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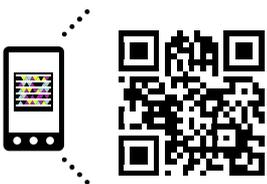
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Then...poof...it was gone



Snow has mostly eluded us in these parts this winter, and this latest "storm" was another fizzle, with some furious mixed precipitation turning to large, wet flakes in the late afternoon on Monday, 1/23/23, and then quickly melting as the temperatures rose above freezing. ABOVE: A little bit of snow dusts the ground and a dinghy at Hoppy's Landing on Monday, 1/23/23, then quickly melting as the temperature rose above freezing. *Photo by Margie Green Joseph.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Our own Fairhaven TV team is showing off their creativity and fun-loving spirit again. And their efforts got them nominated for four awards (see page 11). Take a little time to watch the entries. They are lots of fun. “The Caretaker” at Rogers School features our crew++. Melanson’s a natural! Who knew?

Honestly, it’s a hoot. Watch them all.

Good luck at the ceremony this week, kids (yeah, I called you kids).

The Fairhaven Select Board picked some photos for the annual report cover. See page 13 to see the four they chose.

The Fairaven Housing Authority hired a new executive director. The former ED and the new ED, and the chairperson of the FHA board sat down with the *Neighb News* for an interview about how the authority has been doing, and where they’ll go from here. See page 12 for that.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics league held their banquet and handed out awards. Special thanks to Jennifer Hassey for letting us use her photos. It looks like the kids and adults had a great time.

Next week is Black History month. We have a number of related events in this week, and we’ll have more next week. So, be sure to pick up the *Neighb News* every week so you don’t miss anything.

There’s other stuff in here of course. While you’re looking for it, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. And if you go anywhere that does not advertise with us, ask them why. It is, after all, the paper everyone actually reads.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Moby-Dick Marathon in our 1/12/23 issue, we made some errors. The name of one participant should have been Erin Wingo. We also misattributed and misquoted a statement. It was Mr. Curren who said, “It’s my substitute for the Pistol and the Ball.” We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

# Millicent Friends to offer Black History talks in February

## *Conversations about Black History*

During Black History Month, the Friends of the Millicent Library is presenting informal talks and discussions about Black people in Massachusetts and Rhode Island who changed history. We will talk about the realities of northern slavery and the challenges that continued after emancipation. The conversations will be led by Beth Luey, a Fairhaven resident who has written about these fascinating historical figures. The talks will begin at 6:30 and last about an hour, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the auditorium (use Walnut Street entrance).

• **Monday, February 6:** Elizabeth Freeman (“Mumbet”). “Bet,” enslaved in the Sheffield home of

Colonel John Ashley, sued for her freedom in 1781. She won, effectively ending slavery in the Commonwealth, and went on to become a much-respected midwife, healer, and property owner.

- **Wednesday, February 15:** Sojourner Truth. Born enslaved in upstate New York, the young woman who later took the name Sojourner Truth worked as a domestic servant until New York State’s gradual emancipation law freed her in 1827. She became an evangelical preacher and a nationally known orator speaking for emancipation, women’s rights, and human rights more broadly.
- **Wednesday, February 22:** Samuel Harrison. Born free in Philadelphia

in 1818, Harrison became a shoemaker and minister in Pittsfield. In 1863, he became the chaplain of the Massachusetts Fifty-Fourth Regiment, and the symbol for equal pay for Black soldiers.

- **Monday, February 27:** Eleanor Eldridge. Of African and Narragansett ancestry, Eleanor Eldridge began working as a domestic servant as a small child around 1790. Developing skills and entrepreneurial instincts, she started her own business and began buying real estate in Warwick and Providence. When dishonest businessmen and politicians colluded to seize her property, she went to court—paying her legal fees with the income from her autobiography.

# Rotch-Jones-Duff free for Fairhaven residents in February

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum is offering free admission to current residents of Fairhaven for the month of February. 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 residences of the Rotch, Jones,

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Customers who have not scheduled their meter to be replaced will first be notified with a door tag and then a phone call — which will allow at least an additional 24 hours before shut-off will take place.

Again, if a customer has scheduled an appointment, then no shut-off will occur.

Please refer to any of the three letters that were sent to your address for instructions on setting up an appointment or simply call 1-866-983-8080 with your information (work order and service # on letters).

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# Scholarships available to high school seniors

## Colonial Club Scholarships

It is with great pleasure that the Fairhaven Colonial Club members wish to announce a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an area high school 2023 graduate attending a 2 or 4 year college in the Fall.

The requirement is that the student should be a Fairhaven resident and the scholarship will be drafted to the recipient upon receipt of their first semester transcript.

Applications and requirements are now available at area high school Guidance Offices.

