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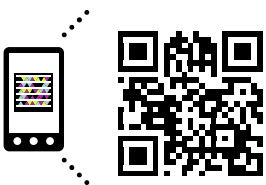
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Warm and cold battle it out



Boats moored at Hoppy's Landing are shrouded in fog as warm and cold air engage in battle for supremacy on Monday, 4/17/23. The battle did not last long as colder weather moved in overnight, clearing the fog on Tuesday, but ushering temperatures in the 50's under cloudy skies. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

It's Earth Day week! Time to participate in activities to help our planet. See the happenings pages, 5, 6, 7, for events you can join, including local cleanups and Arbor Day events.

The Fairhaven Selectboard had a marathon meeting this week. See page 3 for some of it, including the date for the special election to vote on the Prop. 2 1/2 override.

In other news...

The *Neighb News* filed an Open Meeting Law complaint against the Fairhaven BPW (see page 12). A little awkward to have to write up a story about a meeting I was part of as an agenda item. Ah well, the challenges of being pretty much a one-person shop. I encourage you to watch the meeting online and see for yourself if they handled it the way they should have.

This weekend the outdoor stuff starts to happen in earnest. The West Island 5K on Sunday (see page 5); the FIA shrubbery program already in progress; and Town Meeting in two weeks.

Ah, yes, Town Meeting. I assure you it will be the most glorious day yet.

We have some fun stuff in here, too, of course. Be sure to thumb through every page to see it all.

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Next week we should have another story on the budget/Prop 2 1/2 override. I just didn't have time this week. Two more issues before Town Meeting!

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 finalizes TM warrant, sets date for override vote

By Beth David
Editor

In a bit of a marathon meeting on Boston Marathon week, the Fairhaven Select Board finalized the Annual Town Meeting warrant, set the date for the Proposition 2 2/2 override vote, and held three public hearings, at its meeting on 4/18/23.

The board voted to hold a special election on Monday, June 5, for voters to decide on a \$450,000 override of Proposition 2 1/2. The town faces a budget shortfall and town officials are advocating for an override of Prop 2 1/2, which limits the amount of property taxes the town can raise each year. Town Meeting must also vote for the override.

In the only public hearing not continued, the board voted to restrict parking along Elm Street to one side of the road from Main Street heading west to the Acushnet River.

Lt. David Sobral told the board that the road is too narrow for emergency vehicles to get by if there is parking on both sides. He said the matter was brought to his attention by Eric Dawicki, of Northeast Maritime Insti-

tute which owns Slocum Cove Marina at the bottom of the street.

Lt. Sobral said if there is an emergency at the marina requiring one of the larger emergency vehicles, it will not be able to make the turn if vehicles are parked on both sides.

Highway Superintendent Joshua Crabb wrote in his report that the road does not even meet the requirements for parking on one side of the street. He added, however, that it is typical for the neighborhood and that restricting parking to one side would be warranted.

The Fire Department also weighed in, writing that two-sided parking impedes access to the marina.

Resident Mario Carreiro asked if the board could restrict parking to residents only. He said making it one side of the street would make it even worse for residents, as cars already park very close to the edge of the driveway.

Resident Eleanor Chew agreed, saying it was people using the marina causing the parking problems.

"We love the boats, we love the marina," said Anne Carreiro, but there

will be a problem if parking is restricted and signs are not added.

The board said that making an area resident parking only requires a longer process.

"We try to limit that," said Lt. Sobral, noting other neighborhoods will request it. He said the point of the hearing that night, and the reason the various departments agreed with one-sided parking was for safety reasons.

Lt. Sobral said they try to keep as much parking as possible, especially in North Fairhaven.

He noted that vehicles should not be parked within five feet of the edge of a driveway.

"That area is a very tight area," he said.

Lt. Sobral said he was willing to speak with the marina owner about his customers using the street.

Mr. Carreiro said they have arguments all summer because of marina users parking too close to the driveway.

"We just want to make it a workable thing for all of us," he said.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Pancake Breakfast

Join the Fairhaven Lions Club to support our Scholarship fund at a Pancake Breakfast on Sun., 4/23, from 8 a.m. to noon, at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main Street, Fairhaven. \$10.00. Children 10 and under \$5.00. Includes pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee, and juice.

For tickets, see any Fairhaven Lions Club member or call Bill at 508-996-3420.

West Island 5k

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.

GOP Meeting

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye! All persons having anything to do, as members or guest of the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee, draw near, give your attendance and ye shall be heard. Monday, April 24th at 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven.

Call 508-863-0416 with any concerns or questions."

Car Seat Installation

Fairhaven Fire Department will conduct child car seat installations and safety checks at the Fairhaven Recreation Center parking lot, 227 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, on Sat., 4/22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We are offering free inspections for parent and/or guardians with child safety seats installed in their vehicles to ensure safe transport. This includes not only car seats of all kinds but booster seats as well. We will also install any new child safety seat that you come with to give you peace of mind to know that your child/children will be safe in your vehicle. A certified technician will be available for any questions or concerns as well as inspections and installations.

Arbor Day planting

Join the Fairhaven Tree Department on Thurs., 4/27, at 3 p.m., at John Cooke Garrison Park, 52 Howland Road, to plant trees with volunteers and tree donors.

