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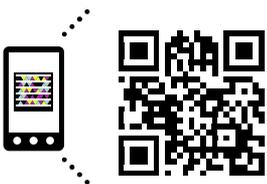
Volunteers take food from a pallet at Hastings Middle School on 2/17/23 preparing for a pop-up food pantry the next day by the Fairhaven School District Family Center with food from New Life South Coast Food Pantry. See story on page 13. Photo by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We're moving along, spring is just around the corner. Next week's issue will be March.

That means that election season is going to be in full swing. If you're a candidate, we're happy to run a freebie for you (see page 3). Get your statement in soon, though. We have to plan it out so we get 'em all in before the Fairhaven election on 4/3. Acushnet has a little more time. Your election is in May.

Meanwhile, we have some meeting coverage for you. Select Board is on page 4, and the budget is the thing. It looks like we are finally hitting that wall that so many have been warning about. The next few weeks should be interesting as we figure out how to close a \$750K gap. Yeah...\$750K. Go figure.

They were short on details at the meeting, but more should be coming out soon.

We also have some BPW coverage on page 16.

Speaking of BPW...the electric vehicle charging stations are up and running (see page 11). They are at the BPW near the bike path, and they are free to use, for now. The town got grant money to get the cars and install the stations.

The Fairhaven school district held a food pop-up for school families. The school is making an effort to help families that need it, with all kinds of stuff. See page 13 for more on the Family Engagement Center.

The happenings and other events are picking up, including a Black History event with local ties at the Fairhaven Senior Center tonight organized by the town's Belonging Committee (see page 5).

There's other stuff here of course. As you browse around, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then... see ya,

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Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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Greater New Bedford Garden Club

Two \$1,500 scholarships to residents of the Greater New Bedford area who are high school seniors graduating in June and who are planning to attend a four year college and who are planning to pursue a

degree in horticulture, land scape design, agriculture, forestry, conservation or environmental science.

Applications are available at high school guidance offices and must be postmarked by April 1,2023.

Azorean Maritime Heritage Society

Five scholarships for graduating seniors attending college in the fall. Application available at our website: www.azoreanmaritime.org

Mattapoissett Woman's Club

For Mattapoissett residents. Two awards of \$2,500 for graduating seniors; one \$1,500 scholarship for a returning student. Applications available at area high schools.

Mattapoissett Cong Church

For students in Mattapoissett, Marion or Rochester. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service and financial need. Applications and information are now available at the local public and private schools. Deadline is Friday, March 31, 2023. Email mattcongchurch@gmail.com

Free Political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

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Fairhaven has structural deficit as much as \$750K

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board heard some grim news at its meeting on 2/21/23, with the town's new, temporary budget officer telling them the town is facing up to a \$750,000 deficit in the FY24 budget.'

Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison introduced Rich Bienvenue, who is the Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director for the town of Eastham, Mass. He has been helping out a day or so a week while Fairhaven searches for a Finance Director. He told the board that expenses are going up six percent, but revenues are only going up four percent this year.

Ms. Ellison and Mr. Bienvenue presented a preliminary budget plan to the board.

SB Chairperson Stasia Powers said the plan was just an "overview." She said they did not expect to get into a "deep dive" on line items. That will happen in the budget meetings.

Mr. Bienvenue said the intention was simply to give the board an update to give them an idea of what

the town is facing. The town has some "challenges," he said.

Mr. Bienvenue also said that the challenges might "lessen" as they get more information. Revenue projections may not fall as much, he said.

The general fund operating budget is up \$3.3 million, which is over six percent, said Mr. Bienvenue. The revenues that will fund it, are only up four percent.

"So you've got a fundamental challenge," said Mr. Bienvenue.

With raises going up five to six percent each year, but revenues up only four percent, "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out" that eventually it will catch up, he said.

"You've got some wage and inflationary pressures on your budget," said Mr. Bienvenue.

He estimated the shortfall will be about \$750,000, and said it was a "big challenge" to find places to cut in the budget to reach that amount.

Mr. Bienvenue gave the board some projections on costs to individual homeowners if the town decided to implement an override of Proposition 2 1/2, which limits the

amount of taxes municipalities can raise through property taxes (the tax levy).

Taxes for a median single family home could increase by as much as \$170, to \$3362 if the town decides to fund the increase somehow, instead of finding cuts to the budget.

He said the budget was "tight" and could not support the \$750K cut, so they needed to consider the override.

"I shudder to think about it," said SB member Bob Espindola, about the override.

The override could be a general one for the overall budget, or for specific items, such as the two new firefighters the town is hiring.

The town does have some free cash that will most likely cover the difference. But that money is usually used for capital expenses, and other one time costs.

Mr. Bienvenue said it was not good practice to use one-time funds for recurring expenses. That is a structural deficiency.

"You have a couple," he said, adding he does not propose the

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Black History Event

The Fairhaven Belonging Committee invites you to come together and celebrate Black History Month, Thurs., 2/23, 5-7 p.m., at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. (next to Stop & Shop).

