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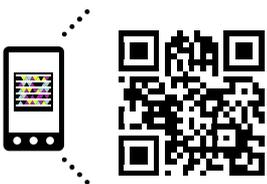
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Select Board recognizes volunteers, staff



The Fairhaven Select Board poses for photos with some of the volunteers and workers who helped provide support and services to the unsheltered families that the state placed at the Seaport Inn for about three months, at the SB meeting on 1/22/24, when the board gave a proclamation to individuals and organizations that helped in the effort See page 4 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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

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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

We've got a touch of sno out there. But, I guess it'll be gone, turning to rain again. Ah well. I guess I have mixed feelings about that.

Our cover shows a bunch of people who treated the unsheltered families with dignity and respect. Go figure. The week they arrived, a bunch of other people wanted us all to think that everyone hated them and hated them being here. Well, they were wrong. And the people on the cover, among others, proved the point. They did everything they could to make life easier for people who were already in a mess of a situation. That's how it's supposed to be, right? Congratulations, volunteers and staff members alike. You made a difference in the lives of people who were in a rought spot. That's a good thing.

On the other hand...

The Middle School had a racist graffiti incident [heavy sigh] (see page 4). Y'know, kids learn this stuff somewhere. We really need to make sure the message gets through very clearly that this is not okay, not at all okay. And if they do figure out who it is, they should make the kid wash off every single bit of graffiti in the whole school for the rest of the school year. We may not be able to make them understand the hurtfulness of their words, but we can make them understand the pain and aggravation they cause by making them clean up their own mess.

There's some meetnig coverage in here. See Fairhaven Select Board on page, and Acushnet SB on page 11. More proclamations!

There's other stuff in here of course, including a fair number of winter events coming up. Be sure to check out ALL the pages in this week's little miracle. And while you do, please be sure to notice who our advertises are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

It's scholarship season!

Its scholarship season! Time for students to get some help with the next phase of their education. Here are some opportunities for local students to win scholarships for college and other programs.

SC Community Foundation

The SouthCoast Community Foundation offers more than 50 scholarships to high school graduating seniors, college students, and adults returning to school, throughout the SouthCoast. One application, lots of scholarships! Complete just one app and you'll be automatically linked with the scholarships you are eligible for, including: LGBTQ+ students; Cape Verdean students; engineering students; medical and nursing students; student-athletes; trade school students; and so many more.

We're offering two Zoom info sessions so that students can learn more about how to apply, what scholarships are available, and how the SouthCoast Community Foundation evaluates applications: Wed., 1/31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Tues., 2/13, 5:30-

6:30 p.m.

Visit <https://southcoastcf.org/receive/apply-for-scholarships/> to register and to see all the scholarships available.

Fairhaven Dollars For Scholars

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars announces over 40 scholarships now available for 2024. Application period is February 1, 2024. thru April 1, 2024.

For full list of scholarships and details on how to apply go to <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>.

NEW scholarships are being added constantly. Check your profile weekly to see what NEW scholarships you qualify for both at the local and national level. Scholarships are awarded for a variety of reasons, including academics, sports, community service, chosen major, and more.

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars chapter is a nonprofit foundation that supports academic success in our community. As part of Scholarship America's national network of locally based, volunteer-driven Dollars for Scholars chapters, our mission is to

mobilize our community on behalf of postsecondary education success for our students.

Fairhaven Colonial Club

It is with great pleasure that the Fairhaven Colonial Club members wish to announce that three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to area high school 2024 graduates attending a 2 or 4 year college in the Fall.

The requirement is that the student should be a Fairhaven resident and the scholarship will be drafted to the recipient upon receipt of their first semester transcript. Applications are now available at area high school Guidance Offices.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Mattapoisett Congregational Church is pleased to once again offer scholarships to students graduating from high school in June 2024 who reside in the town of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester or are a member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Two \$2,500 scholarships will

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Meet the Author

Friends of the Millicent Library invite the public to an Author Talk with Ted Reinstein about his latest book *Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped*

Break Baseball's Color Barrier.

In the April of 1945, exactly two years before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major-league baseball, liberal Boston City Councilman Izzy Muchnick persuaded the Red Sox to try out three Black players in return for a favorable vote to allow the team to play on Sundays. The try-out, however, was a sham.

This book tells the story of the little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball, and reminds us that the first Black player in professional baseball was not Jackie Robinson, but Moses Fleetwood Walker in 1884, and that for a time, integrated teams were not that unusual.

Mon., Feb. 5 • 6:30 p.m.

Millicent Library Auditorium
45 Center St. • Fairhaven (Walnut Street Entrance)

Please register for this FREE event
at <https://www.friendsofmillicentlibrary.com>

Select Board recognizes those who helped with families

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 1/22/24, the Fairhaven Select Board recognized the many people who worked to welcome the unsheltered families that were placed at the Seaport Inn by the state last October. The families have recently been moved to other places. When they first arrived, some protesters gathered outside the Seaport objecting to the program that allows homeless families and immigrants to be placed in hotels at the state's expense.

The town coordinated a response to help the families settle in and find their way around town. Kelly Ochoa formed the "SouthCoast Welcome Corps," a group of volunteers who fund support and services for the families. Church groups, social service groups, private businesses, individuals, and town departments worked together to welcome the families.

Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said it was

"somewhat of a collective" and that Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Martha Reed coordinated the effort.

Ms. Ellison said Fairhaven took a new approach to handling the situation with the families. She said she wanted everyone to know how much the town appreciated and valued their commitment and the level of support they showed in welcoming everyone.

"Fairhaven ended up being a model for a lot of other municipalities because we embraced it and took it on as a positive attribute for our community," said Ms. Ellison.