Join them again on Fri., 4/28, at 10:30 a.m., at the Veterans Memorial on the corner of Huttleston Ave. and Middle Street, where they will also be joined by High School students.

Boston Bus Route

Peter Pan Bus has stepped in to take over the Boston bus route discontinued by DATCO. The new service leaves from New Bedford, though, not Fairhaven, and has only one early morning departure, at 7 a.m. The bus will originate in Fall River, go to Elm Street station in downtown New Bedford, then to the Mt. Pleasant Street park and ride, to Taunton, then to South Station. One way fare is \$9.00. Departure from South Station is 4:30 p.m. The same bus will also continue to Logan Airport. Other departure times are 11:40 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. depending on the day.

Visit <https://peterpanbus.com/>

Nominate Homecoming

Nominate the Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair for the Best of the Best in the Community's Choice category. Nominations end 4/24, so make your choice now.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/8pa2372u> and go to "Entertainment and Leisure," then "Festival/Fair" (Direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/rdtp5dzm>)

Meat Raffle

Every Thursday, 7 p.m., Fairhaven VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Win meat, eggs, breakfast, and a variety of other specials we have every week. Play some Keno, have a drink or two. You will not be disappointed.

Shrubbery Program Fairhaven Residents Only!

Fairhaven Improvement Association is excited to announce its 2023 annual Shrubbery Voucher Program.

To take advantage of this offer

send a check for \$20.00 with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fairhaven Improvement Association, P.O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719. You will receive a voucher for double the amount — \$40.00 — to purchase any combination of eligible shrubs at Kenny's Farm Stand, 325 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven.

The voucher is valid from May 1st till September 30th 2023. If you use your voucher before July 1st, Kenny will add another \$10.00 to your doubled voucher giving you a total of \$50.00 in buying power at his nursery. One voucher per family is allowed.

For more information and application go to our website: fairhavenimprovement.org or the FIA Facebook page. The application is also available at Kenny's.

Contact Monika Whalley, 508-758-8223 or monikawhalley@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

Free Trees

Bask, Inc. ("Bask"), a locally owned cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, has announced plans for its 6th annual Arbor Day event on Friday, 4/28, from 9am to 9pm at 2 Pequot Road in Fairhaven. Tree seedlings will be available on the lawn outside the company's Fairhaven dispensary. There is no purchase necessary to pick up a free tree seedling.

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

Mem. Day Parade

Mon., 5/29, meet at 9:30 a.m., step off at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to march. From Union and Main Streets north to Riverside Cemetery for a short ceremony.

For info contact Brad or Jane at VSO, 508-202-4603

Earth Day 2023

This year's Earth Day theme is "Invest in our Planet." Visit <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/> to learn more.

EARTHDAY.ORG's mission is to diversify, educate, and activate the environmental movement worldwide. Growing out of the first Earth Day (1970), EARTHDAY.ORG is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working with more than 150,000 partners in nearly 192 countries to build environmental democracy. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Learn more at: <https://www.earthday.org>.

Earth Day Cleanup

Join Operation Clean Sweep for an Earth Day Cleanup on Sat., 4/22, in the north end of New Bedford, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the public parking lot behind Cotali Mar Restaurant, corner of Acushnet Avenue and Sawyer Street. Free T-shirts to all participants. Gloves and tools provided. Preregistering at OperationCleanSweep.net helps us to plan our event, but walk-ins WELCOME.

Find us on Facebook or email newbedfordclean@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES: Future cleanups planned for May 20, June 10, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16.

Volunteer Open House

Curious about volunteer opportunities at one of New Bedford's most beautiful historic houses? The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, 396 County St., NB, will hold a volunteer open house on Sun., 4/23 from 1 to 3 p.m. Prospective volunteers are invited to drop by to learn more about the 1834 Greek Revival mansion from current RJD volunteers and Museum staff. Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour the historic mansion, fill out application materials, and enjoy refreshments.

RJD volunteers play an important role in the operation of the Museum and help in a variety of roles: they greet visitors, run the Front Desk, maintain the gardens, and assist staff

with administrative duties.

Admission to the Museum during Volunteer Open House is free, and no registration is required. These events are supported in part by the Massachusetts Service Alliance. For more information about the Museum, visit the website, rjdmuseum.org.

"The Wiz"

New Bedford Festival Theatre and Executive Producer Wendy Hall present "The Wiz," April 27 - May 6, 2023 at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 684 Purchase St., NB. This will be the last professional production of The Wiz before the Broadway revival next Spring.

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

Get tickets 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.

Scottish Folk

Featuring Scottish Musician Alan Reid, Thurs., 4/20, 7 p.m., at the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB. Tickets: \$15 public, \$12 FHC members. Get tickets at <https://bit.ly/FHC-alan-reid-2023>

Alan Reid has been a professional folksinger, musician and songwriter since 1976. He joined the fledgling Battlefield Band in 1969 while studying at Strathclyde University and subsequently recorded almost 30 albums with this hard-working and enduring band, in that time garnering a reputation for his playing and his singing. With an extensive experience of playing at home and abroad Alan delights audiences and presents the very best in modern and traditional Scottish song and music wherever he performs.

