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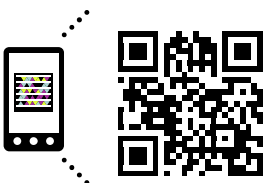
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Show time!



Fairhaven is holding its annual election this Monday, 4/3/23. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop). Voters will choose for all town offices and Town Meeting members. There are two contested races on the ballot. Four candidates are running for two seats on the School Committee, and three candidates are running for two seats on the Planning Board. All other races are uncontested. See page 14 for details. *Photos and montage by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

All right already...they don't ALL get big fat raises every year. Apparently, I am in some very bad company with last week's opinion. Also apparently, I need some serious educating.

That's why I love this job. I learn so much. So...teach me.

The thing is, I usually DO think that our town employees are underpaid, and I'm usually pretty vocal about it. I was trying to convey that the override is going to be a hard sell.

The whole town needs to be convinced so it passes in a townwide ballot. First, it will have to pass at Town Meeting. As I said last week, that's easy. All the town employees will be there.

Calm down...I want to add something here.

If town workers want the support of the public, it would help if the Town Meeting members who work for the town didn't leave after voting for their self-interests. It's insulting and infuriating. The rest of TM members are doing what they were elected to do, voting on the WHOLE warrant. Stay in the damned room after you vote for your own raises. Most of us don't have the luxury of voting for our own raises, so have a little respect for where the money's coming from.

Many of you are indeed underpaid. That's why we publish the salaries of town employees every year. And we always get some grief over it. Why does it have to be by name, they ask? Why not just a salary item? This is why. If you want to see who is underpaid and who is not, then we need to see that. It is public information after all. So, stay tuned for that. Then you can look at those salaries and see if YOU could live on them.

We'll be doing more on the budget and why town officials feel an override of Proposition 2 1/2 is the best answer. This problem has been building for a few years. Maybe it is time for Prop 2 1/2 to go. But then what? I've long believed that property taxes are an insult. No one should have to pay a ton of money on their primary residence. But that kind of structural change is way beyond my lifespan.

So let's stick with the problem at hand: Everyone who works full time for the town should be making a living wage, right? I guess we just have to decide what a "living wage" is, huh?

Meanwhile, see page 3 for some budget talk from the Select Board meeting. More on all of this soon...

And on Monday...VOTE. We have a couple of contested races. You'll have to look at back issues for candidate statements. See page 14 for the basics.

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

Select Board discusses financial policy, budget deficit

By Beth David
Editor

At the Fairhaven Select Board meeting on 3/20, board member Bob Espindola presented an explanation of the financial policy to show why the policy is important. He said the policy affects bond ratings and borrowing.

Mr. Espindola showed, through slides on the screen, that a 1/4 point increase in borrowing could result in millions of dollars over the life of loans the town faces in the near future, such as the BPW roof, Millicent Library HVAC, middle school roof and the public safety complex.

A 1/4 percent would save \$97K annually, and \$2.8 million over the life of three loans in his example, with the \$50 million for the safety complex separate.

"It's huge," said Mr. Espindola. "If we start borrowing this amount of money."

Sound financial policies that the town adheres to helps with bond ratings, said Mr. Espindola.

The discussion is happening with the backdrop of a proposed override of Proposition 2 1/2, to close a budget gap of \$450,000.

Mr. Espindola said he wanted to show

the board how the policy is organized so they could debate the policy itself at a future meeting.

He said some of the stabilization/reserve funds do not have adequate explanations, limits on spending and other details that he said should be in the "budget book."

Mr. Espindola ran through a number of different funds, including the retirement fund. He said the town has not documented its strategy for funding OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits). Having the strategy in writing helps with the bond rating, he said.

SB chair Stasia Powers asked if other communities are that specific with their OPEB contributions.

"It's our board's financial policy," said Mr. Espindola. "We can put whatever we want in there. We can take whatever we want out."

He said the financial policy they have came from other sources and was not created from scratch. He went over some language he received from the Mass. Department of Revenue and said it could be tailored for Fairhaven.

Mr. Espindola also said the town was in the lower bond rating and he felt the

town could get a higher rating.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison, however, said the town is at its highest possible bond rating. She said the ratings are based on population. She said Fairhaven is at AA. The next one up is AAA and it has a "population factor," requiring a higher population.

Mr. Espindola said he was told another community that is much smaller than Fairhaven had a higher rating.

"Let's look into that," said Ms. Powers.

Ms. Espindola said he would like to see if there is any opportunity to improve the bond rating.

Mr. Espindola also pointed out some discrepancies in the current budget book they are using and the actual stabilization funds the town has. He made a number of recommendations, noting that the language he got from a variety of sources would have to be tailored to Fairhaven.

He said he wanted to convey to the board how the policy is organized and why. He said he hoped they could go through all the details at another meeting.

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VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, April 19 ~ 5pm - 7pm

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

VOTE!

