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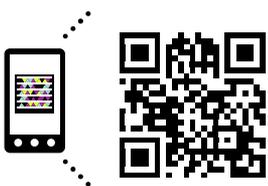
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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Fairhaven holds Black History Month event



Attorney David Gomes (CENTER), who helps people navigate the legal system for the NAACP in New Bedford, responds to a question from the audience at the Fairhaven Belonging Committee's Black History event on Thursday, 2/23/23, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, while his fellow speakers, Fairhaven Select Board Vice Chair Leon Correy (LEFT) and NAACP/New Bedford President Renee Ledbetter (RIGHT) listen. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, winter is trying to show up, finally. That was a messy, but short storm. In just nine days we change the clocks and jump forward to Daylight Saving Time. The Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act to keep us in DST after this change, but...the House didn't vote on it, so, for now, we're looking at the fall back change in November.

But, let's just concentrate on now for a bit, okay? Next week (NEXT, not now) we change the clocks to give us more daylight in the evening.

Yeah, I'm okay with that.

Time to start thinking about fishing and stuff.

Meanwhile, we've got a story on Fairhaven's first Black History event (see page 12). It go quite as planned, but it was a successful event.

We also have a bit of meeting coverage (see page 3), and info on a fire at Fairhaven Village (see page 11).

It is now Women's History Month, and there are a few events marking that occasion. Don't be shy, turn the page and find them. And while you're at it, 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,  
*Glory to Ukraine!*  
*Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

## Countdown to DST

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# Select Board discusses details of annual report

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on 2/21/23, the Fairhaven Select Board discussed what to include in its annual report and how specific they wanted to get in explaining the distribution of ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act).

SB Chairperson Stasia Powers expressed some concern that listing all the projects might end up not being accurate, if some of them do not get approved.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said the list is what the board voted on and is part of the public record.

Board member Bob Espindola said spending ARPA funds was a "significant policy decision," and he felt they should be specific. He said they could simply add that the vote was pending by the county and state entities that have final approval on the funds.

Mr. Espindola asked if there was a chance something would not get approved, and Ms. Ellison said there was some question with the county questioning some purchases.

She said it was a matter of getting the right documents, some that the town does not have, so they have to rework some of the proposals.

SB Vice Chair Leon Correy also said that they should keep in the specifics. He said they were not being dishonest or evasive, the list is what they voted on. If the county rejects one, then that is a different matter.

Ms. Powers said she was not saying it was "untruthful," but she wanted to be accurate.

The board decided to leave in the individual projects.

Mr. Espindola also asked what happened to a long list of accomplishments that was in the original draft. He said it might make the report long, but he felt "there's value" in listing the accomplishments.

Ms. Ellison and Assistant to the TA Amy Hart explained the process they used, including that they looked at previous annual reports.

"I agree with Mr. Espindola here," said Mr. Correy, adding that not everybody in town follows the meetings. He said the report is an opportunity for a lot of people to

know what they do.

Ms. Ellison asked for each board member to send one thing they wanted to highlight.

Ms. Powers said it looked like all the other reports were written by the chairpersons.

"I write this stuff all the time," she said, and offered to write the report.

The board also briefly discussed the protocol for information dissemination that had been discussed at previous meetings. Some board members wanted materials from individual board members given to them before the meeting so they had time to look at it.

The discussion was in response to materials Mr. Espindola used at a couple of meetings. He said he believed it would be a violation of the Open Meeting Law because the materials included his opinion. He said he would not do it without something in writing from the state saying it was okay.

The Attorney General's office responded in writing to Mr. Espindola

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and affirmed his contention that sharing documents that included his opinion is considered deliberation and is not allowed.

"Documents that are circulated for the stated purpose of being discussed in a future meeting may not be used to telegraph one member's opinion to the other members ahead of an open meeting," reads the correspondence from (OML 2014-148). "Finally, a public body may not use a non-member, such as a staff member, to facilitate communication on matters that the public body should otherwise save for discussion in an open meeting."

The board took no action on the item.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison noted that the town's Social Day program is back up and running. The

SB packet that is available on the town's website includes the February edition of Senior Scope, which highlighted the reopening of the program.

In other business, the board

- Accepted the resignation of Jenna Benoit from the Commission on Disability. The town will post the position for three weeks; residents are encouraged to consider serving on the commission. Applications are on the town's website, <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov>, or call the clerk's office, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.
- Appointed Richard Cancio to the Belonging Committee. He has worked in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging for nearly 10 years. On his application he wrote: "I work in DEIB and as a queer, Latino resident of Fairhaven,

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## 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](http://CommunityNurse.com/bingo) or at the office at 62 Center Street Fairhaven. Sponsorship is still available.

