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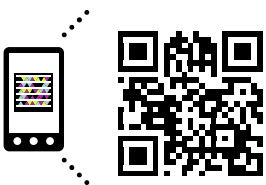
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Memorial Day remembrance in Fairhaven



Members of the Fairhaven High School Football team and Fairhaven Lions Club members carry the 50x30 foot "Big Flag" along Main Street in the Fairhaven Memorial Day Parade on 5/29/23 amid strong winds as they cross Route 6. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Memorial Day is a somber reflection of the sacrifices made by those who serve in the military, and especially those who are no longer with us. It is also a holiday, though, so people can't help having fun. Fairhaven held a serious ceremony at Riverside, but also had a fun parade to kick off summer. I hope you had both time to reflect on the meaning of the holiday and some time to have some fun and enjoy the good weather. See page 12 for our story.

Monday is override vote day. See page 20 for some letters trying to sway you on how to vote.

Really, though, get out and vote. Take a little time to read up on the facts, though. Figure out how you want to vote. I'm not going to say a whole lot about it. I will just say something we all know, but need reminding of occasionally: You get what you pay for.

This weekend really is the unofficial start of summer, with the encampment and the Blessing of the Bikes (see page 3) happening, and the high school graduation. Oh yeah, there's way more happening than that. Check out our Happenings pages for more fun stuff.

Speaking of graduation, if you want to run an ad to tell your grad congratulations, just shoot an email our way. See the ad on page 4 for sizes and rates. We'll need that ASAP.

The Acushnet Grange (page 7) and Acushnet Lions (page 6) both gave out some awards recently.

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Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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Proposition 2 1/2 override vote is Monday

Town of Fairhaven Press Release
Town of Fairhaven Special Election reminder for Monday, June 5, 2023, polls open 10am – 8pm

The Polling Location for all precincts for the Special Election is The Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719

There is less than a week left until the Town's Special Election on Monday, June 5th, 2023

The Town of Fairhaven is asking for voters to approve a \$450,000 override to support the school programs, staff

salaries and services. The main reasons for the need are loss of revenues, 8% increase due to inflation and contractual obligations tied to cost-of-living adjustments.

The overall projected residential tax rate for fiscal year 2024 with an override is \$9.84 per \$1,000 of assessed value compared to the current fiscal year 2023 residential tax rate of \$9.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

There is a lot of misinformation circulating and the Town encourages

everyone to check out the FY24 Override Information Hub at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/fy2024-override-information-hub> which includes a link to submit any question to the Finance Team. You can also contact the Select Board/Town Administrator's Office at 508-979-4023, ext. 2.

A "YES" vote would allow the municipality to continue to provide services with minimal impact to residents and stakeholders.

Please vote "YES" to the override.

Encampment, Blessing of Bikes this weekend

Encampment

Fairhaven Village Militia Revolutionary War Encampment. Sat. & Sun., June 3 & 4: 10:00 a.m. to sunset Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Sunday. Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA. Cannon firing at sunset Saturday only if gunpowder is available.

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a weekend

historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life during the American Revolution. See military drilling, flintlock musket demonstrations and period activities such as food preparation and cooking over the campfire, tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more.

Free admission. Accessible. For

more information visit <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com/>

Blessing of the Bikes

St. Joseph's Blessing of the Bikes, Sun., 6/4, 10 a.m. Kickstands up at noon. \$20/bike. Starts at Fort Phoenix, ride through the backroads, then ends at Ice House, 136 Huttleston Ave. for BBQ, beer trucks, outside bar and music by Looks that Kill at 2:15, and Who Made Who at 3:15.

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Special Election

The special election will be on Monday, 6/5. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

Friday, June 2, 2023-12:00PM (NOON) is the last day/time to request an IN-PERSON Absentee Ballot in the Town Clerk's Office.

For more information, contact the Fairhaven Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4023; Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

The Ballot Question will read: Shall the Town of Fairhaven be allowed to assess an additional \$450,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand twenty-three?

Pet Supplies Yard Sale

Proceeds to benefit Lighthouse Animal Shelter. Sat., 6/3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shaw Road & Jenney St., Fairhaven.

Coats and sweaters of all sizes, collars, leashes, harnesses, dog & cat toys (new and lightly used), backpack harnesses, dog flotation vests, carriers, dog and cat beds (all sizes), waste bag dispensers, costumes, feeding dishes, and more.

Marine Yard Sale

The Acushnet River Safe Boating Club, 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, is holding a marine/nautical yard sale on Sat., 6/3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date, 6/4). Lot of marine supplies, nautical accessories, and other cool boat stuff available at bargain prices.

Pickleball Clinics

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association will be holding a beginners clinic at Cushman Park on 6/3/ and 6/4 from 11 to 1. The class size is limited to 18 participants. The cost is \$25 for the two sessions. Participants do not have to be a member of FPA.

To get a registration form, email fairhavenpickleball@gmail.com

Learn more at <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com>

HHR Walking Tour

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour, Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. now

through end of September. Tours begin outside the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

This walk outlines the life of Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent public buildings that he donated to his hometown. You'll stop at several several locations in the village area where one of the nation's most powerful businessmen grew up while you learn about his boyhood, rise to riches, and the gifts he bestowed on Fairhaven. The tour will include visits inside the Town Hall and the Millicent Library. It is held weather permitting. No reservations are required. Free.

Tour Guides are Bob Foster and Christopher Richard who alternate weeks.

For more information, call or email the Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Encampment

See page 3.

Blessing of Bikes

See page 3.

Town Yard Sale

Fairhaven's Town Wide Yard sale is going to be June 3rd with a rain date of June 4th. We'll be putting together a google map that will show all yard sale locations. If people want to reach out and be added or request the map they can email us at oldtownfairhaven@gmail.com

Huttleston MP

Huttleston Marketplace is held every Saturday through September 30, 2023 (except the 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.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/category/upcoming-events/> for more

information.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Father's Day 5K

49th Annual Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race, Sun., 6/18, 9 a.m. Starts and ends at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Family, fun and fitness, a father's Day tradition.

Online registration ONLY at www.FairhavenRoadRace.org

Reg: \$25/adults; \$10 for children under 13 and over 70.

Fitness In The Park

Fitness in the Park is scheduled FREE TO THE PUBLIC this summer for 10 weeks of Yoga and Exercise classes in Cushman Park, Green Street Fairhaven MA. The classes are taking place Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am from June 20 to August 24.

For more information about call 508-287-2482 or email sgrace@encorent.com or jeff@sangha-newbedford.com.

Find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark

Acushnet Lions present Hellen Keller Awards, induct members

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Lions Club presented two Helen Keller Awards and inducted two new members into the club at their meeting on Tuesday, 5/23/23. Club president Bob Perry said Joe Franco and Al Lagasse have “accomplished outstanding humanitarian service to the community,” to receive the awards.

