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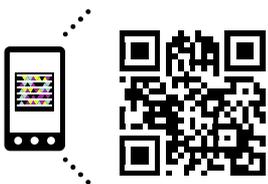
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

FHS Blue Devils beat the DHS Indians 14-7



Fairhaven teammates signal the touchdown carried in by Justin Marques in the third quarter to seal the win against Dartmouth, 14-7, in the traditional Thanksgiving Day matchup, 11/24/22. See story on page 12. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh...it's December. Time to put the boat away, I guess.

And the motorcycles, too? BRRR....those guys are tougher than I am, to be sure. See page 6 for what I'm talking about, a bike run and food/toy drive the Sunday after Thanksgiving. BRRR...

How 'bout them Blue Devils, huh? They beat rival Dartmouth on Thanksgiving Day in a game that was fun to watch. See page 12 for some great pics by Glenn Silva. He was also at the pep rally and bonfire (page 13), which got the team and the community all fired up for the big game.

Acushnet pinned its new fire chief last week. See page 16 for that and other Selectboard news.

During the football game halftime the School Committee dedicated the turf field to former Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin. See page 7 for that, along with a great pic of the grand kids.

But, the big news is that holiday events are gearing up. See page 3 for some of the annual lighting events that usually have Santa as a special guest.

This Friday is the lighting of Benoit Square in Fairhaven, with sing-along and Santa. In Acushnet and New Bedford, Sunday is the big day.

This is the season of giving, so check out the different organizations and their event to help them out.

Next weekend is the Old Time Holiday, and we'll have more on that next week. I had to bump it this week to make room....but here it is HERE: Saturday, 12/8...save the date.

And while you're being generous, please consider helping out your local, independent free newspaper with a small donation (or large...really, it's okay). Any amount will help. We have to rely on our readers as much as our advertisers to keep publishing.

Until next week then... see ya,

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*



Beth David, Publisher

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Weekend holiday events



Lighting of Benoit Square and Sing Along

Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association for the annual Lighting of Benoit Square, on **Fri., 12/2, at 6:30 p.m.** (intersection of Main Street and Howland Road), Fairhaven. The lights will be turned on for the season; caroling with Miss New Bedford and friends; and you can even see Santa!

Don't miss this fun kickoff to the holiday season!

Acushnet Lighting & Sing Along

The Acushnet Fire Department invites the public to our annual lighting of the Christmas display and holiday sing-along on **Sun., 12/4, 4-6 p.m.**

Those attending can expect hot chocolate, cookies, music by the Ford Middle School Chorus, and an appearance from Santa who will once again arrive on a fire truck.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy so that we can stuff our emergency vehicles for those in need! Please no stuffed animals

New Bedford

Holiday Stroll/Tree Lighting

Sat., 12/3 (rain date 12/10), Noon to 5 p.m. in Downtown New Bedford. Kick off the holidays at DNB's annual holiday stroll. Featuring live music, performers, and festive fun for the whole family.

Parade at 4:30 p.m. From the bottom of William Street, near the Whaling Museum, to the library steps for the tree-lighting. The parade will

feature the New Bedford High School marching band and color guard, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and surprise guests

Tree Lighting 5 p.m. Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Council President Ian Abreu, and the New Bedford community for the annual tree-lighting celebration. This year's emcee will be Armand Marchand, executive producer for New Bedford Festival Theater. Remarks at the library by Mayor Mitchell and Councilor Abreau will be followed by holiday songs by Miss New Bedford Tori Kalisz and Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen Jaime St. Onge

Free hot chocolate courtesy of Community Services, Veterans Transition House, and New Life Church

United Way will have a toy drive box for children from infants to teenagers. All gifts must be unwrapped

Holiday Stroll, Noon to 5 p.m. Downtown New Bedford Inc is excited to announce the return of dNB

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First Congregational Church, UCC

34 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA
508-993-3368

Much is happening at the Old Brick Church this Christmas Season!

Please join us for any or all of these events — all are warmly welcomed!

Saturday 12/10 • The Old Brick Church Christmas Fair 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Craft vendors, baked goods, chance and silent auctions, Vermont Cheddar Cheese, Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store, and our awesome Lobster Roll Luncheon, prepared by Cove Surf and Turf with all proceeds to the church

Sunday 12/18 • Blue Christmas/ Longest Night Service • 6:00 PM

A quiet, soothing service that acknowledges the varied feelings we may be experiencing this time of year: readings, music, silent reflection time and an opportunity to light candles and be anointed with oil if desired.

Saturday 12/24 • Service for Families with Young Children • 4:00 PM

A brief, family-friendly service. We will tell the Christmas Story in an interactive way, sing a few carols, say our prayers and light glow sticks around the nativity. While designed to appeal to the littlest ones among us, anyone is certainly welcome to attend!

Saturday 12/24 • Candlelight Service • 6:00 PM

A service of readings, music and prayer to celebrate Christmas in our candlelit sanctuary. When we leave we will take Christ's joy and love with us into the December night. All are welcome.

Call 508-993-3368 for more information. Masks optional at all events.

Fairhaven to hold Old-Time Holiday on Saturday, 12/10

Press Release

Get into the spirit of the holidays and find an array of holiday gifts, food, music, and old-fashioned good cheer by visiting Fairhaven on Saturday, December 10, 2022, for the annual Old-Time Holiday in the historical town center. Over the years it has become one of Fairhaven's favorite events. Activities will be going on at six venues within a short walk of each other.

In December 1998, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism first launched what was then called the "Very Victorian Holiday," bringing together about thirty non-profit, school, and church groups to create a weekend filled with old-fashioned holiday events. Previously, independent groups had held fairs, bazaars, concerts, luncheons, sing-alongs, and other activities over the course of several weeks between mid-November and Christmas.

What was different in 1998 was that most of those events were moved to a single weekend and promoted as one big, holiday package, wrapped in a Victorian theme, with the public able to walk from location to location in

the center of town. Tourism Director Christopher Richard credits Millicent Allen and Helen Radcliffe with first suggesting the idea.