## Women's History

During Women's History Month, the Friends of the Millicent Library is presenting informal talks and discussions about women in Massachusetts history who changed people's lives. The conversations will be led by Beth Luey, a Fairhaven resident who has written about these fascinating historical figures. The talks will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the auditorium (William Street entrance), at 6:30 and will last about an hour.

- **Wednesday, March 8, Neighbor and Nemesis: Ida Tarbell takes on Henry Huttleston Rogers** When Ida Tarbell was a little girl, she and Henry Rogers were neighbors in Titusville, Pennsylvania — one of the towns where Standard Oil put small operators like her father out of business. She grew up to be a muckraking journalist whose research and reporting led to the breakup of the Standard Oil Trust.

## Bake Sale 4 Turkey

Earthquake Relief Bake Sale This Saturday. Join Turkish native and long time Fairhaven resident Aylin Cetik and her family for a bake sale Saturday March 4 from 10am to 12pm at 89 Laurel Street in Fairhaven to help raise funds for the families in

Turkey and Syria impacted by the recent devastating earthquakes.

Cetik, who was born and raised in Turkey, knows firsthand the challenges and trauma of the victims of this earthquake, having experienced an earthquake herself in Turkey in 1999. Many of the survivors' lives are forever changed from the destruction and displacement of the earthquake. The vital need for clean water and sanitation, continuing medical care, providing for mental health care and rebuilding infrastructure and whole communities — the work is ongoing and will continue long after the headlines fade.

Cetik is hoping to raise awareness and support for the victims and families displaced and living without housing whose numbers currently are nearly 10 times the population of New Bedford. There are hundreds of thousands of children who need urgent humanitarian assistance. The need is great and any support is welcome and appreciated. Please consider visiting the bake sale and support the important work of humanitarian organizations to help the people of Turkey and Syria. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to The Ahbap Association (<https://ahbap.org>) and Doctors Without Borders (<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>)

## Volunteers

The Fairhaven Senior Center has volunteer opportunities for those who enjoy lending a helping hand. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to: Social Day help, medical appointment drivers, serving meals at supper clubs, answering phones, bingo, newsletter distribution, monthly food package deliveries.

For more information, call the Council on Aging, 508-979-4029, and speak with Martha Reed, or email [mreed@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:mreed@fairhaven-ma.gov)

## Scholarships Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars

Many different scholarships available with different requirements for graduating high school seniors.

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## Colonial Club

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## Goytizolo Scholarship

One time \$1,000 scholarship. The Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship, awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Societ for graduating seniors attending college in the fall. Must be Fairhaven resident. Email: [historical.societyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historical.societyfairhaven@gmail.com)

## Azorean Maritime Heritage Society

Five scholarships for graduating seniors attending college in the fall. Application available at our website: [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://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](mailto:mattcongchurch@gmail.com)

## 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.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## RJD Free Acush

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum is offering free admission to current 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](http://www.rjdmuseum.org) to book their Museum visit and to review the most current museum information.

## Auditions

New Bedford Festival Theatre announces in-person auditions for the Children's Chorus for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Sunday, 3/5/23, at Stage Artistry Studios, 471 Union Street, New Bedford, MA. Doors open at 9:45 AM; Auditions will be held between 10 AM and 2 PM. One guardian must be present for each auditionee. Must be ages 8-13 yrs.

Please prepare 32 bars of a song in the style of the show, and something you love to sing!

Rehearsals begin July 3, 2023. Performances July 21 - 30, 2023. The Children's Chorus will be called throughout the rehearsal process.

NBFT encourages performers of all ethnicities, gender identities and abilities to attend. Must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

Email [casting@nbfestivaltheatre.com](mailto:casting@nbfestivaltheatre.com) for more details.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat; Director, Liz Bettencourt; Choreographer, Brooklyn Toli Music Director; Steven

Bergman; Children's Chorus Director, Abby Casey; Executive Producer, Wendy Hall; Artistic Director, George Charbonneau; Associate Artistic Director, Elizabeth Bettencourt

## Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 3/7, 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 Beckett Colson, a mechanical engineer at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, will discuss "A New Tool for Detecting Ocean Microplastics." Research has shown that our oceans are polluted by ubiquitous microplastics. Big unknowns include: How bad is the problem? Where exactly are the microplastics coming from?

Beckett, who works in WHOI's chemical sensors lab, is designing a fairly inexpensive instrument, a flow-through microplastic sensor that might be deployed in situ, directly in the ocean, to map the presence of microplastics and gain clues as to where they are entering waterways. Currently, no such instrument exists. \*\* Note that free parking is available behind the building. We ask that you be vaccinated & facemasks are strongly recommended.

Videos of recent events can be found on NBSC's website. <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/>

## Int'l Women's Day

Wed., 3/8, 5:30-8:30pm at First Unitarian Church, 71 8th St. (corner Union and County), New Bedford, program begins at 6:30.

