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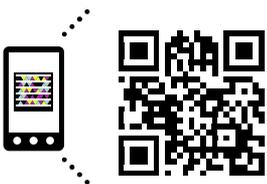
A Pontiac sits idle, dice and all, as people dance in the street into the early evening during the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual music night in Benoit Square on 8/21/22. See age 12. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, here we go again. Newsflash, people: It's not retaliation, it's the consequences of your own actions that you conveniently left out of the discussion (see page 3).

Mr. Oliveira is quick on Facebook to blame our new Town Administrator for taking action. The reality is that Mr. Oliveira was threatening in his behavior, so now he is barred from town hall for a couple of months. Why he is still on his boards is another matter. The message should be that any threatening behavior is not tolerated. He should be kicked off his committees, too.

Select Board chairperson Stasia Powers sent in a statement supporting our TA, but said she would not respond to recent controversy or criticism.

Well, she may feel it necessary not to address recent controversies, but I don't.

This whole thing is just ridiculous. You all need to stop screaming about moving offices. This stuff happens every day in the real world.

I'm hearing a lot of variations on "who does she think she is" about our new TA. I'll tell you who: She's the damned boss, that's who. She's the highest paid person in the town hall, so if she wants the best office, she should get it without having to add a whole bunch of "real" reasons why.

As for removing her assistant and banishing her to the BPW, well, I'm quite sure there's more to that story. Those of you complaining that there were no disciplinary actions, "sit-down" talks, etc., need to explain how you know that. Did you see her personnel file? Yeah, I didn't think so. In reality, it does not matter. The job is an at-will position that requires trust, which clearly was not there.

In any case, the TA has the authority to do all that she has been doing.

You're all letting this spiral out of control for foolishness. They're offices, in a building that is barely functional. Honestly, if Henry Huttleston Rogers were alive today, he'd gut that stupid building and, at the very least, put a whole lot of electrical outlets in. Really. Have you tried to plug in your computer in that place? I have, and it's stupid.

As for the counter...really? We can't move it? EVER? It's slated to go with the same employees who had it before. Although, if we took our emotions out of it, we'd probably throw it in the bonfire on Thanksgiving week.

Did you know that the police department used to be in town hall and had a lockup downstairs?

I wonder what excuse the naysayers used when they moved out and the public works department moved in.

I'll bet people went to their graves lamenting the changes.

The reality is that the hallway in town hall looks just as quaint and beautiful as ever. No one, I assure you NO ONE who walks into that building for the first time is going to look at the sign for the Select Board and the sign for the Collector's office and think: Oh my, that's backwards!

Ugh...moving along.

One of the coffee guys died. One of my old pals, Charlie Gomes, who hung out with the guys at a variety of places, but most nights after dinner having coffee somewhere in town (see obituary on page 19).

Charlie, you were a hoot! I'll miss you..

Until week then..see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

We made a mistake in last week's Acushnet Selectboard story. Although the town is losing Chris Hendricks as its state rep, it will be represented by both Paul Schmid (precincts 2 & 3); and by Bill Straus (precinct 1)
We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Wayne Oliveira barred from town hall for 60 days

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Administrator Angeline "Angie" Lopes Ellison has barred Wayne Oliveira from entering town hall for a period of 60 days starting on 8/17/22. Ms. Ellison sent the letter by email, writing that the move was "due to your inappropriate, threatening behavior that you exhibited on August 11, 2022."

The letter states that the town has the power under state law to bar residents from using public buildings, "when warranted by that individual's conduct, in order to protect the rights of peaceful enjoyment of such buildings by other residents, and to provide an appropriate and non-threatening workplace for the staff so that they can serve the needs of the building's users."

She also cites Mass. General Law and several cases that have upheld the right of the person who has "lawful control" of the building to exclude individuals from the premises.

Ms. Ellison also states that Mr. Oliveira will not need to access the building for meetings because he can participate remotely.

"Should you require access to Town Hall within the sixty (60) day period in connection with your duties, or in order to access Town services for yourself, please contact my office in advance so we can arrange to have an escort with you to preserve security in Town Hall," reads the letter. "Any failure to comply with these directives will be deemed a trespass and will be subject to legal action, including but not limited to police involvement and/or a restraining order."

In a Facebook post decrying the demotion of Mr. Oliveira's wife Vicki (see last week's issue), Mr. Oliveira posted: "Call your Select Board members and let them know your outrage with our current town administrator. Today I was barred from town hall for 60 days."

In a phone interview Ms. Ellison would not elaborate on the behavior Mr. Oliveira displayed that prompted the order.

In last week's issue we reported that on 8/11, an ambulance was called to town hall to tend to Ms. Oliveira for an unspecified reason. According to sources, her husband and Ms. Ellison

arrived in the room at approximately the same time. At that point, Mr. Oliveira verbally confronted Ms. Ellison and demanded that she not go near Ms. Oliveira.

Ms. Oliveira served as assistant to the TA, which is classified as a "confidential employee," and is not a union position. It is an at-will position that serves at the pleasure of the TA.

Confidential employees are privy to sensitive information, including personnel matters, ongoing negotiations, and executive sessions.

She has been working in the public works department as the Sewer Department Principal Clerk since Monday, 8/15, at a significant pay cut. The TA can reassign employees for up to 60 days to any department that has an open position. The reason for the reassignment has not been made public, with Ms. Ellison saying it is a personnel matter, and the Oliveiras saying it is in retaliation for Mr. Oliveira's opposition to the swap of the TA and Collector offices.

Mr. Oliveira did not return an email by press time asking for comment for this story.

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I know how important it is to have someone like Bill Straus as my State Representative on Beacon Hill. I've lived in Fairhaven with my family for many years, working as an ER Nurse in New Bedford, and then more recently, serving my town as a member of the Fairhaven Housing Authority. I've known Bill during that time and he is always approachable, responsive and has worked with the Housing Authority for the sake of

the residents on many occasions. On big issues like bringing back train service to Boston, or our new pickle ball courts at Fort Phoenix, Bill is able to make positive things happen. On September 6th, I'm sticking with Bill!

