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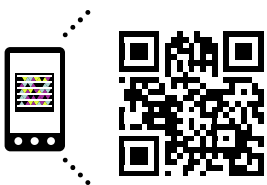
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Happy first birthday to Sunny!



Students from Old Colony Regional Voc-Tech pose with Sunny, Acushnet's comfort dog, with the dog house they made for her first birthday and presented at an assembly at Acushnet Elementary School on 5/2/23, L-R: Zora Forcier, Olivia deSousa, Carter Rioux, Dante Andrade, and Sunny. See page 7 for story. *Photo by Beth David*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, I know I was supposed to rant about something this week, but, it's just too late. Maybe I'll remember what it was for next week.

We have a seriously jam-packed issue this week.

First, how about that Sunny, huh? She's such a cuddly one. See page 7 to read all about her first birthday bash with the Acushnet students.

Speaking of Acushnet, we have the candidates night on page 19.

And on page 12, you'll find Fairhaven's Town Meeting. They passed the larger budget, the contingent budget, and a backup budget (no, really, they did).

They passed a ban on plastic grocery bags and nips. Oh, and Acushnet is a Purple Heart town (page 6).

Gee, what else?

Oh, right, Acushnet voters, get out there on Saturday and cast your vote. You have two contested races. The voters need to choose.

Stamp out Hunger is this Saturday, too (see page 3). Be sure to put out a few canned goods in or near your mailbox so your letter carrier can pick them up.

There's a cleanup at the Rogers School, too, on Saturday.

Busy day.

And, don't forget that water flushing is going on around town. They should notify you if they're going to be in your neighborhood (see page 5).

The Happenings are picking up, and you can find listings and announcements all over these pages.

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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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# Acushnet election, Stamp Out Hunger this Saturday

## Acushnet Election

Acushnet will hold its annual election on Saturday, 5/13/23, with polls open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School.

There are two contested races on the ballot this year, with two candidates running for one seat on the Selectboard, and three candidates running for two seats on the School Committee. Eric Chew is challenging incumbent David Wojnar for a seat on the Selectboard.

The School Committee has two seats up for election. Incumbent Ronald Houde, Jr., Melissa Cordeira, and Ebony McGlynn are running.

No other races are contested.

See page 19 for a story on the candidates night last week.

Contact the Town Clerk for more information at 508-998-0215. The Acushnet Town Clerk's office is located in the Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street, Acushnet.

## Stamp Out Hunger

Every now and then you may have the urge to help out your community

in some way but you may not know how? Here's an easy way to do that.

On Saturday, May 13, your postal letter carrier will be delivering mail and at the same time be picking up donated non-perishable food along his or her route. This food will eventually be delivered to a local food bank or pantry that help out the less fortunate in your area.

So..... what can you do? Simply look in your pantry and find non-perishable food, that is NOT outdated. Or, next time you're at your grocery store, please consider purchasing some extra canned goods. This food could then be placed on your porch or by your mailbox on the morning of Saturday, May 13th by 8 AM, and your letter carrier will do the rest. It's that simple.

Over the course of the past 30 years, the U.S. Postal Service, in conjunction with the National Association of Letter Carriers, has worked in partnership making sure that our country's food banks will have enough food to help feed the hungry. This "Stamp Out Hunger" program has accumulated over 1.82

billion pounds of food throughout our 50 states including Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Visit <https://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive> for more information.

## One Week to Huttleston MP

Just one more week before the Huttleston Marketplace opens for the season. Runs Saturdays, May 20 through September 30, 2023 (except last Saturday in June), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring as many as 76 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is a MDAR certified farmers market, allowing certified farm vendors to accept WIC and Senior FMNP coupons. It is held rain or shine.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Stamp Out Hunger

The annual Post Office food drive is this Sat., 5/13. See page 3 for details.

## Water Flushing

Water flushing is still ongoing in Fairhaven. You can be notified by phone, text, or email when your neighborhood is scheduled to be flushed. The process cleans out the pipes and can cause discoloration of water. You should not use hot water at all during the process. Call the Water Department at 508-979-4032 for more information.

## Book Club

Thurs., 5/18, at the Millicent Library. See page 14 for details.

## Paint Along

Join the Fairhaven Fine Arts Department for a fun Paint-A-Long event spotlighting a Fairhaven landscape on Sat., 5/13, from 10-11 a.m., at Fairhaven Town hall, 40 Center St.. Ages 7-12 are welcome and spaces are limited so sign up soon to reserve your spot. All materials will be provided for this class but aprons or paint shirts are encouraged.

Sign up at <https://www.kellysmithstudios.com/paintingclass> by May 9th to reserve your spot!

## Rogers School Cleanup

All are welcome to join us for a community spring clean-up of Rogers Grammar School exterior grounds, 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, on Sat., 5/13, at 10 a.m. Bring your rake and gloves. It will be a fun time. Sponsored by the Rogers Re-Use Committee.

## Community Garden

Have you ever wanted to try gardening but didn't know where to start? Perhaps you're interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Maybe your yard is too small or too shady for a garden? Or maybe, you just want to be part of a "growing green" community?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you're in luck. The Fairhaven Community Garden has

garden beds available at three locations in town: East Fairhaven Elementary School, Hastings Middle School and Wood Elementary School. The annual fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed. All gardeners agree to use organic practices only.

If you are interested or have a question, visit our website at [fairhavencommunitygarden.org](http://fairhavencommunitygarden.org) where you'll find more information and the 2023 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at [sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org](mailto:sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org).

## Stars & Stripes

A musical salute to the troops on Armed Forces Day. On May 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM and 7:00PM, Seaglass Theater Company will present Stars & Stripes in Babbitt Hall in the historic First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center St.

In the spirit of an old-fashioned USO show, Seaglass Theater Company presents a concert of rousing patriotic numbers and timeless classics celebrating the men and women who have served our country. Be transported back to the USO clubs of yesteryear, where servicemen got a ham sandwich, a cup of coffee, and a dance with a pretty girl before shipping off to war. Enjoy patriotic songs and dance hall favorites from "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" to "God Bless America" to "The Sound of Silence" with a live band and professional singers.

Tickets range from \$15-30 and may be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stars-stripes-tickets-544539852357>. Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concerts at the First Congregational Church a half hour before the performance. As part of the Card to Culture Program, EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare card holders can purchase tickets to Stars & Stripes for \$10 at the door a half hour before the performance just by showing their card. For more information, visit [www.seaglasstheater.com](http://www.seaglasstheater.com) or call 508-951-7187.

## Make a Float

Get started now to make a float for Fairhaven's Fourth of July parade and Antique Car Cruise on Tuesday, July

4, 2023.

The car cruise will assemble at Fairhaven High School at 8:00 AM to raise the flag at 8:30 AM. The cruise will begin promptly at 8:45 AM.

Please join the celebration by joining the parade with a float, costume or just "comfortable marching shoes" to say Happy Birthday America! If you are willing and able to participate in the parade, please note the time of assembly is 8:00 AM at Cushman Park. The parade will follow the car cruise down Green Street to Fort Phoenix.

For further information email [July4thParade@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:July4thParade@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Prop 2 1/2 Override

The town of Fairhaven has created an informational video on the Proposition 2 1/2 override. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7YxSoGjggs>

For additional information, please visit the Override Hub on the Town Website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/ty2024-override-information-hub>

## SAVE THE DATES

### Flagging Veterans Graves

The Fairhaven Veterans Agent and volunteers will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Riverside Cemetery on Sat., 5/20, at 10 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged to join them. Rain date is 5/21.

