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

Fairhaven July 4 celebration is back



Fairhaven held its Independence Day ceremony on 7/4/22 with a parade, car cruise, and ceremony. ABOVE: Fairhaven Select Board member Bob Espindola fires off cannon #3 at Fort Phoenix during the ceremony. All five Select Board members got to fire off one of the five Civil War era Seacoast Defense cannons. See page 12. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*



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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.

We're baaack!
Well, mostly. I think my brain is still on vacation.

So much to rage about...so little time...so little space.

Yes, indeed, it will all have to wait until next week because it's too late and I've got to get this baby to bed.

Lots of fun stuff happened while we were gone. Glenn was out and about having lots of fun covering it all. Just look at that cool cover shot, huh?

See pages 12, 13, and 19 for some pictures of Homecoming, July 4th events, Fairhaven's Got Pride and cool fireworks.

Lions member and long time BPW worker Bob Parent was honored with a plaque in his name (see page 12). Bob was a great supporter of the paper. He was at every event that was fun to be at, wearing a big smile. He is missed very much by many people.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The Select Board meeting is on page 4.

And, our new Town Administrator is smacking right up against it: Change? Change? Oh God NO.

Honestly, people. If Henry Huttleston Rogers were alive, I have no doubt he would gut that building without a minute's hesitation. That stupid mezzanine wannabe thingy really is useless. We're in the 21st century. People in wheelchairs shouldn't have to go through hell just to pay a bill.

Just think: What would Henry do?

He'd say let's get this building modernized. The guy was a big believer in the new and techy stuff. He put a phone in every room in the high school in 1906. That really should tell you something.

Ah well.

There's more in here of course. Be sure to notice where our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...see ya

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

It's not too late to join the Plastic-Free Challenge

Press Release

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee invites all residents to challenge themselves to use less plastic and have fun competing for prizes! Join our town team for the Plastic-Free July Eco-Challenge!

Top Scores at the end of July win prizes from local businesses including: a bottle of organic Sauvignon Blanc donated by Stevie's Wine &

Spirits, a sustainable gift pack donated by Strawberry Moon, and a \$50 gift card donated by Breakwater Surf Co!

Joining is easy: go to <https://plasticfree.ecochallenge.org/teams/team-fairhaven>.

Once you join the team, select which actions you will take to reduce your use of single-use plastics.

There are many actions to choose

from, like bringing your own bags when you shop, refusing plastic straws, using a travel mug instead of disposable cups, and many more!

As you complete each task, log in and earn points to win prizes! Please join us and share with your friends and family! When we act as a community, we can make a huge difference!

Majority of state experiencing ongoing drought conditions

Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

With 90 percent of Massachusetts experiencing drought conditions, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card on 7/12/22 declared a Level 2-Significant Drought in the Northeast, Southeast, Connecticut River Valley, and Central Regions of the state. Additionally, the Islands Region will remain at Level 1-Mild Drought along with the Western Region, which was elevated from Normal conditions last month. At this time, the Cape Cod Region will remain at Level 0-Normal conditions. As

outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 2-Significant Drought warrants the convening of an inter-agency Mission Group, which has already been convened, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts and response within the government. A Level 1-Mild Drought warrants detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities.

Since the start of June 2022, hydrological conditions have con-

tinued to decline across the state and in particular in the northern half of the Commonwealth. Significantly, the drought has been both spreading and intensifying, with indices dropping more rapidly due to lack of precipitation over the past several months. Additionally, fire danger in the northern half of the state is steadily on the rise, with noticeable drought stress on foliage in shrubs and grasses. It is expected that low dew point and higher evapotranspiration may continue to impact the drought in the coming weeks as the state will

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Select Board okays historic register application for Rogers

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 7/5/22, the Fairhaven Select Board voted to support efforts by the Rogers Re-Use Committee (RC) to apply for the 1885 Rogers School building to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The application to the Mass. Historical Commission (MHC) starts the process and is a revision of the application sent last year. The National Register is a federal program of the National Park Service and is administered by the MHC in the state.

At the meeting, RC chairperson Susan Loo told the board that the MHC rejected last year's application, and asked for more information.

Ms. Loo told the board that the designation applies to the whole property and building, inside and out. The listing does not cover "specific features," she said.

If a developer uses private funds, there is no restriction on what can be done to the building. If historic tax credits or grants are used, however, restrictions apply.

The designation also gives the town more authority to add local restrictions to the building.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison noted that there are three open bids for use of the building from the last Request for Proposals. She said pursuing the listing on the National Register does not affect negotiations with those developers.

The board voted to approve the application.

In another matter, the board heard from several residents and Historical Commission chairperson Wayne Oliveira voicing opposition to plans by Ms. Ellison to swap the Select Board and TA office with the Collector/Treasurer's office.

Ms. Ellison told the board that the Veterans Agent had already moved his office to the Council on Aging/Senior Center. Conservation will also move to the VA's old office. And the Planning Office will expand into the space previously occupied by the conservation agent.

Ms. Ellison told the board and the public that the Collector's office is the most trafficked office in town hall and the one that has the least accessibility for people with mobility issues. She said the SB office does not get as much traffic.

"My office is not a functioning office for what I need to do relative to the position," said Ms. Ellison, adding that it is too small to have more than a couple of people in

for a meeting.

She said she has had to pick up documents and then find a place to meet, such as the East Room upstairs. Then, inevitably, has to run back down to get documents.

"It's not conducive to any level of professionalism," she said, and not conducive to doing the business of the town, or for her to successfully do what she needs to do.

Ms. Ellison also addressed some "misinformation," about the move. She said the doors are not being cut, but one will be created, the kind with a shelf for people to use as a surface to write on.

She said the plan was to move the counter in the Collector's Office, but that is on hold because a member of the Fairhaven Historical Commission con-

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[Angie Lopes Ellison, TA]

tacted the Mass. Historical Commission, and they want to see the plan. The Town Hall has a Preservation Restriction dating back to 1998, which includes the inside of the building.

