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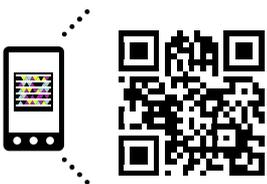
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

MassDOT presents bridge replacement ideas



About 65 people attend in person, and 28 online for a presentation by MassDOT at a public meeting on 10/3/22 at Fairhaven High School to discuss options for replacing the Fairhaven-New Bedford swing bridge on Route 6. *Photo by Beth David.* See page 12 for story.



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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.



Beth David, Publisher

Brrr...it's dismal out there. Let's hope it warms up for the weekend. We have some fun stuff coming up (see page 3). The annual Kids Fest is at the office of tourism. That sounds like lots of fun.

And Sunday, the fire department is holding its annual open house. That's always a fun event. Sparky the Fire Dog will be there, and there'll be food, too.

So, try to get to at least one of those events while it's still warm enough to do stuff outside.

You know how that can change around here, though, right?

Looks like they're actually serious about replacing our beloved/hated bridge (see page 12). I know, I know...I should have a cool pic of the bridge on the cover, but, I forgot! How's that? I simply forgot to get out there and take one until it was too late.

Alas...

To the people who want to just eliminate the bridge and completely cut us off from "the city" across the river, I say...what are you NUTS? This is America. We're supposed to go through stuff, or over stuff, or under stuff. But we don't let STUFF, like rivers, stop us in our tracks.

Besides, all those people will be meandering through Fairhaven to get to the city. That will be fun, huh?

We have other meeting coverage for you this week: Fairhaven BPW on 5, Acushnet Selectboard on 16.

We also have some fun stuff. A new pharmacy opened up in Fairhaven. Brian Meneses wants to bring back the old time pharmacies, where they even deliver. No, really, he does. See page 19.

There's other stuff in here, of course, so be sure to turn every page. And make a note of who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Well, this is embarrassing. In our story last week about our trip to Provincetown, we got our Roosevelts mixed up. It was President Theodore Roosevelt who laid the cornerstone for the 252-foot tower in 1907. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Events this weekend include Kids Fest and Fire Open House

Fall events are gearing up this weekend, including Kids Fest and Fire Department Open House. See pages 5, 8, 9, for more happenings around town and the region.

Fairhaven Kids Fest

Saturday, October 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lawn of Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School, 141 Main Street at Route 6, Fairhaven

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and Millicent Library Youth Services

Kids Fest is an annual event that is all about fun for children and their grownups. It features free activities, handouts, photo opportunities, and entertainment, including Pirates of the Cape, characters from the "Magical Familia" by Ever After Storybook Entertainment, storytelling Vikings, and an Antique Fire Truck to climb aboard, as well as an array of vendor booths selling products geared toward children or selling food and beverages, baked goods, ice cream, etc.

Free Admission.

Vendors are selling products geared to children, children's books



by local authors, food, or providing activities/games for children.

Be sure to come in your best Halloween costume to enter the **costume contest and parade at noon.**

Halloween Costume Swap

By the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee. Pick out clean, used costumes and Halloween decorations that have been donated for re-use.

Quiet Space

Fairhaven Belonging Committee Sensory/Calm-Down Booth, for those needing a break from the excitement, with coloring, bubbles, photo backdrop, baby changing tent.

Learn About Microplastics

Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast, coloring sheets, learn about microplastics by separating

plastic from sand, raffle, more

Other activities include pumpkin painting, with pumpkins sold by Barbosa Family Farm; crafts by PACE Child Care Works; Exekiel the Green, a member of the Obscure Council of Lesser Green Wizards and his pet dragon Balthazar

And more.

Find the list of activities and vendors at <https://fairhaventours.com/kids-fest-vendors-2022/>

Contact: Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085, email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov; Millicent Library, Allie Thiel, youth services, 508-992-5342, email athiel@sailsinc.org

Fire Department Open House

The Fairhaven Fire Department will sponsor an open house in conjunction with National Fire Prevention week on Sun., 10/9, from 1-3 p.m., 144 Washington St., Fairhaven, 508-994-1428.

The public is invited to enjoy: Free food Sparky the Fire Dog, face painting, bouncy house, touch-a-truck, live fire demonstration.

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BPW raises water and sewer rates

By Mary Chasse

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 9/26/22 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired for the Water Department, and voted on water and sewer rates for the upcoming year.

The board first met with Patrick Landry of B&B Excavating about becoming an approved contractor in for water and sewer drainlayers. Mr. Landry informed the board that they already have their first job lined up.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said the board has all the paperwork they need for them to start working in town. Vice Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that B&B Excavating is highly recommended.

The board voted unanimously to approve B&B.

In another matter the board interviewed for Water System Maintenance Craftsman and Meter Repairman. Mr. Furtado explained to the board that the current employee that holds the position Danny Snell, who will be retiring in December.

He said the board would like to hire someone for the position now so

they will be able to shadow Mr. Snell for the next few months.

The board then interviewed Darrell Snell for the position. The two are brothers. Mr. Furtado said Darrell Snell really knows the job and comes highly recommended for the position. He is a great employee and has been working for the town for a long time.

Mr. Wotton said he agreed and that Mr. Snell would be great for the job.

Mr. Hobson said that he thinks they should start Mr. Snell on the top step for pay. Mr. Hobson said he has been with the town a long time, plows for the town, and is a good employee.

The board voted to hire Mr. Snell at the top pay.

In another matter the board discussed water and sewer rates for the upcoming year. Mr. Furtado explained that last August the town went up 5%. He recommended that the town increase the rates again by 5% because it will keep the town on track to where it needs to be.

Mr. Wotton agreed and said they should just implement 5% increases for the next two years.

Mr. Furtado said they always vote

on the water and sewer rates yearly because there might be different board members next year.

The board voted unanimously to increase the water and sewer rates by 5% for fiscal year 2023.

In another matter board member Travis Rapoza updated the board on his progress with getting student volunteers in town to help with town cleanups and other events.

Mr. Rapoza said he spoke with Fairhaven Superintendent Tara Kohler who loved the idea of students volunteering for the town and is interested in helping the town get student volunteers.

Mr. Rapoza said he thought about doing a bike path cleanup.

Mr. Wotton said he and his brother usually do a bike path cleanup for earth day, but student volunteers would be great.

Mr. Rapoza said maybe they can try doing bike path cleanups a few times a year.