Earth Day at Zoo

Join Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast & Friends at the 2023 Party for the Planet at Buttonwood Park Zoo, on Earth Day, 4/22 (Rain date 4/29).

Paid zoo admission required

At our Climate Reality table and throughout the zoo complex, you'll find fun & educational earth friendly activities geared to kids. Visit <https://www.bpzoo.org/whats-new/party-for-the-planet/>

Also featuring: a truck with folks from UMass Dartmouth will be parked by the ticketing entrance and eager to collect your old computers, printers, and random whatever electronics that your home office no longer needs - all for free!

Please wear comfortable walking shoes & sunscreen, and please bring your own refillable water bottle.

This event is happening inside the zoo itself, alongside all the zoo exhibits and "residents."

Free Performance

Join New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., NB, as Scott Bishop, aka Scapeghost, performs his six-song EP NBWaves, part of our Sound in Space, Sound in Place exhibition, on Fri., 4/28, 6-8 p.m. Complimentary admission to performance and Museum.

NBWaves, created with support from the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, is a six song EP that bakes the sonic DNA of New Bedford into the music using samples recorded around the city.

Visit newbedfordart.org or call 508-961-3072.

Movie Night

Join New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., NB, for the inaugural Monday Movie Night w/ Mocha, part of the Enchanted Evenings programs: May 1st, 6-9pm: An Autumn Afternoon

New Bedford Film Society founder, Mocha J Herrup, PhD, will present and lead our post film discussions.

Regarded as one of the most influential filmmakers in the world, Yasujiro Ozu is known for his elliptical storytelling and human centered perspective. AN AUTUMN AFTERNOON is the Tokyo born artist's final masterpiece, an elegantly composed and achingly tender story about a man's dignified resignation to life's shifting currents and society's modernization. Ukiyo-e presents a subtle influence. AUTUMN AFTERNOON, and we'll look at the aesthetic lineage between the older art form and the auteur's highly acclaimed last film.

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org/public-programs/> for info and \$5 tickets. Admission includes movie-themed snacks. Film starts at 6pm.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Ultimate Road Trip

Join the Ultimate Library Road Trip. See page 16 for details.

Bird Club

Learn about Warblers: Warbler Workshop. Learn all about warblers at this free event hosted by the Nasketucket Bird Club on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. Spring is one of the best times to see warblers. This workshop is devoted solely to the hard-to-see, but incredibly beautiful warblers. We will learn about tips and tricks for finding and identifying warblers, as well as learning which birds call this area home and which ones are just here for a short visit. Light refreshments will be served after.

The meeting, open to the public and handicapped accessible, is held at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, with access via the south door entrance on 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoissett. Meetings are also available via Zoom. Learn more by going to nbcbirdclub.com.

Earth Day Cleanup

Lend a hand to save the land! Keep Mattapoissett Beautiful at the Mattapoissett Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 22nd from 9 to 11 a.m. Register on the library's calendar of events at mattapoissettlibrary.org.

Volunteers will meet at the library, 7 Barstow St., to get project assignments and supplies. Keep Massachusetts Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, is sponsoring the clean-up and will provide the necessary supplies. Detailed instructions will be emailed to groups the week prior to the clean-up. Volunteers are invited to enjoy pizza and cookies at the library after the clean-up courtesy of the Mattapoissett Library Trust and Shipyard Galley.

The Mattapoissett Sustainability Partnership is excited to host this clean-up event! The Mattapoissett Sustainability Partnership got its start during a grant initiative at the library, Start Locally – Live Sustainably. The group continues to meet and is taking on projects to raise awareness about food waste, recycling, and climate change. New

members are always welcome to join and upcoming meetings are listed on the library's events calendar. Email mfp1@sailsinc.org for more information about the clean-up or to join the Partnership.

Coin Show

The Coin Club of Greater New Bedford will be holding a coin show at the Westport Town Hall Annex, 865 Main St., Westport, MA, Sun., 4/30, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Featuring 14 dealers displaying and selling all sorts of coins and currency. Coin grading expert Steve Martin will be available to advise you on the value of your coins for a fee.

Visit <https://www.ccgncb.com/> or find them on Facebook for more information.

Spring Concert

Swing into Spring with a live concert!

"Music of Poetry and Love" will be performed by the Sippican Choral Society on Sunday, April 30, at 4 p.m. in Wickenden Chapel at Tabor Academy campus in Marion.

The program includes works by jazz pianist George Shearing, adaptations of poems by e.e. cummings, Robert Frost, and Shakespeare, and "One Hand, One Heart" from West Side Story, among others.

Get tickets at the Marion General Store, the Symphony Shop in Dartmouth, Isabelle's in Mattapoissett, Euro in Fairhaven, and at the door. \$15 for general admission. \$5 for students, and children six and younger can attend free.

Cinderella

The Bishop Stang Theatre Company presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. This original version aired on television in 1957 starring Julie Andrews and later in 1965 starring Lesley Ann Warren. The classic music from this production includes "Ten Minutes Ago," "Impossible," and "In My Own Little Corner." The performances will truly transport the audience into this classic fairy tale. The cast and crew of *Cinderella*, under the direction of Marianne Deramo, have been working hard these past three months to make this production a must see!