Ms. Reed told the volunteers there that they did all the work, making her job of coordinating it easy.

"As citizens and as people of good community spirit, our job is to lift people up and all of the groups that were involved really lifted these families in a way that was really unprecedented," said Ms. Reed. "So I appreciate and thank every one of you."

She singled out PACE (People

Acting in Community Endeavors), especially for helping families with MassHealth and WIC applications; Kelly Ochoa for forming SC Welcome, which helped with day to day needs and emergency needs; and the Dawickis of the Northeast Maritime Institute for helping with a variety of things, including use of the van.

"This community really came together and it really made my role very easy to just kind of coordinate the things in place," said Ms. Reed. "I could not have done it without each and every one of you, so thank you."

SB Chairperson Leon Correy read the proclamation which lists many groups to recognize and expresses the "profound gratitude" of the board.

"The exemplary selflessness exhibited by these individuals in aiding over one hundred unsheltered persons, many of whom came to Fairhaven without proper supplies, serves as an inspiring testament to the true spirit of community and compassion, through volunteer funded

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Racist graffiti found in Middle School bathroom

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven School Department and Fairhaven Police Department are investigating an incident of racial graffiti at Elizabeth Hastings Middle School. The graffiti, which included the N-word, was found in a boys' bathroom, according to school officials and some parents with students at the school.

According to sources, Principal Kyle J. Alves reportedly visited each classroom with a strong message to students that racist graffiti is not acceptable. A statement from Superintendent Tara Quirk Kohler confirmed the reports.

School Committee Chairperson Colin Veitch also confirmed that an incident occurred.

"It is being investigated by the school administration according to our civil rights policies. The SRO

(School Resource Officer) was also notified," said Mr. Veitch.

Ms. Kohler released a statement saying that the graffiti was discovered on January 17 and included "racist language."

"In accordance with our Civil Rights Policy, an investigation into the incident was opened immediately," she said. "The building Principal has reiterated our expectations to students that when they hear and see this type of behavior, they should report it."

Ms. Kohler wrote that administrators are conducting a school-based investigation and have also referred the incident to the Fairhaven Police Department.

"This type of behavior is unacceptable and does not reflect the values of the Fairhaven Public Schools Community," wrote Ms. Kohler. "Student safety is and will

continue to be our top priority."

In a follow-up interview, Ms. Kohler said that schools do often have graffiti and they always investigate, but only refer it to the police when it crosses a line. In this instance, she said, it was clearly racist, so the school referred it to the police.

She said it was good that students reported the graffiti. She said it was an opportunity for the school to remind students of the rules and to talk about the behavior.

She was happy, she said, that the principal spoke to students.

The town also had an instance of racist graffiti on the Rogers School, which is empty. The words "F**k ni**rs," with the drawing of a penis was scrawled on the wall outside. (See 11/23/23 issue.)

A mural of Henry Huttleston Rogers has been painted in that same spot. (See 12/7/23 and 1/4/24 issues.)



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

No Shellfishing

All of Buzzards Bay has been closed to shellfishing due to the excessive rain storm on 1/9 & 1/10. The City of New Bedford emptied more than 40 million gallons of raw sewage into the outer harbor.

In a letter to the coastal communities in the South Coast, the Division of Marine Fisheries said due to the combined sewer overflow discharges from the heavy rainfall, the area will be closed for at least 21 days starting on 1/11. Although that makes Feb. 1 a possible opening date, the letter says the areas will not automatically open. They will have to be examined, so they are closed until further notice.

Mariner Youth Soccer Mtg

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

Any questions should be addressed to: Angela Dawicki, Secretary, angela@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com

Broadband Meeting

The Town of Fairhaven, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), have embarked on a Digital Equity Planning project to improve broadband access, adoption, and digital literacy in the Fairhaven community. As a part of this initiative, CTC Technology & Energy will be hosting a public Broadband 101 and Digital Equity Information Session. This meeting will introduce what we've learned in the planning process to date, why broadband is critical to Fairhaven residents, a brief overview of the technological evolution of broadband including present and future needs, and forthcoming funding opportunities. We'll conclude with a Q&A session.

The session will take place Tuesday, January 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Residents may attend in person at Town Hall or join the Zoom Webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82107580199> Or call 1-929-205-6099 or tune in to FairhavenTV.com and

Channel 18 to view.

This event will be especially helpful for individuals and organizations who work with the Fairhaven community. If you want to know more about the ins and outs of digital access and think about how you can help boost digital equity in our community, we encourage you to attend this information session. For more information, please contact Derek Frates at dfrates@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Town Mtg Articles

The deadline for Citizen Petition Town Meeting articles is Mon., 2/5.

Pursuant to Chapter 50, Section 2 of the Town of Fairhaven By-Laws, all citizen petition articles for the May 4, 2024 Annual Town Meeting, including street acceptance articles, must be submitted in writing with the signatures of not less than 10 registered voters through the Town Clerk's Office to the Select Board, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA by February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Petitions can be found at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board/pages/licenses-permits-and-petitions>

The Town Moderator Mark D. Sylvia can be contacted 508-858-7123 or msylvia@fairhaven-ma.gov or msylvia11@comcast.net.

Town Meeting will be held on Sat., 5/4, at Hastings Middle School at 9 a.m. To learn more about how to submit an article, contact the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

Garage Sale

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter is holding a garage sale on Sat., 1/27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Lots of great pet supplies, including leashes, collars, toys, pet clothing and much more to help raise money for the animals in our care/

Boating Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will be starting its 2024 SPRING SEMESTER 13-week Boating Skills & Seamanship Course (BS&S) on Monday, January 29, 2024 through April 22, 2024, from 7-9 pm, at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSB) on 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This 13-week comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. It is taught by experienced Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with years of experience on local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals, such as: boating terminology, boat equipment/handling, boat trailering, lake boating, handling a small to midsize boat, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, understanding weather, engines, radios and how to read a nautical chart and chart plotter, buy a boat, tie a knot, handle emergencies, and call in a Mayday.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates and cards.

