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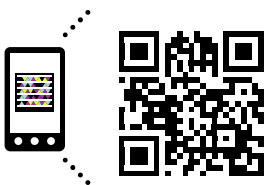
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Recycle center moves...just a bit



Fairhaven Highway Superintendent Joshua Crabb gives a smile to the camera as he explains where things have been moved at the new Recycling Center location, on the north side of the public works property at 5 Arsene Street. The center had to be moved to make room for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. See page 12. *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.

Hang on, Fairhaven voters, we're in for a ride (I think)!

Okay, the candidate field isn't set for sure until 2/28, which is the last day for candidates to change their minds and drop out.

But, as of now, we have four contested races: Select Board, School Committee, Planning Board, Board of Health. Whoohoo!!! See page 14 for details.

Meanwhile, budget season is upon us. This week begins the joint meetings with the Select Board and the Finance Committee. I fear the financial outlook may not be so hot after the 2 1/2 override failed last year. But, that's for another week. I'll let the numbers people mess with all that for a bit.

The Recycling Center has officially moved. We've been talking about it for a couple of years now, ever since the upgrade to the treatment plant became inevitable. See page 12 for what you need to know to use the center, and get some info on the treatment plant upgrade.

We have a fair amount of Black History Month events in here this week. See pages 4, 5, 6, 7 for those. Some are in Fairhaven, some in Acushnet, and some in other places. So, you have some choices.

There's other stuff in here of course. 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 advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. If you've been paying attention at all to national trend type stuff, you know that local news outlets are dropping like flies. And you also know how important local news outlets are. So, please support our advertisers, encourage your friends who have businesses to advertise with us; encourage businesses you frequent to advertise with us; and, if you can, donate directly yourself.

Until next week then, see ya

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our election update last week, we cut off some of the names at the end. The last paragraph should have read: "Six people have now taken out papers for Select Board, with the addition this week of JP Lemieux. In addition to Mr. Lemieux, Patrick Carr, Donna McKenna, Cathy Melanson, Andrew Romano, and Andrew Saunders have also taken out papers for SB. Only Mr. Romano and Ms. McKenna had returned papers by press time." We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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Man charged with firearm offenses in center of Fairhaven

Press Release

The Fairhaven Police Department reports that a 55-year-old New Bedford man was arrested and charged with carrying a firearm without a license and additional charges on Friday, 2/2/24

Carlos Brito, age 55, of New Bedford, was arrested and charged with:

- Carrying a Firearm Without a License
- Receiving Stolen Property Under \$1,200
- Number Plate Violation To Conceal Identity of Vehicle
- Possession of Ammunition Without an FID
- Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device

On Friday, Feb. 2, at approximately 9 a.m., the Fairhaven Police Department was called to the area of Green and Cedar streets for a report of a suspicious person who was wearing

rubber gloves and placing panty hose over his head.

Officers responded and located that individual, later identified as Bsrito, in a parked Honda Accord that had stolen registration plates.

An on-scene investigation located a loaded, 9mm handgun under the driver's seat of the Accord, and zip ties, duct tape, latex gloves, plastic bags, and a pillow elsewhere in the vehicle.

Brito, who does not have a firearms license, was arrested at the scene.

Brito was arraigned Friday in New Bedford District Court, where he was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing that is scheduled for this week.

Fairhaven Police ask that anyone with information about this incident call detectives at 508-997-7421.

These are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven

guilty in a court of law.



Carlos Brito, 55, of New Bedford, has been charged with firearm offenses after being spotted in Fairhaven placing panty hose over his head. Photo courtesy of Fairhaven Police Department.

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Black History Month events

At the Millicent

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>

Celebrate Black History month with events for all ages. This series is a collaboration between Millicent Library and the Fairhaven Belonging Committee.

Community Read: *Invisible Generals* Feb. 1st - Feb. 29th. Join us for a community read: pick up a copy of *Invisible Generals* by Doug Melville during the month of February. There will be multiple copies of the book available for check out on display near the circulation desk. No meetings to attend or deadlines to finish the book by - just a chance to read and learn in community!

Hidden Figures Storytime Wed., 2/21, 10:30am This storytime will feature *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly, featuring related crafts and activities. For families, all ages in the auditorium.

Movie Screening - *Hidden Figures* Wed., 2/21, February 21st at 6pm Join us for a screening of "Hidden Figures" (2016, PG) in the auditorium. "Hidden Figures" is based on the true events that unfolded during the early days of the U.S. space program. The story revolves around three brilliant African-American women mathematicians — Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson — who played pivotal roles at NASA, contributing to the success of the historic space missions. All ages welcome, light refreshments served.