Ms. Ellison said that regardless of the decision by the Mass. HC, the move will happen.

"We'll see what we can or can't do," she said. "And based on that, we will adjust."

Ms. Ellison stressed that moving the offices was well within her purview and no one else's.

She seemed to take a certain amount of umbrage at some of the misinformation that had circulated around town and on social media.

"People have taken it upon themselves to provide false information," said Ms. Ellison, adding they are taking action based on lies, and accusing her of having a "hidden agenda."

"I will never ever lie," said Ms. Ellison.

She said the offices will move in any case, and if they are "stuck" with counter,

they will work in that space and "make it work."

She stressed that the accessibility issue was important, and if the Louvre in Paris, a building that is thousands of years old, can be wheelchair accessible, then Fairhaven's town hall can be, too.

Board members expressed support for her plans.

SB member Bob Espindola noted that a study some years ago addressed some of the accessibility issues in town hall.

SB Vice Chair Leon Correy said Ms. Ellison had "taken a lot of unnecessary heat" about the move. He said she is in charge of the day-to-day operations of town hall, and the SB sets policy. He said the Board of Directors of a company does not tell the CEO "where to sit."

Historical Commission chairperson Wayne Oliveira said the preservation restriction means no damage can be done by office moves.

He said talk of using Home Depot doors in an 1894 building was "just not the right thing to do."

He said the SB office is currently 726 square feet and they will be moving to a 465 square-foot space.

"This makes no sense whatsoever," said Mr. Oliveira, who failed to mention that his wife, Vicki Oliveira, is the Assistant Town Administrator and would be directly affected by the move.

He noted electrical issues, phones, and computers will have to be moved, along with the alarm system.

"Who benefits from this move," asked Mr. Oliveira.

"With all due respect...I would like to see some master plan," said Tracy Travers.

Cathy Melanson also spoke against the change saying the half-door with the "center thing on it," would make our town hall like all the others: cold.

"Fairhaven's not cold," she said.

Nils Isaaksen, a member of the HC, said he had concerns about people "doing their private business" in the hallway through the half-door.

Ms. Ellison reminded everyone that town business is not private, and people can still go behind closed doors if necessary.

"We do municipal work," said Ms. Ellison. "Everything we do is in the public realm. There is no privacy. It's public work."

The board did not take a vote.

The board also held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee to approve several year end transfers.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Concerts in the Ctr

Concerts Under the Stars, Thursday evenings from July 14 to August 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., Town Hall steps, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

This series of outdoor summer concerts is sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Free. In the event of rain, concerts will be held inside Town Hall. Perfect for a summer night of music with friends and family

For more information, visit <http://FairhavenImprovement.org>.

- July 14 Blues Trail, Classic Blues and Rock n
- July 21 Forever Young, Celebrating the music of Neil Young
- July 28 October Road, James Taylor tribute band
- Aug 4 Road Side Attraction, R&B, Classic Rock and Contemporary Dance Pop
- Aug 11 G & Friends, Local favorites playing something for everyone, jazz, pop, rock and blues

Farmers Markets

Fairhaven Farmer's Market

The Fairhaven Farmer's Market will open for the season this Sunday, 6/19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and run through October 30, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA, next to National Bleach. This privately operated farmers market features locally grown edibles, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, meat, herbs, honey, jams, eggs, plants, homemade soaps, fresh squeezed lemonade, farm-related products and much more. Some vendors accept SNAP/HIP and WIC and Seniors Farmers Market coupons. There is parking on the premises. The market offers free space for local non-profit groups. For more information, email Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net or find them on Facebook.

Roxann's Garden Center

Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Roxann's Garden Center, 189 Alden Road, Fairhaven. Features local produce and hand crafted items.

Huttleston Marketplace

More than 75 booths are scheduled to set up each Saturday at Fairhaven's outdoor Huttleston Marketplace from

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Port Use Survey

The Port of New Bedford and Fairhaven is a busy place and getting busier! The New Bedford Port Authority (NBPA) is interested in understanding the current usage of the Port and its facilities and the need for additional services and space as the NBPA makes decisions about future expansion of facilities and services. We want to hear from you! Please complete a short survey, it should take less than 5 minutes to complete, to help NBPA understand the different ways the Port is being used, your needs for services and space, and your thoughts about the future. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBPortStudy>. The survey will be open June 27-July 29.

SAVE THE DATE:

Beach Cleanup

Plastic Free July Fort Phoenix Cleanup with Be the Solution to Pollution and The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee on Sun., 7/24, 9am to noon. Meet in the parking lot near the cannons (end of Fort Street). Bring a reusable water bottle and closed toe shoes. Tools, bags and gloves provided.

Everyone is welcome!!!! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Don't forget your sunblock!

Contact: Be the Solution to Pollution, <https://www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution>; Instagram: [marylou4oceans](https://www.instagram.com/marylou4oceans); [bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com](https://www.instagram.com/bethesolutiontopollution)

Lagoa Celebration

On behalf of the Fairhaven Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee, the Town of Fairhaven is cordially inviting the public to the opening of our itinerant photography exhibition at Fairhaven Town Hall on Monday, July 25th, 2022 at 6:00PM. This celebration commemorates the 500th anniversary of the town of Lagoa, in the Azores.

Fairhaven joins in this celebration of our sister city and acknowledges the many descendants of the area of Lagoa who reside within our town's limits. Thank you, and we look

forward to seeing you then!

FHS Tours

Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Route 6. Remaining tour dates in 2022: Friday, July 15, 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 22, 10:00 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 goes through 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.

You can visit the FHS Alumni Association website at <http://fairhavenalumni.org>

Pirates!

Pirates & Privateers Presentation at Fort Phoenix, Fridays, 10:00 a.m., through September. Start at Fort Phoenix flagpole, Fort Phoenix, Old Fort Rd., Fairhaven

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail "Abby" Black, a ship's doctor, Mr. Church the cook, and Andrew the Powder Monkey.

