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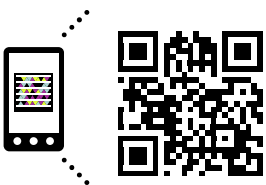
The Father's Day 5K Road Race in Fairhaven saw 1043 runners finish the course, with Fairhaven's Will Benoit leading the pack. See page 12 for story. ABOVE: Runners fill Adams Street at the start of the race on 6/18/23. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

First order of business: next week, 6/29, will be our last issue for a couple of weeks. We will not publish on 7/6 & 7/13. We'll be back on the 20th, unless I find diamonds in a scup...or something.

This weekend is big doings in these parts: Homecoming Day Fair, the BBC Swim, Blessing of the Bikes. And that's just some of it. See the Happenings pages on 5, 6 & 7 for more.

So, the North Fairhaven Improvement Association had a meeting and invited the Select Board chair to join them to talk about the proposals from MassDOT on Benoit Square (see page 3).

I think Mr. Correy, who ran on the premise that he is not a poltician, might want to learn a little about becoming a poltician. (Well, you ran for office and won, so that makes you a...politician.) Our Select Board members should be advocates for the town, and that means the residents. They should not dismiss the concerns of residents and say there's nothing anyone can do.

Nothing has ever been accomplished by people who give up before they even try. (I'm sure I'm not the first person to say that.)

North Fairhaven residents often tell me that they feel as though they do not get the same respect as other parts of town. This baloney proposal about how to handle Benoit Square is a perfect example of WHY they feel that way.

There has to be a better way. There is a better way. Just look at what New Bedord did on Mt. Pleasant Street/Hathaway Road. That could work for Benoit Square. It will take money, and some creativity to work out some kinks (like an access road or easement for the NFIA driveway), but it can be done. And that's just one idea. There are others, of course, that would work better than painting lines on a death-trap of a road.

Clearly, the neighbors will have to take matters into their own hands.

But, alas, I suspect that's the only way anything worthwhile has ever gotten done.

Anyway, read the story. Decide for yourself.

Until next week then... see ya,

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

NFIA presses SB chair for answers on Benoit Square options

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invited Select Board Chairperson Leon Correy to its meeting on Thursday, 6/15/23 to discuss the MassDOT proposals for Benoit Square that the SB discussed at its 5/15 meeting. In September of 2022, Officials from MassDOT (Mass. Department of Transportation) and SRPEDD (Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District) met with Fairhaven town officials and members of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association to discuss traffic patterns in Benoit Square.

The triangular shaped space is at the merger point of Adams and Main Streets and is about one block long. Adams Street ends at the north end of the square and Main Street continues north. The merger point is also where the Oxford School was, and is now home to more than 50 apartments. Across the street are several businesses, including a pizza place and bar. The former Bijou Building is also being renovated to include apartments and retail space.

The NFIA has an agreement with the town to use the former fire station at 267 Adams Street, which is on that last block of Adams Street, along the square. It is where the organization holds its monthly meetings. The NFIA also holds several events at Benoit Square each year, including a music night and a lighting at Christmas time with Santa.

At the meeting last Thursday, Mr. Correy started by saying he had the same information that NFIA members had, because he only had the information that was presented at the SB meeting on 5/15. He said he had no additional information to give.

He said he spoke briefly with Rep. William Straus on Memorial Day and Mr. Straus told him that the proposals presented by the former Town Planner were rejected, including making Adams Street a one way.

NFIA member John Medeiros asked Mr. Correy to go over the proposals, but Mr. Correy said he had no "paperwork," because he thought he had been invited to answer questions and not give "an entire presentation."

He briefly summarized the state's concepts which included painting the end at the merger point to square it

off a bit and clarify the lanes, and place a yield sign on Adams Street.

"It's the state. The town does not have a say," said Mr. Correy, adding that they only presented the two concepts as a "courtesy."

"So the town has no say," asked Mr. Medeiros.

"It's a state road," said Mr. Correy. "They don't really have to include us in anything."

Mr. Medeiros countered that at the September meeting it seemed the town had a right to some involvement.

"It was not just the state," at that meeting, said Mr. Medeiros, town officials were there, too.

