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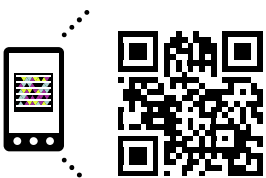
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## “We are better together” Acushnet Elementary School recognized



Led by Assistant Principal Julianna Pasetto, Acushnet Elementary School students use posters to give their ten reasons that AES deserved to be named a “Distinguished School” by the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Program for 2022, at a celebration on 1/25/23. Story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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#### Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

*“The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know.”*

# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

So, the Acushnet kids had fun last week (see page 12). The elementary school got quite the honor, receiving the "Distinguished School" designation. Only two schools in the state received that designation for 2022. Congratulations to them. They had lots of fun celebrating it, too.

Next Wednesday there's a meeting on Coastal Hazards. Fairhaven, dare I say it out loud, is about as coastal as it gets. See page 5 for details on that.

Well, it's late. I need to get this baby to bed. I should have some profound words of wisdom about the horrific murder of Tyre Nichols, the young man who was beaten to death by a gang of police officers. I don't know how profound I can be, or if "wise" is in me right now, somewhere under all the anger.

The depth of their inhumanity is staggering.

I've watched a lot of talking heads in the last week as everyone discusses this top to bottom and sideways. The young man was Black, of course. The twist here, though, is that almost all the officers were Black, too.

One of those pundits said the culture of that police unit, and, indeed, many police departments at large, forces members to adhere to the culture and abandon their own life's experiences. Kind of like street gangs: you do what you have to do to belong. Because belonging is all important, all consuming, the only thing that matters.

In my world, we put it a simpler way: Don't forget where you came from, we tell the kids as they embark on their journeys through life.

Usually, though, it's about money, right? As the kids take that first "big job" ready to conquer the universe, we don't want them to let it go to their heads. We want them to still be who they are. This is about power, and lack of respect for another human being.

Clearly, those Black officers managed to suppress their own life experiences and pretend it simply could not happen to them because, hey, they're part of the "elite unit," right? They're part of the brotherhood, where all their buddies have each other's back.

They forgot where they came from.

Until next week then...  
see ya,

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Glory to the Heroes!

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Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Former Fairhaven officer wins employment discrimination suit

By Beth David  
Editor

Jonathan Alves, who was sworn in as a Fairhaven police officer in August of 2015, and then terminated in March of 2016, has won a lawsuit in Superior Court with a jury finding that the town improperly fired him because of a handicap, alcoholism, and awarding him \$830,000. It is a violation of Mass. General Law to discriminate against an employee due to a disability/handicap, and alcoholism is recognized as a handicap.

The case has wound its way from Bristol County District court to Superior Court over the last seven years, with the town winning a summary judgment in 2019 in District Court. The case was refiled in Superior Court in February of 2019.

The jury found that the town knew Mr. Alves suffered from alcoholism and fired him because of it.

According to information provided by attorney Ryan Pavao of Beauregard, Burke and Franco, the jury awarded Mr. Alves \$655,000 in lost wages, past and future; \$150,000 for emotional pain and suffering; \$25,000

in punitive damages.

Mr. Pavao said the firm will also seek attorneys' fees. He estimated it could be as much as \$300,000 due to the long duration of the case.

He also said the Mr. Alves had originally asked to be reinstated, but as the case proceeded the relationship "deteriorated to the point that reinstatement would no longer be possible," due to the "baseless rumors and accusations against Mr. Alves" spread by the town and police department.

According to court documents available online, and a press release by the town of Fairhaven, Mr. Alves was terminated for a number of infractions, and not because of his alcoholism.

Mr. Alves disputed some of the allegations in the court filings by the town, most notably that he was intoxicated at work on March 18, 2016. The town contends that Mr. Alves admitted to being intoxicated from the night before, celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Alves contends he never said he was intoxicated, and his supervisor allowed him to drive his cruiser,

armed with his service weapon on that day.

Mr. Alves checked himself into a rehab the next day and has been sober ever since, according to court filings.

In a statement, Mr. Alves's attorneys said they were "very satisfied and content" with the verdict.

"It was very obvious that the members of the jury were all incredibly conscientious and paid very close attention to all of the facts of the case," they wrote. "As a result, they reached a verdict that is just and fair. We hope their verdict sends a message to all communities that handicapped discrimination is unlawful and will not be tolerated. We are extremely pleased for Mr. Alves and his family, and only hope that this result can provide them some solace after the nearly seven years of pain and suffering that they have had to endure during the pendency of this case."

