back the skin of two modern-day relationships.

Friday and Saturday, 5/20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 5/22, at 2:30 p.m.

Your Theatre at St. Martins, 136 Rivet Street (County Street Entrance), New Bedford, MA 02744.

Tickets: General Admission, \$18.00; Military, Seniors and Students, \$15.00

Due to Adult Language and Sexual Content, The Shape of Things is intended for Mature Audiences.

To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email info@yourtheatre.org

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

South End Cleanup

Join us for a South End cleanup on Sat., 5/21, 9 a.m.-noon, Orpheum Theatre, 1005 S. Water St., NB. Free t-shirts to all participants. Gloves and tools provided. Walk-ins welcome. Please wear closed-toe shoes. If you find a needle, syringe, or sharps, do NOT touch.

Preregistering at [Operation CleanSweep.net](http://OperationCleanSweep.net) helps us plan our event. Contact Operation Clean Sweep on Facebook, or email newbedfordclean@gmail.com

Operation Clean Sweep Anti-Litter Campaign is working to improve the quality of life in New Bedford through organized cleanups, education, and advocacy.

Taste of Southcoast

Sun., 5/22, Noon-5 p.m., Pier 3, New Bedford. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$10/children, plus fee at <https://tasteofsouthcoast.com/tickets/Parking> Complimentary parking will be available 12pm-5:30pm. Elm Street Parking Garage, 51 Elm Street. All metered parking is free downtown on Sundays!

The "Taste of SouthCoast" features restaurants, bakeries, and caterers

from the SouthCoast area. Participants serve sample sized portions of their signature dishes from noon to 3:15pm. Tasters will be able to keep track of their sampling and cast their votes in the categories of "People's Choice Award for Food", "People's Choice Award for Dessert" and "Best Booth Presentation".

The tasting wraps up by 3:15pm. The votes are tallied and the awards are presented by 4:30pm. The fun continues until 5pm with live music all afternoon. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be served until 5pm.

Visit www.tasteofsouthcoast.com.

Exhibit Opens

The New Bedford Whaling Museum announced a groundbreaking new exhibition chronicling the experiences of enslaved persons who made their way to freedom using coastal water routes along the Atlantic seaboard, opening in the Centre Street Gallery at the Whaling Museum beginning May 20, 2022.

Sailing to Freedom: Maritime Dimensions of the Underground Railroad through the lens of American maritime labor and industries, and seeks to expand historical understanding of how freedom was achieved by sea for many African Americans. It is an extension of the 2021 publication of the same title, edited by Timothy Walker and released by UMass Press.

Research undertaken for this exhibition demonstrates that a far larger number of enslaved persons escaped bondage by sea than previously thought, particularly those fleeing from coastal areas in the Deep South where slaves were commonly employed in diverse maritime industries.

The museum will host a special exhibition viewing and reception followed by an hour-long lecture titled "**The Overseas Freeway: Maritime Workers and Fugitives in the Struggle Against Slavery**" on **Thurs., 5/19, at 7:00 p.m.** The lecture will be presented by Dr. Marcus Rediker, Distinguished Professor of Atlantic History at the University of Pittsburgh, presented both in-person and in a virtual format.

Pre-registration is required at <https://www.whalingmuseum.org>

Swan Lake

New Bedford Ballet brings drama and magic to the Zeiterion Theatre stage with its performance of Swan Lake on June 11th at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Set to music by Tchaikovsky and the choreography of artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, along with ballet instructors Eugenia Zinovieva, Katherine Bickford, Emily Lovdahl, and Pamela Mateus, dancers of all ages will enchant the audience in this interpretation of the iconic ballet where love overcomes evil.

Prince Siegfried is required to choose a bride, and take on the responsibility of the kingdom. Siegfried falls in love with Odette, who is Queen of the Swans who are all under a curse by the evil Rothbart. After declaring his love to the wrong maiden, Siegfried and Rothbart battle, love overcomes evil, and the swan's curse is broken. Odette and Siegfried are reunited in love.