He said it was his understanding, from that meeting that the state would be asking for input from the town.

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and these are town roads.
We have a right and a say
[former Planning Board
Chairperson
Wayne Hayward]

"Well, they didn't," said Mr. Correy. "That's all I have."

"And you're allowing that?" asked Mr. Medeiros, clearly not happy with either concept.

"I don't know what you want me to do," said Mr. Correy. "Go to Governor Baker's office*?"

In response to questions and comments, Mr. Correy said the traffic study was requested before his time. Members said they believed the construction of the apartments may have contributed to the state finally showing up to do something. Some said there did not seem to be much more traffic due to the apartments.

"In general the entire world has exploded with traffic," said NFIA board member Heidi Hacking.

Tony Furtado, who lives in the neighborhood, said since the PJ Keating quarry in Acushnet has been closed, the traffic is not as bad, but the quarry will be reopening soon.

He said his mother's house on the

corner has had the fence hit many times over the years.

"If you live up here, you have a traffic problem," said Mr. Furtado.

Mr. Correy said the state's proposals will move the focal point away from the square. One makes the turn a regular perpendicular turn instead of a merger.

"Beyond that I'm really not included," said Mr. Correy.

NFIA member Bob Demanche said it didn't make sense that the town had no say.

"As soon as you do anything, by definition, you're affecting a town road," said Mr. Demanche. "And it's affecting a main road. So we've got reason to have representation."

Former Planning Board member and chairperson Wayne Hayward, who is not an NFIA member, but was also invited to the meeting, said what he was hearing was "a little unbelievable."

"These are state roads and these are town roads," said Mr. Hayward. "We have a right and a say."

He said the neighborhood is now mixed use, and is on its way to being what the center of town is. He ticked off the projects one by one.

"This area is being rejuvenated piece by piece," said Mr. Hayward.

He said the town can apply for money to help with the road and named a variety of ways to do that.

"It's all about design," said Mr. Hayward and stressed that the state will listen, but the town has to know what it wants. They have to tell the state what it wants.

He noted that SRPEDD said years ago that the area was "problematic."

Mr. Correy interrupted around that time and said he had to leave.

The discussion continued without him, with Mr. Hayward offering members a variety of options for proceeding, most of it rooted in the idea that the town is not helpless.

He said the crosswalk that MassDOT wants to use was never meant as a crosswalk without a crossing guard.

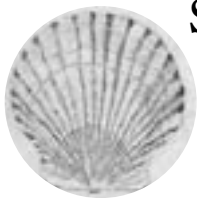
"That's how it was designed to work," he said, not for elderly residents to traverse four lanes of traffic to get to the businesses on the other side.

"Don't let them take you off topic," he also advised, adding that the

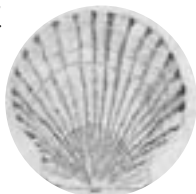
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Homecoming 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.

Blessing of Bikes

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.

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

Swimmers start at 7:15 and start arriving in Fairhaven about 20 minutes later. Join them on the beach at Fort Phoenix for a fun after party.

For more information visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim or email events@savebuzzardsbay.org.

Fhvn Museum open

The Museum of Fairhaven History will be open on Sat., 6/24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring the photography exhibit, "Get Your Kicks on Route Six." This exhibit features images of Fairhaven businesses from the 1950's to the 1980's. With the assistance of Spinner Publications' photographic archives, visitors to the museum can stroll down memory lane and recall the days of Barbero's, the Huttleston House and Rogers' Dairy.

The museum is located at 141 Main Street, and is open when the Office of Tourism is open at the Academy Building, as well as on Saturdays during Huttleston Marketplace from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For questions or inquiries please contact historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com

FHS Tours

Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Route 6, Saturday, June 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.; Friday, July 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m.; Friday, July 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.; Friday, July 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Tour the "Castle on the Hill," which was donated to the town in 1906 by Fairhaven's famous philanthropist Henry Huttleston Rogers. All tours will be conducted by FHS Alumni Association President Bob Foster and will meet in the Rotunda inside the main entrance to the building on the Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) side of the building.