Learn which things you think you know about pirates are myths based on fiction, the difference between pirates and "legal" privateers, and whether or not real pirates said "arrrrgh!" Presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel gun. Weather permitting. Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/category/tours/>

Finding a new home for Oxford School's Revere Bell

By Beth David
Editor

Members of the Historical Commission, Bell Committee, Select Board, and members of the public, met at Fairhaven Town Hall on Saturday, 7/9, to pick a spot for the bell that had been housed in the cupola on the roof of the Oxford School Building. The bell was removed by volunteers and has been cleaned up and is ready for its new home. The school building has been and repurposed for senior housing.

The SB has decided that the bell can be permanently placed on the lawn of town hall.

The group on Saturday used a lightweight facsimile of the new housing for the bell to move around the lawn to get a view of how it would look.

Wayne Oliveira, chairperson of the Fairhaven Historical Commission, said they were trying to find a spot that would be easily seen by people driving by. The base will be concrete for the 750+ pound bell, with a granite slab on as a decorative feature. Mr. Oliveira said they will eventually install a walkway to it as well.

The bell was cleaned by a professional in Watertown, but is back in Fairhaven now in a secure place. It will be secured in its new location to prevent it from being stolen.

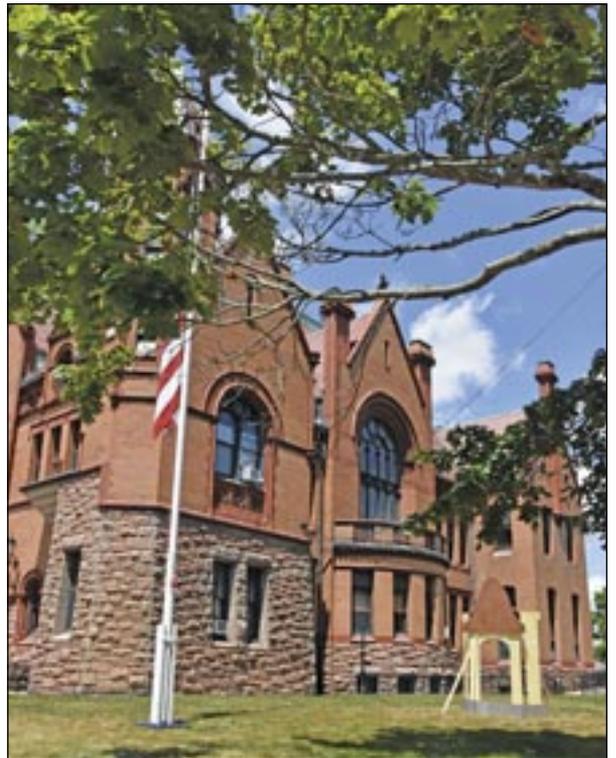
The bell was crafted in the foundry owned by famous Boston patriot Paul Revere in 1796. It was commissioned for the Second Church of Christ, which eventually became the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven, but the bell was actually in the building that now houses Euro's.

In 1914 it was bought by the Fairhaven School Department and moved to the Oxford School, where it remained until October of 2015. (See our story from 10/15/15.)

The bell has had a storied history, that includes signalling the call to church, summoning children to school, and calling out alarms for the fire department.

It rang out when President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, and in 1881 when President James Garfield was assassinated, and when General Sheridan's body traveled from Nonquitt to New Bedford in 1888.

Bell Committee member Lee Baumgartner said the committee has a lot of documents on the bell's creation, acquisition, and its journey

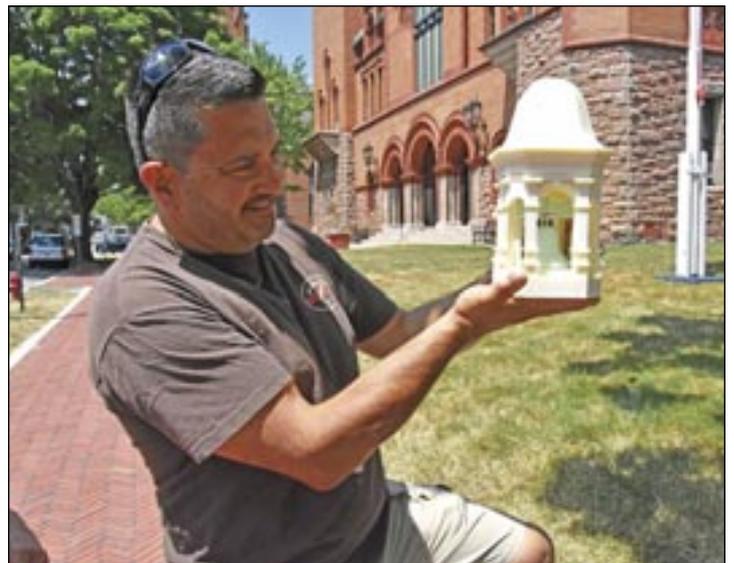


through the years.

"I think we found a happy medium," said Mr. Oliveira on Saturday.

"You can see it from every angle," added Mr. Baumgartner.

The committee will be at a Select Board meeting soon to talk about placement of the bell.



TOP: A life-sized facsimile of the housing for the Revere bell, that was removed from the Oxford School, sits on the Fairhaven Town Hall lawn on 7/9/22, in the spot chosen by members of the historical commission and the bell committee as a permanent place for the bell. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Bell Committee chairperson Doug Brady and Historical Commission chairperson Wayne Oliveira estimate how the opening will change a bit from the facsimile of the housing for the Revere bell. ABOVE RIGHT: Mr. Oliveira holds up a miniature version of the housing for the Revere bell. *Photos by Beth David.*

Alyssa Botelho picks up 2 regional film maker awards

Press Release

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Boston/New

England Chapter recently honored Alyssa Botelho with two College/University Production Awards (com-

monly known as “Student Emmys”). NATAS, which governs the Emmy Awards and is a leading professional organization in the television and media industry, named her short film *To Dust All Return* as “Best Short Form — Fiction” and she was named “Best Director”.