"The idea really caught on," Richard says, "and now people come from quite a distance to attend. We regularly see people visiting from the Cape and Rhode Island for the Old-Time Holiday"

A similar slate of activities has been repeated every year since, except for a two-year break during the Covid pandemic, with the only change being the switch of the name from "Victorian" to "Old-Time" so that it was not bound to a specific historical time period.

This year, the Old-Time Holiday events will take place during the day and early evening on Saturday, December 10. Both the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, and the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, will hold fairs, with church members and outside vendors displaying a wide variety of items for sale. In a similar vein, about 20 of the town's non-profit groups will have tables at the Town Hall, 40

Center Street. At these locations you'll find handmade crafts, gifts, holiday greens, delicious baked goods, gift baskets, silent auction items to bid on, and more. In the Town Hall there will also be a few children's activities. All three fairs run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Unitarian Church, a magnificent English-Gothic style "cathedral," will also give guided tours of the sanctuary during the day.

At the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, there will be live music, treats, a book sale and a drop-in craft activity for children. The used book sale will be held in the downstairs auditorium, sponsored by Friends of the Millicent Library. Upstairs in the children's room, kids can stop in from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to make Reindeer Food for Santa's eight tiny reindeer with Miss Allie. The library will be open during its regular Saturday hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A new venue for 2022 is "Santa's Sweet Shop" at the Northeast Maritime Institute, 32 Washington St. The Institute will team up with

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Toys for Tots

The Fairhaven COA/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), has a Toys for Tots bin inside the senior center. Toy collection ends December 15. Please donate new, unwrapped gifts.

Toys for Tots is a program of the U.S. Marine Corps. For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org or find them on Facebook and Twitter.

Special Storytime

Backstage at the Nutcracker, Special Storytime with Dance Educator Kay Alden. Come away with Kay as we experience the music and magic of the *Nutcracker!* Little ones will explore dance while learning movement based skills and playing with props from this holiday classic. Recommended for ages 4-6 (siblings welcome!), feel free to wear a special holiday outfit on this fun day!

Join us Wed., 12/7, at 10:30am in the Auditorium of the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fhvn. Please visit millicentlibrary.org to register or call 508.992.5342.

Beach Cleanup

Fort Phoenix Beach Cleanup, by Be the Solution to Pollution, Sat., 12/3, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet in the parking lot near the cannons.

Bring a reusable water bottle and closed toe shoes. Tools, bags and gloves provided.

Everyone is welcome!!!!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more info, email bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com

Nature Photography

Nature Photography at Carvalho Farm, 201 Shaw Rd., Fairhaven. Sat., 12/3, 8-9 a.m. FREE.

With the advancement of technology you can capture amazing photographs with your phone. Join us for a guided hike with our staff photographer in this beautiful landscape for some tips from a pro.

Carvalho Farm's flat, easy-to-navigate Indian Rock Trail is just under a mile long, providing an invigorating walk that hikers of all levels can take on. Offering a variety of field, marsh and trail for beginners and experienced photographers alike, it is a sure shot!

For more information call 508-999-6363 Ext. 223, or email lamar@savebuzzardsbay.org. A Buzzards Bay Coalition Bay Adventure. Visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bay-adventures/>

Spec. Olympics FR

From Saturday, December 3 through Saturday, December 10, local Dunkin' franchise owners in Rhode Island and Bristol County, Mass. will donate 25 cents for every donut purchase to support the Special Olympics (maximum five donuts). This is part of Dunkin's longstanding partnership with the Special Olympics, which dates back nearly 30 years and has helped raise more than \$3 million for the organizations.

Beginning on Monday, December 5, Dunkin' will be hosting a series of in-store events, featuring appearances from Special Olympics athletes from across Rhode Island and Bristol County, Massachusetts.

To learn more about the Special Olympics, visit <https://www.specialolympics.org>

Town Hall CLOSED

ALL Fairhaven town offices, including Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, 12/8, for staff development. Please be patient and understanding while staff receives training to better serve you.

Spirituality Series

St. Mary's Parish in Fairhaven is conducting "seminars/discussions" on topics their parishioners said are important to them. The first "seminar" was on Divorce and Annulment in the Church.

The next "seminar/discussion" will be on "Catholic Teachings on Sexuality." The goal is to make everyone feel welcome in our Parish community, by gaining a better understanding of Church doctrine. Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 PM - Church Hall, 440 Main St. Fairhaven.

Church Cookbook

St. Joseph Church in Fairhaven is selling their parish cookbook, \$12.00 each, with proceeds going to the building fund. Books may be

purchased at the Church office, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven, and at the Old Time Holiday event on 12/10, when the church will have a table in the Town Hall Shops.

Call 508-994-9714 for more info.

Mothers' Club

Continuing a 108-year tradition, the Fairhaven Mothers' Club is working with the Family Center of the Fairhaven Public Schools to help Fairhaven's children and families.

The Family Center's activities include helping families dealing with food insecurity, housing problems, and other issues by helping them access available resources and by providing direct assistance.

This year the Mothers' Club has provided toiletries and personal care items as well as school supplies. As it does each year, it will provide \$1,000 in gift cards — this year, to families at East Fairhaven Elementary School.

One of the ways the Mothers' Club raises money for these efforts is by raffling off themed gift baskets at the Old Time Holiday Fair, when we will have a table in the Town Hall Shops. All proceeds go to the donations to families or to one of two \$1,000 scholarships given annually.

Snow Parking Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed. By Order of: FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bike run collects food and toys for Shepherd's Pantry

By Beth David
Editor

The annual Acushnet Lions Club Bike Run/Toy Drive at the Rivers End Cafe drew about 50 motorcycles on Sunday, 11/27/22.

Rivers End owner Mark DeSilva said businesses and individuals donated a variety of items and services to make the event a successful one. Adams and Adams donated use of their truck; the Acushnet Lions gave \$1,000; Garage Equipment Services, Rep/Weld, NAPA Auto Parts, all donated.

An anonymous donor gave 10 basketballs and five footballs in

memory of "B," who loved sports.

"And the outpouring from the community, as you can see," said Mr. DeSilva, as people stopped to add items to the truck. "And it's a great cause."