The tour goes will explore the beautiful rooms, auditorium and gymnasium of the 1906 building designed by Boston architect Charles Brigham. In 2017 Architecture Digest named Fairhaven High School the most beautiful high school in Massachusetts, and many would say the most beautiful in the United States. Admission is free. The building is handicap accessible, but not all parts of the tour may be. Sponsored by the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association.

For more information, email info@fairhavenalumni.org or call Bob at 508-965-1399. Visit the FHS Alumni Association website at <https://fairhavenalumni.org>

Farmer's Market

Opens for the season every Sunday through Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 151 Alden Road. Parking available on premises, 508-496-9209, Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net

Volunteers Needed Disability Pride Event

Fairhaven Belonging Committee & Commission on Disability are planning the First Disability Pride

Month event where we will celebrate our Unified Sports Athletes, families, and those leading the way to an inclusive community.

Disability Pride Month is celebrated annually in July, the month that The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990. Disability Pride Month is a time for all disabled people to unapologetically celebrate our being as we are. Whether you are disabled or an ally, Disability Pride Month is full of so much to celebrate.

The event will be on July 30 at the Fairhaven Senior Center/Recreation Center, hopefully inside and outside. Help us with the details by volunteering. If you are interested in helping with this event contact us at belonging@fairhaven-ma.gov

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.

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

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

Abolition Row Park

Abolition Row Park, across the street from 21 Seventh St., NB, will officially open with a ribbon-cutting on Fri., 6/23, at 1 p.m., when a statue of Frederick Douglass will also be unveiled. The New Bedford Historical Society is housed at 21 7th St., the Nathan and Polly Johnson House, where Frederick Douglass spent his first years as a free man.

To learn more about the park, visit <https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/abolition-row-park-news-2/> To learn more about the NB Historical Society visit <https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/>

Ernestina Tours

Following the first successful voyage since a seven-year restoration, the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey will return to her homeport at New Bedford State Pier to help celebrate the vibrant Cape Verdean diaspora in the city and throughout the region. Cape Verdean Recognition week begins on June 25th and celebrates the independence of the island nation. The Schooner Ernestina will be present along the city's waterfront to celebrate the occasion.

The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey will be docked at New Bedford State Pier with free guided tours available

on June 27th from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.

Free Fishy Camp

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, and the park's Friends Group, Whaling History Alliance, are collaborating on Something Fishy Camp for the 16th year! This free summer camp for rising 4th graders is designed to engage New Bedford children in learning about the history and culture of New Bedford's working port from whaling days to the present commercial fishing industry. The camp also introduces the campers to marine biology and fisheries science. Camp activities are project-based and include hands-on marine science, arts and crafts, games, chantey singing, daily field trips to local maritime sites, as well as guest presenters (fishermen, marine scientists, maritime artists, storytellers, and musicians).

Something Fishy Camp incorporates place-based learning, giving the campers the information and tools to understand their community. Campers build a sense of pride for New Bedford and learn that their community was once the whaling capital of the world and is now the most valuable fishing port in the United States. For campers who have family in the fishing industry, this experience can be personally validating with campers seeing their community in a positive light. This year's program will be presented during the weeks of July 10, 17, 24.

For more information, visit fishingheritagecenter.org or email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

Fishing Industry Health & Wellness

Free Health and Wellness event in support of New Bedford's commercial fishing community. Hosted by the Greater New Bedford Waterfront Task Force. At Leonard's Wharf, Port of New Bedford, on Monday, June 26, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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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.

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 4:45 pm and repeating at 5-5:45 pm. Some chairs 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.

July 22: Anna Griffis (viola) and her partner Jensen Ling (bassoon)

Violist Anna Griffis and bassoonist Jensen Ling highlight the pairing of two instruments with a natural affinity but very little music expressly written for them. This program spans the baroque to the 20th century with pieces arranged (or finagled) to fit the bassoon and viola. Works include Bach's Four Duets, Beethoven's Duo for Clarinet and Bassoon in C major, Rebecca Clarke's Lullaby and Grottesque, and Phillip Hersant's Duo Sephardim, the only work written specifically for this instrumentation.

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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

Mattapoissett 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.mattapoissettmuseum.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 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.