Join us as we honor Dr. Jibreel Khazan with a Proclamation. Learn about the NAACP from New Bedford Chapter President Renee Ledbetter and Atty. David Gomes. Listen to NAACP goals and consider how to support them. Stay for the community gathering and light refreshments.

Let's Celebrate Together

GOP Mtg

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye!

All persons having anything to do, as members or guest of the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee, draw near, give your attendance and ye shall be heard.

Monday, February 27th at 6pm, 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven.

All are welcome. Call 508-863-0416

Bingo F-R

Community Nurse Home Care's Bingo night is back in person at the Seaport Inn, Fairhaven on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm and runs until 9 pm with a brief intermission.

This fundraising event is a WIN-WIN: Community Nurse's patients win by benefiting from the funds raised ensuring 5 Star Care, and you have the opportunity to win some amazing prizes such as high end purses, fun gift baskets, art and gift cards to local establishments. The event features 6 Bingo games, a fabulous raffle and sweet treats (and other fun surprises). There will be complimentary coffee and a cash bar.

Donation is \$30 per participant. Register online at CommunityNurse.com/bingo or at the office at 62 Center Street Fairhaven. Sponsorship is still available.

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, 2/27: Elleanor Eldridge.** Of African and Narragansett ancestry, Elleanor 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.

Millicent Events

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342, email athiel@sailsinc.org, or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events>

• **Fri., 2/24, 11am Weave Your Own Bookmark** Learn to weave by hand! Fabric artist and instructor Lisa Elliott will teach you how to weave using a simple wooden loom. Design, create, and keep the bookmark you make in this program! For ages 8+. Registration is required, limited to 12 attendees.

End Cash Bail

On Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 PM, South Coast Progressive Voices (SCPV) will host an online presentation by The Massachusetts Bail Fund and The FANG Collective, *On State-Sanctioned Ransom: Ending Cash Bail and Pre-Trial Detention*. The presentation will examine how bail and pre-trial detention operate in the Massachusetts court system; how bail funds help those without resources to meet bail requirements; efforts by The Massachusetts Bail Fund and The FANG Collective to eliminate cash bail and pre-trial detention; and action steps for those

wishing to become more involved.

If you are interested in attending this online meeting, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/cash-bail>.

South Coast Progressive Voices is an occasional speaker series sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. SCPV features topics in fields of broad public interest from local, regional and national perspectives. SCPV presentations are FREE and OPEN to the public.

SAVE THE DATES

"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.

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.

Nemasket Walk

Join us in celebration of our 10th year as we walk or run through the town of Fairhaven with family, friends and neighbors while raising awareness and support for The Nemasket Group.

Sat., 5/6, Fort Phoenix State Reservation, 8 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. walk/run.

Visit our website for more information and to register: www.NemasketGroup.org

Event T-shirts are limited, so please register early to ensure you receive a T-shirt

Youth Soccer

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

RJD Free Acush

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

The historic house, now the site of The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. This Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark, one of only 2,500 in the nation. The period rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of the economic and social evolution of the City of New Bedford, as reflected in the residencies of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families and their domestic staff. The Museum is located at 396 County Street, New Bedford. It is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from Memorial Day through Indigenous Peoples' Day, Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Visitors are encouraged to visit www.rjdmuseum.org to book their Museum visit and to review the most current museum information.

Whaling Park

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is proud to offer a month of events in recognition of Black History Month through the end of the month. All events are open to the public and free of charge. Although all the events will take place at the Visitor Center at 33 William St, New Bedford, MA 02740, two events will be hosted online and require pre-registration, and two will be hosted in the Corson Theater of the visitor center. Remaining dates are.

- Sat. 2/25, at 2:00 PM, join us in the Corson Theater for *Black Entrepreneurship Then and Now* as we pay homage to three of New Bedford's own 18th and 19th Century entrepreneurs: Paul Cuffe, Mary "Polly" Johnson, and Lewis Temple. From today, we will highlight Black Entrepreneurship in New Bedford with talks/presentations from Samia Walker, Executive Director, E For All SouthCoast; Lonelle Walker, Executive Director, Doers Lab NB;

and Jaden Reyes, Brown Suga Stationery.

For more information, call 508-996-4095, visit nps.gov/NEBE or follow the park's social media accounts.

Lobster Days

Join us for Lobster Days at the NB Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB, on Thurs. & Fri., 2/23 & 2/24, from 11-3. FREE.

How many times have you heard "I'm bored" this week?? If it's more than once, visit the Center for crafts, story time, and lobster-themed fun on Thursday and Friday! Working lobstermen will be on hand to answer your questions and teach you about these interesting critters and what it's like to fish for them too. It's going to be claw-some!

Visit fishingheritagecenter.org

SAVE THE DATE:

Sacagawea's Song

The New Bedford Ballet is hosting its annual March Youth Ballet Performance on Sunday, March 5 at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Performances of *Sacagawea's Song* by the New Bedford Youth Ballet will be at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. All proceeds will benefit New Bedford Ballet, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Tickets: Adults \$15, Seniors, Students, and Children \$10

Tickets may be purchased at www.newbedfordballet.org. For more information, call New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387.