The \$55 fee includes the textbook, chart and all course material. Family discounts are available for shared materials.

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/3jzskh5c>.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Flotilla Commander at (781)422-9746 or via email: schaef5900@gmail.com

Open House

St. Joseph School, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven, is holding an open house on Sun., 1/28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for grades preschool to 8. Come visit or call 508-996-1983; visit www.saintjosephschool.org. Financial aid available.

Try Transit

Starting January 1st, the South-eastern Regional Transit Authority will bring back the "Try Transit" program. Building on the success of last year's six-week "Try Transit" Program which ran during the winter holidays, SRTA is now able to offer fare-free service from January 1st to June 30th to grow ridership and support the local economy.

"Try Transit" is an excellent opportunity for new riders to see if public transportation can work for their daily lives, without the pressure of learning how to access the system. Additionally, the program will provide financial relief for our existing customers in challenging times.

Lebanese Feast

Join Our Lady of Purgatory Church for our annual St. Maron's Hafli on Sat., 2/3, featuring Lebanese food, music, dancing. Live entertainment by Thaer Malko & Bachir El Khouury Band. At our parish hall, 4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA 02745. Cash bar & mezza at 7:30 p.m.; dinner served at 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$75 pp general seating; children 12-17i, \$40; dance floor seating, \$100 for all ages; children under 12, no charge. For tickets call church office, 508-996-8934; or Sousou, 508-916-1523.

Douglass Read-a-Thon

On Sunday, February 4, the New Bedford Historical Society is hosting the Twenty First Annual Community Read-a-thon of the first autobiography of Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave written by Himself* (1845).

We invite members of the New Bedford community to join the event as readers in this celebration of the life and legacy of one of New Bedford's great men. The Read-a-thon will be held on Sunday, February 4th, from 2:00-6 p.m., at the First Unitarian Church, 71 Eighth Street in New Bedford, MA. Refreshments will be available. For additional information, please contact the Society at (508) 979-8828.

Rising Seas Exhibit

Designs and renderings developed by university students for how the communities of New Bedford and Fairhaven could adapt to climate change will be on display in a free exhibition at the New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., NB, Jan. 26 through March 23. The designs reimagine infrastructure, housing, neighborhoods and shorelines and were developed as part of the 2023 Envision Resilience New Bedford and Fairhaven Challenge.

The *Envision Resilience: Designs for Living with Rising Seas* exhibition at the New Bedford Art Museum opens Friday, Jan. 26 with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. The event and the exhibition are free and open to the public. Light bites and drinks will be offered but registration is required.

Please register at <http://>

tinyurl.com/ybvucta3 or visit <https://newbedfordart.org/exhibitions/>

YTI Production

Your Theatre Presents A DOLL'S HOUSE, PART 2 by Lucas Hnath. Directed by James Sanguinetti

A Doll's House, Part 2, the 2017 Tony award winning play, picks up 15 years after Henrik Ibsen's groundbreaking 1879 play (A Doll's House) about a strong woman who defiantly leaves her husband, left off. We find that woman, Nora, now a successful novelist, having to return to her house, husband, and children that she left behind when her new life is threatened by her past.

Nominated for 8 Tony awards, including Best Play, A Doll's House Part 2 provides a modern spin on the Ibsen classic and is filled with suspense, humor, and intensity.

Remaining dates are Fri & Sat: 1/26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.: 1/27, 28 at 2 p.m. At Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

Ample parking is available in the city lot at 6th and William Sts. and metered street parking is free evening and weekends. Wheelchair accessible entrance is on the 6th St. side of the building, facing city hall.

Tickets \$25.00; Military, Seniors and Students, \$22.00; \$5 for EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare cardholders.

To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email BoxOffice@yourtheatre.org. Open Seating at All Performances. Payment at the door Day of Performance

Ask an Expert

Historic homes can be unique, charming, beautiful.... and intimidating maintenance and restoration projects. Hear from experts about best practices, processes, and resources and gain insight into preserving an older home. This three-part series will feature informative presentations from New Bedford City representatives, a preservation consultant, and professionals with hands-on experience working with historic homes. Bring your questions and your love of historic homes!

Tues., 1/30, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House Museum & Gardens, 396 County Street, New Bedford. Our featured speaker will be Anne Louro, Assistant City Planner &

Preservation Planner for the City of New Bedford. Fee: \$8 RJD or WHALE Members / \$12 Public. Series: \$20 Members / \$30 Public. Get tickets at: <https://rjdmuseum.org/buy-tickets-online/>

United Way Grants

United Way of Greater New Bedford is seeking proposals for the Together, United Fund in order to advance new initiatives and existing efforts at local nonprofits to build the capacity of their board and staff to serve diverse communities and foster lasting, positive change in the advancement of racial equity and social justice.

Nonprofit organizations may apply for up to \$5,000 from the Together, United Fund. Requests could include, but are not limited to: support for professional development and/or training for board and staff to advance race, equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives, provide resources and tools to promote racial equity and social justice in the workplace, or provide opportunities at all levels of implementation,

Proposals to the Together, United Fund are due Thursday, February 29th at 5 pm and must be submitted electronically through United Way's grant portal. Visit unitedwayofgnb.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Women on Target

Women's Instructional Shooting Clinic. Come join us and receive a basic level of firearm safety instruction so that you will know how to safely handle firearms.