All donations went to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet to be distributed to people who use the pantry. Volunteer Paul Robert said anyone who goes to the pantry for food who has children, will also be able to get toys.

Pastor Phil Viall, of the Long Plain United Methodist Church (LPUMC), where the pantry is located, told the volunteers they were "truly doing the

work of God."

"You are making Christmas more wonderful for people you do not even know," he said.

At the Rivers End, volunteers were treated to coffee and donuts before the run, and pizza afterwards.

The pantry is located at the LPUMC, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet, and distributes food from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays. Find them on Facebook or call 508-763-9289.

The pantry is always looking for volunteers. They also need plastic grocery bags big enough to hold a full size paper bag, and full size paper bags with handles.



LEFT & BELOW LEFT: Volunteers unload food and toys at the Shepherd's Food Pantry after being collected during the annual motorcycle run and toy drive hosted by the Rivers End Cafe on 11/27/22. BELOW RIGHT: Food that was collected is stacked up at the pantry. BOTTOM: Volunteers, including the Acushnet Lions, pose for the local free sheet after unloading toys and food. Photos by Beth David.



FHS turf field dedicated to Dr. Baldwin

By Beth David
Editor

During half time of the Thanksgiving Day Football game, the Fairhaven School Committee dedicated the new turf field to former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert N. Baldwin.

SC chairperson Pamela Kuechler told the crowd that when she first got elected to the SC 15 years ago, she realized the district was moving in a positive direction. She said Dr. Baldwin made it clear the children of the community “deserve the every best.”

The district built two new elementary schools and overhauled the middle school under Dr. Baldwin’s direction.

With every step the children and what they deserve was at the center of what was done. So it was no surprise that, after many years of talking about it, the answer to “what’s next?” was creating a beautiful stadium for all sports to use.

“We could not think of anything

more fitting than to dedicate this turf field,” to Dr. Baldwin, said Ms. Kuechler.

The photo of Dr. Baldwin shows him facing out, with his back to the camera, “always looking forward” said Ms., Kuechler. “He gave the very vest to our town’s greatest asset, our children.”

“Overwhelmed is an understatement,” said Dr. Baldwin.

He thanked Dartmouth for hiring him, noting he was on the Dartmouth sideline when he started his career.

“I love this tradition,” he said of Fairhaven playing Dartmouth on Thanksgiving Day. “You are a class act.”

He thanked everyone who gave him a chance, people in town who pushed the school department to be better and to be accountable.

He also pointed out his mother, calling her the “strongest, kindest person ever put on this earth.”

“And for the people who are cynical and critical in the world,

spend a half an hour with my mom and it will turn your whole world around,” said Dr. Baldwin, also not forgetting his wife and children, saying they were “blessed.”

“Just keep being good people because it works,” said Dr. Baldwin, surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

“What the heck is a class of 1980 graduate doing out here today? I don’t know,” said Dr. Baldwin. “All I can say is ‘thank you’ to this community that I love so much. And I hope our kids for years on enjoy this beautiful facility.”

The sign has a photo of Dr. Baldwin on the field and reads: “A 1980 graduate of Fairhaven High School and Superintendent of Schools from 2005–2021, Dr. Baldwin had the vision and determination to turn the Fairhaven High School Alumni Stadium into a reality.”

The sign is on the northern corner of the field.



LEFT: School Committee chairperson Pam Kuechler (LEFT) speaks about dedicating the Fairhaven High School turf field to former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Baldwin, who is surrounded by his family during halftime of the Thanksgiving Day football game on 11/24/22. RIGHT: Dr. Robert Baldwin poses with School Committee members L-R: Select Board chairperson and former School Committee member Stasia Powers, SC member Erik Anderson, SC chairperson Pam Kuechler, Dr. Baldwin, SC members Colin Veitch, Kyle Bueno, and Donna McKenna. Photo by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Science Cafe

Tues., 12/6, 6–8 p.m., Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., NB. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer.

Our guest, Robert Daylor, will address “Climate Change Risks and Options for the South Coast.”

Robert is a civil engineer & senior consultant at Tetra Tech, which specializes in master planning and permitting projects at the water’s edge.

Free parking behind the building.

Women on the Water

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Cetner, 38 Bethel St., NB, will host panel on Fri., 12/2, at 7:00 PM. Women from Long Island and New Bedford who are involved in fishing will give a panel talk about their experiences. Panelists include bayman Flo Sharkey (Patchogue, NY) and Shinnecock tradition bearers Josephine Smith and Shavonne Smith (Shinnecock Nation, Southampton, NY), in addition to other women from New Bedford who are also involved in the fishing industry. Free tickets available through Eventbrite, <https://tinyurl.com/32zdb7et>

For more information, visit fishingheritagecenter.org or email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

Yard Waste

City of New Bedford Yard Waste Pick-Up: Fri., 12/16, is the last collection day for yard waste.

If your trash day is Friday the 16th your last pick-up will be Monday the 12th.

Yard waste, brush & branches can also be brought to the Recycling Center at 1103 Shawmut Ave anytime during normal business hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., noon–5; Sat., 7:30–3.

Single Use Plastics

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast will present a program on the environmental impacts of single use plastic on Wed., 12/7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, 114 Front Street, New Bedford.

Guest speaker, Mary Lou Nicholson, a climate leader with The Climate Reality Project, will discuss the effects of single-use plastic on the environment and how plastic is not

only unsightly but every year, countless animals are killed by plastic straws, bags, coffee stirrers, food packaging, and soda and water bottles.

Come listen to Ms. Nicholson describe how we can lower our carbon footprint, and stop the harm from single use plastic..

Christmas on County

Thurs., 12/8, from 4–6 p.m., Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, 396 County Street, New Bedford. Visit <https://rjdmuseum.org>

Drop in to see the decked halls of the mansion and a large-scale nativity. Hear from docents about some of the holiday customs held by residents of the house. This event is part of AHA night. Donations are accepted in lieu of a fee.