International Women's Day, a day dedicated to celebrating women's achievements around the world, raising awareness on the challenges women face, and determining ways of achieving gender equality. This year's International Women's Day theme is #EmbraceEquity.

In honor of this day, Women's Alliance of Southeastern Massachusetts, Women's Fund SouthCoast and multiple other local organizations are hosting *International Women's Day — Celebrating 50 Years of the Local Women's Movement*. Attendees can view and contribute to a timeline of

local women's herstory spanning the last 50 years, listen to featured poets, singers, activists, and speakers, and learn about organizations serving local women. Light refreshments and desserts. All are welcome.

Come and be among people working toward building a world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can work to forge equality for women and all people. Collectively we can all #EmbraceEquity.

## 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](http://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.

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# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## 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.

- Saturday, March 18, 2023, Greg O'Brien will be the special guest speaker at the Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 South Main Street. He is an investigative journalist and author of the award-winning book, "On Pluto, Inside the Mind of Alzheimer's." Greg was diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's 12 years ago and rather than giving up, he felt the calling to double down and educate the world about the vicious disease known as Alzheimer's. A resident of Cape Cod, Greg is a featured speaker coast to coast about living with this disease as well as the emotional and financial strain it places on a family.

At 12:00 p.m. *Have You Heard About Greg? A Journey Through Alzheimer's with Faith, Hope & Humor*, an award-winning documentary, by Director Steve Ecclesine, will be shown followed by a meet and greet, and book signing, at 1:45 p.m. with Greg O'Brien. This event is generously sponsored by PJ Keating Inc. and is free and open to the community. For more information, please call the Acushnet Council on Aging, 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

## Silent Film

March 4, 7:00 PM Showing of the 1923 silent film, *Down to the Sea in Ships*, by Elmer Clifton. The film's premiere was September 25, 1922, at the Olympia Theater in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and went into general distribution on March 4, 1923.

Though Patience Morgan is sought

by many suitors, her father, Charles, insists that she marry a man who is both Quaker and a whaleman. Because Samuel Siggs convincingly poses as both, he is favored by Charles Morgan — despite the fact that Patience loves Allan Dexter, who is neither. Allan embraces the Quaker faith, proves himself worthy as a whaleman when he is shanghaied and tossed by stormy seas, and returns to New Bedford just as she is about to marry Siggs.

The film contains semi-documentary footage of whalers at work and was shot in historic locations in New England, most notably in New Bedford, at the Apponegansett Meeting House in Dartmouth, and on Water Street in Mattapoisett.

The authenticity of the whaling scenes are noted in the opening screen credits, which praise the bravery of both A.G. Penrod and Paul H. Allen, the cameramen, "who, in small boats, stood by their cameras at the risk of their lives to photograph the fighting whales." The Charles W. Morgan was one of the whaling ships used in the film.

Doors open at 6:30 for a 7:00 PM start. Pay what you wish for a ticket with a minimum price of \$5. All proceeds will benefit the museum. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the museum's website [www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events](http://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events) or at the door.

## 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](mailto:wsrc@brandeis.edu)

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

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## Save the Date:

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sun., 3/19, 1 p.m., begins at Broadway Station. Visit <https://southbostonparade.org/>

# Recipe of the Week

## Milk-Chocolate-Chip Cookies

- 2 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound milk-chocolate chips

In the bowl of a standing electric mixer fitted with the paddle, beat the butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar, eggs and vanilla at medium speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. In a medium bowl, whisk the flour with the baking soda and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the mixer and beat at low speed until incorporated, scraping down the bowl occasionally. Stir in chocolate chips. Cover and refrigerate the dough until chilled, about 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350° and line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper. Scoop up 2 tablespoon-size clumps of the dough and roll into balls. Place the balls on the baking sheets about 3 inches apart (the cookies will spread quite a bit). Bake in the lower and middle thirds of the oven for about 17 minutes, until the cookies are lightly browned around the edges but still very soft in the center; shift the pans from top to bottom and front to back halfway through baking. Slide the parchment onto racks and let the cookies cool. (Run the baking sheets under cold water between batches.) Repeat with the remaining dough. Serve the cookies warm or at room temperature.

*From foodandwine.com*

# Dear Frankie



## The 3-3-3 Rule

*Dear Frankie,*  
Recently my parents adopted a two-year-old lab, from our local shelter.

Ralph scored high points with my mom because he was housebroken, knew his name, and came when called. Later, we discovered he didn't know how to walk on a leash or to respond to a reprimand when helping himself to food on the kitchen counter or coffee table.

My mom was confident that she could teach Ralph the skills he lacked with consistent training, practice, and praise. Some days Ralph responds well to her training and seems to be catching on. On other days he ignores her instructions and walks off.

My mom is starting to think that Ralph has a learning disability and is untrainable. Do you think she is pushing him too hard and understands what is required to train an adult shelter dog who has a lot on his mind?