Reserved tickets are \$25, and general admission prices are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students, and children. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Zeiterion at (508)-994-2900 or boxofficeinfo@zeiterion.org.

Visit www.newbedfordballet.org.

Vaccination Clinics

Free, walk-up COVID-19 clinics in New Bedford offer CDC-approved booster shots, in addition to first- and second-dose vaccines and, at most locations, pediatric vaccines and boosters for teens 12-17. Please bring your vaccination card when getting a booster. Visit vaxnb.com for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

Fri., 5/20: 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., 5/21: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Mon., 5/23 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

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Oyster Fest

Newport Oyster & Chowder Festival, Sat./Sun., 5/21-22, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Bowens Wharf, Newport, RI. Free admission.

Taste your way around the Ocean State! Sip a refreshing cocktail and enjoy oysters and chowder from local growers and vendors on the waterfront all weekend long. Did you know that RI is home to upwards of 45 oyster farms? The flavors are distinctive to each farm, so this is your chance to savor a sampling of them in one festive atmosphere!

Oyster growers will be shucking alongside local restaurants and live music under our striped festival tents. The event is open to the public and all food will be available for purchase directly from vendors. Multiple cash bars will also be on site. More details at <https://bowenswharf.com/events/>

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.

Duck Race

Acushnet Lions Club Duck Race, Sun., 6/26, 10-11 a.m., at the Sawmill, 32 Mill Road, Acushnet. Buy tickets from an Lions member or at River's End Cafe, or call Duckmaster Joe Costa, 508-971-1859. Adopt your winning duck! Price for adoption is \$10 per duck. Prizes: \$1,000/first; \$500/2nd; \$200/third. Lots of fun, lots of great places to watch the ducks float down the river from the Sawmill to the finish line at River View Park in Acushnet.

All proceeds will go to the Acushnet Lions Club charities. Tickets donated by Adams & Adams.

Playground FR

The Playground Project" Fundraiser Aims to Build a Playground at Hathaway Elementary School Hosted by Miss New Bedford, 2022 Megan Sylvia. Ms. Sylvia, is dedicated to supporting the city's youth – and she's doing so in a big way. As founder of "The Playground Project," Sylvia aims to raise needed funds in order to build a playground at the Hathaway Elementary School on Court Street. Currently employed as a Health Instructor at the school, Sylvia met with staff to identify the school's needs, and the idea of building a playground was born.

Southcoast residents are encouraged to support the initiative in various ways. A fundraiser will be held on Sat., 5/21 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the New Bedford Country Club, 585 Slocum Road, Dartmouth. The event will offer food, a cash bar, raffles, silent auction items live entertainment, and more.

Thanks to the generosity of event sponsors, 100% of all ticket sales and event proceeds will directly benefit the building of the playground. Tickets are \$50 per person, and may be purchased at the door or by emailing theplaygroundprojectnb@gmail.com. General donations are also welcome.

This event is just one initiative that will be hosted by Sylvia during her year of service. Sylvia will continue to support the city's youth, specifically emphasizing her initiative of youth literacy. Sylvia will compete for the title of Miss Massachusetts in July.

Osprey Webcam

Visit a webcam, a live camera feed of a pair of Ospreys nesting in Mattapoisett at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwzQ_9Eb8Rg

Auditions

The Marion Art Center Theater announces open auditions for the upcoming production of *Rabbit Hole* written by David Lindsay-Abaire. Synopsis: Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want, until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. "Rabbit Hole" charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of

places and for a path that will lead them back into the light of day.

Director Kate Fishman will be casting five roles: one male and one female able to play late thirties/early forties, one female able to play early thirties, one female able to play mid-sixties and one male able to play a seventeen-year old boy. Character descriptions and more information at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Auditions will be held at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, May 21 from 1:00pm-3:00pm and on Sunday, May 22 from 1:00-3:00pm. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA. Only fully vaccinated actors will be considered for roles. Please wear a mask to auditions. Performance dates are scheduled August 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28.

