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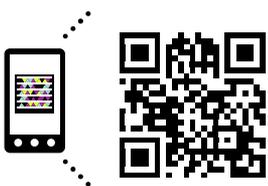
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Quahog relay puts 600 bushels in Round Cove



Fairhaven Town Administrator Angeline "Angie" Lopes Ellison watches closely as Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox (center) deputy shellfish wardens unload quahogs dredged from the Taunton River for transplanting in Round Cove on 7/28/22. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, no, say-it-ain't-so! It's August. All the back-to-school stuff is starting to fly off the shelves. Sniff, sniff. But, hey, there's still lots of summer left. We even have another heat wave forecast for this week.



Beth David, Publisher

Fairhaven is looking for a few good people to help the town planner create a 40R district, which is designed to increase housing options in town. It sounds like an interesting idea. It would allow residential units in areas that do not allow that now. The working group would figure out the best place in town to create the district and would create design standards, too. Check it out on page 20.

Fairhaven got a couple of nice grants this week (see page 6) for work on a couple of waterfront projects.

Our cover story is a fun one. I missed it a couple of times over the years, but I really like to take the ride during the quahog relay. This year the Town Administrator joined the Harbormaster's crew. I think that's a first. See page 12 for that.

The concerts in the center are coming to an end. After tonight, there's only one more week (on 8/11), so if you haven't gotten there yet, you only have two more chances. Our photographer Glenn has been at all of them. Last week he said more than 400 people showed up, with some dancing in the street until the very end.

Ohhhh yeah. The big feast is this weekend (see page 3). Geesh. How could I forget that?

There's other good stuff in here, of course. But you'll have to thumb through and see for yourself.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Portuguese Feast is this weekend

Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, Sponsored by Club Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc., at Madeira Field, 50 Madeira Ave., New Bedford

Aug. 4, Thurs., 6 p.m.-11:45 p.m.

Aug. 5, Fri., 12 Noon-11:45 PM

Aug. 6, Sat., 12 Noon-11:45 PM

Aug. 7, Sun., 12 Noon-11:45 PM

Continuing a 106-year tradition, the 2022 Feast of the Blessed Sacrament will run for 4 days with free admission and free entertainment, traditional food, wine and much more. Often referred to as the largest Portuguese feast in the world, thousands will gather for a variety of music, a 5k road race, an expanded Walgreen's family day, a carnival, and the largest parade in the Southcoast. Free entertainment in five venues, including, the Museum of Madeiran Heritage, where you can listen to traditional fado music. Your favorite foods and of course Madeira Wine!

Family Fun Day

Thank you Walgreens for supporting a wonderful Walgreen's Family Day Program! The Family Day program has grown over the years and this year is chock full of

wonderful entertainment that will please the child in us all. Featuring both kid-themed activities such as face painting and more. Carnival with new rides. Half-price senior specials on Saturday afternoon. Free admission to the Museum of Madeiran Heritage, Saturday.

For the children under 12, you eat "free" from noon to 4PM.

Opening Day

The Feast commences Thursday at 5 p.m. with the assembly of the Festeiros (Feast Committee Members) at the intersection of Earle Street and Acushnet Avenue. Led by the Feast President, the Festeiros march in a special procession down Earle Street to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church which is located at the corner of Earle Street and Madeira Avenue. At the church, Father Daniel O. Reis celebrates a special Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament.

Parade

The Feast will host its annual parade on Sunday, in the City of New Bedford. The parade will start at 2 p.m. Over forty different organizations will march the one mile route

from Brooklawn Park to the Feast grounds at Madeira Field.

Entertainment

Continuous live entertainment on four stages featuring top name entertainment plus cabaret style music and Fado singers in the quiet atmosphere of the Courtyard Café at the Museum of Madeiran Heritage.

Many big name performers will grace the stages of the Feast, including Get the Led Out (Thurs., 9 p.m.); The Great Escape, Journey Tribute Band (Fri., 10 p.m.); Band Faith (Sat., 10 p.m.); Danny Klein's Full House (10 p.m.)

Food and Drink

Traditional Madeiran Portuguese dinner with numerous menu choices for full dinners in the main pavilion. Cook-your-own barbecue beef (carne d'espeto), sweet malassadas (fried dough) plus linguica (sausage) and baccalau (codfish) sandwiches. Hamburgers, hot dogs and French fries. Madeira wine imported in giant casks by special agreement with the Madeiran Government.

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Select Board approves new town counsel firm; receives audit

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board had a full agenda on Monday, 8/1/22, when they reviewed the annual audit report, approved appointment of a new town counsel firm, and approved a change of license for the Seaport Inn, which has new owners, and the liquor license for Ocean State Job Lot.

Zack Fentross, CPA with accounting firm Melanson, told the board that the "town is in a good financial position," citing the good fund balance, and the town's regular contributions to the OPEB liability (Other Post Employment Benefits, for retirees).

Finance Director/Treasurer/ Collector Wendy Graves told the board that during the pandemic, the meals and room tax revenue was higher than anticipated, adding to the town's strong finances.

The management letter will be available on the town's website.

The board also approved a change of inn and liquor license for the Seaport Inn, which has new ownership, after a public hearing.

The new owner is Fairhaven Seaport Hospitality (formerly Seaport Inn LLC). Jami Calvao is still the manager.

There was no public comment and the board voted unanimously to approve the change.

Ocean State Job Lot also received a change in the liquor license management agreement.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison updated the board on the use allowed uses of ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan Act).

She said that because there were so many hands before she came on board, she felt it was better to start "anew." The federal government has set guidelines for how the money can be spent. Those uses include: public health and negative economic impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic; premium pay to essential workers; revenue loss, to help provide for government services if there was a reduction in revenue due to the pandemic; water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Fairhaven's allocation is set at \$1,602,861 in state funding, and \$2,744,669 from Bristol County.

Ms. Ellison recommended that the

town use the funds to hire a third-party administrator; use the funds for water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and invest in capital projects to include upkeep of occupied town buildings. The TA would administer, review, and allocate the funds, with Select Board approving or modifying the TA's recommendation. No public hearings are required for the expenditure of ARPA funds.

So far, the town has only allocated \$50,000 of the funds for a study of the Bridge Street property to see if it is suitable for a safety complex.