There are three performances of *Cinderella* – Thursday, April 27, Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, all at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students, children, and seniors. The show is open to children of all ages.

There is also a special event called, "Bibbidi Bobbidi Bishop Stang," on Saturday, April 29 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Inspired by the popular Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, the Bishop Stang gym will be transformed into a charming place where children can experience being a prince or princess for a day! Starting at noon, children can come and see a preview of the show, take pictures with Cinderella, Prince Charming and the cast, get their hair and nails done, fence (using foam) and play horseshoes with Prince Charming. Children can come dressed up as their favorite prince or princess! Sweet treats will be provided. It will truly be a day out of a fairy tale! This event is for children ages 3-12. Tickets are \$10 per child and parents enter for free (Pre-registration is encouraged: visit bishopstang.org/theatre for registration link).

Whether you are planning to attend a full performance of *Cinderella* or joining in the fun for "Bibbidi Bobbidi Bishop Stang," or a combination of both, the cast and crew of *Cinderella* will be overjoyed to have you! *Cinderella* and "Bibbidi Bobbidi Bishop Stang" take place in the John C. O'Brien gymnasium at Bishop Stang High School, 500 Slocum Rd., North Dartmouth, MA. If you have any questions, please call the school for more information at (508) 996-5602.

Hot Sauce Fest

The Boston Hot Sauce Festival to be held April 29-30, is a two-day celebration that features some of the best hot sauces in the Northeast and held at The Garage B of the Charles River Speedway, 525 Western Avenue, Allston, MA at one of the coolest newer venues in Boston.

This spicy celebration will take place in four sessions and features more than two dozen hot sauce purveyors, spicy hot sauce challenges, amazing food, entertainment and more. Visit <https://www.bostonhotsaucefest.com>

Recipe of the Week

Million Dollar Pie

- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 (8-ounce) cans crushed pineapple, well-drained
- 1 (20-ounce) can pineapple tidbits, well-drained
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 c sweetened shredded coconut
- 2 (8-ounce) containers frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (9-inch) prepared graham cracker crust
- 2 tablespoons coconut, toasted
- 6-8 maraschino cherries

Using a hand-held electric mixer, combine the sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice in a large bowl. Mix until it is slightly thickened.

Then add in the crushed pineapple, pineapple tidbits, 3/4 cup of the pecans, and the shredded coconut, mixing until fully combined.

Fold in 8 ounces of the thawed whipped topping.

Pour the mixture into the prepared crust and smooth over evenly.

Cover and refrigerate for 4-6 hours, or until well chilled.

Before serving, top with the remaining 8 ounces of thawed whipped topping and garnish with the 2 tablespoons of toasted coconut, the remaining 1/4 cup of pecans, and the maraschino cherries. Serve and enjoy!

From CookingProfessionally.com



nod or wave of a paw.

Recently Alice and I were elected to serve on the advisory board for the dog park. After a few meetings, it was evident that Alice knew a lot about dog park management. I also noticed that Alice had a lovely smile, sweet bark, and silky fur. After the meetings, Alice and I walked home together and had great conversations. Some nights I wished we lived miles away so we could have kept on talking. I now realize my feelings about Alice have become romantic.

I don't know how Alice feels about me. I'm not sure if I should lay my cards on the table or wait to see if she makes a move in my direction. I know that Alice has dated in the past and, at present, is not seeing anyone.

Ted

Dear Frankie

Who Would've Thought?

Dear Frankie,
Alice and I live in the same neighborhood. Over the years, we ran into one another at birthday parties, tag sales, and baseball games and said "Hi" with a

Dear Ted,

You might ask whoever told you that Alice isn't seeing anyone if they know if Alice is interested in you. On your next walk home, you could also tell Alice how much you enjoy talking with her and if she would like to hang out with you sometime. If she declines, I think you have your answer.

If, on the other hand, she says yes, then nail down a time. When you meet her, bring a couple of bones and a ball. It's always good to have something to eat or a game to play if there is a lull in the conversation. Be sure to compliment Alice on her bark, hair, and smile. Girls like to be flattered.

If there is a second date, you might ask Alice what she thinks about couples who were friends before they became romantic partners. You could also bite the bullet and tell Alice straight out: A) How much you like her, B) How often you think of her, or C) How much she means to you. Then

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Each Friday we have a pizza party. Additional information including an informational packet is available on our website

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CIT Session 1: Jun 20-30

CIT Session 2: Jul 3-14

CIT Session 3: Jul 17-28

CIT Session 4: Jul 31-Aug 11

CIT Session 5: Aug 14-25

In the Counselor In Training (CIT) program, teens will learn to become summer counselors. Included in this program is CPR, early education tips, job interview skills and much more. CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for 2 week sessions. Children who apply to attend a CIT session must interview with the Director and Program Coordinator before being accepted into the program.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Music at the Sr Ctr

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Social Day Program

The Fairhaven Social Day Program provides a fun day of activities for seniors who are in need of supervision or just want to spend the day socializing with others. The program is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-3:00. Lunch is provided and transportation can be arranged at an additional fee.