AHA! Night

Thurs., 12/8, starting at 3 p.m. in a variety of venues in Downtown New Bedford. All venues are FREE admission. Start Your AHA! Adventure At The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center

The AHA! website will be available for you to look at along with Park staff and volunteers ready to answer any questions you may have. The Visitor Center (33 William St) is open 10am–8pm on AHA!

Events include lights, music and shopping at the NB Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, including the Sippican School Band from 5–5:45 p.m., ends 7 p.m.; Selfies with Santa, DeMello International Center, 128 Union St., 4–6 p.m.; Kids Crafts, and Starry Nights, NB Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., create your own tissue paper mosaic star, ends at 6:30 p.m.;

And much more. Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

100 Years At the Z

We’re celebrating The Z’s 100th birthday and long history as a movie house with films throughout the century and matching “vintage” ticket prices!

1940s

Miracle on 34th Street, Sat., 12/17, at 2 p.m. 40¢ General Admission Run time: 1 hour and 36 minutes Tickets:

<https://www.zeiterion.org/events/miracle-on-34th-street>

1950s

In Cooperation with the New Bedford Whaling Museum’s Moby Dick Marathon! *Moby Dick*, Sun., 1/8, at 3 p.m. 50¢ General Admission. Tickets: <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/moby-dick>

1950s

North by Northwest, Sat., 1/21, at 2 p.m. 50¢ General Admission. Tickets: <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/north-by-northwest>

1960s

Breakfast at Tiffany’s, Sun., 2/26, at 2 p.m. 60¢ General Admission. Tickets: <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/breakfast-at-tiffanys>

1970s

Enter the Dragon, Sun., 4/19, at 2 p.m. 70¢ General Admission. Tickets: <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/enter-the-dragon>

1980s

Community Choice, Sun., 4/16, at 2 p.m., 80¢ General Admission. Cast your vote at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJYGVP>

Holiday Greens

The Garden Club of Buzzards Bay will hold a holiday greens market on Saturday, 12/3, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, 396 County Street, New Bedford. Wreaths, holiday decorations, and cuttings will be available for sale. The event is free and open to the public.

Creche Festival

The Ladies’ Guild of the Whaling City Catholic Collaborative, in New Bedford has announced their first Annual Crèche Festival to take place on December 3rd and 4th.

Parishioners of the collaborative, made up of St. Lawrence, Martyr, St. Francis of Assisi and Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus churches, have been invited to set up their family Crèche or Nativity scenes for viewing. The festival will be open to the public on Saturday, December 3rd from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm in the Holy Name Parish Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Greens 'N More

The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library are presenting a Greens (and More!) Sale on Saturday, 12/3 from 10am - 12pm on the library's deck.

Wreaths and greens will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Cash only please. Prices are as follows: green bundles, \$10; 12-inch wreath with a simple bow, \$20; 12-inch decorated wreath, \$30.

A like-new puzzle sale and small book sale will be held in the Community Room, as well. Large print titles and children's picture books will be available. Prices are as follows: puzzles, \$2; books, 10/\$1. All proceeds benefit upcoming programs and services at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road www.acupl.org 508-998-0270

Santa Paws

Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast announces Santa Paws Photo Shoot. Join us Sat., 12/3, 11 am–2 pm at the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth. Pets and family members are invited to have a photo taken with "Santa Paws" We ask that you keep your pets safe. Please be sure all animals are on leash or in carriers!

Donations gratefully accepted! All proceeds benefit the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast. For more information please call HSSSC at 508.995.6661.

NE Nutcracker

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of *A New England Nutcracker* December 3 through 11 at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase St., New Bedford. Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is re-imagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season.

Set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score, the performance follows young Mary through a night of adventure. You'll begin at the lavish home of Captain Ephraim Williams where many guests, including Herman Melville, arrive at a holiday party, and the family celebrates the homecoming of the Captain after years at sea. He shares tales of his travels and

comes bearing gifts, including exotic, dancing animals, and of course, a beautiful nutcracker for young Mary.

After Mary drifts to sleep, the real adventures begin as the audience watches battling mice and soldiers, ending with the triumphant defeat of the Mouse Queen. The magical journey continues as Mary sails through dancing snowflakes to the Land of Sweets.

The performance is filled with colorful and playful characters from around the globe, including those unique to the New England region. The audience is entertained by Asian Embresses, Spanish Flamenco Dancers, French Flute Dancers, and Russian Folk Dancers as well as New Bedford Whaling Sailors and a Wampanoag Nation Dancer. The performance brings a much-loved international holiday tale into our hometown.

This original adaptation of the traditional Nutcracker ballet, created by Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, Artistic director of the New Bedford Ballet, features choreography by Ms. Waskiel-Marchesseault, Erin Allen, and Eugenia Zinovieva. The performance takes place in New Bedford Ballet's studio, offering an intimate environment charged with the dancers' energy. This simple version with narration is engaging for children, and the hour-long performance is perfect for anyone juggling the many events that fill the holiday season.

A New England Nutcracker is sponsored by the law firm of Lang, Xifaras, & Bullard, Riccardi's Italian Restaurants & Buffet Catering, Inner Bay Restaurant and Colonial Shutterworks.

Ten performances will take place over two weekends: Sat., 12/3 & Sun., 12/4 at 1:30 and 3 p.m.; Fri., 12/9, at 6:30 and 8 p.m.; Sat., 12/10 & Sun., 12/11, at 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors, students, and children. All proceeds from the ballet support the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. For over twenty years, the Foundation has granted scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. As a result of private and corporate contributions to the

Foundation, the Youth Ballet will also be performing *A New England Nutcracker* for students from PACE Head Start and Early Learning Center.

Tickets are limited and sell quickly; reserve yours soon by contacting the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387. "Cookies with the Cast", where audience members can enjoy a snack and meet the dancers, will happen at every Saturday and Sunday performance at 3 p.m. Visit our website, www.newbedfordballet.org.

A Christmas Carol

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, announces its upcoming production of the holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*, adapted for radio from Charles Dickens' novella by Anthony Palermo, directed by Rick Sherburne. Audience members will enjoy the storytelling nature of this production through performance of the voice featuring all the familiar characters: Scrooge, the Cratchits, Jacob Marley, the spirits of Christmas, and more.