## Goytizolo Scholarship Apps

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](mailto:historical.societyfairhaven@gmail.com)

Scholarship Application

## Azorean Maritime Heritage Society

Founded in 1997, the mission of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society is to promote Azorean culture and whaling heritage by raising awareness and pride in our community.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Boating Class

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will be starting its SPRING SEMESTER 12-week Boating Skills & Seamanship Course (BS&S) on Monday, February 6, 2023 through April 24, 2023, from 7-9 pm, at 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This 12-week comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. It is taught by experienced Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with years of experience on local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals, such as: boating terminology, boat equipment/handling, boat trailering, lake boating, handling a small to midsize boat, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, understanding weather, engines, radios and how to read a nautical chart and chart plotter, buy a boat, tie a knot, handle emergencies, and call in a Mayday.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates and cards.

The \$55 fee includes the textbook, chart and all course material. Family discounts are available for shared materials.

To register online, please go to [www.flotilla65.com/public-education](http://www.flotilla65.com/public-education).

If you have any questions, please contact MaryBeth Soares, Flotilla Staff Officer - Public Education at (508) 493-5531 or via email: [mbsoares11@verizon.net](mailto:mbsoares11@verizon.net)

## Journalism Scholarship

The New England Newspaper and Press Association awards up to 10 scholarships each year to aspiring high school seniors and college journalists through the Journalism Education Foundation of New England (JEFNE). Our foundation strives to encourage and support young people who plan to pursue a career in the newspaper industry.

College students and high school seniors who are studying and acquiring work experience that will prepare them to work in the field of journalism are eligible to apply.

Application deadline: 3/31/23.

For more information, contact [students@nenpa.com](mailto:students@nenpa.com).

### Qualifications:

Be a resident of New England (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT).

- Must be a senior in high school or an undergraduate college student, studying journalism or a related field, planning to attend college in Fall 2023.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Demonstrate a serious interest in a career in journalism by sending: a cover letter, transcript, resume or biography, letter of recommendation, AND a body of published work in a school news publication, general circulation newspaper, or a similar publication AND/OR a body of work prepared for a journalism class.
- The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.
- PLEASE NOTE: You will receive an email confirming the receipt of your application with a link to a Dropbox folder to upload the required documents.
  - Visit <https://www.nenpa.com/scholarship-application/>

## 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](mailto:westisland5k@yahoo.com).

### "Annie" at FHS

Tickets for Fairhaven High School Drama Club's production of "Annie" are now on sale! Follow the story of everyone's favorite red-headed orphan with songs like "Hard Knock Life," "NYC" and "Tomorrow."

Thurs.-Sat., March 23-25 at 7 p.m.; Sun., March 26 at 2 p.m. at Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://fairhaven-public-schools.ticketleap.com/annie/>. Adults: \$20; Student/Senior: \$15.

## Damien Dollars

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

For more information, call the church office at 508-994-9714, or email [secretary@stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net)

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## YTI Presents

Your Theatre Presents *Proclivities*, By Kirsten Greenidge, directy 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.

An entertaining and fast paced look at our proclivities in life and the people we affect along the way

Fri. & Sat., 1/27 & 1/28 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 1/28 & 1/29, at 2 p.m. Now two matinees each weekend.

At Your Theater at St. Martin's, 136 Rivet St. (County Street entrance), New Bedford, MA 02744.

Tickets: \$20/gen. admission; \$16/military, seniors, students. To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). Visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org)

Masks are not required, but are encouraged.

## Vax Clinics

### United House of Prayer

A free Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic will be held Sunday, January 29, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the United House of Prayer, 419 Kempton St., Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, 6 months of age and up, no appointment or insurance needed. Bring vaccination card if possible. Everyone who gets a first dose will get a \$100 gift card! Everyone who gets a second dose or booster will get a \$75 gift card! (While supplies last)

For off street parking, take Mill Street west to Ash Street. Enter by the accessible ramp.

Hosted by Bethel AME Church and United House of Prayer, in partnership with the MA Department of Public Health, and the MA Council of Churches.

### CCT

COVID 19 VAX clinic, on Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pfizer and

Moderna, First, Second and Booster doses, for those 6 months and up. Those receiving a dose will also receive a \$75.00 gift card. North End Location: 1534 Acushnet Avenue. For more information call: 508-979-1961

For those contracting COVID 19 this winter, boosters have been shown to lessen the symptoms and to prevent hospitalization.

## 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/>

## Lebanese Feast

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.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Free Women's Shooting Clinic

The New Bedford Revolver & Rifle Club proudly hosts NRA's Women's Target women's instructional shooting clinic on Sun., 2/12, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the NBRRC, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford, MA 02744.

Come join us and receive a basic level of firearm safety instruction so that you will know how to safely handle firearms.

Then under the direct supervision of a Certified Firearms Instructors, you will enjoy some hands-on experience with both revolvers and semi-automatic handguns.