I'm grateful that Bill Straus is there working for us.

-Anne Silveira

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Library closures due to lack of AC

Submitted by Kyle DeCicco-Carey
Millicent Library Director

The recent closures of the Millicent Library have been brought on by the heat waves combined with the lack of air conditioning in most of the library.

The Reading Room, Lewin Room, stacks, youth services and circulation areas, where a lot of activity takes place, have no access to a cooling system.

When the library was expanded in 1968, air conditioning was installed in part of the new construction; the Rogers Room and a staff work area. An air conditioning unit was added to the director's office in the mid-1970s and no longer functions.

When I was hired as the director in the fall of 2020, I began having conversations with the library trustees about the need for a centralized HVAC system with no effective way to circulate air in light of COVID-19.

In addition, adding air conditioning would give comfort to the community and staff during the summer months. It would also bring better environmental conditions to the library collections, archival collections and artwork that is at risk in hot and humid conditions.

We began investigating ways to bring air conditioning to an historic building to meet modern needs while preserving the library's historic integrity.

Last year, we began meeting with

HVAC professionals and architects to discuss options for air conditioning. In these meetings we learned such a project would be possible but may take time as architects and contractors catch up on projects due to COVID delays.

We have been monitoring the environmental conditions in the library. Temperatures in the building during open hours since mid-July have reached as high as 88.2°F and relative humidity levels as high as 72%.

Last year, we began meeting with HVAC professionals and architects to discuss options for air conditioning.

According to an OSHA technical manual relating to heat related illness, "Heat-related fatality cases show that workplaces with temperatures above 70 degrees Fahrenheit may have a heat hazard present when work activities are at or above a moderate workload."

OSHA guidelines note that wet bulb globe temperatures of 70 to 77°F as possibly unsafe and above 78°F as a high risk of heat related illness. Wet bulb globe temperatures in the

library have exceeded 78°F on several occasions.

Staff tend to be active in the library with a lot of movement up and down stairs to retrieve books from the stacks and downstairs storage, helping patrons around the library, and physical tasks at the circulation desk and around the library.

During these periods of high temperatures staff have noted mild feelings of dizziness, nausea, and headaches, discomfort due to sweating, as well as tiredness and irritability.

Closing the library is not something we want to do. We have been trying different strategies to cool the building such as adding extra fans, opening and closing windows and shades based on the position of the sun, and adding dehumidifiers near staff workspace. These strategies do not always work during periods of high heat and humidity.

Window air conditioning units are not an option for several reasons such as proximity of outlets to windows, uncommon window sizes, the amount of space to cool, and the security of the building.

Until air conditioning becomes a reality, we are exploring more options to make conditions safe for staff and patrons and to minimize closures.

For updates to our hours or closings please follow us on Facebook, visit our website at MillicentLibrary.Org, or call 508-992-5342, extension 115.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Scholarships

The Livesey Club awarded six scholarships to the following people:

- Tristen Lewis of Middleboro High
- Jacob Larocouge Fairhaven High
- Gage Darmofal Fairhaven High
- Neely Francis Fairhaven High
- Paige Bettencourt Fairhaven High in memory of William Bill Cabral
- Bryan Tremblay of NB Voke

We're proud at the club that we can do this. We wish them all success in life.

Halloween Swap

Halloween Sustainability Swap. Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 7.

On October 8th at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. A large bin is located in the entrance.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

Movie Night

The Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555, presents Movie Night, featuring Disney's *Encanto* on Sat., 8/27, at Livesey Park in Fairhaven, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Free admission. Free snacks and more! Bring your blankets or chairs.

Sponsors: Local 1555, S.A.F.E. Program, Anne Whiting Real Estate, Profishant, Inc., Dorothy Cox's.

CPC Grants

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY24 funding round. The FY24 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

The public hearing for the FY24 Community Preservation Plan will be held on Wednesday September 14, 2022. Since 2006 the Fairhaven CPC has appropriated over \$7,250,000 that have created 126 affordable housing units, supported another 362 affordable housing units, protected 510 acres, created and maintained several recreation facilities and restored 55 historic preservation projects.

Activities that can be funded are: Acquisition, creation and preservation of Open Space; Creation, preservation and support of Community Housing; Acquisition, creation and preservation of Historic Resources; Acquisition, creation and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for CPC applications is, Friday, September 30, 2022 by 12:00 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at 508-979-4023, Ext. 122 or email pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Cultural Council Applications

The Fairhaven Cultural Council seeks funding proposals. Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs begin September 1 and are due October 15.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council has set an October 15 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Fairhaven, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then

allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Fairhaven Cultural Council will distribute about \$14,000 in grants.

For local guidelines and complete information, contact Sharon Dorian at 774-644-3913 or at sharon.riverside@juno.com. Please put "Cultural Council" in the subject line. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/>

The Council is always looking for new members! If you live in Fairhaven, please contact Sharon at the email above.

SAVE THE DATES:

OLOA Feast

Feast of Our Lady of Angels, September 3, 4, 5, Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven.

Sat. 5 p.m.-Midnight, Sun. Noon - Midnight, Mon. Noon - 10:00 p.m.

Procession on Main St. Monday at 1:00 p.m.

WIJA Breakfast LAST ONE!

Join the West Island Improvement Association for breakfast on **Sun., 9/4, 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.

Conrad's Law Walk

The family of Conrad Roy III is hosting an awareness/memorial walk/run 5k on Saturday September 10. The event will begin and end at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven, MA beginning at 9am, registration at 8:15am.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness and gain support for "Conrad's Law" which would make coercing suicide illegal in Mass.

You can follow our story on Facebook and Instagram at Conrad's Law Bill S.2382

For more information contact Kim Bozzi, KimBozzi45@gmail.com

Fundraising efforts to help Mattapoissett Boatyard, employees

A fire at the Mattapoissett Boatyard seriously injured an employee, and destroyed all the buildings on the property. Boats and vehicles were also destroyed in the fire.

