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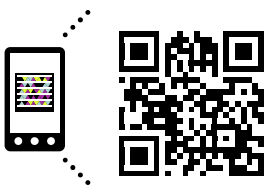
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

West Island's friendly monster



Meet "Westie," West Island's very own Nessie (as in Loch Ness), which was created in July of this year with one or two painted stones and grew to more than 100 feet, and counting, with additions by residents and visitors from all over. 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.

Have you seen Westie? He's been out there on the edge of the sidewalk since July, just collecting stones and getting bigger. It's a very fun idea that really caught on. I hope you get a chance to see it.

We have a little more on the last Select Board meeting (page 4). They're only meeting about once a month, so I need to milk 'em for all I can, which is easy enough because the meetings last forever.

We have other fun stuff in here, of course. The weekend's events include the last Huttleston Marketplace of the season (page 5); the annual encampment of the Fairhaven Village Militia (page 3); the Lakeville Family Festival (page 3); and so many other fun events on the Happenings pages, 5,6,7.

The restored sundial at the Millicent Library is back on display (see page 13).

And have you had a chance to see those wind turbines yet...I mean the ones in pieces (see page 13).

There are also lots of other stories that I am working on behind the scenes, that are not yet ready for prime time, as the saying goes. Patience people. I'm working on them. I'm running a real newspaper here. That means it takes time to do things. I'm also pretty much a one-person shop, so...patience, Grasshopper, patience.

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Until next week then, see ya

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*




Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Encampment this weekend

Fairhaven Village Militia Revolutionary War Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, 9/30 & 10/1, 10:00 a.m. to sunset Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Sunday. Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA

Cannon firing at sunset Saturday only if gunpowder is available.

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies present a weekend historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life during the American Revolution. See military drilling,

flintlock musket demonstrations and period activities such as food preparation and cooking over the campfire, tin smithing, leather working, carpentry, sewing, fire starting, and more.

Free admission. Accessible.

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

Lakeville Family Festival is this weekend

Saturday, September 30 is the day between 10am and 4pm to mark on your calendar for the 18th annual Lakeville Arts & Music Festival. Rain or shine, the Festival is a fun time full of different activities, plus shopping, and is free! Joins us the junctions of Routes 105 & 18 and 2 Precinct Street/Lakeville's Center. visit <https://lakevilleartscouncilma.org/festival> or find us on Facebook

Three of the musicians/bands include an award-winning Trio, Sinner's Pie who plays both original tunes and their own unique interpretation of their favorite covers in the bluegrass, folk and Americana tradition. Last Time I Heard You a rock, blues and soul inspired group. The Old Colony Highlander Bag Pipe

Band will perform with their usual high intensity performance to wow the crowds and get people excited to want to know more about the culture of the Great Highland Bagpipe and drums.

There will be juried artisans selling their beautiful handmade one-of-a-kind items such as photography, hand-made cards, CBD salves, hand-crafted wreaths, decoys, doorstops, a variety of jewelry, charcuterie & cutting boards, birdhouses, stoneware pottery, weavings, plus natural body care products, to mention just a few.

Be sure to check out the children's entertainment to include Trevor the Games Man and Mr. Vinny The Bubble Man along with a pumpkin program and more. Plus, Barbara Arpante will join us to paint a few faces with

hypoallergenic paints that will be sure to brighten everyone's day! There will also be a variety of lunch foods sold by the Lakeville United Church of Christ, Yakisoba Noodles and popcorn by the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough, information tables for nonprofit organizations.

Throughout the day the Lakeville Arts Council will host a Silent Auction featuring donated items from our participating artisans/crafters, gift certificates and/or special gifts from local businesses such a family membership to Buttonwood Park Zoo, Pet Food Shoppe gift card, Star Drive-In gift card, gift certificates for 4 to King Richards Faire, just to mention a few.

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Town Administrator announces finance team, Asst. TA

By Beth David
Editor

At the Fairhaven Select Board meeting on 9/18/23, Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison announced a restructuring of the Finance Department and the new position of Assistant Town Administrator, as a way to solve the stubborn problem of filling the Finance Director/Collector/Treasurer position.

Ms. Ellison had tried to change the position from being all three, but Town Meeting did not approve it. The position has been difficult to fill and has been vacant for almost a year, with personnel in the various departments filling in to fill the roles, in addition to their regular jobs.

Ms. Ellison said that Anne Carreiro, who was the town accountant is now the Assistant Town Administrator of Finance. In the treasurer/collector office, they shifted some people around.

Ms. Ellison said that promoting from within was better than trying to find people to fill the role from outside. They will train for the finance role, she said, and hopefully, will stay

with the town of Fairhaven for a long time.

She also created a clerical position that is a floating position. The person will move across all departments, filling in where necessary.

SB chairperson Leon Correy commended Ms. Ellison for being “creative” in solving the staffing shortage.

Ms. Ellison said it was the “brainchild” of everyone, and singled out Human Resources Director Cameron Durant.

The bottom line, said Ms. Ellison, is that if they are going to be doing the job anyway, they might as well get the title.

She said having Ms. Carreiro as the Assistant TA “will set the tone for the entire department because she is incredible.”

SB member Bob Espindola asked about the salary reserves and where the money would come from, noting that the Proposition 2 1/2 override did not pass.