This clinic is FREE for any woman. Just come down and learn the safe and proper way to handle firearms.

\*\*\*This event does NOT fulfill the requirements to obtain your Mass. LTC License\*\*\*

If you have any questions and want to register for this event please contact either Michael DaRoza 508-294-4082 or Dave Maxim 508-295-5821

### Valentine's Day Spaghetti Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Corner of School and Purchase Streets. Not accessible.

Return of our annual Valentine's Day Spaghetti Supper, featuring faffle and games, Sat., 2/11, at 6 p.m.

Donation, \$10. Includes spaghetti and homemade meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, brownie, ice cream sundae, and beverage

A Fundraiser to benefit Pilgrim's mural of Booker T Washington

Please consider making a donation, even if you cannot attend, for the homeless who would like a meal on that night. Thank you!

Please call Carol Sherman and leave a message to reserve a seat: 774-473-7931 or Eventbrite on our Facebook page

This rich maritime heritage has been shared on both sides of the Atlantic between the Azores and the Greater New Bedford area for more than 150 years.

This year AMHS has designated five scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors or first time freshman applicants who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college program during the next academic year.

**The Mary T. Vermette Scholarship**

Named after the founder of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society.

**The Faial Scholarship**

**The Pico Scholarship**

**The Bela Vista Scholarship**

Named after the three authentically handcrafted Azorean whaleboats that are regularly used by AMHS members.

**The Diamantino Fidalgo Memorial Scholarship**

Preference will be given to a student who plans to pursue Maritime Studies.

The Scholarship Application is available at our website: [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org)

The completed application is due by April 1, 2023.

**Mattapoisett Woman's Club**

Mattapoisett Woman's Club is pleased to offer two \$2,500.00 scholarship awards to Mattapoisett residents who are high school seniors, graduating June 2023.

In addition, there will be a \$1,500.00 scholarship granted to a Mattapoisett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a post-secondary degree or certificate.

Scholarship applications are

available at guidance offices of Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural and online at <https://www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/>

Final deadline for returning completed applications March 31, 2023. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund raising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to support the community that has partnered with the club in its fundraising efforts. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization".

**HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES**

**Junior Dog Handler**

Let Kids Take the Lead! For ages 7-17. Bond with your dog. You can learn and have fun together. What can your dog teach you? What can you teach your dog?

Discover fun activities you can do with your dog. FREE. (For humans only, no dogs, please.). At Wampanoag Kennel Club, Acushnet Grange, 1121 Main St., Acushnet, Sat., 1/28, 1 p.m.

Space limited, RSVP to Kathleen DeCampos, [KathleenOT@comcast.net](mailto:KathleenOT@comcast.net), 774-263-7251.

**Photography Talk**

"Traveling for Photos and Taking Photos While Traveling" talk by Richard Van Inwegen at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 1/29 from 2-3 pm.

Do you like to take photographs while traveling? Travel to take photographs? Or do both? Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presentation and hear local photographer Richard Van Inwegen share his wisdom about the different approaches between taking snapshots and making photographs.

Using images from several different types of trips ranging from dedicated photo trips to family vacations, he will discuss how the type of travel greatly influences the amount of time spent photographing. He will provide some tips on how to improve the odds of getting good photographs

with research, planning, perseverance, and managing expectations.

**Title 5 Comment**

The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection has extended the comment period for the proposed Title 5 regulations that could result in the state forcing huge numbers of residents to replace or modify their septic systems.

More information on the proposed regulations can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities> and <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-15000-septic-systems-title-5>

Written comments will now be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2023. Please note that this is an extension upon the previous deadline of 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022. 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](mailto: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

St. Joseph Parish presents a Valentines Dance on Sat., 2/11 at 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Tickets: \$25/adults, \$15/kids under 12, kids under 5 free. Proceeds to benefit our building fund.

Featuring DJ Carlos Matias, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, music and dancing, fun for everyone; 5050 and basket raffles.

**Auditions**

Bill Hanney's Theatre By The Sea announces Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2023 Summer Season. Seeking strong male and female identifying actors, singers, and dancers. Performers must be available for all rehearsal and performance dates. Local talent is strongly encouraged to audition for *My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra* to be presented from May 24 - June 11; *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* to be presented from June 14- July 8; *The Bodyguard* to be presented from July 12 - August 5; *Jersey Boys* to be presented from August 9 - September 10

Auditions are on Sat., and Sun., 1/28 & 29, at Historic Park Theatre and Events Center, 848 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910. By appointment only.

Visits [www.TheatreByTheSea.com](http://www.TheatreByTheSea.com). Please email [casting.tbts@gmail.com](mailto:casting.tbts@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Valentines Dance**

# Recipe of the Week

## Mom's Secret Casserole

- 8 large potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 pound of lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can carrots, drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can green beans, drained
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed tomato soup
- 3/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Preheat the oven to 350°. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil.

