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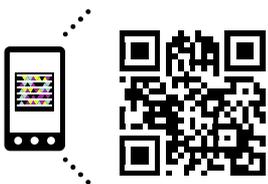
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Old Time Holiday fills the center with cheer



The Fairhaven town hall auditorium is filled with vendors, while Fairhaven Cable TV is ready to take holiday photos of anyone who wants to (on stage) at the Old Time Holiday Town Hall Shops on 12/10/22. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, it's the last issue of the year, and just a couple of weeks away from Christmas.

The Christmas Spirit abounds in these parts, although there are some "bah humbugs" floating around.

But I won't let them dampen my Christmas Spirit.

Now, all we need is a little bit of snow (just a little).

We have a delightful new addition to our Christmas lights this year (see page 19). It's in Acushnet, right on Main Street, so just keep driving after you visit Milestone Farm and you'll see lots of other great houses that are decorated. Gellette Road is at it again, and Santa will be there a couple of days.

The Old Time Holiday event was this past weekend (see page 12). That was lots of fun, a great way to get into the spirit of the season. Lots of people were walking around the center, all in a good mood and spreading cheer on a crisp winter day. If you missed it, check out the happenings pages for a couple of events that might get you in the spirit.

Then, onto the new year.

First Night celebration in Boston is a go. Honestly, I'm not sure about New Bedford. By the time I remembered to ask, they were not getting back to me by press time. So, I added it to the list (see page 3), and I'm sure downtown will be hopping, but...not sure about those fireworks.

And, also before we return on 1/6, is the annual Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix on New Year's Day (see page 3).

BRRRR....I do NOT do that. I take pictures of other people doing that.

So, here's to next year. May it be healthy and prosperous for you and yours.

Until next year then...

see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David with
the Big Guy

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Save the dates

By Beth David

Editor

The Neighb News is taking a couple of weeks off for the holidays, so we're filling up this issue with as many events as we can. Some details may be scant on some (read: New Bedford First Night...where is your info?), because the info just isn't available yet, but we've done our best to give you a heads-up.

Polar Plunge/Fairhaven

Sun., 1/1/23

TAKE THE PLUNGE!

THE PLUNGE IS ON! Sunday, January 1, 2023 10 a.m. Ft Phoenix

The annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge is right around the corner! What a great way to start off the New Year!

Come on down and take the plunge on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. sharp. It looks like it is going to be perfect plunging weather! Remember the plunge is free. We sell long-sleeve t-shirts to raise funds for Fairhaven Dollars For Scholars to provide scholarships to area high school students. T-shirts are \$25. You don't have to plunge to purchase a

shirt and support our cause.

Hope to see you there!

This year's theme: Under the Sea

Be creative and wear your best sea creature costume!

First Night New Bedford

Sat., 12/31

Family friendly activities throughout downtown kicking off at 4 p.m. In the past there have been fire eaters and ice sculptors, street performances, all free. This year, we were not able to scare up any details by press time, so we're just giving you a heads-up that downtown New Bedford will most likely be a hopping place on New Year's Eve.

Look for fireworks at either 8:30 or 9 p.m.

First Night Boston

Sat. 12/31

Thanks to our amazing supporters, all First Night activities are free! No buttons are required to attend First Night's programming.

For details and updates, visit <https://www.firstnightboston.org>

Since 1976, Boston's First Night has been a New Year's Eve celebration of

artistic performances, the wonders of the season, and the beginning of a new year. In keeping with this fantastic Boston tradition, the First Night celebration will open 2023 with an array of performances.

First Night Boston begins in Copley Square at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 31, 2022, and continues with programming throughout the day and night. The last musical performance in Copley Square ends at 12:30 a.m. on January 1, 2023.

First Night Boston is centrally located in Boston's Copley Square, with additional programming happening at Boston Common, Boston Public Library, Copley Place Mall, Long Wharf, and several churches and hotels in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood.

Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 12/31, music, dance, puppets, and more will be performed throughout the city. Enjoy figure skating, a puppet show, drumming, clowns, dancing.

Ice sculptures make their dazzling return to First Night Boston! This

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Sunday, 12/18/2022

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, 12/24/2022 Service for Families with Young Children– 4:00 PM

A shorter, 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, 12/24/2022:

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 services.

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.

Fairhaven receives \$1 million for Union Wharf

Press Release

On 12/13/22, Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett) announced that the towns of Marion and Fairhaven have been awarded funding by the Seaport Economic Council to assist with waterfront improvement projects. Notice of the grants was delivered to Rep. Straus by the Baker administration and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, who chairs the Council and presided over a meeting held earlier in the day for the purpose of approving the awards.

Fairhaven will receive \$1,000,000 to aid in the completion of the latest

round of improvements to Union Wharf, including continuing work on the bulkheads. Fairhaven, along with New Bedford, will also benefit from a \$320,000 grant to update the Port of New Bedford and Fairhaven's Municipal Harbor Plan.

Marion will receive a \$300,000 grant for work associated with the building of a new maritime center and harbor-master facility, which has been a past recipient of funding under the program.

"I have been and will continue to be a supporter of robust state funding for the Seaport program, which recognizes that maintenance of our

coastal infrastructure is of regional and statewide significance," said Rep. Straus. "This is a highly competitive program and Lieutenant Governor Polito and the Council members have done excellent work over the years prioritizing these capital expenditures."

The Seaport Economic Council was established in 2015 and is tasked with distributing funds appropriated by the legislature to support economic development and resiliency to climate change in the commonwealth's 78 coastal communities. The next round of grants is expected to be awarded in August 2023.

Fairhaven Senior Center to offer technology classes

The Fairhaven Senior Center (see page 14) is offering a variety of technology classes starting on January 23. Classes will cover computer skills, how to use your smartphone and popular programs/apps.

All classes will be 90 minutes long, Monday and Wednesday only at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleson Avenue (near Stop & Shop). Each class will be rated as to how much computer skill the participants should have (maximum number of participants 10). All participants must preregister for the classes they want to take by either the phone or at the main desk.

Computer Knowledge levels: 0 Basic/Novice; 1 Intermediate; 2 Advanced Beginner; 3 Advanced; 4 Expert

Monday, January 23 & 25: (prerequisites participants must have a iPhone Smartphone) Level 0-1

Let's learn all about the Apple iPhone Smartphone: Part 1+2): "The

Basics" All About the iPhone Smartphone: The emphasis will be on the Apple iPhone. This is a two-day class specifically on the Apple smartphone. The class will learn about the following: care, charging, connecting to WIFI, the operating software, updating, connecting email services to your phone, control panels, airplane mode, notifications, checking storage, emergency SOS, basic gestures (finger swiping) and security. This is a hands-on class, so all participants must bring their apple smartphone to the class.

