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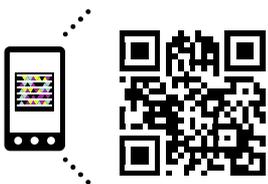
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Moby-Dick Marathon returns in person



Culture*Park performs Chapter 40, "Midnight on the Forecastle," during the Moby-Dick Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on Saturday night, 1/7/23. 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

It's *Moby-Dick* week! What a cool thing that is. We caught up with a couple of Fairhaven residents at the annual marathon reading of the whale of a tale (yeah...I went there, it's late okay?). See page 12 for that.

I usually go late at night and catch people sleeping in the corners. This year I went earlier and I was able to catch Culture*Park performing chapter 40, knife fight and all.

We have some meeting coverage this week, too. See page 4 for the Select Board meeting.

Paul Heroux was sworn in as Bristol County Sheriff. Finally. Only waited 25 years for it to happen (see page 6). Let's hope we will, at the very least, not be a national embarrassment anymore.

This weekend is Martin Luther King Jr. day. See page 3 for a program commemorating him. And see page 19 for our own local Black History Trail.

Acushnet is having a meeting to talk about the Department of Environmental Protection's proposed Title 5 regulations, which is to say: septic systems. If they have their way, there's a possibility that individual homeowners with septic systems will be forced to replace or upgrade their systems, even if they are new.

The comment period has been extended (see page 17), and there are a couple of virtual meetings and webinars coming up. Meanwhile, in Acushnet this week, 1/12, there is an open meeting for residents to give their opinions to the Selectboard and get their questions answered (see page 16). The meeting is at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center in Acushnet.

This is going to be a battle for all the towns, so get informed

There's other stuff in here of course. As you look through, be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. And if you frequent a place that does not advertise with us, give 'em a copy and maybe they will!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

City of NB to celebrate Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Press Release

The City's annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community Program will be held on Sunday, January 15th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church located at 47 South Sixth Street.

Sponsored by the City of New Bedford's Department of Community Services, and the Office of the Mayor, The New Bedford Human Relations Commission, and the NAACP New Bedford Branch, the program will feature live poetry, music, remarks from the Mayor, and keynote speaker Rahsaan Hall.

Hall is the founder and principal of Rahsaan Hall Consulting in Boston, Massachusetts, where he provides experienced racial justice and criminal law reform advocacy focusing on community engagement, policy advocacy, and racial equity. He was the Deputy Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice where his work included policy, legislative advocacy, and community outreach.

"Each year during this annual day of remembrance, we come together to celebrate Dr. King's message of peace and unity. We are strongest when we set aside our differences and

find common ground," said Mayor Jon Mitchell.

Sunday's program also features musical selections from vocal artist and New Bedford native Candida Rose Baptista, Councilor at-large Shane Burgo, Travis Rapoza, Rev. Laurie Smalls, Avamarie Khazan, and more. Other highlights will include the announcement of the 2023 Creative Expression Winners in the Poetry, Art, and Essays categories.

All are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the MLK Planning Committee at (774) 271-4808 or through email at MLKCreativeExpression@newbedford-ma.gov.

MLK Historic Hike/New Bedford's Black History Trail

**By OutHounds Adventure Club
Sun., 1/15, All Day
Pier 3, 51 MacArthur Blvd, NB**

While OutHounds Adventure & Training Academy's Adventure Club typically traverses our more remote and wooded areas, we do like to gather in more populous locales once in a while and have an "Urban Adventure!" We couldn't think of a

better time than to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King.

Come join Adventure Club on this Urban Adventure Hike to commemorate his legacy by walking New Bedford's Black History Trail. Starting at Pier 3 on the New Bedford waterfront, we will follow the Trail as meticulously curated by the New Bedford Historical Society. Our path

will lead us to Buttonwood Park and back again!

At each location, we will read and learn a little bit about the rich history along the way. If you want to learn more, we encourage you to check out the New Bedford Historical Society's website: <https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/historic-trails/>

[See page 19]



Volunteers Needed

*How can you help during an emergency?
Looking for a way to give back to your community?
Consider joining the Emergency Management Team.*



The Fairhaven Fire Department/Emergency Management Division is looking for volunteers to assist during emergencies and other events. You can choose what tasks you may want to be involved in, and the hours you would volunteer.

Some of the tasks include:

- Shelter Operations
- Pet handling in shelter operations
- Search and Rescue
- Road Closures and Traffic Control
- Snow Plowing
- Fire and Police Rehab/ Incident Support
- Incident Lighting
- Emergency Operation Center — Radios/ Communications/Computer Technology



Training will be provided on the first Monday of each month starting in March 2023.

Join us on February 6, 2023, at the Emergency Management Building, 150 Sconticut Neck Road to learn more and ask questions, or contact Fire Chief Todd Correia at 508-994-1428, or tcorreia@fairhaven-ma.gov

Eversource to increase more than 30%

By Beth David
Editor

At the Fairhaven Select Board meeting on 1/9/23, Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison informed the board that Eversource will increase its rates by more than 30%.

She implored residents to compare rates with the town's municipal aggregation agreement (see sidebar).

Ms. Ellison told the board there was nothing they could do about Eversource price increases, but there are alternatives. She said she was looking at ways to help residents mitigate the cost increase.

Residents should take advantage of coops; the Mass Save program (<https://www.masssave.com>), which offers free energy audits for the home and many free and discounted products and services to save on energy usage.

Select Board Chairperson Stasia Powers also reminded residents that PACE (508-999-9920, <https://paceinfo.org>) offers fuel assistance to low income residents.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison outlined some challenges the town is having attracting and keeping employees in certain positions, most notably those with certifications.

She said the Building Commissioner position is being staffed by area commissioners who are being borrowed with the permission of their towns. They will work mostly after hours because they are all full time, she said. The office is staffed during the day.

