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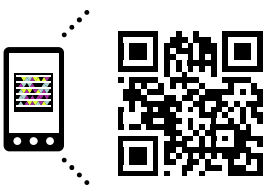
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Improvising!



After the Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair was canceled due to rain, the nonprofits who sell food and rely on it for one of their biggest annual fund-raisers, decided to improvise. Several of them sold their food from other locations. ABOVE: Members of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association cook cacoola and make sandwiches outside their building on Adams Street after the Homecoming Day Fair was canceled due to rain on 6/24/23. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, this is it! Our last issue for two weeks. We will return on 7/20.

Oh, man, here we go again (page 4).

Hear this: The town is not a business. A business is structured to make money, to take in more than it needs from their customers. The difference is called "profit." The town gets its money from taxpayers to provide services, NOT to make a profit. They are supposed to take in what they need, no more.

These departments are not supposed to support themselves with fees. That's a red herring, to call them fees when they are just another form of taxation.

Parking fees should not support whole departments. That's just another way of gouging us.

The recreation center, for example, is supposed to provide an affordable alternative to residents so we don't have to pay top dollar at the top notch gyms. Their kids programs are supposed to provide an affordable alternative for parents who can't afford the expensive camps and after school programs. We, as a town, are supposed to pay for that department, just like any other. Their fees should subsidize the budget, not run the whole department. That defeats the purpose of it being affordable for all.

The senior center, the animal shelter...well, you get the idea. ALL the money that these departments take in comes from the same households that pay property taxes and income taxes and sales taxes and meals taxes.

That was one of the biggest tricks of many an administration to cut taxes on the rich and hike up fees on the rest of us. We have to pay for this stuff, people. That's just the way of the world. It's coming out of us one way or the other, so let's be logical and honest about it.

Let's stop pretending the town is Apple, Inc.

Until next MONTH then...

see ya,

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*




Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

July events include fireworks, parades, road race

New Bedford to Hold July 4 Fireworks

The City of New Bedford's Independence Day fireworks display will be staged from a barge located off the State Pier in New Bedford Harbor, beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4th.

Lower Union Street (between N. Water St. and Route 18) will be closed to vehicle traffic and will be one of the best spots in downtown New Bedford to view the fireworks display.

Downtown New Bedford is home to destination attractions such as the New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, New Bedford Art Museum, and the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center.

"We're excited about this year's July 4th celebration," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "We invite residents and visitors to spend time downtown ahead of the evening's fireworks display and explore all that the City has to offer."

The rain date will be Wednesday, July 5th.

Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

Cape Verdean Recognition Parade

The 51st annual Cape Verdean Recognition Parade will be on Sat., 7/1, at 11 a.m. Route: Starts at Buttonwood Park, east on Union St., then south onto Acushnet Ave., west onto Grinnell St., north onto Purchase St., ending at the Cape Verdeans Veterans Hall.

Vendors will be on Bedford Street between Acushnet Avenue and Purchase Street.

Car Cruise, Parade, Independence Day Ceremony

Fourth of July activities in Fairhaven are set for the morning of Tuesday, July 4th, beginning with the raising of the "Big Flag" in front of Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, at 8:30 a.m.

Following the flag raising, the July 4th Antique and Classic Car Cruise will depart from the high school and follow a route through town that will end up traveling south on Green Street toward Fort Phoenix. On Green Street alongside Cushman Park participants for the 4th of July Parade will be assembled, awaiting the

arrival of the car cruise.

The parade will step off at approximately 9:00 a.m., led by Parade Grand Marshall Charles Cromwell, who, as a member of the Tourism Committee, was the chief organizer of the parade for many years and who also served as the first commander of the Fairhaven Village Militia. Marching groups, floats, and vehicles will participate in the parade to Fort Phoenix.

Among those in the parade will be members of the Select Board, the Fairhaven Village Militia, Southcoast Young Marines, Miss New Bedford Tori Kalisz, Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics, Fairhaven Fire Department, and Whaling City Rowing Club with a boat and singing sea shanties. The Fairhaven Council on Aging van will provide transportation for Veterans who wish to take part.

When everyone has arrived at the fort, the Fort Phoenix Independence Day Ceremony will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. This patriotic program will celebrate the founding of our nation with a short

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Fairhaven Select Board revamps ConCom

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 6/20/23, the Fairhaven Select Board filled vacancies on the Conservation Commission, resulting in four new members being appointed to the seven-member board, and one incumbent member not getting reappointed. Eight people applied to be on the commission.

The ConCom has experienced some turmoil lately with chairperson Geoffrey Haworth and member Gary Lavalette both resigning last month; a rash of complaints resulting in several discussions at SB meetings, and several executive sessions.