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., 4/24 & 26:** How to use YouTube Creator. Class will learn how to create their own YouTube channel and how to navigate the YouTube Creator. Participants must have a Google Gmail Account and at least one video saved on their smart-phone or their personal laptop.

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.: 4/26, Garden City, Cranston, RI; 5/3, Plain Ridge Park Casino; 5/10, Providence Place ma..

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From our readers

Have We All Gone M.A.D.?

I guess if I was to drink only a limited amount of strychnine that I wouldn't die? Right? Guess that's the same line of madness that our brain dead leaders in Washington are telling us about a "limited" engagement of nuclear weapons with Russia. Hmm, I'm glad to know that we've worked that out with Vladimir Putin, President of Russia. What were the negotiations? I'll give you New York for St. Petersburg? Sounds good to me, unless of course you live in New York.

But, hey, it's only a "limited" nuclear bomb. It's not one of those 100 megaton nuclear bombs that can blow up Texas. I'm feeling better already, but then again, I don't live in New York. And of course all that nuclear will stay in New York.

Our leaders make it sound like a nuclear bomb might go off in the morning and that will surely ruin your day but you'll be able to take the kids to school and go to work the following day. After all, it's "limited," it's only a tactical "nuke," stop worrying, nothing to see here, move along.

This war has gone on a 130 billion

dollars too long. There is no victory on the other side of this, there will be no winners, only losers.

Look at Ukraine. A beautiful country over 1,000 years old. A strong and hard working people now destroyed, leveled and the damage that has been inflicted upon it isn't enough. No we have to break out the "limited" nuclear weapons. I guess that's because every young man in Ukraine hasn't died yet in battle, but we're getting close. A couple of "limited" nukes and we can accomplish that goal.

So at what point do we say enough is enough? When the body bags start coming home to America? When the war comes to the shores of the USA? Because understand this!! We are now at war with a country that is more technically advanced than us. They have hypersonic missiles that travel at Mach 6 (4603 MPH) and we don't, and we are unable to shoot them down. You have 12-15 minutes to bend over and kiss your backside goodbye.

This has to stop. We are on the precipice of the greatest disaster mankind has ever known. And one that we (this generation) won't recover

from and succeeding generations to follow.

Maybe we can get back to wanting our kids to do better than us, because if this continues, there is no future and what's more there is no America, we will be recorded in the pages of history. I encourage you to Google "What happens when a nuclear bomb goes off" and secondly, start calling our elected officials and telling them **END THIS WAR NOW**. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, 617-5653170; Sen. Edward Markey, 617-565-8519; Rep. William Keating, 508-771-6868; Rep. Stephen Lynch, 617-428-2000.

I thank you, and your children and grandchildren thank you.

Allen B. Lentini, Fairhaven

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Two Fairhaven Firefighters graduate from academy



By Beth David
Editor

Two Fairhaven firefighters graduated from the Mass. Firefighting Academy on 3/31/23. FF Diondre Gomes and FF Ryan DeLorey have been with the department since August 2022, said Fairhaven Fire-EMS on its Facebook page. "They have been doing a fantastic job and we are excited to have them return to shift with their expanded knowledge they received at the Academy," they posted.

LEFT: L-R: Fairhaven Firefighters Diondre Gomes and Ryan DeLorey stand for a photo after graduating from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. on 3/31/23. Photo by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Neighb News files Open Meeting Law complaint against BPW

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Neighborhood News filed an Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint against the Fairhaven Board of Public Works on 3/31/23.

The *Neighb News* got tipped off that the board had discussed an item in executive session that should have been addressed in open session at its 3/13/23 meeting. The item was a report by Tighe and Bond with proposals for the replacement of the Goulart Memorial Bridge.

According to Mass. General Law, after a complaint is filed, the board is supposed to disseminate the complaint to all members of the board; meet to review the complaint within 14 business days; respond to the complainant in writing with whatever actions they have taken to address the complaint; and send the Attorney General a copy of the response.

At its meeting on 4/10, the BPW listed "Causeway Road Bridge" as an item, but did not specify that it was an OML complaint. The bridge, also known as the causeway, is at the end of Goulart Memorial Drive. At the

point where Goulart reaches the causeway/bridge, the road name changes to Causeway Road, and continues to West Island.

Superintendent of Public Works Vinnie Furtado began the discussion, explaining that the board convened in executive session to discuss possible litigation for repairs to the water main on the north side of the bridge. He said that when they were in executive session, it was with the same engineer who was working on the bridge replacement options. Mr. Furtado said the engineer brought up the subject of the bridge replacement in executive session and that is why the discussion took place then, along with a printed copy of the proposal.

At the 4/10 meeting Mr. Furtado explained briefly what the presentation was about, with the different options for repairing and replacing the bridge, calling it a "sneak preview" that the engineer presented.

The presentation was placed on the screen for remote viewers to see.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said it was not that they did not want to show the presentation. He said

nothing was "etched in stone."

Both Mr. Furtado and Mr. Wotton said they had not intended to discuss the bridge replacement project at the 3/13 meeting.

Mr. Furtado also said the project will be in front of the Select Board in a couple of months, and he stressed that the presentation was a preliminary one and may change before it gets to the SB.

