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Foam Day cools 'em off



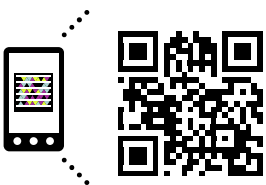
Fairhaven Select Board Chairperson Leon Correy wields the big wide nozzle for spraying Dawn Detergent-based foam to delighted children (and their adults) at the Fairhaven Firefighters Union first Foam Day on 7/29/23 at Cushman Park. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Okay, from sweltering death-heat to October in one fell swoop. Gotta love New England. Don't worry, the heat is coming back. This little cold snap is just to remind us that summer won't last forever. But, there's still plenty of summer left. You can tell just by looking at page 3 and the Happenings pages for some fun events coming up.

Our cover story is a first! Fairhaven's first ever Foam Day was lots of fun (see page 12). Don't worry, it wasn't that chemical stuff, it was Dawn dish detergent. Pretty cool, huh? The kids had a blast, and so did the adults.

Acushnet had a Christmas in July event that included a spectacular view of the PJ Keating quarry (see page 13). Now that's some hole.

Fairhaven also held its very first DisABILITY Pride event. They had all kinds of stuff to do and information to share. See page 14 for that.

FHS has a new model for athletic director. See page 11 for how that's going to work.

We also have some meeting coverage for you (see page 4), with talk of the Biggest Little Feast coming up, which reminds me that the big feast in New Bedford is this weekend (see page 3).

Now I'm going to make a pitch for saving local news. I know most of my readers like the printed paper, and my advertisers do, too. But the cost of printing is pretty high, folks. The advertising is just not cutting it.

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Until next week then, see ya

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Lots of local events this weekend

The Feast

10th annual celebration of the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, Madeira Field, 50 Madeira Ave., NB, Aug. 3-6. Four days and four stages of free live entertainment.

Thurs., 8/3, 6-11:45 p.m.; Fri., 84, 5-11:45; Sat. & Sun., 8/5 & 6, noon to 11:45.

The Feast features continuous live Portuguese & American entertainment at five performance locations. The 2023 Entertainment Committee has been hard at work to continue the tradition of top-quality, "FREE" Entertainment for folks of all ages!

Featuring traditional Madeiran Portuguese dinner with numerous menu choices for full dinners in the main pavilion. Cook-your-own barbecue beef (carne d'espeto), sweet malassadas (fried dough) plus linguica (sausage) and baccalau (codfish) sandwiches. Hamburgers, hot dogs and French fries. Madeira wine imported in giant casks by special agreement with the Madeiran Government.

Visit <http://feastoftheblessedsacramentcom.ning.com> for schedule

of entertainment, kids activities, family fun day, procession, etc.

Concerts Under the Stars

Join us for Concerts Under the Stars, in front of Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, featuring: rock & roll, funk & soul by Mojo Kings, 8/3; jazz, pop, rock, blues by G and Friends, 8/10.

Free. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. Held rain or shine.

WIIA Breakfast

Join the West Island Improvement Association for buffet breakfast on **Sun., 8/6, 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.

Explore Mattapoisett Village

Are you curious about Mattapoisett Village's unique history? Please join Mattapoisett Museum Guides and tour the village to learn about its heyday as a shipbuilding center to the rise of summer

recreation and the impact specific citizens had on the development of the town.

Tours begin and end at the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street. They follow Main Street to Shipyard Park and return via one of the historic side streets back to the Museum. The tour will last 45 minutes to an hour.

Remaining dates are:

- Saturday, August 5 at 10:30am with Curator Connor Gaudet
 - Thursday, August 10 at 5:30p, with Jenn McIntyre and Carole Clifford
 - Thursday, September 7 at 5:30pm with Jenn McIntyre and Carole Clifford
 - Saturday, September 16 at 10:30am with Curator Connor Gaudet
- Free and open to the public.

Bullard at Acushnet Library

Author John K. Bullard shares his memoir *Hometown* at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet, on Mon., 8/7, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room.

John K. Bullard weaves a tale of a

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Select Board discusses police details for OLOA feast

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board spent a bit more time than usual at its 7/17/23 meeting discussing police details for Our Lady of Angels Feast, which will be held at the OLOA feast grounds September 2-4.

Lt. David Sobral of the Fairhaven Police Department told the SB that he felt there needed to be two more police officers on the paid detail during certain hours of the feast. He said the last two years, especially last year, there had been problems with younger feast-goers spreading out into the neighborhood and causing a nuisance. Lt. Sobral said if they had two more police officers, they would be able to walk farther away from the gates to keep the troublemakers from loitering in front of houses.

Lt. Sobral said the two officers would be able to walk along Jesse and Daniel Streets at night. One problem is people driving around the barriers and parking in front of driveways.

Lt. Sobral said they are not looking to stop the feast in any way, but it is in a residential area, and residents have a right to access their homes. They should have protection, too, he said, noting that most neighbors are "pretty cooperative" and like the feast.

If people do block driveways, they can be ticketed or towed, but if an officer is there, it should alleviate the problem, he said.