Monday, January 30 & Wednesday February 1: Part 1+2: (prerequisites participants must have a iPhone Smartphone) Level 0-1

Smartphone Apps for Seniors: In this workshop the participants will be introduced to Apple iPhone Smartphone apps that senior citizens might like to explore and use. The class will also be shown a variety of mobile apps that can be used on their Apple smartphone, and will learn how to

download, install and how to delete apps. The class will also discover how to critique an app and general navigation of the operating system. This is a hands-on class, so all participants must bring their apple smartphone to the class.

Monday, February 6 & 8: Part 1+2: (prerequisites participants must have an Android Smartphone- LG, Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, Sony or Nokia). Level 0-1

Let's learn all about the Android Smartphone: Part 1+2: "The Basics" All About the Android Smartphone: The emphasis will be on the Android iPhone. This is a two-day class specifically on the Android smartphone. The class will learn about the following: care, charging, connecting to WIFI, the operating software, updating, connecting email services to your phone, control panels, airplane mode, notifications, checking storage, emergency SOS, basic gestures (finger swiping) and

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Polar Plunge

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Christmas Hayride

Join St. Joseph Church for our Annual Christmas Hayride on Sun., 12/18. Gather at 4:30 pm. Departing at 5 p.m. from the church parking lot, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven

Bring your singing voices...

All are welcome!

See Santa

Santa will be at 35 Gелette Road on Sat., 12/17, and Fri., 12/23, from 5–9 p.m. both days. Take pictures with Santa and give him your Christmas list! Polaroid pictures are available. Enjoy complimentary refreshments. Please bring a non-perishable, non-expired food item to be donated to the Solanus Casey food pantry.

Candlelight Service

December 24: Candlelight Service 7:00 pm, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Handicap access from the lot off Center Street.

A traditional Christmas Eve service honoring the spirit of the season. Candles are distributed and carefully lit while the choir leads the hymn, *Silent Night*, at the end of the service. The church lights are dimmed while those who are able lift their candles up high and join the choir. Masks required & available — thank you for helping to keep vulnerable members of our community safe!

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.

Remembrance

Starry Nights, at Community Nurse Home Care, 62 Center St., Fairhaven, Thurs., 12/15, 4–6 p.m. Free. Please join us for a special gathering with hot chocolate, cider, cookies and holiday music performed by Our Sisters' Choir as we light up our

memorial garden in honor of our lost loved ones.

A personalized ornament with your loved one's name will be hung in our Memorial Garden until January 2. Y

Funds raised will go to providing Home Health Care and Hospice Care the way it should be, putting the patient first.

Pickleball Author Book Signing

This Sunday, local author Erin McHugh will visit Southcoast Pickleball in Fairhaven for a book signing of her book *Pickleball is Life*. Erin is an avid pickleball player and her book was recently featured on a CBS special on Pickleball in the United States. She will be available at the new pickleball courts to sign her books.

Join us at Southcoast Pickleball at 4 David Drown Blvd., on Sun., 12/18, from 10 a.m. to noon. Coffee, juice, and muffins will be served. This event is co-sponsored by Southcoast Pickleball and the Fairhaven Pickleball Association.

Call for Photos

The Fairhaven Select Board is calling for photo submissions for the 2022 Annual Town Report. Please send your digital photos to Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov. No more than three submissions per person, please. Deadline is Friday, 1/6, 2023. You can find old annual reports on the town's website, under Select Board: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board/pages/annual-town-reports>

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. 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

Damien Dollars

Damien Dollars 2023 building fundraiser, for St. Joseph Church. A \$150 winner every week, Jan.–April, with larger drawings in June, 2023. Send \$120, or sing up for \$20 monthly payments. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church" and write "Damien's Dollars" in subject line. Mail to 74 Spring St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

For more information, call the church office at 508-994-9714, or email secretary@stjosephparish.com or comcastbiz.net

Children of all ages join the town hall sing along



More than 100 people of all ages joined the Fairhaven Town Hall sing along sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association on Saturday, 12/10/22, capping off the Old Time Holiday events. After singing Christmas carols for a bit, the crowd was treated to a visit by Santa Claus himself. The crowd then moved inside to the town hall auditorium for hot chocolate and sweets. LEFT: Children gather around as Santa Claus hands out treats at the Fairhaven Town Hall sing along on 12/10/22. RIGHT: Children and their adults join in at the Fairhaven Town Hall sing along on 12/10/22. Photos by Margie Green Joseph.

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Jerry Bergeron celebrates retirement from EMA

By Beth David
Editor

Friends, family, officials, and members of the public turned out to wish Acushnet's Gerard "Jerry" Bergeron a happy retirement on at the Acushnet Senior Center on 12/6/22. When he leaves his post at the Emergency Management Agency in January, he will have served 51 years. He has also served in the fire department/EMS, and on the school committee.

State representative Paul Schmid, who represents part of Acushnet along with Bill Straus, presented a citation to Mr. Bergeron from the Mass. House of Representative.

Mr. Schmid said that he is new to Acushnet, but not to public service. He said he has lived in Westport for 60 years.

"And in Westport, when we find a person like Jerry Bergeron, we feel

very thankful," he said.

Selectboard chairperson David Wojnar said he ran against Jerry for School Committee in 1992, and also served with him.

"It is a great honor to be here celebrating Jerry's career," said Mr. Wojnar.

He said Mr. Bergeron took him under his wing back then, gave him advice and gave him incentive.

"But he did it in a way that allowed me to get the best experience on that board," said Mr. Wojnar. "So Jerry, thank you for that. Over the years it's been great working with you and watching you serve the town."

Mr. Schmid read the citation, which reads in part: "The entire membership extends its very best wishes and expresses the hope for future good fortune and continued success in all endeavors."



TOP, L-R: Mass. State Representative Paul Schmid presents a citation from the House of Representatives on 12/6/22 to Jerry Bergeron, who is retiring from the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency on January 4, after 51 years of service. ABOVE: Mr. Bergeron with Select Board members L-R: SB chairperson David Wojnar, SB member Kevin Gaspar, Mr. Bergeron, SB member Bob Hinckley. RIGHT: Mr. Bergeron with EMA member Alice Ribeiro and Mass. State Rep. Paul Schmid. *Photos courtesy of Heather Chew.*



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Moby-Dick Marathon

Jan. 6–8. See page 23 for details.