"We can get inspectors," said Mr. Ellison, but not commissioners, adding some candidates said they would work as inspectors if the town pays for them to get certified for the top job. Only a licensed commis-

sioner can sign off on permits, she said. Across the state there is a shortage of building commissioners.

There is an even worse shortage with finance directors, said Ms. Ellison. The town posted the Treasurer/Collector/Finance Director position and only received one applicant. She said they will repost the position as split position.

Meanwhile, she is looking at alternatives, including the use of a consultant. The current Treasurer/Collector/Finance Director is retiring on 1/20.

The other vacancy is the Conservation Agent/Sustainability Coordinator. Ms. Ellison said she is hoping to hire from within, but that will take some time for the current office person to get certified.

The board also discussed a series of goals and objectives, although there was a bit of confusion on what, exactly, the item was supposed to be about.

Board member Bob Espindola made a slide presentation, making a case for setting goals and objectives the way they had done it for several years.

He said he felt the board did not have enough input. Sending everything by email to the TA, who would then send it to the board members individually, did not give the boards a chance to discuss anything with each other in a meeting.

After a bit of a protracted discussion, and the usual back and forth between Mr. Espindola and Vice Chair Leon Correy, Ms. Ellison explained that there seemed to be a misunderstanding on what the item was about.

Mr. Correy criticized Mr. Espindola

Fairhaven Community Electricity Aggregation

To learn more about rates and how to sign up, visit <https://masscea.com/Fairhaven/>

Fairhaven Community Electricity Aggregation is a program offered by the Town of Fairhaven to provide residents and businesses with Town-vetted options for electricity supply. Fairhaven Community Electricity Aggregation does not replace Eversource, the electric utility in Fairhaven, which continues to deliver electricity, repair any outages, and billing, so customers continue to receive one bill. The program website, MassCEA.com/Fairhaven, contains a description of the program, forms, and a phone number to call with questions.

for not sending his presentation/slides ahead of the meeting for members to familiarize themselves with it. Mr. Espindola reminded Mr. Correy that doing so would be a violation of the open meeting law because the presentation was his opinion, not simply fact sharing.

In any case, Ms. Ellison said the item was a continuation of her evaluation. The goals and objectives they were discussing were supposed to be a way of evaluating her in December, to see if she succeeded in completing her objectives. It was not the same as the overall goals and objectives the board sets for the year.

She also said that the board would, indeed, have chance to weigh in on the list at the next meeting.

Mr. Espindola acquiesced, saying if he had realized that, he would not have made his presentation.



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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	Tree PU
Monday	Tues., 1/10
Tuesday	Wed., 1/11
Wednesday	Thurs., 1/12
Thursday	Fri., 1/13

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

SAVE THE DATE

West Island 5k Run/Walk

Sun., 4/23, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven. 5K race at 11 a.m., Kids Mile Fun Run, 10 a.m.

Come out and run to benefit good causes on a US Track and Field certified course. Entry fees for the 5K

range from \$15 to \$25. There is also a Kids Mile Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. with an entry fee of \$5. Race shirt or beach towel to first 300 5k registrants. Cash prizes. You may now register online at <https://tinyurl.com/mrx5wpah>

In person registration at 41 Causeway Road is Saturday, April 22, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 23, from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. for Kids Run and 10:45 a.m. for the 5K. Proceeds benefit Fairhaven High School Cross Country program, West Island Improvement Association scholarship fund, and Strive and Achieve. For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org>, or email westisland5k@yahoo.com.

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 sign 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 comcastbiz.net

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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 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

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

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New sheriff in town: Paul Heroux sworn in

From press release materials

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin administered the oath of office to former Attleboro Mayor Paul Heroux, the new Sheriff of Bristol County. Sheriff Heroux toppled 25-year incumbent Tom Hodgson in the November 8, 2022, election.

In his remarks at his swearing in on January 3 at Durfee High School in Fall River, Sheriff Heroux thanked Mr. Hodgson for a smooth transition.

"This was a movement, a movement for change," said Mr. Heroux.

He asked voters to be patient while he makes the changes that they want. He said he has heard people's concerns and will address them.

"I take things seriously, but I do not overreact," said Mr. Heroux. "I am going to act on things that can be proven. I am going to be fair."

Sheriff Heroux addressed the staff saying there would be changes, but some things would stay the same. He outlined some changes to the organizational structure of the system. Those changes include adding a Director of Inmate Services, a position reporting directly to him.

He noted that he campaigned on measuring the rate of recidivism and measuring the effectiveness of programs.

"Consider that inmates are often paroled based in part on their participation in treatment programs intended to reduce recidivism. If our programs don't work, someone not ready for release may go out and do something no one wants," said Sheriff Heoux. "It is critically important that we know if what we are doing is effective or not."

He said he heard some services are being offered and some are not, so he will not know until he gets a "an up-close look."

He promised to get inmates set up with housing, healthcare and jobs.

"These are the pillars of successful prisoner reentry," he said. "But one thing for sure is that services offered



Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin (RIGHT) administers the oath of office to Paul Heroux, the new Sheriff of Bristol County, on January 2, 2023, at Durfee High School in Fall River. *Submitted photo.*

under me are going to be made public to a degree we have not seen before."

He also said he would bring in outside help to reduce the rate of suicide in the jails.

Mr. Heroux also said he would recruit homeless veterans to work at the BCSO; and he is planning to give tours of the jails.

He will do the job, he said, knowing that someday he will no longer be sheriff, and whoever succeeds him will build on what he has done. He said he would not be sheriff for life, maybe one or two terms.

"At the core of what we do in corrections is God's work. It's about working with people who might not

have ever had that first chance in life, who many in society have disdain for. It's about giving hope to the families of the incarcerated. It's about giving a sense of purpose to the people who work in corrections. It's about giving pride to the people who live in our community that we are doing something that, although they may not see, is a benefit to them and their loved ones," he said. "The election is over. I may have been one side's candidate, but now I am everyone's sheriff. Whether you supported me or not, I hope you like the work that is done and the results that are delivered."