Mr. Franco owns Gary’s Best Hot Dogs, and has donated hot dogs and buns to the club for a variety of events and fund-raisers, including the Apple-Peach Festival.

Mr. Lagasse works at Quality Beverage, and has donated beverages and prizes for the annual golf tournament and other events. He also provides the beer for the club’s booth

at the Apple-Peach Festival at a good discount, allowing the club to sell for less and make more.

Mr. Perry said the donations allow the club to give back more to the community. The money they raise goes to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund and to the community. The club gives out scholarships and helps with a variety of community events throughout the year.

The club is involved in veterans events in Acushnet, including the bricks at the Veterans Memorial; they sponsor a little league team; hold an annual food and toy drive; comedy night; golf tournament; and fish derby for kids.

“We do a lot of things,” said Mr Perry. “We’re very active.”

He said the 50+ member club is

often in the top ten in fund-raising per capita in the state.

The club will also provide a wheelchair ramp to anyone in the community who needs one free of charge. At the present time, they have two available.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Massachusetts Lions Council Chairperson Deb Grassi inducted new members Chris DaCosta, who was sponsored by Andrew Cioper; and Doug Thomas, who was sponsored by Ray St. Pierre. Ms. Grassi was joined by Region One Chairperson Dan Thompson.

New members need to be sponsored by a current member. To learn more about the Acushnet Lions Club, find them on Facebook, or see a member at one of the many events they will be participating in this summer.



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Acushnet Lions Club President Bob Perry presents the Helen Keller Service Award to Joe Franco on 5/23/23. ABOVE RIGHT: Mr. Perry presents the award to Al Lagasse. BELOW: New members pose with their certificates after being inducted into the Acushnet Lions Club on 5/23/23, L-R: Sponsor Andrew Cioper, new member Chris DaCosta, sponsor Ray St. Pierre, new member Doug Thomas, Massachusetts Lions Council Chairperson Deb Grassi who inducted the new members. *Photos by Margie Green Joseph.*



Acushnet Grange gives award to elementary school

Press Release

Acushnet Grange #295 presented the Acushnet Elementary School the National Grange Subordinate Community Service award in recognition for having been awarded the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Distinguished School Award. The hall was full with students, families, teachers, faculty and Grange members. Presenting the award were Presidents Glen Gibson of Massachusetts State Grange and Joshua Cunha of Acushnet Grange to AES Principal Leah Chesney and Dr. Paula Bailey, Superintendent of Schools. The Grange recognizes the hard work that the community of administrators, teachers and students have done to accomplish this. It also goes beyond the school walls with the involvement of the students, parents and the school committee who put the students first and members of the town who support the students throughout the school years on the outside of school projects. When faced with the pandemic the Acushnet schools

provided the students with the technology need to exceed and continue to be together by using a hybrid model to allow students to continue to strive for excellence and academic growth in 2022.

The student ambassadors from the fourth grade presented 11 reasons that were part of the reason that the school received the ESEA Award.

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Dr. Paula Bailey, Superintendent of Acushnet Schools (BACK); Joshua Cunha, President, Acushnet Grange (LEFT); Acushnet Elementary School Principal Leah Chesney and Glen Gibson, President Mass. Sate Grange (RIGHT) pose for a photo with student ambassadors and the National Grange Subordinate Community service award the Grange presented to the elementary school on 5/4/23 in recognition for having been awarded the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Distinguished School Award. *Submitted photo.*

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Coffee In The Dell

Friends of Buttonwood Park, 425 Hawthorne St., invite you to Coffee in the Dell, Sun., 6/4, from 10–11 a.m. Come by, relax, enjoy a cup of coffee, read the newspaper, join in on fun activities and take a guided tour of the Arboretum at 11:00 a.m. The Dell is located across from the Warming House, west of the Greenhouse!

NB Pride Events

Pride is Back and Better Than Ever! We here at The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network are thrilled to announce sweeping plans for June Pride Month that include major outdoor events in New Bedford and Taunton, as well as weekly activities designed to lift up and celebrate the South Coast LGBTQ+ community.

Our marquee event in New Bedford will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., with a Pride Wellness Walk (at 9:00 a.m.) and Pride Yoga (at 10:00 a.m.) kicking off the day's festivities at Buttonwood Park.

Throughout the month, the Network will offer a wide range of activities for LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and allies focused on art, culture, health and wellness, and local businesses.

To learn more about everything on offer during this year's Pride Month, please visit <https://bit.ly/SouthCoastPride2023>.

Free Film

New Bedford Creative, in partnership with the Immigrants' Assistance Center and Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, is thrilled to announce a special free film screening of "Utica: The Last Refuge" on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. This compelling documentary sheds light on the remarkable journey of a Sudanese refugee family as they settle in upstate New York amidst changing U.S. policies on immigration and resettlement.

Filmgoers will have the opportunity to experience the inspiring stories of resilience and hope depicted in the film, highlighting the challenges faced by refugees as they embark on a new life in an unfamiliar country. The screening aims to foster understanding, compassion, and support for immigrant and refugee communities.

As part of the evening, there will be a panel discussion and Q&A session following the film.

The event is free, but tickets are encouraged. Visit <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/utica#Info>

Wine Tasting FR

Join us for a wine tasting & food pairing stroll down William Street in New Bedford to support women and girls programming on the SouthCoast, on Wed., 6/14, from 6–8 p.m. Benefits Women's Fund SouthCoast, 65 William St., NB.

This is a 21+ Event. Featuring live music. Seven wine and food pairings at the following locations: Celia's Boutique, 111 William; April Evans Beauty Lounge, 109 William; Alison Wells Fine Art Studio & Gallery, 106 William; TL6 the Gallery, 100 William; The Drawing Room, 22 William; Lat41, 28 William; Women's Fund SC Office, 65 William. Discounts at each of the listed women-owned businesses.

Tickets: \$45.00 pp. Includes 7 wine tastings at 7 different women-owned businesses on William Street in New Bedford and a raffle entry for a gift card for 2 people to attend an evening at Farm and Coast Market's monthly wine club, valued at \$150.

Get tickets at <https://womensfundsouthcoast.kindful.com/e/wine-on-william-1>

Wanted

Seeking individuals who have knowledge of working with fiber glass and / or wood to teach young people small boat repair skills during the summer. This would be a voluntary position. Helping make a difference in a youngster's future. This requires a "CORI" check. For further information please call: Joe Pacheco, Commodore, Fort Rodman Marine Educational Association / Low Tide Yacht Club, 774-322-0558

Tour the Z

Summer Saturday Tours will feature fascinating facts about the history of the 100-year-old Zeiterion Theatre building, as well as a look at the plans for the upcoming historic restoration and renovation. You'll explore all four floors of the building, including an opportunity to see the theater from the stage!

