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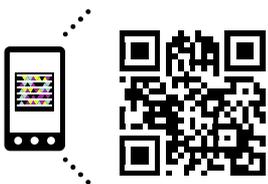
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Fire department mixes fun with safety message



Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Desroches demonstrates "stop, drop, and roll" to children and their adults at the safety talk and fire truck fun even at the Millicent Library on Wednesday, 8/24/22. See page 12. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.



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

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

It is with mixed feelings that I note the fabulous OLOA Feast is this weekend (see page 5). Alas, as much as I love the feast, it means that summer is ending.

Make sure you get to the feast at least long enough to get the best mallassadas on planet earth! Oh, they're so good. But, you'll be waiting in line for them, so be prepared.

The procession is on Monday at 1. They take that huge 800-pound statue and walk it up and then back down Main Street, all the way from St. Mary's Church to Benoit Square and back. More people turn out to watch the procession than go to the parades, so, check it out. It's lots of fun.

This weekend also marks the last breakfast buffet at the West Island (page 5). Sniff, sniff. Goodbye, summer.



Beth David, Publisher

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We also have our state primary election on Tuesday, and this year we have a bunch of contested races. So, do your homework, figure out who you want in there, and get out and VOTE!

Next weekend the fun continues with the Apple-Peach Festival (see page 17). So keep your weekends open for the fun stuff coming up.

There's other stuff in here, of course, so be sure to check out every page.

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

Until week then..see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Wayne Oliveira responds to allegations

Submitted by Wayne Oliveira

I am a lifelong resident of Fairhaven and I have served this Town for 40 years as a Firefighter/Paramedic. I have served on the Historical Commission for well over 15 years. I even spent over two years to plan and run the Town's Bicentennial Celebration in 2012. I clean the Route 6 median strip annually on my own time. I have been on parade and event committees for the town and me and my wife have put on a free movie night at Livesey Park for the last 10 years.

I have never been treated so unfairly until Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison came to town.

To be barred from Town Hall with a No Trespass Order because I spoke up and protected my wife during a medical incident is absurd. In my 60 years of being in this town I have never been banned from any building. Unlike what was printed in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* here is the truth.

On August 11th my wife called me that she was being transported from Town Hall to St. Luke's Hospital. When I got to Town Hall, Angie was

just going through the door of the banquet room. When I got into the room, I looked at her and said "get away from my wife" Angie said "she's my employee" to which I said "No she isn't... you fired her".

She continued to stand in the room listening to what was going on between EMS personnel and my wife. When the HR Director, Cam Durant, came into the room a short time later, I said to him "you need to get her out of here" and I pointed to Angie. She is making the situation worse and Vicki is upset.

I then asked one of the Paramedics to "call the Police for my protection" as I knew Angie would use this interaction against us at some point.

When Vicki was ready for transport, we left the room through the back ramp exit door and I closed it behind us so that Angie would not follow us any further.

Angie later fabricated details of the incident to put a spin on it and make herself look like the victim. She violated my wife's HIPAA rights by staying in the room while she was being tended to by EMS staff even

after we told her to leave. She is not used to people standing up for themselves. She likes her staff and board members to be submissive. This is truly bizarre and twisted behavior from a town leader.

She actually called a town hall staff meeting a few days later, and included the Council on Aging staff, to tell everyone that I "verbally abused her".

To call a staff meeting to talk about a Board Chairman and resident is completely uncalled for and unprofessional. The interaction was not loud or threatening. Nor did the comments I made have any profanity. It was simply a quick verbal exchange to protect my wife.

I have never seen any Fairhaven Leader cause so much turmoil in such a short period of time. She has only been with the Town since April.

All I can think about while all this craziness is going on is... Why would anyone want to serve on a board or committee just to take on this kind of scrutiny and abuse? To be treated like this by someone who has only been here five months and is still trying to

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workable management plan that allowed us to fish in a sustainable way while preserving the scallop resource. Today, we are the number one fishing port in the country built upon our scallop harvest; Bill Straus was a key part of that success.

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— Dan Eilertsen

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Money included in bond bill for NB-Fhvn bridge replacement

By Beth David
Editor

The transportation and infrastructure bond bill signed by Governor Baker earlier this month includes \$100 million for the permitting and construction of the New Bedford-Fairhaven bridge.

State Rep. Bill Straus and state transportation officials presented information to Fairhaven officials on August 10. Rep. Straus also spoke about the presentation at the Select Board meeting on 8/15.

State officials will hold public meetings/presentations later this fall.

The bill authorizes the spending, Rep. Straus said, and allows the state to borrow the money.

Engineers and state officials are looking at several possibilities for replacing the current swing bridge, including a different design swing bridge; two different types of drawbridges, properly called a "bascul" or a lifting bridge; and a vertical lift, which actually lifts the whole road, like the railroad bridge on the Cape. Each type of bridge has its pros and cons.

MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver said some of the considerations include the impact different bridge types will have on local businesses on the road leading up to the bridge; how long it will take for each bridge type to open and close, which interrupts road traffic; and how each type of bridge will help or hinder marine traffic to the new north terminal being built for wind turbine production.

Because it is a navigation channel, the US Coast Guard is also a major player in any design and construction plans.