The town of Fairhaven, however, called the decision "extremely troubling," in a press release.

They contend that Mr. Alves was not terminated due to his disability,

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## 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](mailto:tcorreia@fairhaven-ma.gov)*

## ALVES: cont'd from previous page

and that his misconduct would have gotten him fired anyway. In its press release and in court documents, the town says that he was terminated because he had shown a pattern of poor judgment and immaturity. He was also still in the probationary period, which means, according to the town, that he could be fired for any reason.

"Alcoholism is a legitimate handicap within the meaning of the law, however, an employee is not legally entitled to the protection of the law if he or she commits misconduct that would cause a non-handicapped person to be fired," wrote the town in the press release. "That is clearly the case with Mr. Alves and the Town of Fairhaven."

Court documents, however, make it clear that nothing is clear.

The town takes the original complaint point by point and denies many of them.

At issue are several allegations, including that Mr. Alves argued with a police officer when he was pulled over, "apparently believing that as a member of the Police Department, he

wasn't subject to speeding laws," reads the press release.

He was reprimanded for that incident and also for posting a picture of himself on Instagram with a large knife and handgun with the caption "Bad MFR."

The town "falsely and recklessly or intentionally accused [Mr. Alves] of being intoxicated" on the job to "cover their real purpose of unlawfully terminating" him, his addiction to alcohol, reads the court complaint.

Mr. Alves also contends, in court documents, that his prospects for employment with other police departments were ruined due to the defamation by the town and PD.

However, the town says, in court filings that "the written personnel record was never released nor requested by any potential employer."

They contend that Mr. Alves's attorneys released the information about the case to the media, which damaged his reputation.

"The public continues to demand that police officers are trained and conduct themselves in a manner that protects, not jeopardizes the public

safety," wrote the town in its press release, adding that police officers have "awesome power to arrest us."

Municipal leaders are expected to hold officers accountable when they abuse that power.

"We can't have it both ways. We can't demand that municipal leaders demand accountability from our police officers, and then punish them when they do exactly that," they wrote.

According to the press release, the town is reviewing options with regard to appealing the decision.

In the 8/27/15 article in the *Neighb News* on the swearing in of four police officers, including Mr. Alves, his grandmother said he had wanted to be a police officer since he was a little boy. He now works in security at Bask.

Documents relating to Superior Court cases are on the state's website and free for the public to download and read at <https://www.masscourts.org/eservices/home.page.2>. The town's press release is available on the Town of Fairhaven website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/press-release-alves-case>



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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Coastal Hazards

#### Community Meeting

Town of Fairhaven Sea Rise and Storm Surge Vulnerability Assessment in-person meeting on Wed., 2/8, at 6 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center St.

Please join the Town of Fairhaven and their consultant to learn about the town-wide effort to evaluate the risk of coastal hazards on public infrastructure.

The team is looking to better understand your concerns regarding the region's vulnerability to coastal hazards.

### Millicent Birthday

#### Millie's Birthday and Library Celebration

On Sat., 2/4 the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, will be having cake in celebration of the 130th anniversary of the Millicent Library and the 150th birthday of the library's namesake, Millicent "Millie" Rogers. Millie was born on February 1, 1873, the daughter of Henry Huttleston Rogers and Abby Palmer Gifford. After Millie's death at a young age in 1890, her family built a public library for the town of Fairhaven. Millicent Library opened on January 31, 1893 and the first books were checked out the next day.

Everyone is invited to attend and view the library's new exhibit displaying photos of the library and Millie and other unique artifacts and ephemera of the library's first year.

The Millicent Library is open on Saturday from 9:00-3:00.

### Black History talk

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.

### Blood Drive

Mon., 2/20, 1:30-6:30 p.m., Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop). Call Fhvn Rec for more information, 508-993-9269

### OLOA Dinner

Our Lady of Angels annual dinner, Sat., 3/18, 5pm - 8pm, at OLOA, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven. \$15.00 per person. Your choice of Bifanas or Chicken Mozambique. Call Joe Mello for tickets: 508-733-4608.

### 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

### Nomination Papers

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

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

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

Select Board has two seats up for election, held by Keith Silvia and Charles Murphy; School Committee has two seats up, held by Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe; Board of Health has one seat held by Michael Ristuccia; Commissioner of Trust Funds has one, held by Louise Ponte; Board of Public Works has two seats, held by Brian Wotton and Travis Rapoza; Planning Board has two seats up, held by Rene Fleurent and Wayne Hayward; Housing Authority has one seat on the ballot, held by Carol Alfonso.