Sacagawea's Song is an original historical ballet created and choreographed by New Bedford Ballet's artistic director, Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault. This unique, family-oriented ballet describes the story of Sacagawea, the Native American woman who served as interpreter and guide on the historic Lewis and Clark expedition across the western United States.

Afghan Women's Art Exhibit

The SouthCoast Afghan Welcome Network, the Community Economic Development Center, and the New Bedford Free Public Library is pleased to announce the opening of a

unique exhibit, Dil ba Dil Rah Dhara (From One Heart to Another): The Afghan Women's Art Project, on Thursday, February 9, 2023 as part of the City's AHA! Night festivities. The exhibit showcases a range of Afghan handicrafts, ranging from fiber arts, embroidery, jewelry, decorative painting, and traditional and modern garb, and is the culmination of several months of work by six local women who came to Massachusetts as refugees in late 2021.

The exhibit's title comes from a traditional Afghan proverb: Dil ba dil rah dhara, or "From one heart to another, there is a way", and represents the women's desire to share samples of their country's rich history and vibrant culture and to express their thanks to the Southeastern MA community which welcomed them as they adjusted to their new homes away from home. This art project was made possible thanks to the generosity of New Bedford Economic Development Center, MassDevelopment/TDI, and the Barr Foundation - Art is Everywhere Grant facilitated by New Bedford Creative at the NBEDC.

The Afghan Women's Art Project will be on display at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA, from Feb. 9, 2023 through March 23, 2023.

Scholarship

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to residents of the Greater New Bedford area who are high school seniors graduating in June and who are planning to attend a four year college and who are planning to pursue a degree in horticulture, landscape design, agriculture, forestry, conservation or environmental science.

The goals of the New Bedford Garden Club are to offer educational and inspirational programs and to encourage the advancement of gardening, flower arranging, horticulture, the beautification of the community and the conservation of natural resources. Scholarships are given out each year as a way to support and encourage these objectives.

Applications are available at high school guidance offices and must be postmarked by April 1, 2023.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Little League Talk

Play Ball !!! Sat., 2/25, 2 p.m. at Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport MA

In 1964, a team of Westport Little League All-Stars came together and did something that Westport Little Leaguers had not done before, or since. Through grit, determination, and of course a bit of luck, these mostly 12 year olds became Massachusetts Little League State Champions. The team included Carl Zajac, Jim Ford, Karl Kozak, John White, Norman Tremblay, Bob Wood, John Sousa, Billy Jalbert, David Azevedo, Manny Cabral, Steve Pettey, Bruce "Pee Wee" Letourneau, Paul Eastwood, Joe Correiro and Ronnie Briere. Join Al Lees to hear the story from those who were there, the Boys of Summer from that team.

Suggested donation \$5.

At Acushnet COA

The following events are being held at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St. For more info, call 508-998-0280.

- Get tickets now for MGM Casino & Live Musical Theater Day. One day only: Sat., 4/15, \$135 per person. Price includes gaming at MGM, Banquet buffet on property, admission to Majestic Theater, complimentary concession coupon, luxury transportation, all tax and service charges. See Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story, featuring more than 20 of Buddy Holly's greatest hits. For more info, contact Heather Chew, 508-998-0280, hchew@acushnet.ma.us

Spaghetti Dinner

Scouts Troop 11 presents a Spaghetti Dinner on Sat., 4/1, from 5-7 p.m., at the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet.

Tickets: \$10, available at door.

Visit us on Facebook at Acushnet Scouting: Boy Scout Troop 11

Pizza for Porter

Fund-raiser for Porter Guillemette of Acushnet, a seven-year-old with a very rare and aggressive brain tumor. Pizza for Porter will be on Sat., 3/4, at VFW Tuttle Post, 28 Roosevelt St., Acushnet, 2-6 p.m..

Get your ticket now at the VFW,

\$15/adult, \$5/child/senior, under 3 free. Walk-ins will be welcome on the day of the event.

Visit Porter's GoFundMe page at <https://tinyurl.com/yckv557k> to learn more about Porter and his family, and to donate.

Women's Hist Doc.

"The 8th" Documentary Screening & Filmmaker Talkback, Wed., 3/8, 7 p.m., online, and in person at the Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, Epstein Bldg., MS 079, 515 South Street, Waltham, MA 01781-736-8100 Email: wsrc@brandeis.edu

"The 8th" traces Ireland's campaign to remove the 8th Amendment - a constitutional ban on abortion...it includes voices from both sides of the debate, but its primary focus is on the dynamic leaders of the pro-choice campaign....An urgent narrative, a cautionary tale and a roadmap for progressive reforms in a modern era where authoritarianism is on the rise, The 8th shows a country forging a new progressive path when reproductive rights are threatened all over the world."

The film screening will be followed by a talkback and Q&A session with producer/director Aideen Kane.

Complimentary movie snacks will be served to in-person audience members!

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Visit <https://www.brandeis.edu/wsrc/events.html> to register.

Scavenger Hunt

Family fun during school vacation, try out Mattapoisett Land Trust's Staycation Scavenger Hunts. See the Family Activities page on the MLT website to download the instructions and checklists for the Dunseith Gardens and the Dexter "Tub" Mill scavenger hunts. Good luck! Remember to post your photos with #MLTscavengerhunt so we see how well you do!