Mr. Wotton said his father does different cleanups all over Fairhaven all year long. He said he would give

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Calling all Halloween Yards

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture. Email: NeighbNews@comcast.net; USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. **Deadline 10/14.**



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Bake Sale

Bake sale at St Joseph's Church, 74 Spring St., Fhvn, side entrance. Sat 10/8, from 2-6 p.m.; Sun, 10/9 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sales & donations are welcome before and after all masses: Sat vigil: 4:30 pm, Sun 8 and 10 am

Book Cafe

Book Cafe, St. Mary's Church parish hall, 440 Main St., Fairhaven; Sat., 10/8, noon to 4; Sun., 10/9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Books for everyone. Hard cover \$1.00 soft cover 50 cents. Available each day will be hot dog, bag of chips and beverage for \$5.00, assorted pastries, coffee, tea, juice or water \$1.00 each.

St. Mary's Savers FR

St. Mary's Church, 440 Main Street (near corner of Harding) Savers Fund-raiser, Saturdays 10/15 & 10/22, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Drop off is at the Rectory Garages on Harding Road. Someone will be there to help unload your vehicle.

What we are accepting: Soft goods, clothing, handbags, shoes (not in boxes), accessories. No hangers. All in plastic trash bags.

Household soft goods, drapes, bedding, comforters blankets, curtains, pillows. all in trash bags.

Household items, such as dishes, cups, mugs, serveware/utensils, knickknacks, pictures, small household items, lamps, small working appliances; toasters, fans, blenders etc. All items must be boxed like they were being shipped out.

Open boxes of unwrapped items will not be accepted.

All items must be clean, and in sellable condition.

Proceeds to help refurbish the Parish Hall.

Light A Light

The Fairhaven Alumni Association 2021 Light-a-Light Campaign was our most successful one in our 37 years of conducting this fundraiser with over \$42,000 being raised thanks to our very loyal and generous alumni base.

We've set this year's goal at \$40,000 so that we can continue to pursue our mission of supporting Fairhaven High School with restora-

tion projects as well as a variety of programs that support the students and teachers.

Our beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of FHS keeps growing so we have room for more and more lights each year. For every \$10 donation a bulb is lit. Once again we are going to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a college bound student from the Class of 2023 in honor of the class that has the most donors, and a \$500 scholarship in honor of the second place class. Last year the Class of 1966 was first and the Class of 1978 was second. We will update the tabulations each week on our website as well as on our Facebook page.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3u755ukr> to see the complete list of 2021 Donors by YOG, and see where your class finished last year.

To make a donation you can mail a check made out to "FHS Alumni" to: FHS Alumni, P.O. Box 6, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Donations can also be made online using either Venmo or Zelle by sending your donation to: FHSAlumni12@gmail.com

You can also use this link: www.fairhavenalumni.org/light

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

Millicent Events

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St.,

Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342, email athiel@sailsinc.org, or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events>

Fall Storytime and Craft Series
Weekly Storytimes and Crafternoons return in October! Join us for Fall fun in the downstairs auditorium at the library:

Baby/Toddler Storytime for babies toddlers under 3 years old, and caregivers: Tuesdays at 9:30 (Oct. 4 - Nov. 22)

Fall Storytime for preschoolers and families, ages 3+: Wednesdays at 10:30 (Oct. 5 - Nov. 23)

Crafternoons featuring a different fall craft every week, for all ages: Thursdays at 2:00 (Oct. 13 - Nov. 17)

No registration required, drop-in to any program. See our events calendar for more information and program descriptions. Questions? Contact Allie: athiel@sailsinc.org

SAVE THE DATES:

HazMat Day

Time to start cleaning out those sheds and basements to be ready for Fairhaven's Hazardous Waste Day, scheduled for Saturday, 10/22, from 8 a.m. to noon at the public works building, 5 Arsene Street. Fairhaven residents only, proof of residency required. MAXIMUM 230 cars, so get there early. Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/hazardous-waste-day>

NFIA Halloween Horribles Parade

Sun., 10/30, 5 p.m. Starts at Benoit Square, 267 Adams Street, Fairhaven. Halloween costume parade marches from Benoit Square to St. Mary's Church, where costume judging takes place. Free treats.

Haunted Halloween Party

Join us for Fairhaven TV's 5th annual Haunted Halloween Party on Thurs., 10/27, from 5-8 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street. FREE. All ages.

Featuring Award-Winning Magician & Master of Ceremonies Todd Migliacci, Spooky TV Studio, Big Screen Movies, All Ages Costume Contest, Trick-or-Treat Tables, Freaky Photo Booth, Activities, Games, and

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Weather does not stop 166 for BBC Watershed ride

Press Release

Wind gusts exceeding 40 mph did not stop the 166 cyclists from pedaling across our region on Sunday to show their support for clean water during the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Watershed Ride, a scenic bicycling tour stretching from Little Compton, RI to Rochester, MA.

After consulting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which manages the Bourne Bridge across which all riders were slated to cross, the decision was made to shorten the day's route to avoid participants having to navigate the canal crossing in such high winds.

Originally planned with three route

options, including a 100 mile century ride from Sakonnet Point to Woods Hole, Sunday's outing was truncated to include two route options: the longest at 65 miles, with both ending at East Over Farm in Rochester.

Cyclists recorded impressive fundraising and participation totals at the 16th annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride. The 400 registered cyclists, supported by 100 volunteers, raised \$317,000 and counting for clean water. This annual event supports the Coalition's work to ensure clean water in all Bay communities, restore and protect watershed lands, and get people of all ages outside and engaged with their local environment.



Supporters can still donate to the Watershed Ride by going to savebuzzardsbay.org/ride.