After state officials feel they have a good idea on what design they want to use, they will set up public meetings to get input from people who use the road and those who use the channel.

"It's a balancing act between road users and marine traffic," said Mr. Gulliver.

The goal is for the bridge to open less often. The higher the bridge, the more boats can fit under. The way it is designed now, all boats need for the bridge to open.

One thing that is not contested, is the need for the bridge to be replaced.

Built in 1899 and completed in 1903, the current bridge has been rehabilitated several times. Twelve different studies have been done that include the bridge, including seven replacement studies going back to 1966, and other studies that included the road or harbor.

The bridge has cracks in the concrete, impact damage to railings, corrosion, missing bolts, and (as we all know) machinery and operating Systems in poor condition requiring continued maintenance and replacement of critical parts, according to the presentation.

Functional deficiencies include long opening time, minimal under-clearance that requires bridge opening for most vessels, narrow navigational channel, lack of connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The bridge opens about 4,000 times a year. A higher bridge would not have to open as often, and a new

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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 – Mid., Mon. Noon – 10 p.m. Procession on Main St. Monday at 1 p.m.

A traditional Portuguese “festa” with live music, game booths, Portuguese & American foods, auctions, kids’ activities. This annual event has been held since 1930. Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. For more info visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Our-Lady-of-Angels-267100330067028>. Entrance to the grounds is free. You must purchase tickets for food and beverages.

Saturday, 9/3

Grounds open at 5 p.m. Opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. followed by concert by Our Lady of Light Band of Fall River.

8 p.m.–midnight, music by 7-day Weekend

Sunday, 9/4

Grounds open from noon to midnight

3–7 p.m., Richard Canastra & Paul Savoie Show

8–midnight, Hardwire

Monday, 9/5

Grounds open until 10 p.m.

Feast mass at 10 a.m., St. Mary’s Church, Main Street (across from feast grounds). Mass celebrant Fr. Arruda of the Fall River Diocese.

1 p.m.: Procession down Main Street from St. Mary’s to Benoit Square and back.

Auction after procession.

6–10 p.m. Red Handed

WIA 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.

Early Voting/Primary

In person early voting is available on Thurs., 9/1 and Fri., 9/2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, for the Mass.

primary election, which is on Tuesday, 9/6. ALL precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Call the Fairhaven Town Clerk, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3 with questions.

Car Safety Seat

Fairhaven Fire Department will host a Child Safety Seat Installation and Inspection Event on Sat., 9/3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Senior Ctr/Rec Ctr parking lot, 227-229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven (near Stop & Shop).

To ensure the safety of all children that travel in automobiles, we are holding a Child Safety Seat Event to have your NEW and/or CURRENT child safety seat inspected and/or installed by one of our certified technicians. This event will not only cover inspections & installations but will also be an educational event to inform you of the hows, whens and wheres of properly securing a child in a car seat. We will cover the appropriate type, style, and installation location of child safety seats.

Our goal is to give peace of mind knowing that your child will be secured for the safest means of travel in your vehicle.

SAVE THE DATES:

Yard sale

East Fairhaven Improvement Association, Sat., 9/17 (rain date 9/18), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Senior Center parking lot, 226 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.

Town Auction

Fairhaven Town Auction, Sat., 9/17, 9 a.m., 5 Arsene St., Fairhaven (BPW garage).

Truth About Plastic

South Coast Progressive Voices speaker series presents The Truth About Plastic, a viewing and discussion of PBS’ Plastic Wars and a night of action. Tues., 9/13, 7 p.m., Unitarian Church Auditorium (masks required), 102 Green St., Fairhaven

Presented by Laura Gardner, Climate Reality South Coast; Mary Lou Nicholson, Be the Solution to Pollution. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/plasticPBS>.

South Coast Progressive Voices presents is an occasional speaker series presented by the Unitarian

Universalist Society of Fairhaven, featuring issues of broad public interest locally, regionally, and nationally. Visit UUFairhaven.org, 508-992-7081.

Free Author Event

Mon., 9/26, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., 6 p.m. Hear author Michael Tougias speak about his book, “The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue,” the collision of two oil tankers off Cape Cod and the daring rescue in a tiny lifeboat by four Coast Guardsman, one from Fairhaven. Mr. Tougias will meet the audience, sell and sign books after his talk.

Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. Preregister at www.friendsofmillicentlibrary.com/events

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

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

Lions spruce up Old Stone Schoolhouse



Last year the Fairhaven Lions cleaned the outside area of Fairhaven's Old Stone School House. This year they made the inside sparkling clean. It was a lot of hard work but some fun times, too. This is one of the many community service projects the club engages in each year. To learn more about the Fairhaven Lions Club, how to join, what they do, email them at FairhavenMALionsClub@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairhaven-Lions-Club-1718721541728726/> ABOVE: Members of the Fairhaven Lions Club spruce up the inside of the one-room Old Stone Schoolhouse that was built in 1828, and have a little fun sitting at the old desks. Learn more about it at [https:// fairhaventours.com/old-stone-school-house/](https://fairhaventours.com/old-stone-school-house/) Submitted photos.