Summer Tours of The Z are free

and available June 3, June 17, July 8 and August 5 at 11AM & 1PM. Plus during AHA! Night on July 13 at 5PM & 6PM. Meet in the main lobby.

Spots are limited, so RSVP by "purchasing" a ticket above at <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/summer-tours-of-the-z-june-3>

Walking Tours

Walkways: Exploring the People and Places of Historic New Bedford will take place on AHA! Nights every second Thursday in 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.

- *VIP V Walking Tour*: Notable People in New Bedford History June 8, 2023, 6PM. Gather at Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, 396 County Street. This Walking Tour will highlight people as well as places significant in the development of New Bedford.
- *New Bedford in the Civil War Tour*, July 13, 2023, 6PM. Gather at Custom House Square, New Bedford Whaling National Park. The impact of the Civil War, 1861–1865, on New Bedford and its contribution to the war effort are the subjects of this walking tour. Stops include the landmark sites within the Historic District.
- *History of the Textile Industry Tour* August 10, 2023, 6PM. Gather at the Joseph Grinnell Mansion, 379 County Street. This tour recounts the rise and fall of the Textile Industry and its continuing effect on New Bedford.
- *Rural Cemetery Tour*. September 14, 2023. Tour starts at 3PM Gather at the Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street (Dartmouth Street Entrance) The cemetery tour not only features the people interred but also the art and symbolism of their monuments.

To learn more about the society call 508.997.6425 or visit nbpreservationsociety.org.

SAVE THE DATES

African Violets

Presentation on Growing African Violets by Christopher Paiva, June 12, 3 p.m., at Casada Saudade Library 58

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Fish Derby

The Acushnet Lions Club is hosting its annual Fish Derby for kids this Sat., 6/3, at Lake Street recreation area in Acushnet from 7 a.m. to noon,

The derby is FREE, you must have your own fishing gear. Just show up for a fun day.

Spirit Medium

A night with Spirit, Sun., 6/4, 4-6 p.m., at Off Broadway School of Dance, 132 S. Main St., Acushnet. Proceeds to help students with costumes, competitions and other out-of-pocket expenses. Featuring Steven the Medium. \$50 per ticket via venmo @daniele-bergeron-23.

Bottle Bill Webinar

Webinar about the Bottle Bill in Massachusetts Monday, June 5 at 7:30 PM on Zoom

Join guest speaker Mara Shulman from the Conservation Law Foundation to learn about how we can help update the Massachusetts bottle bill. Effective bottle bills help reduce litter and reduce reliance on new resources.

Webinar hosted by Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast. Register at bit.ly/bbill2023

Free Concerts

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to announce the return of their outdoor Summer Concert Series. Concerts will be held under the pavilion located at 232 Middle RD in Acushnet on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm from June 14 through August 2. The 2023 lineup is as follows:

June 14 Sinner's Pie
June 21 The Jethros
June 28 Pearly Baker Band
July 5 Dave Alves Band
July 12 Matt York
July 19 Roots Run Wild
July 26 G & Friends
August 2 Cameron Shave Jazz Orchestra

For more details, including artist description and music genre, please visit our online calendar at acupl.org. Concerts are held rain or shine. Please bring a blanket or chair.

Duck Race

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sun.,

6/18, at the Acushnet Sawmill and down the Acushnet River at 11-11:30 a.m. Proceeds from the race go to Mass. Lions Eye Research, Scholarships and other Lions Club charities.

Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 508-971-1859. First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

Pride At MAC

June Pride Workshop for Teens and Tweens

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, will host a June Pride Workshop for Teens and Tweens on Saturday, June 10 from 12:00-2:00pm in the MAC Studio. The MAC's All Things Art program director and artist Kate Frazer Rego will lead the course.

The cost to register is \$35 for MAC members and \$40 for nonmembers. Join a joyful celebration of diversity, pride, and inclusion. Tweens and teens are invited for an afternoon of fun Pride activities including creating your own pride flag, making pronoun pins, & creating mini-zines to share about the history of Pride and educate your family and community.

Anyone creating a craft must register for the class, but friends and family are invited to stop in at any point to enjoy the celebration. Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/events.

Community Picnic

The Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum are happy to announce the Great Community Picnic will take place this year at Munro Preserve on Mattapoisett Harbor on August 3, 2023, at 5:30 pm. The rain date is August 10.

We provide tables, chairs, tablecloths, a beautiful location, and live music. You provide a picnic dinner and a memorable night with your family and friends. All proceeds go to support the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum.

Tables will be available for groups of four (\$160), six (\$240), eight (\$320), and ten (\$400) people. New this year is the addition of Community Table tickets (\$40) for those who want to attend the event but don't want to purchase a whole table.

We also accept table sponsorships from local businesses for \$100/table. Your logo will be displayed on the table numbers and on any print materials for this event.

Live music is provided by Seth Asser and Gary Brown.

Beer and oysters will be sold on the day of the event.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.givebutter.com/GCP

This will be a fun-packed summer evening, so be sure to join us. Space is limited; reserve your table today!

Don't hesitate to contact Mattapoisett Museum, info@mattapoisettmuseum.org, or Mattapoisett Land Trust, info@mattlandtrust.org, for more information.

Mattapoisett Museum and Mattapoisett Land Trust are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.

Mattapoisett Road Race

Mattapoisett Road Race has a new look! While the race still takes runners through the village and the proceeds still provide scholarships to local students, the new course excludes the unpleasant stint on Route 6, and the last leg is a straight line from Ned's Point Light to the finish line. No more zig zagging at the end of the race! Runners now run "Four on the 4th"

Registration is online <http://www.mattapoisettroadrace.com/registration.html> for a \$25.

In person registration is on July 3rd from 4-6 PM and July 4th from 7:30 - 8:45 AM for \$35. If you'd like to volunteer on the day of the race, please contact Danny White at the Town Hall 508-758-4100 EXT 223.

Stories in Stone:

Historic Cemeteries of Westport Tour, 10 AM - 2 PM Saturday June 10, 2023 (Rain date Sunday June 11). The Westport Historical Society will hold its first tour of some carefully selected historic cemeteries.

There are more than 100 cemeteries scattered throughout Westport, representing an encyclopedia of individual stories such as the appalling fate of Timothy Allen who was "swallowed by a whale" to the

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Recipe of the Week

Tennessee Peach Pudding

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon, optional
1/2 cup 2% milk
3 cups sliced peeled fresh or frozen peaches

Topping:

1-1/2 cups water
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon butter
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Vanilla ice cream, optional

Preheat oven to 400°. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and, if desired, cinnamon. Stir in milk just until combined; fold in peaches. Spread into a greased 8-in. square baking dish.