Fairhaven's annual election is Monday, 4/3. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop). See page 14 for details.

April Food Day

The Belonging Committee and the Fairhaven Rotary Club have partnered together for April Food Day, Sat., 4/1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., to bring awareness, resources and help to all those impacted by food insecurity. This event is a great opportunity for our community to come together and collect donated canned goods and nonperishables for local pantries.

Based on the latest census data there are over a thousand residents and families living in poverty in Fairhaven. With inflation since the last census, and Pandemic Relief SNAP benefits ending in March of this year, we know the need has grown.

The April Food Day event is not just a donation drive. We have many resources available for those who need assistance. The Council on Aging Director, Martha Reed, will be present to help people of ANY age sign up for SNAP benefits. She will also have resource material for seniors. The Family Resource Center from Fairhaven Public Schools will be providing guidance on additional resources for families. Veterans Agent Brad Fish will also be there to answer any questions, along with PACE and the Commonwealth Care Alliance.

We will also have some fun activities and special guests as well. Bring the whole family!

Easter Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites you to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., 4/8, at 9 a.m. SHARP, at Livesey Park, 8 Glenhaven Ave., Fairhaven. Children from toddler to age 12 are invited to participate. Categories are Toddler to 4, 5-8, 9-12. Free raffles.

Bring your Easter basket and come out to welcome the Easter Bunny.

Children from toddlers to age 12 can find candy eggs in the park and playground and look for specially

numbered wooden eggs that can be redeemed for prizes. Visit and take photos with the Easter Bunny. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. For more information, email northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com.

DATTCO Ending Boston Run

DATTCO has announced it is ending its service between SouthCoast and Boston, which includes the bus run from Fairhaven and New Bedford., on 4/16. The company said in a statement on its website that the line has been running at a deficit for several years. Visit <https://www.dattco.com/bus-schedules/southcoast-boston-express-schedule/>

FHS Class of 1973

The FHS Class of 1973 will hold its 50th reunion on Sat., 6/24. Reunion events start on Friday and run right through Sunday.

- Fri., 6/23, Assemble for flag raising at 4:30 p.m. with a group photo on the steps of FHS.
- Sat., 6/24, 8-9 a.m. Come out and Help us Support Judy Allen!! Cheer on Judy as she arrives at Fort Phoenix and completes her swim in the Buzzards Bay Swim. You can also donate to support her on the Buzzards Bay Coalition - 2023 Swim website.
- Sat., 6/24, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Homecoming Day Fair in the center of Fairhaven. Free High School Tours available
- Sat., 6/24, 6:00 pm: REUNION at Mikey B's, 989 Victoria St, New Bedford, MA (Handicap accessible) Buffet (including vegetarian options), entertainment, and class photo
- Sun., 6/25, 8:30 - 10:00 am: Alumni Breakfast at FHS. Tickets available at Homecoming Day Fair and Euro or pre-purchase (see below)

Please join and follow our Facebook group, FHS Class of 1973. Any questions, reach out in the group or contact Debbie Honohan Soares.

Please fill out form below and return with payment (check or money order) by 05/01/2023 to Debbie Soares, 88 Acushnet Rd, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Make checks payable to:

Fairhaven High School Class of 1973. We welcome and greatly appreciate early pre-purchase of tickets to help cover deposits. (If you don't plan to attend, please update your contact info and send it to us by mail or email)

Please include name, address, email address; note if you will attend the flag raising ceremony.

Breakfast tickets: \$13 each.

Reunion tickets: \$65 each.

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

SAVE THE DATES

West Island 5k Run/Walk

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

Come out and run to benefit good causes on a US Track and Field certified course. Entry fees for the 5K range from \$15 to \$25. There is also a Kids Mile Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. with an entry fee of \$5. Race shirt or beach towel to first 300 5k registrants. Cash prizes. You may now register online at <https://tinyurl.com/mrx5wpah>

For more information visit <http://westisland5k.org>, or email westisland5k@yahoo.com.

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

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

YTI Production

April Director's Workshop "Approaching Lavendar"

By Julie Beckett Crutcher; Directed by Valerie J. Reynolds. A humorous tale of two sisters awaiting the annulment of their father's first marriage to their mother so he can marry his wealthy and very Catholic fourth wife. The sisters are joined by an annoying and ditzzy soon-to-be step sister who demonstrates a totally unexpected insight at the end.

"The Maker of Dreams"

By Oliphant Down; Directed by Mellanie Crowther. This adorable comedy is about love and how blind one can be while chasing after empty dreams.

Two workshops at each performance. Admission is complimentary, donations gratefully accepted. 3/30, 3/31, 4/1 at 7:30 p.m.; 4/1 & 4/2 at 2 p.m. Reservations suggested, open seating. For tickets call 508-993-0772, or email boxoffice@yourtheatre.org

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 4/4, from 6-8 p.m., at The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest will be Brown University paleoceanographer Timothy Herbert, who fills the shoes of both marine geologist and oceanographer. Tim will discuss "Drilling into the Past for Clues about Our Climate Future."