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

### Mem. Day Parade

Mon., 5/29, meet at 9:30 a.m., step off at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to march.

Parade route: From Union and Main Streets north along Main to Fairhaven High School for the raising of the big flag, and continue to Riverside Cemetery for a short ceremony. There will be a gathering at the VFW, 109 Middle Street, after the activities.

Proudly sponsored by VFW Post 2892, Fairhaven Lions Club, and Fairhaven Veterans Service Office.

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

*INCLEMENT WEATHER: If it rains on Memorial Day, a service will be held at 10 a.m. at the VFW.*

# Acushnet is a Purple Heart Town

By Beth David  
Editor

The town of Acushnet held a ceremony on Sunday, 5/7/23, commemorating its designation as a Purple Heart Town. About 50 people gathered at Acushnet's Veterans Memorial to hear some remarks and to honor veterans.

Selectboard chairperson David Wojnar read a proclamation by the Selectboard declaring "great

admiration and the utmost gratitude" for those serving their country in the Armed Forces.

"Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way," read Mr. Wojnar. "...The contributions and sacrifices of the men and woman who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by

our citizens."

The proclamation states that citizens receive the Purple Heart "as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service.

SB member Kevin Gaspar also spoke, telling the crowd it was a fitting venue for the event; the memorial is a "solemn reminder of

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LEFT: Purple Heart recipients pose with local officials after a ceremony announcing Acushnet a Purple Heart Town at the Veterans Memorial on 5/7/23, L-R/FRONT: Purple Heart Recipients Barry Alves, Rick Janson, Roger Fredette, Patrick Robitaille; L-R/BACK: Mass. State Rep. Paul Schmid, Acushnet Selectboard members, Bob Hinckley, Kevin Gaspar, David Wojnar. RIGHT: Rick Janson addresses the crowd with the Acushnet Selectboard behind him. Photos by Beth David.



## Acushnet, Every Vote Counts! Saturday, May 13th

Ask yourself something, is Acushnet any better than it was three years ago when my opponent took office? Everyone talks about a new set of eyes and change; I believe I am what you've been asking for. I don't have just one agenda item nor any pet projects.



*A vote for Chew is a vote for change.*



## Eric Chew for Selectboard

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# Happy Birthday, Sunny!

By Beth David  
Editor

Acushnet's comfort dog, Sunny, celebrated her first birthday, complete with gifts, treats, songs, and lots of photos of her life, and, of course, in great company: The entire Acushnet Elementary School.



Students from Old Colony Regional Voc-Tech High School designed and built a doghouse for Sunny, and presented it to her on Tuesday, 5/2.

Carter Rioux and Dante Andrade used CAD (Computer Aided Design) to create the plans. Then they built a small scale model, which was a good thing because they had to make some adjustments.

"Always make a model," said Mr. Andrade.

Juniors Olivia deSousa and Zora Forcier, who are in the carpentry program, built the dog house working from a picture of the model built by their classmates.



"I like it, it came out nice," said Mr. Rioux.

"Carpentry did good," said Mr. Andrade.

Students wore yellow to show their love for Sunny, and a slide show with lots of pictures of her played on the big screen while music, including "Here Comes the Sun," and "Sunny (One so True, I love you)."

"It may be raining outside, but the sun is shining at Acushnet Elementary."

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ABOVE: Students from Old Colony Regional Voc-Tech unveil the dog house they made for Sunny, Acushnet's comfort dog, for her first birthday, at an assembly at Acushnet Elementary School on 5/2/23. L-R: Olivia deSousa, Zora Forcier, Dante Andrade, Carter Rioux, and School Resource Officer and Sunny's handler, Derek Cathcart. TOP LEFT: Sunny checks out her gift. TOP RIGHT: Sunny shows her appreciation for her first birthday gift to Officer Cathcart. Photos by Beth David.

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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Demoiselles d'Avignon. At the Lapin Agile, they have a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent, while interacting with a host of other characters. In an article for The Observer (March 13, 2009),

Playwright Steve Martin states "...the play attempts to explain, in a light-hearted way, the similarity of the creative process involved in great leaps of imagination in art and science."

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## AHA!

The Next AHA Night Themed "City Views" Is Coming up on Thursday, May 11th - Presented by Hallkeen Management and First Citizens AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) provides a free platform for New Bedford's creative community to showcase their talents collectively; making arts, culture, and creative expression accessible to all. AHA! Night offers a meeting place for community partners on the 2nd Thursday of the month, when artistic expression is everywhere and open to everyone: encouraging fun, provoking-thought and nurturing the soul. Join us downtown to shop in various galleries, relax in downtown restaurants, and participate in all the fun events AHA! Night has to offer!

**Free Henna and Crafts at Youth Services, 4:00pm**

New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street. Join us on AHA!

nights for a free henna tattoo by Mandy from Wicked Good Henna! There is no registration required and will be available while supplies last. Hope to see you there! This program is supported by a grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Historic Houses of New Bedford, May 11, 2023, 6:00-7:00pm**

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks, 608 Pleasant Street. Gather at the James Arnold Mansion, 427 County Street. This tour highlights important houses that have not been seen in previous video productions. All of the properties are located in the Old Bedford Village and County Street Historic Districts.

**Hip Hop Cypher! 7:00pm**

CO+ Creative Center, 137 Union Street The AHA! Cyphers will be happening from April - September at the Co-Creative Center from 7:00 - 9:00pm. The Cyphers will feature a local emcee and producer who will be highlight and featured during the cyphers. The featured emcee will improvisationally rhyme over instrumentals in a rap cypher that will also include the emcees from the public. The featured producer will be highlighted with a 30 minute segment of their instrumental that the emcees will rhyme over. The featured emcee will also have a 30 minute performance set at the end of the cypher.

## Volunteer Fair

Thurs., 5/11, Custom House Square, 21 Barkers Lane, New Bedford, 5-7 p.m. Explore opportunities for volunteering at local cultural and educational organizations in New Bedford. Visitors to the Fair can talk to staff from each organization, pick up application materials, and enjoy learning more about the city's cultural assets.

Participating organizations include: Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park, New Bedford Art Museum, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Our Sisters' School, Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, Buzzard's Bay Coalition, and The Zeiterion. This event is free and part of AHA night.

## Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios, New Bedford's most comprehensive group of artists, are pleased to announce Open Studios 88/90 Hatch Street on Saturday, May 6th, 10a.m.-5p.m. and Sunday, May 7th, 11a.m.- 5 p.m. Hatch Street Studios is the vibrant creative hub for more than 65 visual and performing artists

Visitors are invited to tour the artists' studios, watch demonstrations, participate in workshops, listen to live music, and purchase unique gifts and fine art in a setting steeped in architectural history. Available artworks will include paintings, pottery, prints, photographs, textile art, sculpture, jewelry, fine furniture, and glass, as well as installation art and live music.

For more information, visit: <http://www.hatchstreetstudios.com>

## Walking Tours

Walkways: Exploring the People and Places of Historic New Bedford will take place on AHA! Nights every second Thursday in May, June, July, August, and September from 6:00pm to 7:00pm unless otherwise stated.

This series is made possible by the generous support of the New Bedford Local Cultural Council.

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Visit <http://www.nbpreservation.society.org>

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For information, call Joe Pacheco, Commodore, Ft. Rodman Marine Educational Association/Low Tide Yacht Club, 774-322-0558.



# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Relay For Life

Fairhaven resident Angela Bariteau will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in June. Help her reach her goal by donating at <http://main.acevents.org/goto/angie>

## Water Power Talk

Mills at the Head of Westport and Beyond, Sat., 5/13, 10 a.m., at the Mill Pond Conservation Area, 62 Reed Road, Westport MA (Parking available at the Council on Aging)

Westport contains waterpower sources in virtually every section of town. From the mid-18th century into the 19th century, the Head of Westport area served as the town's center of water-powered mills. Mills ranged from simple short-term wheels along seasonal streams to extensive complexes of multiple mill types along major streams and rivers. Join local historian Richard Gifford and others to learn more about the history and location of these mills. The discussion will be followed by a short walk to view the remnants of an old mill dam.

This event will be held outside at the Mill Pond Conservation Area. Some seating will be provided. In the event of rain, this program will be held at the Westport Public Library.

Co-sponsored by Westport Land Conservation Trust and Westport Historical Society.

## Craft Fair

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair, Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd, Mattapoisett, Sat., 5/13, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Mother's Day Gifts!** Art, Jewelry, Candles, Handcrafted Gifts & More! Raffle table with items from our amazing vendors! Proceeds will be donated to a local women's shelter.

## Mother's Day 5K

Women Run is teaming up with United Way of Greater New Bedford's Women United to host the first annual Women Run UNITED Mother's Day 5K Run! This will be a fun, healthy way to start your Mother's Day while honoring the amazing women in your life and supporting other women in the community.

Sun., 5/14, starts at 9 a.m., YMCA 276 Gulf Rd, Dartmouth.

A scenic 5k run and fund-raiser. Starts at the Dartmouth YMCA, over the Padanaram bridge, through the village, and finishes at the YMCA.

Learn more and register today at [womenrununited.racewire.com!](http://womenrununited.racewire.com!)

## Art Exhibit

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, is pleased to announce its newest exhibit featuring paintings by Anne Carrozza Remick and Stephen Remick, on display May 12-June 24, with an artists' reception scheduled Friday, May 12 from 5:00-7:00pm.

This event is free and open to the public, one of many SouthCoast Spring Arts events at the MAC.

See Anne Remick's still life paintings which celebrate the beauty found in "the solitude of simple objects" through her use of expressive color and unexpected composition. Paintings by Stephen Remick include landscapes, plein air paintings, and some figurative works that capture the "backyard and beyond."

Guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists and ask questions at the reception.

Learn more and see all upcoming events at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

## Art Exhibit

Come visit the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., from May 16 – June 14 to view the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series Exhibit called *Reflecting Pools – Wooden Sculptures* by Nathaniel Fuchs, who was born and raised in Mattapoisett. Fuchs's works, inspired primarily by the outdoors, focus on themes such as reflection, simplicity, and nature. His work was created with a specific intention rather than a single meaning. The meaning comes from the viewer and what their moment in thought brings to the work. Three sets of wooden sculptures are grouped together on a mirrored surface to evoke feelings of thoughtful reflection as a stream or spring might in nature.

In addition to his main work, Fuchs is also displaying assorted linocut prints and photographs. Fuchs is now a Rhode Island-based epidemiologist working towards solutions for the overdose epidemic. Aside from his passion for public health, Fuchs has

always been fascinated with crafting meaningful works of art. Starting from a young age, he created works as gifts for family and friends. Having now developed skill sets in several artistic genres, Fuchs is launching his artistic career in various mediums

The Library is free and accessible to all.

## Cape Bridges

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will host an in-person Open House for the Cape Cod Bridges Program on Wednesday, May 17, at the Bourne Veteran's Memorial Community Center, 239 Main St, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532, from noon, through 3:00 p.m. and then from 5:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of this event is to provide the public with opportunity to discuss the alternatives presented in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) that is scheduled for publication in the May 10, 2023, edition of the MEPA Environmental Monitor.

For more info on the Open House, visit <https://tinyurl.com/57edxw4t>

For more information on the Cape Cod Bridges Program, please visit the website: <https://www.mass.gov/cape-bridges>.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Free Concerts

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to offer two outdoor concerts during the month of May at our outdoor pavilion behind the library, 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet.

**On Wednesday, May 24 at 6 pm** the Ford Middle School Chorus, led by Music and Band Teacher Brian Shanbrun will sing a program of songs to celebrate the start of summer.

**On Wednesday, May 31, at 6 p.m.** the Acushnet Public Library welcomes the Judy and Barry DeRossi Quintet. The quintet will be performing songs from the Great American songbook, French and Brazilian songs and more from the 70's and 80's. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Please bring a chair or blanket to enjoy these concerts under the pavilion or on the library lawn.

# Recipe of the Week

## Fluffiest Scrambled Eggs

*The secret to the Fluffiest Scrambled Eggs is simplicity. All it takes is a gentle touch and low heat.*

- 4 large eggs
- salt, to taste
- 4 teaspoons butter

Whisk the eggs together with the salt until they are completely combined and the eggs are very foamy.

Melt the butter over low heat in a skillet until bubbling.

Add the whisked eggs and cook, stirring constantly, until the eggs are thickened, creamy, and still shiny, about 2-3 minutes. You should look for moist, even curds.

Remove the scrambled eggs from the heat while they are still shiny and before they start to look dry.

Serve.

From [CookingProfessionally.com](http://CookingProfessionally.com)



me from then on so I would understand my teacher when she enrolled me in a doggie daycare in Paris.

Since I got the news, my head has been swimming with thoughts about what this move means. I will be leaving my best friends at daycare and the dog park. I have known these guys since I was a puppy, and we have been through thick and thin together. Then there will be no more treats from Luigi, the barber, when he cuts my dad's hair; and no more time with Jim, my groomer; and Sally, who house-sits when my parents go on vacation.

Every day I think of something else I will be leaving behind. How does one cope when they move away from a life they have always known and enjoyed?

Susannah

Dear Susannah, Moving away isn't easy, particularly when the decision is not

# Dear Frankie

## The Promotion

Dear Frankie, My dad was beyond excited when he told us he got a big promotion, and we were moving to France for two years.

My mom said she would only speak French to

yours. How you cope is first to acknowledge what you will be missing. Then devise a plan with your friends to use texts, face time, and Zoom meetings to stay in touch.

The next thing you do is research life for a dog in France, so you know what to expect. French people love their dogs and take them everywhere with them. It's not uncommon to see dogs shopping with their family in department and grocery stores, out to lunch, and visiting at the homes and events of friends.

Transportation for dogs in Paris is done by car, bus, the subway (called the Metro), scooters, bicycles; you name it. Some restaurants provide chairs for dogs to sit at the table, napkins to wear around their necks, and dinner on a plate, placed on the table.

Fashion is a big thing in Paris. You won't believe the choice of collars, leashes, scarves, and clothes that will be available for you. Think of Paris as an adventure to behold and not a life change. Over two years, you will become multilingual, cosmopolitan, and well-dressed.

When you return home, just imagine all the experiences, Parisian friends, both human and canine, and Parisian Chic you can share with your friends

Best, Frankie

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Jesse Gotlib, USPTA Certified Tennis Pro. Hastings Middle School Tennis Courts. Mon, Jul 3-Aug 14 (NO 7/17)

### Sprouts Tennis Ages 4-5

8:00 AM-8:30 AM. \$70 (6-Weeks)

This class will be structured to work on listening to directions, racket skills, balance and coordination, social skills, basic grip and swings. The lessons will consist of ally to ally drills, tennis skills, and hitting cone mountain. All equipment will be provided if need be (19-21 inch rackets recommended). Parent participation required.