Fill the Bus

Brighten the season for a local child while boosting your own holiday spirit by participating in the sixth annual Fill the Bus toy drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., 12/17.

During those hours, a Tremblay's school bus will be parked outside three New Bedford locations: Walgreens, 1103 Kempton St.; Wonder Bowl, 66 Hathaway Road and The Boat Restaurant, 945 Ashley Blvd. Hours for the Boat Restaurant only will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to fill the school buses. Those gifts will then be distributed to children in need. Gifts are accepted for children in grades kindergarten through 12.

Unwrapped gifts can also be dropped off through Dec. 20 at any New Bedford Police station. Stations are located at 572 Pleasant St.; 781 Ashley Blvd.; 168 Cove St.; and 871 Rockdale Ave.

Safe Zones, Tremblay's Bus Co. and the State Police in Dartmouth are also sponsoring the event.

For more info, call Jerry Pinto at 508-889-1752 or New Bedford Police Lt. Ricard Rezendes at 508-207-5962.

Ernestina Returns

On Saturday, December 17th, the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey's long-awaited homecoming will be celebrated with state officials, generous philanthropists, volunteers, members of the public, and the Prime Minister of Cape Verde, His Excellency Jose Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva. The speaking program will take place at New Bedford State Pier starting at 10am. (Registration is closed for attendance at the speaking program.)

Ernestina will be open for public tours Sat., 12/17 from 2–4 p.m.; and Sun., 12/18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at State Pier in New Bedford (first come first serve, no reservation required).

The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey was built in 1894 at the James and Tarr Shipyard for the Gloucester fishing fleet. Originally a fishing vessel, over the course of its long

history it sailed to within 600 miles of the North Pole, and later brought immigrants to the U.S. Returned to the U.S. in 1982 as a gift from the newly independent Cape Verde, the Ernestinas sailed as an educational vessel until 2005. Sitting dormant for many years, after a seven-year refurbishment in Maine, under the care of Massachusetts Maritime Academy, it has returned to the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy will focus the efforts of the SSV Ernestina-Morrissey on undergraduate sail-training and leadership training for cadets, K-12 STEM programming, and community outreach and awareness within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond. These three pillars will look to ensure the legacy of Ernestina-Morrissey as an educational asset for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Learn more about Ernestina at <http://www.ernestina.org>

Holiday Parking

The City is announcing its Holiday Parking Program this year to encourage holiday shopping, dining, and retail activity in New Bedford's downtown and North End business district through December.

The Holiday Parking Program offers two hours of free parking at both the Elm Street Garage and the Zeiterion Garage downtown, along with two hours of free parking at meters along Acushnet Avenue in the North End.

The program is effective through Saturday, Dec. 31. In addition to the free hours, people will be able to have tickets forgiven with same-day sales receipts. Anyone parked in either of the downtown garages or at a meter in the Acushnet Avenue business district, who receives a ticket as a result of parking longer than the two free hours, can have the ticket forgiven by presenting a same-day sales receipt from a downtown or North End merchant or restaurant.

The receipt must be for spending at least \$10 and must be presented or mailed to the Traffic Commission office in the Elm Street Garage within three weeks (21 days) of receiving the ticket. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the same-day receipt.

The Traffic Commission office is located at 51 Elm St. and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program can be directed to the Traffic Commission office at 508-961-3153.

Vax & Test

Local COVID-19 vaccine locations, including Project Beacon's appointment-based COVID-19 testing at New Bedford Regional Airport, are changing their upcoming schedules to accommodate the Christmas and New Year holidays. All local COVID-19 vaccine and testing locations will be closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 2023.

Visit vaxnb.com for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

Vaccines

Saturday, Dec. 17: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Avenue) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, vaccines and boosters for adults, and children 5 years and older.

Monday, Dec. 19: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Avenue) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, vaccines and boosters for adults, and children 5 years and older.

Thursday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 29: PAACA (360 Coggeshall Street) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, vaccines and boosters for adults, and children 5 years and older.

Testing

Remember to schedule your appointment for testing at the New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) at <https://www.beacontesting.com/>. Opening hours include:

Tuesdays – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursdays – 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sundays – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free COVID-19 testing kits are also available at New Bedford public libraries.

Stroll at the Zoo

Join local vendors at the Buttonwood Park Zoo for some holiday fun at the Holiday Stroll! Sat., 12/17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last admission is at 3:15pm. No special event pricing. Event included in your general admission ticket. Visit <https://www.bpzoo.org/>

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Christmas Trees

Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball is selling Christmas trees and wreaths at Pope Park, evenings during the week and during the day on weekends. Prices are \$55 to \$70 for trees. Visit their Facebook page for exact hours and updates.

La Salette Lights

La Salette National Shrine Festival of Lights, through January 1, 947 Park St., Attleboro, 508-222-5410, <https://lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/> The Festival is absolute FREE.

Once again, the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette is looking forward to its 2022-23 Christmas Festival of Lights. Despite the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, natural disasters, climate change, and political turmoil, this year's Festival will proclaim "Jesus Christ — the Living Light." Generations of men and women have all declared that, even in times of darkness, His "Living Light" is still shining ahead of us all.

In this spirit, all of us at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro, Massachusetts would like to welcome you to our 70th Annual Christmas Festival of Lights. Come visit us and allow more than 400,000 lights to brighten your spirits and join us in celebrating the One who is the "Living Light" of the world. (See John 8:12)

The Festival is going on now and will conclude on January 1, 2023.

Featuring:

Lights go on every night from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., even on Christmas night when the Shrine is closed, the lights will be on.

Photos with Saint Nicholas, Fri. through Sun., 5-9 p.m. in the Welcome Center.

Ride to Bethlehem Hayride and Carousal, Fri. through Sun., 5-9 p.m.

Fr. Pat's concerts, Fri., Sat., Sun., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NOTE: Traffic can be very heavy, so allow extra time.

Caroling in Mattapoissett Village

Christmas Caroling in the Mattapoissett Village is returning this year. Caroling will be held every Saturday until December 17th from

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided to all attending. Sign-ups are not required. All carolers will meet at the Mattapoissett Museum, 5 Church St., and will walk around the village from there. This event is free, but donations are welcome.