Then under the direct supervision of Certified Firearms Instructors, you will Enjoy some hands on experience with both revolvers and semi-automatic handguns. This clinic is FREE for any woman. Learn the safe and proper Way to handle firearms.

This event does NOT fulfill the requirements to obtain your Massachusetts LTC License Limited seating, must register to attend

If you have any questions and want to register for this event please contact either Michael DaRoza 508-294-4082 or Dave Maxim 508-295-5821

Sun., 2/11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford, MA 02744.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Valentines Dance

Join St. Joseph Parish for a Valentines dance on Sat., 2/10, at 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 571 Fairhaven Rd (Rte 6), Mattapoisett. Featuring DJ Carlos Matias, raffles, food and fun for everyone. Proceeds will benefit the Church Bell Tower project fund.

Donation: \$15/adults, \$8 children 10 and under.

Author Event

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., is thrilled to announce acclaimed children's author and illustrator, Katie Mazeika will be visiting on Wed., 1/31, at 4 p.m.

Join us for an enchanting evening as we delve into the magical world of her books as she shares captivating stories, engages the little ones with a delightful activity, and personally signs your cherished copies. Be among the first 20 attendees to receive a complimentary copy of one of her books!

Katie Mazeika is an award-winning author and illustrator specializing in telling stories based on real people and events. She is passionate about highlighting disabled voices in her work. As a picture book creator, Katie believes all children should see themselves in books and that neuro-diversity and disability should be talked about openly rather than treated as something to be ashamed of.

No registration required. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at mkskaar@sailsinc.org or by calling the library at 508-758-4171. You can find more information about this program and others on our website, MattapoisettLibrary.org.

Program funded by the Richard & Ann J. Prouty Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee.

Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers for elected positions in the town of Acushnet are now available. The last day to take out nomination papers is Wed., 3/27 at 5 p.m.

Candidates need at least 42 certified signatures of registered voters to get on the ballot.

The last day to register to vote is

Mon., 4/17, at 5 p.m.

The last day to register as a voter in Wed., 5/8, at 5 p.m.

The Acushnet election is Sat., 5/18. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

Deadline for Vote by Mail Applications is Mon., 5/13.

Contact the town clerk if you have any questions, 508-998-0215; 130 Main St. (Parting Ways Building).

Dog Licenses

Town of Acushnet has dog licenses available for 2024.

Licenses for spayed/neutered dogs, are \$10; unaltered, \$15.00

Kennel License Fees are: \$75 for 5-10 dogs; \$125 for 11-19 dogs; \$200 for 20+ dogs. All kennels require an inspection by the Animal Control Officer prior to licensing (MGL c. 140 S 136).

State law requires a valid rabies vaccination certificate of dogs 6 months and older, prior to licensing.

Cash and checks only, to Town of Acushnet, Town Clerk's Office, 130 Main St. (Parting Ways Building), Acushnet, MA 02743; 508-998-0215.

Auditions

Bill Hanney's Theatre By the Sea announces Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2024 Summer Season. Seeking strong singers, dancers, and actors. Performers must be available for all rehearsal and performance dates.

Local talent is strongly encouraged to audition for the following productions: *A Chorus Line* to be presented from May 29 - June 22; *Tootsie* to be presented from June 26 - July 20; *The Sound of Music* to be presented from July 24 - August 17; *42nd Street* to be presented from August 21 - September 15

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28, 2024 at: The Talent Factory, 46 Frenchtown Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

AUDITIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Non-union actors may sign-up for an audition slot by visiting: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A8AB2FA3F4C25-47050088-2024>

Space is limited.

AEA Actors may reserve an audition time by calling (978) 232-

7200 x7280 from Jan 22 - 23 between 10am - 1pm.

Additional information and character breakdowns can be found at www.TheatreByTheSea.com.

Please email casting.tbts.2024@gmail.com with any questions.

Black History Contest

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) is thrilled to announce the 4th Annual Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest, open to all Jr. and Sr. High School students attending or residing in the Tri-Town area during the 2024 school year. This year's theme is African Americans and the Arts.

"African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world. In 2024, we examine the varied history and life of African American arts and artisans."

The contest welcomes entries from any medium, encouraging students to express their creativity in diverse ways. Participants must be Jr. or Sr. High School students living or attending school in the Tri-Town area during the 2024 school year.

The deadline for submission is February 22 at 4:00 pm. Late entries cannot be considered.

Winners will be announced at the opening reception in the Mattapoisett Library Community Room on Saturday, February 24, at 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

For a full list of contest details, please visit <https://www.tritownagainstracism.org/contest-2024>

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Jan 24th-March 6th (No class 2/21)

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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

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Recipe of the Week

Touchdown Casserole

1 pound ground beef
 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon garlic salt
 2 (15-ounce) cans tomato sauce
 1 (8-ounce) package of egg noodles
 1 cup sour cream
 1 (3-oz) pkg cream cheese, softened
 1 large white onion, diced
 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded, plus more to taste
 Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 9x13" casserole dish with butter.

Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the ground beef, stirring to break it up, until brown and crumbly, about 5-7 minutes. Drain the grease from the skillet.

Stir the sugar, the salt, the garlic salt, and the tomato sauce into the browned beef.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for 20 minutes to allow the flavors to blend.

Turn off the heat and let the ground beef mixture cool to room temperature.

Boil the egg noodles in salted water, stirring occasionally until cooked, but firm, about 5 mins.

Drain the liquid using a colander.

In a large bowl, combine the sour cream, the cream cheese, and the diced onion.

Arrange 1/2 of the egg noodles into the bottom of the prepared casserole dish.