Ms. Ellison said the premium pay provision for essential workers is supposed to go to low level workers, not the higher paid employees. She said she did not recommend using the funds that way because it is a "judgment call" on who gets the pay, and then the collective bargaining agreements will complicate matters for the future.

Ms. Ellison also noted that the town has received half the funds, with the second half due next year. She

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Concerts in the Ctr

Concerts Under the Stars, Thursday evenings from 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>.

- 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

August 11 is the last concert of the season.

WIA Breakfast

Join the West Island Improvement Association for breakfast on **Sun., 8/7, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-10:30 a.m.** Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children** under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

Bottle Rockets

Fri., 8/5, from 10 a.m.–noon. Build and Launch Bottle Rockets!

Join Toby Dills and learn the science behind bottle rockets. Construct your own rockets and watch them blast off on the Unitarian Church lawn.

This event is BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle!) Please come with one or two two-liter plastic bottles. One-liter bottles will also work. In the event of rain, this event will be rescheduled.

Visit <http://millicentlibrary.org> and click on events for link to register, or contact Allison Thiel, 508-992-5342, athiel@sailsinc.org

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

Teddy Bear Parade

The Millicent Library will hold its annual Teddy Bear Parade on Sat., 8/13, at 10 a.m. Bring your favorite teddy bear (or any stuffed animal), and enjoy the fun!

Bring your bears and lunch, on the Unitarian Church Lawn, Walnut Street side of the Library. We'll march down to Our Lady's Haven and back. Daisy D. Dots will be performing. We will provide snacks, or pack your own Teddy Bear Picnic.

All ages welcome! To register, visit <http://millicentlibrary.org> and click on "Events." Contact Allie Thiel 508-992-5342, athiel@sailsinc.org

West Island Regatta

The annual West Island Regatta will be held at Hoppy's Landing, 50 Goulart Memorial Drive, Fairhaven, on Sat., 8/13, starting at 10:30 a.m., featuring a variety of small sailboats, such as Sunfish, lasers, monohuls, Hobie Cats. Registration is \$15 pp and includes BBQ lunch, which will include burgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drink (BYOB). Spectators may also join the lunch for a fee. Email pcasey@flowassessment.com for details and to RSVP so they can get a count for the cookout.

The race is an informal, friendly sailing competition designed to present a sporting challenge to experienced and novice sailors. The regatta is open to everyone, Fairhaven residency is not a requirement so we encourage everyone with a

beachable sailboat to participate.

For more information, visit <http://www.westislandregatta.com>

Car-Truck-Bike Show

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is teaming up with Legendary Street Rods Car Club for our annual Car-Truck-Bike Show on Sun., 8/14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Livesey Park Parker Street entrance. Registration fee is \$20 plus one canned good for the food pantry. Featuring raffles, awards, food, music and more. Non-food vendors still wanted.

Contact NorthFairhavenImprovement267@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit local veterans organizations. Food proceeds benefit NFIA.

Animal Shelter FR

Our furry friends need your kind donations. This past winter we lost power for almost 22 hours after a blizzard. With this generator we will be able to keep our furry residents warm if this happens again. Also, in the event of an evacuation, if people are unable to take their animals with them, we will be able to keep them warm and safe until their humans are able to retrieve them. With the money raised, we will buy a 20kW Generac Automatic Transfer Emergency Power System that will automatically transfer electricity to generator power in the event of a utility outage, and power the entire building.

To donate, visit <https://gofund.me/f51865b9>

K9 Blue Raffle

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Some in person ticket sale events will also be held. Check the Facebook

Fairhaven receives \$1.2 million from Seaport Council

By Beth David
Editor

On 7/26/22, the Baker-Polito Administration announced nearly \$10.8 million in Seaport Economic Council grants for 19 projects. The grants will help coastal communities advance projects that benefit commercial maritime industries, improve resident and visitor access to waterfront assets, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and advance future dredging. The grants were approved at the 7/26 meeting of the Seaport Economic Council, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito at the Chatham Harbormaster Building in Chatham.

“Massachusetts’ coastal communities are home to working waterfronts, maritime industry and innovation,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “I’m proud that the Seaport Economic Council, led by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, has directed nearly \$77 million since we have taken office to strengthen Massachusetts’ coastal communities and reinforce them for the future.”

“I appreciate the hard work of the

Seaport Economic Council members in evaluating and investing in projects that will deepen our maritime economy, promote economic development, and support resilient infrastructure in our coastal communities,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Chair of the Seaport Economic Council. “From the North Shore to the South Coast, today’s awards will advance important improvements along our waterfront.”

The Seaport Economic Council serves all 78 of the Commonwealth’s coastal communities. The Council awards grant funding to municipalities and other entities in support of projects that promote job creation and economic growth, transformative public-private partnerships, educational opportunities for young people, local economic development planning efforts, coastal infrastructure improvements, and the planning and permitting of saltwater



L-R: Fairhaven Town Administrator Angeline “Angie” Lopes Ellison, Mass. Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Fairhaven Harbormaster Timothy Cox, pause for a photo at the Mass. Seaport Economic Council meeting on 7/26, when Fairhaven received \$1.2 million in grants. Photo from Fairhaven Marine Resources Department Facebook page.

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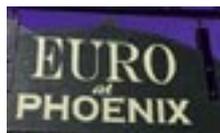
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BPW says goodbye to Cameron Durant

By Mary Chasse

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 7/25 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with two people about driveway waivers and briefly discussed a project at Memorial Park. The board also thanked board member Cameron Durant for his years of service, as it was his last meeting.

Mr. Durant stated that he was hired as the new Human Resources Director for the town and must leave the BPW.

BPW Vice Chair Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said he wanted to give a big thanks to Mr. Durant for his service to the BPW. He said Mr. Durant will be a huge help to the new Town Administrator, and hopefully Mr. Durant can help the BPW have a good relationship with the new TA.

Mr. Hobson added that Mr. Durant has done a great job and it was great to have a young person on the board. Mr. Hobson told Mr. Durant he is a good guy and he is going to do a great job as HR Director.

Mr. Durant said leaving the BPW was bittersweet and he felt like he

could cry.

BPW chairperson Brian Wotton also thanked Mr. Durant for all he has done for the BPW. Mr. Wotton said they need to have the Select Board announce that the BPW is looking for a new board member to replace Mr. Durant and for residents to send in letters of interest.