Neighbors have parties, too, noted Lt. Sobral, it is a "highly traveled area" during the feast.

John Barboza, president of OLOA, said it was not just parking, it is kids "hanging around the street."

Mr. Barboza said the problem is

that the officers working the feast are not Fairhaven officers and they are not doing what they should be doing. He said they all stay at the gate and do not walk the grounds or the surrounding area.

"Why should I be responsible for something that's not on the feast grounds," said Mr. Barboza, adding he does not mind so much paying for one more officer, but two is a high cost. "It's just taking money away from these charitable donations."

SB member Keith Silvia said it

Why should I be responsible for something that's not on the feast grounds? It's just taking money away from these charitable donations.

[John Barboza,
OLOA President]

seemed to be escalating a little bit more each year. The people who complained to him, he said, did not want to stop the feast, they just wanted more police presence.

Mr. Barboza countered that he would be paying for two more police officers to stand around at the gate "with the other guys."

He said he cannot make them do anything.

Lt. Sobral said he worked the feast one day last year and it was a mix of Fairhaven officers and outside officers. He said he told them what to do, but he could not be there the

whole time. They try to get local officers, he said, but it is not always possible.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison suggested coordinating a meeting with the detail officers to tell them what they should be doing.

In the end the board voted to require the additional officers during the hours that Lt. Sobral requested.

SB member Charlie Murphy recused himself from the vote because he is an officer of OLOA.

In another matter, the board set a Special Town Meeting date of 11/14

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said the cost of the upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment plant is significantly higher than the original estimate of the \$50 million that Town Meeting already appropriated. Due to new federal regulations, the town needs to upgrade the plant by December of 2025.

Mr. Furtado said he will ask TM for an additional \$20 million.

He also said that the town has about \$5 million in loan forgiveness; and Mattapoisett, which owns about 20% of the plant will pay a share; and ARPA funds will also be used for some. In the end, the town will not use the whole \$70 million he is looking for.

Ms. Ellison explained to the board that Mass. General Law does not allow for the town to enter into a contract unless all the funds are there.

The lowest bid was \$62 million, said Mr. Furtado, adding that he expected costs to go up even more due to inflation and the Build America Buy America Act. He said he expected a 10-40% increase.

The item will be on the warrant of the STM in November.

From our readers

Reader takes issue with Neighb News editorial

"A business is structured to make money, to take in more than it needs from their customers. The difference is called 'profit.'" complains FNN editor, Beth David (June 26).

More than it "needs?!" Needs for what? Communist mysticism? What is

this mysterious, unidentified "need?" "Curiouser and curiouser," said Alice, in Wonderland.

Business needs profit or it goes bankrupt. Profits pay for advertising. Advertising potentially causes profit. A farmer who plants seeds that did not grow into wheat would starve. A farmer who plants seeds that grow into wheat has profit. He eats and

lives.

Life has needs to remain alive. Capitalism is not the cause of profit. Rocks and clouds have no needs. Communism fails because it has no profit.

Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven

Editor's Note: Mr. Grossman needs to look up the definition of "complains."

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

WIIA Breakfast

Sun., 8/6. See page 3

Climate Webinars

The August Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast meeting will feature Envision Resilience! The Envision Resilience Challenge is a semester-long design studio, developed by ReMain Nantucket, that connects interdisciplinary teams from university partners with coastal communities to envision adaptive and creative solutions to sea level rise. New Bedford/Fairhaven is the location for the 2023 Envision Resilience challenge. Come learn and find out how you can be involved! Register at <https://bit.ly/3DfPr4Y>

Next Meeting Date

Aug 7, 2023 07:30 PM

Huttleston Mktplace

Saturdays, through September 30,, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

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

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Learn more at <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>.

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

Meat Raffle

Every Thursday, 7 p.m., Fairhaven VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Win meat, eggs, breakfast, and a variety of other specials we have every week. Play some Keno, have a drink or two. You will not be disappointed.

Pirates & Privateers

Fridays, 10:00 a.m., through

September. WEATHER PERMITTING. Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Presentation held near fort flagpole and cannons. Also presented by appointment for groups

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail Black, a ship's doctor who grows herbal remedies in her village garden when she's not at sea, and Caleb the Powder Monkey, a lad who knows how to load and fire a cannon.

Learn which pirate lore is really just myth based on fiction and what stories are true. This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more. .

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

Dreadful Medicine

Thursday afternoons between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., through September. Weather permitting. At Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA Display and discussion near fort flagpole and cannons

Visit with Ezekiel Hale Boggs, a barber-dentist-surgeon from Oxford Village in the 1770s, to learn about tooth pulling, amputation, blood letting, and other scary medical practices in the days before anesthesia and clean tools were the norm. During the American Revolution the village barber-surgeon often provided medical aid on the battlefield. Mr. Boggs has an extensive collection of medical instruments that were the daily tools of his profession.