Mr. Espindola also said he wanted to make sure another position was not advanced that the board did not

vote on. He said he wanted to remind the board that the Town Administrator Act says that the TA has appointing authority provided the Select Board approves it.

“We should be approving any changes,” he said. Structural changes or new positions, “should be voted on by our board.”

Ms. Ellison said they were not appointments, they were promotions. She said her predecessor never brought any promotions before the board, and he never brought any appointments before the board, and she named a few.

“I almost feel it is a double standard,” she said from what the previous TA did. “My openness is being penalized.”

Mr. Espindola said he was on the board and he recalled that the board did indeed vote on appointments. He said they were also informed of structural changes, promotions and appointments.

He said the town also just went through a Proposition 2 1/2 override attempt that failed, and the salary

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Thurs.: 7 a.m.–7 p.m. • Fri.–Sat: 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Bless Pets & More

St Mary's Church in Fairhaven, 440 Main St., is holding several events open to the public.

- **Sun., 10/1, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Community Blood Drive** Sponsored by the American Red Cross in the Parish Hall.
- **Sun., 10/1, noon, Blessing of the Pets**, in front of the church. All pets must leashed or in carriers. You may even bring a photo of your pet to be blessed.
- **Sun., 10/8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Book Cafe.** Books for everyone. Hard cover books \$1.00 Paper backs .50 cents. Pastries & beverages available for purchase at \$1.00 each.
- **Sun., 10/22, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Annual Parish Family Breakfast, Raffle & Bake sale.** Our Menu: Eggs, potatoes, ham, sausage, pancakes, plain or blueberry, fruit cocktail, juice, water, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Tickets remain at \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children 5-10 Under 5 years old no charge. Tickets are available at all Masses and at the rectory during regular office hours. Limited tickets at door.

Benoit Square Mtg

Thurs., 10/5, at 6 p.m., at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building, 267 Adams St., Fairhaven. Meeting with the NFIA and Fairhaven BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado to talk about the Benoit Square project. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more about the project's progress and how you can actively support it.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend.

Footsteps for Hunger

St. Joseph Parish is sponsoring a family fun, community event to benefit the Damien and Shepherds Food Pantries. Footsteps for Hunger is a three mile charity walk to be held at the Cushman Park Track on October 1, 2023. The walk is a rain or shine event that will kick off at 11:30am.

So dust off those sneakers and get your team assembled. Teams are encouraged to register on the St. Joseph website, www.saintjosephfairhaven.org/walk

Reach out to family, coworkers and friends for donations. and a plaque will be awarded to the team that

raises the most money.

Water and snacks will be provided for all participants.

For those unable to join us at Cushman Park, donations for this event may be placed in the white boxes at the entrances of the church.

Help us raise as much money as possible for these Food Pantries that make such a difference in the lives of so many families.

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: 10/2, 7:30 PM

True to the Blue Author Event

The Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame Committee announces the publication of Buddy Thomas's first book, "True to the Blue." In this unique publication Buddy Thomas has used his 40+ years of experience covering local high school sports for the Standard-Times to produce a decade-by-decade chronicle of Fairhaven High School sports.

Buddy Thomas will be conducting a book signing on Sat., 9/30, at 10:30 am in the auditorium on the ground floor of the Millicent Library. Copies of "True to the Blue" will be on sale for \$25, and the book can also be purchased at the Euro Store at the corner of Center and Main Streets and online at Store.BookBaby.com for the same price plus shipping.

Buddy serves as a consultant to the FHS Hall of Fame Committee and he has asked that all proceeds from the sale of his book go to that committee to assist them in carrying out their mission.

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>

Baby and Toddler Storytime - Fall Session Tuesdays, Oct. 3 to Nov. 21, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Bond with your baby over books! Each weekly Baby Storytime includes Early Literacy fun with board books, songs, play, and lots of love. Recommended for ages 0-36 months. Siblings welcome! Outdoors on the Unitarian Church Lawn (weather dependent - otherwise in auditorium).

Storytime - Fall Session Wednesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 22, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Read, sing, and get up and move, and make crafts at these storytime sessions with Allie. For families, recommended for kids age 3+. Siblings are welcome! Outdoors on the Unitarian Church lawn (weather dependent - otherwise in auditorium).

Crafternoon - Fall Session Thursdays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 16, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM. Crafts for all ages and skill levels! Something new each week. Options for all ages. Young Children should be accompanied and assisted by an adult.

Drop-in on these weekly sessions at any time during the event in the auditorium.

SAVE THE DATES:

Manjiro Festival

Sat., 10/7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center and Walnut streets, Fairhaven. A Japanese-American festival commemorating Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America, and the town's Sister City connection with Tosashimizu, Japan, established in 1987.

Kids Fest

Sat., 10/14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Lawn of Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School, 141 Main Street at Route 6, Fairhaven. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and Millicent Library Youth Services

All-ages may come in costume for photo opportunities and to play "Costume Bingo."

Huttleston Mktplace

LAST ONE, Sat., 9/30, 10-3, Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Chowderfest

The 18th annual Blount Fine Foods New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival, Sat., 9/30, noon to 5 p.m., Pier 3, New Bedford waterfront, featuring local restaurants and caterers competing for your vote.