To help the employee who was injured, the boatyard, and the employees, several fundraising efforts have been started.

Here are three of them that we had information on by press time.

See page 13 for story.

For Phil Macomber

Phil Macomber was badly injured as a result of the devastating fire at Mattapoissett Boat Yard. Phil has been part of the MBY family for nearly 20 years. He is currently hospitalized for burns and a shattered femur and has a long road to recovery.

To make a donation to Phil Macomber, visit <https://gofund.me/2d565910>.

Tool Drive

The terrible fire destroyed all their shops and technicians' tools. There were 15 techs and yard workers affected by the fire.

Please consider donating new or gently used professional quality tools. Look around your shops and consider giving that retired toolbox or tool a new home!

Tools can be dropped off at the trailer at 67 North St., Mattapoissett or at Triad Boatworks on Park St. The trailer will also be at Mattapoissett town wharf on Sat., 8/27, from noon to 5 p.m.

Tools needed are: Tool boxes,

bench top and rolling, socket sets, drive torque wrenches, screw drivers, vise grips, box and open wrench sets, crescent wrenches, electric drills, drill bits, Allen head socket bits, ball bean hammers, punch sets, pliers of various types, miter chop saw, drill press, fluke multi meters, extension cords, skill saw, Sawzall, 20-volt battery-powered tools, heavy duty bench top vise, and anything else you think a marine tech might need.

You may also make a financial donation at <https://tinyurl.com/2p99kwb8>

Contact Tim Moll: tmoll@shmarinas.com, 508-254-4500.

Boat Parade

Calling all boats. Show your support for the Mattapoissett Boatyard. Mattapoissett Yacht Club is opening up an invitation to all Mattapoissett community members to join us in a boat parade around the harbor in support of Mattapoissett Boatyard, on Sun., 8/28, 5 p.m.



A fire devastates the Mattapoissett Boatyard on Friday, 8/19/22, ultimately destroying every building on the property, boats and vehicles, and seriously injuring a worker. Photo from GoFundMe page organized by David Horne.

No sign-up or registration required. Any vessel can join, all are welcome. Many great viewing spots from the shoreline.

Parade info: 1630 hours boats gather at starting area MYC racing mark "H" in front of Ned Point. Monitor channel 71 for instruction from Goodspeed. Parade starts at 1700 hr. ETA Town Dock 17:30

Boatyard & Victims

This GoFundMe page is for the boatyard and the victims. Organizer David Horne states on the GoFundMe page: "I solemnly swear to work hand in hand with the Kaiser family to apply every cent received to most needy cause."

Visit <https://gofund.me/770b074e>

Early in person voting starts 8/27

Early voting by mail has already begun in Massachusetts. Early in person voting begins on Saturday.

Voters can go in person in their respective communities to vote in person. Each community has slightly different hours, and locations are not the regular polling places.

The primary is on Tuesday, 9/6, and polls will be open from 7 a.m.– 8 p.m. statewide.

See below for Acushnet, Fairhaven and New Bedford.

Acushnet

Early in person voting in Acushnet is available to registered voters beginning on Saturday, 8/27, at the Town Clerk's office in the Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street.

Hours are Saturday, 8/27, from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday–Friday, 8/29–9/2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday, 8/30 from 8:30–7 p.m.

Last day to register to vote and for any changes in voter registration, such as party affiliation, address, etc., is Saturday, 8/27.

Contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0215 if you have any questions.

Fairhaven

One week of In-Person Early Voting for all six Fairhaven precincts for the September 6, 2022 Primary will be held in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, August 27, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, August 29th through Friday, September 2nd, from 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. (regular business hours)

The last date/time to register to vote for the State Primary is Saturday, August 27th at 5:00pm.

On the day of the State Primary, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, all polls will be open from 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

ALL SIX Precincts will be located at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office at 508-979-4023 ext 3.

New Bedford

The City's Board of Election Commissioners has announced the early voting schedule and registration deadline for the state's primary election on September 6.

VOTING: cont'd on page 20

Beach chair helps friend get into the ocean

By Margie Green Joseph

Special to the Neighb News

One of my friends is very ill and wanted to go to the beach, but her mobility is very limited. I looked into sand wheelchairs and learned that in addition to State beaches such as Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven had also purchased one.

I can't say enough about Kayla who I spoke with at the gate. She gave me all the information I needed and assured me that the lifeguards would help us make this happen.

Thanks to Lifeguards Brett, Andrew, and AJ, the entire outing went incredibly smoothly. They handled the whole thing: safely transferred my friend from the car to the chair, wheeled her to the beach and into the water, and helped her transfer back to the car at the end of the afternoon. One of them stayed with her the whole time the chair was in the water. They made her feel totally safe!

Who knew that the resources needed to make this happen were right here! The entire beach crew was incredibly friendly and professional.

There's no way we could have done this for our friend if it wasn't for their help. They told us that they were just doing their job, but we all felt they went above and beyond. They were kind to our friend, very gentle when they transported her,

and helped to make it a fun afternoon.

They told us this was the first time they actually used the chair, but we never would have known that based on how well they handled the whole situation.



L-R: Fairhaven Town Beach lifeguards Brett and Andrew help a woman who is unable to walk get into the water using the special beach chair that can roll over sand on Thursday, 8/18/22. Photo by Margie Green Joseph.

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Cultural Grants

The City of New Bedford is accepting applications from privately owned, nonprofit cultural facilities that are seeking support for capital investments to revitalize their buildings, equipment, and outdoor spaces.

Arts & Culture is a vital segment of New Bedford's economy and community that has huge impacts on quality of life and job creation, with significant potential growth opportunities for existing and emerging cultural enterprises.

The support program utilizes funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Following an initial Expression of Interest process, the formal application for funding is now available to all eligible cultural institutions, including those that didn't initially seek feedback.

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations that own or operate a privately owned cultural facility in New Bedford. For the purposes of this program, cultural facilities are defined as art galleries, museums, and performing arts venues that are regularly open to the public at well-publicized times throughout the year.