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"Let's all make history together in the 10th Bristol District state representative primary election. Mail in ballot and early voting have already begun. Please get out and vote in person Tuesday September 6th. Exercise your civic right, responsibilities and duty. Let your voice be heard. Let's show our state, our nation and the world how it's done. VOTE!"

Robert Scott McConnell
Republican Candidate State Representative

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With almost 40 years working in law enforcement, and four decades as a licensed Massachusetts nurse, Bob has demonstrated his commitment and passion in service of others.

Bob believes his decades of service and experience will be essential in addressing and solving many concerns of the residents of the 10th Bristol District.



Matt Melo sworn in as Acushnet Police Officer

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet police officer Matt Melo was officially sworn in on August 24.

“Officer Melo is a veteran Officer who brings experience from his four years in Berkeley where he served as a full time officer,” writes the

Acushnet Police Department on its Facebook page. “We wish Ofc. Melo a long and safe career!”

Officer Melo was hired in July and introduced to the Selectboard at their 7/13/22 meeting. He needed to go through a variety of testing and some time to learn about Acushnet’s

protocols, Chief Christopher Richmond told the board in July. Officer Melo’s training was accelerated because he had already completed the full time police academy and had served as police officer in another Massachusetts municipality.



Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte swears in police officer Matt Melo on 8/24/22 (LEFT), and they shake hands after he is sworn in (RIGHT). Photos from Acushnet Police Department Facebook page.



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Concerts

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PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):

- September 2: Hip Shot Band (upbeat dance / multiple genres / high-energy event band)

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

- 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

Early Voting New Bedford

New Bedford voters may vote in person for the primary through Fri., 9/2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Main Public Library, at 613 Pleasant St. downtown.

Primary Election day is Tues., 9/6, polls citywide will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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.

SAVE THE DATES: Fight Hunger

Join us for an extraordinary evening of magic and illusion in support of The YMCA's work to fight hunger. The most highly acclaimed female illusionist in America, Lyn Dillies, delivers a dazzling display of spectacular magic for the entire family!

Sat., 9/10, 7 p.m., Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. Tickets: \$25/child, \$50-75. Use MAGIC30 for a 30% discount on tickets (except VIP). For tickets, visit <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/make-hunger-disappear>

VIP ticket includes reception and photo opportunity with Lyn!

Child ticket is for ages 6-12.

The show is 90 minutes with no intermission. Recommended for ages 6 and older.

NB Ballet Open House

Kids naturally love movement — run, hop, skip, leap, stretch. Synchronize those activities with music and they're dancing. If they're having fun, wearing ballet slippers, and dreaming of tutus, they're dancing at New Bedford Ballet.

On Saturday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, New Bedford Ballet, 2459 Purchase St., New Bedford, will be hosting an Open House for prospective students. Parents are invited to observe a class, tour the school, meet our artistic director, and discuss our programs with parent volunteers and staff.

Visit <https://www.newbedfordballet.org> for schedule.

Pedal for the Path

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) will hold a bike-ride fundraiser, Pedal for the Path, on Sunday September 11, 2022. Funds raised from this ride will help the communities of Dartmouth, New Bedford and Westport complete their portions of a multi-use South Coast Bikeway spanning from Swansea to Wareham. Sections of the path have already been completed in Fall River, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Mattapoisett.

The Pedal for the Path will begin and end at Cisco Brewers Kitchen & Bar. Two distances are available, either 52 or 30 miles. Riders will leave at 9am for the 52-mile ride and 10 am for the 30 mile ride. Both routes offer miles of fabulous cycling, postcard perfect scenic views, and glimpses of the South Coast's rich history.

Stops include free ice cream and snacks, and riders receive a \$10 food/beverage voucher for the post-ride celebration at Cisco. Sponsors include Acushnet Creamery ice cream at Pier 3, Del's Lemonade provided by Dorothy Cox in Fairhaven and the new Dole Whip from Dairy Maid at Cisco.

Check the SCBA website (southcoastbikeway.com) or South Coast Bikeway Facebook page for additional information and updates. Registration is open now. Register at <https://www.bikereg.com/pedal-for-the-path>. Volunteers are needed, so if

you can help out, please email thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com, or with any questions.

Art Reception

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit and program series: *Fishboats: Art of the Industry*. The exhibit opens on Thursday, September 8, 2022 and will remain on exhibit through March 31, 2023. An opening reception will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A number of the featured artists will be on hand as well as a demonstration of remote controlled lobster boat models by Bill McKeon of Cape Cod.

The exhibit will include drawings, paintings, wood carvings, and models created by ten artists who are fishermen, shoreside workers, fishing family members, and close associates of the fishing community.

Related programming will include model boat demonstrations, film screenings, artist talks, a shipyard tour, dock walks, and performances of music and spoken word on the theme.

Fishboats: Art of the Industry is supported in part by a grant from the Westport Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by Bank of America, along with support from the Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and New Bedford Cultural Councils, as well as BankFive and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Bell, Book and Candle

Your Theatre presents "Bell, Book and Candle, by John Van Druten, directed by Robin Richard.

Gillian Holroyd is one of the few modern people who can actually cast spells and perform feats of supernaturalism. She casts a spell over an unattached publisher, Shepherd Henderson, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with her at once and wants to marry her.