For tickets visit <http://tinyurl.com/2kkmhrah>: \$15 pre-sale; \$20 day of event; \$75 VIP presale only; \$5 for children 6-12; children under 5, free.

Come sample delicious chowders and soups, and cast your vote for your favorite one. Tastings end at 3 p.m. Live music for all ages. Free shuttle rides from The Whale's Tooth parking lot provided by SRTA from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For tickets visit <http://tinyurl.com/2kkmhrah>: \$15 pre-sale; \$20 day of event; \$75 VIP presale only; \$5 for children 6-12; children under 5, free.

Paper Shred Day

A fall Paper Shredding Day is on Sat., 9/30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, or until the shred truck fills up. All are welcome; there is no residency requirement. Individuals may bring up to two boxes of paper. The event is at the New Bedford High School parking lot, 230 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford. Enter from Parker Street.

Each box should weigh no more than 30 to 40 pounds. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders.

The event is sponsored by NBCU and held in partnership with the City of New Bedford, the Town of Dartmouth, and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District.

For more information, please visit gnbrmdistrict.org, call the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District at (508) 979-1493, or email Marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org.

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 10/3, from 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest will be Micheline Labrie, Research Assistant Professor and science lead of the Biodegradability Lab at the School for Marine Science & Technology (SMAST), UMass-

Dartmouth.

Her topic: Testing New Materials for Ocean-Safe Biodegradable Plastics.

In 2022, UMass-D opened a state-of-the-art R&D facility to advance the science and standards related to the biodegradability of plastics. The primary aim of the Biodegradability Laboratory is to test and develop degradable materials for various industries, such as textiles, packaging, and other sectors that contribute to marine plastic pollution. Michie will describe the challenges as well as the Lab's close collaboration with the company PrimaLoft to determine key elements of biodegradability.

Michie completed her Ph.D. in marine science & technology at SMAST in 2021. Her tide-pooling as a child in Rye, NH, led to an everlasting appreciation of the ocean.

Free parking in rear of building. Videos of recent cafes are on our website. <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> Find us on Facebook.

Free Concert

Free outdoor concert at Madeira Field, Sat., 9/30, 4 p.m. Rain or shine. 21+. Zeiterion's season kick-off for the on-the-road 23-24 season. While the Z is being renovated events will take place at different venues. Featuring Legally Blind, funk, soul, blues.

Attendees and their belongings are subject to search. Upright lawn or camping chairs are allowed; No trifold, lounge or chaise chairs. (Small blankets and beach towels are also allowed.). No umbrellas, canopies, tents or pop-ups allowed. No outside food or drink. No water bottles. No empty drink/water containers or coolers. No items that create an obstruction or may pose a threat to other guests, staff and performers. No animals (except ADA approved service animals).

YTI Production THE FLOWERY WEEKEND

This fall, as we prepare to move into the Steeple Playhouse, Your Theatre bids a fond farewell to St. Martin's Church, which has been our home since 2004, and we're saying it with flowers. For one weekend only, we're offering our final show at our Rivet St. location, a special program of two short comedies, both set in a

florist shop.

First, THE FLORIST SHOP, by Winifred Hawkrige. A timid, talkative spinster visits the florist shop, having received an orchid corsage from an unnamed admirer. She believes they are from her fiancé, but has no proof, the flower being delivered with no card. The bookkeeper, having just been fired, tries to help, but only seems to deepen the mystery.

Second, FLORIST OF THE STARS, by local playwright Lawrence R. Houbre Jr. A reporter visits a florist shop looking for a story, and instead experiences the eccentric owner.

Fri. & Sat., 9/29 & 30, 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 10/1, 2 p.m., 136 Rivet St., NB.

Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. Reservations not required. Open Seating. Admission is Complimentary. Donations gratefully appreciated!

New Bedford Festival Theatre's fundraiser, "Oh, What A Night!" Celebrating Contemporary Broadway, to be held on November 11 at Whites of Westport

NB Festival Theatre

New Bedford Festival Theatre (NBFT) is thrilled to announce its upcoming fundraising event, "Oh, What A Night!" NBFT Celebrates Contemporary Broadway, starring Jesse Luttrell. This celebration of contemporary Broadway is set to take place on November 11 at White's of Westport. This special event will showcase the incredible talent of local performers alongside NBFT Fan Favorite, Jesse Luttrell. Audiences can expect a night filled with show-stopping performances from hit Broadway shows, featuring a repertoire of songs from contemporary Broadway productions such as "Dear Evan Hanse," "Wicked" and "Rent."

In addition to the hour-long performance, attendees can also enjoy a cocktail hour, buffet dinner and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the New Bedford Festival Theatre's programming during the 2023-2024 season.

Sat., 11/11, 6-10 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport.

Tickets are available for purchase at Eventbrite (<https://tinyurl.com/chn7evf6>) or at nbfestivaltheatre.com Contact newbedfordft@aol.com for further inquiries.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Ghost Bike Dedication

Fri., 9/29, 10 a.m., Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet. Join us to remember James Leandre who was tragically killed while riding his bicycle last year. Galen Mook, Mass. Bike Executive Director, and James's family will dedicate a ghost bike memorial.

Cutter Eagle Tours

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, "America's Tall Ship," is scheduled to arrive in Boston, Thursday. The Eagle will moor in Charlestown, behind the USS Constitution Sept. 28-30, and will be open for free public tours.