Tim and a student—participants on Expedition 397 of the Int'l Ocean Discovery Program—recently spent 59 days off Portugal's coast recovering mud cores from the seafloor that date back 3-5 million years to when Earth was much warmer and Greenland was green. These sediments, filled with fossils, worm burrows, minerals, and even pollen, "can help us understand how warm climates work and plan for the impact of climate change," notes Tim, Brown's Doherty Professor of Oceanography.

** Parking is available behind the building. We ask that you be vaccinated, and facemasks are strongly recommended.

** Videos of recent events can be found on NBSC's website: [https://](https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/)

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Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/>

Go Fish Camp

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, and the Whaling History Alliance have teamed up to present GO FISH - a free camp during April Vacation Week for current fourth graders who reside in New Bedford. Campers will learn about four of New Bedford's commercial fisheries with a focus on sustainability. There will be field trips, visits from scientists and fishermen, games and crafts, and a lot of fun!

The camp will take place from Monday, April 17 - Thursday, April 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The National Park Visitor Center (33 William Street) will serve as home base. Current fourth graders who are New Bedford residents are eligible to apply. Campers will be chosen by lottery. **Applications are due by March 31st with notification by 4/7.**

Contact the Fishing Heritage Center for applications and information at 508-993-8894 or by email at programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

Applications may also be downloaded from the Center's website: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/>

Go Fish Camp is made possible with generous support from Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation.

Artist Peer-to-Peer

New Bedford Creative is thrilled to share the new line-up of its Peer-to-Peer Sessions throughout Spring and Summer 2023. These free online sessions are designed to support individual artists, creative entrepreneurs, and smaller arts, culture, and creative enterprises, both for-profit and nonprofit. All thanks to generous funding from MassDevelopment/TDI and the Barr Foundation; this program is a part of the TDI Creative Cities initiative to promote arts-based economic development in the New Bedford area.

The Spring and Summer schedule includes a diverse range of artists and special talents, each bringing their unique expertise and knowledge to the table. Catherine Carter kicks off

the series in April with her sessions on finding creative clarity and developing a specific action plan towards your artistic destiny.

Peer-to-Peer sessions are an excellent opportunity for artists to connect, share knowledge, and learn from each other. Attendees will walk away with valuable insights and practical tools to help them thrive in the creative industry. Don't miss out on this exciting program! Plan to join New Bedford Creative's Peer-to-Peer Sessions this Spring and Summer.

- Tuesday, April 4th 1-2pm - Finding Creative Clarity: Getting Started. To begin, we consider how artists can determine their personal and professional goals by identifying and examining their deepest hopes and dreams.

- Tuesday, April 11th 1-2pm - Finding Creative Clarity: Getting Organized. Our possessions and our surroundings reflect our inner selves, affecting our energy and our progress. In this session, we talk about how to let go of objects and other life aspects that are no longer of service, thus clarifying what remains and how to use it.

- Tuesday, April 25th 1-2pm - Finding Creative Clarity: Moving Forward. Now that we have a clear idea of our direction and a freed physical space, this session will cover ways to design a specific action plan so that we can take intentional steps toward our artistic destiny.

Visit <https://newbedfordcreative.org/calendar-of-events/>. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/newbedford-creative-33963986237>

"The Wiz"

New Bedford Festival Theatre and Executive Producer Wendy Hall have announced the casting for their production of The Wiz which will be presented April 27 - May 6, 2023 at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 684 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA. This production will be the last professional production of The Wiz before the Broadway revival next Spring.

Tickets are available from \$35 - \$65.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.zeiterion.org/events/nbft-the-wiz, by phone (508) 994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office 684 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA 02740.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Grange 100th Sippican Pomona Grange Celebrating 100 Years

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of Sippican Pomona Grange #31 will be held Sat. April 1st at Rochester Grange Hall, 205 Hartley Rd, Rochester, MA. Sippican Pomona is a regional Grange comprised of the following Granges: Acushnet, Dartmouth, E. Freetown, Rochester, S. Middleboro, and Westport. There will be a reception and dinner and following at 2pm a celebration for the anniversary open to the public.

Our guests President Glen Gibson of Massachusetts State Grange and President Betsy Huber, of the Nation Grange will present messages to those present. Brief histories of the area Granges will be presented by a member of that Grange, as well. A musical program by The Perrys and social hour will follow.

The Grange brings people together to build stronger communities by encouraging agriculture and environmental sustainability, community service and fostering future leaders.

Spaghetti Dinner

Troop 11 Acushnet is hosting a spaghetti dinner at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, to raise money for their summer camp. Sat., 4/1, from 5-7 p.m., \$10/ticket at door. Find them on Facebook.

Stang Auction FR

Please Join Us for an Enchanted Evening for Bishop Stang High School, Fri., 3/31, at White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport.