### Intro to Tennis Ages 6-8

8:30 AM-9:30 AM. Member: \$90; Non-member: \$110

Spec Tennis allows players to have early success, learn control and have tons of fun! The sport is played on a smaller court with a slower ball and a paddle instead of a racket. This leads to longer rallies and your kids will learn how to PLAY tennis. All equipment will be provided.

### Intro to Tennis Ages 9-12

9:30 AM-11:00 AM. Member: \$125; Non-member: \$140

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### Teen Tennis Clinic Ages 13-17

11:00 AM-12:30 PM. Member: \$150; Non-member: \$180

The class will be played on the full court with the regular yellow ball. This fun class will have tons of drills and competitive games working on players' technical, tactical, and athletic skills. This is a great program for middle or high school players who are looking to try out for their school tennis team. Please bring your own tennis racket.

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### 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., May 15 & 17:** *Smartphone Apps for Seniors:* In this workshop the participants will be introduced to Apple and Android Smartphone apps that senior citizens might like to explore and

use. The class will also be shown a variety of mobile apps that can be used on their smartphones, and will learn how to download, install and how to delete apps. All participants must bring their smartphone to the class.

### Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9 a.m.: 5/17, Derby Street Shops; 5/24, So. Shore Plaza; 5/31, Wrentham Village; 6/7, Twin River Casino; 6/14, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods.

### Memorial Day Cookout

Tues., 5/30, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sponsored by Coastline Elderly Services. Please RSVP by Wed., 5/24. Call 508-979-4029.

### Monday Movie Matinee

Mon., 5/15, 12:15 p.m., "80 For Brady." Please sign up for the movie. If you would like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch will be served at 11:30 p.m. Lunch will be Chicken Stew. \$2 donation for lunch. Call 508-979-4029.

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# Fairhaven Town Meeting passes override budget

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members voted for a budget that will require a \$450,000 override of Proposition 2 1/2 to be implemented. TM actually passed two budgets, the larger one, at \$58,086,901, will require the override. The smaller one, at \$57,636,901, will not, but would result in the School Department getting \$200,000 less for its budget; and \$250,000 will be taken from the salary reserve fund, which is used for raises and promotions for non-union employees.

The two budgets were passed so that TM will not have to reconvene in case the Prop 2 1/2 override fails at the ballot box. An election is scheduled for June 5 for voters to decide.

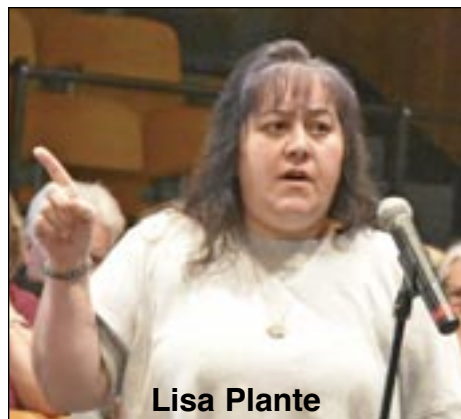
The Finance Committee also recommended a \$57.6 million budget, with cuts in different places. But their attempts to have their amendments adopted failed.

So the end result is that a town-wide vote will have to approve a Prop. 2 1/2 override for the larger budget to be implemented. If it fails, the cuts will be implemented.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison explained that the override would result in an 11 cent increase in the tax rate for FY24. For a residential property assessed at \$350,000, the increase in property taxes would be \$38.53/year.

Ms. Ellison also explained that the real shortfall is \$750,000, but they took \$300,000 from the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefit) payments. She said they also are using 90% of estimated local receipts (permit fees and excise taxes), instead of the recommended 80-85%.

FinCom Chairperson Padraic Elliott admitted that his committee's cuts were not sustainable. But, he



Lisa Plante

said, they were designed to buy some time for the town to figure out how to offset the shortfall next year, with out having to go to an override.

Fairhaven Schools Superintendent Tara Kohler told TM members that funding for the school department has been going down in recent years. She explained that net school spending is a minimum amount that the state requires municipalities to spend on schools. She said Fairhaven is dangerously close to the minimum, when it should be well over.

"We're trending in the wrong direction," she said.

The state recommended that they ask for \$1.5 million more this year, she said, but they only asked for \$1 million, and the budget is giving them just over \$800,000.

The School Department used to be



Jim Anderson

50% of the town's budget, and now it is 41%, she said.

She asked TM to support the contingent budget even though for the schools, it is "not even close" to what the state says they should be doing.

"Forty-one percent of the town budget is unacceptable," said Ms. Kohler.

"You make do with what you've got," said TM member John Pond, calling the override a "slippery slope," and saying "you can always find funding."

"I don't like going down this particular road," said Mr. Pond, adding there's a lot of money out there.

David Patterson spoke in favor of the larger budget, saying children are our future, and he was concerned the cuts would trickle down to special needs students.

Robert Grindrod, a FinCom



Bob Pink

member, said the committee "agonized" over the number looking for cuts. He said the school department's budget has been going up while enrollment is going down.

He also said the town may need to do some "soul searching" on some departments and may have to reorganize things.

James N. Souza recommended making the Tourism Director a part time position. When told he could not do that because it was a vote for money only, Mr. Souza said, "So let's delete the Tourism Office entirely," and asked if he could amend the article to completely eliminate funding for the Office of Tourism.

The amendment was written and presented to TM discussion ensued.

"I do not believe we need a full time tourism department in Fairhaven," said Mr. Souza, adding that people do not come to Fairhaven for vacation, it's not Cancun, he said.

Select Board Chairperson Leon Correy asked people to be civil, and then said that tourism does bring in some revenue to the town. He said tourism is important and said their "personal feelings" for an individual are irrelevant.

Tourism Director Christopher Richard said it was difficult to quantify how much revenue his office helps attract to the town. He said TM should not be thinking about how individual departments generate revenue. They are there to provide services, he said, and services cost money, and he noted, they are not asking how much money other departments bring to the town coffers.

He ran through the list of events sponsored by the tourism office and how they bring in people to shop in

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town.

Jim Anderson said he visited Fairhaven six years ago and went to the tourism office, where he got information. Now he lives in Fairhaven.

"I know how I'm going to vote," he said.

In the end TM voted by an overwhelming majority to fund the Office of Tourism.

FinCom also tried to amend the capital budget by removing \$24,605 for new motors for the Harbor-master's boat.

Mr. Correy said the TM is a representative body and they should let the voters decide.

Ms. Ellison explained that Harbormaster Tim Cox got called away so she spoke about the item, saying the engine is "falling apart," and it would be "short sighted" to keep repairing it.

Resident Bob Pink said it would be a second vessel and would allow the HM to have a boat on the east side of town and one on the New Bedford Harbor side.

The amendment failed and the engines were approved, along with all the other items on the capital budget plan.

Another item getting some discussion was to give \$50,000 to the Buzzards Bay Coalition for a Conservation Restriction on part of the Salt Winds Reserve on Sciticut Neck Road. The BBC purchased the property after the town assigned its right to first refusal to the BBC. The project will allow public access and passive recreation. The nine acres is a combination of private ownership, BBC ownership, and conservation restrictions. TM voted to spend the money for the CR.

TM did not see fit to change the



James Souza

Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector position to be simply the Finance Director under the direct control of the TA.

Ms. Ellison said she is having difficulty filling the position.

