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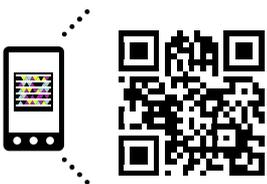
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Plungers welcome new year with a splash



Participants of the annual Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix head out of the water after charging in at 10 a.m. on 1/1/23. 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.



Publisher Beth David with
the Big Guy

We're baaack!
Did you miss us?
I truly hope you all had
a wonderful holiday season.
Now, it's time to get back
to the grind.

A bunch of the usual
crazies jumped into the water in January. BRRR!!! I know
it was a warmer than usual New Year's Day, but...oh my,
it's still January, y'know?

The Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge was lots of fun (see
page 12), as usual. It's a great way to start out the
year...um, well, for me it's great to take pictures and see
everyone and talk to everyone. I'll see those waves in
July (maybe June, but not likely).

And then, an hour or so later, a couple decided to
take a different kind of plunge on West Island. Mike and
Kelly Joseph surprised just about everyone by getting
married right before West Island's little plunge. What
fun! See page 13 for that.

We have some meeing coverage for you. Fairhaven
Select Board (page 4) heard all about the DEP's possible
new mandate for homeowners. It's a doozy, too.

Acushnet will also be hit with those regulations. They
are having a citizens forum on Thursday, 1/12 (see page
21) to discuss it.

We'll be keeping an eye on this one.

Speaking of Acushnet, the Hamlin Street Bridge
project begins on Monday (see page 17). The road will
be closed for close to three years. Yeah...YEARS. Go
figure. That had better be some super-duper bridge
they're building, huh?

There's other stuff in here, of course. As you look for
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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Moby-Dick Marathon this weekend

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 a.m. Sat. to 1 pm Sun. *

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 reading pace.*

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

RJD Mus. free to Fairhaven & Acushnet residents for 1 month

Fairhaven Residents enter for free during February, Acushnet residents are free during March

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum is offering free admission to current residents of Fairhaven for the month of February, and Acushnet residents for the month of March. Upon arrival, visitors may show a piece of recent mail or other ID showing their

address as proof of residency.

The historic house, now the site of The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. This Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark, one of only 2,500 in the nation. The period rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of the economic and social evolution of the City of New Bedford, as reflected in the residencies of the

Rotch, Jones, and Duff families and their domestic staff.

The Museum is located at 396 County Street, New Bedford. It is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from Memorial Day through Indigenous Peoples' Day, Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to visit www.rjdmuseum.org to book their Museum visit and to review the most current museum information.



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Fairhaven SB evaluates TA; hears about new DEP septic regs

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board evaluated Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison at its meeting on 12/19/22, giving her an overall score of 4 on a scale of 1-5, with 4 equalling "exceeds expectations."

The rather cumbersome process included each board member commenting on five areas evaluating Ms. Ellison's progress towards reaching goals and objectives; her knowledge, skills and professional development; core responsibilities, staffing, personnel, financial, and management relations; leadership, board relations, and personal qualities; community relations and communications.

The comments by individual board members were then sent to Human Resources Director Cameron Durant, who then compiled them into a "consensus review" document, a public document. The individual answers are considered part of the confidential personnel file of Ms. Ellison and not a public document.

SB chairperson Stasia Powers read the consensus review in its entirety.

Scores ranged from a low of three to a high of five, with most scores in the fours.

Board members expressed some concerns in some areas, and noted Ms. Ellison's strengths in others.

There was no discussion of the review after Ms. Powers read it through.

SB member Bob Espindola thanked Mr. Durant for his efforts on the project, noting it was his first time compiling such a document.

SB Vice Chair Leon Correy thanked Ms. Ellison for sitting through the public evaluation.

The board also heard from Health Agent David Flaherty, who notified members and the public of upcoming changes to Title V requirements, the septic system regulations administered by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Flaherty told the board that DEP is considering new regulations for improving embayments by lowering nitrogen discharge from private septic systems.

Each town in Southeastern Mass.,

Cape Cod and the Islands that is in a Nitrogen Sensitive Area (NSA) will be required to have a plan to improve septic systems.

Towns will have five years to implement plans which include replacing all existing septic systems regardless of their age or status, by retrofitting or re-constructing with Enhance Nitrogen removal technology.

Mr. Flaherty said the town can apply for a Watershed Permit which grants the town 20 years to implement the requirements. He said the town would need to hire a professional engineer as a consultant to apply.

"I actually applaud DEP for trying to do something," said Fairhaven Health Agent David Flaherty, adding that nitrogen is "really hurting" Buzzards Bay and the Cape and Islands. "Their intent is good, but the way they are implementing it is not as good."

DEP announced public comment with releasing any information beforehand, said Mr. Flaherty. The public comment meeting were met with confusion and anger.

"The process is not meant to work this way," he said. "Especially when the financial impact is so great."

He said there would be no grandfathering.

The regulations also do not take into consideration cranberry farming and other agricultural efforts that affect waterways.

Mr. Flaherty told the board that he had reached out to DEP to get clarification as to the extent Fairhaven will be involved with the changes, but he had not heard back by the 12/19 meeting.

Mr. Flaherty told the board that he felt Fairhaven could get some consideration because the town is 97% on municipal sewer.

Mr. Flaherty also said the regulations are rather vague. They call for newer septic systems to be retrofitted

with nitrogen removal technology, which can be very expensive and requires frequent testing. The regulations just say "the best available technology."

"I actually applaud DEP for trying to do something," said Mr. Flaherty, adding that nitrogen is "really hurting" Buzzards Bay and the Cape and Islands. "Their intent is good, but the way they are implementing it is not as good."