Bishop Stang High School's 35th Annual Auction consists of a silent auction, and gathers alumni, parents and friends for dinner followed by a live auction. Those unable to attend the event can bid online at <https://tinyurl.com/3ca5yvx>

This is the largest event annually for academic and co-curricular programs at Bishop Stang High School.

The event also includes our 10th annual "Angel Fund Appeal" which financially supports families whose circumstances require financial assistance to cover the cost of attending Bishop Stang.

Easter Basket Raffle

The Humane Society & Shelter - SouthCoast invites all of the SouthCoast to stop by the Shelter, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth before April 1st to enter and hopefully win one of our many Easter Baskets.

These creative baskets have been generously donated by local businesses, individuals, Shelter staffers and volunteers too. Tickets are \$10 for 10 tickets, or \$26 for 30 tickets and all proceeds go towards supporting the Shelter.

We also encourage people to meet and probably fall in love with some of our adorable Shelter animals too. The Shelter is open from 12:30-5 on Mon., Wed., Thurs. Fri. and Sat. The live streaming drawing is April 1st, at 4 pm on Facebook and you don't need to be there to win. Pet Photos with the Easter

Art Exhibit

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion is pleased to present its newest exhibit featuring the works of Evelyn Kendall, with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, April 1 from 3:00-5:00pm. The show will include Mrs. Kendall's traditional sailor's valentines, shell compositions, and sculptures.

Evelyn Way Kendall (1893-1979) was born in Ontario, Canada and married Henry Plimpton Kendall in 1926. Henry Kendall purchased a house on Water Street in Marion in 1913, where they spent every summer. A nurse by profession, Mrs. Kendall was an artist and collector by avocation. Her interests were eclectic, and among these was her impressive shell collection. She was both an artist and collector of folk artwork in seashells, and she also pursued interests in textiles and interior design.

See Mrs. Kendall's artwork on display at the MAC through May 6, 2023.

Renewable Energy

A new era of renewable energy beckons in New England. Yet the promise of deploying abundant clean energy — both on land and at sea — faces a fundamental obstacle: the need for new and upgraded transmission infrastructure.

Mon., 4/3, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Federal Reserve Bank Boston. Keynote: Sen. Edward J. Markey.

Panel: Transmission Challenges Confronting Renewable energy.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ybtss8mz>

Egg Hunt

The annual Acushnet Egg Hunt is back! Join us at the Acushnet Sawmill for a community egg hunt on Easter weekend, Saturday April 8th at 4PM. See the Facebook event for a more detailed description.

As always, we're looking for some help to make this happen!

Last year taught us a few ways we can better tweak how we organize to ensure a smoother experience for all, so we're looking for some grown up volunteers to stand in each age group and tell the kiddos when to start.

We also want to prevent the 6-8 and 9-12 kiddos from getting lost on the Sawmill trails where their eggs will be placed/slightly hidden, so we're looking for a couple of people willing to stand within each path to send the kids in the right direction.

We need lots of plastic eggs and candy donations. We have the eggs from last year, but had a much larger turnout than expected and would love to hide more! These can be dropped off at the Rescue Cafe in Fairhaven, 414 Main St., Fairhaven (right over the Acushnet line). If you're unable to shop or drop off donations, you can Venmo @Joni-Rhoads and she'll do the shopping for you! Anything is super appreciated

At The Mattapoissett Library

Spring is here! Just as exciting, the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, is bringing programs to celebrate it.

Craft Tuesday returns on 4/4; Teen Advisory Board meets on 4/11; Game Lounge continues on Wed., 4/19. On Earth day, 4/22, Earth Day Cleanup. Patrons can earn service hours for participating. To learn more or to register visit <https://www.mattapoissettlibrary.org>

All programs are free and open to the public. Contact the library at 508-758-4171 or email mflp@sailsinc.org.

Recipe of the Week

Honey Garlic Ribs

4 pounds pork spareribs
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/3 cup distilled white vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon garlic salt

Preheat the oven to 375°

Slice ribs into individual pieces. Combine honey, soy sauce, vinegar, brown sugar, and garlic in a large bowl; stir until honey and sugar are completely dissolved, then stir in baking soda. The mixture will begin to foam. Transfer ribs to the bowl and turn to coat.

Cover a cookie sheet with foil; arrange ribs meat-side up on the prepared sheet. Pour excess sauce over ribs and sprinkle with garlic salt.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour, turning every 20 minutes.

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Dear Frankie



Unreasonable Mom

Dear Frankie,

Many of my friends at the dog park have taken skiing lessons. My mom thinks it's ridiculous that their parents have wasted "good money"

on lessons for a sport that is not only ridiculously expensive but also dangerous.

She feels if these parents have money to burn, they should spend it on animal organizations like the ASPCA and shelters.