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

### SAVE THE DATES

#### 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>

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.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### Lebanese Feast

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite 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.

### 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 an application night to help students, parents and guardians apply to GNBVT. 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 at <https://forms.gle/XJfqibWyVab9SDFB8>

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

### Free Women's Shooting Clinic

The New Bedford Revolver & Rifle Club proudly hosts NRA's Women on Target women's instructional shoot-

ing 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

### Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 2/7, from 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest Nicole Danaher-Garcia, PhD, a UMass-D alumna, will discuss "Surprise Discovery! These Dolphins Makes Peace Not War When Meeting Strangers; What makes them Different?" Nicole is a Research Associate with the Dolphin Communication Project, a non-profit organization focused on the study of

dolphin behavior, biology, ecology, and cognition, with the goal of inspiring ocean conservation.

Free parking is available behind the building.

Videos of recent events can be found on NBSC's website. We ask that you be vaccinated & facemasks are strongly recommended. Visit <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/>

### Veteran Artists/ Photographers

New Bedford resident and Army veteran Alicia Duff is seeking original photographs and artwork with accompanying poem/creative caption from veterans, service members, or family members of either form throughout New England for a collaborative, inspirational photography book.

The goals in publishing this book are to provide fellow veterans with a sense of purpose, connect them to the larger community, and reduce feelings of isolation, as well as to provide an outlet to express the photographer's feelings and experiences, promote creativity and growth, and enrich mental health cognition, and address suicide awareness.

The profits from the sale of this paperback will be donated to the Veterans Association of Bristol County (VABC), a non-profit based in Fall River, Massachusetts, that currently assists veterans through a food pantry, clothing closet, and employment services, such as resume writing, job searches, and interview preparation. The VABC is seeking to move to a larger facility in order to expand its services. Future goals of the VABC include providing skills training from professionals in the culinary and barbering fields as well as stress management activities such as yoga and surf therapy.

The timeliness for publishing this book depends on the response rate from the military/veteran community. As many submissions as possible will be included without sacrificing the quality of the content.

For more information, please contact Alicia Duff at 508-971-2427 or [alicia.r.duff@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.r.duff@gmail.com) with the subject "VABC Fundraiser"

## Acushnet Boy Fights Rare Cancer

Taylor and Danielle Guillemette received the devastating news that their 7-year-old son Porter was diagnosed with Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), an aggressive brain tumor that is very difficult to treat because of its location in the brain stem. Porter spent a week at Boston Children's hospital right after the diagnosis with his parents by his side. A biopsy was done to find the specific mutation and set a course for treatment. He has started radiation therapy that will continue through the beginning of March. This will try and slow the growth of the tumor. They will soon start clinical trials in the hopes of finding a cure.

Porter is a funny, extremely smart, energetic, and polite kid who definitely takes after his parents. He excels in second grade at Acushnet Elementary and his good-natured personality always puts a smile on those around him.

His father is a firefighter in New Bedford.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the Guillemette family during this crisis.

Visti <https://tinyurl.com/yckv557k> to learn more about Porter and his family, and to donate.

## Nitrogen Talk/BBC

Ms. Korinn Petersen, Esq., vice president for Clean Water Advocacy at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will be the featured speaker at the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street. Mattapoisett.

Attorney Petersen will discuss her advocacy work on behalf of the Coalition and focus on the long-term sustainable use of Buzzards Bay by managing both local and regional projects designed to reduce nitrogen pollution from wastewater.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition adopted an ambitious Strategic Plan that highlighted the need for more advocacy if the Coalition was going to live up to the promise of its founders to save Buzzards Bay.

As always, Mattapoisett Women's Club programs are open to the community please join us and learn

about the decades of hard work and significant resources invested in reducing pollution, saving vital watershed lands, and making Buzzards Bay more resilient in the face of climate change.

## Mindfulness Walk

Join the Mattapoisett Land Trust for a chance to shake off those winter blues and center yourself in the present. We are lucky to have Carly Baumann of "Radical Rest Yoga," a local professional with training and certifications in Yoga, Yoga Nidra, and meditation, lead this experience for us all. Carly will lead participants in a practice of mindfulness with moments of silent exploration and group sharing while walking through nature.

On Sun., 2/5, we will meet at the MLT kiosk at the end of Anchorage Way, which leads to the Brandt Island Cove District. The walk will be starting at 10:00am and will conclude at 11:00am. We will be walking rain or shine, so wear appropriate outdoor footwear and clothing (it may be muddy!). This is a free event and all are welcome.