On many afternoons Mr. Boggs will be joined by Oxford village midwife Lucy Daggett who cares for village women during childbirth and treats her neighbors' illnesses with useful herbs she grows or collects in the woods. She performs these important duties while still attending to her household duties, making clothing, watching over grandchildren, and keeping the garden and livestock.

Find out where the expression "bite the bullet" comes from or what might be prescribed to cure the "bloody flux." No people will be harmed (we hope) during these

entertaining and informative demonstrations. The program is ongoing from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., so spectators may come and go as they please.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Free. Call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

SAVE THE DATES:

Nautical Yard Sale

Acushnet River Safe Boating Club will hold its second nautical yard sale of the year on Sat., 8/12 (rain date 8/13), from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at ARSBC, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven.

Featuring electronics, fishing equipment, line, cleats, hardware dinghies, motors, services, boats (pix only).

Music Night

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association brings you Music Night, featuring Eddie and the Exciters, on Sun., 8/13, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., at Benoit Square, Fairhaven (intersection of Main and Howland). Free and open to all.

Bring a lawn chair, dancing shoes, and your friends to enjoy some great LIVE music. Malasadas, grilled items, soda, water, and more will be available for purchase.

Movie Night

Fairhaven Firefighters Local 1555 presents their second annual Movie Night, featuring *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*, on Sun., 8/20, at Livesey Park in Fairhaven, 7:30 p.m.

Free admission, free snacks and more! Bring your blankets or chairs.

Sponsored by Fairhaven Firefighters Local 1555, Lauren Gonsalves/Howe Allen Realty, Profishant, Dorothy Cox's.

Car Show

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is teaming up with Legendary Street Rods car club for a car-truck-bike show on Sun., 8/20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Livesey Park, Fairhaven (Main entrance/Parker St.)

Registration fee for vehicles: \$20 plus one canned good for the food pantry. Featuring raffles, awards, food, music, and more. Free to the public.

Non-food vendors wanted. Contact northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit local veterans organizations; food proceeds to benefit the NFIA.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

The Feast

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See page 3 for details.

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):

Aug. 4: Mo Bounce

PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):

Aug. 18: JAMMIN': A Tribute to Bob Marley

Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

NB Ballet

New Bedford Ballet will culminate its summer season with four performances of *Adventures in Dance*, an innovative blend of classical and contemporary choreography. This creative exploration of dance styles will be performed on Friday, August 4, at 5:30 and 7:30pm and Saturday, August 5, at 1:00 and 3:00pm, at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Raggedy Ann and Andy's Midnight Adventure is an original children's ballet created and choreographed by New Bedford Ballet's artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault. Inspired by the world's best-known and most adored rag dolls, this colorful, humorous production will entertain audience members of all ages as dolls literally come to life and create some nighttime mischief.

This performance adventure also premieres original contemporary choreography by New Bedford Ballet advanced students under the direction of Katherine Bickford and an excerpt from La Bayadere restaged by Pamela Mateus.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors, students, and children 12 years and under. All proceeds from this performance will support the New Bedford Ballet, a non-profit organization. Tickets may be purchased online at www.newbedfordballet.org. For more information, please visit the New Bedford Ballet website at www.newbedfordballet.org or contact the New Bedford Ballet Office at 508-993-1387.

For over thirty-five years New Bedford Ballet has continued its mission of providing classical ballet training for children and adults, granting scholarships, and educating the community in the value of the performing arts. On site registration for the 2023-2024 season will take place August 1 – 3, from 4pm-7:00pm and August 23 and 24, from 4:00-7:00pm. Registration can also be done online.

Movie Night

To complement and enhance New Bedford Art Museum's summer exhibitions on glass works (Contemporary Glass Sculpture by leading and emerging Massachusetts artists & Barcelona Sea Glass and the Art Photography of Celia Pearson) the Museum will screen Werner Herzog's stunning early work, HEART OF GLASS (94 min), Mon., 8/7, 6 p.m. Tickets: \$5, at <https://newbedfordart.org/monday-movies/>

Winner of Best Cinematography at the German Film Awards, Werner Herzog's film tells the story of a small town in Germany whose residents go to great lengths to recover the lost secrets to making ruby glass.

Herzog placed his entire cast in a hypnotic trance state for this fable of a herdsman's visions of the future and a village going insane after its glass factory loses the formula for its fabulous, much-prized ruby glass.

Forever the innovator, Werner Herzog famously had the entire cast of this film genuinely hypnotized so he could create a unique and

dreamlike feature. His plan worked; HEART OF GLASS is truly unlike any other cinematic experience, a singular standout even among Herzog's stunning filmography.

Glassmaking scenes were filmed in Erwin Eisch's glass factory.

"As bizarre as it is mesmerizing, New Bedford Film Society founder, Mocha J Herrup, PhD, will present and lead our post film discussions.

Mural Installation

The Pilgrim United Church of Christ is celebrating the installation of a mural of Booker T. Washington at its Church Home, 634 Purchase Street, New Bedford, on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

The mural, painted by New Bedford artist Eden Soares, commemorates Washington's visit to this site in 1895 to raise funds for Tuskegee Institute, a historically black college in Tuskegee, Alabama.