Visit <https://mattlandtrust.org/>

Hip Hop Dance Duo

FirstWorks, a Providence-based nonprofit dedicated to connecting art with audiences, presents Boston-based street dance pioneers The Wondertwins in an entertaining night

of dance moves reflecting old-school hip-hop, street style, Broadway and more. The performance takes place at the Ballroom at the Providence G, 100 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903, on Friday, 3/3 at 7:30 p.m. with a DJ to follow. Tickets for the 18+ show are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and available now at firstworks.org.

Art Contest

Contest for Kids K-12: Entries Due Monday, April 24, 2023. Teachers: Celebrate Endangered Species Day (May 19) by having your classroom participate in the 2023 Marine Endangered Species Art Contest!

Endangered and threatened species need our help. Students' artwork will showcase their knowledge and commitment to protecting these animals.

Artwork should highlight one or more marine endangered or threatened species from the New England/Mid-Atlantic region of the United States (visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p8mzxk6>). Text highlighting why the animals are important and what people can do to protect them may also be included. Potential themes may vary by age. Some ideas include animals in their natural habitat, sharing the shore and sea, threats to the species, or how we can help them recover.

Get the details on entry requirements, entry submissions, prizes, and more at <https://tinyurl.com/ys6auzbh>. Good luck!

Contact us at nmfs.gar.es-art-contest@noaa.gov.

Maple Days

At Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA. Included with standard daytime admission on select dates in February and March guests can see the entire sugar-making process, from tapping the trees to "sugaring off," and learn why maple sugar was more commonly used than maple syrup in early New England.

Maple Days are Wednesday through Sunday, February 22nd through March 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to reserve tickets online and in advance for their date of arrival. Visit : <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>.

Recipe of the Week

Honey & Spice Pears

- 1 cup 100% cranberry juice,
- 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 4 small firm pears (about 6 ounces each), peeled, halved, and cored
- 2 tablespoons dried unsweetened cherries or cranberries
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons honey

In a large nonstick skillet, stir together the cranberry juice, cinnamon, and allspice. Add the pears and cherries.

Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook, covered, for 5 minutes, or until the pears are just tender-crisp. Transfer the pears with the cut side down to a serving plate, leaving the liquid in the skillet.

Cook the liquid, still on medium high, for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes, or until reduced to a scant 1/4 cup, stirring frequently.

Remove from the heat. Stir in the honey.

Spoon over the pears. Let cool completely, about 20 minutes.

Turn the pears several times to coat with the sauce, or transfer them to plates and spoon the sauce on top.

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Dear Frankie

What Happened to My Word is My Honor?

Dear Frankie, My friend Harry scores a 10 when it comes to generosity. When he brings a snack to the park, half goes to me. When watching TV, I get his favorite chair. If I forget my coat, his coat becomes mine.

The problem I have with Harry is he doesn't keep his word. Let me give you an example. I told Harry I had trouble remembering some of the agility cues at the last competition.

He said, "No problem, invite me to a trial, and I'll coach you."

When I invited him, he told me to ask another competitor to be my coach.

Another issue I have with Harry is he will tell me how he is looking forward to us going fishing, hiking, or camping out in the tent in his back yard. Then he'll invite someone else.

When I try to talk to him about his behavior, he says, "Look, I'm not

responsible for your social life. You need to spread your social net."

What can I say to make Harry change his behavior?

Olive

Dear Olive,

Harry is not going to change. When you try to talk to him about his behavior, he tells you that you are the one with a problem. He accuses you of being needy and says he isn't responsible for your social life.

The Buddhists say expectations are the cause of misery. If you want to avoid getting hurt by Harry, stop expecting him to keep his word.

When he offers to do something, remember he can't be depended on to do what he says he'll do. If you can do that, your feelings won't get hurt.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven announces EV chargers for public use

By Beth David
Editor

The Town of Fairhaven announced this week that it received a \$12,500 grant from MassDEP Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (EVIP) for Level 2 charging stations and two leased electric Chevrolet Bolts for Town use.

The town has also installed two Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, with two ports each, so a total of four vehicles can charge at the same time. The stations are at the east end of the parking lot near the bike path on the south side of the Board of Public Works garage on Arsene Street. The stations re free for the public to use 24/7.

“No charge for the charge,” noted Fairhaven Select Board member Charles Murphy at the SB meeting on Tuesday, 2/21.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said the town may have to charge a fee as time goes on, depending on how many people use the stations. One charging station is for town vehicles and the other is for the general public.

“The vehicles will be used by



The Town of Fairhaven’s Chevy Bolt EUV, a fully electric vehicle, is hooked up to the “Juice Box” in the public works parking lot near the bike path on 2/17/23. The vehicle will be shared by town employees for town business. *Photo by Beth David.*

various departments to minimize their carbon footprint in the town and to increase the use and visibility of electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure

within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” wrote the town in a press release. “Fairhaven is looking forward

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question lightly. "You have some decisions to make"

"The structural issues can't remain and have a sustainable operation," he said.