Santa & Mrs. Claus will make a surprise stop at the museum before caroling on December 17th at 6:30 PM as a special treat for our youngest carolers!

Call 508-758-2844 or visit www.mattapoissettmuseum.org

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We look forward to your visit to this magical coastal community! Winter Lights on Cape Ann is brought to you by Discover Gloucester and the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce.

Visit <https://discovergloucester.com/winter-lights-cape-ann/>

Author Storytime

Sat., 12/17, 5:30 p.m. Join us with your children to meet children's author Debra Westgate-Silva in the Welcome Center of the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA.

Debra will host a story time and read her book "Bethlehem Barn." In "Bethlehem Barn," Donkey, Cow, Sheep, Chicken, and Bird are having a typical winter night in the barn. That

is until Cow finds something in her food trough. Astonishment turns into awe when Bird reveals that it's a human baby. And not just any human baby, it's baby Jesus, the people's Savior!

Since its publication, the book has received very positive reviews from the public.

Calling All Artists

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) is calling for entries for its first gallery show of the 2023 season, the Winter Members' Show. The show runs January 6-February 10, 2023, with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, January 14 from 3:00-5:00pm. All MAC members are invited to enter up to two pieces each. All works must be original, must have been executed by the artist within the last five years, and must not have been previously shown at the Marion Art Center. The MAC will not exhibit works that are in poor condition (including frame) or are not properly prepared for installation.

To exhibit, members should drop off artwork to the MAC at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA on Tuesday, January 3 and Wednesday, January 4 between 12:00am-4:00pm each day. Artists can download the contract ahead of time and submit images for marketing purposes online at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit. Please note the MAC will close for the season on Saturday, December 17, and office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3. Please send all questions to info@marionartcenter.org no later than Friday, December 16. Interested in participating but not a MAC member? Joining is easy online at marionartcenter.org/join.

Snow Parking Ban

By vote of Acushnet Town Meeting, parking is restricted, as follows: in water district parking allowed opposite side of hydrants, out of water district parking allowed north side of street running east and west and parking allowed on west side of streets running north and south. Violators subject to being towed away at owner's expense.

Parking restriction is through April 15, 2023.

Recipe of the Week

Venison Roast

- 1 venison roast (3 to 4 pounds)
- 10 whole garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- 1-1/2 teaspoons onion powder, divided
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 7 medium carrots, quartered
- 5 small onions, quartered
- 1 tablespoon beef bouillon granules
- 1 teaspoon browning sauce, optional
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons cold water

Cut 10 deep slits in roast; place a garlic clove in each slit. Combine the rosemary, 1 teaspoon onion powder, garlic powder and thyme; rub over entire roast. Cover; refrigerate for 2 hours.

Add 1/2 in. of water to a roasting pan. Place the roast, carrots and onions in pan. Cover and bake at 325° for 2-1/2 to 3 hours or meat is tender. Remove meat and vegetables to a serving platter; keep warm.

Strain drippings into a measuring cup. In a large saucepan, combine 3 cups drippings, bouillon, browning sauce and remaining onion powder. Combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth; stir into drippings. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Serve with roast.

Dear Frankie



Christmas Blues

Dear Frankie, I don't know if I can go through another Christmas Season with my family.

Every year there's some crisis. At first, I thought it was just my family.

But when I spoke to my friends at the dog park, they commented on how difficult the holidays had been some years for their families.

This year, my dad is upset because his daughter from his first marriage has decided to spend the holiday with her mother. My sister is berserk because she wasn't invited by the guy she likes to the Christmas Gala. And my brother trashes Christmas because he thinks it's over-commercialized and has lost its true meaning. My mom is tired of the drama and is threatening to go on a retreat and leave the family to figure it out by themselves.

If past years can predict what this Christmas will be like, my family will have a bountiful meal, open their presents, and act like the weeks before never happened. Why do they do this every year?

Jasper

Dear Jasper,

For months before the holidays, your family has been bombarded by the media with Christmas music, glorified family gatherings, the latest gadgets, jewelry, and fashion for holiday gifts, romantic couples sitting before a warm fire, and a lit Christmas tree, sipping champagne, etc. The underlying message is Christmas is a time of joy, love, and sharing.

The humans get swept up by these messages, and each in their own way become disappointed that their desired holiday will not be the one they'll be getting. I have noticed that the humans have many expectations of how things should be.

If I were you, I would keep a low profile until the big day comes and then enjoy those presents coming your way like the rest of them.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Old Time Holiday livens up the center

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday had the center of town hopping on Saturday, 12/10/22. Father Christmas greeted people outside town hall, the bells of the Unitarian Church ran out, and lots of people walked around from one venue to the next, five in all.

At the Town Hall, there were hotdogs and popcorn in front, soups in the banquet room, and about 20 non-profit organizations sold crafts and other items upstairs in the auditorium.

Across the street the First Congregational Church had their famous lobster luncheon, and craft booths, baked goods and the thrift shop.

At the Millicent Library, there was

a book sale, children's activities, music and treats. The Unitarian Church had crafts, lunch, and tours.

And, new this year, the Northeast Maritime Institute hosted Santa's Sweet Shop, featuring the candy of Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, and a visit by Santa.

Attendance was brisk, by 12:30 p.m., the lobster was gone, and most of the other lunch places had run out of something.

Vendors at the town hall said they did well with sales. The VFW Auxiliary started out with two full tales, and was down to a fraction of one table by 12:30 p.m.

"We got rain, snow, sun, clouds, every form of weather we could have," said Office of Tourism Director

Chris Richard, but most of the day was sunny. "We had good crowds."

At the Millicent, the Friends of the Library simply "sold a lot of books," said Library Director Kyle DeCicco.

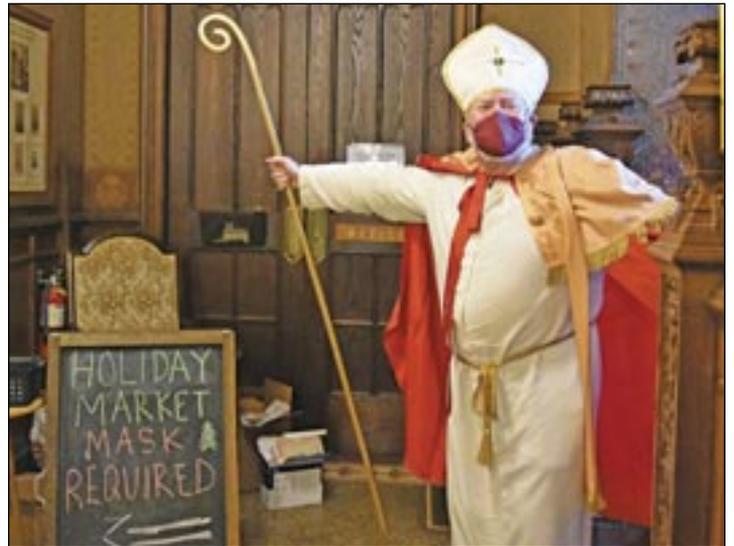
At Northeast Maritime Institute, they were busy all day in the kids' room, coloring, and making wood ornaments. They went through four batches of hot cocoa, and, of course, Santa was a hit.