The celebration will be part of August's AHA! events. It will include an introduction to the artist; readings by Elliott Talley from Booker T. Washington's autobiography, *Up from Slavery*; and music by City Councilor Shane Burgo. The mural is being installed by Fernandes Masonry.

Refreshments will be offered in the Church Home following the ceremony.

If you have questions, please feel free to write to: pucnbcouncil@gmail.com.

Sea Monsters

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center has been invaded by *Sea Monsters: Real and Imagined!* The Center's newest exhibit explores sea creatures, some mythical and others real from around the world. Discover the Norse Kraken, Cape Verdean Koakun-Klun, and Portuguese Adamastor, among others, and learn about real creatures such as the Bearded Fireworm and the Giant Squid.

The exhibit features the talents of several local artists, including Brian Tillett (aka BB the Gun), Erik Durant, Christina Jacobsen Devilliers, Nina Mach, and Wendy Pires. We hope you'll take the opportunity over the next several months to discover what mysterious creatures lurk just below the surface of the waves! Keep an eye

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STILL OVERTOWN

on our social media pages and website calendar for related programming including contests, film screenings, talks, and the return of Unusual Catch Day.

Sea Monsters: Real and Imagined and associated programming are funded by the Acushnet, Dartmouth,

Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and New Bedford Cultural Councils, as well as a grant from the Westport Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by Bank of America, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, BankFive, BayCoast Bank, and a

Community Impact Grant from Eversource.

The Center is located at 38 Bethel Street in downtown New Bedford. There is free off-street parking adjacent to the building. Accessible.

Call us at (508) 993-8894 or email info@fishingheritagecenter.org.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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family legacy intertwined with the pitfalls and promise of New Bedford, a storied Massachusetts seaport whose past and future can be found in every small American city struggling to survive and thrive.

In this deeply moving and thoughtful memoir, Bullard explores the meaning of public service, greater good, personal responsibility, and the ties that bind people to their hometowns.

He grapples with immigration, economics, race, poverty, politics but also our innermost conflicts and ambitions as we make our way in the world.

Bullard's story — and his sense of hometown — as he rises from a local to federal leader becomes more sophisticated but never loses sight of the importance of extending a helping hand and giving back to the community. It acknowledges that community is nothing without family, friends, and yes, even rivals.

Hometown is about what sends you into the world to seek your fortunes and what draws you home to complete your life.

A book signing will follow.

Art Drive

The Art Drive is back for its 15th year! On August 4, 5, and 6, thirty-one artists will share their work in an open studio tour event throughout Dartmouth and Westport. This event, free and open to the public, is intended to be a unique opportunity to visit working artists in their unusual and dramatic studio settings spotted among the area's villages, lovely farm land and sea coast. The Art Drive showcases professional works created by some of the area's premier painters, ceramic artists, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, woodworkers, and metal artists. Each year members endeavor to improve and enhance the quality and diversity of work offered to visitors.

Art lovers and collectors alike will enjoy a great day trip or weekend escape while touring the historic South Coast towns of Dartmouth and Westport, MA. With only fifteen miles separating the studios, visitors will enjoy a scenic drive through this picturesque area with ample time for a picnic lunch at the beach or dinner at one of the many area restaurants.

Visit us online at www.the-art-drive.com for a list of this year's participating artists. A list of artist presentations scheduled for the weekend can be found in the "Events" page on the website.

Email theartdrivema@gmail.com with any questions.

Buried in Treasures

Do you or someone you know struggle with living among too much "stuff"? Join this FREE support group to learn how to live a life less cluttered! Learn about hoarding in a safe and supportive group environment with your peers.

Learn techniques to help change behaviors related to hoarding; form bonds with others who share the same experiences; be in a safe space, free from judgment.

Sponsored by the New Bedford Fresh Start Program in collaboration with the Acushnet Senior Center.

Saturdays: 8/5, 8/26, at Acushnet Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, Acushnet.

New and returning members welcome. Drop-ins welcome.

Contact Brittany Botelho for more information: bdejesus88@yahoo.com.

Chicken BBQ

By TAZZ. Sat., 8/12, 4-6 p.m., VFW Post 6643, VFW POST 6643, 89 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA

Tickets \$20. Available at Freetown VFW 508-763-2292, Susan LeBlanc 508-763-9245. Sponsored by VFW Post 6643 Auxiliary, to benefit our various programs such as Veteran Services,

Scholarship programs, VFW National Home for Children

Auditions

The Marion Art Center announces open auditions for its October production of *These Shining Lives*, written by Melanie Marnich and directed by Pippa Asker on Sat., 8/5, from 10:00am-12:00pm and Sun., 8/6, 5:00-7:00pm at the MAC, 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA.

These Shining Lives chronicles the strength and determination of four women considered expendable in their day.