Tours will be available for the following date and times: Thursday noon to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10a.m. to 7 p.m. Note: Tours for military and first responders begin one hour prior to posted tour times on Friday and Saturday.

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Grange Fair

Join us at the Acushnet Grange Fair, Sat., 9/30 from 10-3. There will be crafters with homemade items, wood carvings and more. Tails and Trails 4-H club with prize winning animals and Dogs for Better Living from Falmouth and tractors.

Inside Grange Hall there are Agriculture Displays, UMass Extension

service will have samples of pesto to taste and recipes to use with local produce. Also inside at 11 AM **Nettie's Bees from Rochester** will have talk on importance of Bees and Pollination and a book reading for children at 1 p.m. "Up in the Garden Down in the Dirt" author Kate Messner. There will be a craft for each child to make.

Outside Acushnet Fireman Association will have hot dogs, hamburgers and soda and inside hall will be coffee, cider doughnuts.

The Grange is located at 1121 Main St, Acushnet. For questions call Caroline at 508-763-2795

Open and free to the public. Only service dogs allowed

SC Harvest Festival

We are celebrating the harvest from land and sea! Fall garden displays, scarecrows, antique tractors, live music, fall food, kids corner.

Thurs., 9/28 preview day, 6-9 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., 9/29 & 9/30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., 10/1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Westport Fairgrounds, 200 Pine Hill Road, Westport, MA 02790.

Tickets: \$20 adults; \$10 seniors (62+); \$5 6-12; Children 5 and under, free. Buy tickets at <https://southcoastharvestfestival.com/harvest-festival>

Pawtoberfest

At Diamond in the Ruff, 211 Middle Rd., Acushnet, Sun., 10/1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring DJ Gazelle, The Sangrida Lady, Mobile Taproom, 30+ vendors, food trucks and mor.

Murders in Mass.

The Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, will be hosting author and historian Christopher Daley on Wed., 10/4, at 6 pm. He will present Mass Murder: Massachusetts' Most Infamous Murder Cases. This talk is an entertaining and fascinating look at some of Massachusetts' most infamous historical murder cases, both solved and unsolved. Audiences that like mystery, suspense and a little blood and gore will love this lecture. It is fully illustrated with photographs and artwork culled from archival, microfilm and literary sources. Many of the murder sites and historical locations have been

photographed in order to give the audience a sense of the modern day context of the crimes.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library.

Wetland Discovery

Have you ever wondered what was making all of those sounds near your neighborhood wetland or pond? Well, join the Mattapoisett Land Trust's Education Committee to seek some answers on Saturday September 30th.

MLT will be joined by Environmental Analyst for the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, Carlos T. B. Fragata, for a Wetland Discovery Program. Learn about the animals that frequent wetlands and ponds, what they are and the sounds they make, and how they grow and live together. The program will begin Saturday morning at 10:30am in the community meeting room of the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow St., where Carlos will lead a presentation. Following the presentation, around 11:15am, we will offer for participants to drive to Grace Pond to meet Carlos for about 30 minutes of hands-on exploration if weather permits.

This program is designed for adults and families alike. Grace Pond is accessed from the MLT kiosk on Bowman Road. For the Grace Pond portion of the program, we suggest wearing rubber boots, bringing binoculars and a net if you have one, and bringing drinking water and bug spray if you'd like. If you are in need of carpool from the library, please email elflynn@vassar.edu to arrange.

Art Exhibit

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Recipe of the Week

Oven-Baked Pork Chops

- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup herb-seasoned dry bread stuffing mix
- 4 pork chops, fat trimmed and pounded to 1-inch-thickness

Preheat oven to 425°.

Pour the butter into a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Whisk together the egg, the milk, and the pepper in a shallow dish.

Place the stuffing mix in a separate shallow dish.

Dip the pork chops in the egg mixture and then coat them in the stuffing mix.

Lay the pork chops in the prepared dish.

Bake the chops for 10 minutes.

Flip the chops and bake until no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, about 10 minutes. The pork should read 145 degrees F internally.

Serve.



Dear Frankie

Connecting Life's Dots

Dear Frankie,
Recently, I have been thinking about my birth mother. I can't remember much about her, but I know I would know her smell a mile away.

Fortunately, I kept the blanket she and I slept on in our crate in the shelter. The shelter lady gave it to me the day I went to my new home. Last week, I took it out of my treasure box. I was thrilled it still had her smell.

When my human mom noticed me lying on my blanket and crying, she asked if I was thinking about my birth mother. I said I wasn't because I didn't want to hurt her feelings. Now I feel terrible for lying and not asking if she would help me find her so the three of us could meet.

I'm curious about where I came from. I also want my birth mom to

meet my now mom to see the person responsible for my good life.

Another reason is that if my first mom feels guilty about giving me up, a meeting might comfort her.

Lars

Dear Lars,

How could your human mom not be touched by the reason why you want her to meet your birth mom? In essence, you want to introduce your birth mom to the person responsible for providing you with a loving family.

Secondly, most adopted children are curious about their birth parents. Your human mom sounds like a sensitive person willing to help you find her.

Just remember, not all searches are successful. In some cases, the mother is never found; in others, when she is, she is unwilling to have a meeting. If you are able to handle these possible outcomes emotionally, I suggest you start by reviewing the shelter records.