The board also met with resident Eric Britto about a driveway he was working on without a driveway waiver. Mr. Britto explained that he

went before the board previously to ask for a driveway waiver for his driveway on Manhattan Avenue about

a year ago. He said he is now working on his driveway on the Bay Street



Fairhaven Board of Public Works members and staff wish Cameron Durant farewell at his last meeting with a fun little photo, L-R Standing: BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton, BPW Office Manager Rebecca Vento, BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado; seated: BPW Vice Chair Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, Mr. Durant. Photo courtesy of BPW member Anne Morton Smith.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Feast!

The Feast of the Blessed Sacrament is this weekend, Thurs.–Sun. See page 3 for details.

Summer Concerts

Downtown New Bedford's massive, dance-fueled Summer Sound Series 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):

- August 12: JAMMIN': A Tribute to Bob Marley (reggae)
- Aug. 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):

- 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: destinationanewbedford.org

NB Ballet

Join us for New Bedford Ballet's eclectic summer dance performance, A Recipe for Dance, on Friday, 8/5, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8/6 at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase St. New Bedford. Our studio's instructors and advanced students will showcase their original choreography in this family-oriented, engaging, and endearing mix of dance styles.

Stone Soup is a children's ballet that is perfect for the entire family. New Bedford Ballet artistic director, Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, and New Bedford Ballet instructors Katherine Bickford and Pamela Mateus bring this classic fairytale to life as the entire family enjoys a visit to a town that learns an important lesson about community! The program also features an excerpt from Coppelia restaged by Alex Lantz and modern dance pieces

choreographed by New Bedford Ballet's advanced students under the direction of Emily Lovdahl. These young choreographers will entertain you with unique, innovative dances such as No Rest, This Bitter End, Lonerism, and Summer.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors, students, and children. All proceeds from this performance support the New Bedford Ballet, a non-profit organization.

For 34 years New Bedford Ballet has continued its mission of providing classical ballet training for children and adults, granting scholarships, and educating the community in the value of the performing arts. Parents interested in enrolling potential students for the 2022-2023 season should consider attending the summer performance with their child. Registration packets will be available. For more information, contact the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387 or visit www.newbedfordballet.org.

Free Dance Parties

A series of three inclusive outdoor dance parties will keep the north end of New Bedford moving and grooving all summer long! New Moon Dance Party will once again bring the uplifting sounds of house, disco, funk, techno, and more to the edge of the Acushnet River for all New Bedford residents to enjoy.

Sundays, 8/14, 9/4, from 4–8 p.m. at Riverside Park, 336 Belleville Avenue (Rain dates: 8/21, 9/11).

Each party will feature a special guest DJ, with support provided by New Moon resident DJs Andy Anello, baye, and Neil Matheson.

More information about New Moon Dance Party and Riverside Beats can be found on their social media accounts or by contacting Andy Anello at newmoondanceparty@gmail.com, 774-634-6616.

New Polling Places

The City's Board of Election Commissioners has announced new and changed polling locations ahead of the primary election Sept. 6.

The new locations for voters are the result of redistricting following the 2020 U.S. Census and changes to state legislation last fall. The changes

and additions to local polling locations will be effective for all elections, starting with the Sept. 6 primary.

- Newly created sub-precinct WARD 1 PRECINCT A-1 will vote at Normandin Middle School, 81 Felton St., via the Orleans Street entrance.
- WARD 1 PRECINCT B and newly created sub-precinct WARD 1 PRECINCT B-1 will now vote at CareOne New Bedford Nursing Facility, 221 Fitzgerald Drive
- Newly created sub-precinct WARD 1 PRECINCT C-1 will vote at Campbell Elementary School, 145 Essex St., at Phillips Road & Morton Avenue
- Newly created sub-precinct WARD 3 PRECINCT F-1 will vote at Bayberry Apartments, 151 Oakdale St.
- Newly created sub-precinct WARD 4 PRECINCT A-1 will vote at Boa Vista, 134 South Second St.
- WARD 5 PRECINCT A and WARD 5 PRECINCT B will now vote at the Kennedy Donovan Center at 385 County St., due to continuing construction at the Kennedy Youth Center (CYO).

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status or designated polling location; has changed their address since the last election; or has questions about mail-in, absentee, or early voting can call the Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.

Early voting for the state primary will take place from Saturday, Aug. 27, through Friday, Sept. 2. In-person early voting will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day on the third floor of the Main Public Library, at 613 Pleasant St. downtown.

The voter registration and change of address deadline is 5 p.m. Saturday, August 27, in the City's Election Commission Office, Room 114, City Hall, 133 William St. If you have a Massachusetts driver's license or state ID card, you can register to vote, update your address, and check your registration information online at: www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/

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We're opening the hatch. Studio Saturdays: August 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 88 & 90 Hatch St., NB. Hatch Street Studios is the vibrant creative hub of more than 65 visual and performing artists. Visit hatchstreetstudios.com

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Mattapoissett GOP

Paul Criscuolo, Chair of the recently reborn Mattapoissett Republican Party proudly declared, "We have returned!"

"We have not had an organized Town Committee or GOP for several years. We do have hundreds of registered Republicans, many are active in our Town government and as volunteers in our community organizations," stated the Chair. "It's time again for us to come together to help all our fellow citizens build an even better Mattapoissett."

When asked what the main purpose of the Mattapoissett GOP is, Paul heartily added, "This is not an effort to create a Republican majority only. It is an effort to build a Mattapoissett Majority."

Everyone interested in building that "Mattapoissett Majority" should contact Paul at: Paul Criscuolo, Chair Mattapoissett GOP, chairmattyREP@gmail.com, 82 County Road PMB #17, Mattapoissett, MA 02739, Cell/919-247-0706; Facebook: Mattapoissett Republican Party; Twitter: Mattapoissett Republican Party @MattyMAGOP

Art Reception

Coming Full Circle

Featuring works by over 30 artists

Opening Reception: Aug. 13, 5-7pm.

The Dedee Shattuck Gallery is coming full circle with works from the artists of our inaugural exhibition in June 2011. From August 6th until September 16th, we are highlighting the extraordinary talent of our beloved local artists: painting, sculpture, ceramics, woodworking, prints and drawings. Curator Ben Shattuck, Gallery Manager Monica Lopes, and founder Dedee Shattuck welcome you to our final exhibition, and thank you for your supportive and enthusiastic patronage.