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EHMS announces Patriot's Pen Winners

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven announced local winners of the Patriot's Pen essay contest 2022-2023.

The program, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), gives students the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on the annual patriotic theme.

The Fort Phoenix VFW #2892 Auxiliary Essay Contest was completed by all students in grades 6-8 within their History Classes.

The Theme was My Pledge to Our Veterans. It was a 300-400 word original typed essay, due by October 31, 2022.

Out of all the entries of those that

participated, Grade 7 Scholar, Mischa Tomasia received First Place with a cash prize. Grade 7 Scholar, Adam Hirsch came in Second Place with a cash prize.

"We are truly excited for this recognition and proud of these individuals," wrote the school in a press release. "The also exciting aspect was they were both from Grade 7 History Teacher, Mr. Marshall's Classes. Thank you for your words, and advocacy for our veterans!"

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW

District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level, The first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition.

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible.

To learn more about the Patriot's Pen Program, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yybt9tta>. For other VFW scholarship programs, visit <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>



LEFT, L-R: Elizabeth Hastings Middle School student Mischa Tomasia poses with principal Nicholas Bettencourt after Ms. Tomasia won first place in the 2022-2023 Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. RIGHT: L-R: Dr. Bettencourt Bettencourt poses with Adam Hirsch, who won second place in the essay contest. *Submitted photos.*

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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, water-proof 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.

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

Join with videoconferencing device: sip:teams@video.epa.gov; Video Conference ID: 117 433 521 8

Or call in (audio only) 857-299-6148,,166195324# United States, Boston. Phone Conference ID: 166 195 324#

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Attention 8th Graders!

Have you always wanted to be a part of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech but don't know where to start? Well, we have great news for you! The GNBVT Family Engagement Center is hosting two application nights to help students, parents and guardians apply to GNBVT. These two events will be held on January 26, 2023, and February 9, 2023, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, in the Student Forum. This is a first come, first serve event and we ask that you register for either date.

GNBVTh offers more than 20 different shops, with a curriculum designed to acquaint the student with the type of work performed and the required skills needed to be successful. In addition to the exploratory program, GNBVT offers a robust athletic program, clubs and many different ways to get involved.

We offer an inclusive environment that values the diversity of our surrounding communities and respects individual differences which are embraced, celebrated and treated equitably.

First come, first serve, parents need to register for this event.

Students and Parents/Guardians must register for Application Nights at <https://forms.gle/XJfqibWyVab9SDFB8>

If you cannot make the event, but would still like to apply visit <https://www.gnbvt.edu/admissions/>

SAVE THE DATES

Lebanese Feast/Hafli

Our Lady of Purgatory Marionite Catholic Church presents St. Maron's Feast Day Hafli on Sat., 2/4, at our future home (formerly Our Lady of Fatima Church), 4256 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford

Featuring live entertainment by Ayad Atallah & Bachir Khoury Band;

cash bar & mezza at 7:30 p.m.; dinner at 8:30 p.m.

For tickets, call the church office, 508-996-8934, or Sousou Maalouf, 508-916-1523. Dance floor seating, \$85; general seating, \$75; children 12-17 \$40; children under 12, N/C.

YTI Presents

Your Theatre Presents *Proclivities*, By Kirsten Greenidge, directly by Eric R. Paradis. One pleasant evening, Doug and Shonda invite their friend Bing over for dinner and drinks. As they ply Bing with wine, the conversation's civility begins to crumble, and we witness each of the trio's run-ins with characters on the edge of their suburban existence — a pregnant waitress, an ether-addicted doctor, a philanthropic street peddler. These experiences converge on the comfortable living room, forcing a choice between continuing on with their disconnected lives, or embracing the possibilities of human kindness.

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1960s

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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.

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DEP Title V mtgs

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More information on the proposed regulations can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>.

Habitat for Humanity

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Triple Decker Project

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) market rate track of the Triple Decker Retrofit Pilot is

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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.

Visit www.findmassmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

Fall Prevention

Do you have concerns about falling? Join the Acushnet Council on Aging on Mon., 1/23, from 12:30-2 p.m. for a fall prevention presentation, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.

Learn why you should prevent falls, the importance of checking your environment for hazards, simple exercises to increase strength and balance, small changes you can implement to decrease your fall risk.

Recipe of the Week

Stuffed Crescent Rolls

- 2 (8-oz) cans crescent roll dough
 - 2 (10.5-oz) cans cream of chicken soup
 - 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese, softened
 - 3 tbsps Italian dressing mix
 - 2-3 cups chicken, cooked and shredded
 - 2-3 green onions, optional, chopped
- Preheat the oven to 375°

Add the cream of chicken soup and the cream cheese together in a medium pot over medium heat.

Add the dressing mix and stir to combine.

Turn the heat to low.

Transfer most of the mixture (about 4/5) to a large bowl, reserving the rest in the pan to use as gravy.

Add the chicken and green onions to the large bowl and mix until well combined.

Separate the crescent roll dough along the serrated edges and place the individual triangles on a cookie sheet.

Scoop a spoonful of the chicken mixture onto each of the crescent dough triangles.

Roll the dough up, tucking them as necessary to ensure the chicken mixture doesn't leak out.

Bake until golden brown and puffed, for about 9-12 minutes.

Serve warm and topped with the remaining gravy.

From CookingProfessionally.com



Dear Frankie

Dark Days

Dear Frankie,
No one would describe me as upbeat, sunny, or a go-with-the-flow kind of person. I admit I see my water bowl half empty.

Most days, I don't let life get me down. But on dreary days, it's hard not to cave. As much as I try not to think about my failures and lost opportunities, I can't.