He also said there are many steps before and after this point. The project started at least three years ago, with funding approved, obviously, to pay Tighe & Bond for the report. He said the project was presented to the West Island Improvement Association, noting that as an example that the board was not trying to keep it a secret.

Mr. Wotton said the project was at least 10 years out.

"Truth be told, it should not have been in executive session," said Mr. Furtado, but again stressed it was not anything they wanted to hide.

Neighb News editor Beth David joined the meeting by Zoom and

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Select Board member Keith Silvia suggested they ask the Board of Public Works to spray some yellow paint on the curbs to mark legal spots.

Ms. Chew noted that the marina has direct access to Main Street on the other side, by a private road.

Lt. Sobral said there is a fence at that entrance and it is only open seasonally. It is not a "true public way."

The board voted unanimously to restrict parking to the north side of the street.

The board also held a public hearing to discontinue Shirley Street, which is behind A&A Auto, which is a used car dealer and repair shop. The business expanded by buying an adjacent piece of property. Shirley Street runs between the two parcels and comes to a dead end there because the state shut off its access to Route 6 decades ago.

"It's a road to nowhere," said David Davignon, the engineer presenting the plans. He said the Fairhaven Planning Board had made the suggestion to discontinue the road.

The board discussed what it means to discontinue the road, including if they can put restrictions on it afterwards.

Typically, explained Mr. Davignon, when a road is discontinued, each abutter takes have the road, from the center line to their respective properties. In this case, the same owner abuts both sides, so the property would become part of A&A.

Rouba Sarkis, who owns A&A with her husband Alex, said they were advised by the Planning Board to ask for the discontinuance.

Mr. Davignon noted that they were "urged" to do it.

Resident Al Oullette, who

acknowledge a long history of complaining against A&A said they would be the only ones to benefit from it. He said the company is still parking vehicles on the street.

"You can't talk to these people," said Mr. Oullette. "They're abusing the neighborhood."

Resident Michell Costen said she felt that the town does not listen to long time residents.

A lot of people who "made Fairhaven what it is are not being considered," she said.

Select Board member Stasia Powers said she was concerned that the road would get blocked.

The board voted to hold a special election on Monday, June 5, for voters to decide on a \$450,000 override of Prop. 2 1/2.

Ms. Sarkis said that was their intention, and it would not be a public road anymore. She added that she felt they were being attached for something they were advised to do by the town.

Select Board member Bob Espindola said it he liked it when they listened to other boards, but it also makes sense to listen to Mr. Oullette. He suggested they learn more about (1) ownership, (2) public safety/access of emergency vehicles, and (3) overflow on the street.

The fire chief submitted a letter saying he had no problem with the

discontinuance. Select Board member Keith Silvia said he spoke with the PB chair, and she said the whole board was in favor of the move.

Town Planner Paul Foley submitted a letter saying that the company was not fully in compliance with the conditions of the special permit.

Mr. Davignon addressed those concerns, saying the company was waiting on contractors for repairs to the building, and other issues were being addressed.

Owner Alex Sarkis said that Mr. Oullette can no longer see the truck form his house. Mr. Sarkis said he has the right to put his truck anywhere on his property. He said they constructed a fence, and he puts his personal car behind the fence.

In the end the board voted to continue the public hearing to get more information.

The board also continued a pole hearing for Eversource to place two poles and create 10 new manholes on Causeway Road and Alder Street on West Island.

Abutter Dan Wood joined the meeting by Zoom to say the location of one of the poles would be halfway down the property line, right in the middle of their frontage.

He said it would "affect our use and enjoyment of our property."

He said there are already poles there and he asked if they could put the new poles in the same place.

Jessica Elder, speaking for Eversource, said the company needed to add poles to take the weight off some of the ones already there.

The board continued the hearing until the May 1 meeting. Ms. Elder said she will contact the engineers to ask about alternative locations.

Fairhaven Firefighters, town reach contract agreement

Press Release

Fairhaven Firefighters IAFF Local 1555 is happy to announce that our organization has reached an agreement with the Town Administration of Fairhaven to modify the current collective bargaining agreement. Additionally, we have reached an agreement for a new contract moving forward until 2025. This has been a long, challenging, and difficult fight for our Union and members however this agreement shows that it was worth it. We have, from the beginning,

fought not just for our members' labor rights but for the safety of every resident of the Town we so proudly serve.

This new contract does not just provide raises to our members which will help them support themselves and their families as the cost of living continues to rapidly increase. Local 1555 has also successfully added language that secures a staffing policy that will now enable the Department to run more safely at seven firefighters per shift as opposed to six, which is what they run at present.

Additionally, we have secured the successful hiring of the four additional firefighters, which some elected officials had been attempting to leverage for political support. Local 1555 would like to recognize the hard work of our attorney and labor rights champion, Leah Brarrult, and her team from Barrault and Associates LLC as well as the overwhelming outpouring of support from our residents of Fairhaven who spoke out against the threats to cut our staffing and let their voices be heard.