The board will be engaged in an ambitious budget meeting schedule with the Finance Committee, meeting at least twice a week, and with other departments to get the budget ready for Town Meeting on May 6.

Ms. Ellison said she was clearing her schedule for the next few weeks to work on the budget, and suggested the board members be prepared for a lot of meetings.

Ms. Ellison also had several staffing updates.

Randall "Randy" Bassett has been hired for Building Commissioner. He told the board he has worked in building his entire life. He is currently the building inspector for the town of Brewster.

He said he is a "hockey" dad with three children and has been married for 20 years.

The board voted unanimously to approve the appointment.

Ms. Ellison also informed the board that she appointed Joanne Correia as interim Assessor. Ms. Correia has been working in the Assessor's Office, and Ms. Ellison said she believed Ms. Correia has the ability to do the work with some training.

Ms. Ellison also told the board that the town had a "few candidates" for the Finance Director position, and she will be starting interviews soon.

A drastic turnaround for police dispatchers happened immediately after the contract was settled. Ms. Ellison told the board they were "struggling" to fill the dispatcher positions, that it was "almost impossible." After the contract was settled, the town received interest from 12 candidates.

The police department is also looking to fill six police officer positions. A couple are open now, and others will be opening up soon due to anticipated retirements. Ms. Ellison said the town needs to start the Civil Service process now.

The board also discussed the deficiencies in the town's emergency dispatching system. The Collins Center for Public Management conducted a study and outlined the problems with Fairhaven's current

system.

All 911 calls go to the police department, and medical calls are transmitted to the fire department. The study concluded that the town needed to add a dispatcher to each shift, so that two are available to handle more than one call at a time.

The study identified a couple of options for Fairhaven to join regional dispatches that already exist.

The town could also attempt to create a regional dispatch with area municipalities.

Ms. Ellison said that she observed at the Fire Department and saw the fire chief needing to fill the dispatcher

The general fund operating budget is up \$3.3 million, which is over six percent, said Mr. Bienvenue. The revenues that will fund it, are only up four percent.

role. She said it was "not the most effective" way to dispatch and the fire chief should not be dispatching calls.

SB member Keith Silvia asked if the Call Firefighters could help with dispatch.

Ms. Ellison said they are a "consideration."

"Anything and everything is on the table," she said.

Ms. Ellison also informed the board that her new office furniture arrived and has been set up and "looks wonderful."

She also told the board that the counter in the SB/TA office will be moved. She had held off on the project to "re-evaluate."

Her office has people in and out on a regular basis and the way to her office is "like a train station," she said. Only one person can get through.

"It's like managing traffic," said Ms. Ellison.

The counter will be moved to the Collector's Office.

"They are excited," to get it back, she said. "I think they miss having it."

Matthew Loo, who runs two aquaculture sites in Fairhaven waters, ran into a bit of a glitch when he tried to renew his license. He had hoped to renew his license for ten years. He has been in operation since 2012.

Ms. Ellison said she read the state law and checked with Town Counsel, and discovered that the board does not have the authority to renew the license because it is a public space. Only Town Meeting can renew an aquaculture license.

Ms. Ellison said that she would prepare an article for the TM warrant for all the aquaculture farms in Fairhaven waters.

Mr. Loo said he did not know of any town that required a TM vote. Ms. Ellison read from Chapter 40, Section 3, and used an example that Town Counsel sent from Duxbury.

Ms. Espindola said he understood that businesses want longer leases for stability, but asked if there was a specific reason Mr. Loo wanted the ten years.

"Just to avoid coming here every three years," said Mr. Loo.

Harbormaster Tim Cox sang Mr. Loo's praises, saying he has been doing an "awesome job out there."

"I haven't had any hiccups with any of his stuff," said Mr. Cox, adding that Mr. Loo even helps with monitoring equipment from other farms, too.

Ms. Powers said the concern was not if he should have a license, it was about doing it correctly.

The board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Loo's license, pending approval by TM in May. Meanwhile he can operate under a "grace period."

In another matter, the board approved a shade tree removal bylaw that creates a path for individual homeowners and developers to remove non-hazardous shade trees in the public way. The requirements include that another tree must be planted that is at least three inches in diameter, or several trees to equal the diameter of the tree taken down.

Tree Warden Don Collasius told the board that the town needed a policy so homeowners can remove trees when necessary. He said he had a pending request to remove a tree on Welcome Street so the homeowner could install a driveway.

School district's family center provides food for families

By Beth David
Editor

Most of us know that many families rely on the meals provided by the school system to make sure children get the food they need. When school vacations come around, a lot of families have a tough time getting enough food for their growing children.

The Fairhaven Public Schools Family Engagement Center is designed to help families in the school system with just about anything they need, including housing and food insecurity. So, just in time for February vacation, Morgan Matthews, the Family and Student Engagement Coordinator, and a group of volunteers, created a grocery store in the cafeteria of the Hastings Middle School, with food from New Life South Coast Food Pantry.

The "food pop-up" was open on

Saturday, 2/18, and the volunteers stayed late after school on Friday to set up.