Alyssa is the first Fairhaven High School alum and the first University of Rhode Island student to win a College/University Production Award from NATAS.

The 18th century historical thriller tells the story of a girl who is suspected of practicing witchcraft. It was made during the pandemic in the spring of 2021 for her capstone film class at the University of Rhode Island.

Alyssa says, “It’s truly an honor to be recognized by this prestigious organization. I don’t make films for the purpose of winning awards, but



LEFT: Alyssa Botelho of Fairhaven holds her two Student Emmys” from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Boston/New England Chapter that she won for her short film “To Dust All Return” on 6/14/22. Submitted photo. ABOVE: Ms. Botelho on the set of “To Dust All Return.” Submitted photo by Nick Doyle.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Summer Concerts

Friday evenings are about to get a lot more festive in downtown New Bedford. The City's massive, dance-fueled Summer Sound Series begins June 17 and offers a free concert every week, alternating between Purchase Street and lower Union Street, with block party events featuring a variety of musical genres and participation from local restaurants every Friday through Sept. 16.

PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):

- July 15: Adam Lufkin's Mid-Summah Night's Jam (guitar-driven, multi-genre)
- July 29: Craig DeMelo Band (guitar-driven singer/songwriter, spoken word poetry)
- August 12: JAMMIN': A Tribute to Bob Marley (reggae)
- August 19: World Premier Band (funk / dance / throwbacks and originals)
- September 2: Hip Shot Band (upbeat dance / multiple genres / high-energy event band)

UNION STREET (between N. Water St. and Route 18):

- July 22: TBD*
- August 5: The Silks (blues-based rock 'n' roll from Providence)
- August 26: TBD*
- September 9: The Rosie Show (singer / songwriter rock)
- September 16: Johnny Hoy & The Bluefish (bluesy dance music)

All concerts are weather permitting. Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

Street Cleanup

Saturday, July 16th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Meet at Southcoast Health at 101 Page St. New Bedford, MA

Volunteers will be cleaning up the West End area. You can pre-register at <https://operationcleansweep.net/cleanups-operation-clean-sweep/>

Free t-shirts to all volunteers; Gloves and tools provided; Wear closed-toe shoes; Review the safety notes; Walkins Welcome; Free pizza provided by Dominos

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

50s Night

Joe Jesus' 50s Night returns to Downtown New Bedford (Union Street) on Thurs., 7/21, with performers playing from around 5:30 to 8 p.m. In Memory of Joe Jesus.

Featuring the classic tunes from the 1950s by Eddie and the Exciters; Chops Turner; The Majestic; Showstoppers; A Tribute to Mowtown; DJs Johnny Angel, Doug Botelho, Bob Bramwell; classic car show; and much more. Find them on Facebook: Joe Jesus 50s Night for map of all the acts.

Art Reception

One of the most eagerly anticipated public art exhibitions returns to the New Bedford waterfront with an opening reception on Thursday, July 14. Coinciding with AHA! New Bedford's evening in the city, the 2022 Seaport Art Walk officially introduces this year's artists and their work to residents and visitors during a free tour of the outdoor exhibit from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning at 82 Front Street.

The theme of this year's Seaport Art Walk is "Open Spaces." To reflect that concept, sculptures and murals were created that expand upon the notion of creating open space for our minds and our souls - imagining in their work the wilderness, the ocean, meditation, parks, and nature - thus opening ourselves to healing and love.

The 2022 Seaport Art Walk "Open Spaces" is presented by New Bedford Creative, and funded in part by New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, as well as the city of New Bedford's Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund, and Bristol County Savings Bank.

The juried outdoor exhibition will be on view through October, 2022. Visit newbedfordcreative.org/seaport-art-walk

Makers Market

Buy Black NB launches the inaugural Dream Makers Market, the first of its kind in New Bedford. Thurs., 7/14, from 5-8 p.m., Wing's Court & 54th Regiment Square, Downtown New Bedford.

Buy Black NB is a free community platform established in 2020. As part of its dedication to discovering,

highlighting and promoting Black-owned businesses in the South Coast, Buy Black NB hosts year-round events with a hand-selected, diverse group of local vendors offering you an opportunity to find your next favorite product.

Art Reception

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to announce the opening of *Some Things Fishy: Nautical Folk Art by Paul Helgesen*. An opening reception will take place on Thursday, July 14th at 5:00 PM during AHA! Night, 38 Bethel St., NB. The exhibit will run through August 28, 2022. This is the return of Paul Helgesen's work to the Center, fishier and funkier than ever!

As part of AHA! Night programming on July 14 (from 5-8 PM), kids will have the opportunity to participate in a make-and-take art activity. Using found objects, kids can create and name their own fish sculpture inspired by Helgesen's work!

We will also run this found art activity as a youth group program during the summer. If your group/camp is interested in visiting the Center, contact Allison Meyette by email at programs@fishingheritagecenter.org or by calling (508) 993-8894.

Storytime

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), 396 County St., NB, in partnership with the New Bedford Free Public Library, will host the Family Storytime series this summer and fall. Family Storytime is an immersive and engaging half hour of stories for the whole family. Families with children of all ages are welcome to meet in the Museum's historic mansion or garden, as weather allows. Storytimes will be led by library staff, and each child will leave with a craft kit to continue the creative collaborations at home.

The series begins Thursday, July 21, at 11:30 a.m. and will be held on the third Thursday of subsequent months through November. The program is free and appropriate for all ages. Adults are asked to remain and participate with any children they bring. For more information, visit <https://rjdmuseum.org>, or call 508-997-1401.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Harbor Days

Harbor Days is here this weekend. Crafters will be at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett, Sat., 7/16 from 9-5 and Sun., 7/17 from 9-4

Bring the family and visit all the amazing crafters and vendors, enjoy entertainment and meal options as well!