TM member Beth Luey said it would give too much control to the TA. FinCom member Bob Grindrod said he was afraid it would create two positions.

The vote was close, so a count was necessary. The measure failed 109-83.

In similar fashion and for the same reasons articulated, albeit by different people, Article 17 to make the town clerk position appointed by the TA instead of elected also failed, although the acting Town Clerk, Elizabeth "Lissa" Horan spoke in favor of it and noted that the former



Beth Luey

Town Clerk also was in favor of it.

Bernie Roderick said if they give up the right to elect the position, "you will never get that vote back again."

Linda Gallant agreed, saying, "We've done a great job in the past with our election of town clerk."

Caroline Nunez said the position should be appointed to get "free and fair elections."

Anne Morton Smith agreed, saying it was a critical role and should be someone with expertise.

"We need to keep control in the people's hands," said Lisa Plante, instead of putting one person in control of everything.

The change would have to be approved in a town-wide election.

Mr. Correy said being elected is a popularity contest and requires knocking on a lot of doors.

He also said he heard many complaints about past town clerks, and if people say now that they did



Anne Morton Smith

not complain, they are lying.

And the third personnel change also failed, by a close 94-93 vote. Article 18 would have established the Town Administrator as the appointing authority for the Health Agent. Currently it is the Board of Health.

Ms. Ellison said it was due to a pending lawsuit. If the position is under the TA, then evaluations would not be in open session, where people have been "publicly humiliated."

Rich Griffith spoke in favor of the change, saying it was a myth that voters are better for holding people accountable.

"In fact, you have less accountability," he said.

Article 19 passed, adding "With prior approval of the property owner or other legal authority as provided by law," to make it clear that Conservation Commissioners do not have blanket freedom to enter property, even to inspect a project.

Article 20 was amended, but still takes away the authority of the Conservation Commission chairperson or other commissioners to enforce the Wetlands Protection act or issue fines.

Whitney McClees, with the support of ConCom commissioners offered an amendment that would allow enforcement by a majority vote of the commission. The TA and Select Board supported the change and it passed.

Town Meeting also passed a ban on single use plastics and nips, with much discussion on both articles. The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee petitioned both articles. Committee member Christin Ritz described the dangers to marine life from

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# Connect with book lovers and discover new books

## Press Release

Are you a book lover looking for a fun way to connect with like-minded individuals?

Look no further than the Thursday Morning Book Club that has been meeting since September 1997 at the Millicent Library and welcomes new members any time.

Started by librarian Mary Jane Richard, the Thursday Morning Book Club has been a staple in the community for over 25 years. We meet on the third Thursday every month to discuss a selected book. The Thursday Morning Book Club is all about connecting with book lovers, discussing literature, and

having a good time.

Now meeting year-round, including the summer months, you can join us any time. Meetings are held in the auditorium at the Millicent Library and provide a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Even if you are not a big reader, you are still welcome to join us for our fun gatherings.

"I believe that book clubs should be a fun gathering place for like-minded book lovers. I also know that life has a way of interrupting our routines, and it is OK to show up even if one wasn't able to finish (or start!) the book of the month. It happens!" said Thursday Morning Book Club

chair Diana Edwards.

Ready to join our book club? Feel free to come to our next meeting or contact Diana Edwards at dedwardsva@gmail.com or 802-238-5228 for more information.

## When and where?

The Thursday Morning Book Club meets on the third Thursday of the month year-round at 10:00 AM in the auditorium of the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven.

The next meeting will be May 18, and we will discuss *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell.

# Colonial Club awards scholarships

## Press Release from The Fairhaven Colonial Club Scholarship Committee

Congratulations to the following students as recipients of the 2023 Fairhaven Colonial Club Scholarships given to Fairhaven residents:

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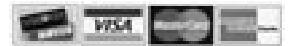
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## PURPLE: cont'd from page 6

service and sacrifice. It serves our community well as a gathering place to reflect and give thanks to those who have made our nation strong.”

“As Americans, we enjoy freedoms and privileges not found anywhere else in the world,” said Mr. Gaspar, and asked how it is possible that after two centuries the US remains free, strong and still viewed as a nation of hope and opportunity.

“The answer is sitting here among us today,” he said, with people who have taken the oath to defend our nation.

The oath, he said, comes with a price.

The Purple Heart represents the reality of the risk service members

face. He said we owe thanks and recognition to Purple Heart recipients.

“Our freedom and way of life has remained intact. And it did not come without a price,” said Mr. Gaspar. “Those who wear the Purple Heart paid a significant price for all of us.”

State Rep. Paul Schmid also spoke, telling the crowd that Massachusetts is second to none in the benefits it provides for veterans. But it is not just benefits we owe our veterans, he said: “It is respect.”

“I think Acushnet takes second place to none in the respect it pays to its veterans,” said Rep. Schmid.

Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient Rick Janson also spoke, telling the crowd that it took many

years before he would even let anyone know he had been in Vietnam.

“Now, I’m damn proud of it,” said Mr. Janson.

American Legion Commander Michael Jenney emceed, and Fairhaven’s Veterans Services Officer, Brad Fish, also spoke, reading the Veterans prayer. Music included “America the Beautiful” by Ray Charles, and “Hallelujah.” The public was invited to the American Legion for coffee and donuts after. Selectboard candidate, Eric Chew, also attended.

The event is available for viewing on demand on the town’s YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCUEkoUuv5U>

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microplastics, and how the toxins make their way to humans who eat seafood.

The plastics bylaw bans single-use plastics, disposable styrofoam food containers. It would also require restaurant patrons to ask for straws and disposable take-out utensils, instead of those items automatically being included.

The nips bylaw included a change, removing the word “plastic” so that all nips would be banned from sale in Fairhaven. The small bottles are found littering every street and get in catch basins and in the ocean. Other communities have also started to ban their sale.

Ms. Plante, who works at a small liquor store in Fairhaven, said she was getting tired of people banning or cancelling anything they do not like. She said they should lobby for an expanded bottle bill that would include nips.

“You will destroy small businesses in this town,” said Ms. Plante.

She said lottery tickets are a worse litter problem than nips.

“You think the lottery is going to ban scratch tickets?”

Mark Riley, who owns two liquor stores in Fairhaven spoke against the ban saying people will not drink less, they would just buy the next size up and actually drink more. He

suggested they lobby to add nips to the bottle bill.

Brian Monroe said he saw someone throw a nip bottle out the window as he was walking.

As a bourbon lover, he said, he never buys nips. He said people are probably buying nips to consumer quickly and then they throw out the bottle.

“I consume quite a bit,” he said of his bourbon.

“You might want to wrap it up,” interjected Town Moderator Mark Sylvia. “We have to talk after town meeting.”