Some of the affected towns have sewer, some do not, he noted.

He said the whole town will have to pay for the systems to be upgraded, so everyone will bear the cost.

"It's a Board of Health thing, but it's also a taxpayer thing," he said.

Mr. Flaherty said that DEP is implementing the plan as a result of lawsuits by environmental groups.

"I'm keeping both eyes on this one," said Mr. Flaherty. "I don't want Fairhaven to get stuck holding the bag."

The public packet for the 12/19/22 meeting, which is available on the town's website, contains a letter from State Sen. Mark Montigny and State Rep. Christopher Markey, as well as the DEP letter from June, 2022; and letters from the town of Falmouth.

For more information, visit <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/314-CMR-2100-watershed-permit-regulations>

According to the DEP website, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2023. All comments submitted must include the name and contact information of the person providing the comments. Please submit comment by e-mail to dep.talks@mass.gov and include Title 5 & Watershed Permit in the subject line. Written comments may also be submitted by mail and should be sent to: MassDEP, Bureau of Water Resources - Division of Watershed Management, Attention: Title 5 & Watershed Permit, 100 Cambridge Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02114

Two meetings are also scheduled on January 24 and 25; and two public information webinars on January 17 and 18. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/314-CMR-2100-watershed-permit-regulations> to join the remote sessions

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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>

Guided Meditation

Benefits of Meditation with Dr. Gerry Donovan. Tuesday, 1/10, 1-2 p.m., at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the auditorium; enter through Walnut Street Doors.

Get 2023 started by learning about the benefits of meditation. On Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00, the Millicent Library will host Dr. Gerry Donovan who will provide guided meditation, tips on how to begin, and to make progress on your meditation journey.

Dr. Gerry Donovan is the Resident Teacher of Serlingpa Meditation Center in New Bedford, and lives and works on the Southcoast. He is a seasoned meditator and teacher of meditation. Gerry enjoys introducing people to the benefits of meditation practice and clarifying how to meditate in a manner that they can easily integrate a practice into a busy life.

Everyone is invited to this free talk. No meditation experience is necessary. Chairs will be provided, however, feel free to bring a mat if you prefer.

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Town of Fairhaven Christmas Tree Pickup is January 10-13, one day after your regular rubbish day.

Please place trees curbside by 7:00 a.m. on day of pick up and be sure to remove all ornaments and tinsel. Also, please DO NOT place tree in plastic bag.

Missed trees may be dropped off at the gate at the Recycle Center located at 5 Arsene Street in town.

Reg. Pickup Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Tree PU

Tues., 1/10
Wed., 1/11
Thurs., 1/12
Fri., 1/13

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Open Water Swim

Coldwater Swimmers Meetup, Sundays 11:30 a.m. at West Island Town Beach. No experience necessary. come learn with a team how to safely extend the swimming season.

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

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Moby-Dick Marathon

Jan. 6-8. See page 3 for details.

Christmas Tree PU/Recycling

The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District has offered recycling tips for New Bedford residents to ensure holiday waste ends up in the correct container.

- Cardboard: Empty, flattened boxes can be placed in the recycling bin

including boxes from online shopping, gift boxes, and empty pizza boxes. Pizza boxes with grease can still be recycled. Boxes that are too large for recycling carts can be taken to the Recycling Center, 1103 Shawmut Ave.

- Empty bottles, cans, jugs, jars, paper, catalogs: Place in recycling bin. Greeting cards without metallic inks, foil, batteries, or glitter can also be recycled.
- Wrapping paper, bows, ribbon: Not recyclable.
- Styrofoam blocks and string lights:

Drop off at the Recycling Center - not in curbside recycling carts.

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

Harvey Waste & Recycling Services will pick up real Christmas trees from **January 9th to January 13th**. During this week only, residents may place trees at the curb by 7 a.m. the weekday after trash and recycling collection. If your trash is usually collected on Friday, Christmas trees will only be collected on your route on Monday, January 9th. Please

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Cultural Conference features holiday traditions

Press Release

The Cultural Clubs of America, Inc. held its first in-person Southcoast Cultural Conference at UMass Dartmouth on December 9, 2022.

The “Festival of Lights” featured cultures and holiday traditions from around the world for CCA High School Chapters. Over one hundred students attended from Fairhaven, Old Rochester, Dartmouth, Wareham, Somerset-Berkley, and Riverview High School. The CCA teamed up with the UMass Leduc center to plan the event, coordinating UMass Student Cultural organizations to share with the students.

Students arrived at 9 a.m. and started with ice-breakers and mingling to allow the high schools to intermingle, something that usually only happens at competitive sports matches or debate meets.

Then, they had a live performance of a Hindi love song from Diwali. After that, they transitioned to the first workshop where students learned a traditional dance from the UMass Pan-African Student Association and learned origami from the Asian Pacific Organization.

Then, they heard a presentation about the United Nations Sustainability Goals and more specifically about the goal of culture and hunger. UMass also raised money for the World Central Kitchen charity fund at

the event.

Then we went into our second workshop where students were split into small groups and went to a table led by the UMass Muslim Student Association, Haitian American Student Association, the International Student and Scholars Center, Iranian Students and Scholars Association, Caribbean Students Association, and World Central Kitchen. Students got to have lunch in the UMass dining hall, which was a treat as they are not used to the buffet-style food that college offers! Then they gathered again to learn a Korean “Strawberry Game” before schools departed.

Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive. Everyone left with smiles on their faces.

As Dartmouth CCA Advisor Lili Chamberlain says, “We were happy to meet so many international students from around the world. Our students loved hearing their stories and



learning more about their cultures.”