"There were a lot of kids doing crafts," said NMI President and CEO Eric Dawicki.

"A lot of adults doing crafts," added Angela Dawicki, Chief Academic Officer.s

The annual event is sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.

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ABOVE LEFT: Father Christmas, Fairhaven Officer of Tourism Director Chris Richard greets visitors outside town hall during Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday event on 12/10/22. ABOVE RIGHT: Saint Nicholas greets visitors with a proper stance at the Unitarian Memorial Church. BELOW LEFT: Members of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association dish out lunch. BELOW RIGHT: Fairhaven's Belonging Committee displays the different kinds of holidays, in addition to Christmas, celebrated by people from different cultures. Photos by Beth David.



More photos from Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday



Sadie Drew Cox gives Santa some Christmas love at Northeast Maritime Institute during Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday event on 12/10/22. Volunteers at the Northeast Maritime Institute pose for a shot with the big guy. *Photos by Beth David.*

Open House at Howe Allen highlights diversity of agents

Howe Allen Realty invited the public to an open house on 12/8/22 featuring tasty delights from all over the world, highlighting the diversity of its agents.

Owner Howe Allen said that all the food at the event came from Howe

Allen Real Estate Agents and reflected their various ethnicities. Included were foods from Greece, Germany, Norway, the UK, Sweden, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, and the U.S. (hot dogs, of course).

The office is located in the Masonic Lodge building on the corner of Center and Main Streets in Fairhaven, and Mr. Allen said he also welcomed the opportunity to allow the public to experience the beautiful building.



LEFT: The Netherlands (LEFT) and Israel are side by side, featuring the traditional Dutch treat poffertjes and the latkes of Hannukah at the Howe Allen Realty open house on 12/8/22 featuring cuisine from their agents whose ethnicities span the globe. RIGHT: The table is set with foods from around the world. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Coach Jacob Girard has designed the next level volleyball clinic for young athletes who want to take their volleyball game to the next level. Coach Girard has volleyball coaching experience at division three NCAA Collegiate volleyball, and Junior Olympic club volleyball. The next level volleyball clinics are drill and workout based to focus on improving the skills used to play volleyball. Game play will be used in varying levels throughout the session.

Days: Wednesdays CO-ED ages 10-14, 5:00-6:00 PM, Cost: \$80 Members \$100 Non-Members, Starts January 4th, Ends March 1st

Girls Next Level Volleyball Clinics

Wednesdays, GIRLS 15-18 (in HS) 6:00-7:30 PM; \$100 Members, \$125 Non-Members. Starts January 4th March 1st

zKool Kids Christmas Vacation

This 5 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodgeball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc.

Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 4 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Grades: K-5 Time: Drop off 8 a.m., pick up by 3 p.m. Instructors: Staff. Cost: \$160/Member \$175/Non Member. Dates 12/26-12/30

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Technology Classes

The Fairhaevn Senior Center will host a series of technology classes from basic/novice to expert. All classes will be 90 minutes long, Monday and Wednesday only. Each class will be rated as to how much computer skill the participate should have: (maximum number of participants 10) All participants must preregister for the classes they want to take by either the phone or at the main desk.

See page 4 for details.

Holiday Party!

The Fairhaven Senior Center Holiday Party on Fri., 12/16, from 1-3 p.m. Surprise guest 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 embarrassed 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, 508-979-4029.

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.: 12/21, Warwick Mall; 12/28, Prov. Place Mall, Whole Foods; 1/4, Tiverton Casino; 1/11, Emerald Square Mall; 1/18, Hyannis Mall, XMas Shop, Trader Joe's and 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.

Winter Fuel Assistance

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Acushnet Fire Department receives equipment grant

*Acushnet Fire Department
Press Release*

The Acushnet Fire & EMS Department was awarded a \$19,000 grant by the Baker-Polito Administration on 12/9/22. This funding was part of the Department of Fire Services/EOPPS Grant Program in which fire departments will receive a total of \$1.8 million in firefighter safety equipment grant funding.

"The Department of Fire Services' Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program continues to make essential equipment a priority for the thousands of firefighters and EMS workers throughout our state," Acushnet Fire Chief Thomas Farland said. "Through this grant program, we have been able to purchase much needed and required equipment and safety gear throughout the last several years."

This grant will allow us to complete the upgrade of our supply of fire attack hose for all of our apparatus and spare, complete the upgrade of all of our firefighting hand tools, purchase new cold water/ice

rescue suits to replace outdated and leaky suits and replace an out of compliance, inoperable ventilation fan.

The increase in active shooter scenarios has made this equipment necessary for our fire and EMS personnel. Being able to adequately protect them during incidents is our highest priority. Unfortunately, in today's climate, that means ballistic protection as well as firefighting turnout gear.

Through various training simulations a list of essential PPE, tools and equipment was created. Through this grant opportunity, we have been afforded the ability to purchase that equipment which we recognize as of utmost importance to keep our staff safe while still adhering to our core mission of providing assistance during times of emergency.

The grant program will allow the department to purchase four sets of ballistic personal protective equipment (PPE) which consists of a vest with ballistic plates and a helmet. Each item will be marked to identify

the wearer as Fire/EMS.

"The importance of this purchase cannot be understated. Recent incidents across the country show that our community is just as vulnerable to these dangers and types of incidents as any other community across our state or nation," Chief Farland stated, adding, "Having the ability to keep our responders safe so that they may continue to perform their jobs is my highest priority."

"On behalf of the myself and the members of this department, we would like to thank Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, and Secretary Terrence Reidy of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the ability to apply for this much needed funding through this grant program. We would also like to thank and acknowledge our Board of Selectmen for their continued support of our department. Without that support we could not serve the community to the extent and success that we do," Chief Farland remarked.