Ekua Holmes Crafternoon Thurs., 2/22 from 3-4pm In this special edition crafternoon, we will create collages inspired by the work of award-winning artist and illustrator Ekua Holmes. Ekua Holmes, a prominent African American artist and MA native, has left a mark in children's book illustration with her distinctive and vibrant collage style. Options for all ages - young children may need assistance.

Movie Screening - *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* Fri., 2/23 at 2pm Join us for a screening of "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" (2018, PG) in the auditorium, an award winning animated movie, featuring Miles Morales, the first black

Spider-Man in the comic book's universe (introduced in 2011). All ages welcome, light refreshments served.

To register for any of these events, visit: millicentlibrary.org/events.

At Whaling National Park

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., New Bedford, has announced its programming commemorating Black History Month in February 2024. This year's theme chosen by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH®) is African Americans and the Arts. New Bedford is known for its rich culture and historical artistic significance, and we celebrate today's artists of the African diaspora who come from every corner of the globe. Two of New Bedford's own, Iva Brito and Eden Soares will be telling the stories of their art and inspiration. In addition, the 1850s Ladies will explore New Bedford and Boston anti-slavery societies and how crafts became a part of the abolitionist cause. Finally, the park will show the movie, *12 Years A Slave*, directed by African Brit Steve McQueen which tells the story of Solomon Northup, who was kidnapped and sold into enslavement from freedom.

Sat., Feb. 10 at 1:00 PM: Join Eden Soares of trigrfx pronounced /tri,grafiks/ as he shares his work through murals and other arts. As a local artist, he weaves a story that resonates with the local community and visitors alike. In the past years, he has captured the essence of New Bedford's culture and history in colorful and captivating murals. Some of his works include the artistic painting of Booker T. Washington. He has also created a mural honoring Cesaria Evora on the wall of the Cape Verdean Cultural Center, the former Strand Theater on Acushnet Avenue.

Sat., Feb. 17 at 1:00 PM: Join the 1850 Ladies, aka Ruth and Abby as they explore both Boston and New Bedford anti-slavery societies on how they used crafting to raise money to support the abolitionist cause. What kinds of handcrafts or quilts were on display for sale? Do they have stories? Do they preserve history the community memories as well as for empowerment? The Ladies will display some of the arts and crafts

sold and how New Bedford contributed to the cause. They will also tell stories of New Bedford's women, who held abolitionist fairs here in the city.

Sat. Feb. 24 at 1:00 PM: Join us for the screening and discussion of the movie *12 Years A Slave* – an incredible true story of one man's fight for survival and freedom directed by Steve McQueen. It is 1841 and Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery. Stripped of his identity and deprived of all dignity, Northup is purchased by ruthless plantation owner Edwin Epps (Michael Fassbender) and must find the strength within to survive. In his twelfth year in captivity, a chance encounter with a Canadian abolitionist (Brad Pitt) forever alters his life.

Black History Art 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

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Millicent Elevator Maint. on 2/9

On Friday, February 9, the library's elevator at the Walnut Street entrance will be temporarily unavailable due to essential maintenance. This maintenance is imperative to comply with the updated Massachusetts fire code, specifically addressing the emergency control operation of elevators. It is important to note that the current operation of the library's elevator poses no immediate safety concerns. However, the replacement and modification of equipment are necessary to ensure the elevator functions correctly during fire service operation.

During this period, the library can still be accessed through the main entrance located at the front of the building on Center Street. Please be aware that one side of the main entrance stairs is closed due to the placement of scaffolding.

The elevator is anticipated to be out of service for the entire day. If you encounter difficulties accessing the library through the main entrance, kindly reach out to library staff for assistance at 508-992-5342. Your understanding and cooperation during this maintenance period are greatly appreciated.

Black History Month

See page 4.

Free at RJD

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) is welcoming visitation from Fairhaven residents by offering free admission for the month of February 2024.

Upon arrival, individuals are asked to produce proof of residency with a piece of current mail, or I.D. For more information about hours of operation and current exhibitions, visit the Museum's website, rjdmuseum.org.

The historic house, now the site of The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. This Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark, one of only 2,500 in the nation. The period

rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of the economic and social evolution of the City of New Bedford, as reflected in the residencies of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families and their domestic staff.