The meeting is available for viewing at [www.fairhaventv.com](http://www.fairhaventv.com)

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## Quotable Quotes courtesy of Town Moderator Mark Sylvia

“That’s the first unanimous vote yet, Mr. Decker”  
(to allow him to speak)

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“So, I’m not crazy or losing my vision”  
(after the vote for Article 18 to make the TA the appointing authority for the Health Agent came in at 93-94 defeating the measure)

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“It might feel like Congress, but it’s not” after Jay Simmons tried to comment and then call the question... “You can’t do both...the guy behind you can... Are you gonna move the question, because you don’t have to [To Sean Powers, who kept moving the question, but he was last in line to speak anyway]

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“The super exciting Article 1”  
(Measurer of Wood and Bark)

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Piece of cake (after Article 19, Wetlands Bylaw change)  
The next two are gonna be a piece of cake, too (Banning single-use plastics and nips)

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Mr. Monroe, you might want to wrap it up. We have to talk after town meeting  
(after Brian Monroe said he consumes “quite a bit” of bourbon, during discussion of Article 22, banning nips)

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# Obituary



## Leslie Marion (Jones) Maguire

Leslie  
Marion  
(Jones)  
Maguire, 74,  
of Fairhaven,  
MA, passed  
away peace-

fully in her home on Friday, April 28, 2023, surrounded by her children. She was predeceased by her son, Terrence A. (1989), and her husband, Edward J. (1992). She was a devoted daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Born in Medford, MA, Leslie was the daughter of the late Albert C. and Marjorie E. (Light) Jones. She was a remarkable woman with a passion for life and learning and a deep devotion for family. As a young woman, Leslie was a gifted athlete, excelling in four sports at Stoneham High School. She graduated in 1966 and went on to attend Tufts University, where she studied French at the Jackson College

for Women. During her time at Tufts, she was reacquainted with her high school classmate, and inevitable soulmate, Edward Maguire, and later married him on August 29, 1970, in Medford, MA.

After settling briefly in Rochester, NY, and Cincinnati, OH, Leslie and Edward eventually settled in Morris Plains and then Randolph, NJ, where they raised their four children: Derek, Terrence, Ryan and Shannon. Leslie was a true renaissance woman, working as a jewelry designer, real estate agent, and tax accountant. Upon losing her husband, Leslie went back to work full-time as a French and Technology teacher at The Peck School in Morristown, NJ, where she was recognized for her unyielding dedication to her students. A lifetime learner herself, Leslie received her Masters of Education and Technology in 2006 from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA.

After retiring from teaching in 2013, Leslie moved to Fairhaven, MA, to be closer to her parents and family. Leslie enjoyed reading, sewing, playing bridge, all things French, wood working, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, needle-pointing college logo pillows, cheering

on the Bruins and Patriots, and enjoying sunsets on West Island. She will be most remembered for her inquisitive mind and unwavering love for her family.

Leslie is survived by her children, Derek and his wife Megan, who reside in Hingham, MA, with their children Quinn, Declan, Ryan and Terrence; Ryan and his wife Shannon, who reside in Lake Forest, IL, with their children Claire, Margaret, Patrick and Kathleen; and Shannon and her wife Abby, who reside in Foxboro, MA, with their daughter Monti. She is also survived by her siblings, Linda McCaffrey of Fairhaven, MA; Alan Jones and his wife Robin of Rome, NY; Richard Jones and his wife Marlene of Merrimack, NH; Douglas Jones of Markt Erlbach, Germany; and her sister-in-law Paula Jones of Fairhaven, MA. Leslie will forever be missed, but her love and spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her as a strong and selfless woman.

In accordance with Leslie's wishes, a Celebration of Life for family and friends will be held at 10AM on June 10, 2023, at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you consider a donation to the West Island Improvement Association in honor of Leslie Maguire: <https://bit.ly/WestIsland-LeslieFund>



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# Acushnet candidates face off

By *Beth David*  
**Editor**

Candidates running for office in Acushnet faced each other and answered questions submitted by the public at a candidates night sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center on 5/3/23. Local radio personality Phil Paleologos moderated the event that was attended by about 50 members of the public.

Acushnet has two contested races in the election this Saturday. Selectboard incumbent David Wojnar faces challenger Eric Chew; and the School Committee has three people running for two seats, with incumbent Ronald Houde

running for reelection and newcomers Melissa Cordeira and Ebony McGlynn also running for a seat.

## Selectboard

In his opening statement Selectboard incumbent David Wojnar described himself as a “long time public servant in Acushnet,” noting that he served on the Selectboard some years ago, took a break, and returned to office three years ago.

He recounted some of the projects he helped usher in, saying he worked with “countless volunteers” and was not taking credit for them alone. He said they worked to improve the infrastructure in town, renovated the school, reconfigured

the Parting Ways complex, youth athletic fields, and fought “tooth and nail” with St. Luke’s Hospital for Acushnet to get its fair share when they combined fire and EMS. He also said he supported Acushnet becoming a “Green Community.”

He also noted the town got “creative” to renovate the new library

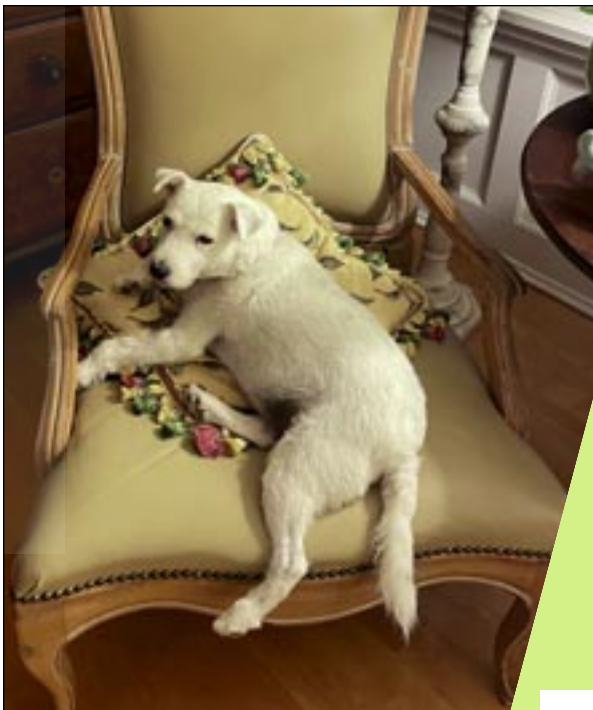
“But that was then,” he said. “You’re only as good as your next at-bat.”

He said he would like to continue improvements at Lake Street, and the current board has tried to curtail aggressive solar installations by instituting a moratorium on large solar arrays. The current board is also fighting with the state over proposed new septic

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LEFT, L-R: Challenger Eric Chew, and Acushnet Selectboard incumbent David Wojnar listen to moderator Phil Paleologos before facing off at the candidates night sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club on 5/3/23. RIGHT, L-R Acushnet School Committee candidates Ronald Houde, who is running for re-election, and newcomer Ebony R. McGlynn, answer questions at the candidates night. *Beth David photos.*



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tary School," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paula Bailey.

Ms. deSousa told the students that her design was chosen, and Mr. Andrade explained how his model helped him fix mistakes.

Ms. Forcier explained how they used a CNC machine to cut the pieces.

"It was a fun project for us," Ms. deSousa told the students and let them know the can do the same when they get to high school.

"This is fantastic," said School Resource Officer, and Sunny's handler, Derek Cathcart, as he thanked the students.

He also presented the students with certificates of appreciation for the gift.

He also thanked the younger students for being the best training facility around for Sunny.

"You're calm around her, and he learns how to be calm around you," said Officer Cathcart. "I want to thank you for loving Sunny every day."

The event is available on the town's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t11fxdzUUZk>

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/22, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Commission on Disability

Thurs., 5/11, Remote, 6 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/15, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Council on Aging

Mon., 5/8, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 5/24, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 5/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 5/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet

### ELECTION

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#### Select Board

Tues., 5/22, Ford MS, 6 p.m.

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Mon., 5/22, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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Thursday	18	0739	1959	0212*	1324
Friday	19	0823	2042	0302	1357
Saturday	20	0907	2126	0338	1434
Sunday	21	0952	2210	0353	1512
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Tuesday	23	1122	2339	0434	1626
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regulations that would cost homeowners thousands. He said he would like to see more over-55 housing in town.