Two-Day Fest

Summer Solstice Music Festival presented by The Wicked Queer Puppet Theatre, June 24 & 25, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at The Heron Educational Center for the Human Spirit, 33 Sanford Rd., Westport, MA. Take Legacy Lane between houses 327 & 333. Go all the way down, pass the gate, follow signs, respect the pace!

Mix of free and ticketed events. Live music, writers rounds, creative process and writing workshops, Q&A with artists, puppet parade, community yoga, camping and more.

Headliner concert, Sat., 6/24, 5:30-8 p.m.: \$25-\$55. Doors open at 5. \$10 camping; \$35-\$65 all access. Scholarships available for those in need

For more info and full schedule, visit <https://www.theheronstudio.com/seasonal-celebrations/> or call Jessica, 774-264-0786; Molly, 774-213-1865; theheronstudio@gmail.com

Yard Sale FR

The Humane Society and Shelter-SouthCoast will be hosting a pet product yard sale this Saturday June 24th from 9 am-3pm at 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth.

We will have all kinds of unused or gently used pet beds, toys, coats, costumes, leashes, carriers, fish tanks, and so much more. all available for incredible prices. The proceeds will benefit all of our animals who are waiting for their forever homes and will help our shelter to feed and care

for them, so please spread the word to anyone who has fur babies. we might have something they need! For more information, call 508-995-6661. See you there!

Free Concerts

FirstWorks, a Providence-based nonprofit dedicated to connecting art with audiences, announced their 2023 Summer Beats Concert presented in partnership with Roger Williams Park Conservancy and Providence Parks Department. FirstWorks' two free outdoor concerts at the Roger Williams Park Bandstand feature the multigenerational Garifuna Collective with powerful Afro-Indigenous music from coastal Belize and Honduras on June 25, and explosive bhangra funk with Brooklyn-based band Red Baraat on July 23, 2023. For details visit <https://firstworks.org>.

The Garifuna Collective, FirstWorks Summer Beats Concerts, Sun., 6/25, 6 p.m. Gate opens at 5:30 p.m. Free all-ages drum workshop from 4:00-5:00 p.m. At Roger Williams Park Bandstand, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI. Email info@rwpconservancy.org

TICKETS: Free and open to the public.

Outdoor Poetry

Attend a Poetry Reading with the Mattapoissett Land Trust! Four local poets will be presenting their work at the Dunseith Gazebo (home of Salty the Seahorse) on Friday June 30th from 9:30-11:00am. Betty Jean Nooth, Margot Wizansky, Ellen Flynn, and Elizabeth Sylvia will be presenting spoken word poems as those in attendance get to relax and enjoy. After the poets have presented, there will be time for others in attendance to share.

Bring a picnic blanket, folding chair, or something to sit on. Light refreshments will be provided. Please park in the parking lot at Dunseith Gardens accessible from Rt. 6, 38 North Street, at the Seahorse.

Are you a poet interested in sharing your work? There are five additional slots available for attendees to share their work. Reach out to MLT Manager, Colleen Andrews, and request a time slot as soon as possible: manager@mattlandtrust.org

Select Board approves upweller at Hoppy's Landing

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held a marathon meeting on Tuesday, 6/20/23, including a public hearing to place an upweller system near the dock at Hoppy's Landing.

Dale Leavitt of Bluestream Shellfish told the board that the company was trying to upgrade their oyster farm, which is located in the waters off West Island. He said they wanted to increase the amount of oysters they grow and it made more economic sense to start with very small oysters. The one or two millimeter oysters require special equipment to protect them and keep adequate water flow on them.

The proposal is for two upweller systems, 20x24 feet each, with a small solar array on each.

The original plan had been to put the systems in Round Cove, south of Bella Vista Island, but opposition from the neighbors was very strong.

Mr. Leavitt said he met with neighbors (see FNN 6/1/23) and he decided to move the project to Hoppy's Landing, between the dock and the causeway.

He said the location is temporary. The plan is to find a more permanent spot. The upweller is seasonal, and will be removed in November or December.

SB member Stasia Powers asked about challenges for boaters pulling up to the dock.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox said that his upweller had been close to the same spot and was never a problem. The Bluestream upwellers will be farther away from the dock.