Performances in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater are scheduled December 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10, with Friday and Saturday shows scheduled at 7:30pm and the Sunday matinee scheduled at 2:00pm. Tickets at marionartcenter.org/events.

Concert

Concerts at the Point is pleased to announce the second concert in its 26th annual concert series at the Westport Point United Methodist Church, 1912 Main Road, Westport Point, MA. The building is accessible, with room for social distancing. Street parking is abundant.

Ticket prices are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students. For tickets, please visit concertsatthepoint.org. Featuring Claremont Trio, Sun., 12/4, at 3 p.m.

Lauded as "one of America's finest young chamber groups" (*Strad Magazine*), the Claremont Trio is sought after for its thrillingly virtuosic and richly communicative performances.

Concerts at the Point is a non-profit corporation, run by volunteers and supported by generous contributions from foundations, businesses, and individual donors.

Contact: pointconcerts@gmail.com, 617-512-5549

Recipe of the Week

Holiday Magic Bars

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate-covered candies
- 1/4 cup holiday sprinkles

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray. Line pan with parchment paper, letting the parchment hang slightly over the edges for easier removal of the bars later on.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar, white sugar, eggs, and vanilla on medium speed until creamy and light in color, about 3-5 minutes.

Add the flour mixture to the stand mixer and beat until all the ingredients come together, about 1 minute, making sure to scrape down the sides of the bowl.

Fold in the chocolate candies and holiday sprinkles.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake until the top just starts to turn golden, for about 30 minutes.

Let the dessert cool in the pan for 15 minutes.

Remove the dessert by pulling on the parchment paper.

Then cut it into bars and serve!



Golden Retriever Puppies.

My heart melts whenever I see them snuggling and playing until they drop.

They started me thinking about what life would have been like if I had grown up with a sibling. I imagined my sib and I sharing a seat on the bus to doggie daycare, celebrating the holidays and birthdays, discussing our innermost thoughts, and having a few laughs about living with humans.

Don't get me wrong, I know I'm lucky to be an only dog and to have a warm and caring family. But no matter how well-intentioned my parents are, they are not dogs. There are some canine issues only another dog can understand.

Is it me, or do other dogs wish they had a canine sibling?

Faith

Dear Faith,

I am sure that many dogs have

Dear Frankie

Sibling Angst

Dear Frankie, I never thought about having a sister or a brother, that is, until Tina, our next-door neighbor, brought home Chance and Lance, two drop-dead adorable

thoughts about a life in which they were a canine movie star, a service dog to a blind or disabled person, a blue-ribbon show dog, etc.

For some, it's a mental exercise — a passing thought. For others, it's a reason to lament that these lives weren't theirs.

Regarding your wish for a sibling, you should be aware not all are created equal. Some siblings enrich one another's life, and others make life a living hell.

I suggest you seek out friends who would enjoy the activities and times you imagine you would have had with your imaginary sibling, then plan to do them.

Remember, when you fantasize about having a sibling, you don't get to choose your family; but you do get to choose your friends.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven beats Dartmouth in solid win on Thanksgiving



The Fairhaven High School Blue Devils beat the Dartmouth Indians in the 97th annual Thanksgiving Day football matchup under clear blue skies and temperatures in the 40s. Playing at home this year, the Blue Devils started the scoring in the second quarter, but then saw the game tied at 7-7 until the Blue Devils scored again in the third quarter. That 14-7 score held until the end of the game, but not without a lot of twists and turns, interceptions, and all-around fun-to-watch football. Traditional wisdom usually has it that Fairhaven is outmatched by the larger school to our west, however, this is the second year in a row that FHS has prevailed against the Indians. ABOVE FOUR PHOTOS: Fairhaven's Colby Correia #5 takes it in for 6 despite a great effort by Dartmouth's Graham White in this series of pictures for Fairhaven's first touchdown of the game in the second quarter against the Dartmouth Indians in the traditional Thanksgiving Day matchup, 11/24/22. BELOW LEFT: The extra point is good for the Fairhaven Blue Devils as the ball heads toward the uprights making the score 14-7. BELOW RIGHT: Fairhaven's Justin Marques #25 gets a little help from teammate Zach Moura late in the 4th quarter. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



More Football pics



The Fairhaven High School Blue Devils beat the Dartmouth Indians in the 97th annual Thanksgiving Day football matchup under clear blue skies and temperatures in the 40s. ABOVE LEFT: Aaron Lague #20 attempts to break a tackle midfield during the 4th quarter. ABOVE RIGHT: The Fairhaven Blue Devils snap the ball in Victory Formation on the final play of the game. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*

Pep rally gets Blue Devils fired up for the big game



ABOVE: Fairhaven High School Blue Devils are pumped up as they arrive on a flatbed trailer to the pep rally and bonfire after a parade down Green Street on 11/23/22, the evening of the traditional Thanksgiving Day matchup against Dartmouth, that the Blue Devils won, 14-7. LEFT: Fairhaven Blue Devils and the community gather round the bonfire on 11/23/22.

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The Fairhaven Senior Center Holiday Party on Fri., 12/16, from 1-3 p.m. Surprise tuest with entertainment and refreshments. (There will be no bingo.)

Call to reserve your seat by Dec. 12, 508-979-4029

Memory Cafe

Dec. 22, Noon to 2 p.m., at the Fairhaven Senior Center. A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend in a safe, supportive and engaging environment. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarassed or misunderstood.

The Cafe provides a relaxed atmosphere that focuses on strengths and meeting new people.

Please call to reserve a spot by Dec. 16. Lunch will be American Chop Suey, and singing by Lisa Soares.

If you are interested in sponsoring a memory cafe, call Martha Reed,

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.: 12/7, Tiverton Casino; 12/14, Hyannis Mall, Christmas Tree Shop, Trader Joe's; 12/21, Warwick Mall; 12/28, Prov. Place Mall, Whole Foods.