Families signed up ahead of time, and items included more than just the usual non-perishable food items. Families could choose from a variety of produce, including oranges, potatoes, and onions; meats, including ground beef and chicken; and non-food grocery items, such as detergent and toilet paper.

Monica Landis, who is a Special Education teacher and also volunteers at New Life, said the pantry is set up like a grocery store, so people can take what they need instead of everyone getting the same bag with all the same items.

The pantry donated five pallets of groceries to the food pop-up. She said it was probably about \$7,000 worth of food.

Tables in the cafeteria were set up with different items, and families would be able to take one or two of each item. Ms. Landis said it would probably end up being four or five bags of groceries for each family.

HMS student Gabe Soares joined the adults unloading items from the pallets and stacking them on tables.

"I just wanted to help out," said Mr. Soares. "And get some community service in as well."

Ms. Matthews is a district wide employee. Her office and the Family Engagement Center are located at the middle school. It has a separate entrance for privacy.

To learn more about the New Life pantry, call 774-206-1422 or visit <https://newlifesouthcoast.com/food-pantry> or email info@newlifesouthcoast.com. They are located at 1331 Cove Road in New Bedford.



TOP: Paraprofessional Ryan DeVincent carries a box of cranberry juice while other volunteers unpack food and stack tables at Hastings Middle School on 2/17/23 preparing for a pop-up food pantry the next day by the Fairhaven School District Family Center with food from New Life South Coast Food Pantry. ABOVE LEFT: Special Education Teacher Jill Sullivan hauls a big bag of onions onto a table. ABOVE MIDDLE: Gabe Soares puts a bag of potatoes on the product table. ABOVE RIGHT: Volunteers stack a table with groceries. Photos by Beth David.

Missing Person Initiative seeks public input on 1988 case

Press Release

As part of Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III's ongoing Missing Persons Initiative, our office, working with the Massachusetts Unresolved Unit and the Fall River Police Department, are seeking the public's help in providing any information related to missing person, Clotilde (Arruda) Tremblay.

Clotilde "Claudette" Arruda was born in St. Miguel in the Azores. After coming to the United States, she settled in Fall River where many of her family members also lived. In 1980, she married Robert Tremblay and they later had a child together. While living in Fall River, Clotilde was employed working as a machine operator.

Clotilde went missing in 1988 at the age of 33. At the time of her disappearance, she was living with her husband and their 8-year-old daughter at 128 Pearce Street in Fall River. Clotilde had been working at F&F Braid Company which was also located on Pearce Street near her home.



Clotilde "Claudette" Arruda disappeared in 1988 when she was 33 years old and living in Fall River. Submitted photo.

Her husband, Robert Tremblay, has claimed that Clotilde left him in 1988 for another man, although there is no evidence that he ever reported her disappearance to law enforce-

ment authorities. Despite his claim, there has been no trace of Clotilde since that time. Family members reject the idea that Clotilde voluntarily ran off with another man. Her family described Clotilde as being extremely close to her daughter and the suggestion that she voluntarily disappeared leaving her daughter behind is not possible. A neighbor also expressed disbelief with the husband's explanation. The neighbor described Clotilde as a loving mother who was inseparable from her daughter. For this reason and the circumstances surrounding her disappearance, both Clotilde's family members and her neighbor believe that something happened to Clotilde at that time.

To date, efforts by the police to locate Clotilde have been unsuccessful and her disappearance is considered suspicious. Law enforcement authorities are seeking the public's help in providing any information regarding the disappearance or whereabouts of Clotilde (Arruda)

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From our readers

Local Universities Should Consider Improvements to Mental Health Services

Transitioning from high school to higher education is a time of newfound independence. For some students, moving away from their central support system can introduce mental health-related concerns as students work to balance academics and new responsibilities.

Psychiatrists at Massachusetts General Hospital have recognized a sharp increase in students' mental health struggles since the COVID-19 pandemic, including an increase in depression and anxiety.

I recommend local colleges and universities support students by allocating grant funding for additional clinicians to take on the growing need for mental health providers with counseling centers.

The demand for mental health services has become more prevalent since the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a 2021 study, the American Psychological Association recorded nearly 60% of college

students suffered from at least one mental disorder, with almost 75% reporting severe psychological struggles during their college career.

These struggles can significantly impact a student's academic success and retention of campus involvement. Currently, the Bridgewater State

Further social and mental support can increase students' academic and overall well-being

University Wellness Center reports feelings of stress and anxiety as the most frequent mental health concern among students.

It is essential to recognize the current concerns and implement improved services to support

students in navigating this unique transition. Increased staffing of mental health providers within university counseling centers would directly impact students' ability to manage their mental health and reach academic success.

With improved backing, counseling centers could help more students, further providing them with strategies to manage stress and anxiety levels and a space to express their mental health concerns. Further social and mental support can increase students' academic and overall well-being while creating a connection with services readily available on campus.

Considering student needs is essential for local colleges and universities to expand necessary and highly utilized services. I urge local institutes of higher education to take action to equip counseling centers with appropriate clinical support to address the continued mental health challenges our students face.