Ms. Powers said she wanted to highlight how the oyster farm helps

to reduce nitrogen in Buzzards Bay, "which is hard to do."

She said organizations like Bluestream really help.

"We're also making money," said Mr. Leavitt.

"I love the fact that those things can work together," said Ms. Powers.

Board members expressed concern about safety issues, mostly centered around the kids who jump off the causeway.

Mr. Leavitt said they discussed some modifications to the design, including a fence to keep the divers off, and some kind of bumper guard in case boats get too close.

"Kids are not supposed to jump off the causeway, so..." said Mr. Cox.

Most people in the room laughed.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson was the first to speak against the project, saying he was opposed to where it was going. He said Bluestream has 30 acres in Fairhaven and 40 acres in Mattapoisett to put an upweller. Mr. Hobson said the project would be too close to the causeway, and they have electric panels.

"Someone's going to get electrocuted," said Mr. Hobson. "They're not a pretty thing to look at."

Mr. Hobson used to own Hoppy's Landing and has been vocal about businesses using it, especially the marina across the street using it for overflow parking.

Mr. Hobson said that Bluestream is already utilizing Hoppy's Landing for its business.

"The town of Fairhaven did not buy Hoppy's Landing for private businesses to take it over," said Mr. Hobson.

Robert Sullivan, who lives near the original site proposed, said he had 150 signatures of West Island

residents against the upweller going in Round Cove. He said he did not believe the new location would really be temporary, as the company stated. He also said if it does not work out at Hoppy's Landing, he wants to make sure it never goes to Round Cove.

"It really isn't a good looking thing," said Mr. Sullivan, adding it has buoys and "all kinds of ropes" on it.

He said the board needs to put some conditions on it, including underwater conditions, such as keeping it clean.

"We're all paying some serious taxes on West Island," said Mr. Sullivan, adding the project is a commercial operation. "This is not New Bedford Harbor."

Mr. Hobson said that the Harbor-master upweller was tied to the dock, and the Bluestream proposal is a "big difference" from that.

Neighbors talked about how the project looks, and board members worried about safety issues.

SB member Charles Murphy said the kids are going to jump off the causeway and probably the upweller, too, and asked how safe it would be, even with a fence.

Mr. Cox answered that they would try to make it as safe as they can.

"I can't say it will be foolproof," said Mr. Cox.

Another concern was that the Marine Resources Committee had not approved the new location and they were not scheduled to have a meeting until September.

The SB approved a six-month trial pending approval of the MRC. Mr. Cox said he would ask the chairperson to schedule a special meeting.

The SB voted unanimously to allow the project.

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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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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: 6/28, Thames St., Newport, RI; 7/5, Twin River Casino; 7/12, So. Shore Plaza; 7/19, Thames St., Newport, RI.

Monday Movie Matinee

June 26, at 12:15 p.m., "Grumpy Old Men." Neighborhood curmudgeons' long-running feud becomes an all-out rivalry when an attractive widow moves into the house across the street.

Please sign up for the movie. If you would like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch will be served at

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Cherry Tarts

- 1 (14.1 oz) pkg refrigerated pie crusts
- 1 lb fresh sweet cherries, pitted
- 2 tablespoons minute tapioca
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/2+ cup whipped cream
- Grated chocolate for garnish

Roll out pie crusts so each is large enough to cut three 5 to 5-1/2-inch circles, for a total of 6 tart crusts.

Fit each dough circle into a 4-inch removable-bottom tart pan. Press the dough against the sides of the pans, and prick the bottom with a fork to prevent bubbling. Run rolling pin across top to remove excess dough. Refrigerate crusts until well chilled, about 45 mins, keep refrigerated until ready to use. Preheat oven to 400°

In a large bowl, combine cherries, tapioca, sugar, almond extract, and salt. Remove pans from fridge and distribute cherry mixture evenly among them. Place pans on baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until cherries are soft and crust is golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes.

Serve warm or chilled, with a dollop of whipped cream and sprinkled chocolate shavings



Dear Frankie

A Couple, Really?

Dear Frankie,
My friend Angie asked me the other day when Buster and I planned on moving in together and starting a family.