Some days, getting out of bed is about as much as I can handle. My mom knows I'm struggling and tries her best to understand what's troubling me. But there are some things that only another dog can understand.

My mom doesn't know what it feels like not to have a pedigree, not to win a blue ribbon at an agility competition, or never to be asked to sit with a popular dog on the doggie daycare bus.

Any ideas on how I might develop a more positive view of myself and my life?

Randolph

Dear Randolph,

You have already taken the first step in changing your behavior. You have acknowledged your negative thoughts are a problem.

You have also taken a second step: you are motivated to become a more positive thinker.

For starters, I suggest you find a

canine therapist to help you on your road to recovery. You might also attend a Canine Anonymous group meeting and get a sponsor.

If you have a library card, which every self-respecting canine should have, check out the self-help section on the power of positive thinking.

Regarding your issue with not having a pedigree, that is a fact that can't be changed. So, stop moaning and start thinking about parlaying the paw that was dealt to you.

As for competitions, most who enter will lose because only three can win. Consider the critical role you play for the winners. As a loser, you make them winners. Most dogs would kill to go to doggie daycare and agility competitions.

Have you ever thought about saying positive things and smiling when you are on the bus, even though your heart isn't in it? Nobody wants to sit beside some sad sack.

There are many paths to accomplish your goals; whatever you choose, remember what you reap is what you sow.

Best, Frankie

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Moby-Dick Marathon is back in person

By Beth David
Editor

After two years of going totally remote due to the pandemic, the Moby-Dick Marathon was back in person at the New Bedford Whaling Museum this weekend. Readers from around the region and beyond, read from Herman Melville's classic tale of the white whale from Noon on Saturday through Sunday morning. Some were scholars, Melville Aficionados, teachers, celebrities, and local residents. Emmy and Golden Globe nominated actress Taylor Schilling was scheduled to start off the reading.

At around 1:30 on Saturday afternoon, the reading moved to the Seamen's Bethel for Father Mapple's Sermon.

Also on Saturday, around 7:30 p.m., Culture*Park Theater group performed Chapter 40, "Midnight on the Forecastle," in the Cook Memorial Theater.

Josef Kaplan of Philadelphia, PA, and Frank Curren of Providence, RI, followed along from the same book, while their friend Erin Wingle of Washington, DC, knitted at around 9 p.m. on Saturday during the reading of chapter 41.

It was the first time attending in person for Ms. Wingle, who read during one of the virtual events.

Mr. Curren said he wanted to participate to be around like minded



people, who love the book.

"It's my substitute for the Pistol and the Bard," said Mr. Kaplan.

Michelle Furtado and her daughter Sarah have been attending the marathon since 2007. Michelle rounded up four copies of the book and took all three of her children. Only Sarah has continued the tradition. They do four hour shifts, overlapping two hours each year.

"It's a wonderful, relaxing way to end the hectic holiday season," said Michelle.

She said they streamed it during COVID, and missed 2017 because of a blizzard. They hope to continue next

year, and maybe soon, one of them will become a reader.

Jordan Castro of Ashland, MA, Katie Tumang of Manhattan (originally from Natick), and Savannah Kaltofen of Natick, took a break from the reading to enjoy the nighttime view from the observation deck.

The three sang the praises of New Bedford and its rich history.

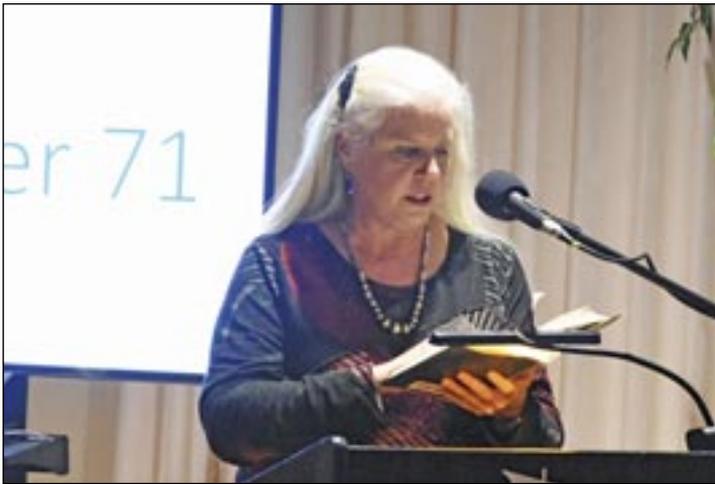
"Its incredible," said Ms. Tumang, noting she does not see anything like it in Manhattan.

Mr. Castro said he liked the cobblestone streets.



TOP: L-R: Sarah and her mom, Michelle Furtado, of Fairhaven, read along during the Moby-Dick Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on Saturday night, 1/7/23. ABOVE LEFT: L-R: Josef Kaplan and Frank Curren read along, while Erin Wingle knits during the Moby-Dick Marathon. ABOVE RIGHT: Joseph DiZoglio (LEFT) and Matthew Petersen (RIGHT), read along, while Kate Telma follows the story and knit. Photos by Beth David.

More photos from the Moby-Dick Marathon



ABOVE LEFT: Reader 71, Deirdre Lavalley, a Melville Aficionado, reads from Chapter 41 during the Moby-Dick Marathon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on Saturday night, 1/7/23. Reader 73, Eugene Andreassi, a Melville Aficionado, reads from Chapter 41. BELOW AND BOTTOM: Culture*Park performs Chapter 40, "Midnight on the Forecastle," during the Moby-Dick Marathon. *Photos by Beth David.*



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In this yoga class poses are practiced to help align posture, strengthen the body, promote flexibility & work on stability through balance. As we flow from one pose to the next, we will focus on linking our breath with our movement. Our goal is to breathe, stretch, release tension, de-stress & find balance within. Students will be introduced to a variety of yoga poses that link together creating a flow allowing for a smooth transition from one pose to the next forming a fluid movement of the body throughout the entire sequence. All levels welcome! Tuesdays: 9:30AM-10:30AM. Inst.: Diana Boucher. 9 weeks: starts Jan. 17, ends 3/14. Drop-in Price: \$10 member/15 non-member. Full Session Price: \$75/\$90.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Tai Chi Classes

Mondays, 11 a.m. to noon. Next class starts on 1/30. \$30 for the 8-week class. Call the center to sign up: 508-979-4029.