For topping, combine water, sugars, butter and nutmeg in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugars are dissolved. Pour over peach mixture. Bake until filling is bubbly and a toothpick inserted in topping comes out clean, 40-50 minutes. Serve warm or cold, with ice cream if desired.



that Stephanie didn't invite Wilma. When I asked her why, she said Wilma would keep us all awake with her heavy breathing.

Wilma can't help it. She has a disability. It comes with the territory of being a pug. When Wilma finds out about the sleepover, I know she will be upset and end her friendship with Stephanie. Wilma takes no prisoners when she feels slighted or rejected.

I feel caught in the middle: if I go to the sleepover, Wilma will be mad at me, and Stephanie will be upset if I don't go. Any suggestions on how I should handle the situation?

Dear Frankie

Caught In The Middle

Dear Frankie,
My dog park friend Wilma is a pug and a loud breather and snorter.

Recently, Stephanie, also Wilma's friend, invited me to a sleepover party. Later I found out

nately, Stephanie hadn't considered a sleeping arrangement that would have allowed Wilma to be invited. Not everyone feels it is up to them to accommodate those with disabilities.

If you want to take a stand, you could tell Stephanie you understand her reasons for not inviting Wilma, but in good conscience, you can't accept her invitation to the sleepover. Explain that you know how sensitive Wilma is about her breathing disability and how she will be upset when she learns that she hasn't been invited. Ask Stephanie to understand why you have decided to hang out with Wilma the night of the sleepover.

You could also tell Wilma that you have accepted Stephanie's invitation and you feel terrible that Stephanie didn't invite her. You might also say you would like to have a sleepover and ask if she would like to help you plan the guest list, activities, and snacks.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

Foxy

Dear Foxy,
I know at times, managing relationships between friends can be dicey. Unfortu-

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Fairhaven TV's "The Magazine" wins national award

Press Release

Fairhaven TV independent producer David Fauteux and host Charlie Murphy received a 2023 Hometown Media Award from the Alliance for Community Media Foundation (ACFM). The awards program was established to honor and promote community media, community radio, and local cable programs that are distributed on Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access cable television channels. Proceeds go to the ACM Foundation which is exclusively used for facilitating, preserving and promoting education in community media.

For an episode of their interview show *The Magazine*, David and Charlie won "Best Magazine Show", which recognizes "programs comprised of several pre-produced segments or stories on different topics that are introduced by a host or narrative." Fairhaven TV chose to enter their 2022 Year in Review episode, as it highlights the year's fantastic stories on local people and businesses.

To watch the winning program, visit www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/

the-magazine-2022-year-in-review.

Producer David Fauteux says, "I've been producing programming, on and off for Public access since 1982, so it's an honor to be recognized by the Alliance for Community Media Foundation for doing something that you enjoy doing. Host Charlie Murphy and myself hope to continue *The Magazine* into the future, recognizing individuals within our community for their talents and skills."

Host Charlie Murphy remarks, "This is an amazing recognition of the local approach that we do to highlight so much of our community! I am so honored to have this recognition and for David Fauteux, who is an amazingly talented, man to gain this recognition. Our hard work has paid off!"

Fairhaven TV Director Derek Frates comments, "The Magazine exemplifies how important and impactful public access and community media can be. David and Charlie continue to produce high quality shows that touch on a variety of human-interest stories in the community. They've produced 41 episodes in just two and a half years ranging from spotlighting local business to events and

traditions around town and beyond. Fairhaven is fortunate to have volunteer creators like them."

Each year, nearly one thousand entries are submitted. These entries, or programs, are submitted and evaluated on several factors resulting in over 100 award winners. A panel of over 150 judges from the industry evaluate the entries. Awards are presented to the most creative programs that address community needs, develop diverse community involvement, challenge conventional commercial television formats, and move viewers to experience television in a different way.

"The Hometown Media Awards celebrate both the excellence of work and the diversity of media that appears on community channels being produced around the country. The ACM Foundation is proud of their achievement and of how they represent their communities in their work," says Mike Wassenaar, president & CEO, ACFM.

The team will receive their award in person at the 2023 ACM Hometown Media Awards Ceremony in Brooklyn, New York, on June 28th.

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Fairhaven remembers those who served

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven held its annual Memorial Day Parade under clear skies, in warm comfortable weather, albeit with a lot of wind, and lots of people lining the route along Main Street from the center of town to Riverside Cemetery for the ceremony. And although the high school band stopped at Fairhaven High School to play the national anthem, the Big Flag had already been raised. The FHS Alumni members were nervous about the high winds, so they raised the flat before the parade started, instead of while the band played.

Spectators lined the whole route, with many waving flags and voicing support for the veterans, police, fire, and organizations that marched.

At Riverside, US Navy Senior Chief

Larry Jones kept his opening prayer short, saying that Memorial Day is a day that is set aside to “remember with gratitude and pride” all those who served and died for our country and our freedom.

“May your day be filled with memories and peace,” said Senior Chief Jones. “God bless America.”

Navy Veteran Dorothea Machado, 100, also spoke to the crowd, saying she was happy and proud to be there.

“Not that I’ve done anything distinguished,” said Ms. Machado, but added, “I happen to be the oldest veteran in Fairhaven.”

She told the story of visiting Europe more than 70 years ago, and how she almost never got there after visiting the Azores and seeing poverty that almost sent her right back to Boston.

But a man on the ship convinced her to continue.

Europe was being reconstructed after WWII and it was “so much worth while” to continue on her trip, she said.

“So many of our servicemen had



made the supreme sacrifice so I could continue,” she said. “And it was a free land for all of us after all, rather than the enemy. And I was delighted.”

She said it was one of many great experiences.

“I’m very proud to be here and to honor our departed servicemen,” said Ms. Machado. “My only regret is I wish I could have another 100 years.”

In his closing prayer, Fr. Stephen Banjare, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Fairhaven, said we gather in this “sacred place,” we offer our gratitude “for the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.”

“May the memories of those we honor today be forever etched in our hearts,” said Fr. Banjare. “May their

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TOP, L-R: Veteran Bill Moniz and US Navy Senior Chief Larry Jones carry the wreath to the Civil War Monument in Riverside Cemetery during the ceremony after the Memorial Day Parade in Fairhaven on 5/29/23. MIDDLE: Navy Veteran Dorothea Machado, 100, addresses the crowd. ABOVE LEFT: The Tapper family cousins wave flags as the parade marches by. ABOVE RIGHT: Chuck “Hell On Wheels” Cromwell uses his motorized scooter to join the parade. *Photos by Beth David.*

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sacrifices never be forgotten, but always serve as a reminder of the cost of freedom."

