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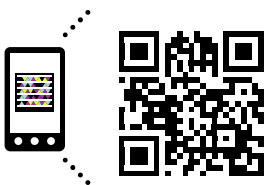
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

“However you propel yourself”



Local and state officials, and local advocates cut the ribbon on the Mattapoissett Rail Trail’s “Shining Tides Mile” extension of the shared use path that completed the route from Mattapoissett Neck Road to Goodspeed Island Road at a ceremony on 6/12/23. L-R: Mattapoissett Select Board members Jordan Collyer and Jodi Lynn Bauer; MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver; MassDOT Secretary/CEO, Gina Fiandaca; William Straus, Mass. State Representative and Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Transportation; Rail Trail founder Steve Kelleher; Ray Rose; Rob Price; Audra Riding, aide to Mass. State Senator Mark Montigny. *Photo by Beth David.*



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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

“The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know.”

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, my brain is seriously ready for my summer break around the 4th. No yet... two more issues, then we take a break. So if you need any listings, have been dragging your feed on getting that ad copy in, please...do it ASAP.



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Sooo... the bike path extension is finally finished. And...wow. Just wow. It's been open for a few weeks now, so people have had a chance to check it out. But, the mucky-mucks haven't been able to make it until now, so the official ribbon cutting wasn't until this wee. See page 12 for what they all had to say.

It is quite the project. It is one of those projects that makes you have so much admiration for the advocates who simply did not give up. There's a lesson in there. So many obstacles had to be overcome. There were so many times when it seemed impossible. But some people had a vision. They could see it. And now, I'll bet it is something beyond even what they imagined. Because in 1972 and even in 1996, they did not think they'd have the environmental issues to contend with in quite the same way. Everything is on pilings for this latest section. Anyway, check it out. There are numerous places to park that are not too far from the path. It is accessible to everyone, including wheelchair users and baby carriage pushers.

There's a bunch of other good stuff in here, of course. The happenings season is in full swing: Father's Day Road Race in Fairhaven, and Duck Race in Acushnet (see page 3). There's plenty more, too, on pages 5, 6, 7.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Father's Day Road Race is Sunday; summer events heat up

Father's Day 5K

49th Annual Fairhaven Father's Day 5K 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. Early bib pickup, Sat., 6/17, 10 a.m. to noon; Hastings Middle School.

Course is USATF sanctioned. All miles marked and splits given. Numerous water stops.

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The 3.1 mile route starts on Adams Street near Hastings Middle School, travels to Glenhaving to Alden to Howland, and back to Adams Street, ending at Hastings Middle School.

Duck Race

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sun., 6/18, at the Acushnet Sawmill, 32 Mill Road, Acushnet, 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.

Huttleston Marketplace

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. Held rain or shine.

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

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

Fairhaven Farmers Market OPENING DAY THIS SUNDAY, 6/18

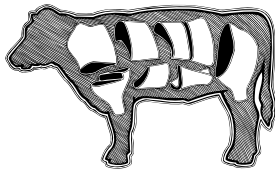
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

GOP Meeting

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye! All persons having anything to do, as members or guest of the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee, draw near, give your attendance and ye shall be heard. Tues., 6/20 at 6 p.m., 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven.

Call 508-863-0416 with any concerns or questions

Upweller Hearing

The Fairhaven Select Board and Marine Resources Committee will hold a public hearing on 6/20/23 at the SB meeting to hear a proposal by Blue Stream Shellfish to place two floating upweller raft systems (FLUPSY) at Hoppy's Landing.

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.

Parade Signup

Let's have a party! Have you signed up to join in the fun for July 4th? If not, what are you waiting for?

We would love to have you join us as the Town celebrates our Nation's Birthday with a car cruise and parade followed by the Annual Independence Day Ceremony. It doesn't matter if you are a group or individual, team or club, neighbors or family, we would love to have everyone who would like to celebrate with us.

Please join the celebration by joining the parade with a vehicle, float, bicycle, 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. Once at Fort Phoenix, we will complete the celebration with the Annual Independence Day ceremony.

To join the parade, fill out the online application form at: <https://>

tinyurl.com/27d7zsnh. Paper application forms are also available at the Fairhaven Visitors Center.

For further information email July4thParade@fairhaven-ma.gov. **The deadline to sign up is June 20.**

We are looking for volunteers to help organize the marchers, if you would like to help but are unable to participate in the parade.