Cover the egg noodles with 1/2 of the sour cream mixture. Layer on 1/2 of the ground beef mixture. Repeat the layering until all the ingredients are used.

Top the casserole with the cheddar cheese.

Bake until the cheese has browned and melted, about 25-30 mins.



Dear Frankie

The New Stepdad

Dear Frankie,
 The teacher asked my class to write a story about an exciting adventure. The following day, she asked me to read what I had written about my adventure in Africa.

"I was riding in a jeep beside the park ranger when we came upon a pride of lions and their cubs. When the lions saw and smelled me, they were curious about who or what I was. I had never seen lions that weren't caged, so I was thrilled to see them roaming free. When the cubs saw me, they ran right up to the jeep to get a closer look at me. Seeing how friendly they were, I jumped out of the jeep to greet them. As soon as my paws hit the ground, the lions began to roar, and some started running full force toward the jeep. The ranger, fortunately, grabbed me by the scruff

of my neck and pulled me into the jeep. He then slammed the gas pedal to the floor and we made it out of there in the nick of time."

That's when Billy jumped up and told the class I was lying because I had never been to Africa. I was mortified and didn't know what to do.

Artie

Dear Artie,

Billy did what? I hope your teacher immediately called him out for inappropriate and unacceptable behavior. Is this what is happening in doggie daycare classes today?

In my day, a stern look and a few sharp words from the teacher would have had students going to the principal's office with their heads on their chests and tails between their legs. A month of busing dirty dishes in the cafeteria would be considered a light punishment.

Besides being obnoxious, Billy didn't know what he was barking about. The assignment was to write a story about an exciting adventure. You weren't asked to write about an exciting adventure you experienced.

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Acushnet SB recognizes Heather Chew, Donna Lake

by Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 1/22, the Acushnet Selectboard recognized former Council on Aging Director Heather Chew and Donna Lake, Emergency Pet Shelter Coordinator, for their service to the town.

Ms. Lake recently resigned from the Office of Emergency Management. And Ms. Chew resigned as COA director.

Ms. Lake was recognized for her contributions as a veterinary technician, ASPCA Responder, and meal provider to seniors

"Her actions and selflessness to help during the COVID-19 Pandemic is of great value," reads the citation that Chairperson Kevin Gaspar read at the meeting.

When the law required that pets also be included in emergency shelters, "Donna worked diligently to formulate the most in-depth plan on the South Coast. Her Humanitarian Efforts are applauded."

Ms. Chew was recognized for her 12 years of "dedicated service to the well-being of senior citizens and all

Residents of the Town of Acushnet Community."

She was also recognized for her efforts during the pandemic, including food programs and vaccination clinics.

Her dedication was "exceptional," reads the citation, "and her Positivity and Advantageous Contributions are Admirable."

The board also voted to hire Lauren Golda as COA Director.

Mr. Gaspar said after a long process, a panel interviewed five people and chose Ms. Golda.

He read from her letter outlining she has a Master's in Healthcare Administration and experience in healthcare management and with geriatrics. She was a nurse's aide as a teenager and decided at a young age to dedicate her career to seniors.

In her letter, she said she "genuinely" loves what she does and would love nothing better than to serve the community she grew up in.

Town Administrator James Kelley said it was unusual to get someone who "fits the job description like glove," but Ms. Golda does.

SB member David Wojnar said he knew Ms. Golda from when his mother was in hospice care.

He got to "see her in action," he said, and the town is "blessed to have someone of this caliber."

Ms. Golda told the board that just being able to express her interest in the position was an honor.

"And I hope I won't let anybody down and I'm really excited to get started," she said.

She told the board she was 18 years old and an Old Colony graduate when she decided the elderly population was where she wanted to be.

"I loved the stories," she said, adding maybe because she was so close to her grandparents growing up.

She said she was excited to be back in Acushnet.

"I'm glad to be back in the community that shaped me into the adult that I am," said Ms. Golda.

The board also voted to put steel guard rails up on Main Street where

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Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

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Although cigarette sales, according to the (FTC) Federal Trade Commission, have seen a decline of 400 billion individual cigarettes sold in 2001, the disposal of these cigarettes, cigarette butts, and cigarette filters (collectively referred to as CB Litter) is still a major contributor to overall pollution.

- 173.5 billion individual cigarettes were sold in 2022
- Approximately 9.7 billion cigarette butts were discarded improperly
- 4 billion individual CB Litter eventually made it into waterways
- Which equates to 18,456 CB's littered every minute

CB Litter is small and light and is

easily blown from place to place. Meaning, wherever CB Litter begins is almost never where it ends up. Usually areas not common to pedestrian or vehicle traffic, such as; wetlands, under trees and bushes, and waterways.

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All water CB Litter leaches out toxic emissions from the cigarette paper and the filters such as; cadmium, lead, aluminum, arsenic, copper and zinc, just to name a few.

Here in the town of Fairhaven, whether CB Litter is on land or in water it has a high potential of contaminating our collective drinking water supplies. Not only impairing our water quality in preserved wetlands, lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers, but contaminating our groundwater which is beneath the surface of our land. The possibility that one day

we may drink this is real, so prevention is key.

It is a great thing that cigarette sales, and tobacco products in general, are on a decline. This helps out further pollution. But today, CB Litter continues to remain a significant pollution problem.

In Fairhaven we all do our part in keeping our wonderful historic town as beautiful as it was since 1812, by striving to keep pollution to its barest minimum. And the health and welfare of the residents directly tie into prevention of the water pollution as well as the land.

With park and beach cleanups coming soon as the warmer months approach, be on the lookout for those in your area clearing up pollution and see first hand how CB Litter affects the biodiversity in Fairhaven.