Conservation agent Bruce Webb told the board that things have been going well with the ConCom. He said there had been some issues because of some ConCom members' interactions with the public and staff. He said it was not his goal to "single out individuals," but to get the most effective and efficient department possible.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison told the board that as the agent, Mr. Webb provides the knowledge to board members so they can perform their duties. It is more about "finding that fit" as

opposed to knowledge, she said.

The board heard from most of the people who applied to be on the board. Amy DeSalvatore was the only one up for reappointment.

She told the board it takes about three years to learn about the position.

"It's a serious commitment," she said.

Jay Simmons, who had been on the board for about 15 years, including chair for nine years, told the board he felt he could bring some stability to the commission and "keep the noise to a minimum."

In the end, the board appointed Mr. Simmons, Anthony Couto, Ronnie Medina, and Andrew Saunders.

SB member Bob Espindola motioned for Ms. DeSalvatore to be appointed, but the motion was not seconded.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison told the board that all the lifeguards had quit. She said they had been promised a rate that the town can not pay because the Proposition 2 1/2 override vote failed.

She said "these are the types of services" they were talking about losing if the override failed. She said the town may have to close the town beach if it can not find lifeguards. She is trying to shift

money around, she said, but it is "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

"We are going to start seeing the implications of this budget shortfall," said Ms. Ellison, adding it is her job to make sure the services are provided for, but next year it will really be felt.

Mr. Espindola said he thought the parking fees were supposed to support the beach. Ms. Ellison said the parking fees go into the general fund.

Mr. Espindola insisted the fees are supposed to cover the cost of running the beach.

Ms. Ellison reiterated that the funds are not targeted. They go into the general fund, just as all local receipts/fees do, to support the entire municipal operation.

Mr. Espindola said it was a logical opportunity to change the fee structure.

SB member Stasia Powers noted that the Board of Public Works has jurisdiction over the beach and parking lot, and fees.

"The way I see it, the town is a business," said SB Chairperson Leon Correy, and any revenue to the town is to support the town.

He said when you buy a pair of sneakers, it does not only support the manufacturer, but everyone in between.



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presentation, including a brief history of Fort Phoenix given by Tourism Director Chris Richard. There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Leon Correy, Chair of the Select Board. The flag will be raised by John Medeiros as the National Anthem is sung by Fairhaven High School student Lexi Davignon. Throughout the ceremony there will be musical performances coordinated by the Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts.

Following the flag raising, a gun salute will be fired over the harbor by the Fairhaven Village Militia, Inc., Wayne Oliveira commander.

The July Fourth activities are sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and the Fairhaven Historical Commission, with the Fairhaven Village Militia, Inc. The car cruise is organized by John Medeiros. Additional support is provided by the Fairhaven Police Department, Fairhaven Lions Club, and the Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information, please email July4thParade@fairhaven-ma.gov.

WIA Breakfast

Join the West Island Improvement Association for buffet breakfast on **Sun., 7/2, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven.** Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$10/adults, \$5/children under 12.** Tickets at door. Accessible.

Millicent Events

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342, email athiel@sailsinc.org, or visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events>

Events for children and families are happening all summer long at the library! Visit our website [millicentlibrary.org/events](http://www.millicentlibrary.org/events) to sign up and learn more.

- Tie Dye with Toby, Friday July 7, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Clowning Around with Daisy D. Dots, Mon., 7/10, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- Origami Storigami with Motoko, Thurs. July 13, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- LEGO Brick Club, Friday July 14, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

- Fire Safety - Truck at the Library, Monday 7/17, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM
- Adventurer's Middle Grade Book Club, Friday 7/21, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
- 38th Annual Teddy Bear Parade, Saturday 7/29, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Summer Reading Program & Ice Cream

Millicent Library is delighted to announce the launch of its Summer Reading program in collaboration with Ice Cream Cottage! Participants will receive a 50% off any item coupon from Ice Cream Cottage upon signing up. The program features interactive challenges with chances to win prizes. Challenge packets can be obtained at the library or sign up online at millicentlibrary.org. Get your coupon when you sign up, and walk over for a sweet treat. Happy reading (and eating!).

Domino's Opens

A new Domino's, located at 177 Huttleston Ave. in Fairhaven, is now open and ready to serve pizza! The restaurant offers carryout and delivery, including Domino's Carside Delivery®, which is a convenient carryout option for customers who want the ease of staying in their vehicle to pick up their order. The store also features a pickup window for carryout customers who want a quick grab-and-go option after placing their order online or over the phone.

Domino's in Fairhaven features the pizza theater store design, which is open concept and allows customers to experience the joy of watching their pizza being made, each step of the way.

"We are excited to bring the beloved taste of Domino's pizza to Fairhaven," said Sara Andrade, franchise owner. "As we venture into new areas, we hope to see new and existing customers experience our delicious pizza and wide array of menu items again and again."

To place an order at Domino's in Fairhaven, customers can visit www.dominos.com or call 508-204-7272.