Mattapoisett Land Trust is happy to partner with Carly Baumann and will now be offering mindfulness walks seasonally. Keep an eye out for the next walk in the Spring!

Visit <https://mattlandtrust.org>

## Valentines Dance

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, kinds 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.

## Playwrights

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MTPI is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional play-

wrights. These plays are small cast shows with one to six characters.

Selected playwrights will work with two mentors who are experienced theater artists to fine-tune their plays over the course of several months and prepare the script for production. After regular writing evaluations, when the script is ready, the mentors will work with the MAC to find a director and assist her or him in casting the show with appropriate actors.

One or more readings with a select focus group audience will include a feedback/response process, and the end result is a completed script, ready for debut performance for a live audience on stage at the Marion Art Center.

Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program. Selected applicants are required to sign an agreement with the MAC Theater, outlining expectations and a commitment to the program.

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If you are unable to come out to the build, please consider supporting a local restaurant and Habitat, by donating a gift card to supply coffee break or lunch.

Visit <http://www.buzzardsbayhabitat.org/>

## Recipe of the Week

### Honey Garlic Shrimp

1/3 cup honey  
1/4 cup soy sauce (reduced sodium is okay)  
2 garlic cloves, minced (or 1 tbs jarred minced garlic)  
Optional: 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger  
1 lb medium uncooked shrimp, peeled & deveined  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
Optional for garnish: chopped green onion

Whisk the honey, soy sauce, garlic, and ginger together in a medium bowl. You will use half for the marinade and half for cooking the shrimp.

Place shrimp in a large sealable container or zipped-top bag. Pour 1/2 of the marinade/sauce mixture on top, give it all a shake or stir, then allow shrimp to marinate in the refrigerator for 15 minutes or for up to 8-12 hours. Cover and refrigerate the rest of the marinade for next step. (Time-saving tip: while the shrimp is marinating, steam veggies and microwave some quick brown rice.

Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Place shrimp in the skillet. (Discard used marinade.) Cook shrimp on one side until pink, about 45 seconds, then flip shrimp over. Pour in remaining marinade/sauce and cook it all until shrimp is cooked through, about 1-2 more minutes.

Serve shrimp with cooked marinade sauce and a garnish of green onion. The sauce is excellent on brown rice and steamed vegetables on the side.

## Dear Frankie



### Christmas Returns

*Dear Frankie,*  
The week after Christmas, the dog park was overrun with puppies.

I asked Rufus, the mayor of our park, why suddenly there were so many puppies. He said they probably were Christmas gifts.

For days the thought of excited children and family members finding one of these adorable pups under their Christmas tree made me feel all warm and gushy.

A few weeks later, I noticed there were fewer puppies at the park. When I mentioned it to Rufus, he said the humans probably gave them away, sold them on the internet, or took them to a shelter.

Frankie, why would the humans do this? Please tell me he is wrong.

*Dear Suzie,*

I'm sorry to tell you that Rufus is telling it like it is.

*Suzie*

Every year there are stories about Christmas puppies being surrendered by the humans after the holidays.

You see, anyone can buy and give a puppy as a gift. In some instances, the recipient of the gift may not have any idea about the amount of care and attention puppies require.

When the reality of walking, feeding, training, and cleaning up hits home, some are not willing to do it, and others are not up to the task. So as heartbreaking as these surrenders are, it is the best option for these puppies to find a family that will care for them and provide them with a forever home.

Let's hope that they do.

*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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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Join Us for Lunch

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### Technology Classes

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- **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)
- **Android Smartphone Apps for Seniors: Part 1 & 2.** Feb. 13 & 15. Participants must have a Android Smartphone- LG, Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, Sony or Nokia) Learn how to download, install and delete apps. This is a hands-on class

### 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.: 2/8, Warwick Mall; 2/15, South Shore Plaza; 2/22, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods; 3/1, Tiverton Casino.

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Please call to reserve by Feb. 21. Lunch will be hot dogs. Entertainment will be Judy and Barry DeRossi. Call 508-979-4029. Call if you are interested in sponsoring a future Memory Cafe.

### 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 departments respond to diesel spill at Union Wharf

*Fairhaven Fire Department Press Release*

On Saturday, 1/28/23, at 7:49 a.m., the Fairhaven Fire Department and the Fairhaven Harbormaster responded to a diesel fuel spill in the harbor near Union Wharf. (Union Street, Fairhaven MA)

The fishing vessel (F/V) Jack M, reported an equipment malfunction that spilled an unknown quantity of diesel fuel into the harbor. The spill

located at Union Wharf extended as far north near the Seaport Inn and Marina. The spill impacted Fairhaven Shipyard, Blue Harvest Seafoods, Pease Park Boat Ramp, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Seaport Inn.