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

SCLGBTQ+ FR

The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network cordially invites you, your family, and your friends to "Out in the Wilde... and Then Some," a Pride gala that will take place on Friday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Round the Bend Farm in Dartmouth, Mass. With this exciting event, we're hoping not only to raise awareness of all the activities we've planned for June Pride Month, but also to raise money for the construction of the new South Coast LGBTQ+ Community Center in downtown New Bedford.

Featuring hors-d'oeuvres and a dinner with food from Round the Bend and neighboring farms, performance by New Bedford-based The Performing Arts Collective that draws inspiration from the works of poet and playwright Oscar Wilde and others whose "outsider" views of the world have brought a different perspective to culture as we know it today.

Tickets are \$200 each and may be purchased at: <https://tinyurl.com/Pride-2022-Gala>.

Recipe of the Week

Cream Cheese Squares

- 2 (8-ounce) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9x13-inch pan.

Press 1 can of the crescent roll dough into the bottom of the prepared pan.

In a medium bowl, beat the cream cheese, 1 cup white sugar, and the vanilla until smooth and creamy.

Spread the cream cheese mixture over the dough in the bottom of the pan.

Unroll the second can of crescent roll dough and lay it on top of the cream cheese mixture without pressing down.

Pour or brush the melted margarine on top of the top layer of crescent dough.

Combine the remaining 1/4 cup white sugar and the ground cinnamon.

Sprinkle the cinnamon sugar over the melted margarine.

Bake until the top is crisp and golden, about 25-30 minutes.

Let cool for about 5 minutes before serving.

Dear Frankie



Patron the Sniffer Dog

Dear Frankie,

I read your column last week and saw how upset you and your readers were about the dogs in Ukraine. I thought you would be interested in knowing about

Patron, a brave little Jack Russell who serves in the Ukrainian Military.

Before I tell you about him, I don't want to imply that his story makes up for the tragedy of the hundreds of dogs abandoned when the war broke out. Patron is a sniffer dog; his job is to find mines and unexploded weapons that the Russian Soldiers left behind. When he smells gun powder, he lets Misha, the soldier he works with, know where the mine is so he can defuse it to prevent it from blowing up.

Don't think for a minute that the work Patron and Misha do is a slam dunk. Many of these mines are trigger sensitive and can explode in a second. Despite the danger, Patron and Misha have willingly accepted the challenge. Together they have saved the lives of thousands.

I can't tell you how proud I was to

be a dog when I read what one of our kind was doing to ensure the safety of so many animals and humans.

Perry

Dear Perry,

I read your letter to my friends at the dog park. There wasn't a dry eye among us. Several dogs were so moved that they said they wanted to be trained to be a sniffer dog so that they could also serve in the army.

I didn't want to dampen their enthusiasm, but I couldn't help wishing that the war would be long over before their training was completed.

Patron's story was an inspiration to all of us. Marika, who is about to have a litter, said Patron's story so touched her that she planned on naming her firstborn male Patron and the second one Misha. Thanks for your letter. It certainly did uplift and brighten everyone's spirit.

Best, Frankie

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Stamp Out Hunger food drive fills the truck

By Beth David
Editor

Postal service customers across the entire country left food by their mailboxes for the 30th annual “Stamp out Hunger” food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers, after a two-year hiatus due to COVID 19.

In Fairhaven, letter carriers took the food to the USPS location on Pequod Road where volunteers from the Shepherd’s Pantry waited with a U-Haul truck. By the end of the day, it was jam packed with nonperishable

food items that residents in Fairhaven had left out by their mailboxes. Volunteers then unloaded the truck at the pantry in Acushnet.

Pantry director Gerry Payette said they did not weigh the truck this year, but he was confident that there was as much as 7,500 pounds of food collected.

He said he had a few more volunteers than in previous years, making it easier for everyone.

“This is just fantastic,” he said about the volunteers.