The director will be casting the following main roles: 4 females (various age ranges, 20-40), 2 males (age range 25-35 and 25-65); secondary roles: several small (male) roles for may be filled by main cast, or the director may cast 1-2 additional actors to play multiple small parts. To learn more about character roles and schedule, visit marionartcenter.org/auditions. Please contact director Pippa Asker at pasker@comcast.net with any questions.

The beauty of Catherine and her friends' relationship with one another and with those they love, is a story of survival in its most transcendent sense, as they refuse to allow the company that stole their health to kill their spirits—or endanger the lives of those who come after them.

FAYA Registration

Register for Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics Football & Cheerleading now. Fee is \$225. To register, visit <https://www.fayabluedevils.org/registration-2015>. Registration fee includes equipment, uniforms.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Sonia Chisholm at romao_s@yahoo.com.

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

Man dies from self-inflicted gunshot wound at Ft. Phoenix

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Police received multiple 911 calls at about 11:05 a.m. on Monday, 7/31/23, stating that a male had shot himself and was not breathing, at Fort Phoenix, near the cannons.

According to FPD spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza, police responded and found the injured male and a female who was not injured.

Lt. Kobza said the man was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The man, who had just turned 21 a few days before and lived in New Bedford, has not been identified.

It was a beautiful day at the fort, so there were many people who heard the shot.

If you are in
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Police tape surrounds the area where a young man fatally shot himself at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 7/31/23. Photo courtesy ML Baron.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

Bourne Walking Excursion

Thurs., 8/24. Please arrive at the COA for 8:30 a.m. SHARP. \$10.00. Please bring a bagged lunch, sunscreen, hat and water.

Walking excursion in Bourne, Mass., along the Cape Cod Canal. Flat, straight, 2.3 mile walk. Departing from parking lot nearest Mass. Maritime Academy, walking straight to the mid canal viewing parking lot.

Bathrooms will be available before departure at Fairhaven Council on Aging, before walking excursion at Cape Cod Canal, and inside welcome station at mid canal viewing and parking area.

Social Day Program

The Fairhaven Social Day Program provides a fun day of activities for seniors who are in need of supervision or just want to spend the day socializing with others. The program is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-3:00. Lunch is provided and transportation can be arranged at an additional fee.

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

Monday Movie Matinee

Mon., 8/7, 12:15 p.m., featuring "Ticket to Paradise," with Julia Roberts and George Clooney. A divorced couple teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago.

Lunch will be Grilled Chicken Parm.

If you would like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. \$2 donation for the lunch. Call 508-979-4029 by Friday.

Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 8/9, Hyannis Mall, XMas Shop, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 8/16, Warwick Mall; 8/23, Plymouth Shopping; 8/30, Thames St., Newport, RI

Summer Walking Schedule

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. Scheduled: Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24.

Donuts & Dave

David Flaherty, Health Agent for the Town of Fairhaven, will be at the senior center for a friendly chat (and to munch on donuts) about all things public health. If you are unfamiliar with what the Fairhaven Board of Health is all about, or you have questions, this will be a great event to attend.

Dave wants to hear your questions, your thoughts, and your suggestions. Please help by writing down your thoughts, questions and suggestions at the front desk at the COA or call it in, 508-979-4029.

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Recipe of the Week Freezer-Friendly Homemade Garlic Bread

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8 tbsp salt butter softened
1 1/2 tbsp granulated garlic powder or finely minced fresh garlic (more or less to taste)
1/2 tsp dried parsley (Optional: basil, oregano, dash red pepper)
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1 loaf of Italian bread 14 ounce (French bread, baguette, sourdough...any bread you want)

Pre-heat oven to 375°. Line baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside. Slice bread loaf in half, lengthwise.

In a bowl, combine the softened butter, garlic powder, parsley, parmesan cheese, and mozzarella cheese. Mx well.

Spread mixture evenly on each slice of bread. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 10-12 mins until golden brown and cheese is melted.



Dear Frankie

Is This All There Is?

Dear Frankie,
I understand I live a lovely life. I have a loving family and friends. The doggie daycare and the dog park I go to are state-of-the-art. I have never been sick, abused, or

neglected. My parents are healthy, kind, and considerate.

But every day is like every other, same old, same old. Nothing ever changes; nothing exciting ever happens.

I talked to Lionel about how I was feeling, and he said I was suffering from, "Is this all there is?"

Is that what I'm suffering from?

Alfred

Dear Alfred,

First, you are not suffering; you are bored and in a slump. It happens to the best of us. You have a choice: you can either continue to "suffer" or see

these feelings as a wake-up call and decide how you can put more spice in your life.

An exciting life is lived by those who have in-

terests. You might ask yourself, what are mine? Then pursue them. Have you thought about working part-time? My friend Hector works at an indoor tennis club as a ball retriever. He says the money's good. However, on the days he works, he can hardly hold his head up or think of anything when he gets home except a good night's sleep.

I did wonder when I read your letter if you were aware of how many dogs would kill to live the life you do. America is filled with thousands of street dogs who live paw to mouth, wondering where their next meal is coming from. There are also millions of dogs, 3.1 million, in fact, Alfred, in shelters who wait for months, in some cases years (if they are allowed to live that long), for a loving family to adopt them.