Fairhaven Fire Department and the Fairhaven Harbormaster division remained on scene for three (3) hours and deployed 680 ft of absorbent boom, and 2100 ft of absorbent sweep, along with several hundred

absorbent pads to help contain and absorb the diesel fuel.

The owner of the vessel is cooperating and has contracted with Frank Corp Environmental located in New Bedford Massachusetts to complete the cleanup.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Coast Guard Pollution Control are investigating the cause of the malfunction.



ABOVE: Absorbent boom and absorbent pads are deployed in the water at Union Wharf in Fairhaven on 1/28/23 after an unknown amount of diesel fuel spilled from the Fishing Vessel Jack M. *Photo courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.*

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## “We are better together”

By Beth David

Editor

With lots of hoots and hollers, dancing and singing, the Acushnet School community celebrated the designation of the elementary school as a “Distinguished School,” by the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Program.

Last Wednesday, 1/25/23, the school held a ceremony at the Acushnet Elementary School (AES) with distinguished invited guests from the Mass. Department of Education, state elected representatives, and local officials.

AES principal Leah Chesney started the celebration with lots of praise for students, staff, and the community. The theme of the day, was that it took everyone working together to achieve the honor, which is bestowed upon no more than 100 schools nationwide, and only two in Massachusetts this year.

The school received the designation in Category 1, for exceptional student performance and academic growth in 2022.

Ms. Chesney introduced many of the officials present so students could see just “how important this really is,” she said, noting it took everybody’s dedication and hard work.

“I’m so excited,” said Assistant Principal Julianna Pasetto, and introduced the fourth graders who took the stage to give their 10 reasons that AES should be designated a Distinguished School. Their reasons included no bullies, spirit day, field

day, fun Friday, and the number one reason: Sunny, the Police K9 comfort dog.

It “doesn’t happen by chance,” said Jennifer Downing, the chair of the school committee.

She said it takes an “incredible team of people,” from administrators to students to school committee members and parents.

She said superintendent Dr. Paula Bailey is

dedicated to excellence and worked incredibly hard to build a positive and collaborative school culture in Acushnet.

At the core of it all, she said is the understanding that “our kids come first.”

She said during the pandemic, Acushnet was “bold” and did not settle for the status quo. They used the hybrid model that utilized the best technology so that students were “together virtually.” They went “above and beyond” and that had a positive impact on the students.

“Wildcats are distinguished,” Superintendent Bailey told students. “And we could not be more proud to accept this...designation.”

“Wildcats, you are distinguished,”



ABOVE: Acushnet Elementary School Principal Leah Chesney speaks to the assembly on 1/25/23 to celebrate the school's designation as a “Distinguished School” by the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Program for 2022. BELOW: Staff members of Acushnet Elementary School spell out “Good Morning” during the assembly. Photos by Beth David.

said Dr. Bailey, and said if she had her way, she would put a picture of AES next to the definition in the dictionary: a person or body of work admired for excellence.

Dr. Bailey told students that strong and healthy relationships are the cornerstone of everything they do, creating a sense belonging and a great learning environment.

“We support each other, build each other, we believe in each other. We make each other better,” she said. “We are better together.”

Deputy Commissioner of the Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Dr. Regina Robinson echoed that sentiment, with lots of clapping and dancing on stage.

“It is a good morning, Acushnet, isn’t it,” she said to hoots and hollers, and then she led the teachers in a “good morning” cheer, spelling out each word.

She told students that to achieve what they achieved, they all had to work hard, together as a team. She led them in an exercise of coordinated cheering to prove it.

Dr. Robinson told them they all worked hard to achieve the designation.

“I am so proud to join you this morning in saying what a great job you all have done as a team,” she said.

Commissioner of ESE Jeffrey Riley entertained both students and adults with a couple of fun stories, including

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a bit about his own daughter teasing him. He enlisted the help of students Xavier Esteves and Quinn Whitehead to keep him company in the front of the hall.

He promised to be quick because it was close to lunch, and he knows, he said: "If you don't feed the students, they will eat the teachers."

The students reveled in his jokes, especially about his daughter and the picture she reportedly sent him of a donkey and him facing off, with the caption: "Look closely, there are two donkeys looking at each other."

He talked about how she had the help, support and love she needed to feel valued and succeed in life. When he said they did not see each other as often, the children collectively said "awww."