Dedee Shattuck Gallery is located at 1 Partners Lane, Westport, MA 02790. For more information about this exhibition visit <http://dedeeshattuckgallery.com>

Polish Families of Westport

Polish Families of Westport Get Together, Sat., 8/6, 10 a.m., Handy House, 202 Hix Bridge Rd., Westport.

The story of Westport's Polish

farming families is a little known but significant part of Westport's heritage.

Westport Historical Society invites those Westporters (and residents of neighboring towns) with Polish roots to gather for an informal discussion and sharing of historical and genealogical information. Please bring photos and other historical documents to share at this event. This event will be held outside under a tent and is free.

Some local Polish family names include: Benbeniek - Fisher Road, Chelluck - Cornell Road, Gajda - Kirby Road, Gancarski - Drift Road, Gwozdz - Division Road and Cross Road, Jarous - Mouse Mill Road, Lekom - Mouse Mill Road, Mieczkowski - Sanford Road, Osga - Corner of Old County Road and Mouse Mill, Pietryzk - Briggs Road, Przbyla, Rusin - Mouse Mill Road, Sekonda - Drift Road, Sieminski - Gifford Road, Szaro - Main Road, Szala - Mouse Mill Road, Zajac - Davis Road, Zembo - Gifford Road, Zuber.

There might even be some Polish music!

All are welcome! Bring a chair!

Visit <https://wpthistory.org>

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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Volunteers Wanted Habitat 4 Humanity

We have completed the first floor framing on our Westport duplex! Our hard working volunteers are in need of water, lunch, and coffee break. (Site is located across from 658 Sodom Road.) Many Saturdays and Sundays are still open and we will be working each weekend until the build is complete.

Coffee Break: 8:30/8:45

Lunch Break: 12:00/12:30

Please email BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com if you or your group will be available to volunteer

for an upcoming time slot.

If you are unable to come out to the build, please consider supporting a local restaurant and Habitat, by donating a gift card to supply coffee break or lunch. (Local restaurants for to go...Dunkin Donuts, Sip & Dip Donuts, 143 Market Deli, Village Pizza, etc.). Visit <http://www.buzzardsbayhabitat.org>

Walking Tours

Through August 26, walking tours will be available on Fridays at 10 AM at the Mattapoissett 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.mattapoissettmuseum.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

Art Drive

On August 5, 6, and 7, twenty-seven artists will share their work in an open studio tour event throughout Dartmouth and Westport. This event, free and open to the public, is intended to be a unique opportunity to visit working artists in their unusual and dramatic studio settings, spotted among the area's villages, lovely farm land and sea coast. The Art drive showcases professional works created by some of the area's premier painters, ceramic artists, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, woodworkers, and metal artists.

Visit us online at www.the-art-drive.com for a list of this year's participating artists.

Email theartdrivema@gmail.com with any questions

Recipe of the Week

Lemon Butter Fish

- 4 white fish fillets, firm, about 6" long and 1" thick (cod, halibut, or Mahi recommended)
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- Juice and zest from 1 med. lemon
- 1 tsp kosher salt, divided, plus more to taste
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Freshly chopped basil or parsley leaves, optional, for garnish and flavor

Lemon slices, optional, for serving
 Use paper towels to thoroughly pat-dry the fish fillets to help ensure their browning in the pan.

In a bowl, combine the melted butter, lemon juice, lemon zest, and 1/2 tsp salt, stirring to ensure they are combined well. Taste for seasoning.

In a separate bowl, combine the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt with the paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, and black pepper.

Evenly press the fish fillets into the paprika spice mixture on both sides.

In a large heavy pan on the stove-top, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat.

When oil is sizzling hot, add fillets 2 at a time and cook until the fish becomes opaque, feels firm in the center, and is browned, about 3-4 minutes per side. Drizzle some of the lemon butter sauce over the fillets as they cook, reserving the rest for serving.

Season to taste and repeat until all of the fillets are cooked.

Serve the fillets with the remaining lemon butter sauce, the basil or parsley, and the lemon slices.

From CommandCooking.com



Dear Frankie

Back to School

Dear Frankie,
 The humans say no one likes a change. Boy, are they right! I have been walking to school with the same neighborhood friends since kindergarten. Many of us

have been in the same class for six years.

In September, we start middle school and attend the one we were assigned in the lottery. I'm heartsick that I won't attend the same school as some of my closest friends. I'm also upset about riding on the school bus. I dread being packed in with a bunch of dogs barking at the top of their lungs and jumping over one another to get a good seat. The thought of it is enough to make me become a truant.

Do you think I could convince my new principal that I need a cab voucher? Before I wrote to you, I asked my mother if she would drive me to school. All she did was roll her eyes. So that's not an option.

Quincy

Dear Quincy,

If your principal gives you a voucher, I'm sure many of my readers would love to know what you said, so

they can try it with their principal. All I can say is, "Lots of luck to all of you."

I understand that riding on a school bus with loud and unruly dogs can be unpleasant. But school buses are one of the unpleasant facts of life, like dentists, getting drenched in the rain, cleaning your room, etc. Need I go on?

If the noise on the bus bugs you, wear earplugs or zone out. If it's the pushing and shoving, wait until everyone gets on the bus and then get on and take whatever seat is available.

Canines often worry about problems that never materialize or aren't as bad as anticipated. I suggest you enjoy your time before school begins, stop wringing your paws, and face this new phase of your life as an adventure.

Best, Frankie

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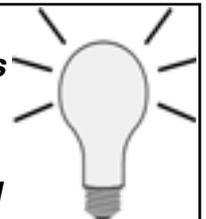
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Quahog relay puts 600 bushels in Round Cove

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Marine Resources Department has completed this year's quahog relay. On Thursday, 7/28/22, department employees transplanted the last 60+ bushels, bringing the total to 600 bushels transplanted in Round Cove.

The program uses quahogs from the polluted Taunton River, and puts them in clean water. The quahogs are self-cleaning, and will propagate twice in the next year as they sit in the clean water. Next season, samples will be tested, and, hopefully, will come out clean. Then the cove will open and permit holders will be able to harvest them. Round Cove is closed to shellfishing now.

Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison and Marine Resources Principal Office Assistant Sheri Souza joined Harbormaster Tim Cox and his crew for the relay.