*Rennie*

*Dear Rennie,*

It appears your mom is more focused on the training than Ralph is as a learner. Doesn't she realize the poor guy was recently abandoned by

his family, dumped in a shelter, lived in a crate alongside traumatized dogs like himself, who were missing their families and terrified about their future?

Fortunately, Ralph was adopted. But adjusting to a new family and environment is no walk in the park, even if he could walk on a leash. Ralph needs time to decompress, get his bearings, and feel safe. Only then will he be able to attend to learning new skills.

Recently I read about the 3-3-3 Rule for bringing home a rescue dog. The rule provides a guideline for the three phases a dog goes through after being adopted: Three days to transition from the shelter, three weeks to get to know the family and their routines, and three months to bond and trust they are part of the family.

Leave this column in a place where your mom will see it, in hopes that she will read it and see the errors of her ways.

*Best, Frankie*

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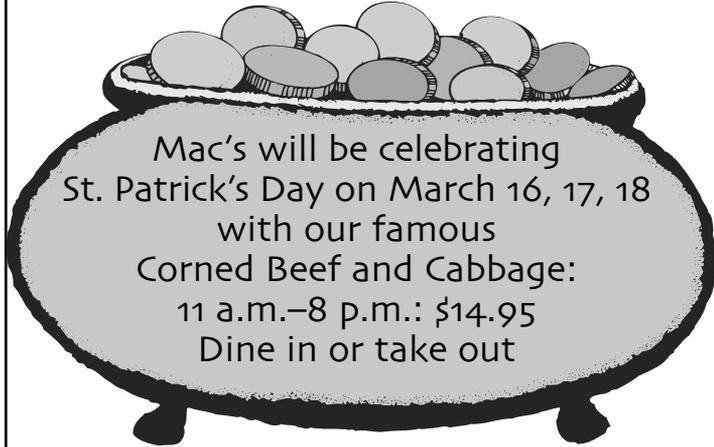
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### Mall Trips

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.: 3/8, Warwick Mall; 3/15, Prov. Place Mall & Whole Foods; 3/22, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods.

### St. Patty's Day Bingo Social

Fri., 3/17, 12-3 p.m. Bingo starts at 1. Please join us for a fun filled game of bingo. There will be light refreshments to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Congregate lunch is at 11:30 and the meal will be Lentil Chili. If you would like lunch before the social, please call to reserve a seat.

The Bingo Social is limited to 60 persons. Please call or visit the center to sign up, 508-979-4029.

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# Fire at Fairhaven Village damages two apartments, injures one

Press Release  
Editor

On Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 1608 (4:08 p.m.) the Fairhaven Fire Department received an automatic alarm for the Fairhaven Village, a multi-story apartment complex located at 330 Main Street in Fairhaven. On arrival, the crews encountered heavy smoke on the third and fourth floors of the east wing. The crews found the source of the fire in unit 302D, where the room and contents were on fire.

The east wing was evacuated by fire crews as they worked to extinguish the fire. The fire was declared under control at 1630 (4:30 p.m.) and contained to the unit of origin. Firefighters remained on the scene to investigate the cause and overhaul the apartment. All units cleared at 2030 (8:30 p.m.)

Two families are displaced because of the fire. The American Red Cross

has assisted both families.

One police officer sustained minor injuries and was treated and released at St. Luke's Hospital. One cat was rescued and transferred to an animal hospital by Fairhaven Animal Control for treatment and observation.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Fairhaven Fire Department, the Fairhaven Police Department, and the Massachusetts Fire Marshalls Office.

The damage is contained to the room of origin and the apartment



directly below. The damage estimates are between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Mutual aid was received by the Mattapoissett Fire Department, Acushnet Fire Department/EMS, and the New Bedford Fire Department.



ABOVE LEFT: The Fairhaven Fire Department fights a fire on 2/26/23 at Fairhaven Village, 330 Main Street, where a fire started in an apartment on the third floor, displacing two families. ABOVE RIGHT: The ladder from Fairhaven's Ladder 1 is poised at the window of the apartment where the fire started. TOP: The belongings of displaced residents are strewn about. Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.



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# Fairhaven holds Black History Month event

By Beth David  
Editor

The original plan ran into a major glitch, but the Fairhaven Belonging Committee (BC) simply pivoted to create a successful Black History Month event on Thursday, 2/23/23. Dr. Jibreel Khazan, who is one of the Greensboro Four who staged a sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter in 1960, was supposed to be present to receive a proclamation from the Select Board. However, Dr. Khazan had to cancel at the last minute, and Fairhaven Select Board member Leon Correy, the first Black person to be on that board, stepped in to speak about his life's experiences.

The crowd also heard from Renee Ledbetter, President of the New Bedford chapter of the NAACP; and Attorney David Gomes, who works with the NAACP helping people navigate the legal system in their discrimination cases.