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Acushnet News & Events

Library Ultimate Road Trip

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to announce they will be participating in the SAILS Ultimate Road Trip from Tuesday, April 18 through Saturday, April 29. Patrons who visit during the event period can check-in at the Circulation Desk for a copy of the Ultimate Road Trip map and receive a stamp.

The Acushnet Public Library will offer the following programs as part of the SAILS Ultimate Road Trip:

- 4/21 @ 3:30 pm The Toe Jam Variety Show under the pavilion
- 4/24 @ 2 pm Movie Matinee – A Man Called Otto
- 4/29 @ 12 pm Hot Club Cheese Roll Concert under the pavilion

For more details please visit our online calendar at acupl.org.

The SAILS Ultimate Road Trip encourages patrons to visit their local libraries and see the local sights. Take the Ultimate Library

Road Trip by exploring libraries in the SAILS Library Network between April 18 and 29. Your SAILS Library card works at them all so feel free to borrow something while you're there. Many Libraries will have special events or a treat for Library Road Trippers during these two weeks.

Find the map of participating SAILS Libraries and events and suggested local sights at MALibraryRoadTrip.com. Take your Ultimate Library Road Trip this spring!

Treasures in the Attic

Join Bob Martin from the New Bedford COA programs, Buried in Treasure and Fresh Start, on Wednesday, May 3rd, 11:00 a.m. at the Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, as he discusses the state of collectibles and the valuables that may be hiding in your attic.

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stressed that the board not only discussed the issue in executive session, but also routinely does not note on its agenda what executive session items are about. It is still unclear what case the board was talking about in executive session with Tighe & Bond because the board never identified the case by name.

Ms. David also took issue with

them "pooh poohing" the violation.

Mr. Wotton said that in 12 years he had never had an OML complaint so they did not know the steps on what to do.

He said they had no idea the engineer would bring up the issue.

"They sprung it on us," said Mr. Wotton.

He said he hoped they had

addressed the issue and appreciated the newspaper keeping them "in check." He also said Ms. David should reach out to him directly when there is an issue.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday May 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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1. 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. garage with a living space above attached to the existing house via 20 ft. by 10 ft. deck and a 20 ft. by 12 ft. breezeway, 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. — Continued from March 7, 2023. Readvertised with updated information for May 2, 2023.

2. REF#: ZBA-023-010: 33 Whisper Lane, Map 42A, Lot 196. Applicant and owner: Jose E. Pinda. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation business to operate a Painting business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B. (4) Building trades.

3. REF#: ZBA-023-013: Capeview Street, Map 29D,

Lots 180-181. Applicant and owner: Michael Gaj. Applicant seeks a Variance for the construction of a 30 ft. x 40 ft. house on a 14,400 sq ft. lot which is under the 30,000 sq ft. minimum lot size and with 120 ft. of frontage vs. the 140 ft. minimum requirement in the Rural Residential District, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule.

4. REF#: ZBA-023-014: 40 Nelson Ave, Map 43, Lot 233. Applicant and owner: Christopher J. Wolkowicz. Applicant seeks a 2 ft. Variance for the construction of a replacement house on the lot where the planned 37 ft. height of the building will exceed the maximum 35 ft. allowed in the Rural Residential District, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
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For the most part they are hypocrites. They say they care about social justice, racial equality, climate change. However, their lifestyle belies their claims. Many live in gated communities' elaborate homes and have armed guards to protect themselves, fly in private jets, live an expatriate life style.

The results of Biden's presidency have been a complete disaster for America. To name a few, start with energy independence. He shut down the Keystone* pipeline, stopped drilling for gas on federal land. He is depleting our federal oil reserves, when this runs out be prepared for shortages and price increases.

Our border with Mexico is wide open. There is no control over who or what is crossing it. As a result, fentanyl is pouring in killing thousands, many who are young. Sex traffickers, cartel members, and Chinese nationals are pouring in. No sovereign nation can exist without borders.

The respect and prestige of our nation is at an all time low. China has infiltrated our universities and media with its extensive army of spies. Consider Tik Tok which is an exten-

sion of China. Starting with morality suggesting there is no right or wrong. Sexuality is what you make of it. It denies the fact you are born either male or female and you can't change it. The bible clearly states God made us man and woman. Also, it promotes racial strife.

The latest instances and provocations of Russian and Chinese aggression were born by the Chinese spy balloon and Russia downing our drone over international water.

The Afghanistan debacle is probably the worst in American history, where we abandoned hundreds of Americans and thousands of Afghans. I believe it's the reason Putin invaded Ukraine. If Trump was president I believe it would never have happened.

China's goal of world domination and the suppression of America is accelerating. They are buying land next to our military bases, building military bases on the west coast of Africa. They are building military bases in the eastern Pacific, forming alliances with Russia, Iran, and even Saudi Arabia.

Presently Donald Trump is under attack by a slew of phony charges. I feel certain that if he gets fair and honest treatment he will be proven innocent. Just the way he was in the Mueller investigation despite millions of dollars spent and hundreds of witnesses.**

Thanks to Elon Musk buying out Twitter and his

releasing the hundreds of texts which reveal the collusion between the top officials of the FBI, justice department and others of the Abama Administration. Which suppressed all the information of Hunter Biden's laptop which contained information regarding details of arrangements where favor for favorable trade deals and access to American markets they would wire funds into phony corporations. This was also corroborated by Tony Boblinski who was a naval officer who had top security clearance.