The Old Rochester CCA Advisor agrees when she says, “This conference was an excellent way for students to learn about UMASS Dartmouth and what types of clubs & cultures are represented there.”

It was a great event that allowed students to see what life outside of the high school bubbles looks like.

All of the day’s activities fall under the CCA mission statement: 1) They united students from different high schools; 2) Educated students about different cultures; and 3) Exposed them to a variety of life experiences.



ABOVE: Participants of the Southcoast Cultural Conference, “Festival of Lights,” hosted by The Cultural Clubs of America at UMassDartmouth on 12/9/22, pose for a photo. TOP: Participants make origami. *Photos courtesy of CCA.*

And the winner is...

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Festive Front Doors of Fairhaven! Winners will receive a \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift certificate from local businesses, courtesy of the Fairhaven Historical Society.

Frist place went to 28 Church

Street; second place to 5 Kacy Lane; third place to 39 Laurel Street.

Five houses joined the competition this year. The event is sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society.

"Thank you to all who participated," wrote the FHS in an email statement. "Fairhaven Historical Society looks forward to

hosting this annual community event again in 2023!"



LEFT: This door at 28 Church Street in Fairhaven won first place in the 2022 Festive Doors of Fairhaven sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society. RIGHT: 5 Kacy Lane took second place, and 39 Laurel Street (MIDDLE) won third place. The winners received gift certificates of \$100, \$50 and \$25 from local businesses.

Photos from the Fairhaven Historical Society.



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remove all ornaments, stands, lights, and tinsel. Do not place trees in plastic bags. Property owners may be issued a violation notice if trees are placed at the curb any other time or without decorations removed.

Christmas Tree Drop-Off

Christmas trees can be brought to the following locations:

- E Rodney French Blvd., beach parking lot, between Hudson St and Seymour St until January 13th
- Brooklawn Park, near Pony League Field at Irvington St until Jan. 13th.
- Recycling Center, 1103 Shawmut Ave., open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

For additional tips, please visit New Bedford Recycling on Facebook and Instagram or follow @NBRecycling on Twitter. For questions, please call the Department of Facilities & Fleet Management at 508-961-3008 or email trashandrecycling@newbedford-ma.gov

Science Cafe

Please join us for a New Bedford Science Café on Tues., 1/10, from 6–8 p.m. at The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford, Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer! Free parking behind the building.

Our guest Dan Goulart will discuss “The Science behind Restoring Buttonwood Brook; A Chemical and Biological Cleansing.” Dan, who specializes in urban sustainability, manages the Buttonwood Brook and Apponagansett Bay Restoration Project for Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Buttonwood Brook, like many urban waterways, has been abused for over a century. It and its tributaries, which flow through New Bedford & Dartmouth for 9 miles, are so polluted that, emptying into Apponagansett Bay, their waters kill off fish, shellfish & other marine life. BBC has embarked on the first comprehensive study ever, with the goal of revitalizing those waters. Dan has a fascinating story to tell — about the brook’s history & decline, but more promisingly about the intricate “science and data collection that will help identify the sources of pollution and reverse 100 years of bad behavior.

Videos of recent events can be found on NBSC’s website. We ask that

you be vaccinated & facemasks are strongly recommended.

Visit <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/>

Brook Cleanup

Buttonwood Brook Exploration and Cleanup, Sat., 1/14, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Meet in the northeast corner of St. Mary’s Cemetery which is across from Shaw’s on Route 6 near the entrance to Route 140

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Friends of Buttonwood Park and DNRT for an exploration and cleanup of Buttonwood Brook.

Bags for trash collection will be provided. We recommend bringing a pair of work gloves for protection.

Please wear warm layers, waterproof boots, and insect repellent as ticks are present along the cleanup route, and please bring water to stay hydrated during the cleanup.

RSVP to Goulart@savebuzzardsbay.org. Call 508-999-6363 x230

Free Test Kits

Building on the successful prior rounds of test kit distribution, the City of New Bedford is continuing to make available free, at-home COVID-19 test kits at public libraries across the city.

The free distribution coincides with the start of the holiday season and the approach of potential increases in COVID-19 cases. Test kits are available at New Bedford public libraries as part of the current (fourth) round of free test distribution over the past year.

Parents with vulnerable children are encouraged to obtain kits even if there is no immediate exposure risk or active case in their household. Likewise, even as overall COVID-19 transmission levels remain modest, small business owners (provided they are residents) may wish to consider obtaining kits to help protect vulnerable employees in the event of a future workplace exposure.

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 from 40–80 cents. Visit <https://www.zeiterion.org>

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/MJYGVSP>

Virtual Superfund Meeting

Wed., 1/18, from 6–7:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams, a virtual meeting for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. For all EPA meetings, there is no expectation of privacy regarding any communications. Participation in a recorded meeting will be deemed as consent to be recorded. Information on EPA systems is the property of the Agency and may become official records.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device: <https://tinyurl.com/7xy4k9az> and use Meeting ID 263 944 165 108 and Passcode: gCvoTt

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Join on the web: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting?rtc=1> Passcode: gCvoTt

Guided Hike

Join Mattapoissett Land Trust's Community Engagement and Stewardship Manager, Colleen Andrews, for a guided hike on Friday January 13th at 12:30pm.

Enjoy the beginning of the new year by stepping outside and enjoying the fresh air. The hike will start at the MLT Prospect Road parking area in Mattapoissett and will be between 1.25-1.5 miles in length. This is for all ages and we will move at a slow, conversational pace.

All are welcome on the hike! Please dress according to the weather and wear sturdy footwear. Follow MLT on social media for any and all event updates.