"The Watershed Ride is always a highlight — a chance to see familiar faces who have been with us since its inception 16 years ago alongside riders who are just getting to know the Coalition and its work. With the forecast that we

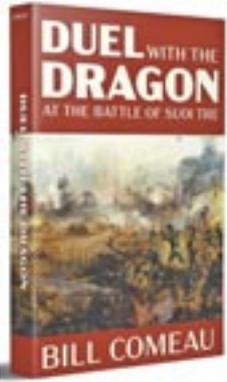
had, I wasn't sure how many — if any — folks would turn up in Little Compton for our 9 AM start. I was thrilled to see more than 80 riders there, with at least as many joining them at our Horseneck start an hour later. While we have been lucky to have had mostly beautiful weather for each of our past Watershed Rides, this one might actually be one of my favorites, because it showed the commitment that so many have to the health and vibrancy of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. It also highlighted the mightiness of the Bay and its

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TOP RIGHT: Kelly Burishkin of Acushnet with her faithful companion Luki participate in their first Buzzards Bay Coalition Watershed Ride on 10/2/22, although they have been bike riding since Luki was a puppy. TOP LEFT: Catherine Foley is cheered on by family members for participating in the ride. BBC photos by Naomi Boak. ABOVE LEFT: Riders make the turn onto Horseneck Road in Westport. ABOVE RIGHT: Volunteers pose for the camera as they check the numbers of riders as they cross the finish line at East Over Farm in Rochester. BBC photos by James Correia.

Local author to speak at Fairhaven Senior Center



From press release materials
Meet the Author
Wed., 10/12,
Noon

Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven. Come early for lunch, and stay for the presentation. Call 508-979-4029 by 10 a.m. on 10/11

to let us know you'll be having lunch. Voluntary donation of \$2 is requested.

Bill Comeau, a New Bedford native his whole life, has been recognized as a "Distinguished Member" of the United States 12th Infantry Regiment. He was also awarded the Order of St. Maurice Medal by the National



Infantry Association for his efforts promoting the U.S. Infantry legacy.

Bill will be presenting his book "Duel with the Dragon," which begins with his childhood experiences in New Bedford in the 1950s and 60s. This will be followed up by his wartime training and serving in Vietnam, including his participation in the Battle of Suoi Tre. That battle has the distinction of producing the highest number of enemy deaths of the entire Vietnam war in a one-day battle (638 KIA).

Bill will also talk about Donald Evans, his close friend who earned the very first Medal of Honor posthumously for a Medic and also for the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Today, Evans Community Hospital is named in his honor at Fort Carson, Colorado. The auditorium where all Medics receive their Graduation Certificates at Fort Sam Houston is also named after him.

Bill will read short excerpts from the book, then answer questions before putting the book up for sale. All books will be personalized and autographed.

"Duel with the Dragon" chronicles the story of the members of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division from their Basic Training days in early 1966 through their fighting as a unit in Vietnam.

It includes stories about the soldiers who led during that year and other soldiers who came, served, and went home to lead normal lives.

Two stories stand out. One is the story of Donald Evans, the first 4th Infantry Division soldier (and Medic) to receive the Medal of Honor (posthumously) for Vietnam service.



LEFT: New Bedford native Bill Comeau recently released "Duel with the Dragon," about his time serving in Vietnam. BELOW LEFT: Bill Comeau in 1967. ABOVE: Bill Comeau today. Submitted photos.

His story is told from long before he was drafted and illustrates the many tributes he has received since his untimely and heroic death in Vietnam.

Also inside is the story of the notorious 9th Vietcong and their crushing defeat on March 21, 1967, when they challenged the 3rd Brigade of the 4th ID at the Battle of Suoi Tre. It was an amazing team effort to achieve that great American victory.

The bravery and determination of American soldiers who refused to lose, even against overwhelming odds, is a story you must read.

"Duel with the Dragon" is 551 pages and includes more than 100 photos and dozens of maps. Price is This limited run, luxury edition is \$30 and only available directly from the author.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Chowder Fest

Join us for the 17th Annual Blount Fine Foods New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival, Sat., 10/8, noon to 5 p.m., City Pier 3, NB. General admission, \$15/pre-sale, \$20 day of event. Children: \$5/6-12 years old.

Under five is free. Website: <http://onesouthcoast.com>

Local restaurants and caterers will compete for your vote! Come sample delicious chowders and soups and cast your vote for your favorite one!! There will be live music to enjoy for all ages!

Free shuttle rides from The Whale's Tooth Parking Lot provided by SRTA from 11 am - 5 pm

VIP admission, \$50, 11 a.m., limited number. You get: Early entrance; concierge service provided by GotChew on the Black Whale VIP Deck (Select which restaurants you wish to sample via the GotChew app; 1 complimentary drink (soda, beer, wine or mixed drink); 5 tastings from Black Whale menu; Live chowder cooking demo with take home recipe.

Country Music Festa

Clube S.S. Sacramento Inc., sponsors of the greatest Portuguese Feast in the World, the Feast of the Blessed Sacramen has announced a special ticketed event.

The 1st Annual Country Music Festa at Madeira Field, New Bedford, MA, Sat., 10/8, 12PM - 8PM. Tickets are \$15; \$20 at door.

Rain or shine, over 21+, no children. No backpacks, no coolers, no large purses, large bags and no outside food or drink. No dogs/animals except service. Tickets available for beer and wine. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p9e5zbn>

Join us for an all-day Country Music Festa. Enjoy live entertainment with a roster of incredible country music performers like Monsta Country, Ashley Jordan, the Goat Ropers Band, Rebecca Correia, and Rob Bellamy.

There will be food trucks including Cobbs Southern BBQ, Bubbe's Blintzes, Lobster Roller, Matilda RI, Phoenix on the Fly, Pionono Food, Travelers AleHouse, Travelin Bones BBQ and Two Sisters. Plus beer, madeira wine, corn hole, and even line dancing by Boot Scootin by Sarah

T. So, ditch your boat shoes and grab your cowboy boots — we're going to party like we're south of the Mason Dixon line.

Proceeds will assist the Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc with academic scholarships, vocational awards, as well as to assist local organizations and needy families throughout the Greater New Bedford community and beyond.

Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc. is proud to continue to provide academic scholarships and vocational awards as well as assisting Southcoast organizations.

YTI Performance Director's Workshop at Each One

At Your Theatre Inc, 136 Rivet St, New Bedford, MA 02740

Terror In The Teachers Lounge by Matt McAfee; Directed by Mellanie Crowther. Lurking the halls of Westerfield High is a mischievous spirit with a hunger for revenge. Teachers are disappearing and the police have not yet arrived. Will the mystery be solved before he comes after the remaining teacher? Find out in this playful and mysterious one-act play.

The Most Massive Woman Wins by Madeleine George; Directed by Brienne Riccio. Challenging, brutal and hilarious, four women of various shapes and sizes sitting in the waiting room of a liposuction clinic explore their perceptions of body image. The women reveal their experiences dealing with their weight issues through monologues, short scenes, and even schoolyard rhymes. From painful childhood memories to frustrations with the opposite sex, these experiences both haunt and empower these women as they imagine their way to a new vision of themselves as beautiful and whole.