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To learn more about water pollution in your town, go to Town of Fairhaven Bylaws Chapter 194 Stormwater Management.

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resources," reads the proclamation.

After a brief recess to take photos, SB member Bob Espindola asked if the town would be able to receive any reimbursement from the state for any staff time that may have been used.

Ms. Ellison said it was mostly volunteer, but she believed the school department was getting some money for the students. She said that the shelter communities are approaching the state to get the hotel taxes applied.

The board also heard from Paul DiGiuseppe, the Director of Planning and Economic Development, who gave an update on the town's efforts to create a 40R district, which would allow for denser housing and mixed retail in certain areas of town.

Mr. DiGiuseppe said they had narrowed the area down to Route 6 and Alden Road.

The zoning in the district would include some building standards, including building heights and setbacks, and new roads.

A working group of town officials and residents has been working on

the proposal for a couple of years.

Attorney Adam J. Costa, of Mead, Talerman & Costa, told the board that the first phase is to come to a consensus on how the district might be developed. He said the working group has come to that and had been "fairly well attended."

"Feedback has been generally positive," said Mr. Costa.

The next phases are the legal draftings and the design.

He said they have a first draft of the zoning. Then it goes to the SB and will require a public hearing. Then the application will be submitted to the state.

The state will review it. If it is in compliance, it will go to Town Meet-

ing for approval. Then back to the state to be in effect.

Mr. Costa and Mr. DiGiuseppe said they hoped to get the measure on the warrant for the May Town Meeting, a tight schedule.

The board will look at the draft at its next meeting and vote on submitting the application.



Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Martha Reed (left) talks to some of the volunteers and workers who helped provide support and services to the unsheltered families that the state placed at the Seaport Inn for about three months, at the Fairhaven Select Board meeting on 1/22/24, when the board gave a proclamation to individuals and organizations that helped in the effort. *Photo by Beth David.*

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South Main ends, the intersection at town hall.

Mr. Gaspar said members of the church have asked because the fence keeps getting hit. He said a plow driver went had an accident there in the last storm.

He and DPW director Dan Menard measured it out and got some pricing.

The plan is to put steel guard rails and lights with arrows to let people know the road ends and they have to go left or right, not straight.

Mr. Gaspar said it would cost about \$4,200 and could possibly save somebody's life.

Mr. Wojnar said he was concerned about the aesthetics and asked if they could paint the guard rails, or do something to dress it up. He said other places use planters and other creative methods.

Mr. Gaspar said they will have to coordinate it with fixing the sidewalk so there is no rush, but he would talk to Mr. Menard about possibly painting it.

The board voted to allocate up to \$4500 for the project.

In another matter, the board discussed a possible change in the VFW's restricted music license. The organization is looking for an unrestricted license.

Mr. Gaspar noted that the only

unrestricted license in town is at the Century House. He said it was a good revenue maker, but he was concerned about loud music at late hours in a residential district.

The board decided not to act on it, but to discuss it at the next meeting after getting more details on what the license would actually allow, and what the VFW wants.

The board also discussed six requests for street lights in different parts of town.

SB member Bob Hinckley said one of the requests was because a lot of vehicle break-ins were happening in the neighborhood. He said even the doorbell cameras were no help because it was too dark. Another street was having trouble with dirt bikes and four-wheelers.

"My feeling is people pay an awful lot of money in taxes," said Mr. Wojnar, adding he did not think there would be a "run" on street lights.

Mr. Gaspar said he agreed people pay a lot in taxes but they can't "get crazy and start decorating the town like a Christmas tree."

The board decided to look into the costs of adding street lights, and will address it at a future meeting.

Fire Chief Thomas Farland also addressed the board, looking for support for two Town Meeting articles to replace some



aging communications equipment.

He told the board that the radio repeater on Mendall Road is 30 years old and is also not in the best place. He said the farther away they get from it, the more static they hear, calling it a "bad safety issue for our department and the public."

He said it will cost about \$40,000 for the new equipment and to relocate it to the LNG tower on Peckham Road.

The company worker laughed at him, he said, when he saw the condition of the equipment and how old it is.

The department also needs to replace two alarm receiver boxes. He said they no longer make the parts to repair them. The cost to replace the alarm boxes is about \$150,000.

Mr. Gaspar said he thought Mendall Road was the highest point in town and that is why they put the repeater there.

Chief Farland said it probably was at the time, but now there are cell phone towers that they have access to. He said there is a spot in the base of the tower and on the tower for the Fire Department, they just never used it.

Chief Farland will "fine tune" the numbers to get the articles ready for Town Meeting.

"Thank you for being proactive," said Mr. Gaspar. "God forbid if we lost that communication."

In other business, the board assigned Mr. Gaspar to be the board's representative for contract negotiations with the Department of Public Works.



TOP: Donna Lake receives a citation from the Acushnet Selectboard at their meeting on 1/2/24, for her volunteer work with the town, including creating a pet component to the emergency shelter program, L-R, back: Selectboard members Bob Hinckley, Kevin Gaspar, David Wojnar; L-R, front: Ed Caron, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management; Ms. Lake. ABOVE: Heather Chew receives a citation for her many years of service as the Council on Aging Director, and for her volunteer efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Photos courtesy of Eric Chew.

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be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service and financial need.

Applications and supplementary information are now available at the local public and private schools. The deadline for electronic submission of documents is Friday, March 29, 2024.

Students will be notified of their selection by April 26 via email. Scholarship recipients will be introduced in church on Scholarship Sunday, May 12th, during the 10 o'clock service of worship.

If you are a graduating senior and have any questions about the scholarship application process, you are invited to contact the Mattapoissett Congregational Church office via email at mattconchurch@gmail.com.