Mr. Wojnar said he has made mistakes, but he tries not to repeat them.

"I'm battle tested," he said. "Been there, done that."

But, he said, he is willing to learn.

Challenger Eric Chew said some would recognize him from the extensive COVID testing that Acushnet conducted during the pandemic, when he put in about 280 volunteer hours.

He said since the pandemic he has been concerned with the direction the town is heading in, including "lack of oversight" on some issues.

The recent beautification projects are nice, he said, but "we have decaying infrastructure in town, and it's not getting any better."

He said some projects, such as Slocum Street, seem to be stalled, and that puts the federal ARPA money at risk.

"I am concerned we used our CARES money to buy sign boards and holiday lights for town buildings," said Mr. Chew, when they could have used it for first responder apparatus.

He said they still have not decided what to do with the Russell Memorial Library building.

He is most concerned, he said, that the town is losing staff at an "unprecedented rate," and they are not replacing key positions.

He said personnel issues caused the department heads to form a union; the "ongoing battle with" PJ Keating is costing the town a lot in legal expenses; and the SB meetings being held at 4 or 5 in the afternoon discourages public participation.

An IT professional, Mr. Chew also criticized the town's handling of IT infrastructure.

He, too, said the town needs to do more to help seniors stay in town.

The two candidates were asked for three things they have done to make Acushnet a better place.

Mr. Chew said he volunteered 280 hours to help with COVID testing, participated in food distributions at the Council on Aging, and helped out with IT infrastructure.

Mr. Wojnar said he did things as a member of a team, and noted combining fire and EMS, Lake Street improvements, and the Parting Ways Green.

He took his chance to address the criticism of beautification projects, saying Lake Street will also include safety improvements. His "overall approach" is

for a better way of life.

The candidates were asked what they would do to recruit "top talent" for the Town Administrator position. Current TA Jamie Kelley has plans to retire in the next two years.

Mr. Chew said he would do what they used to do, and that is create a committee of residents and department heads to help select the next TA.

Mr. Wojnar noted that he had been through the search process "a number of times."

He noted that Mr. Chew has an "inherent conflict," because his wife, Heather, "who we all love," he said, is the COA Director.

She is also part of the union, said Mr. Wojnar. It is a conflict of interest, he said, "not to criticize Eric or Heather."

He said Eric will not be able to weigh in on the decision for TA, nor will he be able to negotiate the department head



Michelle Skaar, who is running for a vacant seat on the Acushnet Library Board of Trustees as a write-in candidate, speaks at the candidates night sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club on 5/3/23. Beth David photo.

contract.

"As a selectman, you have to be unencumbered," said Mr. Wojnar. "So, in my opinion, he would be in a tough spot," with his spouse reporting to the TA.

They were also asked how they would bring on new employees and keep them, as "many good people" have left.

Mr. Wojnar said it was "heartbreaking" to see so many good people go. He said one issue is that the town does not pay enough.

"We should address that," said Mr. Wojnar.

He said he has always been supportive of employees, and he would like to create a "performance bonus structure."

"I don't have to haggle every single penny out of our town employees," said Mr. Wojnar, adding they should be treated fairly.

Mr. Chew said he agreed with Mr. Wojnar.

"We need to recognize and reward those employees better in this town to help keep them there," he said. "I'm not saying we need to sit there and break the bank and make everybody rich."

He said it has to be fair to the taxpayers and the employees.

The two were also asked what the top three issues in Acushnet are.

Mr. Wojnar said it all comes down to finances, and economic development is number 1.

He said he would like to hire a full time town planner who can bring in more revenue, so they can pay employees more. Infrastructure is also "huge," he said; and public safety is number three, and noted that South Main Street is one of the "unsafest streets in Southcoast."

Mr. Chew said housing is going to be an even bigger issue with the train to Boston getting to New Bedford. He said it will increase household demands in Acushnet, so they need to find ways to increase affordable housing in town.

Mr. Chew also said infrastructure needs to be addressed; and PJ Keating.

"We've got to get the issues with PJ Keating resolved," said Mr. Chew.

Mr. Paleologos noted that several towns are considering Proposition 2 1/2 overrides, asking, "What are your thoughts on this issue?"

"No," said Mr. Wojnar, simply.

"Not on my watch," said Mr. Chew.

The candidates were also asked if there are any plans to make Acushnet more climate friendly.

Mr. Chew again brought up PJ Keating, saying they have to get them back operating but the town needs to make sure they are good neighbors and are not polluting.

He said they have to be careful about solar farms, and noted some problems they are already having.

"This is a farming community," said Mr. Chew. "We can't be digging up our farms to make solar panels."

He said he supported the solar array that is proposed for the parking lot at the schools, and they should utilize the roofs of other town buildings.

Mr. Wojnar said he worked to get Green Community status for the town which helped them get solar panels on the fire station, and grant money to retrofit town buildings.

"I'm for that," he said. "I have been for that."

In his closing statements, Mr. Chew said he remembered being part of "Team

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## From our readers

### The Sport of Politics

What politics has become is a great Red Sox vs. Yankees. My team won and your team lost. What people don't seem to understand is that your team influences the lives of millions of people for good or bad. If your team is rotten it can ultimately destroy the country. Case in point, children should not be taught sex, period. Children are innocent and by defiling them with every type of sex known to mankind destroys the next generation. If God (yes, God) wanted children to be little horndogs at the age of 8 or 9, then he wouldn't have created them so innocent. Sexual education accomplishes only one thing and that is to warp the hearer.

Next high taxes. The government confiscates around 5 trillion dollars from Americans each year. Even though we are 32 trillion dollars in debt and what they don't have they just print, which makes me wonder why we pay taxes at all? Just print it, add it to the 32 trillion that you've already printed.

But what happens when you raise taxes? You begin to squeeze families. There's a pressure put on the family budget and who suffers? The kids. Why? Because when you cut back it's not going to be food, or heat or the mortgage. It's going to be dance class, Kung Fu classes, after school sports, "trickle down poverty." But, hey, your team won. Yay.

As this policy continues people who were inclined to have a large family stop at one or two which is an attack on the family and society as a whole. The birth rate in America is 1.66. This isn't enough to maintain the USA as a country. But, hey, your team won.

Next, America needs gas. Without gas and plentiful electricity we grind to a halt. How does a present day high school graduate who actually wants to work and can do simple math find a good factory job? You know, like Goodyear or a textile mill? I guess they'll have to move to China or Mexico if they're hoping to work at either of those places because they're no longer in New Bedford. You can thank the Marxist unions for that, at some point a business owner has to make a profit. They're not an extended welfare program for the government. That's why it's so obnoxious when government tells business owners what they have to

pay their employees, you know the minimum wage which is \$15/hour though most business owners say they can't afford it.

So McDonald's is designing robots that cook hamburgers and fries, and a kiosk to order your food. Target is working on stores that are 100% robotics, and don't forget the self checkout at Stop & Shop. All jobs done by people now being replaced by robotics.

I've actually heard that upwards of 50% of all jobs will be done by robots or AI, humans need not apply. If a business owner could pay their employees what they're worth and not what the government dictates to them, then most of this would be unnecessary.