FHS Tours

Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Route 6, 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>

Hoppy's Landing Parking Fee

Beginning July 1st, pay to park will be required at Hoppy's Landing. Permits can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/4zxxa6e7> or in person at the Town Hall. \$50.00 for the season or \$7.00 per day at the yellow box in the parking lot.

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

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.

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.

UNION STREET (between N. Water St. and Route 18):

July 7: Neal McCarthy Problem

PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):

July 21: The Funky White Honkies

Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

50s Night

New Bedford downtown's 50s night will return! Mark your calendars for Thurs., 7/20 (rain date 7/27). Starts around 6 p.m. in downtown NB. Features car clubs, entertainers, vendors and more.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/50sNightNB>

Poetry Open Mic

Interwoven Art Studio and Oversoul Theatre Collective are proud to present two nights of culture in July! "The Talking Drum" offers an open mic poetry and music experience, hosted by UMass Dartmouth professor, Mwalim and The ZYG 808, as a part of the AHA! Night offerings, Thursday, July 13 at 7:30 pm. Friday, July 21st at 7pm brings some 'real funk' with Grammy-nominated soul-funk band, The GroovaLottos.

The Interwoven Artist Studio is located at 634 Pleasant St, opposite city hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

Art Walk

The highly anticipated 10th annual Seaport Art Walk is set to captivate

art enthusiasts and locals alike as it returns to the historic working waterfront of New Bedford this July. Celebrating a decade of creativity, this year's multi-artist installation promises to be a milestone showcase of public art.

Opening on July 13th and running through the end of October 2023, the art walk invites attendees to engage with artworks positioned both outdoors along the waterfront and, new this year, indoors at Groundwork Coworking Space, located in the Quest Center at 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

During AHA! New Bedford on Thursday, July 13 a special opening tour of the outdoor exhibit with the artists will take place at 6:30 p.m., beginning at Buzzards Bay Coalition, 114 Front Street. The indoor portion of the Seaport Art Walk featured at Groundwork opens with an artist's reception on Saturday, July 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with music and refreshments.

Sea Monsters

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's gallery is about to be invaded by *Sea Monsters Real and Imagined*, a new exhibit which opens on July 13 (AHA! Night). The exhibit will remain on view from July 13-December 31, 2023.

Sea Monsters Real and Imagined showcases real-life deep sea creatures as well as those from myths and legends around the world.

The exhibit will open during AHA! Night, Thursday July 13 from 5-8 PM. That night, the community is invited to assist artists Nina Mach and Wendy Pires in creating a 32-foot sea serpent that will be displayed as part of the exhibit. The Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, is free of charge on AHA night!

Buy Black Market

Buy Black NB brings you a fun, family event with a hand-selected variety of local vendors offering you an opportunity to support young entrepreneurs is New Bedford as part of AHA! Night, Thurs., 7/13, at Custom House Square, downtown New Bedford, 5-8 p.m.

Buy Black NB is a free community platform established in 2020. As part of its dedication to discovering,

highlighting and promoting Black-owned businesses in the South Coast of Massachusetts, Buy Black NB hosts year-round events with a hand-selected, diverse group of local vendors offering you an opportunity to find your next favorite product.

Outdoor Concert

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra (NBSO) present a concert of flute music on the tented patio on Sun., 7/16, at 3 p.m. NBSO's Timothy Macri, Vanessa Holroyd, and Caitlyn Schmidt will perform the works of composers Kuhlau, Boismortier, Mattheson, and Damase at this outdoor concert.

The RJD and NBSO have a long history of partnership, offering free and affordably priced live concerts in the historic house and garden of the Museum, a National Historic Landmark over many years.

General seating is available under the tent. Those who wish to listen from the garden area are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Picnickers are also welcome. Tickets may be purchased upon arrival and are \$15. For more information, contact the Museum at 508-997-1401 or visit the Museum's website: rjdmuseum.org. 396 County St., NB.

NB Festival Theatre

New Bedford Festival Theatre and Executive Producer Wendy Hall have announced the casting for their production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* which will be presented July 21 - 30, 2023 at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 684 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA. This production will be the last production at the historic Zeiterion Theatre before the building closes for renovations this Fall.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat runs July 21 - 30, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Tickets are available from \$39 - \$65 and can be purchased online at www.zeiterion.org/events/nbft-joseph-the-amazing-technicolor-dreamcoat, by phone (508) 994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office 684 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA 02740.

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 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The 2023 lineup is as follows:

July 5 Dave Alves Band

July 12 Matt York Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career spanning from the 1950's to his passing in 2003. He'll discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950's, his marriage to June Carter and many of his other career highlights.

July 19 Roots Run Wild Full of musical surprises, Roots Run Wild strikes the perfect balance between sweetness and ferocity with their blend of unique instrumentation, robust styling, and powerful vocals. RRW entertains and delights with intricate harmonies and a focus on spreading good vibes, embracing roots and folk music from the mountains to the islands, frequently sneaking into pop territory with their catchy melodies and hooks.