The Museum is located at 396 County Street, New Bedford. It is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance booking for admission is encouraged, but not required. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for AAA members, seniors and students; and \$3 for children (age 7-17). The Museum is free for RJD members, as well as for EBT, Connector-Care, WIC, and Wunderfund cardholders.

The RJD gardens are open to the public at no cost and available to visit from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Visitors are urged to go to rjdmuseum.org to book their Museum visit and to review the most current information on hours and programs.

Cinemaniacs

For Black History Month, South Coast Cinemaniacs presents Oscar Micheaux's *WITHIN OUR GATES* (1920). A landmark film of African-American cinema, it screens like a direct response to D.W. Griffith's *BIRTH OF A NATION* (1915). Following a schoolteacher's (Evelyn Preer) journey to raise funds for her underfunded, Southern school, Micheaux depicts the problems she encounters as a black woman in the South and North.

The film screens on February 12 at 5:30 PM at the Millicent Library on 45 Center St., Fairhaven. All are welcome, and the event is free! Use the Walnut St. entrance to access the auditorium.

South Coast Cinemaniacs meets the second Monday of the month, excluding holidays, to watch and discuss classic movies. For more information, email club president Beth Ann Gallagher at: southcoastcinemaniacs@gmail.com

Help Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry Cupboards are nearly bare! Can you help? Please bring your non-perishable donations to the First Congregational Church, corner of William and Center Streets, Fairhaven. Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 – Noon. Please use the Williams Street entrance.

Needed Items include Peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, canned fruit, canned tuna fish, canned vegetables, canned stew, canned beans, canned meats, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereals, rice, snacks, cookies, crackers, etc. Personal items are also needed such as: toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and other personal hygiene items.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept perishables or outdated items.

SAVE THE DATES:

WI 5K

The 11th Annual West Island 5K will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024 with the Kids Mile at 10am and 5K at 11am (more information at westisland5k.org).

Registration is open and can be completed online at <https://my.racewire.com/event/7782>.

We are always looking for former or new businesses to sponsor the race. If you are interested in volunteering, we will need help on Saturday, April 20, 2-4pm at the West Island Improvement Association to support registration, number pick-up, and course setup. On Sunday, April 21 (race day), we will need help 8am-12pm to support registration, number pick-up, Kids Mile setup/execution, awards setup, and site cleanup.

Please email Lyle at westisland5k@yahoo.com

Internet Survey

The Town of Fairhaven is pleased to collaborate with the Mass. Broadband Institute (MBI) on a residential survey which is intended to assess internet accessibility, device and technical support availability, service affordability, and digital education needs within the community.

To participate in the online survey visit <https://made.civilspace.io/en/projects/ma-digital-equity/engagements/ma-sdep-public-survey/sections/1>.

Printed surveys can be picked up and returned to the Fairhaven Select Board Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

AHA! Night

AHA! Night is this Thursday, 2/8! Are you ready for the first AHA! Night of the year? On Thursday night, there will be a wide array of free activities for everyone to enjoy, from art, music, celebrations of Black History month and more. It's a night to share all that we love about New Bedford - past, present, and future.

AHA! is a monthly FREE celebration of arts & culture in Downtown New Bedford presented on the second Thursday of the month.

Check out the AHA! NIGHT schedule on our website, <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/> and see a few of the highlights below. More activities are added each day!

- **AHA! Seaport Sessions: Candida Rose**, Celia's Boutique, 111 William St., 6pm. New Bedford's own Candida Rose will perform at Celia's Boutique delivering a can't miss performance that combines the overtones and undertones of jazz, rhythm and blues, and gospel with a touch of Cape Verdean roots.
- **Game Night**, Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, 396 County Street, 4-6pm (Family Games) & 6-8pm (21+ Games). Assemble some teammates and head to the RJD Mansion. Bring your favorite board game, Magic Deck, and beverages (no red wine or Twister in the mansion please!). The Museum provides classic board games and teammates as needed, plus low-priced snacks for the evening.
- **Sea Changes in Symphony** New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, Beginning at 4pm with performances at 4:30, 5:00, 5:30 and 6:00pm. Join the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra for an evening of live music amidst the new exhibition, *Framing the Domestic Sea* by Jeffery C. Becton. Surreal and panoramic in scope, the layered visual artwork within this exhibition evokes the past, New England's varied histories, the maritime world, and contemporary environmental concerns. Explore this extraordinary exhibition accompanied by classical musical performances.
- **Celebrate Black History with Art & Music** Alison Wells Fine Art

Gallery, 106 William St., 4:30-8pm. Join us in celebrating Black History month with art and music. Musician Manny Escobar will play an early acoustic guitar set from 4:30-5:30pm. Alison will be demonstrating Gelli plate printing, which is the focus of her upcoming art workshop.