Add the potatoes to the boiling water and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes. Drain the water from the pot and mash the potatoes.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add the beef and the onion, cooking until the beef is browned and the onion is tender, about 5-7 minutes. Drain the fat from the meat mixture and crumble the beef.

Stir the carrots, the green beans, the cream of mushroom soup, and the condensed tomato soup into the meat mixture.

Pour the meat mixture into the prepared baking dish and top with the mashed potatoes.

Sprinkle the potatoes with the cheese.

Bake, uncovered, until the potatoes are lightly browned, about 30 minutes. Serve.



# Dear Frankie

## Am I an orphan?

Dear Frankie,  
Last year my dad walked out.

At first, my mom thought he would come back, but he didn't. We only heard from him when we got a letter from a lawyer saying he

was filing for divorce.

When my mom realized her marriage was over, she fell apart. I did everything I could to comfort her. I slept by her side and listened for hours when she ranted and raved. But nothing I did helped.

Eventually, my grandpa and grandma, who are very old and not in the best of health, agreed to come to pitch in for a few weeks. When my mom didn't get better, she agreed to go to the hospital for people who were sad and lonely. She has been gone awhile, and my grandparents need to leave. When I ask them when my mom will come home, they say, "soon." I'm afraid they know something they are not telling me, and my mom is not coming back, just like my dad.

How did it happen that I went from having two loving parents to becoming an orphan about to be surrendered to a shelter in one year?

Lionel

Dear Lionel,

An orphan is a child under 18 whose parents are not alive. Your parents are living, so technically, you are not an orphan.

I understand how anxious you must feel faced with unanswered questions about your mom and future care. As dire as your situation seems, all is not lost.

First, your mom understood she was sick and agreed she needed help. Second, she went to the hospital because she wanted to get better and take care of you as she did in the past. Third, she is getting the rest, and expert care, she needs to recover. And lastly, people like your mom, who are recovering from a traumatic event, get better and can return to their former lives with support from their doctors and medication.

This is a long way to say, "Hang in there, Lionel. Everything points to your mom coming back home and taking care of you."

As for you going to a shelter, this may not be what your grandparents have in mind. They may take you with them or find a friend of your mom to take care of you. You sound like a friendly and brave fella that someone would be pleased to have as a guest. I'm keeping my paws crossed.

Best, Frankie

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

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## **Bally's Casino & Wright's Farm Trip**

Join Fairhaven Recreation on a road trip!! A school bus will leave the Rec center Feb. 23 at 10:30 am to Bally's Twin River!! At 3pm we depart the casino and head to Wright's Chicken Farm for lunch. Meals are included in the cost. Baked chicken, French fries, salad, pasta with Marinara, fresh baked rolls, beverage and a slice of ice cream roll (tip is included). After lunch we head back to the rec center for 5:30pm. Register online or at the rec before Feb 2nd. Call with any questions 508-993-9269. \$50pp Must be 21 to attend

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## **Hatha Yoga w/Vinyasa Flow**

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### **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.

### **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 Fairhaven 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 participants should have: (maximum number of participants 10) All participants must preregister for the classes they want to take by either the phone or at the main desk. Next classes:

- Smartphone Apps for Seniors: Jan. 30 & Feb. 1. Part 1 & 2. Must have an iPhone Smartphone.
- Android Smartphone Let's learn all about the Android Smartphone. Feb. 6 & 8. Must have an Android Smartphone (LG, Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, Sony or Nokia)

### **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.: 2/1, Twin River Casino; 2/8, Warwick Mall; 2/15, South Shore Plaza; 2/22, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's & 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.

### **Tax Prep Assistance**

We are pleased to again welcome the tax preparers from the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, which provides free tax preparation and filing services for low and moderate income seniors. By appointment only. Please pick up your intake form at the Fairhaven COA and ask about other requirements of the program. Appointments are on Tuesdays. Call the Sr. Ctr. at 508-979-4029.

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# Fairhaven TV nominated for four awards

## Press Release

Fairhaven TV has been nominated for four Massachusetts Creator Awards from MassAccess. The Massachusetts Creator Awards recognizes outstanding work in television and media within the state of Massachusetts. Awards are judged by third party evaluators who are top media professionals in the field. All entries are judged based on strict criteria in order to ensure the most outstanding productions are recognized and honored.