The ceremony also included the reading of General Logan's Orders, which created the holiday, by Select Board chairperson Leon Correy; reading of the Governor's Proclamation on this year's Memorial Day by Fairhaven Veterans Services Agent Brad Fish; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by FHS Senior Class President Adin Monroe; "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the FHS Marching band; remarks by Navy Veteran Dorothea Machado; reading of the town's honor roll by Select Board member Stasia Powers; the laying of

the wreath at the Civil War Memorial; and the playing of taps by the high school band; and other musical arrangements by bagpiper and town Conservation Agent Bruce Webb; and, of course, the firing of the small cannon by the Fairhaven Village Militia.

The public was invited to a free buffet at the VFW after the ceremony.

"I feel good," said veteran Chuck Cromwell, 92, who was tooling around in his motorized scooter and wearing his signature "hell on wheels" helmet. "I love it. Are you kidding me?"

He said he always marched when he could walk, now he rolls.

He also said the flag should be at

half-mast on Memorial Day and instructed this reporter to "give 'em hell" at any place that did not do it.

FHS Senior Class President Adin Monroe has been admitted as a Midshipman to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, and will report later this month. He said his grandfather served, his brother is in Army ROTC, and his father works for the Navy.

"I guess the ideals I was raised on made me want to serve and I go tin and I'm going," said Mr. Monroe.

A video of the parade and ceremony will be available on FairhavenTV.com under Fairhaven Community Media.



TOP LEFT: Fairhaven High School Alumni Association members and volunteers raise the 50x30 "Big Flag" at the high school before the Memorial Day Parade on 5/29/23. Photo courtesy of Frank Solensky. TOP RIGHT: Peter Pelletier honored his family by holding photos of four generations of veterans as he marched in the parade. ABOVE LEFT: Veterans pose for the media and many cell phones at the VFW, where there is always a buffet waiting for all, after the parade and cemetery. ABOVE RIGHT: John Garcia of the Fairhaven Village Militia lights the "Little Canon" during the ceremony at Riverside Cemetery. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*

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Sprouts Tennis Ages 4-5

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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;
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Intro to Tennis Ages 9-12

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

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.

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.

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, Derby Street Shops; 6/7, Twin River Casino; 6/14, Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 6/21, So. Shore Plaza; 6/28, Thames St., Newport, RI; 7/5, Twin River Casino.

Monday Movie Matinee

June 12, 12:15 p.m.: *Book Club*. Four lifelong friends have their lives forever changed after reading *50 Shades of Grey* in their monthly book club. 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, \$2 donation for lunch. call 508-979-4029.

Excursion to the "The Knob" June 22,

June 22, \$10 pp. Please arrive at the COA for 8:30 a.m. SHARP. Get your walking shoes for this one! Patsy Zukowski will be your tour guide for the day exploring The Knob. Sitting at the tip of land where Quissett Harbor meets Buzzards Bay. The Knob in Falmouth offers visitors one of Cape Cod's most outstanding Buzzards Bay views. On clearn days you can see all the way across the Bay to West Island and New Bedford Harbor! There will be a stop for you to purchase lunch, or bring your own.

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Jun. 22, noon to 2 p.m. Please call to reserve a spot by June 19. Space is limited. Please call to reserve.

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID



Sealed bids marked for work listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., June 15, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read on June 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Miscellaneous HMA Patches and Related Work

The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN 6/1/23

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSCtVzJCQT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-023-015: 60 Hacker Street, Map 28A, Lot 103. Applicant: Jeremiah A. Katz. Owner: James N. Souza. Applicant seeks a 3 ft. 10 in. Variance to build a 26 ft. x 26 ft. garage where the planned 23 ft. 10 in. height of the garage will exceed the maximum 20 ft. allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22, Accessory Buildings and Use A. (2).
2. REF#: ZBA-023-016: 152 Adams Street, Map 16, Lot 95. Applicant and owner: Elizabeth A. Wilding. Applicant seeks a Variance to replace an existing 14 ft. x 12 ft. deck with a 14 ft. x 16 ft. year-round craft room, set 15.2' from the side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 Nonconforming Uses.
3. REF#: ZBA-023-017: 129 Alden Road, Map 36, Lot 14B. Applicant: Robert Gardner. Owner: 129 Alden Road, LLC. Applicant seeks a 44 ft. Variance to build a 50 ft. x 100 ft. warehouse 5.8 ft. from the rear setback as compared to the minimum 50 ft. rear setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule.
4. REF#: ZBA-023-018: 6 Prince Street, Map 30C, Lot

29. Applicant and owner: James W. Buckles Jr. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation business to operate an Electrician business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B. (4) Building trades.

5. REF#: ZBA-023-019: 184 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 41. Applicants and owners: Robert J. and Caryn M. Sullivan. Applicants seek a Variance to build a 22 ft. x 23 ft. deck 15 ft. from the side setback as compared to the minimum 20 ft. side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule.

6. REF#: ZBA-023-020: 37 Brae Road, Map 28B, Lot 57. Applicant: Alexander Lee Cummings. Owner: Bridget K. Hoyer. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on the property in an RA district, not to exceed 12 chickens and not to include any roosters, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule.

7. REF#: ZBA-023-021: 35 Hawthorne Street, Map 22, Lots 270-271. Applicant and owner: Antone P. Silva. Applicant seeks a Variance to extend an existing 6 ft. x 28 ft. porch with a 4 ft. x 28 ft. addition, which will encroach further on the front setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 Nonconforming Uses. C.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 5/25/23, 6/1/23

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on **Tuesday June 20, 2023**, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXG5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBBM2JPTXE0QT09or>
call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -
Passcode: 740257

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Unacc ST Disc* application (s): 1) **SD23-01**-Alex and Jean Easterday, the owners of the two parcels of land, (270 Sciticut Neck Rd and Thompson Avenue) separated by a paper road, Torrington Road. They are looking to discontinue the road only for the area that divides their two properties. The property is located at Map 29A, Lots 96, 97, and 101-106. 2) **SP23-02**-Ecogy MA XI, LLC,

Ecogy Energy, is seeking a Special Permit to allow a proposed rooftop solar PV system, for the OSJL building on 11-39 Berdon Way, which will be a 190 kW AC front-of-meter solar system. The property is located at Map 27, Lot 030.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8126 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 06/01/23 & 06/08/23.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, June 20 2023, at 6:45 p.m.
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of MGL as amended and Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Fairhaven Select Board, that Eversource has petitioned to install approximately 25' (feet) of conduit and cable in West Street, Fairhaven. This proposed location is necessary to provide electric service to #2 West Street, Fairhaven.

Meeting agenda can be found on the Town of Fairhaven website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board>).

FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD,
Leon Correy III
Charles Murphy
Stasia Powers
Robert Espindola
Keith Silvia
FNN: 6/1/23

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• **NOI – New Bedford Reservoir (Lakes 1, 2, 3, & 4) – Map 4, Lot 49 & Map 19, Lot 32 – SE 001-XXXX** – A Notice of Intent was filed by Jamie Kelley, Town of Acushnet, for property located at the New Bedford Reservoir – Lakes 1, 2, 3, & 4. The applicant proposes to control nuisance and invasive plant growth, utilizing regular monitoring and registered aquatic herbicides. The applicant is represented by Andrew Felter of SOLitude Lake Management. Plan name is "New Bedford Reservoir" dated April 5, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
FNN 6/1/23

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These students are chosen by their teachers to perform certain duties when asked. Each semester a new group of students are chosen. The students were each given a certificate and presented a gift with sees noting that we are ambassadors to the earth and its future.

The Grange gives the community service award annually to an individual from the town who has exemplified some type of service in their community. This year was an opportunity to recognize several individuals at once.

The Grange is open to all family member beginning at the age of 14.

Meetings are held first Tuesday at 7pm and doors are open to all who wish to visit and possibly want to be members. Our mission is "To bring people together to build stronger communities by encouraging agriculture and environmental sustainability, community service and fostering future leaders."

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fascinating life of Native American healer Charlotte White. Many of Westport's early settlers and their families are represented in this tour.

The tour offers a unique opportunity to visit up to 8 historic cemeteries in Westport, weaving together stories of those buried at these sites with a chance to explore

some special locations in Westport. Many cemeteries are hidden in the most surprising places — behind back yards or in fields and woods! The tour embraces the diverse and connected stories of Quakers, Mayflower passenger descendants, Native Americans, African Americans, military veterans, and of families that have been embedded in our commu-

nity for generations. The tour will also highlight gravestone restoration and repair techniques. Tour at your own pace. Volunteer guides will share information at each site

Tickets: \$35. available at <https://wpthistory.org/our-events/> Tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event at Partners Village Store.

Blue Stream meets with neighbors resistant over proposal

By Beth David
Editor

Dale Leavitt of Blue Stream Shellfish LLC met with about 35 West Island neighbors at the West Island Improvement Association community house on Saturday, 5/27/23, to explain the details of a proposal to put two upwellers in Round Cove, off the northwest side of West Island.

Neighbors were clearly resistant to the idea, with some threatening legal action if the company pursues the project.

Dr. Leavitt explained that the upwellers will grow oysters from seed until they are large enough to transplant into the regular cages that the aquaculture company already uses for its operation off the waters of West Island.

The upweller would be closer to the shore, in about four feet of water, in the mooring field near Bella Vista Island.

The two upwellers will be moored in the cove, are 20x24 feet each, and include a small solar array that will power the upweller. The water will need to be pumped upward (upweller) to keep the seed alive. Total square footage of the whole operation is 960. Only the two solar arrays will be above water more than a few inches.

The project was presented to the Marine Resources Committee, which has recommended it. The project is on the agenda again for the 6/1/23 meeting. The Select Board is also holding a public hearing at its 6/5/23

meeting. The SB must approve the project before it can go forward.

Neighbors complained that the area he had chosen is like a quiet residential neighborhood, not a commercial zone, to use comparisons to land zoning.

"This is meaningful to us," said Steven Cohen, adding that it will impact the neighbors.

He said he respected that it was a business.

"But there's more to life than business," said Mr. Cohen, adding that the project will "really impact people" and it will have a "negative impact on the community."

He said the residents had legal options to make life difficult for the company if necessary.

Dr. Leavitt answers by saying he was a "glass half full guy," and touted the environmental benefits of bivalves, explaining that the oysters from his operation have removed 3/4 of a ton of nitrogen from Nasketucket Bay.

One resident said the upwellers will be 153 feet from his mooring and wanted guarantees it would not move any closer.

Harbormaster Tim Cox explained that the Select Board has to approve



the project and can place a variety of restrictions on it, including how close it can be to moorings and docks.

He said no one will be moved.

Neighbors also expressed concern about noise and other nuisance factors while the upweller is being maintained.

Dr. Leavitt said there is no noise, everything is under water; there are no lights, no motors, no generator, it is all solar powered.

Dr. Leavitt's reputation was also discussed, and while it was largely considered stellar, neighbors worried about what would happen when he retires or moves on.

Dr. Leavitt said he would be finding someone with a similar philosophy to take over.

The company's dispute with the marina was also discussed. It is no secret in the neighborhood that the new owners of West Island Marina

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TOP: A group of neighbors listens to Dr. Dale Leavitt of Blue Stream Shellfish during a tour of the company's oyster operation on Goulart Memorial Drive in Fairhaven on 5/27/23. ABOVE LEFT: Dr. Dale Leavitt of Blue Stream Shellfish points out a feature on an upweller like the one he is hoping to place in Round Cove during the tour. ABOVE RIGHT: Dr. Leavitt (foreground) stands on one of the upwellers while speaking to the group. Photos by Beth David.



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From our readers

Seniors Can Not Afford Override

As a senior citizen in the town of Fairhaven who lives on a very, very fixed income, I have paid taxes in Fairhaven for 70+ years. I urge my fellow citizens in Fairhaven to vote no on the Proposition 2 1/2 override.

I believe that once the town gets an override they can do what they want with the money and distribute it where they want, and it just won't stop this year.

With the cost of inflation, Social Security benefits haven't kept up, and the cost of Medicare has gone up.

People who live on a fixed income and are elderly sometimes can't pay their taxes or buy food. As an elderly person I have trouble paying for food, rent, and other necessities that a senior citizen needs.

Inflation is at its worst. If we vote to override Proposition 2 1/2 it will go on and on and the politicians can keep the money and do whatever they want with it.

How can Fairhaven politicians even think about overriding Proposition 2 1/2? Shame on you!

I've been a teacher in Fairhaven for many, many years, a social worker, and again a teacher in Fairhaven. I was Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Gardella. I'm very active in a lot of organizations.

How can people vote when senior citizens are starving to override Proposition 2 1/2?

Vote "no" on Monday 6/5.

Anne Chadwick Gardella, Fairhaven

Base Vote on What's Best For Whole Town

I have lived in Fairhaven my entire life, with the exception of when I was serving my country. I have been a firefighter in service to the town for six years. I love my country and my town and I am writing in support of the override.

As a servant to the people I don't feel I can vote just based on what will affect my pocket. I vote based on what is best for the overall and the override is something that will allow the town to catch up. We enjoy some of the lowest tax rates in the state, but that has been artificially driven down via use of free cash. This is something that has been done over the past five years or more and the

current leadership has the vision to try to fix it and change a culture that holds the town back.

As a town we say "live within your means" but we all want free or inexpensive services like trash, beaches, parking, etc. The towns around us pay for those services at a higher rate than we do. We feel as though we are entitled to these things that the town provides us, but when the town asks us for help we get mad and stomp our feet.

Everything grows and moves forward and because of these practices, we are in a position where we can't afford to provide the services in the same way at the same cost. Instead of being underhanded, we are being asked to vote in favor of an increase so that the town can correct this.