Farmer's Market

Opens for the season this Sun., 6/18, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 151 Alden Road. See ad on page 3.

SAVE THE DATES

Blessing of the Bikes RESCHEDULED

St. Joseph's Blessing of the Bikes has been rescheduled to Sun., 6/25, 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 Living on a Bad Name Bon Jovi Tribute Band. Raffle: 2017 Harley Road Glide, only 250 tickets at \$100 each.

Homecoming Day Fair

Saturday, June 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Center Street, from William to Green streets, Fairhaven, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

An early summer favorite, this event features about 175 booths of handmade crafts and delicious foods in addition to live entertainment, an art exhibit on the west lawn of the Unitarian Church, and children's activities, including the very popular fire engine rides. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. Free. Accessible parking available. For more information, visit <http://FairhavenImprovement.org> or email fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com.

Buzzards Bay Swim

Annual Buzzards Bay Swim, Sat., 6/24, 6:30-10 a.m. Start: beach next to Cisco Brewers Kitchen and Bar, 1480 E Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford Finish: Fort Phoenix State Beach, Green Street, Fairhaven

Don't miss this chance to swim point-to-point across a closed shipping channel with 300 other swimmers! The Buzzards Bay Swim is

a one-of-a-kind scenic point-to-point open water swim across outer New Bedford Harbor. Assisted by a robust safety patrol, swimmers navigate 1.2 miles through the harbor and channel, passing by the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier, one of the largest stone structures on the East Coast. At the thrilling finish, swimmers are welcomed with a beach party featuring a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, and local beer!

\$25 registration fee and \$300 fundraising minimum (\$150 for youth) includes parking, shuttle service, bag check, swim cap, chip timing, snacks, breakfast, beverages, event t-shirt, live music, awards, prizes, and a hefty bronze finisher's medal custom made by local artisans. Qualifications apply. Special rates available for youth teams.

Swimmers start at 7:15 and start arriving in Fairhaven about

For more information and to register, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim. Reach out to events@savebuzzardsbay.org with any questions.

Walking Tours

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.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Buy Black Mkt

The announcement of the 3rd annual Juneteenth vendor market hosted by Buy Black NB is a win for the makers and creatives who will sell their products and the community alike who come together to honor Juneteenth.

Sat., 6/17, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Rotch-Jones-Duff House, 396 County St, New Bedford, MA

This free, public event will have something for the entire family. All are invited to shop a curated selection of local Black-owned businesses while enjoying community building on Black Independence Day. There will be children's face painting, 360 photo booth, Black History trivia, a live band and DJ, raffle prizes and for dads there will be Father's Day massages.

Visit buyblacknb.com for more information and list of vendors.

Summer Concerts

The Summer Sound Series presented by Mayor Jon Mitchell runs through September 15, offering a free concert every other Friday. Alternating between lower Union Street and Purchase Street, these block party events feature high-energy danceable varieties of musical genres and participation from local restaurants and organizations.

The Summer Sound Series will be in the heart of it all, with streets blocked off for the Friday concerts from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Concertgoers can purchase a beverage from participating establishments and experience great live music in a fun, festive atmosphere. This summer's lineup features an eclectic mix of artists.

PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets): June 23: Entrain

Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

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 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>

Sonata Saturdays

Symphonic sounds will weave their way through historic downtown New Bedford this summer with the return of Sonata Saturdays. This free outdoor concert series, now in its third season, is a partnership between New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra (NBSO), and The Drawing Room. The fourth Saturday of each month, small groups of NBSO musicians will delight the neighborhood and summer visitors with a variety of classical and popular music.

This year, Sonata Saturdays will be held in the garden of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center, located at 33 William Street, on the 4th Saturday of June, July, August, and September from 4-6pm. Musicians will perform twice each day, with programs beginning at 4-4:45 pm and repeating at 5-5:45 pm. Some chairs will be provided, but you may also bring your own to secure a seat.

June 24: Jennifer Memoli, violin and Bonnie Harlow, cello

Jennifer Memoli, violin, and Bonnie Harlow, cello, will be performing a mixture of Baroque, Romantic, and Classical music. These pieces were written between the 1700s and 1900s. The Baroque era includes renowned composers such as Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel. The Romantic era includes composers such as Berlioz, Schumann, Beethoven, and Mozart. The Classical era had other wonderful composers, such as Chopin, Sibelius, Verdi, Dvorak, and Vaughn Williams.

Visit www.nbsymphony.org today and shop.anthif.com.