In 2019, the last time the drive was

held, Fairhaven residents donated 4,160 pounds.

The Shepherd’s Pantry distributes food on Saturdays, from 9 to 11 a.m., located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet, Mass., 508-763-9289.

Donations to the pantry are tax deductible and may be sent to Shepherd’s Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

To learn more about the NALC food drive, visit <https://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive>



ABOVE LEFT: The volunteer crew for the Shepherd’s Pantry takes a minute in Fairhaven to pose for the local free sheet during the Stamp Out Hunger food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers on 5/14/22. ABOVE RIGHT: The volunteer crew at the Shepherd’s Pantry in Acushnet poses after unloading all the boxes from the truck. RIGHT: Volunteer Caleb St. Pierre grabs a box of food at the pantry. BELOW LEFT: Shelves at the pantry are filled with USPS boxes filled with food collected by USPS letter carriers. BELOW RIGHT: Pantry Administrator Lou Braga pushes a cart stacked with boxes of food at the Shepherd’s Pantry. *Photos by Beth David.*



Hinckley pulls off big upset in Acushnet

By Beth David
Editor

Newcomer to politics, Robert Hinckley, pulled off a big upset in Acushnet when he beat incumbent David Desroches, 391-338* for Selectboard in the 5/14/22 election. Mr. Hinckley's only other attempt at office was two years ago when he ran as a write-in candidate starting just a few days before the election. This was his first time officially on the ballot.

In the only other contested race on Saturday, Board of Health incumbent Thomas Fortin easily kept his seat against challenger Doug Thomas, 495-222*.

About 9.3% of voters turned out with 738 of 7977 registered voters casting ballots.

Mr. Hinckley was sworn in on Tuesday, 5/17 at a short SB meeting that re-organized the board and named board representatives to ongoing union negotiations. The board voted in David Wojnar as chairperson.

"Thank you, I look forward to working with the rest of the board and the town in general," said Mr. Hinckley in his first words as a Selectboard member. "I'm pretty excited and I've got a lot to learn. And I'm going to dive right in today and get to work."

"Kudos to Selectman Hinckley," said Mr. Desroches in a statement. "As for me, I can walk away with my head held high with experiences and people I will always remember."

Election results were a bit delayed this year, as the voting machines were not working. Votes had to be hand-counted, which lasted into the wee hours of the morning, ending around 12:30 a.m. Then the ballots had to be returned to the clerk's office and the information entered into the system. Town Clerk Pamela Labonte sent out preliminary results at about 4:30 a.m.

Ms. Labonte said that for each election, the voting machines have to be coded to be able to count the votes. The memory/coding packs are sent to the company for coding, along with the ballot information. The company then programs the packs for each race, and sends them back to the town.

As the election neared, she started to get a little worried when the packs did not arrive, but not too much because she has worked with the same company for years. Finally, on Wednesday, she reached someone from the company and they told her the memory packs were no longer available for that machine because the batteries had been caught up in



Acushnet Town Clerk Pam Labonte (STANDING, RIGHT) explains to poll workers how to conduct a hand count of all ballots and all races because the voting machines were down on election day in Acushnet, 5/14/122. Photo by Beth David.

the whole supply-chain issues with so many other products.

Ms. Labonte said she was not happy that no one had notified her. Especially since she has money in her budget for new machines. She only waited to buy those because she needed the census information to be complete so she would know how many machines to get.

Ironically, because she has used the old machines for so many years, she has a lot of replacement parts and whole machines ready to go in case of a problem.

"I have tons of spares," she said. The memory packs, however, are not something she can do. They have to be programmed by the company.

What's especially frustrating, she said, is that the company knew about

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LEFT: Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte administers the oath of office to newest Selectboard member Robert Hinckley on 5/17/22, after Mr. Hinckley won in an upset on 5/14, besting incumbent David Desroches 391-338. Photo courtesy of the Town of Acushnet. RIGHT: Poll workers hand-count votes, with one person reading from the ballot and the other marking the sheet, because the voting machines were down on election day in Acushnet, 5/14/122. Photo 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.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Is back at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 1-3:00 p.m. every other Wednesday. Next Date: May 25.