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:

- Let's learn all about the Apple iPhone Smartphone. Jan. 23 and 25. Must have iPhone.
- Smartphone Apps for Seniors: Jan. 30 & Feb. 1. Part 1 & 2. Must have an iPhone Smartphone.

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.

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.

All About Reverse Mortgages

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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Memory Cafe

Jan. 26, noon-2 p.m. Please call 508-979-4029 to reserve a spot by Jan. 23. Lunch will be cheeseburgers. King's Castle Design for a fun craft to follow lunch.

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Acushnet news and information

DEP Septic Regs Meeting

The Acushnet Selectboard is holding a public hearing so residents can give feedback about the proposed DEP regulations on septic systems. Thurs., 1/12, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St. (See ad on page 20.)

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.

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Nomination Papers Available

Acushnet's local 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. Anyone who wants to run for office 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 papers is Tuesday, 3/21, at 5 p.m. 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, 3/24 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.

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.

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, 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, 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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Title 5 public comment period ends on 1/30

By Beth David
Editor

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According to the DEP website, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2023 (which is an extension from the original December deadline).

All comments submitted must include the name and contact information of the person providing the comments. Please submit com-

ment 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

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

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Name & Citation of Regulation: Title 5, State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.000 and Watershed Permit Regulations: 314 CMR 21.00

Brief Explanation and Rationale for Changes: MassDEP is proposing to amend the Title 5 regulations, 310 CMR 15.000, to enhance protection of embayments and estuaries particularly on Cape Cod, the Islands and

Southeastern Massachusetts from nitrogen pollution originating from wastewater and other sources.

The Title 5 regulations establish minimum standards for the proper siting, construction, upgrade, and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal systems and the appropriate means for the transport and disposal of septage in order to protect public health, safety, welfare and the environment. The current regulations do not have nitrogen reduction provisions for natural resource areas.

MassDEP is also filing new draft regulations at 314 CMR 21.00 to provide a watershed permitting approach to control nitrogen and other pollutants from entering the embayments and estuaries.

More information on the proposed regulations can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>.

Is your car prepared for winter?

Colder weather is here. Frigid air can impact vehicle performance and road conditions, and AAA encourages drivers to be vigilant when preparing for and hitting the road in the cold. Start with your battery.

“Batteries have just gone through the heat of summer and now winter is about to hit. The higher the temperatures inside a battery the quicker it degrades. Checking your vehicle battery periodically is the best way to prevent battery failure and being stranded. Once your vehicle’s battery is three years old it should be checked on an annual basis,” said Mary Maguire, AAA Northeast Vice President of Public and Government Affairs. “As important as checking the battery condition is inspecting the battery cables and connections for corrosion. If there are any signs of corrosion, remove the cables and clean the connections. Checking your vehicle’s battery before winter should be as routine and checking the engine coolant.”

AAA members can request a battery inspection.

If batteries suffer damage during the hot weather, why do they fail in the cold weather? According to AAA research, when the temperatures

drop to 32 degrees your vehicle battery loses 35 percent of its capacity. When the temperatures get even colder, your engine requires up to 50 percent more energy to crank over and start all while the battery has even lost more of its strength.

So, what can a motorist do? Starting a car and letting it idle in cold weather does very little to keep the battery charged. In fact, many vehicles today only recharge their batteries when the car is under way. If you don’t drive often, start your car and go for a 30-minute drive to help keep the battery charged and prevent other systems from rusting from lack of use.

While batteries are very important, they are not the only system that could use attention now. AAA recommends the following for preparing your vehicle for cold weather conditions:

- *Emergency roadside kit:* always stay prepared by carrying an emergency roadside kit in your vehicle in the event of a breakdown.
- *Tires:* Examine tires for tread depth and uneven wearing. Proper tire tread increases traction with the road surface in poor weather conditions and can prevent skids on icy or wet surfaces.

- *Coolant:* Check the coolant level in the overflow tank when the engine is cold. Also, inspect the cooling system lines for leakages, cracks or loose clamps.
- *Oil:* Be sure to have your oil changed based on the manufacturer’s recommendations. Synthetic oil can be an advantage in cold weather because it will allow for faster starts.
- *Wipers:* Replace any wiper blade that does not adequately clean the windshield. Consider installing winter wiper blades to assist in preventing snow and ice buildup that can interfere with windshield visibility.

For information about AAA-affiliated repair facilities and AAA’s car battery service, visit www.AAA.com/Automotive.

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Fairhaven welcomes new Firefighter/EMT

From Fairhaven Call Firefighters Association Facebook page

The Fairhaven Call Firefighters Association would like to wish FF/EMT Ian Thatcher all the best.

Tonight [Saturday 1/7/23] at midnight Ian shifts from being a Call Firefighter to being a permanent firefighter!

FF Thatcher has been a dedicated Call Firefighter with Fairhaven for 11 years now assigned to Engine 4 crew, he is always there when needed for the Department or Association and always willing to help!

Ian has followed in his father's (Tommy) footsteps who is also a current longtime Call Firefighter and the senior man of Engine 4 crew.

We couldn't be happier for Ian and wish him the best in having a great career as a Fulltime Fairhaven Firefighter!

Congrats brother, see you on the fire grounds!

RIGHT: Ian Thatcher shifted from a call firefighter to a full-time permanent Firefighter/EMT in the Fairhaven Fire Department on 1/7/23.

Photo from the Fairhaven Call Firefighters Association Facebook page.