Be sure to stop by booth # 29 featuring Barry Edelstein from Cranston,RI- check out his extensive selection of metal animals. Joan Bergeron from Barrington,RI features a wonderful assortment of hand crafted nautical decor. Looking for a special gift - Judith Robertson From Dartmouth creates items crafted from silver flatware.

Make sure to bring your appetite - our strawberry shortcake is legendary

Westport Fair

Westport Fair, through Sun., 7/17. Open 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thurs. & Fri., 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sat., 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Sun., 7/17. Admission \$5 per day; kids under 12, free. The Fairgrounds are at 200 Pine Hill Rd., Westport. Free parking. No pets.

Enjoy tractor pulls, animal showmanship, carnival rides, antique and livestock exhibits, arts & crafts, vegetable canning and floral arrangements, Robinson's racing pigs and paddling porkers, chicken BBQ (Tickets in advance only, \$15/adults, \$8/children).

For full schedule, visit <http://westportfair.com/2019-schedule-of-events> or find them on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/WestportFair/>

Walking Tours

Starting Friday, July 15, until August 26, walking tours will be available on Fridays at 10 AM at the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church St., with extra scheduling on Saturday, July 16, during Harbor Days. Volunteer Luke Couto will be your guide. This one-hour walking tour will take you from the museum to Main, Water, Cannon, and Church Streets, following Francis Rowland's original route. Walking Tours are free, but donations are appreciated.

Visit <https://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events>

Cinderella

In celebration of 89 Years of Theatre By The Sea, owner and producer Bill Hanney is proud to present the Broadway version of Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, which will be presented from July 20 – August 13, 2022. Tickets: \$61-\$84. Get ticket at www.theatrebythesea.com, or call (401) 782-TKTS (8587); Theatre By The Sea, 364 Card's Pond Road. Wakefield, RI

Outdoor Concerts

The Acushnet Public library presents the summer concert series under the pavilion on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Concerts are held rain or shine. Please bring a chair or blanket. Contact Sandra Medeiros 508-998-0270, smediros@sailsinc.org

For complete schedule, visit <https://acupl.org/>

Scheduled concerts include:

- Wed. 7/20, 6-8 p.m. The Catnip Junkies are a rabble rousing group of high energy musicians bringing the streets of New Orleans to the streets of New England! This interactive show will have you singing, dancing and laughing throughout the night! Sponsored by the Acushnet Cultural Council.
- Wed., 7/27, 6-8 p.m. Inspired by the amazing musicianship of Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli of the The Hot Club of France, The Hot Club Cheese Roll plays a mix of jazz standards and more contemporary hits interpreted in the gypsy jazz style. As you may gather from the name, we do not take ourselves too seriously!!!

Concerts are held rain or shine under the new pavilion. Please bring a chair or blanket.

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BBQ

Chicken BBQ by Tazz, Sat., 8/13, 4-6 p.m. at VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA

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Community Picnic

The Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum are happy to announce the Great Community Picnic will take place this year at Munro Preserve on Mattapoisett Harbor, August 4, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The rain date is August 11.

We provide the tables, chairs, tablecloths, a beautiful location, and live music. You provide a picnic dinner and a memorable night with your family and friends. All proceeds go to support the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum.

Tables will be available for groups of four (\$160), six (\$240), eight (\$320), and ten (\$400) people.

Beer and oysters will be sold on the day of the event.

Tickets will be available for purchase on the Mattapoisett Museum's website, <https://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org>, and in-person during regular business hours Friday-Sunday 12-4 PM.

Please get in touch with Mattapoisett Museum, info@mattapoisettmuseum.org, or Mattapoisett Land Trust, info@mattlandtrust.org, for more information.

Wild Encounters

July 27, 2-3 p.m., at Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring St., Marion. All ages. Free

"Help! A bird struck my window..." Have you ever found an injured animal and needed to know what to do? Wild Care, Inc. is a nonprofit wildlife hospital located in Eastham that is dedicated to the rescue and release of injured and orphaned wildlife on Cape Cod. Wild Care operates a Wildlife Helpline, and rehabilitates over 1,800 animals per year; everything from Bald Eagles to Deer Mice. Wild Care's Executive Director, Stephanie Ellis, will cover what to do when you find baby animals in distress, who to call in Massachusetts and will provide tips for living with our wild neighbors. Join us for this fun and informative talk!

Also we are open every Wednesday and Friday afternoons for lego play, crafts, puppet theater, and Virtual Reality appointments. Other hours may be scheduled by appointment.

Please register in advance at www.marionmuseum.org

Recipe of the Week

Italian Meatballs

- 3 slices white bread, crusts removed, diced
- 2/3 cup cold water
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese shredded
- 1 large egg
- 3 garlic cloves minced
- 2 tbsps parsley finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil to sautee

Combine the diced bread in a large bowl with 2/3 cup water. Set aside 5 mins then mash with fork.

Into the bowl of mashed bread crumbs, add ground beef, ground pork, 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, 1 egg, 3 minced garlic cloves, 2 tbsps parsley, 1 tsp salt, and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Use your hands to stir the mixture together just until well combined. Do not overmix.

Portion onto lined baking sheet (about 2 tablespoons per meatball). With wet hands, roll meatballs into 1 1/2 inch diameter balls.

To sautee: Heat a large non-stick pan over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons of oil. Once the oil is hot, add meatballs to the skillet, placing them in one at a time, and cook in batches to get a good sear. Saute, turning every 2 minutes (total 6-8 minutes), or until evenly browned and the internal temperature reaches 160° F.

To bake: Place on a lined baking sheet 2 inches apart and bake in a fully preheated oven at 400 degrees for 20-23 minutes, or until fully cooked and the centers reach 160 degrees. If you want a prettier color to your meatballs, broil for the last 2-3 minutes.

From cookingprofessionally.com

Dear Frankie



Big Dog Dilemma

Dear Frankie, You can't imagine how difficult it is to find fashionable dog apparel in sizes XX-Large or, heaven forbid, XXX-Large.