Visit <https://mattlandtrust.org>

Photography Exhibit

Come to the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow St., from January 15 - February 14 to view a photography exhibit by Mattapoissett resident Richard Van Inwegen. Photography has been a long-time hobby for Van Inwegen. He has taken numerous courses and seminars on photography and for several years has photographed the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and other non-profits.

His photographs represent some of the numerous interesting subjects found in our area: boats, buildings, landscapes, wildlife, and flowers. All prints were "developed" with computer (post-processing) to achieve a desired impact. Some prints are blends of multiple exposures to handle the wide range of light intensities; some are blends of multiple images; some are the result of creative effects done with the camera; and some are just being in the right spot at the right time.

In conjunction with his exhibit, on Jan 29 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Van Inwegen will be giving a talk at the library called "Traveling for Photos and Taking Photos While Traveling." The program is free and open to all.

Craft a Backyard Bird Feeder

Drop by Munro Preserve between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Monday

January 16th to craft your own pine cone bird feeder to hang in your backyard. Mattapoissett Land Trust will have a tent set up and all supplies needed for you and the family to make pine cone bird feeders.

The Munro Preserve is located at the corner of Water Street and Main Street. Some public parking is available in front of the Harbor-master's office building, but please follow all parking signs.

This is a free, drop-by event. Come by with the family and make a fun winter craft to take home with you! Check Mattapoissett social media for any event updates.

Visit <https://mattlandtrust.org>

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.

Triple Decker Project

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) market rate track of the Triple Decker Retrofit Pilot is now accepting applications on a rolling basis until all funding is awarded (there is no longer a December 21st deadline). This pilot builds on the lessons learned from our Triple Decker Design Challenge and will offer selected triple decker owners:

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Unclaimed Property

Twice a year, the Massachusetts Unclaimed Property Division (UCP) announces the latest group of names that have been added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners.

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity.

There is no time limit for a person, business, or non-profit to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

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Recipe of the Week

Crispy Skillet Salmon

1 1/2-2 pounds salmon, cut into individual filets
Sea salt, to taste
Oil, as needed for pan-frying

Season the salmon flesh liberally with kosher salt and any other desired seasonings.

Heat a large cast iron skillet or non-stick skillet over high heat and add enough oil to generously coat the surface, about 3 tablespoons.

Allow the skillet to heat up for a few minutes until it is sizzling hot.

Carefully place the salmon filets flesh-side down, skin-side up on the hot skillet.

Allow the salmon to cook for 6 minutes on the flesh side.

Use a metal spatula to carefully flip the salmon and cook until it is done to your liking, about 4 minutes.

Remove the salmon filets from the skillet using a spatula.

Serve with desired sides.

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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Dear Frankie



Winter Weather Dangers

Dear Frankie, I dread winter coming and spending months walking on wet, salted streets in freezing temperatures. Just thinking about it gives me the

shivers (in the truest sense of the word).

I can't tell you how many winters my feet have been cracked, cut, and burned from ice and salt on these walks.

Why don't the humans get it? If they wear boots, coats, scarves, gloves, and hats when the temperature gets down to a single digit, wouldn't you think they would understand we also need protection from these weather conditions? Would it be possible to write about this in one of your columns?

Thanks, Lulu

Dear Lulu,

I was delighted to get your letter on two accounts. First, I have been stuck lately on what to write about. Many of my recent letters have been about dating and finding the "right one." Really, how many ways can I say maybe there isn't a right one, or could your standards be too high?

Second, winter canine foot care is an important issue that needs more attention in the press. So here are some tips for dog walkers living in cold climates.

Winter walks in arctic temperatures should be used for their intended purpose — elimination and relief.

It's OK to leave the exercise component of a typical walk aside for a few days. I would also recommend that you rinse your dog's feet and check them when you return from a walk to be sure there is no salt left on or between their foot pads and no cuts.

Canine foot wax is another way to protect your dog's feet from salt burns. Removing the fur between your dog's pads is also a good prevention measure. When foot fur gets wet and freezes, it can be sharp as a knife and cut into your dog's feet. If left unattended, these cuts can become infected and seriously compromise your dog's ability to stand or walk.

Foot pain and infections are no laughing matter. I'm fully confident, readers, now that the issue has been brought to your attention, you will take the necessary steps to protect your dog from winter hazards.

On a lighter note: Wishing you all a Happy and Fulfilling New Year.

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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Plungers welcome new year with a splash

By Beth David
Editor

The annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge in Fairhaven had 159 registered participants, but hundreds watched them run into the January water at 10 a.m. on 1/1/23. The balmy 54 degree temperature felt a bit colder because of a 13 mile per hour wind, but it was still warm by Polar Plunge standards, and so was the water temperature at about 41 degrees. This year's theme was "Under the Sea," and participants were encouraged to dress the part.

The bright sun added to the upbeat mood as people milled around the shoreline waiting for the word to go in. However, the sound system was not working right and those at the edge of the water were taken by

surprise when the crowd started to run towards them.

The Boucher family took a few pictures as they waited for the word, with dad Jason saying he has plunged for at least five years. Mom Julie said she was happy to be the photographer and stay on land, while daughters Emma and Maggy said they were excited and scared at the same time to plunge for the first time.

"Plunge Buddies" Debbie Gabriel and Mary Anne Walker have plunged about 20 times (they think).

"It was wonderful," said Ms. Walker after the plunge.

People from 29 municipalities registered for the plunge this year, from Fairhaven to Cary, NC.

The plunge is held in honor of

domestic violence victims. Registration is free, and proceeds from t-shirt sales go to Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, providing scholarships to high school seniors.