SRTA Transportaion Options

Do you need transportation to the doctor's, work, grocery store, a friend's house? SRTA is providing a presentation on Mon., 12/5, at 11 a.m. at the Fairhaven Sr. Ctr. Learn how to qualify for: Demand Response, Access Pass, Boston Hospital Shuttle, Wareham-New Bedford connection.

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Acushnet pins new fire chief, hires police officers

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet's new fire chief got sworn in and three new police officers were hired at the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 11/22/22.

Town Clerk Pamela Labonte swore in Fire Chief Thomas Farland, and Chief Farland's mother Patricia pinned his badge on him.

The Oath of Office binds him to upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States, and laws and regulations of the town and the department, and that he will "always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions."

Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar said it was "well deserved," and he looked forward to watching him grow in the position.

Chief Richmond kept his remarks short, thanking the board for the opportunity.

The board also appointed Chief Farland as the Director of the Emergency Management Agency, which was previously a separate position filled by Jerry Bergeron who retired.

In another matter, the board hired three police officers and an alternate to fill vacancies.

Police Chief Christopher Richmond told the board he had three full time positions to fill. He explained the Civil Service procedure. They received nine applications from Civil Service; seven were given "lengthy applications," he said.

The department conducted background checks and interviews.

Chief Richmond said the town is fortunate that one of the applicants has already graduated from a full time police academy and was working as a full time police officer at a university.

The remaining two will have to go to a certified police academy, hopefully in February.

"We're up against the gun for the February one," he said. "We're really held captive by the scheduling."

He said it would be wise to have an alternate so they will be ahead when they call for the list again.

Courtney Soares said that since middle school she has wanted to be a police officer. There's something great, she said, about leaving people

in a better position than you found them.

Ms. Soares, who is originally from the area, has a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Fitchburg State University and is currently an officer there. She told the board she also has sexual assault training, self defense for women, and other training.

"I look forward to continuing my training and my career with the Acushnet police department," she said.

Ms. Wojnar said she had a great background and would be a great asset to the town.

Joshua Freitas is a long time Acushnet resident and is in the National Guard as a Military Police officer. He is pursuing a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice at Bridgewater State University.

Mr. Freitas told the board that he was born and raised in Acushnet and went to Old Colony, where he chose automotive. He said he knew he wanted to be a police officer, but they did not have a criminal justice program.

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Holiday Stroll! Events are scheduled from 12pm-5pm on Saturday, December 3rd with a rain date of Saturday, December 10th.

Strollers will be met with the sounds of the Seaglass Theater Company Carolers and the Southcoast Brass Band while walking the historic cobblestone streets of downtown New Bedford. Be sure to keep an eye out for the Winter Fairy — and of course, Santa Claus!

Take in the sights of downtown with antique fire truck rides provided by the New Bedford Fire Museum and be sure to support local at the numerous shops, restaurants and galleries.

This year, the Buy Black NB Holiday Market will be located at The New Bedford Whaling Museum.

This year's event has an extensive list of programming. Play Arcade is hosting celebrity puppeteer and muppet designer, Bill Diamond; Festival Theatre will perform a

preview of their holiday musical, White Christmas, at the Zeiterion; and a variety of kids' arts & crafts are happening at the New Bedford Art Museum, Bristol CC, and the New



Bedford Public Library to name a few! Strollers will also find sales, pop-up shops, and food and drink offered at businesses throughout dNB.

For full list of events, visit <https://downtownnb.org/downtown-new-bedford-holiday-stroll-2022/>

Clasky Common Lighting Sun., 12/4, 5 pm, Clasky Common park, County Street and Pope Street

Enjoy famously spectacular holiday lights, with Santas from around the world, Santa's workshop, Santa's sleigh, reindeer, and much, much more, spread throughout half the park on the County Street end.

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Padanaram Stroll

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So he joined the National Guard after high school and chose military police.

"So I got some background in criminal justice," he said, figuring it would be a good step to learn.

"I'm just thankful for the opportunity, and can't wait to see where this brings me," said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Wojnar said his background was incredible, adding, "Thank you for sticking with Acushnet."

Leah Rego is also a long time Acushnet resident who has been a full time 911 dispatcher for the department for more than two years. She put herself through the part time police academy during COVID, with no guarantee of a job.

"I would like to continue my career and go to the officer side," she said.

Mr. Wojnar said she was "pretty amazing," betting on herself and making it happen.

Ryan Rego, who is the alternate in the event that one of the others does not fulfill entry requirements, is also a long time Acushnet resident. He is enrolled at UMassD pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

He is also a member of the UMassD football team.

Mr. Rego also went to Old Colony and chose carpentry, but he always had a "passion for law enforcement," he said.

SB member Robert Hinckley said it seemed that everyone was "really excited about protecting our town."

He told them Chief Richmond was

a smart man and they just "just pay attention to everything he does."

SB member Kevin Gaspar said he was proud to see Old Colony students and products of Acushnet school system "step up to the plate."

"I think you'll enjoy working in the town of Acushnet," said Mr. Gaspar, adding it is a "nice, little community" and a "great town."

"I'm very proud of the town I reside in," said Mr. Gaspar.

In another matter, the board hired Andrew Bobola as building commissioner. He has a lot of experience and is the "perfect mentor," said Town Administrator James Kelley.

He said Acushnet is growing, and Mr. Bobola will be training people to take over. Mr. Bobola is retired from his Building Commissioner job, but he is able to work full time because pension rules changed due to the pandemic.

The board also discussed improvements to the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Kelley said the public works department moved the pole and tried to move the sign, but it was in poor shape. He said the veterans organiza-



he couldn't believe the high prices quoted, saying they are "beyond me."

"I'm shocked that that short stretch of road is four to five million," he said.

"Talk about sticker shock," said Mr. Wojnar when they got to the Hamlin Street project, which will cost \$4-5 million, and will take three years to construct, for a few hundred feet of road.

Mr. Kelley said it was a MassDOT project and part of the problem is that it requires "great deal of mitigation" because it is a water body.

"Most bridges are," said Mr. Gaspar, adding that he agreed with Mr. Wojnar that three years is a long time, but he added that the project is long overdue.