Fairhaven TV is nominated in the Production Value category for "Hometown Haunts: The Caretaker at Rogers School", the Documentary category for "They Made It! Gary and Darla's Ride Across the USA for Cystic Fibrosis", the Short Format category for "Santa's Bell" and the Promotional category for "Fairhaven TV's Home for the Holidays Parody Promos". All videos, which were produced between 11/1/21 and 10/31/22, are available to watch on Fairhaven TV's website ([www.FairhavenTV.com/CommunityVideos](http://www.FairhavenTV.com/CommunityVideos)) and YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/))



A mysterious mop and bucket appear in the basement of the Rogers School in the short video, "Hometown Haunts: The Caretaker at Rogers School," which was nominated for a Massachusetts Creator Award, one of four for the Fairhaven TV crew, the town's Cable Access department. Screenshot from "Hometown Haunts: The Caretaker at Rogers School."

@Fairhaven\_TV).  
Cable Access Director Derek Frates

says, "We are honored to once again be nominated for the Mass Creator Awards. After winning the past two years in two different categories, we are extremely excited to be nominated in all four categories that our productions were submitted into. This exemplifies our staff's continued creativity, effort and willingness to explore new avenues to share our work with the community."

The team will attend the 2023 MassAccess Creator Awards Ceremony on January 25th, where the winners will be announced.

Massachusetts Community Media, Inc. (MassAccess) is a non-profit, 501 (c)(6), membership-based advocacy agency, guided by a volunteer board of community media professionals. Their goal is to ensure the future vitality of Massachusetts based community media centers by developing educational workshops, monitoring legislation, utilizing technology to inform and enhance community media centers, as well as acting as government liaisons to inform supporters across Massachusetts

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# Fairhaven Housing Authority welcomes new Executive Dir.

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Housing Authority has welcomed Janet Falone as its new Executive Director as of 1/17/23. Ms. Falone previously worked as the Assistant ED of the Mashpee HA, which also administers Mattapoisett.

Ms. Falone said it's a bit early for her to be talking about changes, but she was quick to acknowledge the organization's best asset is its staff.

"They've been very helpful," said Ms. Falone, adding that they are knowledgeable.

"It's an excellent staff," said outgoing ED Krisanne Sheedy, who was staying on for a few days to help with the transition. "They are very invested in the Fairhaven Housing Authority."

The two women met with the *Neighb News* and FHA board chairperson Carol Alfonso to talk about the FHA under Ms. Sheedy, and what is ahead.

Ms. Falone said she toured all the facilities and it looked like the authority has done a good job of keeping up with maintenance in the



ABOVE, L-R: Krisanne Sheedy, outgoing Executive Director of the Fairhaven Housing Authority, and new ED Janet Falone, listen as FHA board chairperson Carol Alfonso reads a statement to each of them from the FHA board on 1/20/23. BELOW, L-R standing: Ms. Alfonso, Ms. Falone, and Ms. Sheedy (seated), during an interview with the local free sheet on 1/20/23. Photos by Beth David.

buildings, which is "not easy."

She would like to see more family housing, she said, which is a state-wide problem. Fairhaven HA manages 285 units across six developments, with six units of family housing and 279 units of senior/disabled housing.

One option, said Ms. Falone, is to have the authority administer the state voucher program in town. It works like the federal Section 8 program, but is for Massachusetts only, and all applications, etc., would go through the FHA.

Ms. Sheedy said that during her 14 years as ED, the FHA had four major projects: new roofing, parking lot paving, boiler and ventilation system upgrades, and new carpets in all the common areas.

She is especially happy that the authority has both full time and part time

Resident Service Coordinators. She said she made a presentation to the board, and they agreed, long before the state started offering grants for the program. It started out as one part time position, and now is one full time, one part time.

"And the two are as busy as beavers," said Ms. Sheedy.

The RSC helps residents with a huge variety of issues that may come up in their lives.

Not all changes have been good, though, they all admit. The state has taken over the list of who is eligible to get an apartment. The state uses its own criteria that does not prioritize residency or home town. The result has been that Fairhaven residents are often pushed to the bottom of the list in favor of people who have no ties to Fairhaven at all.

"The state dictates to us," said Ms. Sheedy, noting that when the local HA managed its own list, it used the same priorities and preferences, and Fairhaven people got into the Fairhaven units. "The state centralized the list."

A list that had scores, or maybe hundreds on it, now has 40,000.

"Meanwhile, little Mary who has lived in Fairhaven her whole life, is basically at the bottom of the list," said Ms. Alfonso.

The FHA board is working on a home rule petition to send to the state legislature that would allow Fairhaven to move Fairhaven residents up on the list. But that option has

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# Fairhaven Select Board chooses four photos for Annual Report

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on 1/17/23, the Fairhaven Select Board chose four photos for the 2022 Annual Town Report. Select Board members chose from 28 photos by 10 different photographers, who were all residents of town employees.

Board members made three top choices and staff tallied the results. Four photographs made the final cut, and the board discussed those and chose the top vote-getter at the

meeting for the front cover.

Vice Chair Leon Correy, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Stasia Powers, said the “leading vote was 15,” and only one photo got that many.

The photo is an aerial shot of Hoppy’s Landing by photographer Gary Moujabber.