Thumper did break his leg skiing last year, but it's no wonder because he is a real klutz. None of the other dogs have been injured. Flip said he would teach me to ski and lend me his old skis.

Do you think my mom will change her mind about skiing now that the costs for training and equipment are out of the way?

Binky

Dear Binky,

It's going to be a hard sell. One of the primary responsibilities of a mother is to keep her children safe. If your mom thinks skiing is

dangerous, you don't have a snowball's chance in hell to get her to change her mind.

There are also other ski-related expenses you need to consider, such as transportation to and from the slopes, ski passes, locker rentals, ski clothes, etc. Perhaps your mom might be more amenable to you taking up snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, if either of these sports were of interest to you.

Best, Frankie

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Ages: 9-11 Date: Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 5:30-7:30PM

Cost \$60 members / \$75 non-members

Kool Kids April Vacation

This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodgeball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school.

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Social Day Program

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For more information, please call 508-993-9455 and ask for Sally Bourke.

Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$2. To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

Technology Classes

The Fairhaven Senior Center will host a series of technology classes from basic/novice to expert. All classes will be 90 minutes long, Monday and Wednesday only. Each class will be rated as to how much computer skill the participant should have: (maximum number of participants 10) All participants must preregister for the classes they want to take by either the phone or at the main desk. Next classes:

- **Mon., Wed. April 3 & 5: Part 1+2: Computer Knowledge:** Basic/Novice. Participants may bring their laptops for the two days. Introduction and Refresher on Computer and Internet Cyber Safety

Computer and mobile device will also be addressed.

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.: 4/5, Twin River Casino; 4/12, Warwick Mall; 4/19, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 4/26, Garden City, Cranston, RI.

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- Created Family Engagement Center providing social supports for our school community.
- Created Unified Sports program where FHS was named a Special Olympics Unified Champion School.
- District will be first in Massachusetts to receive District Accreditation from NEASC.
- Enhanced before/after school programming.
- Created innovation pathway to teach STEM skills at the elementary level.
- Continued restoration of FHS as the crown jewel of our town.
- Solar Energy projects at both elementary schools.
- Created robust social/emotional system to support student mental health which is vital in the aftermath of the pandemic.
- FHS has been consistently highly ranked in US News and World Report and College Board AP rankings.

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West Island Red Hatters meet in Fairhaven



The West Island Red Hatters held their monthly lunch on St. Patrick's Day, 3/17/23, at the Bayside Lounge in Fairhaven. Terry Pereira organized the March lunch with artist Chris Smith and decided that in honor of Women's History Month, they would have a few special guests, including Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison, Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Martha Reed, and *Neighb News* editor Beth David, Terry's table of "Power Women." The event included some speechmaking, a couple of Irish toasts/blessings, corned beef & cabbage, and lots of gabbing. The group's membership is at capacity, but members are welcome to invite guests. ABOVE: West Island Red Hatter host Terry Pereira gives the thumbs up while saying a few words at the group's monthly lunch on 3/17/23 at the Bayside Lounge in Fairhaven, as Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison (back) and Council on Aging Director Martha Reed (right forefront), listen in. RIGHT TOP AND BOTTOM: Members of the West Island Red Hatters pose for the local free sheet. *Photos by Beth David.*



Shepherd's Pantry recognizes community partners

By Beth David
Editor

The Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet recently recognized some of its many dedicated supporters with plaques to show appreciation for the many ways they support the food pantry.

"As we began 2023, we started our 23rd year helping out the less

fortunate in our area," said Director Gerry Payette in a press release.

The pantry gave appreciation plaques to the Acushnet Public Library, the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, Stop & Shop in Fairhaven, River's End in Acushnet, and SMEC.

Food collection bins are located at the Acushnet Library, Millicent

Library, and Stop & Shop in Fairhaven. People may also donate by sending a check to Shepherd's Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

The pantry is located at the Long Plain Methodist Church, 1215 Main St., Acushnet. They distribute food on Saturdays from 9–11 a.m. Find them on Facebook for updates.



LEFT: The Shepherd's Pantry presents a plaque of appreciation to the River's End in Acushnet, L-R: Lou Braga, Shepherd's Pantry Administrator; Paul Robert, Shepherd's Pantry volunteer; Mark DaSilva, River's End owner; members of the Acushnet Lions Club. RIGHT: The Shepherd's Pantry presents a plaque of appreciation to the Stop & Shop in Fairhaven, L-R: Lou Braga, Shepherd's Pantry Administrator; Thomas Rodrigues, S&S Asst. Mgr.; Sonia Amaral, S&S Bakery Dept.; Justin Kell, S&S Asst. Mgr.; Paul Robert, Shepherd's Pantry volunteer. *Submitted photos.*



From our readers

Bake Sale For Earthquake Victims a Success

The bake sale we held on March 4 was a huge success. We raised \$1760 to help Turkish and Syrian communities in need.