But witches, unfortunately, cannot fall in love, and this minute imperfection leads into a number of difficulties. Ultimately, the lady breaks off with her companions in witchery, preferring the normal and human

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STILL OVERTOWN

love offered her by the attractive publisher. But before the happy conclusion of the romance, Gillian comes very near to losing him.

Fri., Sat. 9/9, 9/10, 9/16, 9/17, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 9/0, 9/11, 9/17, 9/18, at 2 p.m. at YTI at St. Martin's, 136 Rivet St. (use Country Street entrance), NB.

Tickets: \$20; Military/seniors/students: \$16.

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

Visit www.yourtheatre.org

Hollihock Writers Conf

Since 2015, Hollihock has been a staple for the writing community in the South Shore. We provide three days of jam-packed programming for writers looking to improve their craft, hone their skills, and learn from

published authors. Our theme this year is "WRITING TIME," and each day will include a keynote speaker that touches on this topic in their own unique way.

Hollihock's three-day schedule and itinerary can be found at www.hollihock.org. Tickets are available; or only \$89; Sept 23 - 25, 715 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA

Visit <https://www.hollihock.org>

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Early Voting/Primary

In person early voting for Acushnet voters is available on Thurs., 9/1 and Fri., 9/2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St., Acushnet, for the Mass. primary election, which is on Tuesday, 9/6.

All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact the Acushnet Town Clerk at 508-998-0215 if you have any questions.

Schooner Fest

Gloucester Schooner Festival is back! Join us on Sept.1-4 when Maritime Gloucester will welcome more than 20 schooners to its recently rebuilt Harriet Webster Pier.

Taking place in the harbor and nearby waters of America's oldest seaport, the Gloucester Schooner Festival honors the major role the fishing schooner – invented here in 1713 – has played in the heritage of Gloucester and the eastern seaboard. Old and new, large and small, a variety of schooners will visit Gloucester Harbor throughout the weekend, delighting all who visit.

Gloucester's beautiful harbor, acclaimed by explorer Samuel de Champlain as "Le Beauport" is the backdrop for a unique mix of modern day and traditional vessels from the age of sail. A spectacular highlight of the Gloucester Schooner Festival is the Parade of Sail on Sunday morning as participating schooners make their way through the harbor and past the breakwater, to the Mayor's Race starting area off Eastern Point.

Sunday, Sept 4: Parade of Sail - 10:00am to 12:00pm Gloucester Harbor, Stacey Boulevard and Eastern Point viewing. The entire fleet of

schooners joins together for a Parade of Sail not to be missed! Whether you get aboard a schooner or watch from the shore, this is a memorable experience for all. Prime viewing areas are Stacy Boulevard, Stage Fort Park, and Eastern Point. On the Boulevard, our Festival Chair Daisy Nell Collinson, Michael Costello, and Maritime Gloucester Historian Justin Demetri will provide live commentary. Schooners proceed from the Inner Harbor, past the Fisherman's Memorial on Stacy Boulevard, to the race starting area off Eastern Point.

Visit discovergloucester.com/gloucester-schooner-festival/ to plan your visit for Schooner Festival weekend!

SAVE THE DATES:

Apple Peach Fest is BACK

See page 17 for details.

Golf Scramble

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

Teams are \$500.00 4 people. Hole sponsorship is \$50.00 each

Please contact David Sylvia 508-287-6707 or John Roderique 508-962-2940

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

Play: Rabbit Hole

The Marion Art Center Theater's production of Rabbit Hole will resume on September 9, 10, 11. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 7:30pm and Sunday matinee will begin at 2:00pm. Tickets online at marionartcenter.org/events. Contact the MAC with questions at info@marionartcenter.org or 508-748-1266.

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Paul Cuffe preview

Paul Cuffe: In Search of a New Land, An original play by Samuel Harps, Fri., 9/9, 7:30 p.m. (join us for a pre-performance reception at 6:30, with light refreshments), Dedee Shattuck Gallery, One Partners Lane, Westport MA. Free, pre-registration is required as seating is limited.

Pre-register at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c5v9xbk>

A work-in-progress performance. Join us for a staged reading of chosen scenes from an original play by Samuel Harps based on the remarkable life of Captain Paul Cuffe (1759-1817). This workshop performance provides the first preview of the play for a live audience, offering new perspectives to inform our understanding of Paul Cuffe whose struggles and achievements as a person of African American and Native American descent in early 19th century New England continue to resonate today.

Westport Historical Society: <https://wpthistory.org/westport-historical-society-programs/>

Recipe of the Week

Iggy (Lebanese Mint Omelet)

The best way to eat Iggy is in a sandwich with fresh tomatoes and cucumbers on Lebanese bread!

- 4 eggs
- Dried mint crushed (or fresh chopped)
- 1 tbsp flour
- Salt & pepper
- Olive oil for cooking

Scramble eggs in a bowl. Add mint, flour, and a little water.

Add oil into a preheated pan. After warm, pour in Iggy mixture.

Cook on one side and flip to finish cooking like an omelet.

Makes 4-6 pieces of Iggy!

By Leilah Moses

This recipe will be included in the cookbook to be published by Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church in the fall.

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

Cooking is an expression that crosses boundaries.

Ranveer Brar



What's with the paw?