But coming back to America's need for gas and electricity. When a company considers opening a factory in the USA the number 1 consideration is, can I make a profit here? High gas — transport, shipping/receiving costs and what it's going to cost to keep the light on and the machines running. One example: Germany's electricity is four times the cost of America's, so most of their manufacturing is done in South Carolina because it's cheaper to produce a product and they have a very skilled work force. When you continue to attack that which are the essential elements of the economy thus destroying a man's ability to have children and to be able to support them, with all this green nonsense then I would have to say that your team sucks.

Finally, your team might have won but they're not playing for team America. All of these policies are detrimental to the working men and women of America. Sooner or later your team is going to affect you or your wife or your children and then you'll see that you've been duped. We need that which benefits our country, not China or Mexico.

*Allen B. Lentini, Fairhaven*

### Hodgson is not Sheriff

There is a reason Thomas Hodgson is no longer the sheriff. Despite an overwhelming affirmation by almost every print and internet newspaper having praised newly elected Sheriff Paul Heroux for the response to the recent uprising at the Bristol County House of Correction, former sheriff Thomas Hodgson had to weigh in with criticism and disinformation

about how he handled uprisings during his tenure in office.

The praise by the media for Heroux was twofold: first and most significantly no staff or inmate suffered injuries, and second the cause of the disturbance was Heroux's commencement of fulfilling his campaign promise to remodel the cells to reduce suicides and increase the safety of the inmates and staff.

Hodgson conducted himself with cordiality and professionalism as he exited his twenty five year reign, but he has now countered that last image with unwarranted and hypocritical criticism of the new sheriff.

Too much easily accessible archival, court documentation and newspaper articles exist, that belie any boasts Hodgson makes about how he managed riots or disturbances. And in no small measure it was undoubtedly the melee at the immigrant detention center during the worst days of the Covid pandemic that brought Hodgson so much negative attention and the ultimate cancellation of the federal government's contracts regarding immigrant detainees; probably the beginning of the end of his unchallenged reign as sheriff.

Hodgson continually bragged about programs, staff training, nutritional food, clean facilities and various positive accreditations that were disproved by careful research and analysis so his claim that he would have handled this uprising in a better manner is disingenuous.

If Hodgson had, in reality, reduced the suicide and recidivism rate, treated his staff and the incarcerated with productive programs and protocols, and had consideration for the taxpayers he could have remained in his job for another term.

Second guessing his successor is not unexpected from Hodgson based on his history of insulting any judge, attorney general, police chief, local or federal official who had the temerity to call out his mismanagement, and alleged constitutional violations.

Perhaps it was too optimistic to hope that Hodgson would have understood that the voters rejected his tough on crime no matter the consequences methods and wanted a sheriff who has a better grasp of effective incarceration procedures and protocols.

*Betty Ussach, Dartmouth*

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Acushnet” during the pandemic and it was a great feeling to be part of the team. He said he wants to bring that feeling back to town. He was the one who was at the school and the COA for all the testing days; and helping with food distribution, putting produce in cars, etc.

“It was me,” said Mr. Chew, along with “so many others.”

He said he stepped up, in person, “when this town was suffering,” and did not hide behind a Zoom screen.

“Longevity breeds complacency,” said Mr. Chew.

Mr. Wojnar thanked Mr. Chew for his service during COVID, adding Eric was a “great guy” and a great public servant.

But, said Mr. Wojnar, he has an inherent conflict of interest. Purely from a business standpoint, he said, consider that Mr. Chew will not be able to help choose a new Town Administrator, and he will not be able to negotiate the department head contracts because his wife is the COA director.

“You want a Selectman who can vote on all the issues all the time,” said Mr. Wojnar.

He said it is true that serving a long time can lead to complacency, and that is why he took time off.

He returned because he saw what was happening, and he was not happy.

He said he was “thrilled” to be working with the board now.

“I’m committed to the job,” said Mr. Wojnar. “I love the job. And I’m committed to the town of Acushnet.”

### School Committee

Two of the three candidates for School Committee attended. Melissa Cordeira was unable to attend.

In her opening statement, Ebony McGlynn said she has lived in Acushnet since 2005 and has two children in the school system. She works with Special Needs students advocating for families.

“Education is the foundation for success in life,” said Ms. McGlynn.

She said her top priority will be communication and being responsive to what families need, and making sure parents have a voice.

She said she will bring a “fresh perspective” to the committee.

Incumbent Ronald Houde said he and his wife moved to Acushnet in 2014 so their children, now 11 and 8, could attend Acushnet public schools. He said he is in Human Resources and worked at an accounting firm so he has a “unique skill set” in HR and finance.

Serving on the SC is his way of “giving back,” he said.

“I like to solve problems,” said Mr. Houde. “I’m a life-long learner.”

He said the district needs a “talent strategy” to retain good teachers and to get new teachers into the system to replace those about to retire.

Both candidates faced questions about nationwide trends and controversies including school shootings and book banning.

Ms. McGlynn said she did some research and felt that the school department was doing a lot “behind the scenes” to address the possibility of school shootings/violence.

She admitted she worries about her children who are there.

“I do think they are addressing it,” she



L-R: Challenger Eric Chew, and Acushnet Selectboard incumbent David Wojnar take a selfie after facing off at the candidates night sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club on 5/3/23. Photo by Beth David.

said.

Mr. Houde reminded everyone that Acushnet had a murder in the school in 1993 when David E. Taber killed school nurse Carole Day with a shotgun. Mr. Houde was in high school at the time.

“As far as I’m concerned, we can’t do enough,” said Mr. Houde. “I’m committed to leave no stone unturned.”

Mr. Paleologos asked both candidates if they support teachers and let them choose reading matter for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

Ms. McGlynn said her whole career is about serving different communities. She said they need “family involvement” in those decisions, and there should not be a few people deciding.

Mr. Houde agreed, adding that the school librarian explained the process of how she chooses books to the SC. He said they should hear from parents.

“Everybody has a say in this,” he said.

The candidates were also asked about including “religious doctrine” in the curriculum.

Ms. McGlynn said it was a “difficult question,” and believes that there should be education around religion, but they should not be “filtering or persuading” in certain beliefs.

Mr. Houde said it is exactly what the SC has talked about and they need feedback from stakeholders.”

The candidates were also asked how they would vote on banning specific reading material from the student body.

Mr. Houde said it would depend on the material and he would want to hear from all stakeholders.

“No one should unilaterally make that decision,” said Mr. Houde.

Ms. McGlynn agreed, saying curriculum should be a “joint decision.”

“I believe everyone should have some say in that,” she said.

When asked what is the greatest problem schools face, Ms. McGlynn said it is not just the schools, it is the community as a whole. She said they need more of a relationship if they are going to work together.

Mr. Houde said it was hard to pick, but safety was one. He said he could not imagine how kids feel when they do safety drills.

He also said they needed a long term “talent strategy” and are competitive.

Michelle Skaar is running a write-in campaign for Library Trustee, which has one vacant seat and no declared candidate on the ballot.

Ms. Skaar told voters she has been a “patron and lover” of libraries her whole life. She said libraries are integral to communities. She works at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, and said she has “dedicated my whole life to libraries.”

Ms. Skaar said she will provide stickers to voters at the polls. To write her in, voters will have to include her name and address.

Unopposed candidates who also spoke included Town Moderator Les Dakin; Town Clerk Pamela Labonte; Robert Brown, who was appointed to the Board of Assessors to fill a vacancy, and is running for the remainder of that term.

The election is on Saturday, 5/13/23. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at the Elementary School, 800 Middle Road. Contact the Town Clerk, 508-998-0200, for more information.

The entire event is available for viewing on the town’s YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBHrT7iZX5g>

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