Email questions about the application to: ARPA@newbedford-ma.gov.

All responses are to be submitted electronically to: ARPA@newbedford-ma.gov, with the name of your organization and "Cultural Facilities Application" in the subject line.

Eligible operators of privately owned cultural facilities can view and download application details on the City's ARPA website: www.newbedford-ma.gov/arpa.

Greenprint

WHALE, in partnership with Trust for Public Land, is developing a Greenprint of New Bedford, and they need your input!

WHALE's Greenprinting project will result in a Cultural Conservation Index (CCI) of noteworthy cultural assets such as historic buildings and park/open space development opportunities.

To nominate a location, visit <https://www.waterfrontleague.org>

When completed, the Cultural Conservation Index will guide WHALE, its partners, and the City of New Bedford into the future as they

preserve the cultural and historic assets of New Bedford, while enhancing community and economic vitality into the future. The WHALE CCI is the second Greenprinting project generously chosen for funding by the 1772 Foundation, whose mission is to ensure the safe passage of our historic assets to future generations.

Free Plays

Playwright on the Patio 2, August 27th and August 28th at 1:00pm and 4:00pm. All Performances Free-Donations Accepted

Two plays written and directed by local playwright, and YTI Co-Artistic Director Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. are being presented for your enjoyment under the tent at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House Garden.

Both Plays performed at all show times. At Rotch-Jones-Duff House Garden, 396 County Street entrance on Madison Street, lower gate, New Bedford, MA 02740

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Featuring

Memories of a New Home

Written and Directed by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. A young couple moving into their newly bought home meet the previous owner who shares with them various memories of the house.

Once Upon a Whaleship

Written and Directed by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. We visit with Ross aboard the ship William Hamilton as it voyages to the Indian Ocean for two years of right whaling. He's joined by Greenhand Jacob, on his first voyage. Includes various references to locations depicted in the restored Whaling Voyage Panorama at one time displayed by the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

Funded in part by the local Cultural Council of New Bedford.

Reggae on the Beach

Reggae on West Beach happens on the last Sunday of each month, with ONE left. From 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on those afternoons it features a mix of live bands and DJs on the

pavilion at 239 West Rodney French Boulevard which juts out from the beach into Clarks Cove. And, it's free to attend for all.

In addition to the sounds, Reggae on West Beach also features unique food trucks and local artists and artisans as well as community groups. All represent the unique elements which give New Bedford flavor and soul today.

• Sunday, August 28, featuring DJ Bee Mags of WNB One Radio and Jahbari .

For vendors and information, follow on Facebook: [Facebook.com/ReggaeOnWestBeach](https://www.facebook.com/ReggaeOnWestBeach).

Marcell The Shell

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On, Fri., 8/26, 7 p.m., at Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., NB. Tickets: \$15, visit <https://www.zeiterion.org/events> or call the box office (508) 994-2900.

Join us for a special Cinema New Bedford featuring Jenny Slate in person and her new movie Marcel the Shell with Shoes On!

Based on the viral short films about an adorable, world weary little shell, Marcel the Shell stars the ineffable comedian/actress and MA native Jenny Slate, who will join our screening for a live Q&A. The character Marcel was created by Slate and the movie's director, Dean Fleischer-Camp.

Once part of a sprawling community of shells, Marcel and his grandmother Connie (voiced by THE Isabella Rossellini) now live alone as the sole survivors of a mysterious tragedy. But when a documentary filmmaker discovers them amongst the clutter of his Airbnb, the short film he posts online brings Marcel millions of passionate fans, as well as unprecedented dangers and a new hope at finding his long-lost family. The stop-motion animated film also features appearances by Andy Richter, Leslie Stahl, Jessi Klein and more.

Like all Cinema New Bedford screenings, the audience has the opportunity to continue the conversation after the film, this time with Slate herself. Be sure to bring your questions about Marcel, because Slate's ready to answer them!

Film runtime: 90 minutes.

Boatyard FR

See page 6 for fundraising efforts to help the Mattapoisett Boatyard.

SAVE THE DATE:

Apple Peach Fest is BACK

See page 16 for details.

Candidates Night

The Mattapoisett Republican Party invites everyone interested to meet State and Local candidates on Tuesday August 30th at 6 PM at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Scheduled candidates include: Jay McMahan, MA Attorney General; Rayla Campbell, MA Secretary of State; Dan "NURSE DAN" Sullivan, US Rep District #9; Sandra Wright, Plymouth County Commissioner; Jeff Swift, 10th Bristol State Re; Bob McConnell, 10th Bristol State Rep.

Candidates will address the audience individually and answer questions from the audience. Campaign literature will be available.

Room Space and parking are limited

Silent Movies

At the Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Mon., 8/29 at 1:00 p.m.

Richard Hughes and his traveling Silent Movie Shows will be presenting a Buster Keaton romantic comedy silent film called "Sherlock Jr." with live piano accompaniment plus a demonstration of animation devices that were the forerunners of the motion picture camera.

Keaton was the best at "slapstick" humor and yet, he never cracked a smile so be sure to mark this event on your calendar to be entertained by the "Old Stone Face."

Play

The Marion Art Center Theater's production of Rabbit Hole has been postponed to August 26. The production will now run August 26, 27, 28, September 9, 10, 11. There will be no play on Labor Day weekend, but performances will resume for the second weekend on September 9. All

Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00pm. Tickets online at marionartcenter.org/events. Please Contact the MAC with questions at info@marionartcenter.org or 508-748-1266.

Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want, until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. Rabbit Hole charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of places and for a path that will lead them back into the light of day.