The quahogs were unloaded from the back ramp at West Island Marina onto a floating dock/barge tied to the Harbormaster boat. Captain Todd Cox maneuvered the boat as close as possible to the shore while his father Tim and shellfish deputies Brandon

Estrella and Corey Pitraszek tipped the totes over to slowly dump the quahogs into the cove.

Ms. Ellison even took a try at it.

She said she wanted to see some of what the HM and crew did in their jobs.

"This is awesome, incredible," said Ms. Ellison, adding that people take Fairhaven's natural resources for granted, but the harbormaster and crew make it possible to enjoy the resource.

Harbormaster Tim Cox gave a little lesson in how the quahogs clean themselves. He noted the good variety in sizes in the batch of quahogs on the boat, from too small to take, to stuffie size (bulls).

Mr. Cox said that without the relay program, there would be no quahogs to dig because so many people harvest them. He said they had 80 people at North Cove on one



Saturday. Usually a weekend day has 30-40 quahoggers. The town issued about 300 recreational licenses to residents, 50 to non-residents, and 15 commercial licenses this year. Recreational diggers can take one peck a week. Commercial diggers can take up to three bushels depending on where they dig.

To learn more about quahogging in Fairhaven, visit the marine resources page on the town website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/marine-resources-department> or call 508-979-4023., Ext. 103.



TOP: Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox explains the different ways quahogs are cooked/eaten depending on size to Town Administrator Angeline "Angie" Lopes Ellison during a ride-along for the quahog relay in Round Cove on 7/28/22. ABOVE LEFT: Captain Todd Cox, Fairhaven Deputy Shellfish Warden, keeps it steady as the crew returns from transplanting quahogs. ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox explains the different ways quahogs are cooked/eaten depending on size to Ms. Ellison. FAR LEFT: Fairhaven Deputy Shellfish Warden Brandon Estrella slowly dumps quahogs into Round Cove. LEFT: Fairhaven Deputy Shellfish Warden Corey Pitraszek smiles for the camera as he slowly dumps quahogs. Photos by Beth David.

Fire damages Point Street home

Fairhaven Fire Department Press Release

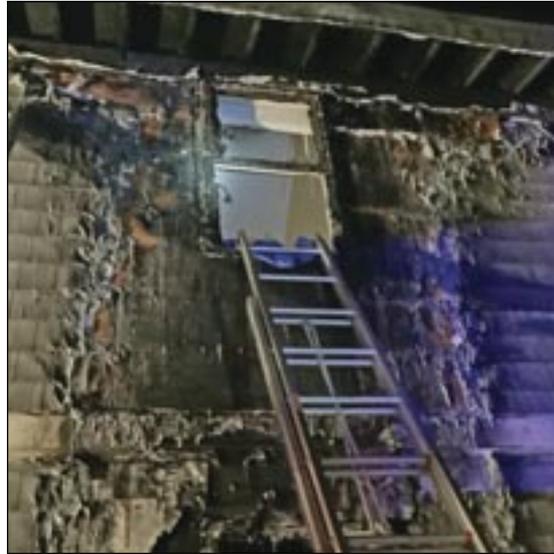
On Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 8:58 p.m., the Fairhaven Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 31 Point Street. The first crew arrived to find an exterior fire that extended into the attic of the two-story residence. The fire was

contained to the exterior and a portion of the attic area. The fire was declared under control at 9:15 p.m. Firefighters remained on the scene performing overall operations and cleared the location at 11:33 p.m.

No civilians or firefighters were injured, and the family was alerted to the fire by the smell of plastic

burning. The family was able to evacuate the residence safely.

The fire started after occupants discarded embers from a small campfire near a vinyl fence and the structure. The discarded wood embers ignited the exterior vinyl siding and fence and traveled along the side of the house and entered the



attic area. The damage to the structure is estimated to be between \$10-\$20 thousand.

Mutual aid was received by the Mattapoisett Fire Department, and Acushnet Fire Department provided station coverage during the incident.

Acushnet Fire Department and Mattapoisett Police provided EMS mutual aid to a motor vehicle accident that occurred during the fire.

Acushnet battles two fires

From Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook Page

Saturday, 7/30/22, was a very busy day for us! In addition to multiple medical calls in the early part of the day, the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department and Acushnet Permanent FF Association Local 3281 responded to two structure fires. The first was reported at 2:45pm and was an approximately 20x40 abandoned barn that was fully involved in fire, The responding crew made quick work and had the fire under control in about 10 minutes!

Then at 8:09pm, another structure fire call was received for a house in the 300 block of Main Street. Crews arrived on scene to find a large amount fire showing through the roof. The responders were able to gain control of the fire in about 20 minutes,



ABOVE: Acushnet Fire Fighters respond to a fire of an abandoned barn on Saturday, 7/30/22. BELOW: A house on Main Street in Acushnet is fully involve. Photos from Acushnet Fire & EMS

then remained on scene to complete overhaul and ensure that the fire would remain out.

The preliminary cause of both of these fires is improperly discarded smoking materials, and both fires began outside of the structures. Please ensure that all embers, matches or smoking materials are fully extinguished prior to disposal, especially with this dry

environment we are dealing with.

Special thank you to Acushnet MA Office of Emergency Management and Acushnet Police Department for all of their assistance throughout these events... As well as Fairhaven Fire-EMS for providing mutual aid for both fires, Mattapoisett Fire Rescue for providing assistance at the second structure fire and Freetown Firefighters IAFF L-3213 for providing medical mutual aid for a separate incident during the barn fire!

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Weekly Schedule:

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Open Gym

Through August 26, open gym will start at 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Cops and Donuts

Det. Janis Guerreiro will return to the Fairhaven Senior Center for another Cops and Donuts on Wed., 8/10, at 10 a.m. Please call the center, 508-979-4029, to register for the August session. Det. Guerreiro wants to make sure there are enough donuts for all!

Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9 a.m. Aug. 3: Tiverton Casino; Aug. 10, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods; Aug. 24: Warwick Mall; Aug. 31: Thames St., Newport, RI.

Cookout

The Veterans Services Office had moved to the COA. It has already been an amazing partnership. Join us for a cookout to celebrate on Wed., 8/10, at noon in the courtyard at the senior center (inside if it rains). If you'd like to attend, please call the COA by Friday, August 5.

Summer Music Series

Join us for light refreshments and music on the following Thursdays: Aug. 11, Matt York, 1 p.m.; Sept. 8, Judy & Barry DeRossi.