Call for Artists

The City of New Bedford is seeking proposals from artists for a permanent Herman Melville sculpture in the downtown historic district. An advisory committee will select up to three artists as semi-finalists to be awarded a \$2,500 stipend for the development of a proposal, travel, and overnight accommodation for presentation.

"New Bedford is the setting for what is arguably the preeminent work of American literature," Mayor Jon Mitchell said. "The novel has had a profound influence on artists the world over and on American culture itself."

Artist proposals need to include an artist statement, statement of interest, resume or CV, work samples, and an estimated budget.

Application deadline is Friday, February 16, 2024. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/3up7r7w9> to access the application and for more information. Email HermanMelvilleStatue@gmail.com

<https://newbedfordart.org/noir-nights/>

Community Meal

Rise Up for Love Community Meal, Thurs., 2/15, 4-6 p.m., at PAACA, 360 Coggeshall St., New Bedford. WHERE EVERYONE GETS A SEAT AT THE TABLE! This free community dinner is open to all! This is our way to reach out to our neighbors and provide fellowship, friendship, and wholesome food! Enjoy a meal, play some games, and hear some inspirational stories.

Not able to attend but want to help? Donations are welcome to help support Rise Up for Homes. Make a donation at <https://www.riseupforhomes.com/donate>

Or mail checks to Rise Up For Homes, First Citizens' Federal Credit Union, 200 Mill Road, Suite 100, Fairhaven, MA 02719

By supporting this campaign, you

acknowledge that the present system does not meet the entire need our area faces in ensuring emergency shelter and long term affordable housing. Your donation will help us open a cold weather shelter this winter to get folks out of freezing temperatures and into safety and warmth. Your dollars will help us improve and create better access to emergency shelter, access to prevention services and create more affordable housing solutions for people in need while ensuring we are getting the best information out to those in greatest need about the shelter, housing and services available to them.

Vets Monument Mtg

New Bedford is hosting a public meeting to gather feedback on the proposed monument in the South End to honor veterans of the Global War on Terror.

The monument's advisory committee and professionals from Martha Schwartz Partners, the internationally renowned design firm chosen to build the monument, will meet on Monday, Feb. 12 at the Fort Taber Community Room at 6 p.m. Preliminary design concepts for the monument will be available for review and discussion.

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced the formation of an advisory committee to oversee the monument project at a 9/11 memorial service in 2021. The advisory committee, made up of members from the Veterans Advisory Board, local artists, and members of various City departments, has recommended the West Beach jetty as the location for the monument.

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.

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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.

Changemaker Grants

Do you have an idea for changing the world — or at least your corner of it? You may be eligible to apply for a Changemaker Grant from United Way of Greater New Bedford.

Changemaker Grants empower ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things to help their neighborhoods and their community. All-volunteer groups in Greater New Bedford can apply for up to \$2,500 to complete projects that are engaging, community driven, solutions-focused,

and that foster unity through community action.

United Way is hosting two virtual information sessions in February for groups to learn more. Sessions will take place via Zoom on Monday, Feb. 12 at 4 pm and Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 6 pm. To register, visit unitedwayofgnb.org/changemaker-grants or call 508-994-9625.

Noir Nights

At New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; Tel: 508-961-3072 2/9-6/9

Non-Member Subscription: \$125

Member Subscription: \$120

Film noir, what critic Roger Ebert once called “the most American film genre,” is known for low key lighting as dark as a killer’s heart, camera angles more skewed than a gumshoe’s moral compass, and weaving plots as convoluted as was to circumvent the production code.

Subscriptions include all 5 film screenings and a ticket to our kickoff cocktail party reception.

Join us for a five month series of dim lit alleys, ambivalent motivations, hapless hard drinking men and women who would just as soon kill you as love you.

Sign up at <https://newbedfordart.org/noir-nights/>,

Opening Night Cocktail Party Friday, February 9

Cocktails: 6pm | Screening: 7pm

Join us for a post-prohibition cocktail party featuring light hors d’oeuvres to die for and a cash bar with signature neo-noir cocktails.