Members, Subscribers, Seniors, Students and Military \$10.00; General Admission \$12.00

Reservations Suggested: please call 508-993-0772 or email info@yourtheatre.org

SAVE THE DATES Harvest Craft Fair

The Whaling City Catholic Community, the churches of St.

Lawrence, St. Francis of Assisi and Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is again hosting their Annual Harvest Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th.

Held at the Parish Center at 121 Mt. Pleasant Street in New Bedford, the indoor Craft Fair will feature 24 Craft Vendor booths, a Ladies' Guild Bake Sale, a kitchen featuring French Meat Pie dinners, Chow Mein sandwiches, and other staples of a good old-fashion Fair, raffles.

The kitchen will feature fresh Malasadas on Sunday morning along with other breakfast items.

Doors are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15th and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is free but a donation of one non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is requested. The hall is ADA accessible.

Music at St. Anthony's

New Bedford's great cathedral style church, located in the heart of the city at 1359 Acushnet Avenue, is a wonder to behold and is finally wheelchair accessible.

Many of the patrons of the concert series know that we have not been able to plan any events due to COVID, but that has changed too. The pipe organ is an incredible instrument that was specially designed for the church. It is tuned to the acoustics of the space. The purpose of the music program is to restore this 110-year-old instrument.

On Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., Peter Krasinski will open the 2022 programming with a recital on the Casavant Frères historic pipe organ. He is the perfect organist to bring the program back to life. Mr. Krasinski is currently the theater organist for Providence Performing Arts Center and twice has improvised accompaniment for silent films at St. Anthony's, in addition to performing recitals there.

And on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., there will be a Christmas Concert with the Spirit of St. Anthony Choir under the Direction of David Touchette and with Isleila Rodrigues as accompanist.

For more information or directions, please check on the website www.musicatsaintanthonys.org, or contact St. Anthony's rectory at 508-993-1691.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Harvest Festival

Presented by Running Brook Vineyard and Winery, 335 Old Fall River Road, North Dartmouth. Sat. & Sun., 10/8 & 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring grape stomping, wine specials, vineyard hay rides, local vendors, live music, and of course wine, wine, and wine.

There is no entrance fee but we do encourage you to plan on purchasing a little wine during your visit.

Visit <https://www.runningbrookwine.com>

GOP Meeting

The Mattapoissett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Tuesday October 11th at 6:30 PM at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library – 7 Barstow Street.,

Topics for discussion are: 1) Party Membership – We are growing rapidly but we welcome new members. If interested, please attend or contact by email: chairmattyrep@gmail.com; 2) GOP State Activities; 3) Candidates for Republican Town Committee 2023 Officers; and 4) Local Election activity.

Indigenous Peoples

October 11, 7 PM Community Read Discussion “An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States” co-sponsored with Tri-Town Against Racism. FREE. At the Mattapoissett Museum, 5 Church St., Mattapoissett.

Quaker Sale Specialty

The Quaker Meeting yard sale on Sat., 10/8, from 8:30 to noon, at 103 Marion Road (Route 6) Mattapoissett, will have a special table featuring stamps, covers, postcards, photographs, ephemera and artwork.

Proceeds will benefit the Priscilla Hathaway Scholarship Fund being established for a student of the arts at Old Rochester Regional High School by the Hathaway Family through the Mattapoissett Land Trust of which she was a co-founder.

The scores of area interest items include a Giles Dunn insurance policy for the Long Plain Friends Meeting House in Acushnet, a photograph of the first trolley car run in East Fairhaven, an 1841 document

involving Elijah Willis and Warren Akins of Rochester and two Dartmouth postcards picturing the salt works in Padanaram.

A series of Ronald and Nancy Reagan color photos, including one with Queen Elizabeth and another with Pope John Paul will also be available. Sale hours are 8:30 to noon.

Pawtoberfest

Vendors and vehicles for Trunk or Treat wanted for our first Pawtoberfest, Sun., 10/23, 11-5, at Diamond in the Ruff Grooming & Daycare, 211 Middle Rd., Acushnet. Call Dorothy at 508-763-5351, or email diamondintheruffspa@yahoo.com

Local Author

The Acushnet Public Library welcomes local journalist Maureen Boyle on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm. Ms. Boyle returns to share her latest book, *The Ghost: The Murder of Police Chief Greg Adams and the Hunt for His Killer* (Black Lyon). A book signing will follow.

Saxonburg, Pennsylvania Police Chief Greg Adams stopped a car just blocks from the police station in 1980. It was just weeks before Christmas in the quaint borough and the chief thought he had little to fear. Then he came face-to-face with a low-level mobster from Massachusetts behind the wheel and found himself in a fight for his life. *The Ghost* tells the story of the decades-long hunt for the chief’s killer as local, state and federal investigators joined forces to track the murderer, a man named Donald Webb. Sometimes, they learned, it can take a lifetime to uncover a secret.

Award-winning journalist Maureen Boyle is the author of two true-crime books. *Shallow Graves: The Hunt for the New Bedford Highway Serial Killer* was published in 2017 and *The Ghost: The Murder of Police Chief Greg Adams and the Hunt for His Killer* (Black Lyon) was published in June 2021. She was named New England journalist of the year three times and has been honored for her work covering crime, drug issues and human-interest stories. She has a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a master’s degree in criminal justice. She is now the journalism program

director at Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library. This free event will be held in the Library Community Room at 232 Middle RD, Acushnet, MA 02743.

SAVE THE DATES:

MO LIFE Gala

Help us support individuals with disabilities and have fun doing it at the 27th annual M.O.L.I.F.E. Gala Celebraton on Fri., 10/21, at the Century House, 107 S. Main St, Acushnet. Admission: \$60/adults, \$40/children. Join us for dinner, dancing, entertainment.

Tickets are available at 4 Lambeth Park Dr., Fairhaven, MA, or www.molifeinc.com

Salem Night Faire

The Black Veil presents Salem Night Fair, Pioneer Village, 98 West Avenue, Salem, MA 01970; Fri., Sat., 10/21 & i22, 10/28 & i29; 5–10 p.m. Admission: \$5.00

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Extend a hand towards the mute fortune teller and have your fruitless fortune read, gaze upon the ghostly fashion installations of renowned designer Ashley Rose throughout the weekend, and lose yourself in a spellbinding daze. The time awaits, and magick fills the air this October Salem night.