He told a story about the airlines (unverified story) using a chicken to test the strength of plane windows, and how the British, using the same method, kept breaking windows and could not figure out why. They needed, simply, to thaw the chicken.

The point, he said, is that sometimes the simplest answer is the right answer,

The same is true about schools, he said. It is about personal relationships with students.

"This is about a team of people coming together to unite, to make sure that you guys get everything you need," said Commissioner Riley, adding that the designation the school received was something "incredibly special."

He said very few schools in the country get it, and the only way it happens is if everyone, all of the adults come together, "to work for you."



The students then gave a standing ovation to their teachers.

Commissioner Riley told one more story, about president John F. Kennedy visiting NASA and encountering a janitor with a broom. When the president asked him what he did there, the janitor said he was helping to put a man on the moon.

"The janitor understood the importance of his contribution," said Commissioner Riley. "He truly felt he was a valuable part of something bigger than himself."

He was not merely a janitor, he was part of the NASA team.

"Everyone, every adult in this room, this building, is responsible for the great thing that has happened today," said Commissioner Riley, telling students to thank them for what they do on behalf of students, whether it is custodians, front office staff, safety officer, food service workers. "None of this is possible without them as a team."

As part of his own thank you, he gave a dollar to each of his helpers, young Xavier and Quinn, for having the courage to volunteer.

Selectboard member Bob Hinckley also said a few words, noting that most of what he wanted to say had already been said.

He told students they earned the award, and the adults in the room, the teachers, are the "backbone of our community."

He personally thanked them "for giving our children a chance to thrive."

He said his daughter, who attends AES, is eager to learn every day.

"I just want to say 'thank you,' for doing your best to showcase Acushnet," said Mr. Hinckley. "It's



Xavier Esteves (LEFT) and Quinn Whitehead (RIGHT) listen as Mass. Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeffrey Riley speaks to the assembly at the Acushnet Elementary School on 1/25/23 to celebrate the school's designation as a "Distinguished School" by the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Program for 2022, while Acushnet Police K9 Sunny (in matching t-shirt) keeps an eye on the photographer. BELOW: Superintendent of Acushnet Schools Dr. Paula Bailey, speaks to the assembly. Photos by Beth David.

awesome."

The school also showed a promotional video for AES.

After the ceremony, Dr. Bailey said that AES students did better than most during the pandemic years because of the hybrid model they used, which allowed students to learn as if they were in the classroom, and not isolated at home.

She reiterated that the recognition was a "reflection of our school community," with everyone coming together.

The designation is not something the school applies for. The Mass. DESE nominated AES based on annual reporting information

AES was recognized "because of the success of the educational programs and the progress made by students. Specifically, the school is being recognized for exceptional student performance and academic growth," wrote the school in a press release.

School officials will travel to Indianapolis, IN, to receive the award.

View the entire ceremony on the town's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tQXL4ujPbM>

# Boston Globe presents Black History Month Film Festival

Now in its third year, The Boston Globe's Black History Month Film Festival will honor and celebrate the lives, culture, and creativity of Black Americans through film. Both classic and new works will be made available for virtual viewing throughout the month. Each screening will also be followed by a virtual panel event to provide insight and context for these stories of strength, joy, and love. Join Globe writers and editors, filmmakers, and talent for these five installments.

Sign up once to be registered for free for all virtual Black History Month film events.

To sign up and get full schedule, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ms9eykvf>

## Embrace: The Kings

*Stream the film, February 1-5*

*Discussion: Monday, 2/6, 3:00 p.m.*

In honor of the unveiling of The Embrace Memorial, NBC10Boston and The Boston Globe presents a special half-hour documentary on the time that Martin Luther King, Jr., and wife Coretta Scott King spent in Boston.

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## The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks

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Tickets: \$12/members; \$15/non members. Order online at <https://tinyurl.com/4dhjwc84>. To order tickets by phone, call 1-800-440-6975 (\$6 processing fee applies); to order in person, visit any MFA ticket desk.

*Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvYeuYHWWX4>*

## Set it Off

*Stream the film—February 8-12*

*Discussion: Monday, 2/13, 3:00 p.m.*

An action-packed saga about four embittered, strong-willed women who decide to beat the system and become bank robbers. Featuring Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah, Vivica A. Fox, and Kimberly Elise. Directed by F. Gary Gray.

*Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ms9eykvf>*

## A Beautiful Resistance, Season 3

*Stream the film—February 15-19*

*Discussion: Tuesday, 2/21, 3:00 p.m.*

Jeneé Osterheldt, Senior Assistant Managing Editor for Culture, Talent & Development at The Boston Globe created *A Beautiful Resistance* — to celebrate and center Black Joy and

Black lives and the lives of other folk of color, too. A multimedia series, it features written stories, Q&A, Instagram posts, playlists, and a docuseries.