Alltrust Credit Union Welcomes Gerald Rego

Press Release

Gerald "Jerry" Rego has joined Alltrust Credit Union as the Vice President of Business Banking and Commercial Loan Officer.

Rego has over 20 years of commercial lending experience. His past portfolio includes working with large and small businesses throughout the community. His most recent role was the Vice President, Senior Commercial Loan Officer at Bristol County Savings Bank.

Rego enjoys establishing relationships with businesses and helping them strive towards their goals. It brings him joy to know that the work he puts in helps make businesses succeed.

"We welcome Jerry to Alltrust," stated Carmen Sylvester, President and Chief Executive Officer. "His commitment towards businesses and commercial lending will help us better serve our business members. We are excited to have him on our

team."

In his new role, Rego will be working directly with our lending and business banking team serving business members. He will be developing and building new business memberships through joining community events and networking.

Rego will also be establishing new loan opportunities and working with businesses to provide funding for their needs.

Rego is surrounded by his wife, son and daughter in Dartmouth, MA. He serves on the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army of Fall River, and he is also a mentor for the EforAll of the South Coast.

Established in 1922, Alltrust Credit Union celebrated their 100th anniversary in November of 2022. The credit union has assets of over \$300 million and provides banking services to more than 13,800 members. The main office is in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, with branch offices in Fall River, New



Gerald "Jerry" Rego has joined Alltrust Credit Union as the Vice President of Business Banking and Commercial Loan Officer. *Submitted photo.*

Bedford, and Seekonk, Massachusetts. Follow Alltrust on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok and LinkedIn. For more information, call 508.994.9971 or visit alltrustcu.org.

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 reelection and several other vacant seats.

Follow New Bedford's Black History Trail

From the website of the New Bedford Historical Society

You can learn a bit about New Bedford's Black History by following New Bedford's Black History Trail. See page three to join a group on Sunday, 1/15. Visit <https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/historic-trails/>

The New Bedford Historical Society seeks to establish a solid base of research and programs that will make the contributions of people of color a part of the life and history of the region as well as a part of the permanent, public record. In the process, the history of the region in general will become fuller, deeper, and richer for everyone.

The 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Plaza

William St. and Acushnet Ave. On this site was the local recruiting station for the 54th Regiment. The first regiment of color commissioned in the North. Dedicated on February 12, 1999; this plaza commemorates the contribution of the Civil War's 54th and the 55th Regiments, the 5th Calvary and the Navy men of color from New Bedford. A monument is planned for the future.

Liberty Bell Plaque East wall of former Bay Bank

Purchase and William Streets. A Liberty Hall once stood on this site. Inside the Hall was a bell which, during the 1850's and 60's was used to warn runaway slaves that the U.S. Marshals were approaching. Aaron Childs, an African-American, was one of the largest contributors to the bell.

Frederick Douglass Monument

William Street entrance to City Hall lawn. This monument is dedicated to Frederick Douglass and his wife Anna who escaped slavery by the underground railroad and made New Bedford their home for five years 1838-1843. Two of their children were born here, Rosetta (1839) and Lewis (1840). Dedicated on October 17, 1996, this monument commemorates the 100th anniversary of his death in 1895. This project was sponsored by the City of New Bedford and the New Bedford Chapter of the NAACP.

(Former) Frederick

Douglass Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

William and Eighth Streets. This church was organized in 1850. It is believed that this sect may have existed as far back as the 1830's, and was the church Frederick Douglass and his family attended while he lived in New Bedford. The church was first known as the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In the 1930's it was changed to the Douglass AME Zion Church. Many of New Bedford's West Indian Community attended this church. In 1880 Nathan Johnson was buried from this church when it was known as the First Universalist Church. The first church was on the corner of Mechanics Lane and Eighth Street. This church became extinct in 1995. The present site is now known as Gallery X, an art gallery.

Historic Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

County and Mill Streets. This first church was initiated in 1822 and built in 1842, but destroyed by fire in the 1850's. After rebuilding, the church remained on Kempton Street until 1973 when it was purchased and demolished by the Redevelopment Authority. It is now housed in the former Christian Science Church building. The New England Conference was formed in this church. Several pastors of this church have become Bishops in this Sect. In the basement of this church is a mural depicting the history of the A.M.E. Church in America.

(Former) Second Baptist Church

Middle Street. This church was organized in 1844, after a number of members withdrew from the Third Christian Church, formerly the African Christian Church. Many outstanding African-Americans made up this church. The first pastor was Reverend Thomas U. Allen. Reverend William Jackson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, became pastor in 1851 and then again in 1855-1858 when he and 90 members withdrew to form the Salem Baptist Church, which later closed in 1895 to join with Salem to become Union Baptist Church. This is the oldest African-American Church building in the area.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Plaque

Kempton Street. Original site of the First Church, built in 1842.

Sergeant William H. Carney Memorial Homestead

128 Mill Street. William H. Carney Lodge #200, 159 Mill Street

Built in 1850, this home was occupied by the Carneys until 1939 when his daughter Clara, a music teacher, died. The home was then bought by the present owners, the Martha Briggs Educational Club, Inc. Mr. Carney, who died in 1908, was buried from this house after an elaborate funeral which was attended by local, state, and national figures. This house is also believed to have been used during the "underground railroad" when Mr. Carney's in-laws, the Williams family lived there. William H. Carney Lodge #200 Founded in 1915. The improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World site includes a Medal of Honor Plaque for Sergeant William H. Carney CMH at Cedar and Mill Streets.

United House of Prayer For All People

Kempton and Ash Streets. This Church was organized and built by Bishop Charles M. Grace. Born in the Cape Verde Islands, Bishop Grace came to New Bedford in 1903. He was lovingly known as Sweet Daddy Grace. Bishop Grace built several churches throughout the country. Before his untimely death in 1960, his church membership was believed to be over 3 million. The former church on this site was built in 1951 and demolished in 1994 to make way for this new structure. Bishop Grace's funeral from this church was the largest funeral ever held in New Bedford. Thousands came from all over the country to view his remains.