Upcoming concerts:

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.

See you there!

Mattapoissett Road Race

Mattapoissett 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.mattapoissettroadrace.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.

FAYA Registration

Register for Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics Football & Cheerleading now. Fee is \$225, and goes up to \$150 after August 1. Early bird registration ends 6/30 (\$200). To register, visit <https://www.fayabluedevils.org/registration-2015>. Registration fee includes equipment, uniforms.

If you have any questions, please email Sonia Chisholm at romao_s@yahoo.com.

For cheerleading please contact Jen Hassey at fayacheerleading@gmail.com

Reading Frederick Douglass

The Marion Art Center partners with the Marion Community Center and Tri Town Against Racism to present a public reading of Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech *What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?* The event will be held on Saturday, July 1 at 1:00pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center located at 465 Mill Street in Marion.

A diverse group of readers from the SouthCoast region will present an abridged version of Douglass's famous speech, which will take approximately 50 minutes. Audience members are encouraged to stay for a community discussion following the reading. Dr. Moise St. Louis returns in 2023 to give opening remarks and help lead the discussion. The presentation of this public reading is a statewide initiative coordinated by Mass Humanities, a generous sponsor of these free community events. Additional resources can be found at masshumanities.org.

Visit marionartcenter.org/events.

Arts in the Park

The Marion Art Center's annual outdoor artisan market, Arts in the Park, returns to Bicentennial Park in Marion on Saturday, July 8, 10am-4pm. (Rain date 7/9. The park is across the street from the MAC,

which is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, at the corner of Main and Pleasant.

The curated event will feature over forty five artists and artisans from across the region and includes many new vendors this year.

Arts in the Park is sponsored in part by donations from the Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester Cultural Councils, local chapters of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information, visit marionartcenter.org/events or email the MAC at info@marionartcenter.org.

Family Hike

MassAudubon is hosting a Saltmarsh Family Hike with the Mattapoissett Land Trust on Tuesday July 11th from 9:00 - 11:00am. The program will take families on the MLT Brandt Island Cove trail where MassAudubon educators will teach all about animal tracks, saltmarsh critters, and birds seen along the way. Investigate the unique forest and saltmarsh habitat and learn while having fun!

The family program is free but you must register beforehand. Please go on the MLT website or Facebook page for information, or go to <https://www.massaudubon.org/programs> to search for the program. Wear sturdy footwear, dress for the weather, and bring binoculars if you have them (MassAudubon will be providing supplies too). See you on the trail!

Benefit Concert

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church is presenting a benefit concert to combat hunger on July 8, from 4-6 p.m., at the church, 182 Willow Ave., Little Compton, RI. The building is handicapped accessible, and parking is abundant. Gayane Darakyan will perform on an 1897 Steinway Grand Piano.

All proceeds from the concert will support the Little Compton Food Bank (which serves Little Compton and Tiverton, RI) and the Westport Food Pantry.

Tickets are \$30 for a seat in the nave; \$10 for a seat in the Parish Hall. All proceeds to be donated to the Little Compton, RI, and Westport, MA, food banks. Tickets can be purchased online at standrewslc.org/concert or by phone at 401-635-2452.

Tips for a Sustainable Summer

By Christin Ritz for the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

1. Challenge yourself to create less waste this summer by joining Team Fairhaven in the Plastic Free July Eco-Challenge!

When we act as a community we can make a huge impact. By doing simple things like refusing Styrofoam and straws, bringing reusable bags when we go shopping, picking up litter, and educating ourselves about plastic in places we never even knew about (chewing gum!) we make a difference! Once you join our town Eco-Challenge team, you get to choose the actions you want to take to reduce your plastic use. As you complete them you earn points. Take this opportunity to create better habits for yourself and your family. The event runs through July 31 so it's not too late to join in! Go to <https://plasticfree.ecochallenge.org/teams/team-fairhaven> to join!

2. Shop at Farmer's Markets!

Locally grown food tastes better and the reason why is simple — it's so much fresher! Most of the produce in the supermarket was harvested

weeks ago in another part of the country (or world) and traveled many miles by truck or plane to get to you. Buying from a local farmer not only eliminates all that unnecessary carbon emission, but also supports the local economy and food supply. This summer get in the routine of doing your shopping at the farmer's market! Go to www.SEMAPonline.org for a listing of the markets going on all over Southeastern Massachusetts including our own Fairhaven market every weekend!

3. Use Reef Safe Sunscreen!

Did you know that the chemicals used in most sunscreens are not biodegradable, so when they wash off your skin in the water they linger in the ocean and harm marine life like fish, mussels, dolphins, sea urchins, green algae, and coral reefs? The state of Hawaii has already banned sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate for this reason. Before you go for a dip, look for mineral sunscreens that say "reef-safe" or "biodegradable" on the label, or opt for a long-sleeved sun shirt and leggings to protect your skin.