The amount we raised far exceeded anything we might have hoped for and we are so grateful for your generosity. We had several people donate to our cause after seeing the listing in the Fairhaven Neighborhood News. We would like to take the time to thank FNN and its readers. We are so thankful for you!

Aylin Cetik, Fairhaven

April Food Day, 4/1

I am writing to bring attention to the upcoming April Food Day event on Saturday, April 1st, 2023, from 9AM to 1PM at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA.

The Belonging Committee and the Fairhaven Rotary Club have partnered together for this event to bring awareness, resources and help to all those impacted by food insecurity. This event is a great opportunity for our community to come together and collect donated canned goods and nonperishables for local pantries.

It's important to note that based on the census data of 2021, there are over a thousand residents and families living in poverty in Fairhaven. With inflation since the last census, and Pandemic Relief SNAP benefits ending in March of this year, we know the need has grown. This event is a chance for us to help those in need and make a real difference in our community.

The April Food Day event is not just a donation drive. We have many resources available for those who need assistance. The Council on Aging Director, Martha Reed, will be present to help people of ANY age sign up for SNAP benefits. She will also have resource material for seniors. The Family Resource Center from Fairhaven Public Schools will be providing guidance on resources for additional assistance for families. The Veterans Agent, Brad Fish, will also be there with brochures to answer any questions. In addition, PACE and the Commonwealth Care Alliance will be present to share their services. We will also have information available from the United Way and Ma.gov website.

We will have some fun activities and special guests as well. Bring the whole family!

We encourage everyone to come out and have fun while making a positive impact on our community. Let's come together and show our support for our community members who are struggling.

We hope this event inspires others to find ways to help out neighbors. Look out for our follow up community event with the Rec Center and the Sustainability Committee as our partners for a clothing drive and swap in May!

Jessica Fidalgo, Chair of the Fairhaven Belonging Committee

Gardner an Advocate for Literacy

Laura Gardner is seeking election to the Fairhaven School Committee.

Laura is a parent, educator, librarian and is undoubtedly qualified to champion the improvement of student achievement in Fairhaven Public Schools. As a National Board Certified Teacher in Library Media, and Librarian for Dartmouth Public Schools, Laura is positioned to not only understand the needs of students today, but what resources students and teachers need in order to succeed.

As most know, the pandemic led to astounding learning loss in our children. Nine-year-olds lost the equivalent of two decades of progress in math and reading. While this trend is slowly reversing, I question if Fairhaven is providing teachers and students with the necessary resources to overcome this loss. The Fairhaven Public School system does not employ a certified librarian, library support staff, and relies on teachers and parent volunteers to staff school libraries, if at all. Last year I was a parent volunteer in the Wood School library. I can say, without hesitation, that our school libraries need dedicated staffing.

The value of a certified librarian is a resource that our administration should be advocating for and supporting. Numerous national studies have shown a direct correlation between access to a strong school library program and student achievement. Laura is, and has been, an advocate for literacy and librarians in our schools. Librarians,

like Laura cultivate a love of reading and teach valuable research skills our children will need as adults.

As a school committee candidate, I believe Laura would advocate strongly for our children, their literacy needs, their growth and achievement, postsecondary readiness, as well as teacher satisfaction and retention.

A vote for Laura is a vote for investment in the future of our children and our community.

*Julie Sullivan, Fairhaven,
Parent of a FPS Student*

Gardner Would Advocate for School Librarian

I am a bit embarrassed to admit that until School Committee candidate Laura Gardner told me, I was unaware that Fairhaven Public Schools employs not a single school librarian! As a lifelong educator (and the son of lifelong educators), I am well aware of the crucial role played by school librarians in educating students at every level. They can instill a love of reading by recommending the right book for a particular child based on interest and reading level, and they teach research skills that can help to counteract the misinformation and disinformation rampant in our modern world.

Laura is herself a school librarian, in Dartmouth, and she is committed to advocating for Fairhaven Schools to provide this important resource to its children. But Laura is not a one-issue candidate. She's recognized the troubling trend of the town losing its best teachers to neighboring communities. She's also concerned about slow and nonexistent responses when parents reach out to school and district administration.

What makes me confident that Laura will work tirelessly and effectively to address these and other issues is her track record in our community. Laura is a doer who seeks to make the world a little better place by fighting for worthwhile change. Her leadership of the Southcoast chapter of the Climate Reality Project is a perfect illustration of this. Her concern for the environmental legacy we are leaving to our children and grandchildren has compelled her to act, and to involve others in acting.

If you want an idea of who Laura

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Candidate statement: Fairhaven Select Board



Charles K. Murphy, Sr.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you about my candidacy for my

seat on the Select Board.

I am eager to continue to listen to the concerns of our citizens and implement an action plan wherever needed in assisting this community.

Professionally speaking, I am the

CEO of M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. which began in 1995. We now have 70 employees and are building our way back up throughout these challenging times and have been adapting daily to the ever changing budget needs.