Forbidden Broadway

Rounding out the 2022 Theatre By The Sea Monday Evening Concert Series is Gerard Alessandrini's *Forbidden Broadway Greatest Hits* hosted by SiriusXM star and Forbidden Broadway legend Christine Pedi. From Annie to Phantom to Wicked, this fall-down funny, satirical roast of over 30 Broadway hits, features outrageous costumes, silly spoofs of the songs you know by heart and madcap impressions by a stellar cast including. It's never been more fun poking fun at your favorite musicals and stars! A New York sensation for nearly 40 years, a talented group of comic chameleons, throw out pointed parodies at a dizzying pace. Whether you are a seasoned theatregoer or new to it all, the Tony® Award-winning *Forbidden Broadway* is your one-stop ticket to non-stop laughs: a hip and fresh view of theatre's tried and true that will leave you begging for more!

Monday, August 29 at 7:30 pm., Theatre by the Sea, 364 Cards Pond Road, Wakefield, RI. Tickets are \$40-\$68 (additional fees may apply). Discount rates are available for groups of 10 or more by calling (401) 782-3800 x112. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm and performance days from 11:00 am until curtain (performance Sundays 12 noon until curtain), online 24-hours-a-day at www.theatrebythesea.com and via telephone during normal box office hours, 401-782-TKTS.

Auditions

The MAC Theater Announces Auditions for Fourth Play of the Season

The Marion Art Center Theater announces open auditions for the upcoming production of Church & State written by Jason Odell Williams. Director Donn Tyler will be casting five roles: one male and one female able to play forties/early fifties, one female able to play thirties/early forties, and two males or females able to play twenties. Auditions will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 12:00-2:00pm and on Sunday, August 28, from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Marion Art Center located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA. Only fully vaccinated actors will be considered for roles. Performance dates are scheduled November 4, 5, 6, 10 (tentative), 11, 12, & 13, 2022. Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00pm while all other evening shows will begin at 7:30pm.

Synopsis: Three days before his bid for reelection, in the wake of a school shooting in his hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina, a Republican U.S. senator makes an off-the-cuff comment to a blogger that gets leaked on "the Twitter," calling into question the senator's stance on guns and God. As his devoutly Christian wife and his liberal campaign manager try to contain the damage, this look at how religion influences politics and how politics has become a religion is simultaneously funny, heartbreaking, and uplifting.

Full character descriptions and more information can be found online at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

SAVE THE DATES:

Golf Scramble

Annual Livesey Club Golf Scramble at the Back Nine Club, Lakeville, MA; Sunday 9/11.

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This is one of the Livesey Clubs major fund raisers. Hope to see many for a fun day.

Recipe of the Week

Peach Cobbler

For the filling:

- 4 cups peaches, ripe, peeled, pitted, and sliced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

For the cobbler:

- 1/2 cup butter unsalted, cubed
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk

Ice cream, optional, for serving

Preheat oven to 375.

Add the peaches, 1/2 cup of the sugar, the cornstarch, the lemon zest, and the lemon juice to a medium saucepan over med heat.

Bring mixture to a simmer for 5 mins. Stir continuously until peaches start to soften. Take pan off the heat and set it aside.

Place the cubed butter in a 9x9-inch baking dish and put it into the preheated oven until the butter has melted.

Add the flour, baking powder, salt, remaining sugar, egg, vanilla, and milk to a bowl, and whisk until the flour is just combined.

Pour the peaches into the baking dish over melted butter. Pour batter evenly over peaches.

Bake until the cobbler is golden brown, about 40-45 minutes.

Serve immediately w/ice cream.

Dear Frankie



Forgiveness

Dear Frankie,

My family went to a new resort in the Bahamas last winter. Tommy, my four-year-old sibling, loves the beach. He likes nothing better than filling his buckets with water and

digging in the sand.

The day the accident happened, my parents were sitting a few feet away from Tommy and watching him play. Suddenly a terrible odor swept across the beach. I looked over at my parents to see if they noticed, but they didn't indicate they had. When the smell got stronger, I started barking. Tommy and my parents turned to see what I was yapping about, and that's when the crocodile came up behind him and dragged him into the ocean.

My dad and mom immediately jumped into the water and did everything they could to stun the crocodile and pull Tommy away, but they were no match. Since then, my parents have kept asking if they will ever stop thinking about that day and be able to forgive themselves. Will they, Frankie?

Gina

Dear Gina,

They won't forget that day, nor will you. But in years to come, chances are all of you won't think about it as often, and it won't be as emotionally raw as it has been.

Your parents' grief for your brother's loss is further intensified because they think they did something wrong. They feel they put their child in harm's way, which is unforgivable. They certainly wouldn't have made a reservation at a resort if they knew there were crocodiles in the area.

I don't understand why the resort didn't notify the guests that there was a slight chance that crocodiles might be nearby and warned them to stay away from the water's edge. Also, why weren't there any lifeguards scouting the water?

Your brother's death was not your parent's fault, Gina. I hope that with time and ongoing support from family, friends, and professionals, they will be able to come to that realization. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Best, Frankie

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Music, cars, dancing in Benoit Square

By Beth David
Editor

More than 150 people showed up for the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual music night on Sunday afternoon, 8/21/22, which started out with pretty hot temperatures, but cooled right off as the evening wore on.

Organizers blocked off Adams Street around Benoit Square so people could literally dance in the

street to oldies by Eddie and the Exciters. The square around the gazebo, sidewalk and street were filled with people enjoying the music, some food for sale, and each other's company.

Sponsors included Alltrust Credit Union, Fairhaven Cultural Council and Mass. Cultural Council, Villa Verde, Cottrell Bros., Galaxy pizza.

The NFIA is a non-profit association that hosts several events

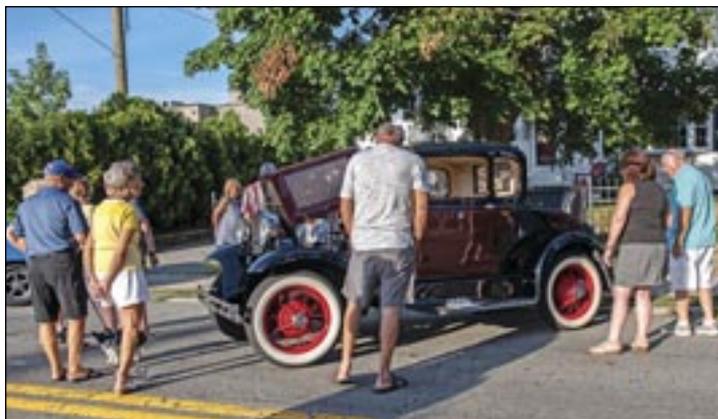
throughout the year, including the Halloween Horribles parade and Benoit Square holiday lighting.