Our series kickoff starts with *The Maltese Falcon* (1941). San Francisco private detective Sam Spade takes on a case that involves him with three eccentric criminals, a gorgeous liar and their quest for a priceless statuette, with the stakes rising after his partner is murdered.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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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>

Valentines Dance

Join St. Joseph Parish for a Valentines dance on Sat., 2/10, at 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 57i 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. Tickets are available after all Masses & Rectory office, 74 Spring St., 508-994-9714

At The Acushnet Library

The following events are at the Acushnet Free Public Library, 232 Middle Road.

Movie Matinee - A Haunting in Venice - Mon., 2/12, 2 pm

Knitting & Crochet Group Mon., 2/12, 6 pm

Author Talk: Wed., 2/28, 6 pm with Rachel Slade. The Acushnet Public Library welcomes back author Rachel Slade to share her latest book *Making It in America: The Almost Impossible Quest to Manufacture in the U.S.A. (And How It Got That Way)*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

A moving and eye-opening look at the story of manufacturing in America, whether it can ever successfully return to our shores, and why our nation depends on it, told through the experience of one young couple in Maine as they attempt to rebuild a lost industry, ethically. From the best-selling author of *Into the Raging Sea*

Children's programs in February include:

- Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:30 am
- LEGO Club: Saturday, 2/17
- Family Candy Heart Bingo* Saturday, 2/10 @ 1 pm
- Chill, Chat & Craft 2/13 & 2/29, 6 pm
- Uno Game Day* Wedn., 2/21, 3 pm
- Detective for a Day* Thurs., 2/22, 6 p

Contact the library for more information, <https://acupl.org>, 508-998-0270 or smedeiros@sailsinc.org *Registration required .

Mattapoisett GOP

The Mattapoisett Republican Party welcomes all to join us on Thurs., 2/22, from 6 to 7:00 PM for our monthly scheduled meeting. Be a part of the discussion on local initiatives, support of candidates in future elections and share ideas with like-minded neighbors.

We are honored to host Tim Cruz, Plymouth District Attorney (2001-present) as our guest speaker at 7 PM. Tim Cruz has worked to protect and promote the public safety of nearly 500,000 residents in Plymouth County.

Topics to be discussed, Updates on the District Attorney Office; Crime Stats; Impact on new gun restrictions; Immigration impact; Q & A

Join us at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. There is always good food, good people, and a cash bar. A \$10 attendance fee is appreciated.

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Sarah is certified in Advanced sound healing, Pretzel kids yoga and Yoga Alliance International. This is a 5 week program (no program (Feb 23), cost includes Parent or Guardian and a child 5 years old or younger. Additional children are \$25.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Memory Cafe

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- Crushed graham crackers for garnish

In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat cream cheese, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add heavy cream and powdered sugar and beat until fluffy.

Transfer mixture to a piping bag and pipe into strawberries

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Dear Frankie

Winter Whine

Dear Frankie,
The older I get, the harder the winters are for me. I'm only five. I can't imagine what winter will be like when I'm nine and really old.

Many of my friends don't understand what I am complaining about. They have parents who are retired and head south in the winter. My parents are in their mid-thirties, and to add insult to injury, love the outdoors.

When I was first adopted, I bragged about my good fortune to be adopted by parents who were young and energetic. I was adopted in the spring, so what did I know? Those early months were heaven. What canine wouldn't love hikes in the woods, sleeping by a campfire, and midnight canoe rides?

The first couple of winters we

hiked and snowshoed were tolerable. But now my arthritis is kicking in, and the winters are brutal. Do you think a request for puppy pads in the spare bathroom from December to March would be unreasonable?

Zippy

Dear Zippy,

It never hurts to ask. They might go for it but I doubt it. Humans who love to exercise and be outdoors never understand the joys of life on a couch.

I have an Uncle Joe, and all he can talk about while he is doing deep knee bends or flexing his muscles is how his daily walks and weekly five-mile run are the reason he is so healthy and in such great shape. When he comes for a visit, I always feign illness or a limp, so I can take a pass when he asks me to join him and my parents to go ice fishing or cross country skiing.

Outdoorsy folks like Uncle Joe and your parents are zealots. They can't understand what they enjoy is not enjoyed by everyone.

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Acushnet's Ford Middle School receives music grant

Press Release

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paula J. Bailey, Principal Michelle Silvia and Music Director Brian Shanbrun are pleased to announce that the Ford Middle School Music Program was recently awarded grant funding from the Peter R. Marsh Foundation.