This 28-year-old organization focuses on the need for teenagers and adults with different abilities to work towards achieving their highest potential in life. M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc. also provides medical transportation to our Senior Citizens. Additionally, we established a Food Pantry in the year 2000 to fulfill the needs of the less fortunate.

As a Licensed Mental Health Counselor for Gosnold and MOLIFE, I

am professionally trained to be a good listener and to assist others with quality results. This background has prepared me for the numerous issues that I deal with daily.

I have a strong investment in this town, with a strong family history in this great town and have worked hard to assist other departments in meeting and exceeding their goals during these trying budget times. I am dedicated to Town of Fairhaven and its citizens.

I will continue to work hard to be a voice for you! I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday April 3rd. Thank you.

Fairhaven votes this Monday

Fairhaven voters go to the polls on Monday, 4/3/23, for the annual election. Voters will vote for all town offices and Town Meeting members. There are two contested races.

Four candidates are vying for two seats on the School Committee, with incumbent Brian Monroe running for re-election, and Laura E. Gardner,

Stephanie Pickup, and Brendalee Smith also running. Pamela Kuechler did not run for re-election.

Pplanning Board has three candidates running for two seats, with incumbent Wayne Hayward running for his seat, and Ruy DaSilva and Patrick Carr also running. Rene Fleurent did not run for re-election.

Select Board incumbents Charlie Murphy and Keith Silvia are both running unopposed for re-election.

All other positions are uncontested: Board of of Public Works, Board of Health, Commissioner of Trust Funds, Housing Authority.

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He ran through each of the stabilization funds with more detailed explanations of what they are for and the rules around using them. He said the funds are listed in the budget, but are not in the financial policy.

He also highlighted a few things in the policy that they should be doing but are not. He said they should explain why they are not doing it.

"I copied some of this language," said Mr. Espindola. "It might not be best for us, but I think we should be, at least, having a discussion."

Mr. Espindola said he was hoping to at least get a consensus from the board that the matter is important, and they will discuss it at another meeting.

Vice Chair Leon Correy said he did not know enough at that stage to even form a question or form an opinion on its importance. He said there was a lot of information and he would like time to "digest it."

The board decided to discuss the policy at a future meeting.

At its meeting on 3/28, the board discussed the budget, the \$450K deficit, and Town Meeting warrant articles.

The board discussed two budget

possibilities, one that counted on the Prop 2 1/2 override, and one that did not, and so included budget cuts.

Ms. Ellison explained that the override would only add 11 cents to the tax rate, and with the decrease in the tax rate that had already been decided, the end result would still be a net lowering of the rate compared to last year.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that with the other borrowing on the horizon, property taxes could go up nearly \$1,000 a year.

Ms. Ellison pointed out that the public safety complex is at least seven years away, most likely 10.

Mr. Espindola countered that they should then take it off the capital expenditures list and take the money they have been putting aside for it towards the budget.

The column that includes cuts to balance the budget requires laying off two of the four firefighters that the town just agreed to add to the department.

The board discussed if they would be making a real recommendation to Town Meeting for one budget or the other, or if they would just present two and let TM decide. Mr. Espindola said they should

show leadership and decide.

Mr. Correy said he was not in favor of cutting firefighters, so "that right there puts me in the override category."

He said they've been hearing for eight months how everyone loves their firefighters.

"We're a small town. We don't have a million revenue streams," said Mr. Correy. "So I support the ability to keep the firefighters, thus the override."

SB member Charles Murphy said he was not comfortable voting on the budget that night.

"I don't want to see any services cut, to be honest with you," said Mr. Murphy.

"I think we need to give them both options," said SB member Keith Silvia.

Ms. Ellison ran through the numbers, with union raises 5-6%, Cost of Living Increases, step increases, and inflation, but the town can only raise property taxes by 2 1/2 percent.

She also noted that the town has been using free cash to supplement the budget. That by itself created a situation that made our tax levy lower because it looked like we were spending less.

"I feel we need to right the ship," said Ms. Powers.

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Gardner is, check out the Climate Reality Southcoast webpage, ask her students at Dartmouth Middle School, or better yet, meet and talk with her. You will be impressed. She has my vote. Please consider giving her yours.

Larry DeSalvatore, Fairhaven

Monroe Has Proven Leadership

Fairhaven voters are presented with a choice of four individuals vying for two School Committee positions in this year's town election. I am asking that your first choice be Brian Monroe.

When you cast your ballot for Brian, you choose proven leadership and a record balancing what is right for the students and for the town of

Fairhaven.

Brian and I served together on the school committee from 2011 through 2021. In those 10 years, I came to recognize his strengths as a committee member. He is a kind leader, he cares about doing what's right, always listening to his constituents and keeping them informed. He recognizes the importance of communication.

As chair for four of those years he kept the lines of communication open with board members and the community, those who wanted to be heard had their opportunity to speak and they got the information they needed.