Sunfish Sailors

Are you looking for more "Sunfish" sailboat racing this summer, or want

to get involved in this popular sport? The Fort Rodman Marine Education Association/Low Tide Yacht Club (FRMEA/LTYC) is looking for "Sunfish" boaters to form a "Sunfish Racing Committee" and become a part of our family sailing heritage. A meeting will be held at the yacht club at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., 6/28. This is a great way to meet old and new friends.

For further information call: Joseph Pacheco at 774-322-0558, FRMEA/LTYC, 1000B East Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA. 02744 (Located in Fort Taber Park)

Ground Spraying

The New Bedford Health Department, working closely with the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, is again conducting its annual monitoring program to track the potential threat from mosquitoes that could be carrying Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) or West Nile virus (WNV).

Under the program, crews place traps to collect pools of mosquitoes and mosquito populations are monitored throughout the summer months.

As part of the tracking program, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will again target specific areas for spraying, including public parks and locations that host large public events.

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project's first targeted ground spraying for mosquitoes will take place very early in the morning of Thursday, June 15, and continue each Thursday through late September. In the event of rain or inclement weather, the spraying will occur early Friday mornings. Spraying will occur between 2 a.m. and sunrise.

The spraying will target areas including Buttonwood Park, Brooklawn Park, Fort Taber, Hazelwood Park, Riverside Park, Clasky Common Park, Ashley Park, the Wing's Court and Custom House Square areas, and the downtown area. Residents near targeted areas may wish to close their windows in the evenings prior to sprayings.

Celebrate Seniors

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III's office will once again hold its annual Bristol County Celebration of Seniors conference this Friday, June 16, at White's of Westport, 66 State Road.

The half-day event, which will begin with a free breakfast for all attendees at 9 a.m., will feature numerous speakers on issues of importance to seniors and their caretakers. The conference will also be home to more than 60 vendors, all of whom provide resources to seniors in the region. The event is free and open to the public and will be a one stop shop for any senior, caretaker or loved one to get the important information they need to protect and care for an elder.

The speaking program will run from 9 a.m. to shortly after 10 a.m. At the conclusion of the speaking portion of the conference, attendees will be free to browse the Senior Resource Fair, which will include more than 60 vendors and service providers.

The Annual Celebration of Seniors Event is part of District Attorney Quinn's dedication to senior issues. After first being sworn in as district attorney in 2015, District Attorney Quinn immediately created a unique unit within the office devoted to elder abuse and elder financial exploitation prevention, prosecution and investigations. The unit is comprised of expert investigators and prosecutors who have taken on complex elder financial abuse investigations that require more than just a police detective to solve.

The event is being co-sponsored by Coastline Elderly Services.

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 28 Pearly Baker Band: The Pearly Baker Band is known for playing Grateful Dead music, but they don't consider themselves a cover band—they play Dead music their

way. Early on, Pearly Baker realized that the Grateful Dead had created an interesting musical template that can be used by others to raise the level of joy in the world, song by song, show by show. The quartet features Tim Richmond on bass guitar, Ken Richards on guitar, Mike Mahoney on guitar and Eric Costa playing keyboard.

Upcoming concerts:

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.

Free Concert

Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church St., is thrilled to present "Music at the Museum: Pebbles of Rain," a captivating concert taking place on June 24 at 7:00 PM. This FREE event is generously sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council, an organization dedicated to promoting excellence, education, access, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and sciences across the Commonwealth.

Depending on the weather, the concert may be held outdoors to accommodate a larger audience. However, due to capacity limits inside the museum, reservations will be required to secure a spot. This exciting concert offers an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy a diverse collection of musical artists, celebrating the richness and unity found in music.

While admission is free, donations are always appreciated to support future cultural events. Reserve your spot and learn more about the concert by visiting <https://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/event-info/pebbles-of-rain>.

At The MAC

Play

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, presents its newest production, *Belles*, written by Mark Dunn and directed by Kate Sorensen-Young. Remaining show dates are

June 16, 17, 23, 24, 25 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets, available now, are just \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers and can be purchased online at marionartcenter.org/events.

Hub Theatre

An event ten years in the making! Hub Theatre Company of Boston will conclude the celebration of its 10th anniversary season with the revival of Nora and Delia Ephron's *Love, Loss and What I Wore*, directed by local favorite Paula Plum. The show will run at Club Café, 209 Columbus Ave. in Boston's Back Bay, from Saturday, July 22, through Saturday, August 5, 2023 with performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm and a Saturday matinee on August 5 at 2:00 pm. Tickets to all performances are "Pay-What-You-Can." Donations of new and gently worn clothing will be collected for charity so, in addition to bringing your friends and family, bring that bridesmaid dress you will never wear again, those shoes that pinch your toes, and those jeans you haven't worn since Bill Clinton was in office - we promise to find them all good homes!