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

Scheduled concerts include:

- Wed., 8/3, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Ryan Adair Rooney is a genre defying musician, artist, and composer who grew up between the Blackstone Valley RI, and the South Coast before relocating to Austin and then Marfa Texas for some time. Ryan is currently a Mattapoisett resident. He plays various instruments, most notably an array of Baritone guitars.
- Wed., 8/17, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM The Jethros realized their common destiny while collaborating in a backup band for mutual friends. Over the years they've become something of a fixture in the folk music scene of New Bedford and

nearby places, and were the founders of the New Bedford Folk Festival's Southcoast Stage. Their original songs and unique arrangements are consistently lauded by critics of art, music, and architecture; frequently covered by other local musicians; and captured in three albums of recorded music. The family tree goes like this: Homer Jethro sings and plays guitar; Rufus Jethro sings and plays trumpet, trombone, and uke; Skillet Jethro sings and caresses the drums; Boney Jethro whistles and plays fiddle, bones, and other small percussion; and Gaston Jethro plays bass as though it were seven distinct instruments. Together they are The Jethros, and they are delighted to present their folk/blues/alt/soul/swing-jazz/bluegrass/funk/country/mariachi/klezmer stylings to one and all.

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side and he did not realize that he never got a driveway waiver for it. He apologized and said that he thought he got driveway waivers for both.

Mr. Britto said he immediately stopped the project when he got a letter from the town, and went to the BPW office to get all the correct paperwork done. However, he was informed that he had to go before the board. He apologized and said he just wanted to get it all sorted out.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said he remembered Mr. Britto coming in for a driveway waiver for the first side of his driveway.

Mr. Britto said for the first side of the driveway he made it more decorative with cobblestone and pea stone and wanted to do the otherside of the driveway so that they both match. He said he would pay a fine and do what he needs to do to finish the project.

Mr. Wotton said Mr. Britto would need a driveway waiver for the width of the driveway, and he would have to sign paperwork agreeing that it is Mr.

Britto's responsibility if the town damages the cobblestone apron with a plow accidentally.

The board voted unanimously to grant the waiver for a 40 foot opening and a cobblestone apron.

The board also met with Joshua Ferreira about a driveway waiver on Spring Street. Mr. Ferreira said he wanted to extend his driveway and make it into an L-shaped driveway. He said he just wanted to be able to fit at least two cars in the driveway.

The board voted unanimously to grant the waiver.

In another matter the board discussed the Conrad Roy III Memorial 5k Walk/Run. Mr. Furtado explained that they need the approval of the board to allow the organization to use Fort Phoenix. The walk/run will take place on Saturday, 9/10/22, and will start and end at Fort Phoenix from starting at 9 a.m.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said the Roys are a great family and they are doing this for their son. He said it is a good thing.

The board approved the event unanimously.

Mr. Furtado also told the board that he has been informed that people would like the paths and sidewalks at Memorial Park to be paved. He said he would look into the cost and see if they could use Community Preservation Act funds for the project. The memorial is on the corner of Green and Union Streets.

In another matter Mr. Furtado said he met with the tree warden and the police chief about standardizing operating procedures for how the tree warden should be notified. He said he was still waiting for information.

In other business, Mr. Furtado explained that the board needs to figure out what time to have BPW meetings going forward. Board member Marcus Ferro was absent from the meeting again due to his work schedule having changed. Mr. Furtado said the board needs to decide on a time that can work for everyone.

From our readers

Local Fishing Captain Supports Bill Straus

As a Fishing Industry constituent of the 10th Bristol District, I would like to voice my support for Rep. Bill Straus and explain why. Things have not always been so lucrative for the scallop fleet. Bill Straus played a vital role in creating the successful scallop fishery we now enjoy.

Over twenty years ago, the scallop industry was in a period of decline due to unrelated federal seafood regulations that were directed at groundfish like cod and haddock. Bill Straus listened to local scallopers and helped advocate for sensible rule changes to help the scallop fleet without interfering with the conservation needs to protect the groundfish fleet. His advocacy was crucial to the development of a new successful scallop management plan.

This program has been a big success for the Port of New Bedford and in 2021 the scallop industry pumped in over \$375 million to the local economy. This economic input helps everyone from local

restaurants to car dealerships.

And more recently when the start of the 2021 scallop season was stalled within the federal bureaucracy, Bill Straus acted promptly. When scallopers like myself and others reached out to him, Bill wrote to the White House seeking prompt and expedited review. He got the results that made a difference and the Feds responded.

Bill has always been available to listen to any concerns brought before him and has not hesitated to advocate, and join with other local legislators, to help promote the local industry.

As a resident of Rep Straus' district, I am also appreciative of his efforts to benefit my community. The South Coast Rail project, the local bike path, safety improvements along the Route 6 corridor, support of local transportation vitally important to the elderly, addressing food insecurity and Bill's overall support of the town governments of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, and Rochester are but a few examples.

My support is squarely behind

Rep. Bill Straus and I ask you to join me when you vote in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, September 6.

*Eric Hansen, Marion,
F/V Endeavor and F/V Intrepid*

What's in an Election?

At the age of 62 I've become a little cynical towards politics and politicians. If I had my way, I would reelect not a single one of them. Their accomplishments are few if any, and they cost us a fortune in pay and benefits. But I must return to the real world and know that we have to "vote." Apathy has gotten us to where we are today. So we must vote.

Truthfully, I've become a political atheist!!! The only thing is that I despise one party more than the other. But I do believe there is more hope for the nation with one of the parties than the other, so I still vote, every election cycle. But there are some who I absolutely will not vote for, Charlie Baker being one. A vile Republican, perfect Democrat.

So the season of bloviating is upon us, with empty promises and a vision

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Only two more concerts in the center left this season

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Improvement Association's Concert Under The Stars series is almost ready to wrap up. Only two more free concerts are left. Both are held on the steps of Fairhaven town hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

This Thursday, 8/4, Road Side Attraction will play its selection of R&B, Classic Rock and Contemporary Dance Pop.

Next Thursday, 8/11, is the last one, featuring G & Friends, playing local favorites, something for everyone, jazz, pop, rock and blues

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



An estimated 400+ people showed up for the concert in front of Fairhaven town hall when people spread out in front of the library, on the lawn of town hall, and all around wherever they could fit a chair. ABOVE LEFT: October Road, a James Taylor tribute band, packs them in, drawing 400-500 people for the Concert Under the Stars in front of Fairhaven Town Hall, with people across the street on the lawn of the Millicent Library on Thursday, 7/28/22. MIDDLE, L-R: Nathan Turpel from Acushnet, and Tracy Williams from Fairhaven dance in the street. RIGHT: People dance in the street, staying to the very end. Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.