Stay dreary.

Visit <https://salemnightfaire.com/getting-there> and <https://www.pioneervillagesalem.org>

Recipe of the Week

Crispy Chicken Schnitzel

- 2 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons dijon mustard
- 2 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon crushed garlic
- 3 cups bread crumbs, or as needed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- vegetable oil, for frying
- 12 boneless chicken breast halves, pounded very thin
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

Whisk together the honey, eggs, soy sauce, dijon mustard, and garlic in a bowl. Set aside.

In a separate shallow bowl, combine the salt, breadcrumbs, and pepper. Set aside.

In a heavy skillet, heat 1/2-1 inch of vegetable oil at 350°.

Place the chicken slices into the egg mixture, kneading until fully coated. Then, press the chicken into the breadcrumbs until coated evenly.

Working in batches, carefully set the chicken into the hot oil using tongs, cooking for 3-4 minutes per side, until browned on the outside and no longer pink.

Drain on paper towels and serve with lemon wedges.

From cookingprofessionally.com

Dear Frankie



Hurricane

Dear Frankie,
I go with my family every winter to our Fort Myers, Florida house. There's a dog park in the neighborhood there that I have been going to since puppyhood. Most of the

dogs I hang out with at the park live in Florida year-round, but a few of us are snow dogs from Massachusetts. You can only imagine our political discussions. Despite our differences, we have always been the best of friends.

Yesterday I watched the news on the hurricane and saw pictures of my dog park and neighborhood under five feet of water. The newsman said there were people and dogs in those houses. The phones and computers are not working, so I have no way of finding out if my friends are OK.

I don't think I will be able to take it if something terrible happens to them. My dad told me not to worry because my friends' families would have left or gone to an evacuation center. I saw some pictures on TV of dogs in crates at a rescue center. But

none of them were my friends. Don't you think I should be worried?

Melvin

Dear Melvin,

Whoa, slow down. Don't let your imagination get the best of you. I understand it's worrisome to realize that your friends' homes are in the center of a natural disaster, but your dad might be right.

It would be terrible to lose close friends. If that did happen, you would be able to survive by accepting comfort and care from your friends and offering them the same. In sum, helping one another grieve and celebrate the lives of those lost.

Before you get out your mourning suit, I suggest you wait until you know what has happened to your friends. As they say, patience is a virtue.

Best, Frankie

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MassDOT presents bridge replacement options

By Beth David
Editor

Officials from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), and engineering consultants, held a public meeting on Monday, 10/3/22, at Fairhaven High School to present options for replacing the Fairhaven-New Bedford swing bridge, and to receive public comment on the project.

About 65 people attended in person, including all five Fairhaven Select Board members, Rep. William Straus (D-Mattapoisett, 10th Bristol), and Republican candidate for 10th Bristol Bob McConnell. New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell also attended for a short time to make a comment. Another 28 joined the meeting remotely.

Joseph Breen, MassDOT Project Manager on the project, presented a series of slides that included a history of the nearly 120-year-old bridge (it was completed in 1903), current conditions of the structure, and options for replacing it.

The antiquated bridge takes a long time to open and close, leaving people in vehicles stuck on Route 6 at Popes Island for at least 15 minutes while boats pass through. A new bridge would be faster, officials said. The plan would also be to raise the bridge to allow at least some smaller boats to be able to pass under the bridge without it opening and shutting off the road.

Mr. Breen listed the number of times over the years the bridge was inoperable due to repairs, and, therefore, had to remain open to marine traffic, closed off to vehicles.

"We've extended the life of the swing bridge several times," said Mr.



Martha Worley of Worleybeds.

Breen.

The final decision on a design will take into consideration the needs of all stakeholders, including commercial and recreational marine traffic, vehicle drivers, pedestrians and bicycles, local government, US Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers, and MassDOT.

The bridge opened 4,745 times in 2021, with more than 5,000 fishing boats and 3,000 pleasure crafts passing through, and 2,000 tug boats and towed vessels.

The bridge does have, or is supposed to have, a schedule for opening. It is supposed to open every hour on the hour, as needed, from 7-10 a.m.; every hour and 15 minutes past the hour from 11:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.; upon request from 6:15 p.m. to 6 a.m.



Robert Valiquette of Fairhaven

The goal is to build a bridge with a 75-year life span; to increase the opening so larger boats can pass through; widen sidewalks; shorten opening time; increase the under-bridge clearance.

Possibilities include a "no-build" option, which would simply keep repairing the existing bridge; another swing bridge; a bascule bridge (drawbridge); Dutch style bascule bridge; vertical lift.

The project will cost in excess of \$100 million. This year's transportation bond bill earmarks \$100 million for the first phases of the project.

Mr. Breen said it is very early in the process.

"We want to get the public involved as much as possible," he said.

At the next "25 percent" phase, a design will be recommended.



Robert Mitchell of RA Mitchell Co.

There is, however, very little chance that everyone will be satisfied.

"There are competing interests," said Mr. Breen, noting road traffic, commerce, navigation.

He said there is no way to get "unanimity on a project like this."

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell addressed the MassDOT panel and the public, saying the project was "near and dear to my heart."

He said he wrote a term paper on it in college.

"We have to deal with it in the Port of New Bedford," said Mayor Mitchell. "It is antiquated. It is functionally obsolete."

He said everyone knows what it is like to get "stopped on the bridge."

"It's a term we all know," he said. "We've all experienced it."

He said it was an opportunity to improve functionality for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, and to allow for larger vessels; to address sustainability; to minimize disruption; and to make it look good.

Pedestrians and bike riders should be able to cross the river without "taking your life in your hands."

"Functionality in every respect is important," said Mayor Mitchell.

He said the project needs to minimize disruptions, which are "profound" for the fishing industry and for road traffic.

Mayor Mitchell also stressed that the new bridge should look good.

"Aesthetics count," he said, and spoke against a vertical lift saying it would be "exceedingly prominent."

The bridge can be an eyesore,

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something to be embarrassed about, or it can be something to be proud of.

Fairhaven Select Board Chairperson Stasia Powers noted that more people will likely be using the bridge, with the train arriving soon. She said the bridge is deteriorating and will cause more problems.

Select Board member Bob Espindola asked about the pros and cons of the different designs.