Select Board member Charlie Murphy, who played emcee, thanked the Fairhaven Fire Department for being at the ready with paramedics and an ambulance; the Emergency Management Agency which lent its sound system; the Fairhaven Police Department; Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation, which has jurisdiction over the state reservation/beach; Sherry and Bud Wilson, and Kathy Lopes, who organized the event.

To learn more, find them on Facebook: Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge.



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Julie Boucher takes the selfie with her husband Jason and their children, Emma and Maggy, just moments before the annual Polar Plunge at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 1/1/23. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Our own local Polar Plunge Bear poses with Evelyn Bouley and Karen Pratt just moments before the plunge. BELOW LEFT: L-R: Plunge Buddies Mary Anne Walker and Debbie Gabriel pose for the local free sheet after the plunge. BELOW RIGHT: Hundreds of spectators and participants line the beach before the plunge. Photos by Beth David.



A different kind of plunge



West Island held its own annual polar plunge on New Year's Day, but this year included a surprise plunge of another sort. Mike and Kelly Joseph surprised friends and family by getting married on the Causeway Road beach just before the plunge took place. Only a handful of people knew besides the couple. Even their parents were not privy to the secret. Mike's uncle Ralph Joseph, a Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony, while Mike's father Bob Joseph looked on with true puzzlement, and Mike's mother shed the obligatory tears. The couple then plunged into the waters of Round Cove along with the others who had gathered for that very purpose. The couple had been scheduled to get married in June, but changed their minds and opted for the low-key surprise event. ABOVE LEFT: Kelly and Mike Joseph share a moment before the word was out that they were about to get married on the Causeway Road beach on West Island on 1/1/23, where people had gathered for a polar plunge, and were treated to the surprise. ABOVE MIDDLE LEFT: Justice of the Peace Ralph Joseph officiates as his nephew places a ring on the finger of his bride. ABOVE MIDDLE RIGHT: Kelly and Mike Joseph share a giggle and a kiss after the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT: The two take the literal plunge after taking the marital plunge. BELOW LEFT: Bob Joseph (LEFT), father of the groom, looks a bit puzzled, while Donna Byrne Fallon (RIGHT), mother of the groom, gets emotional during the ceremony. BELOW RIGHT: Mother of the groom Donna Byrne Fallon gets a bit emotional as her grandchildren show how happy they are. BOTTOM LEFT AND RIGHT: The newlyweds pose with family members after the ceremony. *Photos by Beth David.*



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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. Next classes:

- Smartphone and Phone Photos: Jan. 9 and Jan. 11. Advanced Beginner, Advance Skills. Must have a flash drive that connects to you smartphone.
- Let's learn all about the Apple iPhone Smartphone. Jan. 23 and 25. Must have iPhone.

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.: 1/11, Emerald Square Mall; 1/18, Hyannis Mall, XMas Shop, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods; 1/25, Providence Place Mall, Whole Foods.

Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$2. To let us know you

want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

Winter Fuel Assistance

No one should be left out in the cold. It is never too early to apply to get assistance with paying a portion of your winter heating bills. Please call the COA and speak with Phyllis, 508-979-4029.

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Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m. at Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029. A FREE seminar for homeowners 62 years and older to discuss: What is a reverse mortgage; who is eligible; how much can someone receive; what are some of the benefits; what are the tax-free distribution options; how is the reverse mortgage paid.

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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.

Last Day for Papers

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.

Register to Vote/ Mail In Ballots

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.

Positions On the Ballot

Officials whose terms expire this year include the following. Positions are for three-year terms unless

otherwise indicated.

Moderator, Leslie Dakin, Jr., incumbent; Town Clerk, Pamela Labonte, incumbent; Selectboard, David Wojnar, incumbent; Board of Assessors, one vacancy; Board of Health, Robert Medeiros, incumbent; School Committee, two seats up for re-election, incumbents Ronald Houde, Jr. and Jonathan Teves; Commissioner of Trust Funds, two seats, Michael St. Onge, incumbent, and one vacancy for remainder of unexpired term ending on 5/17/25; Planning Commissioner, 5 year term, Bryan Deschamps, incumbent; Planning Commissioner, one seat to fill remainder of unexpired term ending 5/15/27; Cemetery Board, Joanne Cioper, incumbent; Library Trustee, two seats, incumbents Danielle Guillemette and Joan Howland; Park Commissioner, one seat, Michael Matton, incumbent; Tree Warden, one seat, Norman Fredette, incumbent.

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The bridge will be closed on January 9, and a detour will be implemented for the duration of construction. The detour will be as follows:

Traffic originating from the east side of the bridge:

- Continue southbound on Main Street.
- Follow to the intersection of Tarklin Hill Road and Belleville Avenue in New Bedford.
- Take a right onto Belleville Avenue.
- Follow Belleville Avenue to Middle Road.
- Take a right onto Middle Road into Acushnet and follow to Hamlin Street.

Traffic originating from the west side of the bridge:

- Continue southbound on Middle Rd to Belleville Ave, in New Bedford.
- Take a left onto Belleville Avenue and follow to the intersection with Tarklin Hill Road.
- Take a left onto Tarklin Hill Road to Main Street in Acushnet.
- Continue on Main Street to Hamlin Street.

For information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 before heading out onto the roadways and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, access to traffic cameras, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

Acushnet Dog Licenses

Acushnet dog owners have until March 31 to renew dog licenses. Cash and checks only.

Individual Fees

Individual fees for 1-2 dogs are \$10 for each spayed/neutered dog; \$15 for unaltered animals.

Kennel License Fees

Kennels license fees are \$20 for 3-4 dogs; \$50 for 5-15 dogs; \$100 for 15+ dogs.