4. Create an ecologically safe back yard!

Perhaps the one thing that unites all of humanity is the desire to be rid of mosquitos! But before you have your lawn sprayed consider using a company that uses organic repellents that are EPA approved. Chemical mosquito barriers are linked to some of the worst health problems you can imagine, and they also kill the beneficial pollinating insects and native species that we can't afford to lose. The natural stuff really works and there are some local companies that offer it. Another sustainable solution to mosquitos is providing a habitat for bats. One bat can eat 1200 mosquitos in an hour! So install a bat house in your back yard! You can purchase one or build it yourself. Check out www.nwf.org for directions.

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

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Monday Movie Matinee

July 10, 12:15 p.m. featuring "Mamma Mia!" The story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father told using hit songs by the popular 1970s group ABBA. Please sign up for the movie.

Lunch this day will be American Chop Suey. If you would like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch

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Summer walking is available in the Recreation Center on Thursdays while the children at the Rec. Summer Camp are away on their field trip. Indoor walking is subject to change if the field trip is outdoors and it is raining.

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day camp is out for me because I have
to puppy sit my little brother Lionel.

I reminded my mom that I had a
camp scholarship and suggested she
use that money to hire a puppy sitter.
She explained that I could not go to
camp without a scholarship, and she
couldn't afford to hire a puppy sitter.
She said she felt terrible because she
knew how much it meant to me, and
she would find a way I could attend
camp next year.

Should I set up a Go Fund Me
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vacation is coming
up, and everyone
at school is excited
except me.

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her job back. So that
means canine

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tragic circumstances. You could
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situation, and ask if they can assist
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were enrolled and use part of your
scholarship funds to cover costs for
Lionel to attend at the same time. You
might also ask if you could work part-
time to cover expenses for Lionel.

Have you checked to see if your
town, city, or park department offers
camps for needy families? If none of
these solutions are possible, you
need to think of ways you and Lionel
can spend some pleasant time
together; perhaps there are activities
available at the library or the town
pool. If all fails, in your golden years,
you can talk about the summer you
had to forego camp so that you could
take care of your little brother. It's not
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Best, Frankie

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“New Bedford, in a word, is a seaport. Our people go to sea.”

By Beth David
Editor

New Bedford native and former mayor John Bullard has written a memoir that delves into the problems his beloved hometown has faced, his attempts to correct them, and the challenges along the way.

“Hometown” explores Mr. Bullard’s professional life from his first job working with the Waterfront Historic Action League (WHALE) and two other nonprofits to preserve and revitalize New Bedford’s downtown and reconnect it to the waterfront, which connects us to, well, everything.

“The ocean connects us — to other countries, to opportunity, to our past, and to our future,” writes Mr. Bullard in Chapter 1.

He writes about his mentors and influences, acknowledging his privileged life, and how his worldview was shaped and turned into action for his hometown.

The book is, of course, from his perspective and about all the great things he did, as he remembers them. He tells us this right in his introduction. And, I have to say, the introduction alone is worth the price of the book. I learned some surprising things about his background. And we learn about his motivation in

those beginning pages. And it’s a good read, too.

What comes through right from the beginning is a respect for the fishing industry, respect for small shop owners, respect for ethnic diversity, respect for the fact that most people do not have the kind of financial security he grew up with.

He began his first projects by listening to people, knocking on every door along a 15 block section of Acushnet Avenue. Talking to store owners, fishing people, bar users in the downtown area.

New Bedford loves its working waterfront, now and in the 1970s when he began.

He does not flinch, though, talking about some of the challenges: the people, the seediness in places, the dilapidated buildings.

“I just surmised that the building was supported by memories,” he writes of one such place.

I admit, I have not finished the book yet. Life gets in the way, you know. But I plan on finishing it during my break. I wanted to get this review out ASAP, though, so my readers can get their own copies as soon as they are available, so you, too, can add it to your summer reading list, and make it to one of the upcoming book signings.

For anyone who loves this area, loves New Bedford, loves the working waterfront, and appreciates that it is not a “museum village focused only on the past” (as he puts it), this book is a must read.

“New Bedford, in a word, is a seaport. Our people go to sea,” writes Mr. Bullard. “You don’t have to dress people up in old clothes to explain the ancient relationship we have with the oceans. The docks that were home to whaleships are now home to fishing boats, but people still go to sea.”

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Homecoming Day Fair cancellation forces some improvising

By Beth David
Editor

Rain and the threat of thunderstorms forced the Fairhaven Improvement Association to cancel the annual Homecoming Day Fair on 6/24/23. The event features about 175 vendor booths and is the biggest fund-raiser for many of the nonprofits that sell food.