If you think your life is boring, consider what it must be like to live in a cage and sleep on a concrete floor surrounded by barking dogs, all of whom hope day in and day out that someone will rescue them. Volunteering at a shelter might be just what you need to get your life in perspective and help you be grateful for your good fortune.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven Athletic Director shifts to a dual leadership model

Press Release

“Proud Tradition, Proud Future” became the Fairhaven High School motto in 2009 and now is the best way to describe the new approach to the Athletic Director role at Fairhaven High School. The Fairhaven Public Schools is proud to introduce Mr. Donald Joseph and Mr. John Ricciardi as the new Co-Athletic Directors for Fairhaven High School. The shift to a shared leadership role will help support the transition for the 2023-2024 school year and will also provide a better overall experience for our student-athletes. Mr. Joseph and Mr. Ricciardi both bring unique perspectives to the role.

Mr. Joseph exemplifies the proud traditions of athletics at Fairhaven High School. He is an alumnus ('92) and has been a teacher and coach of football, basketball, and track and field at FHS for 22 years. He currently serves as a math teacher. The athletic director always serves as chair of the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame Committee and this will be a natural fit for Mr. Joseph as he currently serves on the board and was

inducted as a member of the FHS Hall of Fame for his athletic accomplishments as a student-athlete.

Mr. Ricciardi has been a social studies teacher and has coached boys' lacrosse at Fairhaven High School for the past five years. A standout athlete in high school, he also played lacrosse at the collegiate level for Roger Williams University. He is focused on building a strong culture for all student-athletes and expanding student participation in both athletics and co-curricular opportunities. He embodies the district values of ambition, integrity, and perseverance.

This shared leadership model will provide a streamlined system for operations and will support improved experiences and access for student-athletes and families.

FHS Principal, Andy Kulak, as well as District Administration, is grateful for the willingness of these two men

to be stepping up at this time, agreeing to split the AD role. Both Mr. Joseph and Mr. Ricciardi will be great additions to the leadership team and will continue to foster and expand the culture of Blue Devil Pride.



L-R: Donald Joseph and John Ricciardi are the new Co-Athletic Directors at Fairhaven High School for the 2023-2024 school year. *Submitted photo.*



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Foam Day is good, clean fun

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555 treated the community to its first "Foam Day" on Saturday, 7/29/23, at Cushman Park. Firefighters used the same setup they use for fighting fires with foam, but instead of the eductor pulling chemical foam from a container, it pulled Dawn Dish Detergent into the water stream and sent it foaming on the grass at the park. The children (and some of their adults) delighted in jumping, sliding and slipping around in it, and more than a few got some painful soap in

the eyes. Firefighters were prepared, though, they had another hose set up to rinse off.

Select Board member Leon Correy took his turn at the wide-angled hose, spraying kids and having fun.

"They always put on fun events," said Mr. Correy about the FF union.

"I can slip," said young Landyn as he came out of the foam. "It's super slippery."

He said it was his first time and it was better than a water slide.

As for Cecilia, she just said she liked "all of it."

Approximately 500 people showed

up. One woman was in Fairhaven visiting from Ohio, where, she said, they have foam days. Another woman was from Fall River; she said a relative in New York saw it on social media and told her about it.

Union president Kevin Gonsalves said they had a great turnout. They had 300 ice pops and 200 drinks, and they used 'em all up.

"They had a blast," said Mr. Gonsalves. "Everybody had a good time."

He said the union tries to have a few free and fun events for the community every year. Next up is the movie night on 8/9/20 (see page 5).



TOP LEFT: Ebony takes a selfie with Armanti, who is not exactly happy, at the first Foam Day by the Fairhaven Firefighters Union on 7/29/23 when they sprayed Dawn Dish Detergent-based foam at Cushman Park for children and their adults to jump in. TOP MIDDLE: Children are clearly delighted as they play in the foam. TOP RIGHT: A young boy is nearly covered in foam after jumping in. ABOVE LEFT: KKevin Gonsalves, president of the Fairhaven Firefighters Union wields the big wide nozzle. ABOVE RIGHT: A beach ball flies through the air as children (and their adults) play in the foam. LEFT: Fairhaven Firefighter Jonathan Cox rinses off children. Photos by Beth David.

PJ Keating hosts Christmas in July

By Beth David
Editor

PJ Keating treated a few vanloads of senior to a tour of the quarry, including the famed “lookout” area, a BBQ, and some time with Santa to celebrate Christmas in July on 7/27/23. PJK teamed up with the Acushnet Council on Aging to transport people from the senior center to PJK’s lookout at the quarry.

Then everyone went to the front of the property for a cookout.

Santa was there handing out gifts, including a gift bag with fun stuff. Everyone who wanted one got a bright yellow/green safety vest, too.