For tickets and more information visit www.hubtheatreboston.org

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.

Fairhaven's Bridge Street project gets \$1 million from state

From press release materials

State Senator Mark Montigny's office announced this week that his earmark to provide \$1 million for Bridge Street improvements has been approved and will move forward.

"These funds will greatly enhance the safety and accessibility of Bridge Street for pedestrians and motorists along what is currently a very busy and challenging stretch of roadway," said Sen. Montigny, who secured the funding in the state transportation bond bill. "I am pleased to partner with town officials and MassDOT to advance this important infrastructure project."

Project details follow.

Fairhaven Bridge Street Reconstruction between Route 6 and 240

Project Objective: The goal of this project is to reconstruct Bridge Street between Route 6 and Route 240 in Fairhaven to add pedestrian and transit facilities and drainage to this key collector road that currently carries approximately 8,000 vehicle trips a day with major development parcels along and near it.

The objective is to refine a multi-modal design for the corridor from Route 6 to Mill Road that can better accommodate the existing development and future anticipated growth from the development of the 12-acre drive-in property along it and the future 40R District in a safe manner and encourage non-vehicular travel.

Project Need: The corridor currently varies in condition between the western segment near Route 6 to the section in the vicinity of Alden Road and Route 240.

The planning will incorporate a

more easterly section to Mill Road but design and near term development will be focused between Route 6 and 240. The current roadway provides no accommodation for pedestrians and bike traffic between Route 6 and Alden Road and then minimal sidewalks on the south side from Alden Road to 240 where it is least necessary.

There is a Walmart, two popular restaurants, a bank, a Little People's College, a veterinarian and the animal shelter as well as two of the most used bus stops in the SRTA system on the stretch between Route 6 and Alden Road and no sidewalks or bus shelters.

There are a number of parcels along this corridor that provide opportunity for new development that a much needed, comprehensive improvement to Bridge Street in this area would significantly improve.

The 12-acre former drive in site sits at the corner of Bridge and Route 6 and another 8-acre Town owned property that was part of the old landfill may become the future recycling transfer center.

Additionally, the Town is considering creating a 40-R Overlay District to allow Mixed-Use in the commercials plaza where Walmart is and other properties nearby to the south of Bridge Street. The redesign project would improve the safety and operations at the existing intersections, create multi-modal accommodation and provide much needed drainage that has impacted the old Drive-in for many years.

Analysis and Design: The existing conditions, traffic study and engineering and design would be funded by the Joint Transportation

Bond Bill. We will apply to MassWorks through the One-stop for Growth Program for funds to implement the plans. The JTBB funds will be used to complete a project development phase that would include detailed field survey, wetlands flagging, traffic forecasts and analyses and the evaluation of alternative cross-section designs and ultimately develop the recommended design approach.

It is expected that the improvement will improve the safety of the corridor, provide sidewalks and bicycle accommodation, transit amenities, incorporate street trees and lighting and improve drainage. Public outreach and consultation with stakeholders will be conducted.

Permitting at the local level and if necessary, through the State will be completed during the design phase. It is expected that the design phase will be completed in sufficient time to begin construction in 2024. The proposed Bridge Street project will be consistent with the Town's Complete Streets Prioritization Plan and the ongoing 40R District planning.

Currently Anticipated Costs:
Existing Conditions: \$ 81,540
Traffic Study: \$107,000
Engineering & Design: \$400,000
Construction: \$2.5M to \$3.5M

According to the agreement to proceed, the work should be done by June 30, 2025.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Social Day Program

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

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Memory Cafe

June 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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Recipe of the Week

Campfire Banana Splits

6 bananas, unpeeled, stems removed
 2 c semisweet chocolate chips
 1 (10.5 oz) pkg mini marshmallows

Preheat grill for high heat. Spray 4 sheets of aluminum foil, large enough to wrap bananas, with cooking spray.

Slice the peel of the banana from stem to bottom, while slicing the banana inside lengthwise. The bananas can be cut into slices instead if you like (while still in the peel) for easier handling later.