Kaelyn Bourgeois, Fairhaven MSW Student at Bridgewater State University

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BPW discusses updates on recycling center

Mary Chasse

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 2/13/23 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed storm damage concerns on West Island, and updates to the recycling center. The board also discussed permits for Town Beach for the 2023 season.

The board first met with residents and Conservation Commission members Gary Lavalette and Karen Isherwood. Mr. Lavalette explained that they were meeting with the board to discuss recent damage on West Island from a storm on 12/23/22. Mr. Lavalette said he wanted to give the board updates on the damage from that storm, as well as discuss what can be done to prevent damage in future storms.

He said there was a lot of flooding on West Island and Goulart Memorial Drive, winds reached 65 MPH, and damaged sea walls. He said they were able to find some outflow pipes that they did not know existed to help with the flooding after the last storm.

Mr. Lavalette explained that during these types of storms a lot of damage is caused by debris that is left outside of the summer houses and trailers that residents only use from April to October. Rocks and seaweed can cause damage, but picnic tables, chairs, etc., can cause a lot of damage when these types of storms hit.

Mr. Lavalette said he thought owners of the summer trailers should be required to remove all their outdoor decor and furniture for the off season to help minimize storm damage. He said that he had already heard pushback from these residents who do not like the idea.

Mr. Lavalette said one big storm could destroy the causeway which is the only way onto West Island.

Ms. Isherwood explained that the future of Fairhaven needs to be discussed in regards to climate change and flooding. She said that climate change for Fairhaven has been predicted all the way to the year 2100 and the map shows what areas of Fairhaven could be flooded if nothing is done to prevent it before then.

Mr. Lavalette explained that most of this information is all Conservation Commission issues, but with roads like Goulart Memorial Drive being damaged in storms it affects the BPW

as well.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton suggested that the issues be brought up and explained at a West Island Improvement Association meeting.

Ms. Isherwood said that the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) meeting is open to the public so the residents can learn the future of Fairhaven and the future of their properties.

In another matter the board met with Highway Department Superintendent Joshua Crabb to discuss updates on the recycling center. Mr. Crabb told the board that the town will be losing the current recycling center very soon due to sewer treatment plant upgrades. He said that there is currently no feasible

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spot for a new recycling center.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said that they wanted the new recycling center at the Bridge Street location, but the town has been informed that they cannot touch that land, at least not in the near future.

Mr. Crabb said Long Road was a suggestion, but it is a wet site and environmentally sensitive. He said the new recycling center will have to be moved to the BPW yard for now. He has been cleaning the yard to get prepared for the move.

Mr. Crabb said at the current recycling center there are issues with leaves and brush not being separated. He said that having brush mixed with leaves and grass causes issues with the machine and sometimes breaks it, which can be costly.

The current policy requires residents to separate leaves and brush but it is not enforced. Mr. Crabb said they need to start enforcing it and there needs to be consequences if

residents do not follow the policy. He said the gate attendant will be checking to see if the leaves and brush are separated when residents bring it in. Mr. Crabb said they may need two gate attendants.

Mr. Crabb also said he would like to make a sign reiterating the policy, and send out letters with the policy and consequences if the policy is not followed. He said the first consequence can be a written warning; and if the policy is broken again their recycling permit will be revoked.

The board agreed with Mr. Crabb's changes, and voted unanimously to update the policy to reflect them.

The board also discussed West Island Town Beach permits for the 2023 summer season. Mr. Furtado said residents need a permit for Town Beach from around the end of June through Labor Day Weekend. He said last year they received \$61,000 from passes that were sold.

Mr. Furtado said \$3,000 of that money went to operating expenses, \$27,000 went to salaries, and \$5,000 went to the Highway Department. That left them with \$35,000 to put towards making improvements to Town Beach.

Mr. Furtado said with the amount of money they made this past year he said he sees no need to change the Town Beach permit prices.

Mr. Furtado also told the board that last year they limited the non resident permits to 100, and they sold 94. He recommended keeping that the same as well.

The board voted to keep the permit prices the same as last year, which are: \$40/resident; \$20/resident seniors (62 years+); \$150/seasonal rental property; \$150/non-resident; resident walk-in/bicycle, must have season pass and name on ID must match beach pass.

In another matter Mr. Furtado asked the board about opening Town Beach to the public during heat advisory days. He said if the board approved of this it would allow people who did not pay for a sticker to come to Town Beach on days where a heat advisory was declared.

Mr. Furtado said last year the board denied it because there are other free beaches in Fairhaven that people can go to and because it would complicate things for the gate

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, March 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

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- REF#: ZBA-023-007: 148 Dogwood Street, Map 43A, Lots 153-155. Applicant and owner: Nancy Santoro. Applicant seeks (1) a Special Permit to construct a 30 ft. x 25 ft. attached garage with a living space above, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-15 Use Regulations and (2) a 5 ft. Variance for the garage to be located 15 ft. from the side property line vs. the 20 ft. minimum requirement, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-023-008: 40 Nelson Ave, Map 43, Lot 233. Applicant and owner: Christopher J. Wolkowicz. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to raze the existing house and re-build the house on a flood zone-compliant foundation with a new septic system and

associated site work, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 MGL 40A Sec 6, Pre-Existing Nonconforming Structure & Lot.