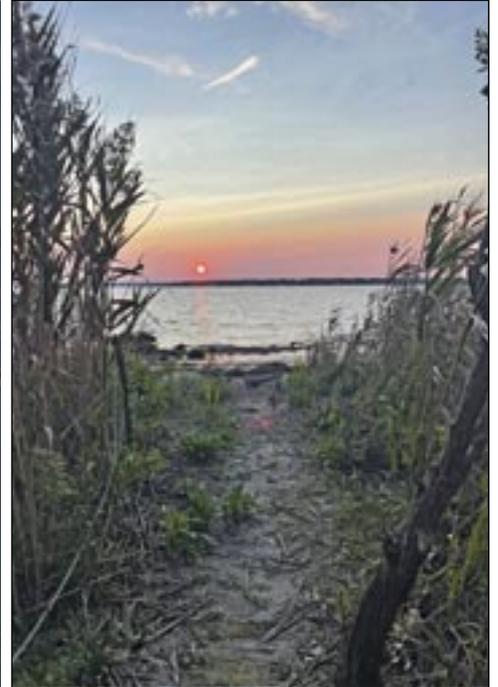
The board also discussed the layout of the cover, with Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison showing a few previous reports, including some that used more than one photo.

One option was to use the aerial photo for the front cover, and use the other three on the back cover.

“That would make this a lot easier,” said Ms. Ellison.

“Yes it would,” said Mr. Correy. “Works for me.”

The board voted unanimously to use Mr. Moujabber’s photo on the cover; a photo of Fort Phoenix by Fairhaven TV/Cable Access, a beach path by Suzanne Vieira, and the Fairhaven skyline from the harbor by Sue Meadows on the back.



ABOVE LEFT: This aerial shot of Long Island by Gary Moujabber, with Hoppy’s Landing in the foreground and West Island Marina across the road, will be on the front cover of Fairhaven’s 2022 Annual Report. ABOVE RIGHT: This photo by Suzanne Vieira of a beach path at the end of Baxter Avenue at sunset will be featured on the back cover. BELOW LEFT: This photo of Fort Phoenix by Fairhaven TV/Cable Access will be featured on the back cover. BELOW RIGHT: This photo of Fairhaven’s skyline from the harbor by Sue Meadows will be featured on the back cover.



# FAYA Banquet honors young athletes, coaches



Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics held a lunchtime banquet on Saturday, 1/14/23, to honor athletes, coaches, and volunteers. Athletes received a variety of awards in all age groups for football and cheerleading. FAYA is a Pop Warner league providing football and cheerleading opportunities for children of all ages, Visit <https://www.fayabluedevils.org/> ABOVE LEFT: Recipients of the Scholastic Award from Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics pose for a photo at the banquet on 1/14/23 at the Century House, L-R: Seamus Piehl, U10; Kendall Fatula, Junior Varsity; Sage Medeiros, Junior Varsity; Lola Camara, Varsity; Reese Boan, Varsity; Aubrey Amaro, Varsity; JB Coach and Scholastics Coordinator Rachel Lima. ABOVE RIGHT: Max Mattos, who plays for the U8 team, shows his letter for two years of participation. BELOW LEFT: Recipients of the Sportsmanship Award, L-R: Stella-Grace, Tiny Mites; Diana Brandao, Junior Pee Wee; Emmalyn Pereira, Junior Varsity; Aubrey Amaro, Varsity. BELOW RIGHT: Recipients of the Football Sportsmanship Award L-R: Owen Lafferty, U12; Owen Bolarinho, U6; Jaxon Marques, U10. BOTTOM LEFT: Cheerleading coaches L-R: Mitey Mites Katie Aiello-Gonzalez, holding a head prop of fellow MM coach Sara Aiello, who is serving 11 months in Kuwait with the US Army; Karen Amaro, Varsity; Jessica Martins, Junior Pee Wee; Claudia Bilhete, Tiny Mites; Rachel Lima, Junior Varsity; Jennifer Hassey, Cheer Coordinator. BOTTOM RIGHT: Football Coaches and president of FAYAL-R: U12 coach Aidan Camara, U14 coach Jordan Buhour, U10 coach Ashley Greene, U6 coach TJ Bolarinho, U10 coach Bruno Marques, FAYA president Aaron Chisholm. *Photos courtesy of Jennifer Hassey.*



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legal hurdles and might be a long way off.

As for her management style, Ms. Falone said she likes to move around and does not plan on being tied to her desk. She wants to talk to the tenants to find out what they think and what they need.

"I've been in housing for some years," said Ms. Falone. "I want to improve where I can. I want to be able to listen to the tenants."

Ms. Alfonso read a statement from the FHA board to thank Ms. Sheedy and to welcome Ms. Falone.