Dear Frankie,
My Dad taught me to give my paw when it was requested. But, I never understood the reason nor why when I did give my paw, it was such a big deal.

I watched the humans and noticed they gave their paws when they were introduced to someone new or greeting or saying goodbye to a friend. But none of these reasons applied in my case.

Primarily, my parents and human siblings ask for my paw. We know one another, so we don't need to be introduced. They also never shake my paw when they come home or leave. So, what's with them and the paw?

Ricky

Dear Ricky,

When your family extends their paw, or what they call a hand, to

another human, it is for all the reasons you gave. No one is pulling the wool over your eyes.

As for a reason they ask for your paw, it is to show what clever dog trainers they are and what a canine genius you are. Paw giving is a dog trick, such as being asked to stand on your back legs and dance or roll over. I think your time would be better spent bringing in the mail or cleaning up the crumbs on the couch in front of the TV.

From what I can gather from your letter, asking for your paw doesn't seem to be a daily event. So, if it makes them happy, why not humor them? It might even be worthy of a treat now and then.

Best, Frankie

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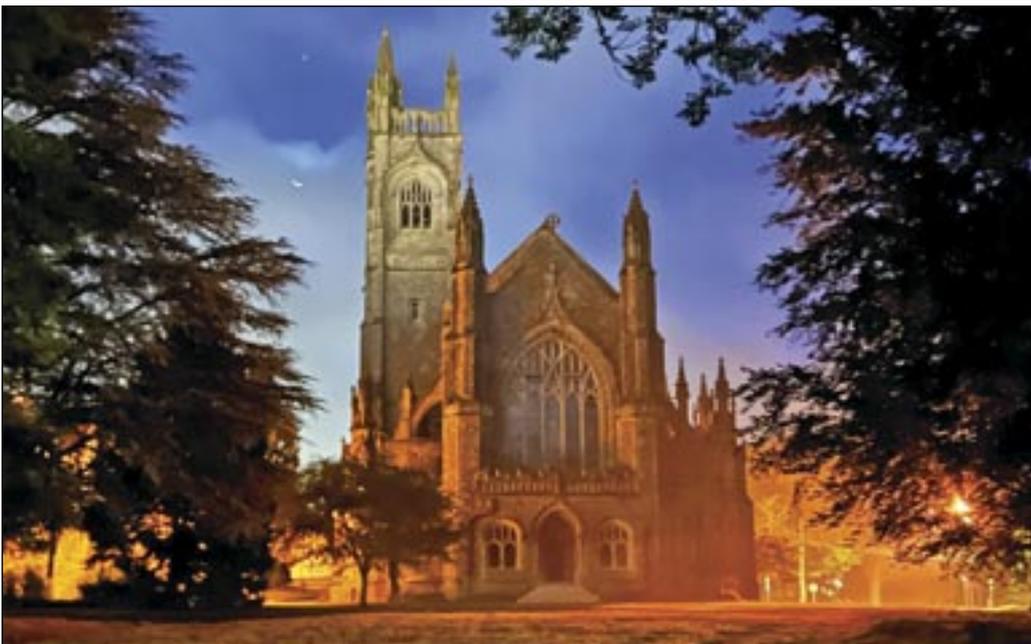
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Fire department splashes some fun (and safety talk)



Approximately 150 people showed up for some fire department fun, treats, and safety talk at the Millicent Library on Wednesday, 8/24/22. Members of the Fairhaven Fire Department talked to children and their adults about fire safety, and let some feel the power of the fire hose, aiming it at a stop sign. The library also provided ice cream sandwiches to help the kids cool off on a hot summer day. Fire hats, pencils and key chains were among the treats as children. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Shawn Oliveira dons the gear as Firefighter/Paramedic Maggie Rocha explains what to do in case of a fire. ABOVE RIGHT: Mr. Oliveira lets kids feel his suit and shows that firefighters are their friends despite their intimidating appearance when dressed in all their gear. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven/Paramedic Firefighter Maggie Rocha poses with some youngsters. BELOW MIDDLE: Alivia Weaver helps aim the hose and pulls back on the handle to release the water as MS. Rocha steadies the hose. BELOW RIGHT: Aspiring firefighter Tyler Prentice helps Maggie Rocha aim the hose at a stop sign. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



The Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven looks positively mystical at 5 a.m. on 8/24/22 with Saturn and the crescent moon above, and golden lights below. Dedicated in October 1904, this English Perpendicular Gothic style “cathedral” was designed by architect Charles Brigham and built by Henry H. Rogers in memory of his mother Mary E. Rogers. To learn more about the Rogers buildings visit <https://fairhaventours.com> To learn more about the Unitarian Memorial Church, including how to arrange for a tour, visit <https://uufairhaven.org> or <http://unitarianmemorialchurch.org>.

Photo courtesy of Kristine Audette.