Computer Technology Classes

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

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): 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

Monday June 6 & Wednesday June 8: Part 1+2: Computer Skills (0-1): "All Things Google": This class will be introduced to multiple applications that Google offers for free. Which includes Google Search, Mail, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Google+, Drive, Translate, Maps, Play Store, and Google News. The workshop will demonstrate some of the practical Google Products of their 250 that are available to consumers.

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BPW hires beach parking attendants, promotes for HMEO

At its meeting on Monday, 5/9/22, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired summer help for West Island Town Beach, promoted an employee from the Highway Department, and discussed bat boxes to be built on the Fort Phoenix bike trail by a local Eagle Scout.

The board first took a moment of silence in memory of the passing of former Selectboard member and former BPW member Daniel Freitas. Vice Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that he knew Mr. Freitas for many years and although he was controversial he was a great guy.

The board discussed a bat box project that Eagle Scout Ethan Nault proposed to be built on the bike trail. Mr. Nault could not attend the meeting because he had a baseball game, but Mr. Nault is a junior at Fairhaven High School and he proposed that he would like to put six bat boxes on the bike trail. The boxes will benefit the bats but also benefit the residents as these boxes will be a habitat for the bats. The bats also help by eating mosquitoes.

Mr. Hobson said he appreciates Mr.

Nault's project and loves the idea, adding you do not see kids doing things like this anymore. Mr. Hobson said he was impressed.

Board member Anne Morton-Smith agreed with Mr. Hobson and said the project sounded pretty cool.

The board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Nault to build six bat boxes on the Phoenix Bike Trail.

In another matter the board interviewed Kyle Jones to Heavy Motor Equipment Operator.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said Mr. Jones just has been a temporary employee for the Highway Department since November and has just received his CDL. Mr. Furtado said now that Mr. Jones has his license they would like to hire him as permanent truck driver.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Jones as HMEO.

In another matter the board discussed summer help for West Island Town Beach. Mr. Furtado explained to the board that they would be rehiring six employees from last year and then hiring two new employees as gate/parking attendants.

Mr. Furtado said that Gary Lavalette will not be working at Town Beach as a parking attendant this summer. Mr. Furtado said the beach will have a police detail on busy weekends like the Fourth of July.

Board member Cameron Durant asked if they should hire another parking attendant or have an employee from the Highway Department helping out.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said he felt it was not necessary and that the beach and parking have calmed down. He suggested that they see how it goes and maybe have an on call schedule for employees in case the beach attendants need help.

Mr. Hobson suggested that on busy weekends to have employees in the parking lot, one acting as the gate attendant and one acting as the parking attendant.

Office Manager Becky Vento said she would also like to hire two more lifeguards if possible just in case employees are unavailable or leave midsummer.

Mr. Furtado explained that they

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From our readers

Hodgson is right to keep Ash Street open

It being an election year, it's no surprise that a big issue I've seen in the media with regard to the Sheriff's race is the Ash Street Jail and Regional Lock-Up in New Bedford.

The jail opened in 1888. It's more than a century old. It used to house pirates, infamous ax murderer Lizzie Borden and all manner of trouble-makers in the old whaling days of New Bedford and Bristol County. The last public hanging in Massachusetts took place right there in the visiting area, or at least that's how the urban legend goes.

I've read and heard the calls from Sheriff Hodgson's political opponents to close the jail. It's too old, they say. It's too expensive, they say. It has a laundry list of problems, they say.

They're wrong. You know how I know they're wrong? I ran the place for several years.

In 2014, I was given and accepted the opportunity to lead the team at the Ash Street facility as Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Security. Over the next five years, I witnessed

the work and compassion shown by each and every staff member there. The Ash Street team took and continues to take enormous pride in the facility and its stellar reputation in law enforcement circles.