They are always looking for volunteers to help them with their fundraising events so they can keep their community events free.

The NFIA meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the old fire station at Benoit Square, 267 Adams St., Fairhaven. The next meeting is 9/15.



ABOVE LEFT: People of all ages enjoy oldies by Eddie and the Exciters during the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual music night in Benoit Square on 8/21/22. ABOVE RIGHT: People dance in the street. BELOW LEFT: Steve King poses with his 1969 Plymouth GTX. BELOW RIGHT: Fred Raphael's newly acquired 1931 Model A is a real crowd pleaser. BOTTOM LEFT: Ed Fonseca of Eddie and the Exciters belts one out. BOTTOM RIGHT: People dance on the lawn into the early evening. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



Mattapoissett Boatyard destroyed by fire, one seriously injured

By Beth David
Editor

An employee of the Mattapoissett Boatyard was seriously injured in a fire that ultimately destroyed every building on the property on Friday, 8/19/22. Fire assets from the region responded to the six alarm blaze.

According to a press release from the Mattapoissett Fire Department, the fire started inside a building where a worker was replacing a boat's gas tank.

"Investigators believe that a spark ignited gasoline vapors during this process, causing an explosion and fire that seriously injured the worker, an adult male," reads the press release.

The injured worker has been identified as Phil Macomber, and a GoFundMe page has been set up to help him with expenses while he recuperates from burns and a shattered femur. (See page 6 for three fund-raisers to help the boat yard.) Three firefighters were also treated for smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion.

The fire was fed by winds of up to 25 miles per hour coming in off the water. It destroyed six buildings, 47 vehicles, and 20 boats. In total, more than 100 firefighters battled the fire with 19 engines, 12 tankers, three fireboats, and two ladder trucks.

"We're extremely fortunate that Friday's fire didn't cause more injuries or worse," said State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. "Nearly 900 fires have started with gasoline in Massachusetts over the past 10 years, causing nine deaths and almost \$20 million in damages. Many of us use gasoline in our daily lives, but we can't lose sight of the fire and explosion hazard associated with it. Gasoline vapors can travel a great distance to an ignition point, especially indoors."

Visit our website for the full press release by the Mattapoissett Fire Department: www.NeighbNews.com and scroll down to archives to find this week's issue.

On its Facebook page on 8/22, the Mattapoissett Boatyard wrote "every-

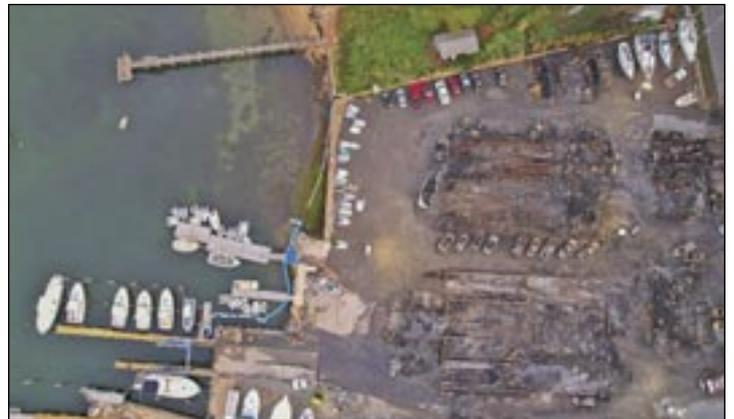
thing is gone."

"Our number one concern is for our long time employee, Phil

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This photo shows the Mattapoissett Boatyard at 32 Ned's Point Road, before the fire that destroyed all the buildings on 8/19/22. Photo from Mattapoissett Fire Department Facebook page.



ABOVE and BELOW: All the buildings on the Mattapoissett Boatyard property at 32 Ned's Point Road are destroyed, along with cars and boats, after a fire on 8/19/22 ripped through the property. Photos courtesy of Barry Mullin/New England Dronalist, <https://www.nedronalist.com>. You can find Mr. Mullin on YouTube at <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCdN-5uRXyz2b7KmlUaj5ckA> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandDronalist>



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In celebration of Senior Citizen Day, the center will be showing the movies "Poms" on Mon., 8/22, at 1 p.m. Popcorn, ice cream, treats, and light refreshments will be available.

Summer Music Series

Join us for light refreshments and music on the following Thursdays: Sept. 8, Judy & Barry DeRossi.

Free Groceries

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Caregivers Support Education Group

The first Thursday (note day change) of the month, from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call 508-979-4029.

Support Groups

Southcoast VNA and Hospice Support Group, Widow and Widowers Grief Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

General Loss Grief Support: 3rd Thursday of the month 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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. 31: Thames St., Newport, RI. Sept. 7, Tiverton Casino; 9/14 Mashpee Commons; Sept. 21, Thames Street, Newport, RI; Sept. 28, Wrentham Village.

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Acushnet news and events



SAVE THE DATE: Apple Peach Festival

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Free admission. Shuttle bus from Acushnet Middle School. Parking across the street and at Keith's Farm.

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Entertainment

Sat., 9/10

- 10-10:45 TBA
- 11-11:45 Wirewood
- 12-12:45 All Along
- 1-1:45 Extreme Acoustic Trio
- 2-2:45 Temporary Phase
- 3-3:45 The Stumblers
- 4-6 Buzzard Blue

Sun., 9/11

- 10-10:45 Gonsalves Tai Kwon Do
- 11-11:45 Two of Us
- 12-12:45 Truue
- 1-1:45 Gary Langevin
- 2-2:45 Not Dead Yet
- 3-3:45 Dirty Sanchez
- 4-6 Neal McCarthy Problem

Townwide Yard Sale

Last year a group of residents organized a townwide yard sale on the same weekend that the Apple-Peach Festival would have been held. Traditionally, houses on Main Street have held yard sales on festival weekend to take advantage of the increased traffic. The festival was canceled last year due to the pandemic. This year, the organizers

decided to have the same event during the festival.