Hillary Clinton was investigated by a house committee about the role she played in the phony Steel Dossier used to obtain the warrants used by the FISA courts in the phony Russian collusion case brought against Trump. The result after \$30+ million and hundreds of witnesses: nothing. She was fined \$130,000*** for this illegal action. However, no charges were brought against her for destroying evidence when she bleached all her hard drives and destroyed her cell phones with hammers.

Attorney General Merrick Garland sends FBI agents against parents who speak out at school committee meetings where boys are allowed to go into girls' bathrooms.****

With the present-day Democrats, the rule of law with equal justice means nothing. This present-day case brought against Trump has no legal standing. It was looked at and dismissed by federal officials and even AG Alvin Bragg himself. However, just like Hillary to gain some notoriety and standing with the Democrats and Trump haters, he brought it forward. Nancy Pelosi stated he has to prove himself inno-

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ask her if she feels the same way about you.

Best, Frankie

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cent. I thought, in American, you are innocent until you are proven guilty.

If the Democrats gain control, this is the world you and our children will live in.

John Pond, Fairhaven

**The Keystone Pipeline was stopped before Trump or Biden became president. Trump tried to revive it but it stayed tied up in the courts.*

***Mueller did not exonerate Trump. He clearly stated "no" when asked the direct question. Trump was not indicted because it is a Justice Department policy not to indict a sitting president.*

****Hillary Clinton was fined \$8,000 and the Democratic National Committee was fined \$105,000 for labeling payment for the report as legal services. The fine was not for the report, or how it was obtained.*

*****The FBI does not flag parents who speak out at school committee meetings. It does, however, flag and investigate threats made at school committee meetings.*

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

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Tues., 5/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/24, Arsene St., 5:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Wed., 4/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/20, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m. (Budget)

Wed., 5/10, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 5/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Wed., 4/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 4/24, Town Hall, Time TBA

TIDE TABLE

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

	April 2023		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	
Thursday	20	0846	2107	0300*	1433*
Friday	21	0931	2152	0337*	1510*
Saturday	22	1016	2236	0404*	1545
Sunday	23	1101	2321	0429	1618
Monday	24	1148	----	0457	1652
Tuesday	25	0010	1241	0531	1729
Wednesday	26	0105	1339	0614	1817
Thursday	27	0201	1433	0722	1930
Friday	28	0254	1526	0849	2052
Saturday	29	0349	1625	1126	2347

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Knitting for a cause

Press Release

Over the fall and winter months, residents of Bedford Towers in New Bedford, Borden East and Borden West in Fall River, and Fairhaven Village in Fairhaven participated in a new program called "Knit for A Cause" under the direction of Regional Wellness Nurse Linda Harrison, RN, BA.

Residents were invited to join Linda to knit and crochet items for local charities. All materials were donated by Peabody Properties and Linda taught residents to knit who

were eager to learn. Knitting every week helped residents reduce isolation while learning new skills.

The Southcoast Health Ambassadors Group was chosen as the recipient of the knit and crocheted hats for their "New Beginnings Baby Baskets" program. This program provides baby baskets to support newborns born with drug exposure with the hopes of improving long term outcomes. The group services patients of local hospitals: Charlton Memorial, St. Luke's and Tobey. Representatives from the Southcoast Health Ambassadors group visited the residents and collected items for the program expressing immense gratitude for their contributions. In total, 399 hats and two blankets were donated to this worthy cause.



ABOVE, L-R: Regional Wellness Nurse for Peabody Properties, Linda Harrison, RN, BA; and Fairhaven Village resident Diane Edwards pose next to some of the 399 hats knitted by residents for charity in the "Knit for a Cause" program. LEFT, L-R: Sisters and Fairhaven Village residents Mildred Towers and Barbara Dearden knit items. *Submitted photos.*



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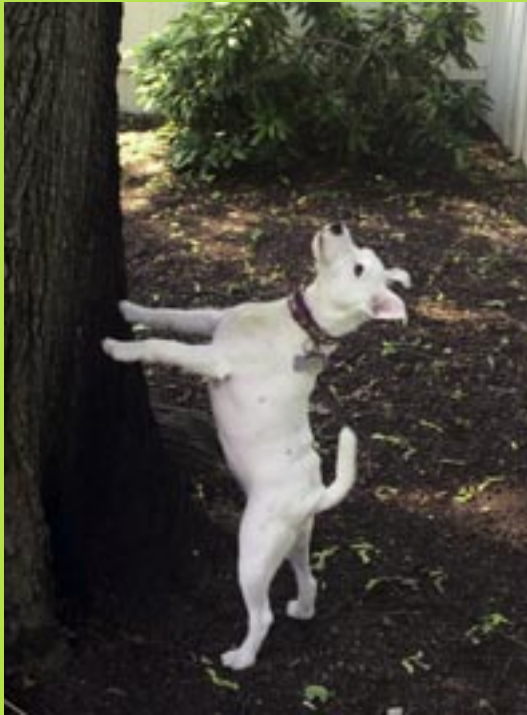


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