Sarah Fitzgerald narrated the tour, telling participants that the hole is two miles long by one mile wide and is 400 feet deep. It has 35 feet of water in it, now, she said, because the quarry is not being mined while the town and PJK work out the details of the permit. Usually, she said, the company will pump out the water as

they mine the hole.

Ms. Fitzgerald said the hole has been mined for 120 years, although not as PJ Keating for all that time.

They have pictures, she said of donkeys being used in those early years.

“It’s pretty cool,” she said. “Really impressive.”

Rick Pavao, the manager for the south area, pointed out the different levels along the quarry walls.

The company recently moved the asphalt plant to the front of the property, a controversial move that still does not sit well with residential neighbors, so it can mine to the east.

Mr. Pavao said they have gone as deep as they can go, now they need to widen/lengthen the hole.

The van rode by the different bins with different size stones, from sand to larger rocks, that are created from the material mined from the quarry.

Joanne Thibodeau said she remembers playing near the quarry as a kid,

and ice skating in a field alongside the property.

Paul Lecuyer said he joined the tour because he had never been inside, and he is a neighbor. He looked it up on Google Earth.

“It’s not the same,” said Mr. Lecuyer. “It’s a lot bigger than it looks in the pictures.”

As a neighbor, he said, “I’m not pleased with the quarry.”

He said the dust is the biggest problem, more than the noise, and he is not looking forward to its re-opening.

“The main thing is the asphalt plant so close,” said Mr. Lecuyer.

The idea for the day started in the winter, when PJK teamed up with the COA for a holiday event. Mr. Pavao said they have more events around the holidays and decided they should do something “in the middle.”

“So, we made it into a thing,” he said.



TOP: The PJ Keating asphalt plant is in the distance looking west from the lookout point at the quarry off South Main Street in Acushnet during a tour that was part of a Christmas in July event on 7/27/23.. ABOVE LEFT: Acushnet Senior Center patrons visit the PJ Keating quarry during the tour. ABOVE RIGHT: Santa Claus hands out PJ

Fairhaven holds first DisABILITY Pride event

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By Beth David
Editor

The town of Fairhaven Belonging Committee teamed up with MO LIFE, a nonprofit that provides support for individuals with developmental disabilities, to hold the town's first DisABILITY Pride event on 7/30/23 at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

The day included information booths, a dunk tank, and activities for kids, including face painting.

Jessica Fidalgo, a member of the Belonging Committee and an organizer, thanked a number of people and groups on her Facebook

page.

"We had hundreds of people come, there was laughter and smiles the whole time," wrote Ms. Fidalgo. "We are so glad we had involvement from so many of our residents, town employees, elected & appointed officials, non-profits & businesses. This event was a community event through and through! Even mother nature supported us with the weather as one speaker said."

To learn more about the Belonging Committee, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/belonging-committee>.



TOP: Hazel Fidalgo gets her face painted at Fairhaven's first DisABILITY Pride event at the senior center on 7/30/23. ABOVE LEFT: Cameron Durant dunked in the tank and reacts accordingly. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the Fairhaven Commission on Disability staff at a table, L-R: Pamela Whynot, Eleanor Chew, AnnMarie Chagnon, Ronnie Medina. BELOW LEFT: A banner welcomes the public. Attendees mill around on the grounds. *Submitted photos.*



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Sealed bids marked for work listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., August 17, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read on August 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.
FNN 8/3/23

SUBMISSION OF TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Pursuant to Chapter 50, Section 2 of the Town of Fairhaven By-Laws, all citizen petition articles for the November 14, 2023 Special Town Meeting must be submitted in writing with the signatures of not less than 100 voters to the Town Clerk and the Select Board Office, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA by Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

FAIRHAVEN SELECT BOARD
FNN: 8/3/23, 8/10/23

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold public hearings on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- Public Hearing - Notice of Intent - Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC - Lambert Street, Map 17, Lot 13SE 001-0582. A Notice of Intent was filed by Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC for property located at Lambert Street, Map 17, Lot 13. The applicant proposes development of an access road with proposed wetland impact and associated replication to access the Park Drive Solar project, this is an alternative access road. The applicant is represented by Robert Bukowski of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Plan name is "Proposed Lambert Street Access Road Site Plans" dated May 9, 2023.

- Public Hearing - Stormwater - Jose S. Castelo/ Park Drive & Deep Brook Drive, Map 17, Lots 66-84, Map 18, Lots 12R, 12S, 18, 18G. A Stormwater Permit Application has been filed by Jose S. Castelo for property located at Park Drive & Deep Brook Drive, Map 17, Lots 66-84, Map 18, Lots 12R, 12S, 18, 18G, Acushnet, MA. The applicant proposes to construct approximately 2,350 feet of roadway with associated drainage and utility systems to serve a 15-lot residential subdivision. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Deep Brook Estates" dated October 24, 2017. Previously approved Notice of Intent SE 001-0523, the applicant seeks a Stormwater Permit and variance from the Town of Acushnet Stormwater By-Law for this project.