To be on the list, you'll have to join the All Things Acushnet page on Facebook and use the sign-up form.

The form will be used to collect the addresses and types of items of those who wish to participate.

On September 5th (one week before the sale), The list will be curated, starting from North of town to South, and all will be posted to the All Things Acushnet group. Visit <https://forms.gle/fQuGjzRnuCtxBwJf7> to sign up.



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Fairhaven police investigating two bike thefts

From Fairhaven Police Department Facebook Page

We have taken two reports for bike thefts over the weekend.

In the photo (right) the suspect is riding a bike that was taken from an employee at Tropical Smoothie while they were working Friday afternoon. The thief took the bike (below left) and rode it on Alden Road past Sharon Street but we lost track of

them in that area. It appears to be a young male with a camouflage style Champion backpack.

The second bike (below right) was taken from the area of Planet Fitness on Sunday 8/21 at approximately 4:30 p.m. That bike is also pictured here.

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Obituary: Charlie Gomes



Charles Gomes

Master Captain Charles R. "Charlie" Gomes, 86, of New Bedford passed away Friday August 19, 2022 from complications related to

COVID. He was the husband of Pauline Moreau Gomes for 60 years.

Charlie served in the United States Marine Corps and upon discharge, joined the Merchant Marines, of which he was a member for 45 years.

In addition to being a licensed master captain, Charlie was a licensed pilot, licensed navigator and

environmentalist.

In 2009, he was inducted into the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame. He excelled in football, baseball and basketball. He was scouted by the St. Louis Browns baseball team but decided to join the Marines and serve his country. During his deployment, Charlie played on the Marines baseball team.

Charlie enjoyed playing cards, golfing, buying lottery tickets, watching sports and meeting friends at McDonald's in Fairhaven.

He was a member of the Fairhaven Livesey Club, Disabled Veterans of America, Veterans Association of Bristol County, United States Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

In addition to his wife, Charlie is survived by his daughter, Leslie Trahan, and grandchildren, Erin

Trahan, Andrew Trahan and Chloe Gomes. He is also survived by his nephew, Tommy Gomes, and niece, Tammy Gomes.

He was predeceased by his parents, Manuel Gomes and Mary (Pires) Gomes Barros, his daughter, Karen Gomes, and his brother, Vern Gomes.

His visitation will be held on Sunday August 28th from 1-3 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. A celebration of life will follow at the Fairhaven Livesey Club from 4-7 PM. A private burial with military honors will be held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Honor Flight Network, www.honorflight.org, or K9s for Warriors, www.k9sforwarriors.org. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTtVzJCQT09>
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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-022-025: 72 Pleasant Street, Map 05, Lots 095. Applicant & Owner: Jason LaFountain. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § for an expansion of an existing nonconforming use to construct a 16'x40' one car garage, detached with workshop and storage room, and that the additions and alterations are not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
2. REF#: ZBA-022-026: 325 Sciticut Neck Road, Map 29D, Lot 31-33, 46, 47. Applicant & Owner: Mary

Mullen. Applicant seeks (1) a Variance to change an existing lot, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-17B and; (2) a Variance from the minimum required frontage of 20 feet to the 11.74 feet proposed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 and; (3) a Variance for lot size area of 7,778 and 18,000 square feet, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

3. REF#: ZBA-022-027: 28 Cherry Street, Map 15, Lot 48. Applicant & Owner: Claudia Warrington. Applicant seeks a Variance to extend an upper and lower deck. One section will measure 8'x12' and the other 9'x16', pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, which states any noncovered porch, deck, or landing shall not exceed 72 square feet.
4. REF#: ZBA-022-028: 44 Nancy Street, Map 36, Lot 034. Applicant & Owner: Ross Borges. Applicant seeks Special Permit for Home Occupation business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B.
5. REF#: ZBA-022-029: 837 Sciticut Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 015R. Applicant: Keith Silvia Owner: Marc Oliveira. Applicant to build a 2-stall garage with breakaway walls, an engineered foundation, and living space above that will be attached to the existing dwelling. Applicant requests a Variance from

the minimum required frontage of 20 feet to the 14.3 feet proposed, Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 8/25/22, 9/1/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
DRAFT FY24 FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION PLAN

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing to receive information and public comment on the Draft FY24 Community Preservation Plan.

Copies of the Plan may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Fairhaven CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Paul H. Foley, AICP, Director of Planning & Economic Development
FNN: 8/25/22, 9/1/22

VOTING: cont'd from page 6

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.

On Primary Election day, polls citywide will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The voter registration 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/

The voter registration deadline is also the deadline for voters to notify

the Board of Elections of any changes in their address, name, or party affiliation.

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FIRE: cont'd from page 13

Macomber," wrote the owners. "He was badly injured as a result of the initial explosion. He has major burns to his face and neck and a shattered femur. He is at RI Hospital in their burn unit, intubated and sedated. He is expected to recover from these injuries but clearly has a long road ahead. Please keep Phil in your thoughts and prayers."

The boatyard has pledged to rebuild.

"As you can imagine, the idea of starting over from the ground up is becoming more daunting with each passing day," reads the FB post. "Our employees are our first priority. All of their personal tools and other belongings are lost*. There are no more shop tools or equipment. Our entire inventory is gone. Any paperwork, physical records, archives are also gone."

The post thanks everyone who helped on that day, and says they are

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grateful the fire was contained by firefighters and did not spread to the neighborhood.

"As much as we would never wish this tragedy on anyone, the way that so many have rallied around us has been incredible," they wrote. "We have always loved our town and our wonderful community. We never realized the profound effect this horrible event would have on so many others. It's impossible not feel emotional and deeply moved by others' efforts to help out.