Osterheldt teamed up with three Boston filmmakers of color to help bring her vision to life and ensure these stories were told through a lens of love, through a lens of community, in a way that counters the lies we've been told about Blackness.

*Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ms9eykvf>*

In partnership with GlobeDocs, A Beautiful Resistance.

## James Hemings: A Ghost in America's Kitchen

*Stream the film—February 22-26*

*Discussion: Monday, 2/27, 3:00 p.m.*

June 20, 1790. A dinner party, at the home of then Secretary of State, Thomas Jefferson, that may have saved the newly formed United States of America from financial collapse. In the room where it happened were Jefferson, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and...a ghost, James Hemings.

Who was James Hemings? The bigger question is how could such an important figure in American culinary history become a ghost in our kitchens? The answer is mired in our complex history of race and the still biting effects of slavery on our society.

"A Ghost in America's Kitchen" explores the life, contributions and erasure of the culinary founding father, James Hemings.

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In partnership with Roxbury International Film Fest, GlobeDocs

# 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,

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 information.

# BPW discusses FY24 budgets

By Mary Chasse

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 1/23/23 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed the budgets for 2024, the progress with the new water meters, and the new water flushing project.

The board first met with Sewer Department Superintendent Rene Robillard about the 2024 budget for the Sewer Department. BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained that there is a significant increase in the salary and wages budget for the Sewer Department because the union still has not settled the new contract and they have to account for the employees getting retroactive pay for the time they have been working with no contract once the contract is settled.

Mr. Robillard explained that there was also an increase in the budget for tools, gas, diesel, supplies and chemicals due to inflation. Mr. Robillard said things just cost more.

He said there was also a \$5000 increase for repairs to pump stations and increase in professional training because they have four new

employees that require training. He noted that there was also an increase in contracted services for engineers and other outside help the department may need because they will be breaking ground on the new sewer plant next summer.

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Mr. Furtado explained that the Sewer Department has three Capital Plan requests, including an inflow and infiltration system which is being mandated by the state. The department also needs design improvements for a few pump stations; and the department is asking for a four

inch supportable pump.

The board also met with Highway Department Superintendent Joshua Crabb, who told the board that operating expenses, as well as tools, gas and diesel have increased due to inflation. He said their signs and lines budget has also increased because the materials cost more.

Mr. Crabb said there is also an increase in the budget for new compaction equipment, sidewalk repairs and street resurfacing.

Mr. Crabb explained that the street resurfacing budget is increased by \$100,000 because he wants to try a new and better way of resurfacing called cold in place recycling, which is a type of reconstruction pavement overlay.

Mr. Crabb explained that if they try this technique on a few streets and it works it could save the town money when resurfacing streets in the future.

Mr. Furado told the board that the Highway Department had three requests for the Capital Plan. The first is for the budget for the annual

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## MEET OUR AGENTS

### RUTH OLSON BLAKE GARDNER

Ruth grew up in the beautiful town of Sherborn, MA. After graduating with a degree in criminal justice she chose a career in real estate, starting work in a mortgage company. While taking the residential real estate license course Ruth met her future husband Lars, a custom home builder. They moved to Fairhaven 4 years ago and love living in Oxford Village. She prides herself on good communication skills, attention to detail and her love of real estate. Ruth is a major dog lover and enjoys walking her Welsh Terrier Samba and Airedale mix Dewey. Tennis is her favorite sport. Ruth and Lars have two children, a son Myles in Austin and daughter Hannah in Atlanta and wish they lived closer.



Blake Gardner grew up in Fairhaven on Sconticut Neck Rd and is a Fairhaven High graduate. After living in Florida for 3 years, Blake returned to the Southcoast with its character, history, and spectacular coastlines. Blake has a passion for unique and historic homes, recently completing an expansive renovation of an 1898 Dutch Colonial in New Bedford's West End. He prides himself on being a great listener, providing clients with high attention to detail and creating value for both buyers and sellers. When he isn't working for his clients or watching his kid's sports, he can be found on Buzzards Bay boating and fishing. Blake Currently lives in North Dartmouth with his wife Christie and two daughters, Madison, and Mila.