I was shocked she thought Buster and I were a couple. I told her Buster and I had been friends since we were puppies and often went to events together, but we definitely were not an item.

She suggested I tell Buster how I felt because he told everyone we were practically engaged. I can't imagine how Buster would think we were anything except friends. We have never held paws, kissed, or even slow danced at the recent Doggie Day Care Gala. Now how do I break the news to him?

Lola

Dear Lola,
I think Buster is suffering from

wishful thinking. He also doesn't seem to understand the difference between a friendship and a romantic relationship.

It would appear that Buster has some emotional growing up to do. This is his problem, however, and not yours. The challenge for you is telling Buster how you feel and not damaging your relationship. One way to save his feelings might be to tell him Angie said the silliest thing to you the other day. She said she thought the two of you were a couple, and you explained that you were good friends but not sweethearts. Then move on to another subject and hope Buster gets the hint.

Best, Frankie

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Students at Wood School create sensory garden

The Green Team after-school program at the Leroy L. Wood School in Fairhaven had 21 students from Kindergarten to grade five who created a sensory garden for the community to enjoy.

The aroma-filled garden includes

lemon balm, bee balm, mint, chocolate mint, catmint, dill, lavender, oregano, lambs ear, succulent, seagrass.

The plants chosen will “encourage you to use your five senses while exploring,” according to the welcome

sign.

The garden is located just outside the fence of the Fairhaven Community Garden beds at LeRoy Wood School, 60 Scoticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, and is open to the public when school is not in session.



ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Green Team, an after-school program of the Leroy L. Wood School in Fairhaven, pose for a photo on their big planting day, 5/22/23. LEFT & ABOVE: Members of the Green team plant on 5/22/23. Submitted photos.



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Father's Day Road Race has 1043 complete the course

By Beth David
Editor

Organizers said that more than 1100 registered for the 49th annual 5K Father's Day Road Race on 6/18/23. According to Racewire, 1043 completed the course.

Fairhaven's Will Benoit, 20, was first over the finish line in 15:03; Adam Sylvia, 22, of Rochester was

second in 16:08; and Wyatt Lee, 18, of Raynham was third in 16:08.

First woman over the line was Rachel Schilkowsky, 31, of Providence, in 16:54; second was Hailey Desmarais, 17, of Assonet in 18:41; and third was Naomi Cass, 19, of Westport in 19:51.

The weather was cool, with the skies alternating between sunny and

threatening rain, but the rain held out for the runners.

Last year was the first year back after the pandemic, and saw 794 finishers. Mr. Benoit won that race too, coming in at 15:39.8.

Full results for this year's race are available at <https://my.racewire.com/results/37499>



ABOVE LEFT L-R: Wood School Sole Sisters Norah Desroches, 9, and Cecilia Burke, 10, approach the finish line together in the Fairhaven Father's Day 5K Road Race on 6/18/23. ABOVE MIDDLE: Astra Bernardo, 11, pushes a stroller towards the finish line. ABOVE RIGHT: Jeff Osuch and his grandson approach the finish line together. BELOW LEFT: Band of Brothers member Lucas Panek, 10, has a big smile on his face as he approaches the finish line. BELOW MIDDLE: Noah Carvalho, 1, is escorted in style across the finish line by Paul Carvalho and Madison Carvalho. BELOW RIGHT: Amyr Hunt, 5, sports a big smile as he approaches the finish line. BOTTOM LEFT: Noah DaCosta, 6, gives it one last push near the finish line, leaving his dad Matthew, 39, in the dust to finish in 44:14 to the elder DaCosta's 44:15. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Greg Davis, 40, of Fairhaven and Carson Davis, 7, approach the finish line together, with young Carson finishing in 31:51. BOTTOM RIGHT Lillian Lamoureux, 5, and David Lamoureux, 42, of Lakeville approach the finish line together, crossing over in 35:28. Photos by Beth David. NOTE: Names were taken from the racewire website by bib number.



FHA dedicates administration center to Anne Silveira

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Housing Authority honored long time member Anne Silveira “For a lifetime of caring for others,” with the dedication the “Anne D. Silveira Administration Center,” on Thursday, 6/15, at the main office at Oxford Terrace.