Let's hope your birth mom was as lucky as you are in finding a great family.

Best, Frankie

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Bucket Filling Fairy: Throw kindness around like confetti

Submitted

On September 18th the students in Pre-School through Grade 2 at St. Joseph School were excited to receive a surprise visit from the "Bucket Filling Fairy," played by third

grader, Isabella.

She explained to the children that being a Bucket Filler means being kind and caring and is the key to being happy. When we fill someone's bucket with kindness, we fill ours too.

As the "Fairy" walked around the classroom, she tossed confetti at the children, who of course were delighted: "Throw kindness around like confetti."

The visit ended with the song, "I'm All Filled Up" by Red Grammer.



Students at St. Joseph School in Fairhaven reach for confetti thrown by "Bucket Filling Fairy" Isabella to teach children to throw kindness around like confetti, and when they fill others' buckets with kindness, it fills theirs, too. *Submitted photos.*

Meet Author Regina Mouradian of Buried Treasure Series based in Fairhaven, MA

Stop by my booth at the Huttleston Marketplace, Rte. 6 and Main St., next to Fairhaven High School, on Saturday, Sept. 30, to pick up the first two books in the mystery trilogy, *Buried Treasure*, based in Fairhaven. The third book in the series, *Sanctuary*, will be out soon!



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West Island's friendly monster

By Beth David
Editor

Since sometime in July, West Island has been graced with the presence of "Westie," a friendly and colorful rock monster started by MaryAnn Tomase Folley.

"Meet 'Westie,' our very own Nessie!" reads the sign next to Westie's head on the bottom of Causeway Road. "Add a painted rock to see just how long he can get!!"

The sign suggests adding an

address to the rock.

Scores of people obliged, adding hundreds of painted rocks and shells. They have addresses, words of wisdom, pictures of sea creatures and rainbows and nautical themes and beaches and so much more.

Even a baby Incredible (I think it's Jack-Jack Parr, but don't hold me to it) is riding a shark.

Ms. Folley posted on the West Island Facebook page on 7/21: "My how he has grown. Let's see if we can

get him all the way to the NECK."

And it appears people are trying to do just that.

WI residents have held craft nights to paint rocks and shells to add to Westie, and he has been an all round fun topic of discussion all season.

Westie can be observed in his natural habitat along the sidewalk at the very start of Causeway Road. If you go, please don't do anything to disturb him, but feel free to add a colorful rock or shell to his tail.



ABOVE LEFT: This little guy looks a lot like a Baby Incredible, maybe Jack-Jack Parr (?), riding a shark in the middle of West Island's very own Nessie, "Westie," a 100+ foot long rock monster on Causeway Road. ABOVE RIGHT: We're not sure who this girl superhero is, but she looks ready to kick some serious butt as she takes her place along the line. BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: Sea creatures and shore creatures join the line. BOTTOM LEFT: These three pretty much sum up a West Island summer: ice cream, the tower at the town beach, and pizza. BOTTOM RIGHT: On 9/16/23, when this picture was taken, Rich & Irene's wedding message was the very end of the tail. Photos by Beth David.



Restored Millicent sundial dedicated to Christopher Bunnell

By Beth David
Editor

The Trustees of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven held a ceremony on 9/24/23, to dedicate the restored sundial to Christopher Bunnell, a long time trustee. Due to the rain the event was held inside, but the weather held up long enough for a few photos.

The sundial had been in storage because it had gotten damaged. It was restored by New Bedford sculp-

tor Erik Durant.

Several people spoke at the ceremony, recounting the many ways Mr. Bunnell served the town.

Dennis Duval said he taught Mr. Bunnell in Junior High School (back when it was called that), and then served with him as a Library Trustee.

“Of the thousands of students that I had encountered over many years in education I can think of no one who better exemplifies what it means to

be a contributing member of our society than Chris Bunnell,” said Mr. Duval, adding that he was a “devoted citizen” of Fairhaven, that he loved deeply.

“He has left a legacy that his family and friends can be most proud,” said Mr. Duval. “Thank you Chris for being an outstanding role model of what true citizenship and love of community is all about.”



LEFT: Millicent Library Trustees, and family and friends of Christopher Bunnell, a long time Trustee of the Library, pose for a photo next to the restored sundial at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven on 9/24/23 after a ceremony dedicating the sundial to Mr. Bunnell. RIGHT: The restored sundial is on display on the lawn. *Photos courtesy of Kathy Lopes.*

Vineyard Wind's first Wind Turbines go out to sea

From Press Release Materials

Vineyard Wind, a joint venture between AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE: AGR) and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), on September 6, 2023, shipped the first GE Haliade-X Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) from the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal to its location more than 30 miles off the coast of Cape Cod.

Foss Maritime, a US service contractor that provides union jobs for its employees, has partnered with DEME Offshore US to design and build highly specialized US-flagged barges to transport the components to the lease area. The Marmac in New Bedford, Mass., and the Foss Prevailing Wind in Boston, both 400-foot-long, are the only two barges in existence capable

of transporting in an upright position GE's massive Haliade-X turbine components that when constructed will rise more than 700 feet.

The barges utilize a specially designed Barge Master technology that uses a patented control system and cylinders that support a platform and actively compensate the motions of the barge. The wind turbine components are fastened to the motion compensated platform for a smooth ride in ocean conditions.