Ms. Ledbetter explained the mission of the NAACP, which includes combatting racism, working towards equity in all aspects of society.

She said racism was created, but, "We're not quite sure how to end it."

The goal of the NAACP is also to develop and support young leaders.



TOP: Renee Ledbetter, President of the New Bedford branch of the NAACP, speaks at the Fairhaven Belonging Committee's Black History event on Thursday, 2/23/23, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center. ABOVE: Fairhaven Select Board Vice Chair Leon Correy addresses the crowd. Photos by Beth David.

The chapter is also working on the housing crisis, health, and mental health issues.

Ms. Ledbetter said the chapter is actively trying to increase membership. But, she said, she wants active members.

Attorney David Gomes, who helps people navigate the legal system with their civil rights cases through the NAACP, said Ms. Ledbetter is too humble, and noted she is the first female president of the New Bedford NAACP.

"She is short in stature," said Mr. Gomes. "But when she speaks, people listen."

Mr. Gomes said he helps people with their legal cases, but does not represent them. Cases include housing and employment discrimination, and he is a "guide," he said for them to get their cases through the system.

And that is not easy. The Mass. Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) closed its New Bedford office. Now people have to travel to Boston. He said it was "very concerning" that a city of 80,000+ has no MCAD office.

Mr. Gomes said the NAACP is the oldest and largest grassroots civil rights organization in the country.

He warned that the pendulum is swinging backwards, with decisions like the overturning of Roe v. Wade, which gave women a constitutional right abortion, a protection that is now gone.

He said it looks like the same court will get rid of or weaken Affirmative Action this summer, and that will have widespread repercussions. He also referred to what is happening in Florida,



with Governor DeSantis banning African American history courses.

"This is very, very alarming," said Mr. Gomes, adding they are trying to "erase" the history of African Americans. The NAACP will be fighting all of it, he said, and we will see more from them, because, "Anything worth having is worth fighting for."

Jessica Fidalgo, chairperson of the BC, said she was "naive" about race issues in Fairhaven. She said she would try to do better each day.

Mr. Correy talked about the difference between faith and belief.

He said faith is believing in something you cannot see, such as with religion. Belief is believing that you can achieve something that you can see, such as being in a profession when you see someone who looks like you there.

He said Dr. Khazan faced abuse, beatings, threats because he wanted to sit at a counter and eat.

"My challenge wasn't that special," said Mr. Correy. "Belief is much easier than faith."

He said he would like to ask Dr. Khazan how he did it, how he kept moving forward when he had nothing to look at as an example.

Mr. Correy spoke about his childhood and the influences in his life that kept him on track to finish school and get a good job.

One of those was "The Cosby Show," with the father a doctor and the mother a lawyer. He said the show ranked last in a survey asking middle school students about shows and how realistic they were. It came in

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# Tree at Walnut and Center was ready to come down

By Beth David  
Editor

If you frequent the corner of Walnut and Center Streets in Fairhaven, you probably noticed a tree that had lost a few limbs over the course of time. On Friday, 2/24, you may also have noticed that it was gone. The beautiful old maple tree had seen better days. Big limbs had broken off in an October storm. As a shade tree, it was probably about half what it had been.

Very recently, Fairhaven Tree Warden Don Collasius was conducting a survey of trees with an Eversource official when they looked at the tree.

Mr. Collasius said he was surprised to see a wide crack that went around half the truck at about four feet up. He

realized the tree needed to come down as soon as possible. It was a clear hazard.

He also noted that he lives just a block away and walks by the tree often, proving that it is difficult to tell if a tree is healthy just by looking at it casually.

On Friday, Michael Lewis and Eugene Tracz from the Tree Department took the tree down.

It was a pretty windy day, and very cold. Not the kind of day that the town workers would normally be out cutting down a non-hazardous tree. But this was clearly hazardous, said Mr. Collasius, and Mr. Lewis went up in the bucket truck to take it down, limb from limb.

The tree could be seen swaying in

the wind, which regularly reached the 20+ MPH range while they were working.

"It's ready to go," said Mr. Lewis, who also owns his own tree service.

When the final piece came down, it exploded into a pile of dust.

Mr. Tracz and Mr. Lewis both showed how the insides were pretty much just sawdust.

Mr. Collasius also had a photo of another maple on Chestnut Street that had also just been taken down. It had a hollowed out trunk. The department will replace both trees.

He said he is trying to get an assessment of all the trees in town so he can figure out which ones need to be taken down and which ones can be saved.