"I can't even fathom shutting down that road for three years," said Mr. Gaspar.

The project should start this week, with signs going up on 12/1. Hamlin Street will be closed to through traffic beginning 12/19 until the end of the project in December, 2025.

The board also updated the public on the snow plow situation. Mr. Gaspar said the town potentially has more than 20 snow plow drivers for the winter. He said 15 are under contract, and six more are expected to sign on. The town increased the rate this year to attract more drivers.

Mr. Wojnar said the board took "decisive action" to increase the rates.

"It's a critical thing we've got to do," said Mr. Wojnar.

Mr. Gaspar said the town usually has 30 drivers, so if anyone is interested, contact the DPW office.



TOP: Patricia Farland pins the badge on her son, Acushnet Fire Chief Thomas Farland, after he is sworn in during the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 11/22/22, as his father Albert Farland watches. ABOVE: Chief Farland poses with the Selectboard after being sworn in, L-R: SB member Kevin Gaspar, Chief Farland, SB Chairperson David Wojnar, SB member Robert Hinckley. Photos by Beth David.

tions will be replacing the signs.

The board also discussed the Slocum Street/Nye Avenue project and the Hamlin Street project.

Mr. Kelley said he is getting bids on the Slocum/Nye project so they will be on track to use ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan Act) for the multi-million dollar project.

Mr. Gaspar said

Turkey Trot draws 750 on Thanksgiving Day



More than 750 runners ran the 13th Fairhaven Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, 11/24/22. With mild temperatures in the 40s and very little wind, the numbers came back to pre-pandemic participation. The annual event raises money and food donations for local food pantries. ABOVE LEFT: Jason Turse from Virginia, and niece Victoria Turse from NY cross the finish line hand and hand in the Fairhaven Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, 11/24/22. ABOVE RIGHT: A runner hams it up for the camera. BELOW LEFT: Friends and family, including a few turkey-heads, are all smiles as they pose for the local free sheet. BELOW RIGHT: Fairhaven's Will Benoit finishes first overall with a time of 15:15. BOTTOM LEFT: This group came from far and wide, including Boston, Mass., and Connecticut to work up an appetite. BOTTOM RIGHT: A four legged runner joins in on the fun. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



Obituary: Gary Goulet



Gary Goulet
Gary J. Goulet, age 79, of Fairhaven, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at Kimwell Nursing and Rehabilitation in Fall River. He

was the beloved husband of Patricia (Pifko) Goulet with whom he shared 58 years of marriage.

Born in Acushnet, he was the son of the late Alfred J. and Alice (Ruszell) Goulet.

Gary was a graduate of Fairhaven High School and worked at Duro Finishing in Fall River for many years. He enjoyed watching the Patriots games, fishing, and spending time at the beach. When he wasn't busy with sports, he loved to cook. Family was very important and he will be deeply missed.

In addition to his loving wife, Patricia, he is survived by his children, Douglas Goulet of Fairhaven and Suzanne Goulet of Fairhaven; a sister-in-law, Beverly Goulet of Fairhaven, and two nephews. He was the brother of the late Richard Goulet and uncle of the late Shawn Goulet.

Private arrangements are in the care of Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn Mortuary, 180 Washington St. Fairhaven, MA 02719. For on-line tributes, please visit our website at www.waring-sullivan.com

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, these public hearings will be conducted via remote means.

Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so in the following manner:

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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076
Passcode: 633695

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 18 or on FairhavenTV.com.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. CON 023-327: **90 Raymond Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Michael Powis to remove an existing 11'x30' deteriorating asphalt driveway and replace with an 11'x30' concrete driveway, located within the footprint of the present driveway, at the property located at 90 Raymond Street, Assessor's Map 29D, Lot 083. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Zone VE-17.
2. CON 023-331: **342 New Boston Road** Request for

Determination of Applicability filed by Gary Fisher to erect a wire fence within the 0-25-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, located at 342 New Boston Road, Assessor's Map 40, Lot 023.

3. CON 023-328: **58 Fort Street** Notice of Intent filed by Sherry Lopes and Donald Wilson to construct a Redi-Rock precast, concrete, block (retaining) seawall, at the property located at 58 Fort Street, Assessor's Map 5, Lot 15. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Zone AE-6, with adjacent Coastal Bank.
4. CON 023-329: **8 Morey Lane** Notice of Intent filed by Madeira Construction to construct a single-family dwelling with gravel driveway, and shed in addition to the installation of a propane tank and underground utilities and associated placement of fill, including the alteration and replication of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW), at the property located at 8 Morey Lane, Assessor's Map 4, Lot 81.
5. CON 023-330: **Rear Arsene Street** Notice of Intent filed by Vincent Furtado (Board of Public Works) for various improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility to replace aging infrastructure and install additional treatment to comply with regulatory nitrogen limits, issued by the EPA and the current NPDES permit requirements, located at Rear Arsene Street, Assessor's Map 28, Lot 008. The proposed activities are subject to the Town of Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw, work to impact Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), 0-25 Foot Buffer Zone, 25-50-foot Buffer Zone, and the 50-100 Foot Buffer Zone Resource Area.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing

notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven
Conservation Commission
FNN: 12/1/22

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, December 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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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-022-031: 85 Howland Road, Map 23, Lot 035. Applicant and owner: George Hills. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B. (4) Building trades.
2. REF#: ZBA-022-032: 7 Saint Mary Street, Map 20, Lot 217, 221, & 222. Applicant and owner: Steven Pinhancos. Applicant seeks (1) a use Variance to convert a two-family dwelling into a three-family dwelling in a RA district, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-15 and (2) applicant seeks a finding from the Board under M.G.L. 40A, § 6 to alter a pre-existing nonconforming structure, thereby increasing the nonconformity.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 11/24/22, 12/2/22

Fairhaven nomination papers available

Nomination papers for elected office in Fairhaven are available as of 12/1. Candidates seeking to be elected to office need to take out papers from the town clerk's office and return them with the required number of signatures from registered voters.

Town-wide offices require 50 signatures; town meeting requires 10 signatures from the precinct in which you are running.