Firefighters union treats the town to a free movie



Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555, treated the town to a free movie on Saturday, 8/27/22, at Livesey Park in Fairhaven, featuring Disney's *Encanto*. Sponsors included Local 1555, S.A.F.E. Program, Anne Whiting Real Estate, Profishant, Inc., and Dorothy Cox's Chocolates. In addition to the movie, attendees enjoyed free treats, including popcorn and other snacks. At least a couple of hundred people showed up with chairs and blankets and settled in for the family movie under clear skies on a warm night. Find the union on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/local1555>. ABOVE: Scores of people settle in with chairs and blankets to watch Disney's "Encanto." ABOVE MIDDLE: Sparky the Fire Dog gets a high five. ABOVE RIGHT: Sparky the Fire Dog gets some hugs. RIGHT: Isaiiah Benoit, Lt. Brian Riggs, Lt. Paul Correia, and Lt. Josh Benoit work in the concession stand to hand out free popcorn. *Submitted photos.*



BPW hires highway superintendent

By Mary Chasse

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Tuesday 8/23 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired a new Highway Superintendent and another position for that department.

The board first met with Daniel Wiegink who was interviewing for Highway Department Heavy Motor Equipment Operator.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said that he and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau interviewed Mr. Wiegink and they recommended hiring him for the position.

Mr. Wiegink told the board he is a hard worker and longtime resident of Fairhaven. He said he had experience and worked for New Bedford. Mr. Wiegink said he likes to be told what to do and get it done.

BPW Vice Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson explained to Mr. Wiegink that the job was not just a truck driver; the job includes a lot of labor work. Mr. Hobson also asked Mr. Wiegink if he was going to need the town health insurance.

Mr. Wiegink said no and that his wife carries the insurance.

Mr. Hobson explained that the health insurance in town is very expensive and deters a lot of people from working for Fairhaven.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Wiegink on the highest step allowed.

In another matter the board met in executive session to discuss the candidates for the Highway Superintendent position. They reconvened in open session to announce their decision.

Mr. Hobson said that both candidates were so good that he would hire either of them. BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton agreed and said both candidates were fantastic.

The board voted unanimously to offer Joshua Crabb the Highway Superintendent position, pending contract negotiations.

The board would not reveal the names of other candidates they interviewed, but in a followup interview, Mr. Furtado said they had 15 applicants and narrowed it to four finalists, two internal and two

external.

Mr. Crabb lives in Wareham and works for an engineering group in Quincy. Mr. Furtado said he comes with a lot of project management experience.

Current Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau has announced his retirement, but is staying on until a replacement is found.

In another matter Mr. Furtado explained to the board that the BMX track engineering plan got rejected by Chapter 90. He said the state has asked them to re-do the engineering plan and go back again for approval.

Michael Rotundo, one of the volunteers behind the BMX track, thanked Mr. Furtado and the board for all the support and hard work with the project.

In another matter Mr. Hobson asked for updates on the recycling center. Mr. Furtado said the landfill is going to require a cleanup before the recycling center can be moved there and the cleanup is going to be expensive.

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Join Us for Lunch

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Summer Music Series

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

Lunch and a Play

The Uncommon Lunch Presents Players will present a selection of fun, entertaining, and relevant short plays by local and regional playwrights On Wed., 9/21, at 1 p.m.

Coastline will have roast pork for lunch. If you would like lunch for this day, please call the COA before the 21st, 508-979-4029. Your \$2 voluntary donation towards lunch will provide more meals for tomorrow. The COA will have some treats available. If you'd like to bring your own lunch, you may!

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

Technology Classes

Classes will begin Sept. 12 and run until 11/3. All classes will be 90 minutes, Mon. & Wed. only. Class sizes are limited to 10. Classes will be based on skills. Scheduled classes are: Learn about smartphones; introduction and refresher on computer and cyber safety; introduction to word processing; Windows 10 Operating System and moving towards Windows 11; GMail 101; all things Google; web browser safety.

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

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Acushnet SB makes comm. appointments, approves road work

By Nicholas Barao

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 8/23/22, the Acushnet Selectboard made two board appointments and approved a storm water permit.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Randy Deterra to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He has been a resident of the town his whole life and has been working at Verizon for a long time.

"I've known Mr. Deterra for quite some time," said Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar. "He's an outstanding individual and I'm sure that he'll do the taxpayers of Acushnet very well in the future."

The board also discussed the building inspector vacancy.

Town Administrator James Kelley said he advertised to fill the vacancy and put it on the statewide bulletin.

"We won't be able to attract one but we can grow our own," suggested Mr. Kelley, meaning the board can appoint someone conditionally and give him 18 months to get certified.

Mr. Kelley also told the board that at least one potential candidate was

making more in his current position, and another town had offered him more.

The board realized the \$70,000 position may not be that appealing. They adjusted the salary range to \$75,000–85,000.

The board also appointed former building commissioner James Marot, and Andrew Balboa as temporary building inspectors.

The board also discussed two finance vacancies.

Mr. Kelley told the board that interim Town Accountant Todd Hassett strongly believes that the assistant town accountant could fill one of the vacancies within a year as long as he passes the exams. Mr. Hassett would also mentor him.

Interim Treasurer/Collector Marilyn Thompson cannot take the full time position because she is retired, but she can keep the position until the fall town meeting.

In another matter, Joe Costelo addressed his need to open a water main and get a storm water permit for a 15-home subdivision. Mr. Costelo said he felt he has been getting the

run-around for several months. He started the project in 2015.

He told the board that he thought the storm water permit was part of the subdivisions that were approved back in 2017. His main concern, he said, was how to obtain a storm water permit right now, but his line of questioning was never answered.