Invariably, the salesperson at the dog shop will suggest sites for canine catalogs that carry plus sizes. Nothing infuriates me more than being referred to a catalog for overweight canines: of which I am not one. If truth be told, for a St. Bernard, my weight leans towards the lighter side of my breed.

Surely, I can't be the only large-sized female that enjoys shopping with a girlfriend, trying on clothes, and getting a semi-honest opinion. Dog apparel is a big business. You would think in 2022; there would be some clever designer and entrepreneur that would respond to a market just panting to spend a bundle. If you know of any stores for statuesque fashionistas my size, I would appreciate it if you would drop me a note.

Georgiana

Dear Georgiana,

I understand it took years for human clothing manufacturers to catch on that there was a big market for tall, chubby, and plus-size women.

Humans think a woman can never be rich enough or thin enough.

Have you ever looked through a fancy house magazine? They all have big kitchens equipped for a cooking school. What cracks me up is the picture of the lady of the house lounging on the couch wearing a size 2 outfit and not wearing shoes. You would think if she could afford a home like that, she would at least have one pair of shoes.

Do they think anyone is dumb enough to think that this little woman is cooking in that kitchen? Really, how much cooking does it take to put lettuce, carrots, and tomatoes in a bowl?

Here's the deal, humans do not value large, hefty, oversized people or dogs. So, it's no surprise about the lack of dog apparel for gals like yourself. Perhaps you could spruce up your collar with a bow or look through your mom's junk jewelry box for a rhinestone or pearl necklace.

Maybe your letter will motivate a reader to start a company.

Best, Frankie

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While we were gone...

Fairhaven holds July 4 parade, car cruise, and ceremony



Fairhaven held its Independence Day ceremony on 7/4/22 with a parade, car cruise, and ceremony. Classic cars, Jeeps from various clubs, floats, political figures, and even protestors marched down Green Street to Fort Phoenix where the big cannons were fired. At Fairhaven High School, the Lions Club raised the big flag, while a group protesting the decision of the US Supreme Court overturning the Roe v. Wade decision, which gave women the right to terminate a pregnancy, knelt during the national anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. ABOVE LEFT: People line the streets, cheering and waving as cars pass by during one of the largest July 4 parades Fairhaven has seen in many years on 7/4/22. ABOVE RIGHT: John Medeiros of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association (foreground) feeds out the big flag from its container to the drivers of the classic cars to raise the flag at Fairhaven High School. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director Chris Richard addresses tells the story of how the British took the Fort, ate our beans, and burned our beloved town to the ground. But we rebuilt and named the new fort "Fort Phoenix." *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.* BELOW RIGHT: Peaceful protestors show their disagreement with the US Supreme Court's recent decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which gave women the right to terminate a pregnancy, by kneeling during the US National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance at Fairhaven High School on 7/4/22 during Independence Day ceremonies. *Photo courtesy of Diane Hahn.*



Plaque placed in memory of Bob Parent at Fairhaven BPW



The Fairhaven Lions Club held a ceremony on Sunday, 6/26/22, to dedicate a plaque on the grounds of the Fairhaven Board of Public Works for Lions Club member and long time BPW employee Bob Parent.

FAR LEFT: Fairhaven Lions Club president Bill Kligel says a few words during the plaque dedication. LEFT: The plaque is near the flag pole as Lions and Mr. Parent's brother Arthur raise the flag.

Photos courtesy of Laurie Kligel.

While we were gone

Homecoming 2022



After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair was back on Saturday, 6/25/22, in the center of town, with more than 150 vendor and food booths and the street filled with people to celebrate. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, the festivities included an art show, music on the town hall steps, kids' games, fire engine rides and more. ABOVE LEFT: People fill the street during the Homecoming Day Fair in Fairhaven on 6/25/22. MIDDLE: Sharon Jensen sings while little Vienna Lavallee of Fairhaven dances to "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. RIGHT: Pasa Miller, of Fairhaven, fits a lifejacket on her very patient 4-year old female dog named Stormy, to see if a medium was the correct size, while new Fairhaven resident Patrick Machellan looks on at the Public Affairs Safe Boating exhibit set up by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

Fairhaven's Got Pride



Fairhaven held its second annual "Fairhaven's Got Pride" event on Sunday, 6/26/22 in front of Town Hall. The event included informational booths, music and some speechmaking. ABOVE LEFT: Jordan Richard of Fairhaven faces the crowd while speaking about self discovery and what it means to proudly fly the pride flag during the Fairhaven's Got Pride event on Sunday, 6/26/22. ABOVE RIGHT: Travis Rapoza speaks to the crowd. BELOW LEFT: Chalk art and messages of love, peace and hope begin to fill the street and expanded throughout the event. BELOW MIDDLE:-R STANDING: Melissa Danforth, Jessica Smith and SITTING: Mary Myers, and Donna Myers-Poitras pose for the local free sheet in between offering free mom hugs. BELOW RIGHT: L-R Gloria, Kylie, and Phoenix Bateman (in helmet) pose for a family photo. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Caregivers Support Education Group

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Join us for light refreshments and music on the following Thursdays: July 14, Beth Butts and her Bagpipes; Aug. 11, Matt York; Sept. 8, July 7 Barry DeRossi.

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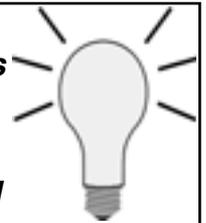
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I do feel proud to represent the Fairhaven High School Media Program as an alum for the first time on this level and against many Ivy League schools. I'm especially excited this win was with *To Dust All Return*, as it was a project that, for the first time in eight years of developing my craft as a filmmaker, I felt my artistic voice came through loud and clear. This is only the beginning of my journey as a filmmaker, and I'm excited to continue creating unique stories that spark conversation and make people feel something."