"We will get through this, that we are sure of. MBY Strong!"

The boatyard is owned and run by father-son team David and Ned Kaiser, with Ned being the third generation in the business. Visit <https://www.mattapoissettboatyard.com>

As of press time, the GoFundMe page had raised \$148,443, and a post had noted that Mr. Macomber was out of the ICU.

*See page 6 for a tool drive for employees.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Bikeway Committee
Thurs., 8/25, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals
Tues., 9/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Tues., 8/23, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Community Preservation
Wed., 9/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 8/29, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Rogers Re-Use Comm.
Thurs., 9/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 9/14, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Tues., 9/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

State Primaries
Tues., 9/6, Polls open 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
Wed., 9/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors
Wed., 8/31, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Golf Committee
Thurs., 8/18, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Board
Thurs., 8/25, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
TuThurs., 8/25, Parting Ways, 6:30
Joint meeting with Planning Board

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	25	0727	1944	0226	1252
Friday	26	0805	2021	0147	1324
Saturday	27	0843	2100	0201	1403
Sunday	28	0923	2140	0232	1446
Monday	29	1003	2220	0308	1529
Tuesday	30	1043	2302	0346*	1610
Wednesday	31	1127	2348	0423*	1651
	Sept. 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	----	1216	0502*	1736
Friday	2	0041	1313	0546*	1830
Saturday	3	0140	1412	0641	1942
Sunday	4	0238	1511	0752	2056

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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From the Fairhaven Select Board Chair

Submitted by Stasia Powers
Fairhaven Select Board Chair

I write this letter in my capacity as the Chair of the Fairhaven Select Board, as it is my wish for the residents and businesses of this community to know how hard our Town Administrator is working for you and how much she has accomplished already in her first few months in office.

Angie Lopes Ellison hit the ground running upon commencement of her term in Fairhaven on April 4, 2022 and has actively moved numerous projects along to keep Fairhaven not only functioning but progressing and thriving.

Ms. Ellison's accomplishments to date include hiring key personnel to lead Fairhaven in important aspects of Town government, including a new Human Resources Director, Conservation Agent, and Town Counsel, who serve key functions to keep Town businesses running smoothly. She is currently negotiating seven labor contracts, has brought clarity to the roles of boards and committees, has provided guidance on the process for allocating \$5M in ARPA funds, has developed a process to streamline Select Board Goals and Objectives, and has created documentation to establish procedures and guidelines accordingly.

I will not respond directly to recent controversy or any criticism. Instead, I will point to this list of Ms. Ellison's achievements in the face of great challenges.

Ms. Ellison joined Fairhaven during a time of significant transition.

Despite the looming backlog of tasks, she has identified key areas in need of attention so that the Town may improve internal processes and facilitate citizens' access to services. This endeavor includes facilitating the efficient use of our beloved Town Hall building and preserving its unique features and historic value while also serving the important function as a central meeting place and service center and working to make it accessible to all. Balancing these interests is a daunting task but

I extend my support and gratitude for Ms. Ellison's tireless work from early in the morning until late at night every day, bookended with a commute of over an hour each way.

one that Ms. Ellison has embraced with efforts such as relocation of the Veterans office to the Senior Center where they are pleased to be with the community they serve.

As part of this initiative, and at the recommendation of our Historic Commission, Ms. Ellison sought and obtained approval from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to relocate a counter from one location to another within Town Hall. The relocation will not only improve the counter's functionality but will also

allow for preexisting damage to be repaired. Due to the volume of inquiries the Town has received with respect to this project, it is currently on hold to allow the Town to receive input from the residents and address any concerns. Angie is a great listener, is open, and transparent, and her decision to pause this project to engage with residents is a prime example.

Beyond Town Hall and the geographical borders of Fairhaven, Ms. Ellison's efforts recognized the importance of regional connection and representation on a state and federal level. One notable example is Ms. Ellison's recognition that Fairhaven had been overlooked on a United States Environmental Protection Agency superfund site award presentation, and she took the steps necessary to make sure Fairhaven was represented. She is also working with the School Department and Police Department to direct funding obtained in connection with the settlement of opioid litigation.

I extend my support and gratitude for Ms. Ellison's tireless work from early in the morning until late at night every day, bookended with a commute of over an hour each way. It is not uncommon for her to be in her office at 8:30 on a Friday night to help us accomplish those goals. This dedication is one of the many valuable qualities that led the Select Board to select Ms. Ellison to lead us, and she has risen to the challenge. She holds herself and all key players to the highest standard that Fairhaven deserves.

From our readers

A Storm is Brewing in Town Hall

Please be advised a Storm is brewing within the halls of our beautiful and historic Town Hall. It was first sighted over a larger office space within the building and it continues to grow in strength without concern by the Select Board!

Evolving in velocity it continues on a path of destruction with no regard to the historic integrity of the building itself. Soon the grand oak doors of every office may be overhauled*, not to mention termination of employment if disagreement is expressed within the ranks!

The Selectmen's office is not home to the Tax Collector because of desire and envy of another's office space. Not content the path of determination is to destroy historic wood working that my compromise building integrity*.

Is it not enough that we are now greeted by staff behind plexiglass shields due to Covid? I'm aware that change may be inevitable but must it intrude on the destruction of historical value and the feeling of hometown camaraderie?

I have not divulged the Storm by name as I too may be subjected to retribution for expressing my opinion.

Bear in mind when interviewed and asked the reason for leaving last place of employment the response was "Not a good fit." Maybe Fairhaven isn't the right fit either and it's time for the Select Board to step up!

Bernice Alves, Fairhaven

**Editor's Note: No structural changes to the building have been even remotely discussed. No woodwork or wainscoting has been disturbed. No doors have been overhauled. The two offices simply switched spaces, and the Collector's Office counter is slated to be moved to the office where the collector's office is now.*

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Bill has been an active and involved member of the community:

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