The \$1,000 grant was awarded in December as part of the Peter R. Marsh Foundation Middle School Music Grant Program. The program supports the efforts of teachers to lead their students to a fruitful life of behavioral kindness and emotional wellness by nurturing empathy and compassion through community service, and an inspiration to become more accomplished musicians.

Grant funds will be used for transportation services to Whaler's Cove Assisted Living, where students will perform for residents twice this school year. Funds will also be used to purchase sheet music for students to perform specifically for the seniors.

"On behalf of the entire district, I would like to extend our gratitude to the Peter R. Marsh Foundation," said Superintendent Bailey. "The Ford Middle School Music Program has been essential in our efforts to integrate creativity into our curriculum and it allows our students to give back to their community through performance."

Each year, under the direction of Music Director Shanbrun, Ford Middle School Music Program students participate in a variety of community outreach events including school concerts, concerts at the public library, sing-along style concerts at senior living establishments and more.

For their most recent event, on December 19, students performed a Holiday Chorus Concert for the residents of

Whaler's Cove Assisted Living in New Bedford. During the event, students also served refreshments and shared in conversation with the residents.

Students previously performed at a Toys for Tots event, held in December, where local music groups had the opportunity to showcase their talents and bring holiday cheer to the public while contributing to the toy donation drive.

The FMS Chorus performs annually at the Town of Acushnet's Veterans



(From left) Eighth-grade students Niel Suee Labalan, Braylin Davignon, and Leah Blake at Whaler's Cove Assisted Living in New Bedford. (Photo Courtesy Acushnet Public Schools)

Day ceremony and leads the sing-along at the town's holiday display lighting. The Chorus has also performed the National Anthem for the Providence Bruins, participated in the American Young Voices concerts, and at the Massachusetts Music Educators Association's All-State conference.

To learn more about the Peter R. Marsh Foundation Middle School Music Grant Program, visit <https://www.prmfoundation.org>

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Fairhaven Recycling Center moved for WWTP upgrades

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Recycling Center has undergone a few changes in the last week or so. First, it moved, but don't worry, you'll find it easily enough. It only moved to the north side of the Board of Public Works property on 5 Arsene Street.

The RC used to be on the south side of the property, behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant. But the plant upgrades require a larger footprint, so the Recycling Center had to move. The upgrade will include the addition of a two-story building for nitrogen removal.

Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said the project manager for the WWTP upgrades is Jeff Osuch, the town's former Executive Secretary and BPW superintendent.

Mr. Furtado said he told Mr. Osuch: "I can't think of anyone else who's going to make it as cheap as it can be, other than you."

In an interview with the *Neighbor News* Mr. Furtado said, "He's capital D due diligence. He's brilliant."

Mr. Furtado also broke the news that the state approved \$16.6 million in loan forgiveness for the \$70 million project. That along with payments from Mattapoissett for its share of the plant, will bring the total loan cost to about \$45-50 million for Fairhaven taxpayers.

The state is mandating that the treatment plant reduce the nitrogen it releases into the harbor.

The Recycle Center had to go.

Highway Superintendent Joshua Crabb said the new footprint is significantly smaller than the old RC,



ABOVE: The new entrance to the Fairhaven Recycling Center is on the north side of the public works property at 5 Arsene Street. BELOW LEFT: Four dumpsters are ready to receive different kinds of recyclables at the new location. BELOW RIGHT: The textile bin (LEFT), and the clothing bin for the Red Cross sit in their new spot. Photos by Beth David.

so some other changes also had to be made. The center will no longer accept any recyclables that residents can simply put in the orange covered bins that are picked up curbside. Those who live in large apartment buildings without recycling can still go to the RC on Arsene Street. Residents who find that their bin is not large enough can call Harvey Waste & Recycling to buy another one at 508-995-0544.

The center still accepts yard waste; small branches and brush; electronics; metal; rigid plastic, such as lawn chairs; white goods, such as old washing machines and dryers; and certain kinds of hazardous waste, such as batteries. Some items require

a fee to be disposed of.

Mr. Crabb said the biggest challenge is how to manage the yard waste as spring arrives and more people are dropping off. Because they do not have the same amount of space, they will have to truck it out.

The department is hoping that Town Meeting will approve a tub grinder, which will allow them to grind up the yard waste on a regular basis. That will keep the volume down, but it will also make mulch available sooner. The mulch could then be offered to residents or sold. The tub grinder could also be used in other municipalities, for a fee.