Each year, students from colleges and universities across New England submit entries. These entries are judged by the Regional Chapter's broadcast professionals. Awards are presented to entrants who exhibit outstanding achievements. Being one of the most competitive categories, the "Best Short Form — Fiction" is judged by content creativity, execution, well-organized material, and strong narrative content.

The film will be posted on Alyssa's YouTube Channel this October after

completing its film festival run. To date, it has screened at the University of Rhode Island, the Fairhaven Town Hall, the Massachusetts Independent Film Festival, and the Shawna Shea

I'm excited to continue
creating unique stories
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[Alyssa Botelho]

Film Festival where it won "Best Folk Horror Short".

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Learn more about Ms. Botelho and *To Dust All Return* at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14735336/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1 or find her on Facebook.

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Independence Has Been Stripped Way From American Women

At the Independence Day big flag raising at Fairhaven High School I met a group of women who were there with protest posters and flags. I had not organized anything and thought I would go and be the lone person demonstrating during the ceremony. When I read the following statement to them they agreed that they would all take a knee during the national anthem and the pledge of allegiance.

It was a silent protest, no chanting or disruption of the ceremony. Many people approached us and thanked us for what we were doing. Most of these people were women of my age, 60s or 70s. We grew up at a time when we had the security of the pro-choice decision by the Supreme Court's ruling. No one confronted us with negative attitudes. The following is a statement that I had prepared:

"Im taking a knee because I will not stand for a symbol that is supposed to represent the INDEPENDENCE of all the citizens of this country. Let me be clear, I respect its intent and more

importantly, I respect the men and women who serve and protect our democracy. One of those VETS is my husband who was a Navy Corpsman serving with the Marines at Camp Lejeune. He broke his neck in service and today he still suffers with pain from that severe injury.

Friday June 24, 2022 the SCOTUS stripped the WOMEN of our country the 1973 ruling that women have the same right to privacy that men enjoy. That basic human right provides a female [many are abused, underaged girls] access to a safe, legal abortion.

When our country restores the INDEPENDENCE of WOMEN to have control of their bodies, I will once again proudly stand for the symbol of our country's freedom."

Diane Hahn , Fairhaven

Democrats now have their grievance

Clearly the Republicans have had enormous electoral success in pushing issues, with slogans, that enrage and energize their voters and contributors. It was all about what they believed was either actually or potentially taken from them. The

rallying calls were "you will not replace us," "stop the steal" and "don't take our guns."

Now the Democrats have their main energizing and enraging issue: the right to choose whether to end a pregnancy.

The right to vote, truly enshrined and clearly being eroded, hasn't brought hundreds of thousands of people into the streets, nor moved the dial in so many recent primaries. But the reversal of Roe v Wade has awakened and enraged people all across the political spectrum.

The very real possibility that other rights, decided upon the same constitutional foundation, are unquestionably in jeopardy, provides the Democrats, allied with the fearful and grieving citizens of all party affiliations, with reason to mobilize for the forthcoming elections in November.

All the Democrats need do is frame this actual, and other grievances, into a winning slogan and the pendulum can swing back to restore and save these hard won rights.

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth



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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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Emergency Order for Temporary Moratorium on all Street Opening Construction Projects in the Town of Acushnet

In consideration of the efficient operation and repair of municipal roadways; and in order to protect the safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, the following order shall be implemented until such time as the Board of Selectmen shall vote to rescind it. Effective July 11, 2022, the Town is suspending all regular street opening construction activity in Acushnet, including but not limited to all work authorized by street trench permits, and street opening permits. Upon issuance of this order, all such active construction work shall be stopped. The only work that will be permitted after July 11, 2022 will be emergency work, which will need to be approved by the Town of Acushnet Board of Selectmen, prior to commencement of the work. For purposes of this Order, emergency work includes only the minimum work necessary to prevent damage to persons or property and/or to ensure the habitability of existing residential structures until such time as this order is lifted, including but not limited to the following:

- Emergency utility, road or building work, such as to repair water leaks and sinkholes.
- New utility connections to occupied buildings where prior connections are no longer functioning.
- Mandated utility work to protect public health and safety.

In addition to such emergency work, the Town will, on a case-by-case basis, review requests for exceptions to this temporary construction moratorium. These may be granted by the Board of Selectmen for street-related work upon request from the appropriate department head. These will be granted only if they support increased public safety. This order is effective Monday, July 11, 2022, and will be reviewed at regular intervals to determine if it should be modified or amended.

No new street opening construction projects may be started at this time, and no new permits will be issued unless they meet the criteria above. Any person who violates this Order will be subject to issuance of an immediate Stop Work Order and an assessment of the maximum penalty authorized by law.

So Ordered on the 11th day of July, 2022,
ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, July 25, 2022 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, these public hearings will be conducted in person and via remote means in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public may access this meeting in person or via virtual means. In-person attendance will be at the location listed above.

Members of the public who wish to access the meeting virtually may do so in the following manner:
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The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 18 or on FairhavenTV.com.

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. CON 023-285: **21 Cove Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Joseph & Patricia Marshall to pave an existing gravel driveway, with minor expansion areas located at 21 Cove Street, Assessor's Map 28B, Lots 55-58. The total area paved will be 1,160 square feet. All work will occur within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE, and possibly within the 100 foot Buffer Zone of a coastal wetland area located across the street.
2. CON 023-286: **110 Farmfield Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Leonard & Jeannette Raposa to pave two driveways located at 110 Farmfield Street, Assessor's Map 02, Lot 220. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
3. CON 023-287: **83 Pleasant Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by M.L. Lewis, President of Atlas Tack Corporation to permanently close in-place the existing underground fuel oil storage vault located at 83 Pleasant Street, Assessor's Map 08, Lot 094. The existing subsurface 100,000-gallon tank will be left in place and closed by

crushing the top of the tank, filling the voids with crushed stone and stabilizing the area with a conservation seed mix. Work will occur within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage or the 100-year coastal flood zone.