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said the town needs to at least earmark the money it has received. She is afraid, she said, that if the town looks like it does not need the money by not allocating it, then the state may pull back the second round of funding.

Fairhaven Firefighters Union president Kevin Gonsalves made plea for some of the funds to be used for premium pay for firefighters.

"We were on the front lines," said Mr. Gonsalve.

The board voted to accept Ms. Ellison's recommendation, and also recommended that Mr. Gonsalves speak directly to Ms. Ellison.

The board also voted to accept Ms. Ellison's choice of Petrini & Associates to be Fairhaven's town counsel. Founding principal Christopher Petrini, and principal Heather White attended the meeting by Zoom. Mr. Petrini said that Ms. White would be the primary town counsel for Fairhaven, and he would be backup counsel and primary labor counsel.

The firm has a wide variety of experience in all aspects of municipal law and has worked with a variety of

municipalities of all sizes.

Ms. Ellison also announced that the Mass. Historical approved her proposed changes to the former Collector's office. The Select Board/TA office has switched places within town hall with the Collector's office.

Ms. Ellison's proposal includes removing the counter in the former Collector's office and moving it to where the collector is now.

Changes include inserting a new low "half-door" with a top shelf ; and adding a locked extension to the inside of the drop box people use to drop payments after hours; removal of a decorative metal half door.

Ms. Ellison told the board that she was not intending to make the structural changes immediately. She said she wanted everyone to settle in so they could see how the space works before making changes.

The existing counter takes up a lot of room in the office. Its removal and replacement with the half-door would free up space for office workers.

During the public comment period Kathy Isaaksen spoke against the change, saying that simply because

Mass. Historical approved it, does not mean it has to be done. She said the town hall has been working for "many, many years" as it is, and she feels strongly that the changes should not be made.

"If she can't work within the walls of what we have, maybe she shouldn't work here," said Ms. Isaaksen, adding that Ms. Ellison was there to "do her job," not decorate.

"We can't really help her with her job, but we can take care of town hall," said Ms. Isaaksen, who waited more than two hours for the public comment period which limits comments to two minutes.

The board did not respond to Ms. Isaaksen's comment, but simply moved on to the next public comment.

The also board heard from Town Planner and Economic Development Director Paul Foley on a proposed 40R overlay district in Fairhaven. *See article this page for details.*

In other business, the board:

- Approved free parking at Hoppy's Landing for the West Island Regatta participants on 8/13.

Proposed bylaw would create 40R mixed use zoning option

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Planner and Economic Development Director Paul Foley is looking for town residents and members of town boards and committees to join a working group to figure out the best way to implement a 40R bylaw in town. The new zoning designation would be an overlay district that would allow for a wider variety of mixed uses.

Mr. Foley told the Select Board at its meeting on 8/1/22 that he is looking at a couple of different areas in town to be part of the overlay district, most notably the shopping plazas. If the overlay district is put in place, all current uses would still be allowed, but residential units would also be allowed in the commercial districts. It would create a higher density with apartments on top of commercial spaces, and better landscaped streets.

The idea, he said is to create more housing and economic opportunities. The plazas would be a little neighborhood by themselves, close to shopping and transportation, with broadband access and all utilities.

Consultant Peter Flinker told the board that communities across the state are adopting 40R overlay districts. His firm will provide visual representations of the districts so people can see more accurately what the changes would produce.

The bylaw would create boundaries for the district and would include design standards. The law was created to increase housing an encourage affordable housing options.

Mr. Flinker said experience has shown that it is important to get the public involved in the process. He said 40R allows for a "pretty wide range of densities and housing."

Business owners and residents at large are encouraged to participate. Mr. Flinker said if people are represented and understand the facts, then the process goes more smoothly.

Mr. Foley said he is looking for 20-25 people to spend a couple of hours four or five times in the next few months to look at the options and help create the bylaw, identify likely areas/neighborhoods to be included, etc. He hopes to have it on the next annual Town Meeting warrant.

Mr. Flinker and Mr. Foley said the district will help prepare the town for the future. The plazas, in particular, have worked the way they have worked for decades, but may not continue to be the best use of the space going forward.

"The commercial districts you have were the answer 20-30 years ago," said Mr. Flinker. "So the question is what do you want in the next 20-30 years and how to make that happen."

The Select Board appointed Stasia Powers and Leon Correy to be the board's representatives in the group. Mr. Foley will reach out to other town boards to get representation from them. He will also be providing regular updates in Planning Board meetings.

To express interest in joining the group, use the form for joining committees on the town's website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board/webforms/board-and-committee-volunteer-application> or email a letter of interest to Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov, or mail to Select Board, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/8, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 8/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Mon, 8/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

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

Select Board

Mon., 8/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Wed., 8/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 8/31, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/8, Town Hall, noon

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Thursday	11	0753	2017	0138*	1334*
Friday	12	0844	2108	0235*	1437*
Saturday	13	0936	2158	0326*	1536*
Sunday	14	1025	2246	0404*	1621*

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From our readers

for America that the majority of Americans do not want. Americans want to be free not wards of the state. We want to go to work, support our families, and take a two-week vacation during the summer months. But more and more, every aspect of the American dream is becoming further out of reach. Now even a weekend in Maine is not feasible!

Needless to say, I've had enough. That's why I'm writing this article. But here's the problem. The reality of what is going on today is that we have accepted a ruling class to RULE the people. They no longer govern, they rule, by executive orders, by dictators, more often than not against the will of the people. For example, did you vote to shut down the oil pipeline and for

four-dollar gas? Did you vote to shut down the country for two years because of a bad flue and destroy the economy?

So if we are to reclaim our country, then you have to vote. No sitting on the sidelines complaining about everything. No crowing that they're all alike, because they're not. I believe that there are good and decent people who get into politics, but they are either corrupted or drowned out by the sewer.