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Since 2003, the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society has awarded scholarships to deserving local high school senior and first-time college applicants who will be pursuing undergraduate education. Our scholarships began as two modest book awards of \$50 each. Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, they have grown steadily over time. AMHS is committed to helping our Portuguese-American

community's youth achieve higher education and to growing our scholarship offerings over time.

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fishing, or other water activities.

- Enclose an official transcript of your grades and class standing.
- Enclose a copy of your SAT scores if you were required to take them.
- Enclose one letter of recommendation from a teacher or other unrelated adult.
- Submit the application along with all required documents postmarked by April 1, 2024, to: Azorean Maritime Heritage Society Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 40942, New Bedford, MA 02744.

All applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2024.

Visit <https://azoreanmaritimeheritagesociety.wildapricot.org> to download the application.

You can help fund these scholarships for our promising local youth. Become a member, make a donation to the scholarship fund, or attend one of our annual fundraising events: the Scholarship Dinner in February and the Sails of Portugal wine tasting in June. Visit the website, email azoreanwhaleboats@gmail.com, or call 508-687-0906.

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FNN: 1/25/24

Public Notice Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Division of Wetlands and Waterways MassDEP Boston Office

Division of Wetlands and Waterways MassDEP
Boston Office, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900,
Boston, MA 02114

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26-53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for the removal and replacement of three bridges (A-03-03, A-03-07, A-03-08) conveying Hamlin Street over the Acushnet River in Acushnet, MA, as proposed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division, Ten Park Plaza, Room 7360, Boston, MA 02116. MassDOT is recertifying this permit with MassDEP in light of the Army Corps of Engineers 2018 General Permit Expiration. Additional information may be obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation - Highway Division at the above address, attention Stephanie Regan or by emailing stephanie.m.regan@dot.state.ma.us. Written comments should be sent to Heidi Davis, MassDEP Wetlands Program, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston MA 02114 or heidi.davis@mass.gov within 21 days of this notice.

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

FNN 1/25/24

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFBUQkxzZVYrNzJlQktlVi9XSzZ09>
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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:

- SE 023-___, CON 023-394: 833 Scotic Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 15N** Notice of Intent filed by Nazem & Kathleen Abdalla to construct a 4-bedroom single family house in compliance with the requirements of FEMA and Mass Building Code for construction within a Velocity Zone. The house will be located within Flood Zone VE (EI.17) and work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zone VE (EI.17, 19 & 20), and a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) in the southerly and easterly portion at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 15N.
- SE 023-___, CON 023-395: 831 Scotic Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 15M** Notice of Intent filed by A.M.K. Trust c/o Nazem & Kathleen Abdalla to construct a 4-bedroom single family house in compliance with the requirements of FEMA and Mass Building Code for construction within a Velocity Zone. The house will be located within Flood Zone VE (EI.17) and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 15M.
- SE 023-___, CON 023-396: 16 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 33** Notice of Intent filed by McCloud Pacheco Trust c/o Lawrence & Shannon Pereira to remove the existing multi-level vertical concrete seawall. The new rip-rap boulders will be set on a 12" minimum bedding of 4"x6" trap rock. The entire site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) and FEMA Flood Zones VE (EI.17, 18 & 23). The site also contains Coastal Bank, Coastal Beach, and Land Under Ocean at Assessor's Map 43C, Lot 33.
- SE 023-1369, CON 023-255: 10 Diamond Street, Map 29, Lot 046** Amended Order of Conditions filed by Ruby & Jaime Medeiros to shift the previously approved paved driveway in closer proximity to the dwelling (depicted on revised plan). Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 29, Lot 046.
- SE 023-1395, CON 023-319: 1 Island View Road, Map 43, Lot 201** Notice of Intent filed by Peter Armanetti to construct a single-family dwelling with associated gravel driveway, grading and utilities. Work to take place within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW), and borders Land Subject to Flooding - FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.18 & 19) at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 201.
- SE 023-1396, CON 023-320: 2 Island View Road, Map 43, Lot 201** Notice of Intent filed by Peter Armanetti to construct a single-family dwelling with associated gravel driveway, grading and utilities. Work to take place within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW), and borders Land Subject to Flooding - FEMA Flood Zone (EI.18 & 19) at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 201.

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 and site plans 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

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday February 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

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- REF#: ZBA-023-007: 148 Dogwood Street, Map 43A, Lots 153-155. Applicant and owner: Nancy Santoro. Applicant seeks 1. A Variance from the maximum building coverage of 15% to a proposed approximate 22±% after the construction of a 24 ft. by 30 ft. semi-detached garage connected to the existing house via a breezeway and deck, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule and 2. An approximate 7 ft ± Variance for the garage to be 23.1 ft. from the front setback as compared to the minimum 30 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule. — Last Continued from November 7, 2023. Readvertised with updated information for May 2, 2023 and again for February 6, 2024.
- REF#: ZBA-024-001: 200 Washington Street, Map 26, Lot 28. Applicant and Owner: Matthew Paulson. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation business to operate a Landscaping business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23 Home Occupations B. (4) Building trades.
- REF#: ZBA-024-002: 162 Main Street, Map 12, Lot 8. Applicant and Owner: Ray Charles Realty Trust. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to construct a private 4 ft. by 127 ft. pile-supported timber pier with a gangway and float, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2 Dock and Piers B.
- REF#: ZBA-024-003: 11 Delmont Street, Map 28B Lot 715 and Map 29, Lots 6C & 8. Applicant and Owner: Mark Blouin. Applicant seeks 1. An 84 sq. ft. Variance for the construction of a 784 sq. ft. garage, as compared to the maximum 700 sq. ft., pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and Uses A. (1) and 2. A 2 ft. Variance for the height of the garage to be 22 ft. as compared to the maximum 20 ft., pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and Uses A. (2).
- REF#: ZBA-024-004: 58 Ocean Avenue, Map 29C, Lot 249-250. Applicant: Jacob T. Galary. Owner: Daniel Gibbs Jr. Applicant seeks 1. A 6 ft. Variance for the construction of a new house to be 24 ft. from the front property line as compared to the minimum 30 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule and 2. A 10 ft. Variance for both sides of the house to be 10 ft. from the side property lines as compared to the minimum 20 ft. setbacks, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule and 3. A Variance from the maximum building coverage of 15% to a proposed 20%, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Kenneth Kendall, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 1/18/24, 1/25/24