"Myself and the board of commissioners would like to thank you for your service and guidance throughout the years," said Ms. Alfonso to Ms. Sheedy. "Congratulations on your well-earned and well-deserved retirement. I wish you all the best."

To Ms. Falone, she welcomed and congratulated her, saying the commissioners, "are looking forward to working with you and continue offering our services for all residents and carry on the good reputation of

the FHA."

Ms. Sheedy said she wanted to thank the "fabulous staff," for making her 14 years so productive.

She said town officials in every capacity have also helped to make it

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all work, starting with the FHA board, and town departments. Whenever the authority needed anything, she said, from town hall, from Council on Aging, from public works, from fire or police, the departments responded without hesitation.

"Just, everybody," she said. "They always made us feel included and always supported our mission."

Ms. Sheedy will be staying on in a part time consulting capacity to help with the modernization project, which will upgrade 107 units with new bathrooms, new kitchens, new floors. About a third of the project is already done. It is 100% paid for by the state.

Ms. Sheedy said there is still a lot to do. Some complexes were built in the 1960s.

She has no regrets, she said, although the building of new units "never materialized."

The HA owns 2.2 acres adjacent to Oxford Terrace on Main Street that the authority is hoping to develop.

The Housing Authority is for low income residents; rents are based on income, with 30% of monthly income going towards rent.

To learn more about the FHA, call 508-993-1144, visit <http://fairhavenhousing.org/> or stop by the office, which is located at Oxford Terrace, 275 Main Street, Fairhaven.

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# Hamlin Street bridge update: project delayed

MassDOT has informed the town of Acushnet that the Hamlin Street bridge replacement project has been delayed. Road work this week will be temporary road repairs in preparation of re-opening Hamlin Street to traffic by the end of the week. Work was set to be done on 1/24 and 1/25,

weather permitting.

Hamlin Street has been closed to traffic since 1/9, but will be reopened in the next few days because the project has been delayed until July. According to a Facebook post by Acushnet Selectboard member Bob Hinckley, the Mass. Division of

Fisheries and Wildlife halted the project, although it is unclear why.

The original bridge replacement project was slated to take three years: <https://fairhavenneighborhoodnews.com/hamlin-street-to-close-for-almost-three-years/>

## Acushnet nomination papers available

Acushnet's local election is on Saturday, 5/13/23. Nomination papers are now available. Anyone who wants to take out nomination papers, have them signed by the proper number of registered voters, and return them by the deadline. Signatures need to be certified by the Town Clerk. Then your name can be placed on the ballot.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Tuesday, March 21, at 5 p.m. Papers must be signed by at least 42 registered voters in person.

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

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.

### 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

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room  
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSctiVzJCQT09>

or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

- REF#: ZBA-023-001: 5 Wamsutta Street, Map 42A, Lot 244. Applicant & Owner: David S. & Lynn Lee. Applicant seeks (1) a Special Permit to demolish a non-conforming shed and replace it with an 8' x 10' attached shed, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and Uses and; (2) a 17.2 ft. Variance from Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule for the new addition to be located 2.8 ft. from the side property line vs. the 20 ft. minimum requirement.
- REF#: ZBA-023-002: 88 Fort Street, Map 5, Lots 4-5. Applicant and owner: Terje Tonnessen Revocable Trust - 2015. Applicant seeks (1) a Special Permit to construct a 4 ft. x 104 ft. fixed pile supported residential pier with a gangway and a float, pursuant

to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2 and; (2) a variance from Section 198-32.2 C. (5) Docks & Piers to construct the pier 11.8 ft. from the southerly sideline of Church Street. vs. the 25 ft. minimum requirement and; (3) a variance from Section 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule for the pier to be 11.8 ft. vs. the minimum 20 ft. street setback requirement.

- REF#: ZBA-023-003: 2 Jason Terrace, Map 30A, Lot 085D. Applicant and owner: Derek Westgate. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation business to operate a Tiling & Flooring business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B. (4) Building trades.
- REF#: ZBA-023-004: 11 Sharon Street, Map 23A, Lot 168. Applicant and owner: Dennis Ledo. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation business to operate a Lawn Care business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B.
- REF#: ZBA-023-005: 22 Mill Road, Map 30C, Lot 040. Applicant & Owner: Bryan Pacheco. Applicant seeks a variance to build a 12' x 32' free-standing carport over an existing gravel pad within a front yard 5 ft. from a front property line vs. the 20 ft. minimum requirement, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22. A. (3) Accessory Buildings, and Uses and within a front yard, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, Minimum Yard Requirements, Footnote 1.
- REF#: ZBA-023-006: 50 Manhattan Avenue, Map 28A, Lot 433. Applicant & Owner: Eric Brito. Applicant

seeks (1) an Appeal of the Building Commissioner's Cease and Desist order and rebuking of a previously granted building permit dated 12/14/22 and; (2) a Variance from Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule for the new porch to be located 4.5 ft. from the front property line vs. the 20 ft. minimum requirement and the new rear addition to be located 22.7 ft. from the property vs. the 30 ft. minimum requirement.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 1/26/23, 2/2/23

## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, January 31st, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

The following public hearing will be held

- Case #2023.01.31A** A case of Tammy Desnoyers, of 14 Budano Drive, who is petitioning the Board for 2 Variances for the construction of a large accessory building. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "E" (3) c and 3.3.1 "E" (5).  
\*\*\* Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours \*\*\*

FNN, 1/19/23, 1/26/23

## Fairhaven man killed in car crash

Bristol County District Attorney  
Press Release

A 59-year-old Fairhaven man died on Sunday, evening, 1/22/23, as a result of a two-vehicle car crash near the intersection of Main and Hedge

streets in Fairhaven. The deceased has been identified as George Thatcher.

Fairhaven Police received a 911 call regarding the crash at about 7:10 pm Sunday. It appears that a red Chevrolet sedan being driven south

on Main Street by Mr. Thatcher crossed over the double yellow line into the northbound lane and struck a gray Toyota Rav4 being driven by a 36-year-old man.

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- 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 Scoticut Neck Road to learn more and ask questions, or contact Fire Chief Todd Correia at 508-994-1428, or [tcorreia@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:tcorreia@fairhaven-ma.gov)

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regarding the current political landscape in regards to media. Visit <https://www.massaccess.org/>

*Editor's note: "Santa's Bell" also won a 2022 Hometown Media Award from the Alliance for Community Media Foundation. Visit <https://fairhavenneighborhoodnews.com/fairhaven-tv-wins-national-award/>*

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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](http://www.rjdmuseum.org) to book their Museum visit and to review the most current museum information.

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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.

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Inside the Toyota, along with the driver, was his 33-year-old wife, and his two young children, ages four and one. All four occupants of the Toyota were taken to Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford for treatment of minor injuries. Mr. Thatcher was also taken to Saint Luke's Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased upon arrival at 7:22 p.m.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Bikeway Committee**  
Thurs., 1/26, Remote, 6:30 p.m.  
**Board of Public Works**  
Mon., 2/13, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.  
**School Committee**  
Wed., 2/8, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.  
**Select Board**  
Mon., 2/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Appeals**  
Tues., 1/31, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
**Golf Committee**  
Thurs., 1/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.  
**Selectboard**  
Tues., 2/7, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point

	Jan 2023	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
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Friday	27	0000	1222	0540 1749*
Saturday	28	0056	1317	0741 1859
Sunday	29	0149	1410	0915 2008
Monday	30	0244	1510	1032 2216
Tuesday	31	0347	1618	1130 2322
	Feb 2023	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Wednesday	1	0449	1715	----
Thursday	2	0537	1759	0008 1309
Friday	3	0617	1839	0044 1355
Saturday	4	0655	1917	0020 1430
Sunday	5	0734	1957	0040 1434
Monday	6	0813	2037	0115 1401

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# United Way to hold two grant information sessions

United Way of Greater New Bedford will hold two virtual information sessions next month for anyone interested in applying for a Changemaker Grant.

Changemaker Grants empower ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things by helping their neighborhoods and community. All-volunteer groups in Greater New Bedford can apply for up to \$2,500 to complete projects that are engaging, community driven, solutions-focused, and that foster unity through community action.

Last year, the Friends of the Cape Verdean Cultural Committee was awarded a grant to paint a mural depicting the Cape Verdean migration, located in the Monty's Park area of New Bedford, at the south end of Acushnet Ave. The goal was to improve public perception of the area and to celebrate Cape Verdeans' many contributions to the city's history, economy and civic life.

Other grants funded last year included:

- a Wareham citizens group, to

rehabilitate the Swifts Beach Playground, upgrading equipment and landscaping and making the playground ADA compliant;

- the Dartmouth Mom's Group, for money to help collect, purchase and store basic needs items to give to mothers in need and their children.

"We are proud to support residents who find creative ways to address the challenges they see in their communities," said Michelle N. Hantman, President & CEO of United Way. "These grassroots, community projects help further the United Way of Greater New Bedford's mission by focusing on problems related to health, education, financial stability and basic needs."

In addition to funding, Changemaker groups are further supported with skill-building workshops, networking opportunities, and recruiting new volunteers to assist with their projects through Volunteer SouthCoast.

The Information sessions will take place via Zoom. Sign up online for

either session: Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. or Thursday, Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m.

Applications will be accepted Feb. 1 through March 10. For more information, visit [unitedwayofgnb.org/changemaker-grants](http://unitedwayofgnb.org/changemaker-grants) or call 508-994-9625.

United Way of Greater New Bedford mobilizes people, partnerships, and resources to catalyze change that strengthens the communities we serve.

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