Mr. Kelley said he has been working on the issue with the town planner. He said the storm water permit was never approved.

The board approved the work on the main, but because the storm water permit has not been issued, Mr. Costelo will not get very far on his project.

Mr. Gaspar took the opportunity to address accusations on social media that he is trying to waive the storm-water permit for the project.

He denied the allegations calling them "the crap that is being thrown around social media."

The board also approved road projects by the Department of Public Works. DPW Director Dan Menard received approval for road work

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including paving, guard rails, and line painting on Peckham Road, Gabriel Farms, Bow Drive, Mattapoissett Road, Nye's Lane, and Middle Road.

The majority of the money comes from Chapter 90 WRAP funds and the town will cover any deficit.

The board approved the work unanimously.

The board also heard from Rick Trapilo, who is running for state representative in the Democratic primary on 9/6 against Rep. William Straus. Mr. Trapilo told the board he supports full funding of police

departments, wants to reduce the gas tax, and wants to fix the state's infrastructure problems.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Jerome Smith to the Housing Authority.
- Met in executive session to discuss union contracts.

Acushnet upcoming events

SAVE THE DATE: Apple Peach Festival

Celebrating 41 years.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Acushnet's Apple-Peach Festival will resume on its usual weekend after Labor Day: September 10 & 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on the grounds of the Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St., Acushnet.

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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 Truee

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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Obituary: Malcolm Hathaway, Jr.

Malcolm Hathaway, Jr.

Reidsville, N.C. — Malcolm R. Hathaway Jr., 89, formerly of Fairhaven, MA, died on Aug. 24, 2022. He was the husband of Patricia (Racette) Hathaway. They were married 68 years.

He was born in the "little red house" on Scoticut Neck, Fairhaven, son of the late Helen (Stevens) and

Malcolm Reed Hathaway Sr. During his teens he helped his father develop the Wolf Island Cranberry Bogs in Rochester, MA.

After graduating from Fairhaven High School in 1950, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he met his wife-to-be. After discharge, he became an engineer in the pulp and paper industry for more than 40 years. His

work took him all over the world.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, three daughters, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Brad Hathaway of Mattapoisett, MA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Mattapoisett Land Trust.



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Project File No. 609518

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Safety Improvements on Sconticut Neck Road, a Safe Routes to School project in the Town of Fairhaven, MA.

WHEN: 7:00-8:00 PM, Thursday, September 15, 2022

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Sconticut Neck Road Improvements. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The project proposes to reconstruct Sconticut Neck Road from approximately 350 feet north of David Drown Boulevard to the northerly entrance to the Leroy Wood Elementary School. The improvements are intended to provide enhanced pedestrian safety and mobility and improved bicycle accommodation with specific emphasis on safe access to the Leroy Wood Elementary School. Improvements include new sidewalks and curb ramps for pedestrian accommodation meeting ADA/AAB requirements as well as striped bicycle lanes on both sides of Sconticut Neck Road. Minor geometric improvements are proposed along with milling and overlaying of the roadway pavement prior to the application of new pavement markings.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. **The Town and MassDOT will both be responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands (depending on parcel).** MassDOT's and the state and town's policies concerning land acquisitions will be presented at the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza,

Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management, Project File No. 609518.** Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This Live Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

JONATHAN GULLIVER CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.,
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CHIEF ENGINEER
FNN: 9/1/22, 9/8/22

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

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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 Sconticut 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 Sconticut 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, 9/1/22

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

OLIVEIRA: cont'd from page 3
learn her way around, is mind boggling.

This all started when, as Historical Commission Chair, I tried to protect our Town Hall from the unnecessary damage she was planning during a

move of the offices. Only to receive retaliation actions against me and my wife, who also serves on the Commission. Fairhaven is experiencing a Dictatorship like it has never seen before.

I recently heard a quote "All that is

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BPW: cont'd from page 13

He said State Rep. William Straus was able to get \$250,000 towards the recycling center. Mr. Furtado is also hoping they can get a grant for the project as well.

The board also welcomed new board member Travis Rapoza who is taking previous member Cameron Durant's seat. Mr. Wotton said it was great having Mr. Rapoza.

Mr. Rapoza made a suggestion to partner with Fairhaven High School to get student volunteers who need volunteer hours/community service to help out with park or beach cleanups or any town project that might need volunteers. He offered to do the work and facilitate the idea.

Mr. Furtado said that was a great idea and they could look into it.

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BRIDGE: cont'd from page 4

bridge would not take as long to open and close.

Making the bridge too high, though, would isolate the properties underneath it, such as the businesses in the commercial plaza that abuts the bridge.

Some of the inconveniences of the project include a full road closure and detour during portions of the project, and short-term closures to navigation that will have to be coordinated with the Coast Guard.

Project managers expect to start public outreach in late fall. Agencies that will need to be involved include New Bedford and Fairhaven, USCG, US Army Corps of Engineers, national and state environmental agencies, state historic preservation office.

Replacing the bridge has been discussed since at least 1966, but this is the first time that significant funds have been earmarked for the project.

The first time he got stuck behind the bridge, it was "quaint," said Rep. Straus.