Rabies Shot

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Contact Town Clerk

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Quick but powerful storm makes a mess of things for a bit



A quick but powerful storm blew through the area on December 23, 2022, giving last minute Christmas shoppers a real taste of winter. Temperature was relatively mild in the mid 40s, although it did dip down a bit. Wind chills, however, sent everyone shivering. Wind was in the 30+ MPH range, with gusts up to 68 MPH on West Island (visit westislandweather.com). The hurricane barrier was closed for part of the day due to high winds. West Island Town Beach and sections of Wilbur Point saw flooding of streets. The West Island causeway had lots of water splashing over at high tide, and a few residents posted some pretty scary footage of cars driving over the road getting splashed with the wave action. According to ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station, Block Island reported a hurricane force gust of 73 MPH, and Mount Washing in NH had a gust of 155 MPH. The storm was a relatively dry one as far as precipitation goes, though, with only about a half-inch of rain falling. However, the tides were exceptionally high, resulting in flooding on roads and in yards along the water. ABOVE LEFT: Water from Round Cove spills onto Causeway Road on West Island in Fairhaven during a powerful storm on 12/23/22. ABOVE RIGHT: After the water recedes, seaweed and mud cover Causeway Road. BELOW LEFT: Water from Round Cove floods the bottom of Bluepoint Road. BELOW RIGHT: Two yards on Alder Street on West island in Fairhaven are flooded with water from Round Cove. *Photos courtesy of Mark Cenci.*



National Junior Honor Society thanks toy donors

The National Junior Honor Society would like to thank everyone who participated and donated a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.



LEFT, L-R: Margaux Poyant, National Junior Honor Society President at Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven, and Fairhaven Veterans Services Officer Brad Fish pose next to toys collected for Toys for Tots for Christmas 2022.

Photo submitted by EHMS.

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From our readers

Editor Has Right to Rant

If The people have of Fairhaven have a right to rant to the editor, then I would think the editor has a right to rant, as the editor. We all have the same rights.

Ranting is impassioned speech, and if it sounds angry, it's because it is impassioned, and the purpose of the rant, is ultimately understood, as change for the better. What we view as hatred or anger isn't always that, instead what it really is, is one's own strong sense of moral justice.

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven

Can the Donald be cloned?

Clearly Donald Trump's best days are behind him as the legal, financial and political problems are mounting.

Can the MAGA movement be saved and transferred to another political aspirant?

Was Trump so unique that no one can match his popularity with so many millions of supporters? Or is there now a road map for an even

more nefarious, articulate opportunist who wants to be president?

Trump had decades of grifting, developing his media savvy persona, and honing his comedic and insulting routines that thrill adoring crowds.

The MAGA constituency consists of people with differing agendas and grievances, but a unifying factor is a desire to ridicule and be entertained, giving vent to long subdued resentments that significantly predate Trumpism.

Donald Trump will fade and flicker out, but the steadfast griever will remain, awaiting further opportunity to focus their attention, money and votes upon a new savior.

While many politicians and legislators have adopted Trump's mythologies, lies and divisive rhetoric, is there one who can replicate the bombastic, sarcastic and comedic responses that were the hallmarks of his speeches and rallies? Who will be inventive enough to

create nicknames for their adversaries, or mock every person who displays disloyalty, and distorts facts with such spontaneity?

No one has thus far been elevated to the level of replacing Trump and so his base remains committed and unconvinced that he has committed anything criminal or treasonous. Of the handful of pretenders who spout moronic nonsense none has reached sufficient national prominence to rally the MAGA millions and become heir to the king of resentment.

It is heartening to believe that Donald Trump cannot, and will not, be cloned and that he was a phenomenon that appeared only once in the history of this nation.

Miniature versions of Trump may win local or state elections, as they have done in the last two election cycles, but transferring that to the national level seems improbable but hopefully impossible.

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth

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.

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Fairhaven

Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 1/5, Remote, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 1/9, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Council on Aging

Mon., 1/9, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Marine Resources Comm

Thurs., 1/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

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

Select Board

Mon., 1/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm

Tues., 1/17, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 1/11, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Council on Aging

Wed., 1/11, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Selectboard & Soil Board

Fri., 12/16, Town Hall, Noon

Selectboard

Tues., 1/10, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs., 1/12, Senior Ctr., 5 p.m. (time not confirmed). Citizens Forum on DEP's new Title V regulations.

Date	Tides	
	High Tide	Low Tide
Thu, Jan 5	06:48 AM 07:06 PM	01:01 PM
Fri, Jan 6	07:28 AM 07:46 PM	12:17 AM 01:35 PM
Sat., Jan 7	08:06 AM 08:25 PM	01:02 AM 02:10 PM
Sun, Jan 8	08:41 AM 09:04 PM	01:47 AM 02:46 PM
Mon, Jan 9	09:17 AM 09:44 PM	02:30 AM 03:20 PM
Tue, Jan 10	09:53 AM 10:24 PM	03:12 AM 03:53 PM
Wed, Jan 11	10:30 AM 11:04 PM	03:52 AM 04:25 PM
Thu, Jan 12	11:11 AM 11:46 PM	04:33 AM 04:59 PM

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Office of the Collector of Taxes
Notice of Tax Taking**

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on Thursday the 19th day of January, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at the Tax Collector's Office, 40 Center Street, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Fairhaven the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Assessed To AMARAL DONNA M & DUFF ALEXANDER. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.501 Acres located and known as 50 BRIERCLIFFE RD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29B-746 & 29B-746A and being part of the premises recorded in book 12173 on page 169 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$5.55