Carefully open the banana just wide enough to place the chocolate chips and marshmallows inside the peel with the banana. Stuff with as much of the chocolate chips and marshmallows as desired.

Wrap the bananas with the aluminum foil and place on the grill or directly in the coals of a fire. Leave in long enough to melt the chips and the marshmallows, about 5 minutes. Unwrap bananas, open the peels wide, and eat with a spoon.

Optional: Add peanut butter, or Reese's peanut butter cups...get creative.



Dear Frankie

Taking a Stand

Dear Frankie,
 There are a couple of dogs at the park who are bullies.

I spoke to the park director about their behavior, and they were expelled for two weeks. When the bullies

returned to the park, they made it clear to their followers not to be friends or speak to me.

I talked to Belinda about the bullies; she agrees they are terrible. She even said she was glad I reported them. However, Belinda still plays and sits with them during snack time. I sometimes see her laugh at their dumb jokes. When I asked Belinda why she would be friends with dogs who were mean to other dogs, she said she didn't want the bullies not to like her. Why would someone want bullies to like them?

Roxanne

Dear Roxanne,

If everyone stood up to bullies, there wouldn't be any.

Unfortunately, most dogs don't have the courage, conviction, or willingness to bear the consequences of taking a stand or calling out an injustice.

Belinda doesn't like how the bullies act. But she also needs to be liked. She understands what the cost would be if she were to state her feelings publicly or to the authorities. She can't bear being left out, even by bullies.

Your question brings to mind a conversation I once had with a man who lived in France during WWII. After the war, many of his neighbors said they were a part of the resistance. He said that wasn't true: 15% of them were resisters, 15% were collaborators, and the remaining 70% did nothing and went about their lives, hoping it would all go away.

The reality is most dogs are seventy percenters.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven COA, Coastline, treat seniors to BBQ

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center played host to a cookout on 5/30/23 sponsored by Coastline Elderly to commemorate Memorial Day. About 40 people showed up to a enjoy lunch cooked on the grill.

"We always have a good time," said COA Director Martha Reed.

Town officials were also on hand to answer questions about the proposed Proposition 2 1/2 override that subsequently failed. That did not sit well with everyone, with one person feeling it made the lunch political and clearly voicing her opinion. But

several people did take advantage of the opportunity to get some information on how the override would affect them individually.

The override vote was held on 6/5/23 and failed 690 to 1423. See our 6/8/23 issue for details.

See page 9 for information on Senior Center programs and activities.



ABOVE: Groups of people relax after enjoying a cookout at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center sponsored by Coastline Elderly on 5/30/23 to commemorate Memorial Day. Photos by Beth David.



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“However you propel yourself” bike path is ready for you

By Beth David
Editor

The Shining Tides Mile extension of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail is finally officially open. People have been using it for a few weeks now, but the officials only got around to the ribbon cutting on Monday, choosing a spot by the Reservation Golf Club.

The new section, the east end of Phase 1B, continues the route from Mattapoissett Neck Road to Goodspeed Island Road. It means people can start at the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven at the Acushnet River, at the western end of South Street, and follow the bike path all the way to Mattapoissett Center. The plan is to continue through Marion to Wareham, and beyond.

But, for now, the Shining Tides Mile, which is the last leg of the 4.5 mile trail, is the focus. This last section took many years to complete and had other challenges, such as the materials being defective when they finally finished it last year.

Gareth Saunders of MassDOT welcomed the crowd of about 75 people, calling it a “very joyous occasion.”

Mass. State Representative William Straus, who is also a Mattapoissett resident and is chairperson of the Joint Committee on Transportation, emceed the event, and said the multi-use path is for everyone: “However you propel yourself.”

At its core, a bike path is part of the transportation system, said Rep. Straus.

He reviewed the history of the bike path, which started with a vision of a few locals in 1973.

It had many twists and turns (some literal) as advocates seemed to hit snag after snag. But they kept at it.



Rep. Straus noted that there were many tries at Town Meeting in Mattapoissett to stop the project. The opponents only had to succeed once, he said, and the project would have ended. But proponent of the bike path won every time.

The extension goes over marshland and estuaries and commands spectacular views of all nature has

to offer. It was a bit of a permitting nightmare, and there was private property involved along the way.

Do not blame the YMCA, which has a facility along the path, said Mr. Straus. There was “plenty of permitting” to slow things down. But all that permitting, “made this a better path,” said Mr. Straus.

In the end, the Y donated land to the project.