TOP LEFT AND MIDDLE: A huge crack along the trunk of this maple tree on the corner of Walnut and Center Streets in Fairhaven is the reason it was swaying in the wind and needed to be taken down on 2/24/23, while the other side of the trunk looks fine. TOP RIGHT: Fairhaven Tree Department worker Mike Lewis pushes a piece of the trunk to the ground. MIDDLE RIGHT: Mr. Lewis watches as the tree explodes in a pile of dust when it hits the ground. RIGHT: Tree Department worker Eugene Tracz shows how soft the tree was inside. *Photos by Beth David.*

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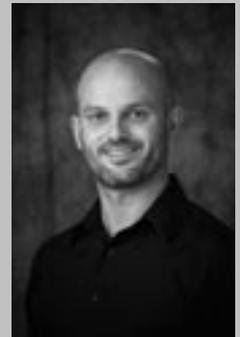


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# Study shows marsh land disappearing

*Buzzards Bay Coalition Press Release*

Salt marshes across Buzzards Bay are experiencing significant stress from climate-change driven sea level rise, but also a range of factors that include tidal restrictions and nitrogen pollution. This is the conclusion of the report, "Buzzards Bay Salt Marshes: Vulnerability and Adaptation Potential," released 2/28/23 by the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program, the Woodwell Climate Research Center, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Twelve salt marsh sites in Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Bourne and Falmouth have been the subject of regular field monitoring which, when coupled with remotely-sensed data, reveal the loss of salt marsh — in some places measuring up to 20-percent over an 18-year period.

Field monitoring of salt marsh vegetation and elevation began four years ago by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program.

"We knew that salt marshes face a number of stressors, and we'd heard from our members that marshes in their neighborhoods were changing, but there was no consistent monitoring to track the health or stability of these critical ecosystems around Buzzards Bay," explains lead author Dr. Rachel Jakuba, Buzzards Bay Coalition's vice president for bay science. Salt marshes are important ecosystems that filter nutrients, store carbon, provide critical habitat for fish and birds, and protect coastal properties from storm surge.

Salt marshes — existing at the interface of the land and sea — are adapted to a fluctuating environment with plants capable of tolerating regular inundation with salt water; however, salt marshes' natural ability to adapt has limits, which this report documents.

"Looking at remote imagery of salt marshes all around Buzzards Bay, we documented how the marshes changed over a couple of decades. Marshes with low elevation appear most vulnerable to sea level rise and showed the greatest loss," said co-

author Dr. Joe Costa, executive director of the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program. "We've applied one of the tools used in this report up and down the East Coast. Marshes in the region are facing the same issues as in Buzzards Bay, and researchers are working hard to better understand marsh loss and ways to mitigate it," added co-author Neil Ganju of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The news is not all bad though, as these iconic features of the Buzzards Bay coast are resilient and can migrate landward.

"While the headline of salt marsh loss is sobering, these are remarkable ecosystems that, when given the room to adapt, can continue to flourish. This makes the protection of adjacent lands all the more important," said co-author Linda Deegan of the Woodwell Climate Research Center.

Scientists conducted the research to better understand and document salt marsh change, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition produced the report with the hope that it will be used by

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## From our readers

### Are Short Term Rentals Exceeding Bylaw Limits?

I think it is important that our Fairhaven residents are aware that it has been reported by a town official, that we have exceeded our bylaw short term rental limits. We now have over 120 Short Term Rentals operating in the town of Fairhaven.

If the residents of Fairhaven are aware of this, then we may be able to prevent more short term rentals from operating here, illegally. Residents sighting a new Short Term Rental Operation, developing in their neighborhood, should report it to the Building Commissioner.

Residents of Fairhaven should also be aware that, for the past year, our Short Term Rental Bylaws have not been implemented by anyone in our town government. No accurate tracking system of any kind either. A totally uncontrolled STR situation that has been allowed to run rampant, right in the midst of a horrific housing shortage, and long term rental crisis. This all can be controlled through zoning, bylaws or banning STR's.

We have countless working residents who offer vital services in the community who are without a home of their own and or displaced, due to the extreme lack of inventory and long term rental options. One resident revealed to me that his grown daughter, with a good job, has been looking for a home for three years.

I have tried to offer safety options to our Select Board, publicly. For example, I suggested a temporary ban on Short term rentals at the February 6th Select Board meeting, until such time there is someone who has significant control over the situation.

Let's be honest. It's going to take months for our newly appointed Building Commissioner (appointed last week) to get STR operations under his control.

We are experiencing tax increases here in Fairhaven, excise tax has increased another 10%, all our basic living expenses have increased, and yet simple measures that can be taken to protect our safety and housing inventory needs, continues to be placed on the back burner. We

need our Select Board to take Action Now — before homelessness increases to worse measures than last year.

I am advocating a ban on short term rentals until the Town of Fairhaven has the STR situation under their control, and are actively implementing the STR bylaws. We do not want to increase our extreme housing deficit any further. Nor do we want our little town of Fairhaven to be an open door to some of the bad apples out there, who are monopolizing the housing market to such an extent that they keep knocking out more regular home buyers and residents who work here, and need a place to live. Not to mention the big Safety Factor here. Who are these cash buyers coming into our town, and where are they from? We don't know.