There may be other projects like a safety building, increases in staffing, broadband, etc., but these don't exist now and might never come to fruition without increasing our taxes. We need to fix it now. If the town is this upset over the override as it stands, asking to wait for a study that could make the ask even bigger hardly seems like the appropriate response and I find it self serving to suggest otherwise. That's not exactly saying no, that's saying let's add more to it and if you don't, I don't support it.

Adequate staffing for public safety has been an issue in this town for the six years I've served as a firefighter and for at least six more years before it. The community was not aware of how unsafe the Fire Department ran until the fire union and [Select Board Chairperson Leon] Correy brought it to light after spending an evening with us and listening to us. There were no promises made, he just lent an ear. Hopefully, the override money will allow us to improve our safety and add more staffing.

We all want things and those things cost money. You want the town to live within its means? Well we can start by living within ours and being willing to pay our fair share because right now we don't. Companies can charge more for their goods and services without asking. The town could charge for plenty of services without asking but it hasn't done that.

We don't know what the future holds. However, an override allows the current governing body time to

get caught up and come up with ways to drive revenue in the town so this hole doesn't get any deeper.

The current town administrator has been in place for one year. The current chair has been on the board for only one year. The previous chair had been on the board for less than two years. Yet I know more now about what goes on in the town than ever before. This is the transparency I've been hoping for. We ask our select board to be willing to make the tough decisions and when we don't like the tough decisions they make, we can't suddenly switch up and rally against the decisions that they are making that will ultimately benefit the community as a whole.

On June 5, I will be voting yes.

*Kevin Gonsalves, Fairhaven
President, Local 1555, Fairhaven
Firefighters Association*

Fairhaven is at a Crossroads

As I have watched the debate around the Proposition 2.5 override, I felt compelled to comment. We are at a crossroads in our town, and it is in all of our hands to decide who we want to be going forward. Now, I understand people don't want to pay more...for anything! But we are paying more — for everything — which is why we are in this position in our town. Costs have grown more than the 2.5% we are allowed to increase our taxes. And in this case, is the passage of the override really going to cost us that much more? I ask that people take a step back for a minute and do a true analysis, thinking about the whole picture and the long game as you make your decision.

While on the one hand our taxes will increase slightly more, around \$44 per year for the average taxpayer, which equates to less than the cost of one cup of coffee at a coffee shop every week for a year. But if we vote no, the alternative will be to find other ways to fill the funding gap, like adding fees. Fees for things that we need to provide as a town and we now take for granted could cost each household much more than annually.

And while the idea of an override isn't a perfect solution, it is a step that can be taken now to prevent the town from going so far backward it takes years to recover. In addition, we

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EOE/AA

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department that supplements our personnel on scene to ensure the safety of our personnel and the public.

Unfortunately, this department has had to request additional funding for the past few years during the fiscal year. We do our best to stay within the budget each year, but with inflation and increased call volume, additional funding is needed to maintain services. We will continue to offer you the best service possible with the allocated budget, but there

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will be a time when services will need to be cut if proper and consistent funding is not obtained.

Without the override, the municipality will be working with a deficit that will affect this department and our ability to offer consistent services. As your Fire Chief, and also a taxpayer, I support the override request. This will be the best way to allow the department to grow with the needs of the people.

If you have any questions regarding our current staffing, please email me at tcorreia@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

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

Cable Advisory

Tues., 5/30, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Lagoa Friendship

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

Marine Resources

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

School Committee

Wed., 6/14, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

SPECIAL PROP 2 1/2 OVERRIDE ELECTION

Mon., 6/5, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
All precincts vote at Rec Ctr

Acushnet

TIDE TABLE

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

	June 2023		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	1	0637	1856	1142 ----
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Sunday	4	0846	2108	0206* 1400*
Monday	5	0937	2159	0259* 1455*
Tuesday	6	1029	2251	0350* 1550*
Wednesday	7	1123	2345	0436* 1642*
Thursday	8	----	1221	0523* 1735
Friday	9	0044	1323	0617* 1843
Saturday	10	0145	1421	0729 2021
Sunday	11	0242	1517	0844 2200
Monday	12	0339	1616	0948 2329
Tuesday	13	0442	1718	1058 ----
Wednesday	14	0545	1812	0029 ----
			1159	----
Thursday	15	0636	1857	0120 1238
Friday	16	0720	1939	0211 1304
Saturday	17	0802	2020	0304 1330
Sunday	18	0845	2103	0346 1403
Monday	19	0929	2146	0406 1443
Tuesday	20	1013	2229	0355 1525
Wednesday	21	1056	2311	0413 1604
Thursday	22	1141	2356	0441 1642
Friday	23	----	1230	0514 1722
Saturday	24	0046	1322	0552 1810

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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should be looking at the finances more intently and making a bigger plan. That will be much harder to do with a no vote. How can we expect to draw a high quality finance director if potential candidates think they won't get paid fair market value? That is a critical step toward doing all of the planning that has been suggested, and quite frankly is needed. The override creates the bridge to allow all of those things to happen.

What do we get for our money if we vote yes? We are able to help our schools maintain a high-quality educational experience and critical services needed for our children and families. A cost of less than a subscription TV streaming service or your cable bill is a small price to pay to support the education of our children. If we continue to chip away at educational funding we will feel that impact in the erosion of our property values and our town's future citizenry.

As a community that's aging, with housing that will be turning over, one of the big deciding factors for people coming into a community is the quality of education in the community. If a cut to the schools is the more palatable choice, are you choosing not to be a town that draws families, supporting long term growth? A no vote puts the town in the position of not funding schools to the absolute minimum required by the state, risking repercussions such as significant fines and withheld funding.

We are in a difficult spot...like many other communities in the Commonwealth. We have a course of action that needs to be taken, and it needs to happen now. If we wait the hole gets bigger, you will be asked to do more or we lose — services, staff, quality community services. These are all things that we deserve to have. They are all things necessary for the community to grow and improve.

And you can decide what will set us up for a brighter future. All I ask is, please, think about what it means for you and your family's future objectively and then make your choice.

I've taken a close look at it all, and I believe we need to take this step to make the investment in our future now, so I'm voting yes on Monday June 5. I hope you will too.

Pam Kuechler, Fairhaven

Override Essential to Maintain Services

Citizens of Fairhaven, MA, should strongly consider supporting the override of Proposition 2 & 1/2 for two crucial reasons. Firstly, the override is essential to maintain our current programs and services. Without it, valuable initiatives such as the Family Center, Unified Sports, and free after-school programming would face severe cuts or even elimination. These programs play a vital role in the well-being and development of our community, providing essential resources and

opportunities for our citizens, particularly our youth. By supporting the override, we ensure that these programs continue to thrive and positively impact the lives of Fairhaven residents.