Assessed To BLANCHETTE TONY J & ELIZABETH. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.35 Acres located and known as 307 HUTTLESTON AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 31B-107 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9125 on page 173 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$10.58
2022 Sewer Capital Int Lien\$0.83
2022 Sewer Capital Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$13.35
2022 Sewer Lien\$404.99
2022 Tax\$758.05
2022 Water Int Lien\$9.30
2022 Water Lien\$271.34

Assessed To BORGES JIMMIE W and SARAIVA SHANON B. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.097 Acres located and known as 240 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 16-053 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12498 on page 146 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$12.89
2022 IE Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Capital Int Lien\$3.12
2022 Sewer Capital Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$84.48
2022 Sewer Lien\$321.72
2022 Tax\$754.62
2022 Water Int Lien\$71.25
2022 Water Lien\$214.35

Assessed to CAMBRA DAVID ROBERT and CAMBRA EDWARD M. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.101 Acres located and known as 109 CENTER ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 08-038 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4647 on page 137 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$23.47
2022 Tax\$2,195.26

Assessed To COSTA RICHARD & DONNA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.772 Acres located and known as 207 NEW BOSTON RD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34-040B and being part of the premises recorded in book 1916 on page 736 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$11.21
2022 Tax\$789.44

Assessed to COSTELLO THOMAS P & BARBARA W and CARLSON ROBERT G & MAURE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.288 Acres located and known as RAYMOND ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29D-081 & 29D-082 and being part of the premises recorded on certificate of title # 11040 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$1.07

Assessed To CROWE MYCHEL B & AVERY LINDA A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately

0.316 Acres located and known as 2 SUNSET LN shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 26-016G and being part of the premises recorded in book 11090 on page 115 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2022 CPA\$14.86
2022 Sewer Capital Int Lien\$3.12
2022 Sewer Capital Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$74.78
2022 Sewer Lien\$230.88
2022 Tax\$707.04
2022 Water Int Lien\$50.07

Assessed To DAWICKI ERIC & ANGELA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.436 Acres located and known as 32 WASHINGTON ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 09-040 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4845 on page 50 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$381.42
2022 Tax\$19,070.7

Assessed To DONNELLY STEVEN A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.285 Acres located and known as 41 ELIZABETH ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27-008J and being part of the premises registered in book 12196 on page 348 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$14.64
2022 Sewer Capital Int Lien\$3.12
2022 Sewer Capital Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$94.51
2022 Sewer Lien\$416.35
2022 Tax\$637.24
2022 Water Int Lien\$81.86
2022 Water Lien\$318.93

Assessed To DUARTE GEORGE M & CHERYL L. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.195 Acres located and known as 6 TORRINGTON RD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29B-564 thru 29B-568 and being part of the premises recorded in book 7150 on page 231 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$13.46
2022 Sewer Bett\$157.70
2022 Sewer Int Bett\$73.48
2022 Tax\$368.19

Assessed To FLEURENT RENE J JR. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.276 Acres located and known as 109 EBONY ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43A-318 & 43A-320 and being part of the premises recorded on certificate of title #19729 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$19.16
2022 Sewer Bett\$273.75
2022 Sewer Int Bett\$41.06
2022 Tax\$1,251.34

Assessed to FLEURENT RENE J JR TRUSTEE OF And THE RJF LAND TRUST. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.138 Acres located and known as EBONY ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43A-322 and being part of the premises recorded on certificate of title #20645 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$107.94

Assessed To FOWLER CHRISTOPHER S & ERIN L. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.465 Acres located and known as 365 HUTTLESTON AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 31A-026 thru 31A-031 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12381 on page 305 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$258.70

Assessed To FURTADO BENNY & MARIA L. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.267 Acres located and known as 81 AKIN ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 30B-051 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1676 on page 880 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$8.73
2022 Tax\$1,047.38

Assessed To HART PATRICIA A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as 46 HIGHLAND AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28A-171 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11729 on page 198 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2022 CPA\$15.64
2022 Tax\$1,521.82
2022 Water Int Lien\$4.42
2022 Water Lien\$49.68

Assessed To HAWORTH GEOFF II TRUSTEE OF EA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.222 Acres located and known as PERRY ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 31A-434 and being part of the premises recorded in book 13288 on page 68 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$72.36

Assessed To IACOPONI DEAN. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.765 Acres located and known as 242 HUTTLESTON AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 30A-329B and being part of the premises recorded in book 12265 on page 90 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$38.00
2022 Tax\$2,921.90

Assessed To JONES WENDELL C. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.341 Acres located and known as 99 NEW BOSTON RD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34-029A and being part of the premises recorded in book 11045 on page 17 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$89.92

Assessed To LOWNEY JOHN P III. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.207 Acres located and known as 36 SEAVIEW AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29C-042 thru 29C-046 and being part of the premises recorded on certificate of title #22180 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$2.40

Assessed To LYONS KERRY. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.119 Acres located and known as 49 ADAMS ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 25-210 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11349 on page 311 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$11.21
2022 Tax\$789.58

Assessed To MANDEVILLE IRENE A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.146 Acres located and known as 35 MULBERRY ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 11-086 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3039 on page 96 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$23.32
2022 Tax\$1,623.47

Assessed To MARNIK WAYNE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.27 Acres located and known as 106 WEEDEN RD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 32-061 & 32-062 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1610 on page 974 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$10.64
2022 Sewer Capital Int Lien\$3.12
2022 Sewer Capital Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$93.14
2022 Sewer Lien\$416.35
2022 Tax\$573.59
2022 Water Int Lien\$81.32
2022 Water Lien\$325.77

Assessed To MARTIN CLAUDIA ANN. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.372 Acres located and known as MOREY LN shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 04-160 and being part of the premises recorded in book 7948 on page 213 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