Kevin Johns, Principal at Modjeski and Masters, Inc. (M&M), said all four designs are "viable candidates." The deciding factors will include cost, the amount of disruption to local residents during construction, and other factors.

The problem, he said is that there are competing criteria. What is best for one group, may not be best for another.

"We have many options to choose from," said Mr. Johns.

Fairhaven resident Karen Vilandry, president of the Hands Across the River Coalition, cautioned that there are PCBs buried in the harbor and the project managers need to be careful not to disturb them.

Thomas Cole, Project Manager at M&M, said the project would coordinate with all agencies, including the USCG and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Robert Valiquette advocated for improving the passage for large commercial fishing vessels.

Mr. Cole said the project needs to take into consideration the needs of marinas, mariners, fishing boats, but also the needs of the future.

Bob McConnell, who is running for state representative in the 10th Bristol district asked what the 25%



Karen Vilandry of Fairhaven, Hands Across the River Coalition President

design meant.

Pam Haznar, Project Development, MassDOT, said that at the 25% point, there would be a formal design, and there will be lots of public hearings and comment opportunities.

"Why have a bridge at all," asked John LaCroix, saying when he gets "caught" on the bridge, he goes around through Fairhaven and it is faster than waiting for the bridge. He said Route 195 is faster. "Why have it at all?"

And he received a round of applause for his comments.

Mr. Cole said they would be conducting traffic counts and studies.

Robert Grindrod said he felt they were "reinventing the wheel."

He said the project is going to take 10 years if it goes as projected, when in Maine they built a whole new



Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Stasia Powers

bridge in 18 months. "So I can't comprehend...a 10 year process."

Martha Worley, who owns WorleyBeds on Popes Island at the bridge opening, said when they talk about road closures being as short as possible, she says, "I doubt it," and urged "proper planning" to minimize disruptions.

"It affects us," said Ms. Worley. "It affects our ability to do business. It's terrible for the people who have to put up with it."

She said people cannot get out of their driveways when traffic is backed up, and MassDOT has not been easy to deal with in the past.

"It's a nightmare," she said.

Travis Rapoza of Fairhaven asked if there would be economic studies to determine short term losses and the long term benefits to local



Robert Grindrod of Fairhaven businesses.

Mr. Cole said the economic cost will be taken into consideration when choosing a design.

Select Board member Leon Correy said finding a way to stem the economic impact on small businesses would be a good gesture.

Andrea, who joined the meeting remotely asked about a "no-build" alternative. Mr. Cole said that means just leaving the bridge as is and continuing to maintain it.

Bob Mitchell, who owns RA Mitchell on Popes Island suggested that they do something with the lights at the so-called "octopus" intersection. He said the Fairhaven side (east) clears out faster than the New Bedford (west) direction. People are not only stuck at the long bridge opening but then they are stuck at several light cycles at the intersection.

"It is a pain," said Mr. Mitchell.

Ms. Haznar said light signals will be studied. The octopus is a city system, not state, she said, but they would work with the city.

Select Board member Bob Espindola noted that they had a unique opportunity to use federal money for the project, too.

"If not now, when?" he asked.

Rep. Bill Straus said the money could come from a variety of sources, including reimbursement from the federal government.

Mr. Cole noted that the traffic studies will include the "whole corridor," from Route 195 to New Bedford. He said traffic counts are underway, and with school in session it is a "big difference." They hope to

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Author Presentation

Author Bill Comeau will be at the Senior Center on Wed., 10/12 at noon. Come or lunch and stay. See details on page 7.

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Technology Classes

Classes have begun and will 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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Acushnet Selectboard finalizes STM warrant

By Nicholas Barao

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard finalized the Special Town Meeting warrant at its 9/27/22 meeting.

After meeting in executive session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss union contracts, the board announced they had reach an agreement with the Department of Puclic Works labor union.

Chairperson David Wojnar said he was "really pleased to learn that we've come to an agreement with our labor union 1429 which is essentially the department of public works."

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar was the board's representative during negotiations.

Mr. Gaspar said he wanted to, "Thank the board and [Town Administrator James] Kelley for helping him get the people a small increase in their salaries...something small is better than nothing as I say to everybody."

Mr. Gaspar expressed his gratitude towards the DPW union, and the board ratified the contract.

Mr. Kelley informed the board that town counsel sent some wording changes on the Special Town Meeting warrant. He said there were only a few spelling changes, nothing substantive.

Mr. Wojnar asked about the articles for the Community Preservation Committee, specifically the item for the Buzzards Bay Coalition that the Selectboard voted against at its last meeting.

"It has to be in the article because CPC voted it in the budget," said Mr. Kelley, adding that the Selectboard can move the article without that item.

Mr. Gaspar said he thought it would be ideal to split the article.

Mr. Kelley said it was simpler to keep them together.

The board approved the warrant with the changes.

In another matter, the board approved the purchase of a re-seeder for the golf course. The \$21,500 expenditure is 30% more than when they wanted it last year. The golf course grounds have suffered from

the drought, so the re-seeder is needed to help restore the sod

The board also approved a request by Fire Chief Thomas Farland to accept a boat from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The 18' Zodiac Hurricane Rigid hull inflatable craft will become EMS Marine 1, according to a Facebook post by Acushnet Fire & EMS. The acquisition is through DCR's Federal Excess Property Program, so is at no cost to the town.

The Zodiac replaces a 1972 boat that has required a lot of service in recent years.

The board also held a public hearing for Verizon and Eversource to run cables and conduits under Park Drive for a nrew residential development. The board approved the request.

Mr. Wojnar announced the Zoning Board of Appeals needs members. Contact the Selectboard office if interested.

The board reconvened in executive session to discuss litigation strategy, and did not reconvene in open session.

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Obituary: Maureen Savard



Maureen Savard

Maureen (O'Malley) Savard, 76, of Onset passed away on September 25, 2022 after an extended fight with a complicated illness.

Born on November 22, 1945 in New Bedford, Maureen was a member of the second graduating class of Bishop Stang High School where she was a proud member of the field hockey and cheerleading teams.

Maureen attended Cape Cod Hospital nursing program where she was her class president and earned her LPN. As a nurse, she worked at Lakeville Hospital caring for residential children with severe disabilities. She formally left the nursing

profession when she started her own family, which was, arguably, her truest calling.