FHA Chairperson Carol Alfonso said the day marked a “special dedication to a woman who has truly made a difference.”

She said they were celebrating Ms.



Silveira as a “mother, a healthcare icon, and a truly dedicated town official.”

Ms. Silveira served in many capacities in her decades on the FHA board working diligently to give residents a “safe, affordable, well-kept housing option, with her eye again and again on bettering the lives of others,” said Ms. Alfonso.

Ms. Silveira has also been a mentor to other FHA members.

“Her smile and demeanor have truly been fresh air to everyone she meets,” said Ms. Alfonso.

She said they were dedicated the most important department to a “true icon,” dedicating the administration center to “a wonderful, well deserving lady.”

“I’m shocked,” said Ms. Silveira, whose expression showed just that as she walked down the stairs to the lobby of Oxford Terrace after the FHA meeting upstairs.

She said she was surprised to see her family and so many friends there. Included in the group were some nurses she had mentored over the years as a charge nurse and Emergency Room nurse.

“It’s a nice honor after all the hard work she’s done quietly over the years,” said Anne’s son Walter Silveira III, adding that she helped

“everyone.”

When he and his sisters were kids, he said, their mother would get calls often. She would quietly, nine times out of ten, “get the job done.”

“She would never brag, never act like a big shot,” said Mr. Silveira. “She’s very humble.”

“This is Fairhaven at its finest,” said Elaine Rocha.



Anne’s grandson Kyle Hurley took the day off from his job in Boston to be there.

“I’m not surprised at all,” said Mr. Hurley, adding he was proud of his grandmother. “She’s always been the most selfless person I know.”

“She’s a living legend,” said fellow FHA member Ronnie Manzone, adding she ran for the board because of Ms. Silveira. “She’s a wonderful person. She has so much energy, and she cares so much about these people. It’s amazing.”

“She’s super,” said FHA member Timothy Francis. “And she’s a mentor to so many people. She’s just a good lady and has a great heart.”

“I’m happy to serve with her,” said FHA member Gary Souza. “We all love her.”

He said she has indicated this will be her last term after decades of serving on the board.

“We wanted to make sure we honored her the way she deserves to be honored,” said Mr. Souza.



TOP: Anne Silveira, long time member of the Fairhaven Housing Authority, reacts to seeing a crowd of people waiting for her at the dedication of the “Anne D. Silveira Administration Center” at Oxford Terrace on 6/15/23, as her fellow board members share the moment, L-R: Anne, Carol Alfonso, Ronnie Manzone. MIDDLE: Ms. Silveira flashes her signature smile as she poses in front of the plaque and door bearing her name. ABOVE LEFT: Anne poses with her family in front of the plaque and door, L-R: daughter-in-law Lori Silveira; grandson Kyle Hurley (back); daughter-in-law Lisa Thibeault; daughter Martha Silveira; daughter Audrey Hurley; Anne; son Walter Silveira III. ABOVE RIGHT: Anne poses with some of the nurses she mentored as a charge nurse and ER nurse. *Photos by Beth David.*

Quack, quack!

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Lions Club held its annual Duck Race on Father's Day, 6/18/23, dropping 1,000 rubber duckies into the Acushnet River at the Sawmill property.

The ducks made their way down the river, under Main Street, to the finish line behind the NAPA building, where volunteers waited for the little

guys to get through the hole in the boom. But, alas, the little buggers bunched up against the barrier, seemingly content to tread water. Eventually, with a little help from the kayak volunteers, the whole lot of 'em slipped under the boom (oops, was not supposed to happen quite like that), and the three little leaders were gathered up and matched up with their sponsors.

First place with Duckie #9 went to Sue Petipas, who won \$1,000; second place with Duckie #108 went to Lisa Carvalho, who won \$500; and 3rd place with #412 went to Jimmy Vanesse, who won \$200.

Mr. Vanesse was on hand to give his opinion of the win.

"It's great. Are you kidding me? I'll probably spend it all here," he said as he sat in the River's End Cafe.