- Public Hearing - Stormwater - DeTerra Development, LLC / Bradford Street, Map 15, Lot 482. A Stormwater Permit Application has been filed by DeTerra Development for property located at Bradford Street, Map 15, Lot 482. The project description is for 4 new single family dwellings on a private way (Bradford Street) with a stormwater drainage basin. Stormwater drainage basin accounts for 3 previously built single family dwellings and Bradford Street roadway improvements. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Stormwater Permit Plan" dated March 8, 2023.
Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
FNN 8/3/23

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To join the Meeting from home Log on to:

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call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 - Passcode: 740257

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: 1) SP23-05 - Starbucks. The applicant, Michael W. Panagakos, is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to

create a new 2458 sf restaurant building with a drive-through on the site of the former Dunkin' Donuts and the current Tropical Smoothie Café, 27 & 29 Alden Road. The proposal includes Fairhaven Map 26 Lots 13G and 13H.

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

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 8/3/23 & 8/10/23

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L.
Chapter 91 Waterways License Application
Number 23-WW01-0057-APP Terje Tonnessen
Revocable Trust - 2015

NOTIFICATION DATE: August 4, 2023

Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by Terje Tonnessen Revocable Trust to construct and maintain a pier, ramp & floats at 88 Fort Street, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over the waters of the Acushnet River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter "88 Fort Street" in the search page as the location address). If you need assistance, please contact brendan.mullaney@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (508) 946-2707 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Brendan Mullaney, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 or Brendan.mullaney@mass.gov.

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Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/7, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 8/7, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Mon., 8/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 8/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Selectboard

Tues., 8/8, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Tuesday	1	0809	2033	0137*	1338*
Wednesday	2	0901	2125	0232*	1440*
Thursday	3	0954	2216	0325*	1540*
Friday	4	1045	2306	0410*	1630*
Saturday	5	1137	2359	0451*	1717*
Sunday	6	----	1232	0532*	1809
Monday	7	0055	1329	0619	1933
Tuesday	8	0152	1424	0723	2131
Wednesday	9	0247	1519	0840	2257
Thursday	10	0344	1619	1017	----
Friday	11	0451	1725	0004	----
				1158	----
Saturday	12	0554	1819	0057	1251
Sunday	13	0643	1902	0145	1335
Monday	14	0723	1940	0232	1412
Tuesday	15	0802	2018	0313	1346
Wednesday	16	0841	2057	0337	1408
Thursday	17	0920	2136	0254	1443
Friday	18	0959	2214	0312	1521
Saturday	19	1037	2252	0341	1558
Sunday	20	1116	2333	0413	1634
Monday	21	1159	----	0446	1712

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Fairhaven PD rolls out Blue Envelope program

The program alerts officers that an autistic driver or passenger is in the car

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Police Department rolled out a new program at the town's DisABILITY Pride Event on Sunday, 7/30/23.

"The Department has launched a Blue Envelope program to help us better/safer serve people with autism," PD spokesperson Lt. Kevin Kobza.

The envelopes are designed to be used to hold vehicle paperwork, such as the vehicle's registration. In the event that an autistic vehicle operator, or autistic passenger in the vehicle encounters police during a vehicle stop, MVA, or DMV, when they are asked for their paperwork, it will be in an immediately identifiable blue envelope.

The purpose of using the blue envelope is to alert the Officer that someone in the vehicle is on the autism spectrum. That way if they are exhibiting abnormal behavior, or poor social skills, it is most likely a result of their autistic condition as opposed to being furtive, aggressive

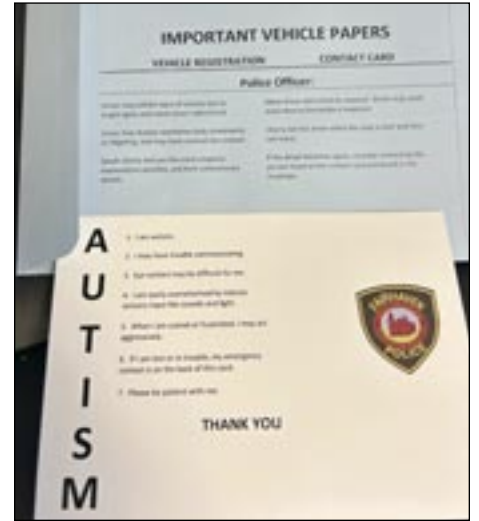
or otherwise suspicious.

"An autistic person can sometimes be triggered into an episode by flashing lights, loud noises, sirens, etc.," said Lt. Kobza. "The front of the envelope has a list of instructions for the autistic person, and the back of the envelope has important information for the Officer."

Contact information cards also have helpful information to make the encounter easier for both the officer and the drivers and passengers.

The program was unveiled at the DisABILITY Pride event and was "received by the public with great enthusiasm," said Lt. Kobza.

The department has already started disseminating the envelopes to the public, and they are available in the Fairhaven Police station lobby.



ABOVE: The blue envelope has instructions for an autistic driver on one side and instructions for police officers on the other side to help police officers and people on the autism spectrum better handle a traffic stop by police. LEFT: Contact cards have additional information. Submitted photos.

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