MassDOT Secretary/CEO Gina Fiandaco said the project had a “lot of complexity,” and included hundreds of pilings in sensitive environmental areas.

“These things take time,” said Ms. Fiandaco. “And they take leadership, and they take champions.”

Audra Riding from Sen. Mark Montigny’s office, said she watched the Phoenix Bike Trail in Fairhaven being built because her uncle worked on the project. She “cherished” her bike, she said, and could not imagine a bike path.

“I guarantee you,” she said, that future generations of children, are going to say “wow” about this new bike path.

It was “an uphill battle,” for 19 years said Mattapoissett Select Board member Jordan Collyer, saying there were legal challenges and the “sheer logistics” of the project were huge. Eventually they got to a good place to get it done.

He said to be able to walk with his daughter from Depot Street to the neck without going on Route 6 was great.



BELOW: William Straus, Mass. State Representative and Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Transportation, addresses the crowd at a ceremony and ribbon cutting on 6/12/23 for the Mattapoissett Rail Trail’s “Shining Tides Mile” extension of the shared use path that completed the route from Mattapoissett Neck Road to Goodspeed Island Road. ABOVE: Views along the new extension include wooded areas, marsh, and waterfront. Photos by Beth David.

“I wish I had it when I was her age,” he said.

“The usage has been through the roof,” said Mr. Collyer, who purposely drives by to see how many people are using it. “I just can’t believe the number of people that have come out and have come from as far away as they have just to come and take a look at the sheer beauty of the Mattapoissett waterfront and the marshes and everything that we have to offer.”

It could, however, put Mattapoissett on the map.

“Which is not what we wanted to do,” he joked, but said it was great to see the recognition and notoriety they are getting from it.

“What a special day to finally honor everyone who put in endless hours,” to get the extension finished, said Mattapoissett Select Board member Jodi Lynn Bauer.

People will come from far away to “enjoy these vistas,” said.

“Patience is the key,” said Ms. Bauer, because when the right time comes “it will be very beautiful and worth the wait.”

Rep. Straus noted that there is an incredible network of volunteers in various organizations who were also critical in getting the path finished.

Steve Kelleher, who is a founder going back to 1996, reviewed the path and the various twists and turns it took to get to completion.

He noted that the first bike path committee started in 1972, and was

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supposed to use 1976 Bicentennial money to build the bike path. But that failed.

He named many of the people who served on both committees.

He thanked the YMCA and the students at Old Colony who rebuilt some of Phase 1A when they "lost momentum."

"Enjoy today and every day as time is very dear," said Mr. Kelleher. "And keep riding as more bike paths are yet to come."

John Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Administrator, said rail trails are one of the best projects MassDOT delivers because they have the "most meaning to the communities they are in."

He said the Mattapoissett trail is beautiful because of its winding nature and views, but that is also what makes it challenging.

The point is to create a space that draws people in to use it.

He said "partnership is the word of the day," noting all the different groups involved.

It results in a "fantastic investment in the long run," said Mr. Gulliver. "That's going to pay dividends for years and years and years to come."

During the ceremony, many people used the bike path, walking, riding bicycles, using roller blades.

The Girouard family transported their bikes to the center of Fairhaven, near the Rogers School entrance to the Phoenix Bike Trail, and traveled to the end of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail.

As they were heading back, the family came upon the crowd that had

just taken part in the ribbon cutting.

Mike Girouard used roller blades, three of their four children, ages 11 to 5, used their bicycles, and mom Sarah used her bike to tow young Gabriel in a bike trailer.

"It's amazing," said Sarah about the extension.

It allows "wide access," said Mike, noting his roller blades, people in wheelchairs, bicycles, or walking.

Sarah said she had "peace of mind," with the kids because they were not riding on a road.

"They know to stop at stop signs," she said, adding they do ride in New Bedford, but it's more fun on the bike path.



Lily said she liked the views and how the bridges went over the water. "It's really cool, and pretty," she said.

Zachary agreed that the bridges and long stretches with no cars was a good thing because he gets to go fast.

Sarah said they used to go as far as the Shaw Farm Trail and hike the trail. But because the path turned to dirt just a bit east of there at Mattapoissett Neck Road, they had to stop and go back.

"Now we can keep going," said Mike.

After the speechmaking, the group cut the ribbon on the bridge that had suffered so many materials challenges, resulting in a 20-year warranty on materials, said officials.