Maureen's greatest joy was her family. She married Jerry Savard in 1973 and they celebrated their 49th anniversary in early September of this year. Loving mother to Meaghan Burr (husband Tyler) and Mary Catherine Savard (husband Patrick Doherty), she poured her heart and soul into being a mother, taking on countless volunteer and leadership roles in the schools and their church. Highlights of her volunteering include time spent with the North Middleboro Mother's Club, as a Brownie Leader, and as a CCD teacher. Later in life, her goal was to be the best grandmother ever, a goal she more than achieved for Brigid, Emmet, Ryan, Nolan, and Maura as their Mimi.

Maureen believed firmly that "the more the merrier" are words to live by and she brought a warmth of energy and love to anyone that she met. She is undoubtedly a light of love as she reunites with Matthew and Mary Catherine O'Malley (her

parents), Brian O'Malley (her brother), and several loved ones that have gone before her.

She leaves behind her brother and his wife, Neil and Bonnie O'Malley, her sister-in-law, Judy O'Malley, and many loved nieces and nephews.

If at all possible, please do not wear black to the services, per Maureen's request. She was a woman of deep and extensive faith and firmly believes that the wake and funeral are a celebration of life. Wear bright, happy colors if you've got 'em.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, October 6th from 4-8 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. Maureen's Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 7th at 11:00 AM at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 141 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. <https://www.stjude.org>. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



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New, locally owned pharmacy opens in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven is home to a new, independent pharmacy owned by lifelong Fairhaven resident Brian Meneses, who has been a registered pharmacist since 2009. A 2003 graduate of Fairhaven High School, Mr. Meneses said it has been a dream of his to bring a local, patient-first pharmacy to his friends, family and the community he calls home.

The pharmacy will harken back to the days of the independent pharma-

dist who knew all the customers, had the customer's health foremost in mind, and even delivered medications. Mr. Meneses and his staff will help customers transfer their medications from their current pharmacy.

The pharmacy held a grand opening/ribbon cutting on Saturday, 10/1/22. Mr. Meneses and Sales Associates/Techs Thomas Cory and Marisa Oliveira welcomed friends, family, supporters and customers for a fun-filled day to celebrate the new endeavor.

Services include a 24-hour refill line, automatic refills, blood pressure monitoring, check free pay/bill pay, delivery, drug take back kiosk,

lottery, notary public, one-on-one consultations, over the counter medications, print/scan/copy/fax, single/multi dose packaging.

Located at 72 Main Street in Fairhaven, the pharmacy is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To contact, call 508-525-4455; fax 774-206-1692, or email fhvnrx@gmail.com. Visit them at <https://fhvnrx.com>.



TOP RIGHT: Owner Brian Meneses, PharmD, RPH, cuts the ribbon on his new independently owned pharmacy on Main Street in Fairhaven on Saturday, 10/1/22, with supporters, L-R: State Rep. Alan Silvia, Brian's mother Catherine Meneses, Brian, State Sen. Michael Rodrigues, State Rep. Antonio Cabral. TOP LEFT: Mr. Menesis with Sales Associate/Tech Marisa Oliveira. ABOVE LEFT: Family, friends, and supporters pose for photo during the grand opening. ABOVE RIGHT: Mr. Meneses (RIGHT) poses with Sales Associate/Pharmacy Tech Thomas Cory, Brian's mother Catherine Meneses, and State Rep. Alan Silvia. *Submitted photos.*

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET



There will be a Special Town Meeting held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

David E. Wojnar, Chairman
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.
Robert Hinckley
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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

- a. **Case #2022.09.20A** A continuation of the case of James Medeiros, of 41 Taber Street in Fairhaven MA, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to be able to construct a storage building to house equipment and supplies at Map 15 lot 74A Anthony Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.2 BV District – "E" Development Standards (7) Municipal Water & Sewer, (8) Conform to MA Title V, and (9) Minimum Land Area.
- b. **Case #2022.10.18A** A case of Taylor Martin, of

Wesport, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to be able to demolish and reconstruct a single family dwelling at 15 Katherine Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Article VIII Section 3.3.1 E Development Standards.

- c. **Case #2022.10.18B** A case of Timothy Brenton, of 55 Mount Pleasant Street in New Bedford, who is petitioning the Board for a variance to be able to demolish and reconstruct a single family dwelling located at 19 Katherine Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Article VIII Section 3.3.1 E Development Standards.
- d. **Case #2022.10.18C** A case of Robert C. Rodrigues, of 15 Oliver Street in Fairhaven, who is petitioning the Board to be able to construct five single family, one level dwellings for fifty five and older housing at Garfield and Hayes Street (plat 15, lot 372). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 E.

*** Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours ***

FNN, 10/6/22, 10/13/22

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Fairhaven Economic Development Committee

The Town of Fairhaven Economic Development Committee has two vacancies. The EDC provides guidance on the enhancement of existing business and discusses ways to attract new business and encourage business and development in Town. If you are interested in serving on the Economic Development Committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Planning & Economic Development Office, 40 Center Street or email: pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov

FNN: 9/29/22, 10/6/22

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weather!" said Coalition President Mark Rasmussen.

On Sunday morning at Sakonnet Point in Little Compton, riders departed on the Watershed Ride's 65 mile ride. The route wound through Little Compton and Westport's rich coastal farmland to the wave-washed coast along Horseneck Beach State Reservation, where even more riders began their 40-mile route.

Along the way from Sakonnet Point to the finish line in Rochester, riders pedaled past thousands of acres of permanently protected woodlands, wetlands, salt marsh and beach

habitat managed by the Coalition, local land trusts and state and local municipalities.

The oldest rider was 80 years old, and the youngest was 21. More than 60% of the riders participated as a member of one of 37 teams, made up of groups of friends and family who train, fundraise, and ride the course together.

The top fundraiser was Dan Cooney of Marion who raised \$12,500. The top fundraising team this year was Sippican Sailors.

The event was made possible through the support of incredible

sponsors, including Shaw's Star Market Foundation, Blount Clam Shack, Buzzards Bay Brewing, Cape Cod 5, Hutker Architects, and Janney Sound Financial Advisors.

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride is one of two signature outdoor fundraising events hosted by the Coalition. The other is the Buzzards Bay Swim, a 1.2-mile open-water swim across outer New Bedford Harbor.

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his father's contact information to Mr. Rapoza so they can collaborate.

Mr. Rapoza also told the board said he would love to see the town's recycling numbers increase. He said he would like to find out why people are not recycling.