The facility is clean, quiet and safe. It passes annual inspections/audits from several different organizations, from the state Department of Corrections to the city Fire Department and Health Department. These successes are squarely the reflection of the hard work and dedication of the staff.

Every day while at Ash Street, I saw inmates in classes and programs, taking advantage of the educational, substance abuse and other opportunities offered by the Sheriff's Office to help them get back on the road to success. Every day I saw it.

Aside from the jail, law enforcement agencies from across the county use the regional lock-up to house their arrestees so they don't have to hold them at the police stations. If someone is arrested in Dartmouth, Rehoboth, Berkley or any other community in Bristol County, they can be brought to Ash Street

before their court appearance, which frees up police resources in the communities which would otherwise be tasked with watching an arrestee.

The BCSO Civil Process division is also based at Ash Street, and provides a valuable and necessary service to the community.

The Ash Street Jail is not the dilapidated money pit that political activists and candidates say it is. It is a vital county asset, manned by capable, diligent and outstanding officers.

I take great pride in the facility, and Sheriff Hodgson's commitment to this facility and the corrections professionals who work there are just another reason why he has my vote in November.

Joseph Oliver III, Dartmouth

Thank you from the food pantry

This letter of thanks goes out to all of the generous Fairhaven residents, who contributed non-perishable food to the 30th annual U.S. Postal food drive called "Stamp Out Hunger." On Saturday May 14th, the hard working

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Grow Local!

By Christin Ritz for the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

Spring officially began back in March, but these past few weeks it finally feels like it! The birds are nesting, the bunnies are out in full force, and the grass is back to its needy self — requiring a mow on the regular. The weather hovers around that perfect temperature to get out in the yard — not too cold and not too hot. Doesn't it inspire you to dig into the earth and start planting?

Well before you do, consider going native! By choosing plants native to Massachusetts, not only will the local birds and bugs thank you, but you'll save yourself a lot of work and resources.

Native plants developed in this region, so they thrive in our climate, weather, and soil conditions. They stand up to all four New England seasons, as well as to the pests that thrive here too. Once established, they require much less watering and tending than species from other parts of the globe. They don't require the pesticides, fertilizers, or soil amendments that non-local species do.

Since they are a natural part of our ecosystem, they also provide the needs of our native pollinators, bees and birds.

For instance, did you know the Monarch Butterfly caterpillar only eats one plant in the world?!? It's Milkweed, and it's native to our

region! Planting some in your yard can make a big difference for the Monarch population. Here are a few more ideas to get you started:

For flowers that will come back year after year, try Yarrow, Yellow Hyssop, Black Cohosh, Pearly Everlasting, or Anemone.

Yarrow and Pearly Everlasting both have tiny flowers that are very attractive to ladybugs and other beneficial insects. Bringing these bugs into your garden is like having a team of security guards keeping out the "bad guys" of the bug world. Both require little water and enjoy sunny, dry conditions, so these choices have big rewards for very little work.

Hyssop is another magnet for beneficial insects and is usually covered in bees as soon as it blooms.

Black Cohosh, which is widely known as a medicinal herb, has striking spiked flowers that won't bloom until late summer, so it is a great addition to keep the floral display going all season long.

Anemone's papery petals and cheerful appearance always bring a smile to my face. Both the Meadow Anemone and the Virginia Anemone (Thimbleweed) are natives. They are resistant to pests and are the low maintenance stars of the garden.

Want to attract backyard birds? Providing food will do the trick! Berry-producing shrubs like Winterberry, Holly, Beach Plum, Elderberry, Serviceberry, Sassafras, Wintergreen and Bayberry will turn your back yard into a bird snack bar!

Winterberry is a variety of holly that brightens the winter landscape with its stunning red fruit — but not for long! Enjoy the color while it lasts, because no doubt Catbirds will swoop in and gobble them up.

Beach Plum is known for growing in the dunes, but in the sandy soil of our coastal town you can have one in



your own back yard. If you nab some plums before the birds get to them, try making Beach Plum Jam!