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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=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTtVzJCQT09>  
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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952  
Passcode: 361259

1. 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.
2. REF#: ZBA-023-002: 88 Fort Street, Map 5, Lots 4-5. Applicant and owner: Terje Tonnesen 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- **Public Hearing — RDA — Cathy Tavares/87 Peckham Road** A Request for Determination was filed by Cathy Tavares for property located at 87

Peckham Road, Map 2 Lot 3Q. The applicant proposes to install a new septic system to service the existing 4 bedroom dwelling with installation of a new pump chamber and plastic chamber leaching field. Erosion controls will be installed at the limit of work. The applicant is represented by Richard Riccio of Field Engineering Co., Inc. Plan name is "Proposed Sewage Disposal System Repair" dated January 23, 2023.

- **Public Hearing — After-the-Fact NOI — Navisun, LLC — Project Acushnet MA 2, LLC/550 Main Street SE 001-XXXX** An After the Fact Notice of Intent was filed by Navisun, LLC for property located at 550 Main Street, Map 11, Lots 4 and 7. The project includes the installation of a 1,756 kilowatt (kW) solar photovoltaic (PV) array covering a fenced area of approximately 8.9 acres at 550 Main Street, Acushnet, split between lots 4 and 7. The proposed solar PV system will be installed as one array, within the eastern portion of the site. The project requires land clearing of approximately 16.2 acres. The applicant is represented by Robert Bukowski of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Plan name is "Solar PV Development" dated January 10, 2023. This project has already begun and due to a violation the project now requires an After-the-Fact Notice of Intent filing.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
FNN 2/2/23

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### Fairhaven

**Board of Public Works**  
Mon., 2/13, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

**Finance Committee**  
Thurs., 2/2, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

**Marine Resources Comm**  
Thurs., 2/2, Town Hall, 6:30 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

**Conservation Comm**  
Wed., 2/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Selectboard**  
Thurs., 2/2, Town Hall, 4 p.m.  
Tues., 2/7, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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	Feb 2023		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.
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Friday	3	0617	1839	0044	1355		
Saturday	4	0655	1917	0020	1430		
Sunday	5	0734	1957	0040	1434		
Monday	6	0813	2037	0115	1401		
Tuesday	7	0852	2115	0155	1427*		
Wednesday	8	0930	2154	0235*	1457*		
Thursday	9	1009	2234	0312*	1529*		
Friday	10	1051	2320	0350*	1604*		
Saturday	11	1140	----	0431*	1643*		

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roadwork to fix a few selected streets. The other two requests were to replace the backhoe and to pave a portion of the senior center parking lot.

The board then discussed the 2024 budget for the Parks Department. Mr. Furtado said there was an increase in salary, equipment repairs, and gas and diesel.

Mr. Crabb said they asked for a \$3,000 increase for more mechanical blowers because they currently only have one.

Mr. Furtado said the Parks Department has three requests in the Capital Plan. The department is asking for \$125,000 for a mini trash compactor truck for the parks and beaches. They are also asking for a portion of money for the bike path overlay because it is being paid for with Community Preservation Act funds, the winter assistance and hopefully the Capital Plan. Mr. Furtado said the last request is for \$30,000 for lighting at Cushman Park.

The board then met with Water Department Superintendent Jeffery Furtado. He said there is a \$15,000

increase in contracted services for hiring engineers and water flushing services. He also told the board that fuel and chemicals have increased due to inflation as well.

Jeffrey Furtado said for the Capital Plan the water department is asking for two water main replacements. He said that by 2024 the EPA is also asking for an outline of where all the lead and copper are in the town's water system.

In another matter WD Superintendent Jeffrey Furtado updated the board on the new water meters. He said there are 425 unresponsive residents who have not made an appointment to have their water meters changed. Mr. Furtado said the letters have gone out.

Mr. Furtado told the board they will be advertising in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* before February 1 for residents to make an appointment to have their water meter changed. The department will then be making phone calls to all 425 residents and leave a tag on their doors notifying them that if they do not call to make an appointment within 24 hours their

water will be shut off.

Mr. Furtado said the appointment does not have to be immediate; they can book the appointment for a month or two months out, but they need to call and make an appointment within 24 hours from receiving the door tag and phone call. Mr. Furtado said all new water meters will be installed by this summer.

Mr. Furtado also updated the board on the water flushing program. He said he met with the engineer and wants to start as soon as possible, as long as the weather permits. He is hoping for March 1.

In another matter the board discussed the BPW budget for 2024. Mr. Furtado said the only big change is that they are asking in the Capital Plan for an HVAC system for the whole BPW building.

The board also decided to change the winter hours for the Recycling Center because not many people come in the afternoons on Wednesdays. The hours are still the second and fourth Saturday of every month, but now will only be half days on Wednesdays.

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