And, of course, food is perishable. So, some of the organizations decided to get creative and improvise. The North Fairhaven Improvement Association made and sold its cacoola sandwiches and hotdogs at its building on Adams Street. Inside, the Fairhaven Lions

Club and Rotary Club of Fairhaven also sold their food.

It was a festive atmosphere, and they were pretty much sold out by around noon.

NFIA board member Heidi Hacking said it was just a natural that the nonprofits would help each other out.

The Livesey Club also sold their lobster rolls out of their building, and sold out very quickly as a resident decided to buy the whole batch for a big party he was having. The East Fairhaven Improvement Association, which usually sells strawberry shortcakes, sold the strawberries at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

On Sunday, the VFW auxiliary sold

their baked goods at the VFW, and the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society sold their very popular noodles outside the museum on Cherry Street.

All the groups and many of their individual members promoted the change of venue on their social media pages. Business was brisk at most places, and we hope they were able to add to the coffers.

Josh Foster and his dad Jeff live in the neighborhood near the WMFS museum. They said they had no idea about the fair or the society's annual fundraiser there. They just saw the post and decided to check it out.

"To support the society and to enjoy some great food," said Josh.



ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Lions Club pose for the local free sheet while selling quahogs and favas at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building on Adams Street after the Homecoming Day Fair was canceled due to rain on 6/24/23. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Pauline Parker stuffs a bun with cacoola as Ed Rose gets ready to stir the cacoola. BELOW LEFT: The inside of the NFIA building is hopping. BELOW RIGHT: Heidi Hacking wraps hot dogs and cacoola sandwiches. *Photos by Beth David.*



225 swimmers raise \$172K for BBC

Press Release

Overcast skies and the occasional shower did not deter the 225 swimmers who participated in this year's Buzzards Bay Swim, held in New Bedford's Outer Harbor on Saturday, June 24th.

Athletes completed the scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water course, beginning in New Bedford's South End, swimming past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier, and finishing at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. At Fort Phoenix, swimmers were greeted by cheering crowds, live music, a hot breakfast, and cold beer.

The swimmers, supported by more than 100 volunteers, raised more than \$172,000 to advance the mission of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Now in its 30th year, the Buzzards Bay Swim provides vital resources for the Coalition's work to ensure clean water in all Bay communities, restore and protect watershed lands, and get people of all ages outside and engaged with their local environment.

Participants ranged from first-time swimmers to those who competed in the first-ever event 30 years ago.

The top fundraisers were Steve Johnson of Westport, who raised a new record of \$13,200, followed by Nancy Smith of Dartmouth who raised \$5,450, and Jessica Whittaker of Rochester, who raised \$4,400. Whittaker is also a member of the top fundraising team, For Emma, which counted 34 members and raised more than \$20,000.

The fastest swimmers were Jack Bauer of Cambridge, with a time of 24 minutes and 36 seconds, and Carlyn

Soares of Beverly, with a time of 24 minutes and 48 seconds. The fastest adult team, winning the Wheeler Watershed Challenge Cup, were the Salty Sea Dogs. The fastest youth team, winning the Quicks Award, was For Emma.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is sponsored by Cisco Brewers & Kitchen, Vineyard Wind, Anderson Insulation, BETA Group, Buzzards Bay Brewing, Bristol County Savings Bank, and Fiber Optic Center.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is one of two signature outdoor fundraising events hosted by the Coalition. The other is the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, a 100, 75, or 35 mile bike ride that traverses the Buzzards Bay watershed from Little Compton to Woods Hole.

Matt Poyant and Alec Orr finished up the race and displayed 17 years of medals on their arms.

"The first time, it was like 50 people," said Mr. Orr.

Chris Parks said it was her 19th time swimming across the harbor. She said this year was better than last year, which was very choppy.

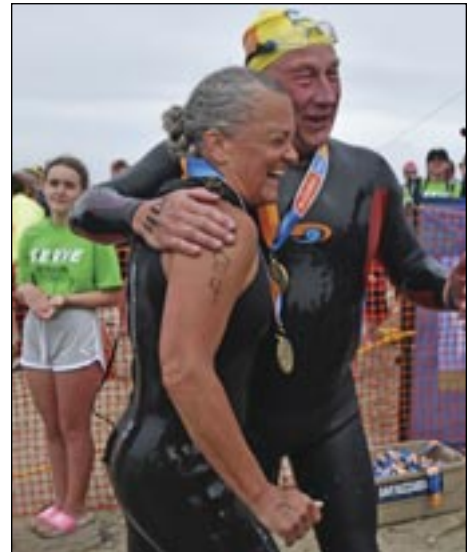
The water was, however, a little colder, but, "It was fine," she said.

Ms. Parks said she swims because she is a big fan of the coalition.

"Getting donations is the easy part," she said. "Just tell them what they are doing to protect our water."