- REF#: ZBA-023-009: 22 Hopkins Street, Map 22A, Lot 236. Applicant and owner: Brian Menard. Applicant seeks (1) a Special Permit to build an 18 ft. x 30 ft. addition to the existing house, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 MGL 40A Sec 6, Pre-Existing Nonconforming Structure & Lot and (2) a 14.1 ft. Variance for the addition to be located 5.9 ft. from the front property line vs. the 20 ft. minimum requirement, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 2/23/23, 3/2/23

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, March 7th, 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 #2023.03.07A A case of Johnathan Thomson, of 91 Miller Street Middleboro, who is petitioning the Board for a 12-foot Variance for an addition located at 144 Hathaway Road. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "E" (3) c.

- Case #2023.03.07B A case of Taylor Martin, of Westport, who is petitioning the Board for Variances to demolish and reconstruct a single-family dwelling at 15 Katherine Street. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "E" Development Standards.

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

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attendants.

Board member Travis Rapoza suggested that they approve of it and allow non permit holders to go to Town Beach on heat advisory days. He said the residents who are struggling and cannot afford a beach pass are they people who would be most affected by the heat advisory.

Mr. Furtado said he was worried that people will try to abuse it and try to get into the beach on other days. He said he did not want to cause issues for the gate attendants and there are free beaches available.

The board voted 3-1 to allow only beach pass holders to use the beach, with Mr. Rapoza voting against it. Only four members were present at the time of the vote because Marcus Ferro had left early.

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Fairhaven

Bikeway Committee
Thurs., 2/23, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Mon., 2/27, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee
Thurs., 2/23, Remote, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 3/13, Remote, 6 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 3/8, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Tues., 3/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals
Tues., 3/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Thurs., 2/23, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Tues., 2/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Selectboard w/Soil Board
Tues., 3/7, COA/Sr Ctr, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Feb 2023		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	23	1008	2235	0340* 1548*
Friday	24	1057	2326	0418* 1623*
Saturday	25	1150	----	0500 1701*
Sunday	26	0021	1245	0558 1751
Monday	27	0115	1339	0839 1901
Tuesday	28	0209	1435	1005 2015
	Mar 2023		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Wednesday	1	0309	1542	1108 2307
Thursday	2	0416	1648	1157 2355
Friday	3	0512	1736	---- 1240
Saturday	4	0555	1816	0033 1319
Sunday	5	0632	1852	0051 1348
Monday	6	0708	1929	0030 1301
Tuesday	7	0746	2007	0058 1319
Wednesday	8	0824	2045	0135 1351*
Thursday	9	0903	2123	0214* 1426*
Friday	10	0942	2203	0252* 1501*
Saturday	11	1023	2247	0330* 1538*
Sunday	12	----	1211	0510* 1718*
Monday	13	0040	1307	0557* 1805*
Tuesday	14	0138	1406	0657 1908

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.
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to promoting electric vehicle use by the general public and stakeholders in Fairhaven.”

As a designated Green Community in Mass., Fairhaven is eligible for new sources of funding and grant opportunities. The town is looking to expand its EV fleet and charging stations.

Ms. Ellison told the *Neighb News* that the cars are best used for local trips, not long distance. The cars “regenerate,” or charge up their batteries when traveling at low speeds or coasting. On the highway, the drain on the battery is more significant.

She has been using one of the vehicles on a regular basis, and is learning how it all works, she said,

including a couple of close calls with a low battery. Finding charging stations can still be a challenge.

No charge for the charge [Fairhaven Select Board member Charles Murphy]

The display panel shows the battery power and estimates time/mileage. It also shows when the battery is regenerating and drawing

power.

When the charge gets low, it automatically starts shutting down things like heat or air conditioning.

The time it takes to recharge the battery varies with the amount of charge needed and the charging station, from 30 minutes for a 100 miles, to 7.5 hours to fully charge a nearly depleted battery.

The town has two Chevy Bolt EUVs, one white, one gray. One will be assigned to Ms. Ellison to use locally, and the other will be used by any other town employees, such as the inspectors, who need to visit sites in town. When she is tied to the office, Ms. Ellison said her car will also be available to other town employees.



LEFT: The display panel of Town of Fairhaven's new Chevy Bolt EUV, a fully electric vehicle, shows battery power available and charging status while idling on 2/17/23. RIGHT: Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison begins charging the vehicle that will be shared by town employees on town business, at the charging station in the public works parking lot near the bike path on 2/17/23. Photos by Beth David.

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Last year, District Attorney Quinn's Cold Case Unit announced that it is further expanding its scope to include a group of "Missing Persons" who have vanished without a trace during the past 50 years.

The Cold Case Unit is actively

reviewing missing person cases in conjunction with its efforts to identify all unidentified bodies, another initiative that was announced earlier this summer. Many individuals have been missing for many years without any details of what happened to them.

Although there are many circumstances where individuals go missing where no criminal circumstances are involved, it is important that any individual can be accounted for to rule out concerns by law enforcement authorities, and provide answers to family members.

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