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Blue Devils squeak by Apponequet Lakers 60-58



The Fairhaven Blue Devils topped Apponequet Regional High School's Lakers 60-58 on Tuesday, 1/30/24, when the teams squared off in Fairhaven. Fairhaven led 41-26 at halftime and held off a second-half comeback from the Lakers. Hansen Zhao had 21 points while Ayden Duguay added 19 as the Blue Devils captured their third straight win. Nathan Levesque had a team-high 20 points and 15 rebounds for Apponequet while Will Horton added 13 points and six assists and Caiden Cyr chipped in with 10 points, six assists and six rebounds. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Blue Devil Ayden Duguay denies Apponequet's Will Horton access to the lane. ABOVE MIDDLE: Apponequet's Caidyn Cyr grimaces as he makes contact with FHS's Blake Christopher. ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven's Hansen Zhao goes strong to the basket against Apponequet's Will Horton during the first quarter. BELOW LEFT: Laker Jayden Pierre goes up with a jump shot in the lane as Fairhaven defenders Ryan Ptaszenski (LEFT), Blake Christopher (BACK) and Josh Vieira (RIGHT) appear to have him surrounded. BELOW MIDDLE: Fairhaven Blue Devil Ryan Ptaszenski takes a three point shot during the third quarter. BELOW RIGHT: Fairhaven's Cam Burke drives the lane while Will Horton defends on the play. BOTTOM LEFT: Fairhaven Blue Devil Rafael Burgos guards Apponequet Laker Will Horton as he pushes the ball up the floor. BOTTOM RIGHT: Fairhaven sophomore guard Evan Lamontagne looks to dish the ball to a teammate as he moves the ball past Apponequet's Will Levrault. *Photos by Bruce David.*



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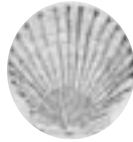
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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

The following public hearings will be held

1. **Case #2024.02.20A** A case of Andrew and Aryana Gomes, of 1561 Main Street, who is petitioning the Board for a special permit for an accessory apartment to be included in the construction of a single-family dwelling located on Tripp's Way (assessor's plat 8, lot 25F). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.4B.
2. **Case #2024.02.20B** A case of Justin Lawrence, of 23

Birch Street, who is petitioning the Board for a variance to construct a single-family dwelling on Lambert Street (assessor's plat 18, lot 4G). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1E.

3. **Case #2024.02.20C** A case of James Killackey, of 20 Quaker Lane, who is petitioning the Board to expand current living space by finishing 900 square feet of basement.

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The Fairhaven Select Board will hold a Public

Hearing on Monday February 12, 2024 at the Town Hall, Banquet Room, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose for this hearing is to consider approval for 2 concurrent liquor license transfer applications submitted for the transfer of Ferry Station LLP to Cullen North Walker Street LLC.

Thereafter, a transfer from Cullen North Walker Street LLC to OEA Restaurant Group Corp. DBA Olivia's Restaurant.

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From our readers

Collasius Not Running for BPW

Greetings from the Tree Department. I hope February finds you well. I would like to apologize if I have caused a bit of confusion. I took out papers to run for a seat on the Board of Public Works. Before taking the papers out I queried two high level town officials who did not know if I could be both Tree Warden and have a seat on the board. I have since learned that I cannot do both. Oops, or uff da as Mom would say.

To be clear I want to continue in the role of Tree Warden, and I hope you want me to. I believe my team and I have done a lot of really good work, but there is still so much to do. I also believe that Fairhaven is a beautiful town, and that its tree canopy is a big part of that.

I know we can have the best tree canopy on the SouthCoast. We already have safer streets than any town near us in regards to high risk trees that could fall into the roadway or otherwise do damage to property. Take a ride down a road in any town around here and look for dead trees alongside the road. They are called windowmakers for a reason. I challenge you to find one in Fairhaven. If you do please let me know.

Urban tree canopies have to be managed just like a garden. If you let a garden just go its own way you get a mess that gives little benefit. If you don't properly manage an urban tree canopy the consequences can be significantly worse as trees can weigh many tons. We unfortunately recently had to remove a beautiful old giant that was way too hollow and rotten. It weighed 32 tons. Having that fall on someone or something is not an

option I can live with.

I will not be returning the papers I took out but it was a useful exercise getting them signed so easily. Thanks to all of you who did sign them and those who offered to. It was very rewarding to find out how appreciated our work has been.

I thank you for the privilege you have afforded me in taking care of our urban forest. If you have the time to help with planting, pruning, weeding, watering, or donating to the cause, please reach out to me at dcollasius@fairhaven-ma.gov or Tree Department, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Be well and be green.