“It may look easy, but the safe transportation of these components miles over the open water is no small feat,” said Vineyard Wind CEO Klaus S. Moeller. “While we’ve had many firsts, once this turbine is installed, it will stand as a proud symbol of

American's energy transition. I want to thank all of our partners for their continued collaboration and look forward to celebrating the progress of our industry.”

GE will initially load the U.S.-flagged Marmac from the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal with three vertically placed tower sections reaching more than 200 feet in height, three 321-foot-long blades and a nacelle pod that houses the generating components. Foss will deliver loads weighing more than 1,700 tons each, to construction partner DEME Group's Sea Installer vessel with 300-foot-deep legs stationed 65 miles from New Bedford south of Martha's Vineyard.

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Tugboats move a 400-foot barge through the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier gate on 9/6/23 that is carrying components of offshore wind turbines for Vineyard Wind's project 30 miles off the coast of Cape Cod, including three 321-foot turbine blades, and parts of the tower that will be 700 feet tall when fully constructed/assembled offshore. *Submitted photos.*

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costs are not clear.

Mr. Espindola also said he has brought up the point of policy decisions in general, and the roles of the board and the TA.

Ms. Correy said the "scrutiny" started before the override attempt, so Mr. Espindola should not try to use that as a justification.

Mr. Espindola said the question is, are they all 100% sure the money will be in the budget and they will not be asking for budget transfers at the end of the year.

Also, he said, do his fellow board members feel they have a role or not in approving appointments. He said what happens now, is they are told afterwards.

"It's not our job to look over her shoulder and micromanage her," said Mr. Correy.

He said if she does not do a good job, they can penalize her at the end of her contract.

SB member Keith Silvia referred back to Mr. Espindola's reference to a promotion by the town hall custodian to facilities manager. Mr. Silvia said he

already had saved the town money by doing work that would have been contracted out.

SB member Stasia Powers compared the structure to a business, saying Ms. Ellison is the Chief Executive Officer. The CEO makes adjustments, said Ms. Powers, she makes things happen and lets the board know about it.

Ms. Powers said the board has oversight of the TA, but does not micromanage.

She said the finance staffing situation has been difficult and Ms. Ellison put together a team, and the finance team has a lot of pressure on them to do things they are not structured for.

"I commend her," said Ms. Powers, on taking the steps and making the changes necessary. "This is a huge step."

She noted that the former TA forced major budget cuts across all departments. Ms. Powers, who was on the School Committee at that time said, "and it hurts."

Mr. Espindola said he did not disagree with any of that. The point

is, he said, that the Town Administrator Act says with the approval of the Select Board.

"We should be having discussions on those things before they are implement, not after," said Mr. Espindola.

He said when he asks questions about the salary reserves, he is just trying to understand.

He said if other board members do not believe they are appropriate questions, "I disagree."

Ms. Powers said it does not come across as Mr. Espindola "just asking questions."

It comes across, she said, as Mr. Espindola always questioning Ms. Ellison's choices.

Ms. Ellison said the board vote is more of a veto power.

Mr. Espindola said he did not think of the board vote as a veto. He believes, he said, that they should be allowed the opportunity to review and discuss those kinds of changes.

"I thought that was our role as a board," said Mr. Espindola.

"Let's move on," said Mr. Correy.



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From our readers

Fairhaven School District Refuses to Provide Info

When school districts receive money from the government (IDEA Part B funding), they make promises; one of those promises is to have special education policies and procedures (P&P) that both conform to the law and are available to the public upon request.

I am working on a project to compile all of these P&Ps so that parents/guardians can more effectively advocate for their children. What a

district is supposed to do (and even what a district says they do) can diverge from what they actually do. Making these P&Ps available helps to make districts accountable. Among over 320 districts in the commonwealth, Fairhaven stands out in terms of its evasive maneuvers and bad faith refusal to provide their 2022-2023 P&P to us.

Our first request for this document was over a year ago. Public records law requires that it be provided within ten business days of the

request. Numerous state agencies have already been involved. In light of this, one has to wonder why Fairhaven does not want this document made available. We will continue to fight to get it, and when we do, we will make it public.

Although Fairhaven continues to refuse to provide its P&P for 2022-2023, Fairhaven has since made a P&P (for 2023-2024) available on its website.

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Fairhaven Board of Health Notice of Public Hearing

October 11, 2023 at 5:00pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Board of Health will conduct a Public Hearing at Fairhaven Town Hall to review and hear comments relative to the proposed Fee Schedule changes and modifications to be implemented in Chapter XIII of the Fairhaven Board of Health Regulations.

The Board of Health Meeting will be conducted both live and remotely and will be televised on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and Fairhaventv.com.