Brian is a team player, recognizing decisions are not only his own, but he is one of 6 members. He shares his

opinions openly or makes a thoughtful case for his point of view. He will speak the truth even when it might be difficult to hear. He is always respectful in his argument and values the opinion of others.

When you select Brian, you can be sure you have an excellent steward for taxpayer dollars. He has conservative views on spending, and he can balance that with what is truly best for the kids in the Fairhaven Public School district. He has always ensured that students are considered in every decision he makes while being responsible for town funds.

On April 3rd, I ask you to join me in voting for Brian Monroe for School Committee.

Stasia Powers, Fairhaven

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Keith Ellison



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FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Select Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday April 18, 2023, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the restricting of parking to one side of the street, the north side, of Elm Avenue for the purpose of ensuring safe access to the marina. The location is Elm Avenue west of Main Street in Fairhaven to the Acushnet River.

FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD
Stasia Powers, Chair
Leon Correy, III, Vice Chair
Robert J. Espindola
Charles K. Murphy, Sr.
Keith Silvia
FNN: 3/30/23

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, April 4, 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=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSctiVzJCQT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-023-011: 63 Fort Street, Map 5, Lot 29.
Applicant and owner: Kevin Grant. Applicant seeks a
Variance to build a 16' x 20' garage to be located 1.5

ft. from the rear property line vs. the minimum 5 ft.
setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22
A. (4).

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 3/23/23, 3/30/23

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID



Sealed bids marked for work listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., April 13, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read on April 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. To obtain bid specifications email the Board of Public Works at bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov

2023 Sidewalk Restoration and Related Work
The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.
Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA
FNN 3/30/23

Notice of Public Hearing Site Plan Modification- Access Road Relocation Plan Park Dr., Acushnet MA

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on April 6, 2023 @ 6:30PM in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet MA 02743. This

will be a Hybrid meeting with a Zoom option:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86954473793?pwd=Q1JxaHILMzdvR3dUa3B1TktvN1FoQT09>
Meeting ID: 869 5447 3793
Passcode: 700278

This hybrid meeting is being held in accordance with Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Sections 3.4 and 3.5, to process a modification for a site plan review and a special permit for a 7.5 MW solar array proposed by Syncarpha Park Drive LLC. The engineer is Weston & Sampson. The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 2nd Floor, during regular business hours.

Mark Francois, Planning Commission Chairman
FNN 3/23/23, 3/30/23

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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Election Results

Mon., 4/3, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Polls open 4/3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Finance Committee

Mon., 4/3, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., 4/6, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/12, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 4/3, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
Wed., 4/5, Town Hall, time TBA
Tues., 4/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 4/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Select Board

Tues., 4/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

March 2023		HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	30	0331	1604	1135	2341
Friday	31	0434	1711	----	1223
April 2023		HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Saturday	1	0537	1805	0030	1300
Sunday	2	0625	1846	0104	1324
Monday	3	0704	1923	0110	1257
Tuesday	4	0740	1958	0106	1309
Wednesday	5	0816	2034	0133	1337
Thursday	6	0854	2113	0209	1412*
Friday	7	0935	2154	0250*	1452*
Saturday	8	1017	2237	0332*	1534*
Sunday	9	1101	2323	0413*	1616*
Monday	10	1150	----	0454*	1659*
Tuesday	11	0017	1249	0541*	1748*
Wednesday	12	0119	1352	0640	1852

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I moved to the Town of Fairhaven in 1989 and have been a resident of Fairhaven for over 34 years,

During this time, I opened my own business in Fairhaven, and I have been open for over 19 years serving the community.

As a local business owner and resident and a full-time member of the Fairhaven Board of Appeals, I know how important it is to build a strong solid town.

I will work with the towns people and the community and members of the planning board in finding ways to bring in new business opportunity and homes to the town that will bring in tax dollars to Fairhaven.

As you know, the Fairhaven Planning board sets the rules through the zoning ordinance for where and what kind of housing can be built and business in town. As a local business owner and resident, I have seen too many great opportunities pass by the town because of past applicants who have come in front of Fairhaven boards and were subjected to many expenses that are not called for due to some individual that are always negative to a good opportunity.

These applicants would rather go out of Fairhaven to another town or city where their ideas are greeted with a positive atmosphere and work with them in striving to build their dream home or opening a new business.

Fairhaven is a beautiful town with much history and charm, but we need to have a change. We are a waterfront community with one of the richest fishing industries in the world and the town resident must travel out of town to purchase seafood because the Fairhaven doesn't even have a seafood market nor even a bakery.

Why is that? The days of a mom-and-pop business opening are tough enough in today's economy.

We (Fairhaven boards) should work with applicants, not against them, to approve new homes and new business in town and still keep the charm of Fairhaven.

If I am elected I look forward serving the community with an open mind and open handshake for those applicants who come to Fairhaven with their ideas .

Thank you for your Support on April 3.