You can watch the ceremony on demand, recorded by Old Rochester Community TV at <https://vimeo.com/835577468>

To learn more about the bike path visit <https://mattapoissettrail.com>



She cannot let them get too far ahead when they are riding in the city.

They both said they liked how close it was. They do not have to go all the way to the Cape or to Providence for a long ride.

"It's really cool," said Aiden, the eldest, adding he liked the bridges the best, and the "fresh wood."



TOP: MassDOT Secretary/CEO, Gina Fiandaca, addresses the crowd at a ceremony and ribbon cutting on 6/12/23 for the Mattapoissett Rail Trail's "Shining Tides Mile" extension of the shared use path that completed the route from Mattapoissett Neck Road to Goodspeed Island Road. MIDDLE: Steve Kelleher, a founder of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail, addresses the crowd. LEFT: The winding bridges go over water, marsh, and through woods. RIGHT: The Girouard family stops their ride for a quick chat and photo with the local free sheet. L-R: Zachary, Aiden, Mike (dad), Lily, Sarah (mom), Gabriel. *Photos by Beth David.*

Acushnet names new library director

Press Release

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to announce our new Library Director!

Elisabeth Botelho brings with her 20 years of library experience. Elisabeth's library career started at the Mildred F. Sawyer Library at Suffolk University. She held various positions in circulation, interlibrary loan and serials.

Her public library experience started at Acushnet Public Library, while attending Simmons University. She received her M.L.I.S in December of 2019. Shortly after, she became the Head of Circulation at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven.

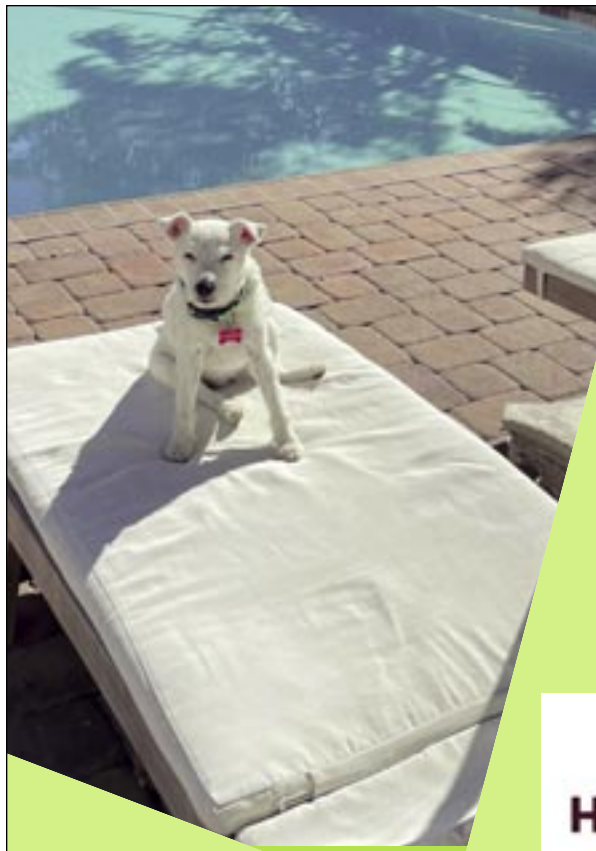
Elisabeth is excited to return to Acushnet and looks forward to serving the community once again. She encourages patrons to stop by and say hello!

Outside of work, she can be found walking with her dog on local nature trails or spending time with her two troublemaking cats.

RIGHT: Elisabeth Botelho is the new Director of the Acushnet Public Library. Submitted photo.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. MGL, Ch. 30a, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

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

1. **CON 023-342: 1 Pavillion Way, Assessor's Map 29, Lots 004H & 41-60 and Map 41, Lots 60-67 & 74-81** Notice of intent filed by Michelle Robert Hoyt to restore Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. There had been removal of fill and there is now re-establishment of vegetation with an assessment and reporting through (3) growing seasons of the remediated area. The property location is at Assessor's Map 29, Lots 004H & 41-60 and Assessor's Map 41, Lots 60-67 &

74-81.