To join the meeting remotely log on to: Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95313326052?pwd=UEFhVzVKUDA5eExRjDm6RxBWmZyVUT09>
Meeting ID: 953 1332 6052 Passcode: 118417

The proposed regulations for Fee Schedule changes are available to the public for review in the Board of Health Office Fairhaven Town Hall 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Tuesday, October 10, 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=VFdUQkxzVYrNzJlQktvVi9XSzRmZz09>
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 223-255, SE 023-1369: 10 Diamond Street, Map 29, Lots 046 & 072** Request for an Amended Order of Conditions to the existing Order of Conditions for DEP SE 023-1369, issued by the Fairhaven Conservation Commission to Ruby and Jamie Medeiros on May 26, 2022 and amended through October 3, 2022. The amendment proposes a 12 foot by 12-foot deck to be attached to the proposed dwelling. The deck would be located in the 25-50-foot Buffer Zone at Assessor's Map 29, Lots 046 & 072.
2. **CON 023-374: 54 Reservation Road, Map 29A, Lot 316** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Sandeep Gupta to place a shed in FEMA Flood Zone VE, E1.17' and Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, located at Assessor's Map 29A, lot 316.
3. **CON 023-375: 27 & 29 Alden Road, Map 26, Lots 13G & 13H** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Michael Panagakos for removal and replacement of the entrance along Alden Road to include the installation of a trench drain to prevent stormwater run-off. A 100-foot buffer from the limits of the stormwater management basin impacts approximately 1,075 square feet of 29 Alden Road and 178 square feet of 27 Alden Road at Assessor's Map 26, lots 13G & 13H.

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

and links to the applications are on the Town Website.
Jay Simmons, Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 9/28/23

Notice of Public Hearings Acushnet Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct public hearings on **October 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm** in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet MA 02743. This will be a Hybrid meeting with a Zoom option:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964971527?pwd=MWIKNm5yNDhwQ0RXY3o5eEZBNF1QT09>
Meeting ID: 839 6497 1527
Passcode: 108277

- This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 5, to consider the following warrant article: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acushnet Zoning Bylaws, Section 3.4, Special Permit Requirements: Article VIII Zoning of the General Code; accepted by Town Meeting, April 22, 1996 and most recently amended December 28, 2022; by inserting the following text after the second sentence, "A special permit elapses if not exercised within two years from the date of the decision, including time for determination of any appeal.", or take any other action relative thereto.
- This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 5, to consider the following warrant article: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII, Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acushnet, General Bylaws, by adding to Section 3 – Use Regulations, a new subsection 3.3.7 – Special Residential Development-Over 55 Housing. The purposes of the Special Residential Development Special Permit are to grant relief in the form of increased density to encourage housing needed in the Town of Acushnet such as providing alternative housing for a maturing population; providing a type of housing which reduces residents' burdens of property maintenance and which reduces demands on municipal services. For the purpose of this By-Law, the term Special Residential Development is defined as a residential development of multiple dwelling units configured as attached or detached single-family dwellings on a tract of land in single ownership.
- This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 5, to consider the following warrant article: To see if the Town will vote to delete all present language of Article IX, Stormwater Management Bylaw of the Town of Acushnet, General Bylaws, and replacing said Article in its entirety with new language.
The accompanying documentation for all hearings is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor, during regular business hours.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board
FNN 9/21/23, 9/28/23

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBUUmluT1pWScTlVzJCQw09>
or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-023-033: 23 Summer Street, Map 10, Lot 166. Applicant and owner: Robert Leidhold. Applicant seeks a Variance for the conversion of the rear building into an Accessory Dwelling Unit on a 12,539 sq. ft. lot as compared to the minimum 22,500 sq. ft. lot size requirement, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.1 Accessory Dwelling Units, A.
2. REF#: ZBA-023-034: 8 Grandview Avenue, Map 29C, Lot 410. Applicant: Hammer To Nail. Owner: Jean Murray. Applicant seeks a 12 ft. Variance to replace the existing back door and carport with an 8 ft. by 15.3 ft. mudroom 8 ft. from the side property line as compared to the minimum 20 ft. side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
3. REF#: ZBA-023-035: 24 Hathaway Street, Map 28B,

Lot 16. Applicant: Dana Pickup. Owner: Karen Diggins. Applicant seeks 1. A 2.4 ft. Variance to replace the existing deck with a 14 ft. x 14 ft. sunroom 7.6 ft. from the east side property line as compared to the minimum 10 ft. side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, and 2. A 2.7 ft. Variance for the stairs coming off the sunroom to be 7.3 ft. from the west side property line as compared to the minimum 10 ft. side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