Call the town clerk's office, 508-979-4023, ext. 3, for more information on how to run for office in Fairhaven.

Select Board has two seats up for election, held by Keith Silvia and Charles Murphy; School Committee has two seats up, held by Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe; Board of Health has one seat held by Michael Ristuccia; Commissioner of Trust Funds has one, held by Louise Ponte;

Board of Public Works has two seats, held by Brian Wotton and Travis Rapoza; Planning Board has two seats up, held by Rene Fleurent and Wayne Hayward; Housing Authority has one seat on the ballot, held by Carol Alfonso.

Precincts will also choose their Town Meeting representatives. All six precincts have 23-25 seats up for re-election and several other vacant seats.

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The Town of Fairhaven seeks a full time Conservation Agent to perform wetland resource area permitting reviews, site inspections, and to administer the Wetlands Protection Act as well as local bylaws. Evening meetings are required. Submit resumes to hr@fairhaven-ma.gov. Preference given to applications received by 12/9/22. Please visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities> for more information.

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Fairhaven

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Board of Public Works

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

Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 12/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Comm. Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/12, Remote, 6 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/14, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 12/6, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 12/7, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Council on Aging

Wed., 12/14, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 12/6, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Dec 2022	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0154	1416	0841	2057
Friday	2	0253	1518	1011	2213
Saturday	3	0355	1622	1112	2307
Sunday	4	0452	1716	----	1202*
		----	----	----	2346
Monday	5	0539	1800	----	1250*
Tuesday	6	0619	1840	0010	1339
Wednesday	7	0658	1920	0020	1422
Thursday	8	0737	2002	0041	1448
Friday	9	0818	2045	0113	1429
Saturday	10	0900	2127	0152	1447
Sunday	11	0942	2211	0233	1516
Monday	12	1025	2257	0312	1549
Tuesday	13	1113	2349	0351	1625
Wednesday	14	----	1206	0434	1709
Thursday	15	0042	1258	0528	1804

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

Turkey Trot Benefits Shepherd's Food Pantry

This letter of thanks goes out to all who participated in the yearly Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trot. Over 750 registered for this yearly race and over 500 actually ran it that morning.

The conditions were very favorable for the runners and for the volunteers who helped along the route. Most all of the proceeds from this race went to the Shepherd's Pantry, located at 1215 Main Street. We haven't got a monetary total so far because we're still waiting to pay the Fairhaven Police Detail for that morning and also for the race shirts that were purchased for the participants.

A giant amount of gratitude goes out to The Greater New Bedford Track Club, who once again made it their mission to organize, coordinate and manage all of the details pertaining to this yearly venture. And under the leadership of its President, Eric Tavares, everything went smoothly.

After the race was over, they delivered much needed non-perishable food to our pantry that weighed a little over 2,000 lbs. All of

the money and food that we received to help out the area's needy came in just in time. Because the week before we were inundated with a record amount of clients who came looking for help. We ended up handing out 8,760 lbs. of food to help out a total of 704 people served. Also, we gave out countless gift cards to local grocery stores in the area.

If you'd like to help the pantry with its mission, please send your tax-deductible contribution to the Shepherd's Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. You can also help out by dropping off non-perishable food at the Millicent Library and Stop & Shop Supermarket both located in Fairhaven and the Acushnet Library year round.

*Gerry Payette, Director/
Shepherd's Pantry*

Trump Addicted to Adulation

Shakespeare could not have invented a more narcissistic character than Donald Trump

Having alienated a large segment of the New York City in-crowd, losing high ratings for his t.v. show and having exhausted the antics to keep him in the news, Donald Trump announced his intention to run for

President. Now he would have a world wide audience to perform for. And that he did, and continues to do until today.

Intoxicated and addicted to adulation from his supporters who he constantly whips up into anger and fawning adoration, there is no scandal or illegal action that he doesn't utilize to empty their pockets and show up at his circus rallies.

Always the victim never owing anyone an apology. Consistent in his betrayal and exploitation of his wives, friends, employees and anyone who misguidingly believed he would reward their loyalty.

The stage is littered with the betrayed, imprisoned or impoverished who rode the Trump gravy train hoping to enhance their own standing or financial position.

And will this play be a comedy or a tragedy? Will King Trump be led off to a prison cell or will there be a sequel that will open with Trump waving, thumbs up and thanking his MAGA supporters for bestowing the presidency upon him for the third time, his legislative allies having abrogated the term limit for a president?

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth

OLD-TIME: cont'd from page 4

Dorothy Cox's Chocolate to bring the building alive with holiday cheer. They will have festive music played by a guest pianist, a hot cocoa bar and chocolates with Dorothy Cox and family, fun crafts, and most importantly. . . Santa! Stroll on over, sip some hot cocoa, take a picture with Santa, grab some delicious Dorothy Cox's chocolates and be merry! Santa will be there from 11:00 a. m. to 2:00 p.m. for pictures. There will also be a Toy Drive, collecting new toys, for Better Community Living.

As lunch time rolls around, food will be available at three locations. A lobster roll luncheon will be held at the First Congregational Church. The Cove Surf and Turf restaurant will be catering the luncheon, and all proceeds will be going to the church. Along with the 1/4 lb. lobster roll at \$16.00, there will be chowder, stuffed quahogs, and hot dogs.

Across the street at the Town Hall,



Boy Scout Troop 52 will be set up on the front steps selling hotdogs, and in the Town Hall Banquet Room the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will serve hot soups, meat pies, spinach pies, soda and water. There will also be popcorn available from the Fairhaven Village Militia.

And at the Harrop Center of the Unitarian Memorial Church, there will be a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, the day will wrap up when the Fairhaven Improvement Association hosts its annual Sing-Along on the steps of Town Hall. There will be caroling and the arrival of Santa on a fire engine. Then hot chocolate and snacks will be available inside in the auditorium.

During Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday, people of all ages from throughout the Southcoast area can find something to put them into the holiday spirit.

NOTE: The Unitarian Church will require that masks be worn in all its buildings except for the luncheon area in the Harrop Center.

You can find more information about the weekend by visiting <https://fairhaventours.com/old-time-holiday/>.

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