"It was really nice," said David Stricker of Wareham and Newton, who swam for the first time. "Just a beautiful swim."

He said the water was nice, a little choppy, but not bad. He decided to join the swim, he said, because he has



been swimming in the ocean for 30 years.

"It's a nice thing to do for the Bay," he said.

Melissa Dyer swam for the 10th time.

"Actually, it was probably one of my best swims," said Ms. Dyer, adding it was unexpected and she surprised herself. "It's a good, supportive group."

She joins the annual swim, she said, because she believes in what the BBC stands for. She swims in the ocean all the time, something she really appreciates because she lived in "landlocked Colorado" for 27 years.

"It's nice to be back," she said. "It's nice to be back where the water is clean and where people really care about their community."

Complete results are available at <https://www.allsportsevents.com/results/buzzards-bay-swim-2023/>



TOP: L-R: Melissa Dyer, 58, and David Stricker, 72, share a moment as they come out of the water together at Fort Phoenix in 34:13 after swimming in the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Swim for the Bay on 6/24/23. ABOVE LEFT: Jenna Andrade, 30, has a big smile as she comes out of the water in 59:47 and receives her medal from BBC volunteer Hilary Vineyard. ABOVE MIDDLE: BBC President, Mark Rasmussen (center) poses with Matt Poyant (LEFT) and Alec Orr while they display their medals from the last 17 years. ABOVE RIGHT: Corinne Hibbert, 17, strikes a pose for the local free sheet as she comes out of the water at in 31:17. *Photos by Beth David.*

More than 300 bikes join Blessing of Bikes ride

By Beth David
Editor

A total of 322 motorcycles participated in the annual Blessing of the Bikes by St. Joseph Church in Fairhaven on Sunday, 6/25/23. The bikers gathered at Fort Phoenix, rode past St. Joseph on Spring Street, then for a long ride through back roads, ending up at the Ice House in Fairhaven for food and music. In front of St. Joseph Church, Fr. Columban Crotty ret., SS.CC; and Fr. Jeremy Sabugo, ss.cc of St. Mary's Church in

Fairhaven, blessed each bike, rider and passenger with holy water as they rode by.

The gathering at Fort Phoenix had a festive air as bikers waited for the parking lot to fill up.

Derek Pelletier, 30, was on his first Blessing of the Bikes, but definitely not his first bike run, and he was joining his father Steven, who has been to "lots" of blessings.

"To support a good cause," said the younger Mr. Pelletier.

The elder Mr. Pelletier said he

attended St. Joseph School.

He likes the organized rides, he said, because he sees old friends, and meet new people.

He likes "everything about it," he said. "It's all good."

Kathy and Rich Souza ride together, and have been riding for "many years," he said.

They joined the ride "to get blessed," said Mr. Souza.

"To get blessed and help support the school," added Ms. Souza. "And we run into a lot of old friends."



ABOVE LEFT: Storm Halloran and his vavoo Ed Rouxinol hang out while waiting for the Blessing of the Bikes ride to start at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 6/25/23. ABOVE RIGHT: Rich and Kathy Souza pose for the local free sheet while waiting for kickstands up BELOW AND BOTTOM: Fr. Columban Crotty, ss.cc (retired) and Fr. Jeremy Sabugo, ss.cc, of St. Mary's parish, use holy water to bless bikes, riders and passengers in front of St. Joseph Church on Spring Street in Fairhaven during the Blessing of the Bikes. *Photos by Beth David.*



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, July 17, 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. M.G.L., 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.

Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkxzZVYrNzJlQktlVj9kSGppZz09>
or CALL 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076
Passcode: 633695

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 023-358: 24 Hathaway Street, Map 28B, Lot 016** Request for Determination filed by Karen Diggins to construct a 14' x 14' 3-season room in place of the existing 14' x 14' deck in the rear of house with landing and stairs. Work located at 24 Hathaway Street, Map 28B, Lot 016 which is within FEMA Flood Zone AE (EL.14').
2. **SE 023-1420, CON 023-359: 110 Middle Street, Map 12, Lot 17** Notice of Intent filed by Uday Patel for the installation of six, twelve-inch diameter greenheart piles, which are replacements for worn piles, previously removed due to wear. Work located at 110 Middle Street, Map 12, Lot 17 which is within FEMA Flood Zone AE (EL.6'), Land Under the Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

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: 6/29/23

INVITATION TO BID

The Fairhaven Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **667-1 & 667-2 Roof Replacement, #094085** in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by RGB Architects.

The Project consists of: the removal and replacement of asphalt shingle roofing systems, addition of vent caps, addition of ridge vents, masonry brick repointing at chimney at 667-1. Add alternate #1 is to install river rock stone beds around perimeter of 667-1. The removal of existing asphalt rolled roofing and installation of TPO membrane roofing system, extension of exhaust fan curbs, snow guard installation, fall

protection rails at 667-2. Add alternate #1 is to install river rock stone beds around perimeter of 667-2.