4. REF#: ZBA-023-036: 54 Adams Street, Map 10, Lots 28. Applicant and owner: Claudio Costa. Applicant seeks 1. A Variance to create an 8,200 sq. ft. lot with 80 ft. of frontage from a non-conforming lot, as compared to the minimum 15,000 sq. ft. and 100 ft. of frontage, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-17 Intensity of Use Regulations, B. and Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule and 2. A Variance to create a 3,400 sq. ft. lot with 40 ft. of frontage from a non-conforming lot with a pre-existing two-family house as compared to the minimum 22,500 sq. ft. and 100 ft. of frontage, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-17 Intensity of Use Regulations, B. and Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
5. REF#: ZBA-023-037: 8 Sunset Beach Road, Map 29, Lot 2B. Applicant and owner: James T. Wing. Applicant seeks a Variance to have the 27,728 sq. ft. lot, which is under the minimum 30,000 sq. ft. lot size requirement, to be considered to be buildable, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
6. REF#: ZBA-023-038: 19 Atlas Street, Map 6, Lot 47. Applicant and owner: Scott & Kristen Henriques. Applicant seeks 1. A 22 ft. Variance to construct a 1,088 sq. ft. addition to the house 8 ft. from the rear property line as compared to the minimum 30 ft. rear setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule and 2. A 1.7 ft. Variance for the proposed front deck to be 18.3 ft. from the front property line as compared to the minimum 20 ft. rear setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
7. REF#: ZBA-023-039: 58 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 12. Applicant and owner: Adam Gibson. Applicant seeks a 12.6 ft. Variance to construct a 307 sq. ft. addition to the existing deck 7.4 ft. from the side property line as compared to the minimum 20 ft. side setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
8. REF#: ZBA-023-040: 307 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 29, Lot 16. Applicant and owner: Scott Souza. Applicant seeks 1. A Variance to replace the existing garage with a 40 ft. by 60 ft. 2,400 sq. ft. garage, as compared to the maximum 700 sq. ft. of floor space allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and uses, A. (1) and 2. A Variance for the new garage to be 29 ft. tall, as compared to the maximum 20 ft. height allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and uses, A. (2)
9. REF#: ZBA-023-041: 77 Adams Street, Map 25, Lot 30D. Applicant: Ahmet F. Dirican. Owner: Congregation of the Sacred Hearts. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to convert the existing building into an assisted living facility, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-15 Use Regulations, C. (1).

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 9/21/23, 9/28/23

Town of Acushnet Invitation to Bid Cold Planing and related work

The Town of Acushnet is seeking sealed bids for the purpose of supplying and delivering the following items: Cold Planing and related work as required for the paving needs in the Town of Acushnet.

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 - North Anthony Drive (980SY), from Coury Drive to Budano Road.
 - Henrietta Drive (135SY), from Budano Drive 35 feet North on Henrietta Drive

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prevailing wage rates to be paid on the work as determined by the Commission of Labor and Industries under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149. All bids will meet the Massachusetts Highway Department Standards for Highways and Bridges. A 5% bid deposit, for the value of the bid, shall accompany every bid. Attention is called to ADA compliance as applicable.

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James Kelley
Town Administrator
Town of Acushnet

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Belonging Committee

Wed., 10/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Wed., 10/11, Town Hall, 6:30 pm.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 10/10, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee With Select Board

Thurs., 9/28, Town Hall, 6:30

Marine Resources

Thurs., 9/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 10/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board With Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 10/4, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 10/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/10, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 11/6, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	0732	1955	0101*	1332*
Friday	29	0818	2042	0145*	1426*
Saturday	30	0906	2130	0231*	1518*

	Oct. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0954	2218	0316*	1601*
Monday	2	1042	2306	0357*	1638*
Tuesday	3	1130	2357	0433	1713
Wednesday	4	----	1223	0509	1753
Thursday	5	0053	1322	0550	1855
Friday	6	0153	1419	0646	2205
Saturday	7	0249	1514	1005	2311
Sunday	8	0347	1614	1125	----
Monday	9	0451	1717	0002	1216
Tuesday	10	0548	1808	0042	1255
Wednesday	11	0631	1848	0111	1324
Thursday	12	0707	1924	0107	1316

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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- Middle Road (3,700SY), from Mill Road to Darling Street
- Wilbur Ave (275SY), from 35 feet West up Wilbur Avenue
- Myrtle Ave (275SY), from 35 feet West up Myrtle Avenue

All work must be completed on the above listed projects by December 1, 2023.

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Town of Acushnet Invitation To Bid. Hot Mix Road Paving

Construction and Materials

The Town of Acushnet is seeking sealed bids for the purpose of supplying and delivering the following items: Hot Mix Asphalt Paving and related work as required for the paving needs in the Town of Acushnet.

Locations:

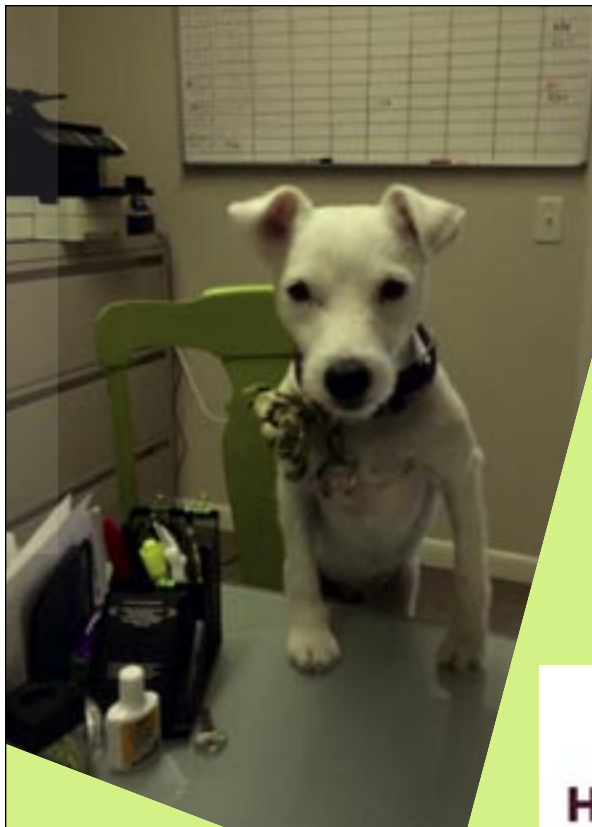
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