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2022 Tax\$761.45

Assessed To MILLER PASA A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.09 Acres located and known as 176 HUTTLESTON AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 26-011 & 26-012 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6230 on page 89 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$80.42

Assessed To NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE I. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.147 Acres located and known as 29-31 CENTER ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 07-034 and being part of the premises recorded in book 10697 on page 92 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$118.51
2022 Tax\$5,925.33

Assessed To NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE I. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.358 Acres located and known as 17 CENTER ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 07-025, 07-027, and 07-029 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12515 on page 117 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$241.09
2022 Tax\$12,054.5

Assessed To NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE I. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.094 Acres located and known as 67 MAIN ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 09-029 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12629 on page 83 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$69.76
2022 Tax\$3,425.40

Assessed To NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE I. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.856 Acres located and known as 2 ELM AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 13-066 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12532 on page 223 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$264.78
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$2.50
2022 Sewer Lien\$295.92
2022 Tax\$14,261.1

Assessed to NORTHEAST PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.035 Acres located and known as 21 WASHINGTON ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 09-080A and being part of the premises recorded in book 4 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$29.66
2022 Tax\$2,504.92

Assessed to NORTHEAST PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.118 Acres located and known as 92 MIDDLE ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 11-005 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12448 on page 326 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$31.35
2022 Tax\$2,589.75

Assessed To PEASE JOHN JOSEPH. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.253 Acres located and known as 303 ALDEN RD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 37A-071 thru 37A-074 & 37A-093 & 37A-094 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5033 on page 53 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$35.24
2022 Tax\$2,783.93

Assessed To PEREIRA MARTINHO JR. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.115 Acres located and known as 23 HOWLAND RD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 17-057 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11082 on page 270 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$3.72

Assessed To RAHL DONALD W & JEANETTE C. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.176 Acres located and known as 48 HIGHLAND AVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28A-168 thru 28A-170 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5390 on page 237 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$11.95
2022 Sewer Capital Int Lien\$3.12
2022 Sewer Capital Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$64.02
2022 Sewer Lien\$46.13
2022 Tax\$680.49

Assessed To REBELO JOHN. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.138 Acres located and known as 4 SPRINGHILL ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 21-007 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8865 on page 79 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$21.05
2022 Sewer Capital Int Lien\$3.12
2022 Sewer Capital Lien\$25.00
2022 Sewer Int Lien\$42.34
2022 Tax\$982.76

Assessed To RODRIQUES ANTONIO & ROSEMARY. A parcel of registered land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.197 Acres located and known as BRIDGE ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38-008B and being part of the premises recorded on certificate of title #25594 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds. Supposed Present Owner C/O RODRIGUES ANTONIO
2022 CPA\$17.70
2022 Tax\$1,907.05

Assessed To RODRIQUES ANTONIO & ROSEMARY. A parcel of registered land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.223 Acres located and known as 8 CHARITY STEVENS LN shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38-008C and being part of the premises recorded on certificate of title #25594 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds. Supposed Present Owner C/O RODRIGUES ANTONIO
2022 CPA\$63.47
2022 Tax\$4,195.31

Assessed To ROSE GRACE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.213 Acres located and known as 60 HATHAWAY ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-347 thru 28B-349 and being part of the premises

recorded inbook 1720 on page 525 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$15.05
2022 Sewer Bett\$587.87
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2022 Tax\$831.93

Assessed To ROWE GARTH R. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.113 Acres located and known as 16 MIDDLE ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 07-024 and being part of the premises recorded in book 10016 on page 302 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$340.13

Assessed To SNOW SCOTT E. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.06 Acres located and known as BROOK DR shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 31-117D and being part of the premises recorded in book 12554 on page 246 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$6.13

Assessed To SPOONER JOYCE B. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.144 Acres located and known as 50 CENTER ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 09-107 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11217 on page 247 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$18.65
2022 Tax\$1,180.70

Assessed To SULLIVAN GEORGE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9.1 Acres located and known as TOWN LINE MATTAPoisett shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34-032 and being part of the premises recorded in book 2046 on page 226 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$465.01

Assessed To TORRES JUAN & ESQUILANEA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.698 Acres located and known as PAGE & DEANE STREETS shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 37A-207 thru 37A-218 & 37A-222 thru 37A-228 and being part of the premises recorded in book 9016 on page 316 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$160.17

Assessed To TOWERS RITA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.257 Acres located and known as 30 SCOTT ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27-216 thru 27-219 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3054 on page 212 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 CPA\$3.98
2022 Tax\$427.93

Assessed To WILLIAMS SHANE R. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.432 Acres located and known as FRANKLIN ST shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29B-121 thru 29B-124 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12376 on page 227 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.
2022 Tax\$760.37

RMV removes opt-out for automatic voter registration

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that effective January 1, 2023, the RMV is no longer allowed to offer the option for customers to opt out of automatic voter registration.

The opportunity for driver's license and ID applicants to decline automatic voter registration is no longer possible in accordance with "The VOTES Act," a new election reform law which was passed by the Massachusetts State Legislature on

June 22, 2022.

On each business day, the RMV will be required to transmit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, specific applicant information on all eligible transactions with the RMV meeting the select criteria of persons attesting to U.S. citizenship and providing proof of lawful presence. Information that is sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth will include the applicant's name, date of birth, address, attestation of

citizenship, and an electronic signature.

RMV customers will be allowed to decline voter registration after receiving the acknowledgment notice from their respective municipal election officials.

The RMV has revised its driver's license and ID applications and the "Voter Registration Receipt" to reflect the new changes referenced above. To learn more, go online to: Automatic Voter Registration.



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