Native to New England wetlands, Elderberry produces the fruit beloved by birds and treasured by humans for its immune-boosting qualities. Did you know that its stems are critical habitat for the Iridescent Elderberry Borer Beetle, a native but rare insect?

If you want something a bit larger, Serviceberry and Sassafras cross over from large shrubs to small trees. Their berries will attract migrating birds as they pass through town and provide them a habitat as well. For something smaller, try Wintergreen. It is more like a groundcover and also can work as a potted plant.

Birders, if you've been longing to finally spot a Yellow-rumped Warbler, plant a Northern Bayberry, whose berries are irresistible to the little guys.

Interested in shade, sequestering carbon from the atmosphere, and have plenty of space? Plant a native tree! A few examples are Hickory, White Oak, Pitch Pine, Black Tupelo, Gray Birch, Atlantic White Cedar and Red Cedar.

Digging into the world of native plants is a fun and rewarding experience! There are many online sites to learn more about them, including www.mass.gov which has many downloadable resources.

Happy Spring, and as the old adage says, "Bloom where you are planted!"



TOP & ABOVE: A Monarch Butterfly Caterpillar feasts on a Swamp Milkweed in a Fairhaven front yard. Milkweed is the only thing that the caterpillar eats. Submitted photos.

An invitation to all veterans and those who support veterans

Please join us in Fairhaven for our Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies

Show your support for those who have served and sacrificed. **PARADE:** Monday, 5/30, steps off at 10:00 a.m. from the corner of Main and Union Streets, marches along Main to Riverside Cemetery.



All gave some, and some gave all.

Flag Raising

On Mon., 5/30, at Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven by 7 a.m. The Memorial Day flag raising ceremony at the fort is sponsored by the North

Fairhaven Improvement Association with the Fairhaven Boy Scouts. The flag will be lowered at 5 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Veterans are asked to gather at Union and Main Streets no later than 9:30 a.m. Veterans and active military personnel who wish to join the parade but are not able to walk, should call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029, to let them know you want to ride in the van which will leave from the Senior Center that morning. The parade will conclude at Riverside Cemetery where a ceremony will be held. Organizers are asking spectators to line Main Street and wave small flags as the parade passes. Home owners on Main Street are asked to place flags out front to show support.

**From
George
Brownell,
Vietnam War
Veteran**

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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Acushnet Planning Board

Notice of Public Hearing
Hybrid meeting. Join via Zoom at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82746080834?pwd=ZDNrSTZlTBEVXd2V3ZabEhFc3Z3UT09>
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
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Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

- Case #2021.12.07A** A continuation of the case of John M. LeBlanc, of 13 Priscilla Drive in Lakeville MA, who is petitioning for a modification to the Special Permit originally issued for 1315 Main Street from a small retail landscape business with attached garage space for use by Northeast Property Services and DBT Landscaping to be used as contractor bays for the storage of materials and equipment, and the possible use of associated office space.
- Case #2022.04.26B** A continuation of the case of Rita Sweet, of 32 Bardsley Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit for the Board's approval of an existing accessory apartment. The original permit allowed for the construction of a 26' x 26' addition according to approved plans of a two car garage and walk-up storage on the second

floor. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "B" (1).

- Case #2022.05.31A** A case of Andrew Weigel, of 10 Neck Road in Rochester MA, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit for the property located at 1277 Main Street to be used as an automotive repair shop. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B".
 - Case #2022.05.31B** A case of Nicholas Yell, of 35 Cox Street, Acushnet, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance for 1,991 sq. ft. to be able to construct a garage as well as approval of proposed plans for a second floor. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "E" (5).
- *** Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours ***

FNN, 5/19/22, 5/26/22



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had two candidates to interview for the gate/parking attendant positions that night.

The board interviewed Danica Andersen for the position first. Ms. Andersen said she is a sophomore from Fairhaven High School and she is available to work all summer except for one week where she will be away on vacation.