"By the second time, the quaintness had worn off," he said.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/12, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/19, Town Hall, 6 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 Appeals

Tues., 9/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

with Selectboard

Planning Board

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

Joint mtg with SB to fill vacancy

Selectboard

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

Joint mtg with PB to fill vacancy

Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept 2022	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW 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	
Monday	5	0340 1616 0903	2214	
Tuesday	6	0451 1726 1016	2350	
Wednesday	7	0557 1824 1139	----	
Thursday	8	0650 1914 0048	1246	
Friday	9	0738 2000 0134*	1342*	
Saturday	10	0824 2047 0218*	1439*	
Sunday	11	0911 2134 0300*	1529*	
Monday	12	0958 2219 0334*	1604	
Tuesday	13	1042 2304 0404	1634	
Wednesday	14	1127 2350 0433	1704	
Thursday	15	---- 1216 0503	1738	

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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From our readers

McConnell's Candidacy Makes History

A small town with a big history is making history again!

Not since 1956, which was 66 years ago, have we had contested primary elections for State Representative in the 10th Bristol District.

Both Democrats and Republicans have fielded two candidates each.

Thomas Jefferson was famously quoted as stating: "We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

The campaign to elect Robert Scott McConnell and the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee are strongly urging all 10th Bristol District voters to please get out the vote, by mail-in ballot, in-person early voting or September 6th in-person election day voting.

Let our votes, voices and participation make history. By example let our votes demonstrate our American values, participation and patriotism. Let's show the world how it's done.

Much gratitude and respect.

Bob McConnell, Fairhaven

Town Administrator and FNN Both Unfair

Re: Ms. Power's article and the editor's letter in the 8/25/22 issue of FNN. Both pieces are unfair and unbalanced portrayals, purporting to quell division but illuminating the root causes of Town Hall turmoil.

Ms. Powers's glowing defense of the new Town Administrator, Angie Ellison, is overly exaggerated and disingenuous.

She makes assertions and presents them as "accomplishments," when they are mostly Work-in-Progress goals. It is as though she copied the TA's job description, embellished her tasks, and presented them as accomplishments. She would have the reader believe that the TA is superwoman when there is nothing extraordinary that would elevate her to such saintly status. And because she is writing as Select Board chair, it's fair game to point out the one-sidedness of this hyperbolic piece.

Such over-the-top praise, premature at best, should make us question SB chair's judgement, tantamount to gaslighting the public.

For example, she cites that the TA

developed a process to "streamline" SB Goals and Objectives, yet the town's web site only cites SB goals approved in 2019. If this were such an amazing accomplishment, why has it not been posted on the town's website? Every claim made should be scrutinized and not swallowed whole.

If this were an objective and fair piece, she would have acknowledged the contribution of employees, boards, commissions, and the former TA, all of whom worked toward the same goals.

And there is no mention of the work ethic of Ms. Oliveira who devoted 12 years of service to Fairhaven and worked sometimes until midnight to take SB meeting minutes and faithfully complete them with admirable objectivity. Ms. Oliveira is a proven professional who performed her duties in an exemplary manner: efficient, knowledgeable, and hard-working. Her breadth of experience facilitated citizen inquires with respect and courtesy.

I have never heard any negative criticism of Ms. Oliveira. She was privy to confidential information and there has never been one whiff of a breach — until now. Likely a fabrication to justify her removal and widely perceived as retaliatory and punitive, ostensibly because the TA and Ms. Oliveira's husband, the Historical Commission chair, disagreed.

Imagine the shock Ms. Oliveira must have felt to be so abruptly dismissed after her dedication to Fairhaven. No wonder she had a medical event requiring hospitalization. It is understandable that her husband, a former firefighter/paramedic, insisted the TA get out of the way as her presence was interfering with necessary medical attention and causing further distress.

According to Beth David's editorial letter, Ms. Oliveira's dismissal "doesn't matter" because it was an "at-will" position, but I believe it matters a great deal. It sends an intimidating message to all the employees, chills participation, and reduces employees to "yes" people. It further erodes trust which should be a two-way street.

Employees may not be in a position to speak up, but as a concerned citizen, I am. The TA is

perceived as inebriated with her power and her heavy-handedness is creating controversy. Just because she is the highly paid "boss" doesn't mean she has license to be tyrannical. Managerial style matters greatly.

The TA may be emboldened by her multi-year contract, but she should be mindful of the "Social Contract" which posits that authority derives from the governed, and as such, public opinion matters greatly.

Everyone had high hopes for the new TA and maybe upon reflection she can measure up to the professionalism of Ms. Oliveira. Perhaps she will realize the last thing Fairhaven wants is an autocratic bully — albeit dressed up with puffery.

Cathy Delano, Fairhaven, Concerned Citizen, Town Meeting Member

Mass Coalition of Police Endorses Trapilo

The Massachusetts Coalition of Police for 40 years has represented police officers in many cities and towns around the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police has voted to endorse your campaign for State Representative from the 10th Bristol District. It is important to have your commitment to public safety for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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Sincerely,

*John E. Nelson, First Vice President
Legislative Chairman for the
Executive Board Massachusetts
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Editor's Note: This letter was sent to Rick Trapilo, and has been verified as authentic by the Neighb News, and is reprinted with permission.

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- Doubling the existing estate tax exclusion from \$1 to \$2million
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