The present structure was built in 1995 by Bishop C. Madison successor to the Late Bishop W. McCollough and was paid for in cash. Inside the church, its written history can be read on the stained glass windows.

Memorial Square Plaque

Cedar and Kempton Streets. This plaque was erected in 1980, by the

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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"

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM PROCUREMENT

FAIRHAVEN, MA
F-0488-014

The Town of Fairhaven is requesting proposals from qualified equipment Vendors to furnish an ultraviolet disinfection system for effluent disinfection to be incorporated in the planned Fairhaven Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrades Project. A Request for Proposals (RFP) describing the Vendor's scope of supply, qualifications, and other requirements will be available January 9th, 2023 from the Tighe & Bond website located at http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php. Prospective bidders are required to register on the Tighe & Bond website to download documents.

RFP documents shall be available for viewing only at the Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works, Sewer Department, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, 02719 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, legal holidays excluded.

Proposals will be received at the Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works, Sewer Department, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, 02719 until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31st, 2023. The Proposals will not be opened publicly.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B for the procurement of goods and services. Respondents shall submit separate proposals for the technical and cost elements as described in the RFP. Following the submittal of proposals, technical proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria stated in the RFP by the person(s) designated by the Town of Fairhaven's Board of Public Works to perform such evaluation(s). Once proposals are evaluated, the evaluations shall be submitted to the Board of Public Works who shall open price proposals and award an Agreement, if at all, to the responsive and

responsible Vendor whose proposal is deemed the most advantageous, taking into consideration price and the evaluation criteria included in the RFP. The Town reserves the right to assign any agreement awarded under this RFP to a General Contractor who will be performing construction services for the Fairhaven Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrades Project under Contract with the Town.

The successful Vendor shall furnish the equipment and services necessary to meet the requirements of the RFP.

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS
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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DENITRIFICATION TREATMENT SYSTEM PROCUREMENT

FAIRHAVEN, MA
F-0488-014

The Town of Fairhaven is requesting proposals from qualified equipment Vendors to furnish a Denitrification Treatment System for nitrogen removal to be incorporated in the planned Fairhaven Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrades Project. A Request for Proposals (RFP) describing the Vendor's scope of supply, qualifications, and other requirements will be available January 9th, 2023 from the Tighe & Bond website located at http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php. Prospective bidders are required to register on the Tighe & Bond website to download documents.

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET



A Public Meeting on the proposed Title 5 DEP Regulations Nitrogen Areas Special Session will be held at the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. The Board of Selectmen hopes to solicit feedback from the Public. The DEP has extended its public comment period through January 30, 2023, and the Town is soliciting this feedback to submit to the Mass DEP. Anyone interested should attend the meeting or visit the massDEP website at www.mass.gov

Goytizolo Scholarship applications available

Press Release

The Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship, Awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society annually, recognizes a Fairhaven resident graduating high school senior planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution of higher learning.

The scholarship is given in honor of Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital role in leading the Fairhaven Historical Society for many years.

Who Can Apply: Open to any graduating high school senior who resides in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and plans to matriculate to an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall.

Application Elements: Application form, three references as specified on the application, and an essay of no more than 400 words focusing on Fairhaven, what the town means to

the applicant, and how that has impacted the applicant's interest in future studies.

Application Deadline: April 1 (Applications and essays must be submitted digitally to the email address below).

Scholarship Award Notification: May 1 (Recipient will be notified via email on or before May 1)

Scholarship Amount: One time award of \$1000

Delivery of Scholarship Award: Recognition of receipt of the scholarship will be made at graduation and at the Fairhaven Historical Society Annual Meeting. Actual scholarship monies will be provided to the recipient upon proof of successful matriculation at accredited institution.

Application Review Process: Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and evaluated by a volunteer committee and one scholarship recipient will be selected each year.

Other requirements of Scholarship Recipient: A minimum of three hours of volunteer time at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification.

Contact for further information and Submission Email: historical.societyfairhaven@gmail.com

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Belonging Committee

Wed., 1/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Broadband Study Comm

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 1/23, Arsene St., 5:30 p.m.

Charter Commission

Wed., 1/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 1/12, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

School Committee

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

Select Board

Tues, 1/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm

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

Acushnet

Selectboard & Soil Board

Fri., 12/16, Town Hall, Noon

Selectboard

Thurs., 1/12, Senior Ctr., 6 p.m.

Citizens Forum on DEP's new Title V regulations.

Selectboard

Tues., 1/24, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Date	Tides	
	High Tide	Low Tide
Thu, Jan 12	11:11 AM 11:46 PM	04:33 AM 04:59 PM
Fri, 1/13	11:55 AM	05:18 AM 05:37 PM
Sat., 1/14	12:30 AM 12:43 PM	06:12 AM 06:24 PM
Sun., 1/15	01:19 AM 01:36 PM	07:20 AM 07:22 PM
Mon., 1/16	02:14 AM 02:36 PM	08:38 AM 08:25 PM
Tues., 1.17	03:15 AM 03:41 PM	09:47 AM 09:26 PM
Wed., 1/18	04:20 AM 04:46 PM	10:48 AM 10:25 PM
Thurs., 1/19	05:22 AM 05:46 PM	11:45 AM 11:22 PM



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20th Century Club, Inc. It is in memory of the many Black Men and Women who contributed to the civic, cultural and social life of the community. For many years, this area was the Mecca of the African-American community.