If any of our Fairhaven residents want to discuss their housing situation/safety needs, or get involved to help save our housing inventory from further peril, please contact me at [home.is.a.basic.need@gmail.com](mailto:home.is.a.basic.need@gmail.com)

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com), under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conservation Office 2nd Floor, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

**Hearing RDA – Eversource Energy/Acushnet River/Acushnet Substation** – A Request for Determination was filed by Eversource Energy for property located within the Acushnet River and Acushnet Substation, Map 25 lot 43. The applicant proposes geotechnical borings for advancing the engineering for the trenchless crossing design. The applicant is represented by Colleen Puzas of POWER Engineers. Plan name is "Borings B2, SB1 and SB2 Locus Map" dated February 17, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
FNN 3/2/23

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

### Conservation Commission

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, these public hearings will be conducted via remote means.

Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so in the following manner:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlUkltVi9XSzGpZz09>  
or CALL 1-929-205-6099  
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076  
Passcode: 633695

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 18 or on FairhavenTV.com.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearing** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- CON 023-339: 12 Mark Drive** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Maurine & Todd Rodrigues to remove a 14'x20' 3-season room, which is currently supported by sono-tubes & replace with an 18' by 20' living space expansion constructed on a crawlspace foundation. This will require a 4' wide expansion of the 3-season room footprint. Work to take place at 12 Mark Drive, Assessor's Map 32, Lot 19L. Work to take place in the 100' Buffer of Inland Bank (pond).
- CON 023-340: 12 Lincoln Drive** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Seaport Homes, LLC to construct a new 25' by 55' single-family dwelling with private driveway, and a bio-retention area located at 12 Lincoln Drive, Assessor's Map 30A, Lot 85N. To determine if property at 12 Lincoln Drive is jurisdictional under the Wetlands Protection Act or the Buffer Zone and Fairhaven

Wetlands Bylaw.

3. **CON 023-341: Jason Terrace** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Seaport Homes, LLC to construct a new 25' by 55' single-family dwelling with private driveway, and a bio-retention area located at Jason Terrace, Assessor's Map 30A, Lot 85M To determine if property at 12 Lincoln Drive is jurisdictional under the Wetlands Protection Act or the Buffer Zone and Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven  
Conservation Commission  
FNN: 3/2/23

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

**Buzzards Bay Stormwater Retrofits Project,**  
Jerusalem Road, Fairhaven, MA

Location of Work: Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for construction of the Buzzards Bay Stormwater Retrofits Project, Jerusalem Road will be received by the Public Works Department in Fairhaven, Massachusetts until 10:00 a.m., March 23, 2023 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. The work involves the following major item(s): The project consists of the construction of Stormwater Retrofits that include both soft and hard edged bioretention areas at four sites along a 1,350 linear foot section of Jerusalem Road.

Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge on or after Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at [www.accentblueprints.com](http://www.accentblueprints.com). Printed copies may be obtained for fee by completing an order online or calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Blueprints located at 99 Chelmsford Road (Rear#13), North Billerica, MA 01862 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Printed copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are non-refundable. To be added to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent Blueprints. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent Blueprints to access the documents.

Each bidder must be prequalified in accordance with 720 CMR 5.00, "Prequalification of Contractors" by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division (MassDOT Highway Division) with the class of work as "Drainage" prior to the award of the project with an estimated value of \$318,000 is required.

**BID SECURITIES** shall be in amount of 5% of the bid and in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Massachusetts or a bid bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Massachusetts, made payable to the **OWNER**.

The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE** and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within five (5) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M, and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149-Sections 26 to 27H inclusive. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded.

In accordance with Article 9 of the General Conditions, the work to be performed under this Contract shall be commenced on the date designated in the Notice to Proceed. All work related to the construction of **Buzzards Bay Stormwater Retrofits Project** shall be completed by June 30, 2023 within 45 calendar days.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA  
FNN 3/2/23

## 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

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScUzVzJCQT09>  
or call 1-929-205-6099  
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952  
Passcode: 361259

- 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

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I know some residents from the last article I wrote here tried to contact me through my personal FB. Sorry If we lost connection. The email address given above will be a good place to reach me.

I can also send a copy of the STR bylaws to anyone who requests it.

To be continued...

*Michelle Costen, Fairhaven*



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municipalities when faced with zoning and permitting decisions near salt marshes; by natural resource agencies capable of undertaking direct marsh restoration strategies such as runneling, thin-layer deposition, ditch management, and others; and by private landowners, who might consider preserving the uplands that they own adjacent to salt marshes to allow marshes to migrate — unimpeded by seawalls, roads and buildings — in the future.