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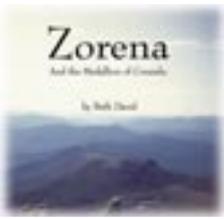
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Acushnet election calendar is set

Acushnet's local election is on Saturday, 5/13/23. Nomination papers will be available starting on Thursday, 1/5/23.

Anyone who wants to run for office in Acushnet needs to take out nomination papers, have them signed by the proper number of registered voters, and return them by the deadline. Signatures need to be certified by the Town Clerk. Then your name can be placed on the ballot.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Tuesday, March 21, at 5 p.m. Nomination papers are furnished only to candidates or to their representatives presenting

signed authorization.

Papers must be signed by at least 42 registered voters in person.

The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures is Friday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

The last day to file objection or withdraw nomination, by filing with the town clerk, a written request over signature which has been duly acknowledged by a Notary Public, is Tuesday, April 11 at 5 p.m.

The last day to register as a voter in the town of Acushnet for the 5/13 election is Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5 p.m.

The last day to apply for a mail-in

ballot is Monday, May 8, at 5 p.m.

The election is on Saturday, 5/13/23. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

Contact the Town Clerk for more information at 508-998-0215. The Acushnet Town Clerk's office is located in the Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street, Acushnet.

Offices that will be on the ballot are: Moderator, Selectboard, Assessor, Board of Health, School Committee, Commissioner of Trust Funds, Planning Commissioner, Cemetery Board, Library Trustee, Park Commissioner, Housing Authority.

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security. This is a hands-on class, so all participants must bring their Android smartphone to the class.

Monday & Wednesday, Feb. 13 & 15: Part 1+2: (prerequisites participants must have an Android Smartphone: LG, Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, Sony or Nokia). Level 0-1

Smartphone Apps for Seniors: In this workshop the participants will be introduced to Android Smartphone apps that senior citizens might like to explore and use. The class will also be shown a variety of mobile apps that can be used on their Android smartphone, and will learn how to download, install and how to delete apps. The class will also discover how to critique an app and general navigation of the operating system. This is a hands-on class, so all participants must bring their Android smartphone to the class.

Monday, February 27 & Wednesday March 1 Part 1+2. Prerequisites: have a working account in Google Gmail and know their password) Level 1-2.

Introduction (the basics) to Computer Word Processing with Google Part 1: This computer class is part 1 of a two-day workshop that will explain word processing, how it works, how to use it and how to get it for free. The class will be instructed on word processing via the Google App called Google Docs. Participants will examine what is a Google Doc, how to access it, create, edit, print, download and save their document.

Introduction (the basics) to Computer Word Processing with Microsoft (Part 2). The class will create a free Microsoft account.

This computer class is a continuation of the Part 1 workshop

that will explain word processing, how it works, how to use it and how to get it for free. Class will instruct the participant on word processing via the Microsoft App called Word. The basic skills of word processing will be developed at this time.

Monday, March 6 & 8: Part 1+2: Level 0-1

Web Browser Safety. Participants will learn how to navigate the three web search browsers in today's Internet world. This computer class will have hands-on experience on how Google, Firefox and Microsoft Edge work and the secrets of navigating successfully. Class will also be shown how to update their browsers and keep their browsers safe for searching on the Internet. Class will also be shown the In-Private view mode that all browsers have and the purpose for them.



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Fairhaven Police “Fill the Bus” event collects toys for kids

The Fairhaven Police Department participated in the “Fill the Bus” event on Saturday, 12/10, at Walmart. with along with Tremblay’s Bus and Safe Zones. Police Departments around the country are collecting toys for needy children this holiday season (see page 8 for more opportunities to drop off toys).

“We at the Fairhaven Police Department would wholeheartedly like to thank everyone that helped with our annual Fill the Bus Holiday Event,”

wrote the department on its Facebook page. “It is fantastic seeing how a community can come together to help make our local needy children’s holidays a much happier one!!!”



TOP: Fairhaven Police officers staff the tent at the annual “Fill the Bus” event at Walmart on 12/10/22, to collect toys for needy children for Christmas. ABOVE: The toys collected fill two walls at the police station. Photos from the Fairhaven Police Department Facebook page.

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Christmas lights make the season bright

By Beth David
Editor

We have a delightful new addition to our Christmas lights this year at 504 Main Street in Acushnet, the Milestone Farm 1890, and home of Richard Langlois who might just come out and chat with you while you roam around.

The display is a walk-through, and there's even parking for a few cars in the driveway that you are welcome to use. Christmas music will greet you, and a well-lit walkway will take you through the large field with Santa, his elves, lights galore, and many little surprises. Mr. Langlois said he used 50,000 lights this year, which is just a fraction of what he has. The last time they transformed the property was 14

years ago. They are back at it, and promise next year will be even bigger.

The display is lit from 6 p.m. until 8 or 9, later on the big weekend.

The house at 35 Gellette Road, with its 300,000+ lights, is back, and, in keeping with tradition, Santa will be there this year. Look for him on Saturday 12/17, and Friday, 12/23, from 5-9 p.m. on both days. Take pictures with Santa and give him your Christmas list! Polaroid pictures are available. Enjoy complimentary refreshments. Please bring a non-perishable, non-expired food item to be donated to the Solanus Casey food pantry.

And don't forget the Clasky Common Park in New Bedford, on the County Street end, between Pearl

Street and Pope Street. It will be lit up every night until 9, until just after the new year.

Benoit Square, at the merger of Main and Adams Street, is still lit every night until 9 p.m. until January.

The lights at the Acushnet Fire Station are also lit up (Russell Street at Parting Ways).

After you visit them, be sure to drive up Main Street. There are lots of wonderful displays to see while you make your way to 504, and beyond.

Just drive around, light displays are everywhere, and some are simply spectacular.

Please be respectful of private property. Remember, they are private homes.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!



TOP, left and right: The Milestone Farm at 504 Main Street in Acushnet is transformed into a Christmas wonderland, and all are welcome to walk through, starting with the welcoming entrance (RIGHT). ABOVE, left and right: The house and yard at 35 Gellette Road in Fairhaven light up the neighborhood with more than 300,000 lights on 12/12/22. Photos by Beth David.