James and Anna Reed Homestead

172 Arnold Street. Built in 1866, one of two octagon houses in the city, the Reed family occupied this home for 101 years. On March 17, 1991, they celebrated their 100th anniversary with an open house. Mr. Reed was a the well-known African-American photographer of this city (1880-1914). His wife, Anna Jourdain Reed, studied at the Swain School of Design. She had colored and hand tinted her husband's portraits and landscapes to give the impression of colored pictures. She also worked on Tiffany style lampshades for the Pairpoint Company of New Bedford. This property was sold by the family in 1991 and is now a private residence.

Union Baptist Church

Court and Cedar Streets. Built in 1897, this church is the result of the merging of Salem and Second Baptist Churches. Reverend E. McDonald was the first pastor. Many of the furnishings in this church date back to the 1850's, as they are furnishings from both churches.

Martha and Henry Onley Homestead

147 Smith Street, Corner Cedar Street. Built in 1850 by the Onley family, this home was the focal point of African-American history and literature. The Martha Briggs Literary Society was organized here. The Onleys were a very religious family and very involved in the church. They helped organize the Salem Baptist Church. After Mr. Onley died in the

late 1880's, Mrs. Onley ran the household from the rents of the property she owned. This house was believed to be used during the "underground railroad". For forty years, this house was used by her grandson Charles Dudley Onley as a funeral home.

Reverend William Jackson Homestead

Smith and Chancery Streets. This is the home of Reverend William Jackson, pastor of the Second and founder of the Salem Baptist church. While pastor at the Salem Baptist Church, Reverend Jackson became chaplain of the 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry in 1863. He later became Chaplain of the 55th and was believed to be the first African-American commissioned as an Officer in the Army. Reverend Jackson was a well-known agent for the "underground railroad" who harbored fugitive slaves in his home. This home is privately owned.

Our Lady of Assumption Church

Sixth and Cherry Streets. Organized in 1905, this was the first predominately Cape Verdean parish in the United States. This building was erected in 1957.

Monument to Black Service Men and Women

Rockdale Ave. & Court Street (Buttonwood Park). Dedicated in 1976, the Nation's Bicentennial Year, this monument is dedicated to all the Black Men and Women who served in our armed services and fought for this nation's freedom.

Memorial Square Cape Verdean American Veterans

County and Washington Streets. This monument is dedicated to all Cape Verdean Veterans. Dedicated November 15, 1970

Monte Playground

Acushnet Ave. This playground, the former site of the New Bedford Vocational School and the mecca of the Cape Verdean community, is named for Joseph P. Monte who fought in World War I and who was one of the first Cape Verdeans to receive the Purple Heart Medal (1935). The monument is located in the entrance of the playground which was dedicated on November 11, 1938 and sponsored by the Cape Verdean Veterans and the American Legion.

The Manuel E. Costa Sr. Way

Acushnet Avenue. This avenue was dedicated on July 5, 1998 (Cape Verdean Recognition Day) in memory of the late Manuel "Manny" E. Costa Sr., a civil rights leader in the city of New Bedford since the 1940's and especially through the tumultuous 1960's and 1970's in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Manuel E. Costa Sr. was also recognized by the government of Cabo Verde for his successful participation in the struggle for Cape Verdean Independence. Manuel E. Costa Sr., a four-letter man at both Brown and Lincoln Universities, excelled in all sports, and in the 1940's and 1950's coached and guided many of the youths in New Bedford.

Honorable Rodney French Plaque

Rodney French Blvd. (Hazelwood Park). This plaque and monument was erected by the African-American citizens of New Bedford in honor of former Mayor Rodney French (1853-1854) who fought for the causes of slavery and for freedom. The present plaque was put up by the school children of New Bedford when they learned the original plaque was removed by vandals.

More local history to explore

Also from the website of the New Bedford Historical Society

Underground Railroad Walking Tour

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3r8bun9x>
When Samuel Nixon escaped from slavery to New Bedford in the early summer of 1855, he took the name Thomas Bayne and found "many old

friends" from his native Norfolk, Virginia, already living in the small but bustling port city. By that time New Bedford was considered "one of the greatest assylums [sic] of the fugitives," as whaling merchant Charles W. Morgan put it; to runaway slaves like George Teamoh, the city was "our magnet of attraction."

After a sojourn of a day or two in

Philadelphia, Samuel and his companions left for New Bedford. Canada was named to them as the safest place for all Refugees; but it was in vain to attempt to convince "Sam" that Canada or any other place on this Continent, was quite equal to New Bedford.

– William Still, *The Underground Railroad* (1871)

From our readers

Putin's War Has Wider Repercussions

Putin's war may line the pockets of American ammunition manufacturers but it still is barbaric and unjustified.

Many Americans are vehemently opposed to the United States providing the Ukrainians with military aid and assistance. The reasons offered are threefold: Putin is justifiably concerned that NATO is absorbing the countries perilously close to Russia, breaking a promise allegedly made years ago, that American munitions manufacturers, and their legislative benefactors are making billions of dollars, and the Ukrainian government continues to be corrupt.

Even if all these reasons are

correct, in whole or in part, the war still is barbaric and innocent Ukrainians are being brutally tortured, murdered and dispossessed of their homes and resources, and the country's infrastructure is decimated. This assault defies all previously instituted war conventions established after the world wars.

It is undeniable that the United States openly, or clandestinely, has waged wars at times with less than humane motivations. That there has always been a segment of the country that promotes intervention to increase their fortunes and enhance legislative or military careers.

It is also true, or somewhat accurate, that Putin believes that the West is slowly encroaching on Russia and threatening his regime.

And finally it is a proven reality that there has been significant corruption in the Ukrainian government and that it has possibly been increased with an infusion of money allocated for defense from NATO members.

But even given veracity to all rationalizations proffered by the opponents of intervention it will be a complete devastation and recolonization of Ukraine by Russia if NATO members withdraw their support. And Putin's dream of the recreation of the vast Mother Russia will be a reality. Ukraine will only be the beginning of his territorial aspirations and conquests. And wouldn't this embolden China vis-a-vis Taiwan and Hong Kong?

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth



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