Mr. Furtado explained that there is about to be a ban on the disposal of textiles in the trash, and the ban starts in November. He said before Covid the board was trying to get in a

contract with a textile recycling company, but once Covid hit nothing ever happened with it.

In another matter Mr. Furtado said that Household Hazardous Waste Day will be on October 22nd.

In other business:

- Mr. Wotton informed the board that Hailey Cabral was hire for the Sewer Department Clerical positio. Mr. Hobson said she is very qualified and a town resident.

- The board voted unanimously, to pay for designs from GCG Associates for the walkway at Memorial Park, and a new design for the BMX Park on Bernese Street, which is being redone to include drainage, and will then be brought to the Community Preservation Committee for funding.
- The board announced household Hazardous Waste Day on 10/22.

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Belonging Committee
Wed., 10/12, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals
Tues., 11/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Mon., 10/17, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Finance Committee
Thurs., 10/6, FHS Library, 6 p.m.
Joint meeting with Select Board

Lagoa Friendship Pact
Tues., 10/11, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 10/12, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Thurs., 10/6, FHS Library, 6 p.m.
Joint meeting with Finance Comm.
Mon., 10/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
Tues., 10/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals
Tues., 10/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Tues., 10/11, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Special Town Mtg
Mon., 10/17, Middle School, 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

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Saturday	8	0720	1941	0121	1355*
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Tuesday	11	0929	2152	0255	1545
Wednesday	12	1011	2235	0325	1607
Thursday	13	1054	2318	0356	1633
Friday	14	1139	----	0428	1704
Saturday	15	0007	1230	0502	1740
Sunday	16	0102	1327	0541	1830
Monday	17	0159	1422	0635	1948

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

Paul Schmid Has Served Community Well

We support Paul Schmid for reelection as our State Representative for the 8th Bristol District.

Paul has served this community well. He has been effective in achieving funding for major projects such as the new schools in Westport and Fall River, repaving Route 88, cleaning up South Watuppa Pond, air conditioning the Macomber School and updating our town dock.

In addition, he strongly supports local projects. We can always depend on his attendance at veterans' events, historical and environmental events, and his support of individuals' activities in his district.

Paul's experience is broad: a Harvard graduate, service in the Marine Corps, small business operator and long-time farmer. He served on Westport's select board and was chair of the finance committee. He combines all of these talents with his compassion for people and passion to do a good job.

We are very fortunate he is our representative.

David Cole and Betty Slade, Westport

Straus Supports Fish Council Vote Against Leasing

On 9/27 the Federal New England Fishery Management Council voted 15 to 1 to reject what I and the rest of my local House colleagues felt would have been a detrimental business ownership change affecting the New Bedford scallop industry.

Over 80% of the commentators, including myself, had urged Council rejection of the so-called "Leasing" proposal. The scallop fishery today is a successful one, and is the reason

the Port of New Bedford is the number one port in the country. This vote allows the Council to focus on its main job which is protection of the fishery itself and the communities that support it through the local employment and economy.

I applaud the Council members, including our own local member Eric Hansen, and the many owners, crew and support industry members who organized at the early public meetings last spring and on 9/27, to voice their opposition to the leasing proposal.

I had testified in May during one of the New England Council's public meetings held in New Bedford and provided written opposition in a letter joined by all five New Bedford area State Representatives including Reps. Cabral, Markey, Hendricks and Schmid.

Rep. Bill Straus, 10th Bristol

Time For Hodgson To Retire.

Thomas Hodgson started his career in law enforcement. His site says he is "tough on crime." Being "tough on crime" is the responsibility of the professionals in our local police departments, not the Bristol County Sheriff.

The Sheriff's job should be focused on the inmates' incarceration. The prison should develop programs that can show verifiable progress to identify the strengths and needs of the inmates in areas of housing, medical care (this includes addiction, anger management and mental health issues) and employment opportunity.

If the prison does not focus on those areas, then there is a good chance they will re-offend. It's nice to have service dogs and a fancy camper, but that money, either

obtained by grant or budgeted, should be kept in house.

There are seven active lawsuits against Sheriff Hodgson which can be added to the many that have cost taxpayers' millions of dollars. In 2019 the Massachusetts Auditor reported that Hodgson failed to transfer over \$348,000 to the Massachusetts state treasury that was paid to him from Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

He is involved with the Federation for American Immigration Reform, an organization that the Southern Poverty Law Center recognizes as a hate group.

He portrays himself as being tough on crime and was photographed wearing his badge and gun while holding a cup of wine at the Madeira Festival. After being criticized for drinking and carrying a weapon, he claimed that he didn't break any laws because he was not under the influence after drinking wine, which might have been true, but showed a lack of good judgment.

He was called out for a photograph that adorns the wall of the Bristol County facility and is on his web page, where he is wearing a tie that has a resemblance to a confederate flag. He denied it was connected to the confederacy and continues to display it to this day. Google his Wikipedia page and scroll to the "controversies" section.

Sheriff Hodgson has had a long run and undoubtedly has a very good pension. He should find a pursuit more suited to his temperament, political aspirations and subsidize it with his own funds.

Sheriff Hodgson it is time to move on!

Stephen Oliveira, Assonet

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be at the 25% design phase next fall.

After the meeting Ms. Powers told the *Neighb News* she did not realize there were skeptics about having a bridge at all.

"That was interesting," she said. "Traffic would be unbearable for the rest of the community."

She said business owners and other stakeholders need to be "engaged a little more closely. So I'll be pushing for that."

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding

the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E.,

Why have a bridge
at all?

[John LaCroix

Chief Engineer, via e-mail to
dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 612557.

Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public meeting transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the meeting is posted to the MassDOT website at <https://tinyurl.com/39p3e37n>

The website is still being developed. Check on the MassDOT website for updates and search for 612557.

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More! Visit fairhaventv.com/hauntedhalloweenparty

Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia, Revolutionary War Encampment, Sat., 10/22, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a one-day

historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling and flintlock musket demonstrations, along with 1770s activities such as camp cooking, sewing demonstrations, and more. Children can try 18th century games and toys.

Free. Handicap accessible. For

more information visit <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com/>

Spaghetti Dinner

Fairhaven Lion Club presents a Spaghetti Dinner, Wed., 11/9, from 5-7 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/children 10 and under. For tickets call 508-996-3420.

Deadline nears for Fairhaven Cultural Council proposals

Press Release

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/>)

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