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"

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 22-WW01-0172-APP Site Location: 7 Sippican Street, Fairhaven, MA

Frederick A. Miller

NOTIFICATION DATE: December 15, 2022

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Frederick A. Miller to construct and maintain a concrete and stone seawall and stone revetment at 7 Sippican Street, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over the waters of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2730. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Andrew L. Jones, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

FNN: 12/15/22

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 22-WW01-0171-APP Site Address: 68 Winsegansett Avenue

Black Rock Investment Trust

NOTIFICATION DATE: December 15, 2022

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Black Rock Investment Trust to license and maintain a concrete seawall & stone revetment at 68 Winsegansett Avenue, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over the waters of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Water-

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FNN: 12/15/22

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 22-WW01-0173-APP Site Location: 5 Sippican Street, Fairhaven, MA

Clarisse Fairbanks

NOTIFICATION DATE: December 15, 2022

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Clarisse Fairbanks to construct a temporary elevated access road at 5 Sippican Street, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over the waters of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

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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, December 20th, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

1. Case #2022.12.20A A case of the Estate of Arlene F. Burch c/o Vicki Burch located at 5 Tillie Way who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to correct an

encroachment of a commercial building on the subject lot. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1E – Minimum Lot Area.

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

FNN, 12/8/22, 12/15/22

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00pm
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

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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:

- CON 023-332: **74 Reservation Road** Request for Notice of Intent filed by Eric Berg to remove and reconstruct a stone/concrete seawall, at the property located at 74 Reservation Road, Assessor's Map 29B, Lots 8, 9, and 10. Work to take place on a Coastal Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE-23.
- CON 023-333: **38 Reservation Road** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Michael Mikitarian to perform maintenance on the seawall consisting of filling the voids with small stones and mortar, at the property located at 38 Reservation Road, Assessor's Map 29A, Lot 235. All work to take place with Coastal Beach and Coastal Bank and falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE-16 & 19.
- CON 023-334: **157 Balsam Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Donna Olney to replace existing gravel driveway measuring 40 feet by 13 feet with a concrete driveway to remain within the footprint of the present driveway, at the property located at 157 Balsam Street, Assessor's Map 43B, Lot 121. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF).

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: 12/15



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Bikeway Committee
Thurs., 12/15, Remote, 7 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Mon., 12/19, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 1/9, Remote, 6 p.m.

Economic Development
Thurs., 12/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 1/11, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Mon., 12/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals
Tues., 12/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors
Wed., 1/11, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Selectboard & Soil Board
Fri., 12/16, Town Hall, Noon

Selectboard
Tues., 12/20, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

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Sunday	18	0313 1538	0844 2048	
Monday	19	0411 1637	0944 2142*	
Tuesday	20	0504 1728	1043* 2236*	
Wednesday	21	0550 1813	1134* 2328*	
Thursday	22	0636 1900	---- 1224*	
Friday	23	0723 1951	0019* 1318*	
Saturday	24	0815 2045	0114* 1415*	
Sunday	25	0908 2139	0214* 1506*	
Monday	26	1001 2233	0310* 1551*	
Tuesday	27	1056 2332	0401* 1637*	
Wednesday	28	1154	---- 0456* 1732*	
Thursday	29	0032 1253	0619 1852*	
Friday	30	0128 1349	0825 2011	

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

Neighb News is Not Proper Forum for Editor's Rants

I don't believe *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* was/is the proper forum for your political rants, even though it is your paper.

Your letter from the editor (11/24/22) was not appreciated by many people I've spoken to. There are many contradictions in your letter starting with "the hateful rhetoric needs to stop soon"...your letter was so full of anger and hate!!

You don't like Trump — okay we get it. Guess what? There are people who still do!! This is America and we all have the freedom of expression.

You ended it with another contradiction by saying "really people, tone it down, just tone it down."

Maybe if you set a good example and toned it down, everyone would be better off.

This paper is meant to be neighborhood news, not *Beth's liberal political rants*.

Sandra Pietruska, Fairhaven

Fairhaven Not Enforcing Bylaws

It is apparent our Fairhaven Government doesn't enforce the laws they don't like.

What if the people of Fairhaven didn't obey the laws they don't like, such as paying our taxes?

The people of Fairhaven have a right to know what is going on, or *not* going on in our Town Hall regarding our Short Term Rental bylaw.

No one in our Town Government has been taking responsibility to enforce and implement a very important bylaw 190-1 that was created this past year regarding Short Term Rentals.

December 31, 2022, marks the date for changes/increases in STR limit amounts from 64 or less, to not more than 120 after the end of this year. Re: bylaw 190-3 B.

I was told a variety of things by town officials, including that the STR limits are over the top and no one has been enforcing the STR bylaw.

Of course, I am realizing that most of the hard-working people in Fairhaven have no clue of this. The reason for this letter to the editor.

Also, according to bylaw 190-20 The Town Administrator, currently, Angeline Lopes Ellison, shall publish

annually in the Town of Fairhaven, an annual report on the statistical data relating to short term rentals.

I had a conversation with our current, interim building commissioner, and he had absolutely no knowledge of these bylaws, and further stated that there was no such list of how many STR's are operating in Fairhaven. He did say that he would be reviewing the bylaws that I copied from our town website, and presented to him, but he also said that the building department could only enforce the area of the bylaws 190-12 that come under the heading of Inspections. Yet the bylaws state otherwise.

He also stated that he would need to hire someone to help him with the inspections. Our current interim Building Commissioner agreed that these bylaws are important for the "well-being" and "safety" of the general public as stated in Chapter 190-1 under the title Purpose. The purpose that coincides very clearly with our constitutional rights. Which is why these bylaws were enacted in the town of Fairhaven.

But what good can they serve if not enforced by the very individuals, some we have elected, others who are appointed, and who claim to lead, serve and protect the well-being and safety of, We The People in Fairhaven.

I shared with our current Building Commissioner that our police department, according to bylaw 190-3 F, is supposed to have a list of all STR's currently operating in the Town of Fairhaven. Again, he has no knowledge of such a list to present to them.

I also emailed the current Town Administrator and our Planning and Economic Director and asked about this STR list and if it was public, and I was given no reply.

I have sent several emails to our Town Administrator, and she continues to evade my questions, and at one point I was verbally told when I saw her at a local restaurant that I must wait on talking about the STR subject until next year.

In the meantime, every house that comes up for sale in Fairhaven is potentially a profit target for out-of-state/unknown investors, to come and purchase these homes and turn them into mini hotels for profit right here in our family residential areas that are not zoned for business.

Because we are so close to a beautiful beach here in this little town of Fairhaven, we are an enticing target for profiteers, who are invading towns like this everywhere in the US, and causing homelessness in the process, and making long term rentals extinct, and home purchasing impossible now for the vital workforce and their families, to afford.