2. **SE 023-1301, CON 019-062: 20 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 031** Request for an Amendment to the Order of Conditions filed by Stephen Bowling. The relocation shifts the driveway from the middle of the lot toward the northern border by about 20 feet. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (F.E.M.A. Zone VE, E.18'), Coastal Beach and Coastal Bank at Assessor's Map 43C, Lot 031.
3. **CON 023-357: 28 Welcome Street, Map 31B, Lot 1D** Notice of Intent filed by Robert J. Rogers to construct a 20'x60' paved driveway and installation of a 10'x16' shed within the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at Assessor's Map 31B, Lot 1D. Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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

Karen F. Isherwood, Vice Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 6/15/23

Town of Fairhaven BPW Invitation to Bid

Sunset Beach Road Sewer System Improvement Project, Fairhaven, MA

Location of Work: Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for construction of the Sunset Beach Road Sewer System Improvement Project will be received by the Public Works Department, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts until 10:00 a.m., June 29, 2023, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. The work involves the following major item(s):

The installation of approximately 1400 linear feet of low-pressure sewer, 700 feet of services, permanent trench patch and mill and overlay streets.

The work is estimated to cost \$907,000. Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge on or after Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at www.accentblueprints.com. Printed copies may be obtained for fee by completing an order online or calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Blueprints located at 99 Chelmsford Road (Rear#13), North Billerica, MA 01862 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Printed copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are non-refundable. To be added to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent Blueprints. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent Blueprints to access the documents.

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

The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE** and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within five (5) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M, and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149-Sections 26 to 27H inclusive. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether the Contract is awarded.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA
FNN 6/15/23

From our readers

Meals Program Provides Vital Service

Coastline Elderly, a non-profit organization, provided a significant number of meals in 2022, serving a total of 434,000 meals in seven South Coast communities. The distribution of meals included 289,000 in New Bedford, 56,000 in Dartmouth, 41,000 in Fairhaven, 29,000 in Acushnet, and 19,000 in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

These numbers highlight the crucial role played by supportive programs like Coastline Elderly in meeting the needs of the community. However, the need for funding for such programs has become more urgent than ever. Many non-profits with similar missions are also facing financial challenges. It is important to

recognize that the allocation of funds follows a trickle-down pattern from the federal to state to municipality levels, ultimately impacting us all.

Unfortunately, the priority of spending to meet basic needs and provide support often takes a backseat to personal financial concerns. If we genuinely care about people, particularly those from low-income backgrounds, it is vital to support candidates and legislators who prioritize funding for these programs. While the amounts required for such initiatives may be relatively low in the context of government spending, they are often subject to undue criticism. This criticism unfairly targets those who are unable to advocate for themselves.

During the Override vote in

Fairhaven, there was frequent mention of the "low-income senior/family" population. Now is the time for individuals to back their words with action and actively advocate for these people. This advocacy should extend beyond sporadic efforts and instead focus on consistent support and the enactment of legislation aimed at addressing their needs. A small contribution of \$10 can make a significant impact, providing five hot meals to someone in need within our area. This figure becomes even more relevant when considering that 41,000 meals were required in Fairhaven alone last year.

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works
Tues., 6/20, Arsene St., 5:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 6/26, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Marine Resources
Tues., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
At Select Board meeting

Planning Board
Tues., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 6/28, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Mon., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm
Tues., 6/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors
Thurs., 6/29, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Commission
Thurs., 6/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Tues., 6/20, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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	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
Sunday	25	0137	1410	0639	1913
Monday	26	0226	1457	0736	2020
Tuesday	27	0315	1546	0830	2117
Wednesday	28	0409	1643	0919	2214
Thursday	29	0510	1740	1010	2314
Friday	30	0605	1829	1105	----

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Boston Pride back after three years



Boston Pride was back this year holding a week long schedule of events, including the Pride Parade marching through the streets of Boston, two festival areas, one for 21+, and one for families. Venues included Boston Common and City Hall plaza. The annual pride parade for LGBTQ+ people did not happen last year because of disagreements among organizers about who to include and the emphasis on corporations. Boston Pride for the People promised a more inclusive event this year and a more grassroots influence. An estimated one million people attended the days events on 6/10/23, and more than 10,000 marched in the parade. Visit <https://www.bostonprideforthepeople.org> to learn more. ABOVE: Moving Violations Motorcycle Club and The Boston Pride Committee lead the way with their banners as the Boston Pride Parade makes its way through the streets of Boston on 6/10/23 to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. BELOW LEFT: Boston Pride Committee members, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Mass. Governor Maura Healey, US Senator Edward Markey, and volunteers share lots of laughs just before cutting the ribbon before the parade starts. BELOW RIGHT: Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll wave to the crowds. BOTTOM LEFT: Marchers stop to give a smile for the photographer during the parade. BOTTOM RIGHT: Lots of people had fun dressing up in costume. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*



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