LEFT: 1,000 rubber duckies start their journey in the Acushnet River at the Sawmill for the annual Duck Race by the Acushnet Lions Club on 6/18/23. RIGHT: About 30 spectators line the fence at River's End Park on the New Bedford side of the Acushnet River at the finish line. Photos by Beth David.



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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• Public Hearing – NOI – 5 Middlewood Drive – Sean Borges / 5 Middlewood Drive, Map 18, Lot 71C – SE 001-xxxx. Notice of Intent was filed by Sean Borges for property located at 5 Middlewood Drive, Map 18, Lot 71C. The applicant proposes to construct a 25' x 30' addition to an existing dwelling with associated grading and landscaping within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Nyles Zager of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated June 13, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
FNN 6/22/23

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, July 11, 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

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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

- 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 6 ft. x 28 ft. addition, which will encroach further on the front setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 Nonconforming Uses. C.
- REF#: ZBA-023-022: 12 Baker Ave, Map 2, Lots 213-214. Applicant: Dana Pickup. Owner: Kathryn Pettis. Applicant seeks 1) a Variance to build a 15 ft. x 28 ft.

deck 5.3 ft. from the side setback as compared to the minimum 10 ft. side setback and 8.3 ft. from the rear setback as compared to the minimum 30 ft. rear setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule; 2) a Variance for the lot coverage after building the deck to be 59% as compared to the maximum 50% allowed in the Single Residence District, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule.

- REF#: ZBA-023-023: 51 Balsam Street, Map 43, Lots 89, 90, 93, and a Portion of 94. Applicant and owner: Paul and Catherine Muller. Applicant seeks a 7.7 ft. Variance to build a 24 ft. x 26 ft. garage where the proposed 21.83 ft. height is 7.7 ft. taller than the main 14.2 ft. tall dwelling, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22, Accessory Buildings and Uses A. (2).
- REF#: ZBA-023-024: 251 Scoticut Neck Road, Map 10, Lot 166. Applicant and owner: Robert Faria. Applicant seeks a Variance to build a 16 ft. x 20 ft. shed on the front of the property, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22, Accessory Buildings and Uses A. (3).

Peter De Terra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 6/22/23, 6/29/23

NFIA: cont'd from page 3

bridge is not the problem. "We need to focus on this, not that."

Mr. Hayward said in the past they had also talked about rerouting some of the big trucks to Alden Road, and other ideas that seem to have been forgotten.

"This is our town, folks," said Mr. Hayward. "We get to decide these issues."

He painted a vision of the square being like a "regular neighborhood" with foot traffic and people walking to the retail spaces.

The idea of paint and flex posts is simply not acceptable.

Imagine using flex posts in front of town hall, he said, and reminded them that the Oxford School Building is an historic building, too.

"It's not a permanent solution" said Mr. Hayward. "It really upsets me to see such a trivial response."

He said he definitely disagreed with Mr. Correy, saying it was his "interpretation."

"It's your town, we just need some leadership," said Mr. Hayward, noting it will take commitment, and it will take a long time.

The state is engaged in "classic two dimensional thinking," he said.

"They're not taking about quality of life issues," said Mr. Hayward. "I

guarantee you they are fighting over what color paint to use, white or yellow, because one is cheaper."

The NFIA agreed to put the issue on the next agenda. Meanwhile they will try to raise awareness in the neighborhood and form a plan of action.

Some members worried that there are a lot of renters, not necessarily home owners, so interest may not be as strong.

Mr. Furtado disagreed, saying young families live in the neighborhood, they have children, and they care about where they live even if they do not own their homes.

The NFIA meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 267 Adams Street. Nonmembers are welcome to attend, and new members are actively being sought. The next meeting is July 20.

To learn more about the NFIA, visit <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com/> or email northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

At its 5/15/23 meeting, the Select Board discussed the two concepts proposed by MassDOT. They are included in the meeting materials available from the SB office or online at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/>

select-board/pages/select-board-meeting-packets. The meeting is available on demand at <https://www.fairhaventv.com/governmentmeetingvideos>

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Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 6/22, Remote, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Economic Development

Thurs., 6/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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., 7/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 6/29, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 6/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs., 6/22, Town Hall, Noon

Tues., 7/11, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	June 2023	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	HIGH p.m.
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	----

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