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 at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven
Conservation Commission
FNN: 7/14/22

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws that Fairhaven Seaport Hospitality Inc., 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA, Jami Calvac, Manager, has applied for a Transfer of an Inn Holder/All Alcoholic License.

The premises consists of an Inn, Restaurant, Conference Center & Function Room Complex on two floors consisting of 140 guest rooms and/or suites, 3 kitchens, laundry storage/maintenance area, including North wing cellar with no public access, restaurant & lounge, Admirals Table, includes Chart Room, Grand Ballroom, Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket Rooms, Woods Hole Room, indoor swimming pool & outside patio & adjoining tent area. The altered premise replaced & restored previous bar area named; "Scuttle Butts". Said premise is 52' X 30'7"; this premise will consist of a bar and dining room, the bar will be 18' x 12' & consist of 18 seats; Dining room will consist of 72 seats, & the attached kitchen will be 22'5" x 22'6". The description of this alteration, is to be added to the existing described premise. Restaurant is also included.

A hearing will be held at a Select Board Meeting, Fairhaven Town Hall, Banquet Room, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Fairhaven Select Board
Stasia Powers
Leon Correy III
Robert Espindola
Keith Silvia
Charles Murphy
FNN: 7/14/22

DROUGHT: cont'd from page 3
experience the hottest time of the year. Furthermore, streamflow has been severely impacted across the Commonwealth, with dry stream beds and ponding visible in many locations. Ongoing drought conditions are also impacting growers, including local farms, with some farmers irrigating more heavily due to the lack of precipitation.

Important to note, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not currently experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. However, private wells, local streams, wetlands, vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-served areas will be impacted by drought conditions while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels and stagnation.

Taking water conservation steps now will greatly help reduce water

use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, habitats have enough water to support their natural functions, and to sustain the Commonwealth's water supplies in the long-term. Additionally, the Commonwealth will continue to monitor and assess current conditions and any associated environmental and agricultural impacts, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help state, federal and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. Furthermore, the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including emergency connections and water supplies assistance.

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 1:00PM. For further information on water conservation

and what residents can do, please visit EEA's drought page (<https://www.mass.gov/guides/drought-management-in-massachusetts>) and water conservation page (<https://www.mass.gov/conservemawater>). To get the most up-to-date information on the drought indices, go to the state's drought dashboard page (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-drought-resources>).

"As the drought conditions worsen across parts of the Commonwealth, MEMA reminds residents to exercise caution when using charcoal grills, backyard fire pits, and other open flame outdoor activities to prevent outdoor fires," said Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Acting Director Dawn Brantley. "Residents can also assist during the drought by minimizing water usage and following any local water restrictions for their area."

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Wed., 7/20, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 7/25, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 7/18, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Lagoa Friendship Pact

Thurs., 7/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Mon., 7/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 8/24, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 7/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Wed., 7/19, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 9/27, BOA office, 4 p.m.

Park Commission

Fri., 7/15, Remote, 9:30 a.m.

Selectboard

Wed., 7/27, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	14	0901	2126	0243*	1438*
Friday	15	0956	2219	0340*	1540*
Saturday	16	1049	2310	0424*	1631*
Sunday	17	1141	----	0503*	1718
Monday	18	0002	1236	0543*	1810
Tuesday	19	0057	1332	0631	2000
Wednesday	20	0153	1425	0740	2139
Thursday	21	0245	1516	0850	2254
Friday	22	0338	1612	0951	2357
Saturday	23	0439	1713	1140	----
Sunday	24	0541	1807	0049	1228
Monday	25	0631	1850	0136	1242
Tuesday	26	0712	1929	0224	1236
Wednesday	27	0751	2007	0307	1304
Thursday	28	0831	2047	0332	1339
Friday	29	0912	2127	0240	1421
Saturday	30	0953	2208	0308	1506

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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From the Tree Warden

From the Fairhaven Tree Department

Greetings from the Tree Department. Another spring has come and gone and our trees are leafed out. We managed to plant another 66 trees this April and it's time to start planning our fall planting in November. We hope to plant 50 to 60 then and will try to engage several groups to both help out and honor with these plantings. The big goal is 100 trees a year. This will ensure a good tree canopy without having too many trees the same age.

The two Eastern Red Buds we planted in front of the High School led by a biology class was what I hope is the start of engaging new stewards of the town's tree canopy.

If you have an organization, a business or are an individual who would like to be a part of building a greener future please reach out to me at 508-922-1222. We are looking for help in findings planting sites, donations, planting and caring help. It's all very easy and very rewarding to see these trees grow.

Speaking of caring, planting is not a "set and forget" endeavor. Small trees

need watering from June through September for their first three years if they don't get it from rain. About five gallons once per week normally and twice a week under dry conditions. This amounts to less money than a decent bottle of wine to your water bill annually. Studies have shown it is a fact that healthy trees add value to

There are very specific guidelines for pruning trees.

your property.

Young trees are very delicate believe it or not. Their bark is very thin and easily damaged for the first six years or so depending on species. String trimmers will maim and damage the bark of a young tree if you get too close. Remove the bark and a tree cannot replace it leading to decline in health and sometimes death. Putting ornamental rings of

stones or other things around tree trunks is bad for trees in most cases. It is very important the tapered flare of the tree base is not covered. Any age tree should not look like a telephone pole where it exits the ground.

Over mulching seems to be a chronic practice done by so called professional landscapers. Mulch should be thin and not piled against a tree trunk. Volcano mulching is very bad for the long term health of a tree.

There are very specific guidelines for pruning trees. If getting a private tree pruned make sure the outfit you hire knows what they are doing. I hope to put together a list of companies I would recommend in the future based on the work I have seen them do.

Never prune or ask anyone other than the Town Tree Department to prune a town tree. It is illegal to do so even if it is overhanging your property. See MGL Chapter 87. I hope to cover that law's history and reasoning in the future.

Til then, be well and be green,

Don C. Collasius,

Town of Fairhaven Tree Warden

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