Mr. Furtado recommended her.

Mr. Hobson asked if Ms. Andersen felt comfortable being stern with people about parking. Ms. Anderson said yes.

Mr. Furtado said he would be holding an orientation for all employees before the season starts.

The board then interviewed Cailin Aubut for the same position as gate/parking attendant. Ms. Aubut said she is a college student but should be available the majority of

the summer.

The board unanimously to hire both women as gate/parking attendants.

In another matter the board voted unanimously for Mr. Hobson to remain the BPW's representative on the Marine Resources Committee.

In other business, the board:

- Approved waivers for two driveways at 33 Nancy Street, and one driveway at 58 Wilding Street.

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being produced around the country. The ACM Foundation is proud of their achievement and of how they represent their communities in their work," said Mike Wassenaar, president & CEO, Alliance for Community Media.

Founded in 1979, the Alliance for Community Media is a national, non-profit membership organization committed to ensuring access to electronic media for all people. The Alliance for Community Media carries forth its mission by educating, advocating, and acting as a resource for the more than 3,000 Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) cable channels nationwide.

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.

Cultural Council

Thurs., 5/19, Remote, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

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

Joint meeting with Select Board

Planning Board

Tues., 5/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

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

Select Board

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

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Mon., 5/31, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	19	1122	2347	0441*	1643*
Friday	20	----	1222	0529*	1736
Saturday	21	0048	1326	0628	1844
Sunday	22	0150	1426	0809	2052
Monday	23	0248	1524	0941	2236
Tuesday	24	0347	1624	1055	2346
Wednesday	25	0450	1726	1153	----
Thursday	26	0550	1816	0040	1236
Friday	27	0638	1858	0127	1309
Saturday	28	0718	1936	0214	1315
Sunday	29	0757	2014	0300	1323

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letter carriers did double duty by delivering the mail and picking up all of the food left by their postal patrons' mailboxes.

All of the food went to the Shepherd's Pantry, located at 1215 Main Street, Acushnet.

According to Lou Braga, the pantry's Administrator, this food drive was essential in keeping our doors open. Reason being, the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), our main supplier of non-perishable food, has been hard pressed in meeting the area's demands.

Another huge thank you, for its success, goes out to all our exceptional volunteers who came out

to help at the postal annex, located on Pequod road in Fairhaven, and at the pantry to unload all of the food at the end of the day. Also to The Standard-Times and The Fairhaven Neighborhood News who published my letter reminding folks of this important yearly endeavor. And especially to Beth David, The FNN publisher and editor, for showing interest by always coming out and taking pictures of our event.

I also need to mention Steve Xavier, from Skip's Marine, for donating their truck, each month, to pick up our delivery of food from GBFB and delivering it to our pantry.

Also, during the year, you can

always donate non-perishable food at the Millicent Library and Stop & Shop Supermarket, both located in Fairhaven, and the at Acushnet Library.

And finally, to see all of the kindness of people's generosity that day, by either donating food or volunteering, or both, makes me realize, once again, that this is what life is all about. If you need to utilize the services of the pantry, come by on Saturdays between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. You can also call for information at 508-763-9289.

God bless,

Gerry Payette, Director/
Shepherd's Pantry

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the problem last year. She would have had plenty of time to buy new machines.

Instead, her week was overwhelmingly difficult. She had to create forms for poll workers to use, and recruit workers who could stay all night to count votes.

About 10 tables were set up with two poll workers each. One read from

the ballot, while the other marked the sheet. The long sheet had all the races with each name and a line for write-ins and going down the left. Across the top were 50 columns, as ballots were counted in blocks of 50.

A two-page set of instructions included everything from how to mark the ballots to how to handle bathroom breaks (the whole team has to leave the area and a police officer

guards the ballots). Even the red pencils were regulated.

Observers from the campaigns were allowed, but none chose to send anyone.

Ms. Labonte said the process was not complicated, just tedious.

**The results of the election had not been certified by press time. They should be certified by the end of the week.*

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