“While much of this loss is attributable to climate change-driven sea level rise, some is due to legacy effects from human-made alterations like the creation of drainage ditches and marshes being altered for development and agriculture. We’re hoping that this research will be useful to planners, policymakers, and resource managers trying to mitigate the future impacts of both of those drivers,” said co-author Dr. Alice Besterman, assistant professor at Towson University.

A complete copy of the report is available on the Buzzards Bay Coalition’s website at <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/about-us/publications/special-reports/> or by email, [info@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:info@savebuzzardsbay.org).

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The Coalition works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy, and is supported by more than 11,000 members.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Board of Appeals**

Tues., 3/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Board of Public Works**

Mon., 3/13, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**

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

**Marine Resources Comm**

Thurs., 3/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**School Committee**

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

**Select Board**

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

**Sustainability Committee**

Tues., 3/21, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Appeals**

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

**Housing Authority**

Wed., 3/15, Gomes Comm Ctr, 9 a.m.

**Selectboard**

Fri., 3/3, Town Hall, 2:30 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

	Mar 2023	HIGH		LOW	
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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*
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Monday	13	0040	1307	0557*	1805*
Tuesday	14	0138	1406	0657	1908
Wednesday	15	0237	1506	0812	2022
Thursday	16	0339	1614	0926	2135
Friday	17	0450	1726	1048	2256
Saturday	18	0556	1824	----	1207*
Sunday	19	0648	1913	0015*	1257*
Monday	20	0736	1959	0114*	1341*
Tuesday	21	0822	2046	0210*	1426*

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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behind "The Simpsons," an animated series.

Several people in the audience nodded, while others gasped.

"I had it easy," said Mr. Correy, because he never had to rely on faith.

He told several stories about his life, including that he was a bit of a spectacle on his college campus, at six feet tall, over 200 pounds, with his hoodie and his headphones. But, he said, he was respected. He was just being himself.

Mr. Correy said his mother died when he was 13, and his grandfather moved from California to be closer. He had a huge influence on Mr. Correy's life.

At his high school graduation, his grandfather said he did not want to hear a bunch of clapping and cheering for him. That kind of over-the-top response is for the class clown, or the class screw-up, the student who everyone thought would never graduate

He wanted, he said, for it to be clear that Leon was supposed to be there. He was supposed to graduate. He was supposed to go to college.

He said he would shake his grandson's hand because it was an accomplishment, but no more.

"I was sweating," said Mr. Correy, wondering if the applause would be too much and disappoint his grandfather.

"I was moderately popular," he

said, and got the "standard applause."

Mr. Correy said he hopes that young people of color will see him in his position and believe they can do it, too. He hopes his children, especially, will see that going to work every day and creating a good life is a path to happiness. Young people need to know that there is a good

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alternative to dealing drugs or engaging in other illegal activities.

Deloris Joseph, a member of the NAACP and a member of the New Bedford Human Relations Commission, said she was there to support Ms. Fidalgo, who worked on the MLK program last month.

"We just love Jess," said Ms. Joseph.

Jack Burns said he attended hoping to learn a little about Black History and to hear Dr. Khazan speak.

He said Mr. Correy did a good job filling in.

"He's comfortable on the stump, I would say," said Mr. Burns.

Tom Lee said he went because he likes stories, and likes history. He said Mr. Correy did just fine filling in.

Ms. Fidalgo said the town will present the proclamation to Dr. Khazan at a later date to be determined. The proclamation recognizes Dr. Khazan's contributions to the Civil Rights movement through his actions at the Woolworth lunch counter, and through his many other activities and professions.

His actions helped pass the Civil Rights Bill of 1960; he received the Jackie Robinson Freedom Award; and is recognized as a "storyteller, orator and respected resident of New Bedford."

For his "lifelong Civil Rights advocacy and action," the Select Board and Belonging Committee wrote the proclamation, which was signed by the SB on 2/6/23.

The event was filmed by Fairhaven's Government Access TV and will be available at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com)

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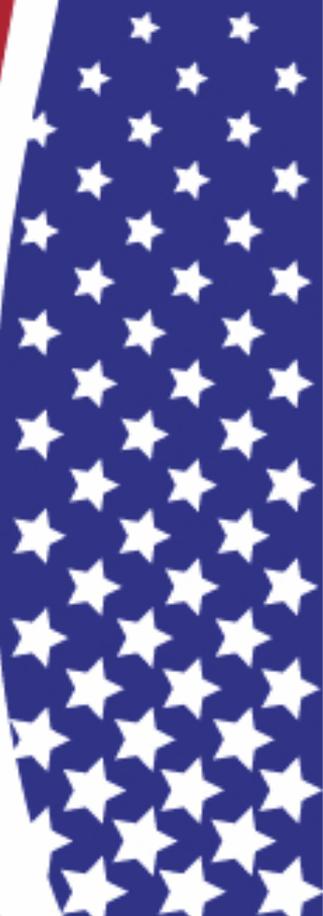



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