If you don't like the way things are then get off your butt and vote. Maybe we can send a message to the ruling class of today by re-electing no one. Send a new crop of politicians to Beacon Hill and Washington, D.C., and see if they suck as much as the

present group that's ruling (not representing) us. Maybe it's a message that will wake up the political class. If the new group isn't any better than the present group, then we re-elect no one again. We send another group until they get it: "Of the people, by the people,." It will take once or twice and they'll get it.

So what's in an election?

Higher gas prices, runaway inflation, sky rocketing rent, home ownership/gone, milk up, chicken up, steak ridiculous, baby formula/keep looking, utility bill (OMG), another "war" that seems to have no end, electric cars that no one wants, etc., etc., etc. This is what's in an election.

Allen B. Lentini, Fairhaven

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dredging.

With this latest round of grants, the Seaport Economic Council has invested approximately \$77 million through 164 grants in 54 coastal communities since 2015.

"Our waterfronts are economic drivers for Massachusetts, supporting maritime industries and drawing visitors to enjoy our beaches and local businesses," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "Providing the resources to shore up our waterfronts through infrastructure improvements and coastal resiliency efforts is integral to both the long-term environmental and economic health of our Commonwealth."

"Capital grants from the Seaport Economic Council help our coastal communities tackle locally identified projects to update and improve their waterfront infrastructure," said Undersecretary of Community Development Ashley Stolba, Vice Chair of the Seaport Economic Council. "Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, we are proud to award nearly \$10.8 million in grants today to advance 19 important projects."

Fairhaven received \$1 million for continuation of the Union Wharf project. The Town will use this grant for the reconstruction of the western side of the north wall, Phase 5 of the overall renovation of Union Wharf. Union Wharf provides the only public, commercial vessel off-load space available to the entire fleet within New Bedford harbor currently primarily used by the commercial fishing industry.

The town of Fairhaven also received \$200,000 for dredging in the West Island channel. This grant will allow the town to be "shovel ready" with all necessary permits and studies completed to enable needed dredging in the West Island Channel in Nasketucket Bay and boat ramp areas. Ultimately, the project will increase the safety and usage of the waterway by increasing the minimum depth to at least seven feet below mean low water, and charting the dredged areas based on post dredge bathymetric surveys.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said that town planner Paul Foley and Harbormaster Tim Cox had been working on the grants for a long time.

Both projects, she said, will allow for "economic growth in the waterfront areas."

The work on Union Wharf is a multi-phase, multi-million dollar project that has been going on for several years.

The West Island dredging will increase the depth of the channel and push back the encroachment of the sand bar at Hoppy's Landing. The sand bar has caused navigational headaches for years and is getting significantly worse with each season.

Other Seaport Economic Council Grant Recipients include: City of Beverly, \$800,000; Town of Chatham, \$1 Million; Town of Chilmark, \$176,000; Town of Dartmouth, \$996,700; Town of Edgartown, \$96,000; Towns of Eastham & Orleans, \$162,100; Town of Falmouth, \$45,720; Town of Gosnold, \$300,000; Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, \$79,836; Town of Marion, \$1 Million; Town of Marshfield, \$192,000; Mass Maritime Academy, \$1 Million; City of New Bedford, \$1 Million; City of Newburyport, \$1.3 Million; City of Revere, \$35,000; City of Revere, \$1 Million; Town of Scituate, \$367,000.

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Bill includes \$ for the bridge; Bridge St.; Acushnet survey

From the office of Rep. Bill Straus

Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoissett) announced that the House of Representatives voted to approve the conference report for a \$11.4 billion transportation and infrastructure bond bill. Rep. Straus, who serves as House chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, led the conference committee tasked with reconciling language differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The legislation is intended to authorize state expenditure of federal transportation dollars received under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed by President Biden last November. It also authorizes additional state borrowing in support of municipal road improvement programs, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and \$400 million for safety improvement projects at the MBTA.

Several amendments sponsored by Rep. Straus during initial debate were adopted and included in the conference report, including an amendment authorizing the borrowing of \$100 million for the

permitting and construction of the New Bedford-Fairhaven bridge and the reauthorization of a \$25 million earmark for the New Bedford Regional Airport that had previously been included in a 2014 borrowing bill. Rep. Straus also secured \$900,000 in debt authorization for emergency extraction equipment for local public safety departments that will serve South Coast Rail; another \$125,000 is included in the legislation for restoring into use the freight rail spur on New Bedford State Pier.

The bill also includes \$1,000,000 for road improvements along Bridge Street in Fairhaven; \$2,000,000 for improvements to culverts on Mary's Pond Road in Rochester; and \$25,000 for a traffic survey for Acushnet.

Additionally, the legislation provides much needed resources for decarbonizing the commonwealth's transportation sector, currently the state's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. \$175 million is dedicated to building out electric vehicle charging infrastructure; among those funds, \$50 million is dedicated to the MasseVIP Direct

Current Fast Charging program with half of that amount dedicated to the commonwealth's Regional Transit Authorities to support the transition to electric public transit. \$50 million is dedicated to creating incentive programs to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles of all types, including school buses, freight trucks, and electric bicycles. A substantial amount of funding is provided for the electrification of the Commuter Rail system, with language requiring the MBTA to create and implement plans for the full electrification of each branch of the commuter rail.

"With the acceptance of the conference report, the House, once again, affirmed its dedication to meeting the transportation and infrastructure needs of our local cities and towns," said Rep. Straus. "This generational opportunity provides needed investments toward a more unified and resilient transportation system."

The bill now moves on to the Governor for his consideration.

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On Beacon Hill, Bill serves as the House Chair of the Transportation Committee. This important position has allowed him to push for and obtain funding for SouthCoast Rail, which is now under construction and scheduled to begin service to the New Bedford area in 2023.

Bill also secured funding for local projects including several new school construction projects, Union Wharf repairs in Fairhaven, Marion sewer system upgrades, a new public boat ramp in Mattapoissett, the bike path in Fairhaven and Mattapoissett, road safety improvements in Rochester and on Route 6 from Fairhaven to Marion, and the new Fort Phoenix pickle ball courts.



Bill has supported added tax and financial relief this year for his constituents:

- \$250 per person tax rebate checks in response to increased gas prices
- Increase in Child & Dependent Care Tax credit for young families
- Doubling of the Seniors Circuit Breaker Tax Credit allowing renters and homeowners to keep their housing
- Doubling the existing estate tax exclusion from \$1 to \$2million
- \$300 million for the unemployment fund to relieve businesses of severe increases in their contributions

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