The work is estimated to cost **\$868,293**.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **Roofing**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **10:30 AM on Wednesday, 26 July 2023** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until on and publicly opened online, forthwith.
SUBTRADES: NONE

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Fairhaven Housing Authority**.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of **\$50.00** per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocsONLINE Inc.

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for **\$50.00**

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), non-refundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (David.McClave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost less than \$500,000 OR 10 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost \$500,000 or more**

- NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE BID DATE. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Wednesday, 12 July 2023 at 2:00 PM Address: 10 McGann Terrace, Community Room, Fairhaven
Instructions:

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not

removed at:

Fairhaven Housing Authority, 275 Main Street.
Fairhaven, MA 02719; 508-993-1144
Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA
01749; 978-568-1167

FNN 6/29/23

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street Acushnet. This hearing is on the petition of Nstar d/b/a Eversource. To install one (1) FO pole to be labeled 153/1.5, approximately 75' southwest of existing pole 153/1 on Rock Street.

The installation of this pole is being requested to provide electric service for #36 Rock Street.

Board of Selectmen
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert Hincley, Member
David Wojnar, Member
FNN, 6/29/23

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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or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. REF#: ZBA-023-024: 251 Scouticut 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

DEP changes nitrogen regs, Fairhaven and Acushnet spared

Press Release

Following months of intense public debate, Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) is pleased to support the Healey Administration's decision to protect local homeowners from costly septic upgrades under new Title V regulations put forth by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Late last year, Senator Montigny pushed back against the agency's proposed revisions to the state's septic system regulations, also known as "Title V". The enhanced septic requirements are intended to reduce total nitrogen loads impacting local watersheds. As originally drafted, the proposed regulations would have required most individual home-

owners to upgrade their septic systems, which is estimated to cost \$30,000 or more. Alternatively, towns could apply for a 20-year watershed permit at an unknown cost.

The regulatory proposal was widely believed to have been generated due to private litigation initiated against several Cape Cod

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Fairhaven

Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 6/29, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 7/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 7/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Select Board

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

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 7/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

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

Selectboard

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

TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2023	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.
Saturday	1	0653	1914	0009	1200
Sunday	2	0738	2000	0059	1251*
Monday	3	0826	2050	0150*	1345*
Tuesday	4	0919	2143	0247*	1446*
Wednesday	5	1013	2235	0341*	1545*
Thursday	6	1106	2327	0427*	1638*
Friday	7	----	1201	0511*	1729*
Saturday	8	0023	1300	0558*	1832
Sunday	9	0122	1357	0657	2011
Monday	10	0218	1452	0811	2150
Tuesday	11	0313	1547	0916	2315
Wednesday	12	0413	1649	1029	----

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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communities and the state agency. No Southcoast community has been named in the pending litigation.

"Hundreds of my constituents and local officials have been anxiously waiting to learn whether these new regulations would impact already strained budgets, and I am pleased to report that our communities will not be impacted," said Senator Montigny. "I commend Governor Healey for her thoughtful attention to this matter and for following through on our very positive communications since she took office. Without a compelling scientific justification and financial

assistance from the state, there was absolutely no way that it would be appropriate to burden hardworking homeowners across the Southcoast with new septic rules. Nitrogen pollution is a real environmental problem, but there are far more serious contributors in our region than household septic systems."

State Rep. William Straus also sent the following statement in response to the decision: "I am pleased that DEP today revised their proposed new watershed regulations in a way which will save residents in the SouthCoast from the immediate

extreme costs of septic system changes. As proposed last October, the DEP plan had not taken into account the full impact on this region; as a result last December I joined my House colleagues in filing a Joint Comment to the regulations calling for just this kind of tempered response from the State.

"Today's revision from the Healey-Driscoll administration calls for further input from the public and local officials before any further changes and permit system would apply to our region."

iStroll Southcoast serves parents and children

Press Release

iStroll Southcoast's stroller based parents' bootcamp class offers a full body workout and a place to meet other local parents all at once. Owners and certified Group Fitness Instructors, Erin Cate and Sarah Freshman, are bringing a new type of workout to Southeastern, Mass.

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L-R: Erin Cate and Sarah Freshman are bringing a new type of workout to Southeastern Mass., with iStroll, which offers a full body workout that incorporates your stroller. *Submitted photo.*

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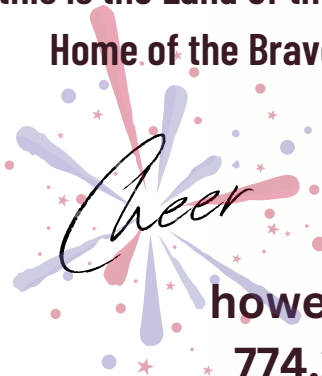
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