From our readers

Committee Appointment Process: Just Showing Up is Not Enough

Does longevity really count for anything? Sometimes, yes. However, has anyone ever experienced a teacher whose teaching was mediocre, but by virtue of longevity was afforded tenure at the expense of the students' need?

Attendance on a committee is not an assurance of advancement on that

committee. What is considered an assurance of advancement is the drive that inspired that person to join that particular committee to begin with and NOT AS A LADDER to the next rung.

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Susan Spooner, Fairhaven

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Best, Frankie

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Commission on Disability

Thurs., 2/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/7, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m

Select Board

Mon., 2/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Selectboard

Tues., 2/6, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	Jan. 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	25	0727	1951	0145	1455
Friday	26	0808	2033	0136	1505
Saturday	27	0848	2113	0204	1446
Sunday	28	0927	2152	0237	1503*
Monday	29	1006	2232	0310	1530*
Tuesday	30	1047	2316	0344	1600*
Wednesday	31	1133	---	0421	1634*
	Feb. 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0004	1224	0504	1716
Friday	2	0054	1314	0601	1810
Saturday	3	0144	1405	0707	1911
Sunday	4	0237	1504	0809	2009
Monday	5	0341	1613	0913	2110
Tuesday	6	0444	1712	1024	2216*
Wednesday	7	0536	1801	1123*	2318*
Thursday	8	0623	1847	---	1213*
Friday	9	0709	1935	0014*	1302*
Saturday	10	0758	2026	0112*	1353*
Sunday	11	0848	2116	0211*	1440*
Monday	12	0937	2205	0303*	1522*

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Select Board race in Fairhaven continues to heat up

Nomination papers for all town-wide elected positions and Town Meeting members are available in Fairhaven.

Five people have now taken out papers for Select Board, with the addition this week of Patrick Carr, who is on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Carr recently got in a dust-up with the Select Board over his status on the ZBA. He wanted to be elevated from an alternate member to a full member, but the board appointed Andrew Romano to that seat. Mr. Romano is also a declared candidate for SB.

In addition to Mr. Carr and Mr. Romano, Donna McKenna, Cathy Melanson, and Andrew Saunders have also taken out papers for SB.

Only Mr. Romano had returned papers by press time.

Another addition from last week is Don Collasius, the current Tree Warden, who took out papers for the Board of Public Works.

Barbara Acksen also added her name to the list, taking out papers for Board of Health, a board she has run for several times, winning once for one term.

Candidates seeking to be elected to office need to take out nomination papers from the town clerk's office and return them with the required number of signatures from registered voters.

Town-wide offices require 50 signatures; town meeting requires 10 signatures from the precinct in which you are running.

Call the town clerk's office, 508-979-4023, ext. 3, for more information on how to run for office in Fairhaven.

Select Board has two seats up for election, held by Leon Correy III and

Robert "Bob" Espindola; School Committee has two seats up, held by Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch; Board of Health has one seat held by Kevin Gallagher; Commissioner of Trust Funds has one, held by Colleen Silvia; Board of Public Works has two seats, held by Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and Travis Rapoza; Planning Board has two seats up, held by Jeff Lucas and Jessica Fidalgo; Housing Authority has one seat on the ballot,

intend to run for reelection.

As of press time, four people had taken out papers for the School Committee seats. Colin Veitch took out papers to be reelected to his seat. Nicole Pacheco, Erik Baumann, and Brendalee Smith all took out papers for the full term and the unexpired term on School Committee. They will only be allowed to return papers for one of the seats. By press time, none had returned papers.

In other races the following people took out papers: Jessica Fidalgo and Diane Tomassetti for their seats on the Planning Board; Robert "Hoppy" Hobson for his seat on BPW; Town Moderator Mark Sylvia; Colleen Silvia for reelection as Commissioner of Trust Funds. Ms. Tomassetti, Mr. Hobson, and Ms. Fidalgo have returned papers.

The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, 2/8/24. The last day to return papers is Monday, 2/12.

You may register to vote Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The last day to register to vote for the town election is Friday, 3/22/24. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on that day.

Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library and State and Federal offices. Monday, 3/25, is the last day to submit vote-by-mail applications to the Town Clerk.

The election will be held on Monday, 4/1/24. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All six precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

Call the town clerk's office, 508-979-4023, ext. 3, if you have any questions.

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Anne Silveira; the Town Moderator position, held by Mark Sylvia, will also be on the ballot.

School Committee will also have one seat for an unexpired term on the ballot, currently held by Nicole Pacheco, who was appointed to fill Kyle Bueno's seat.

Planning Board will also have an unexpired term to fill, currently held by Diane Tomassetti, who was appointed to fill David Braga's seat.

Precincts will also choose their Town Meeting representatives. All six precincts have 23-25 seats up for reelection and several other vacant seats.

Select Board members, Leon Correy and Bob Espindola, and BOH member, Kevin Gallagher, have all announced publicly that they do not



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