If something is not done about this soon, in a couple of years our housing needs will completely be controlled by Wall Street Investors and other "unknown" money holders, and we will be told how and where we can live. It's already happening across the nation. To Be Continued....

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven

Will MAGA Loyalists Change Their Chants?

Will MAGA loyalists change their chants to dump Trump or lock him up?

Political commentators and journalists have been studying, dissecting, and explaining the Trump phenomenon for many years.

Attributing the unabated fealty to Trump as a winner, a champion of the aggrieved, or the victim of a vast conspiracy, no one has accurately forecast the point at which this adoration turns to antipathy and outrage. As it undoubtedly will as his favored political candidates keep losing elections, his anti semitic associates and comments chop off a large segment of his support, and his loyal legislators publicly denounce him to preserve their careers.

Trump, always the tightwad with his own resources, will never subsidize his presidential campaign as the funding spigot is dried up. Will one third of the electorate continue their allegiance if they are required to pay for all the rallies and swag once freely obtained? Will the swooning and adoring fans embarrass themselves by a continuing attachment to election denial and fantastical conspiracies?

One of the most significant motivators for Trump voters is their anger and resentment for the perceived slights and disrespect from "the coastal elitist politicians" who they despise, even if they have been the beneficiaries of progressive laws and programs attributed to these legislators.

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The realization that they have been duped and exploited by this sham populist could shift to the advantage of a savvy politician who can convince them that Trump was just another rich elitist “wolf in sheep’s clothing,” who would destroy this

country if it inured to his fame and fortune.

With a continuing sense of grievance, fueled by Trump’s ultimate disavowal of these supporters, who he will blame and shame for not overthrowing the government and

making him president or monarch, the MAGA millions will enthusiastically turn their fury into new slogans such as “lock him up,” or “dump Trump,” and a new champion will garner their devotion.

Betty Ussach, Esq., Dartmouth

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year’s sculptures, themed “The 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party,” will bring an ice-themed peek into a historic moment. Sculptures will be located in Copley Square in front of Trinity Church on New Year’s Eve, and available for public viewing from 12:00 noon to 12:30 a.m. Additional sculptures will be displayed around Boston Public Library.

Ice sculpture completion time is always weather-dependent, so don’t be surprised if you see our ice carvers making some final touches in the first part of the day. Please do not attempt to throw the ice sculptures into Boston Harbor as a form of protest.

First Night Parade

At 5:50–7 p.m., the opening ceremony and First Night Parade will include giant puppets, motor vehicles, woodwind instruments. Join us again this year for the Celebrate Boston Procession featuring colorful and celebratory groups that will parade from Copley Square to Boston Common!

7 p.m. Family Fireworks

Enjoy a spectacular Fireworks display over the Boston Common, brought to you by The Mugar Foundation and The City of Boston. Watch from the Boston Common.

Midnight Fireworks

Welcome the New Year with a breathtaking Fireworks display over the Boston Harbor at midnight, brought to you by The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park.

New Year’s Day, Noon

At Copley Square on the main stage, enjoy the performance by singer and songwriter LaQuandra Seymore who brings her vocal versatility and range to First Night Boston. Drawing comparisons to strong female artists such as Jennifer Hudson and Beyoncé, with a twist of Patti LaBelle, Seymore will bring smiles to audiences of all ages in this daytime performance.

New Year’s Day, 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m., Guess Method is back to jam on New Year’s Day, on the Main Stage for a daytime 40-minute set in front of the Boston Public Library.

Visit <https://www.firstnightboston.org/schedule/>

Moby-Dick Marathon Jan. 6 to Jan. 8

In-person and livestreamed

Join us as we gather in the Whaling Museum for the 27th anniversary of the annual readathon of America’s most iconic novel, *Moby-Dick*.

An experience you don’t want to miss, you’ll relive the famous, action-packed narrative and transport back in time on the search for the elusive white whale.

Additional programs will take place throughout the weekend and we will be streaming the reading the entire weekend for those that can’t join us in-person.

THE MARATHON EXPERIENCE From 9:30 am Saturday to 1 pm Sunday*

All Saturday and Sunday events are free and open to the public. Guests may come and go as needed through the Museum’s main entrance.

9:30 am Stump the Scholars

Cook Memorial Theater (Lower Level)

Put your knowledge to the test and ask a burning question to the Melville Scholars in this fun and lively program for the chance to earn a “I stumped the Scholars!” pin.

10 am The Little Whalers’ Story Time & Scavenger Hunt with the New Bedford Free Public Library

Science Classroom (Main Level)

Calling all kiddos! Come aboard and experience the journey of Moby-Dick as you listen to a children’s version of the novel and go on an exciting scavenger hunt! Then, bunker down and treat yourself to a delicious snack and win prizes as you find all the hidden whales throughout the museum.

11:30 am Extracts
Bourne Building (Main Level)
Read by members of the Melville Society Cultural Project.

12 Noon The Main Attraction

Bourne Building (Main Level)

1:30 pm Father Mapple’s Sermon

Seamen’s Bethel (Reserved seating at Bethel and livestream in Cook Memorial Theater).

2:15 pm Main Marathon Continues

Harbor View Gallery (Upper Level)

2:30 pm Chat with Melville Scholars

3 pm Portuguese Marathon

3:30 pm Curator Tour

Explore and connect with the museum’s latest exhibition, *Moby-Dick in Days of Pestilence and Chaos*, with Chief Curator Naomi Slipp.

4:00 pm Artist Tour

San Francisco Room & Upper Level Galleries (Upper Level) Explore and connect with the museum’s latest exhibition, *Moby-Dick in Days of Pestilence and Chaos*, with exhibition and Boston-based artist Aileen Callahan.

5 pm – 9 pm

Cousin Hosea’s Chowder Hall and the Decanter Taproom. Jacobs Family Gallery (Lower Level)

Recharge and warm up with New Bedford’s best soups and brews.

7 pm Midnight on the Forecastle (chapter 40)

Cook Memorial Theater (Lower Level) Performed by Culture*Park.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8 am The 20th-Hour Treat

Classroom (Main Level)

Get fueled up for the home stretch.

1 pm Epilogue

Harbor View Gallery (Upper Level)

Prizes for the hearty souls that make it through the entire night.

*Times are approximate and are dependent on the reading pace of the Marathon.

For the full schedule and times, visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/program/moby-dick-marathon-2023/>



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