Secondly, the override is necessary to support our dedicated municipal government employees and guarantee funding for crucial positions, such as the newly hired fire fighters, beyond 2024. These individuals work tirelessly on behalf of our town, ensuring our safety, maintaining infrastructure, and providing essential services. Without the override, we risk compromising their ability to perform their duties effectively and maintain the high standard of public service we expect. By approving the override, we demonstrate our appreciation for their hard work and dedication, while also securing their continued employment and ensuring the long-term stability of our municipal government.

While it's true that upcoming studies may shed light on potential funding needs, we must not overlook the urgency of the present situation. The override addresses the immediate financial challenges that would otherwise result in the loss of crucial programs and services. By acting now, we can safeguard the well-being of our community, support our municipal employees, and lay the foundation for a prosperous and sustainable future for Fairhaven.

Chris Fidalgo, Fairhaven

Fairhaven Fire Department: Override is needed

*Fairhaven Fire Department
Press Release*

Statement from Chief Todd Correia RE: Proposition 2 1/2 Override.

The Fairhaven Fire Department handles over 4000 emergency calls annually. Each year our calls are increasing anywhere between 3-5%. Our citizen demographic includes an aging population mainly housed in residences, but they are also located in three nursing homes; one assisted living complex; eight large elderly/low-income complexes. In addition, our Town has one urgent care center, one cancer center, and one dialysis center. All these equate to a very busy department.

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on shift, which caused an increase in overtime expenditures. We have publicly stated (at Finance Commit-

tee and Selectboard meetings) numerous times that our ideal shift staffing level would be nine (9) firefighters/paramedics. This staffing level would be needed to handle the current call volume and prepare for future demands.

The Town Administrator and the Selectboard have shifted funding around to support the addition of four (4) new firefighters. This is a necessary first step in providing a safe and adequate fire and EMS response. This funding allows us to cross-staff two ambulances with two firefighters and leave at least two/three firefighters back to handle additional EMS or fire calls. In addition, we will maintain a call

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and Blue Stream are haggling over rent of the dock at the far north end of Long Island.

That has nothing to do with the town, said Mr. Cox.

Dr. Leavitt said Blue Stream is not using the same amount of space, and does not use the leased property the same way as the previous owners, so they want to pay less. He said he was confident the two parties would come to an agreement soon.

Residents also suggested a number of different areas. Dr. Leavitt explained the criteria he was looking for in the ideal spot, discussing each site in detail.

Marc Dunn suggested Hoppy's Landing, on the north side of the existing boat ramp, where Mr. Cox had his quahog upweller some years ago. Both Mr. Cox and Dr. Leavitt said they would be happy to explore that possibility, and any other sites that would work.

Dr. Leavitt said he had no problem putting the upwellers in a different spot, as long as the spot would work. He will go for this first, ideal, spot, he said, but if the Select Board rejects it, he will look for another site.

"I'm not married to that site," said Dr. Leavitt. "If there's an alternative, I'm game."

Residents also discussed the payment that the company makes to the town, \$200 per acre. The aquaculture operation has 46 acres, so they pay about \$9,200 per year. The new project would be \$200 or less because it is less than 1,000 square feet.

"Oh, that much?" said Mr. Cohen, adding it was about enough for lunch.

Residents also criticized the slow cleanup of the property, a serious bone of contention when the property was owned by Taylor Seafood. Mr. Cox said that the new owners were making great progress cleaning up the site. They have been there for only a year and a half, he said, give them time. He said they have pulled many dumpsters of debris off the site.

"They're trying very hard to clean up the property," said Mr. Cox. "They still have a way to go."

In the end, Mr. Cox encouraged residents to attend the June 1 meeting of the Marine Resources Committee. He said he would meet with Dr. Leavitt and have information on the alternative sites they discussed.

Mr. Cox also took the opportunity to ask residents for support with two other matters. He said he is trying to get the areas on both sides of the causeway dredged. The water does not flow the way it should. He will be getting the Department of Environmental Protection at an MRC meeting at some point.

"I need everybody on board with me," he said. "The water's not flowing the way it should."

He also explained his item that will be on the Conservation Commission's agenda on 6/5 to place fencing at Hoppy's Landing. He said he needs to move the boats and trailers he has at the landfill.

"I need to secure my boats and trailer," said Mr. Cox.

He said the area is on the west side of Hoppy's Landing, on the back side of the area that the lobster traps are stored.

Dr. Leavitt also offered to take the group on a tour of the operation, but only about 12 took him up on his offer.

The group started at the property adjacent to Hoppy's Landing, where the oyster cages are stored, and where the oysters are stored before being taken to market.

Across the street, the oysters are hauled from the water and sorted.

In both locations, Dr. Leavitt showed the group an upweller like the ones he wants to put in Round Cove.

There are three 8x20 foot docks. Two have upwellers that hang below the surface and wooden frames about seven feet high for attaching a winch to pull up the upweller cages. The third has a solar array 20 feet wide. The complete size is 24x20. There will be two of them for a total of 960 square feet.

They will be moored on two ends so they will not shift with the wind.

The Marine Resources Committee meetings and the Select Board meetings are available on demand at FairhavenTV.com. Both meetings have in-person and online options for attending. Visit the town's website for the calendar to join via zoom, at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov>. Meetings are also run on Comcast Channel 18.

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Crapo Street, NB, 508-991-6218

Christopher Paiva grew up in New Bedford on County Street. He works as a Psychiatric Nursing Supervisor at Southcoast Behavioral Health. He has always enjoyed growing plants and he learned much of what he knows from his grandmother (vovo). She grew the most beautiful African violets. It wasn't until ten years ago that he began to grow African violets in his own home. Later on he joined the Bay State African Violet Society. He is a member of the African Violet Society of America (AVSA). He has won Best in Show in 2017 for his African violet and many blue ribbons, and placed 2nd nationally for an

article titled, "Making the Greens while Working in the Workplace" by the AVSA. Christopher Paiva has been highlighted in *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* for his African violet plants.

Cleanup

Sat., 6/10, 9am - 12pm. Volunteers will be cleaning up West End neighborhoods. Please meet at the parking lot at St. Luke's Hospital, 101 Page St. New Bedford, MA.

You can pre-register online: <https://operationcleansweep.net/cleanups-operation-clean-sweep/>

Free t-shirts to all volunteers; Gloves and tools provided; Wear closed-toe shoes; Review the safety

notes; Walkins Welcome; Free pizza from Dominos; Coffee & Donuts provided by BASK.

Follow Operation Cleansweep on Facebook.

Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions Sunday, June 11 at 1:00 P.M. and Monday, June 12 at 7:00 P.M. for all roles in the upcoming 2023-2024 Season production of Agatha Christie's "Murder On The Orient Express" adapted by Ken Ludwig. The performances will be held at the Steeple Playhouse when the building opens.

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