Don C. Collasius,

Fairhaven Tree Warden

Romano is "Ready to Serve"

Fairhaven, I am ready to serve. By the time this letter goes to print, we will be closing in on the last hours to pull papers, and the field running for Select Board will be close to set. I am asking for your vote on Monday, April 1, because I am a candidate who has done their homework.

I have attended every Select Board meeting over the last few months, and I am well caught up on the important issues both at hand, and coming down the pike. I have listened to the department head updates, I have read the packets — I am now asking for the chance to meet you and share my ideas over the next 7 weeks.

As with much of the commonwealth, Fairhaven is facing challenges with housing. Our population has remained much the same since the 1970's. I will be supporting efforts to find opportunities for growth while preserving the character of Fairhaven, including the development

of 40R multiuse overlay districts.

As we saw in 2023 with the request for an override, expenses are on the rise, and our town needs growth. Approving this overlay district will allow these property owners a unique opportunity to expand their options to bring not only new business into town, but also residential units and green space. With the 40R district approval, this puts the power in our hands to control the design standards of the property to be developed.

As budgets get tight, we need to find ways to keep Fairhaven affordable for not only our residents, but for our businesses. At the same time we need to support our staff as they work diligently to provide the best services to our town.

To ensure we are using best practices in managing our municipal finances, we recently implemented a Financial Policy Review Committee. This committee was put in place to help guide the Select Board and town management towards financial transparency and long term effective planning to create a balanced budget. I am excited to work alongside and be guided by these amazing leaders.

Now is not the time to slow down. I am committed to helping make Fairhaven the best it can be. I am promising you here today that I will do my best to assess each item that comes before the board as fairly and honestly as I possibly can. You have heard me express the need for transparency, I am ready to get started.

Contact me and support my campaign at RomanoForFairhaven@gmail.com GiveButter.com/RomanoForFairhaven

*Andrew Romano, Candidate for
Fairhaven Select Board*

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Best, Frankie

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Charter Committee

Thurs., 2/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

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

Conservation Commission

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

School Committee

Wed., 3/13, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Wed., 2/14, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 2/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 2/20, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Feb. 2024		HIGH a.m.		LOW p.m.		LOW a.m.		p.m.
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*				
Tuesday	13	1027	2257	0349*	1602*				
Wednesday	14	1120	2353	0435*	1644*				
Thursday	15	---	1218	0530*	1735*				
Friday	16	0051	1315	0702	1845				
Saturday	17	0148	1413	0910	2005				
Sunday	18	0247	1518	1035	2231				
Monday	19	0356	1630	1135	2336				
Tuesday	20	0500	1727	---	1226				
Wednesday	21	0548	1810	0026	1313				
Thursday	22	0628	1849	0113	1357				
Friday	23	0705	1927	0154	1429				
Saturday	24	0743	2005	0208	1430				
Sunday	25	0821	2043	0148	1406				
Monday	26	0859	2120	0215	1428*				
Tuesday	27	0936	2157	0247	1457*				
Wednesday	28	1014	2237	0320*	1528*				
Thursday	29	1056	2323	0355*	1602*				

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

RECYCLE: cont'd from page 12

“It would be a revenue stream,” said Mr. Furtado.

The BPW also changed the fee structure for commercial users.

Instead of \$550/year for a permit, the new fee is \$300/year plus \$10 per load. Mr. Furtado said it would not change the amount of product



The used clothing shed is in the parking lot outside the gate of the Fairhaven Recycling Center on the north side of the public works property at 5 Arsene Street. Photo by Beth David.

coming into the RC, but he is hoping it will be more manageable because landscapers will be more likely to go less often with bigger loads.

Both said they hoped the location is only temporary. They are hoping to give the RC a permanent home at the old landfill property on Bridge Street. The property has a few

issues, including wetlands and contamination, which made it unsuitable for a safety complex. Mr. Furtado said a Recycling Center is not the same kind of use, so they hired a firm to study what needs to be done to move the center there. He is confident, he said, that it can happen.

They both said they did not want to close the center while waiting for that possibility.

“We couldn’t just rip the Bandaid off and take it all away,” said Mr. Crabb, adding that hopefully, the reduced footprint, with its reduced capacity, will only be for a couple of years.

All users of the center must have a sticker/permit for their vehicles, \$35 for residents under 62, and \$20 for senior citizens (62+).

Visit the BPW page on the town’s website at <https://www.fairhavenma.gov/public-works-department> for more information, or call 508-979-4030.

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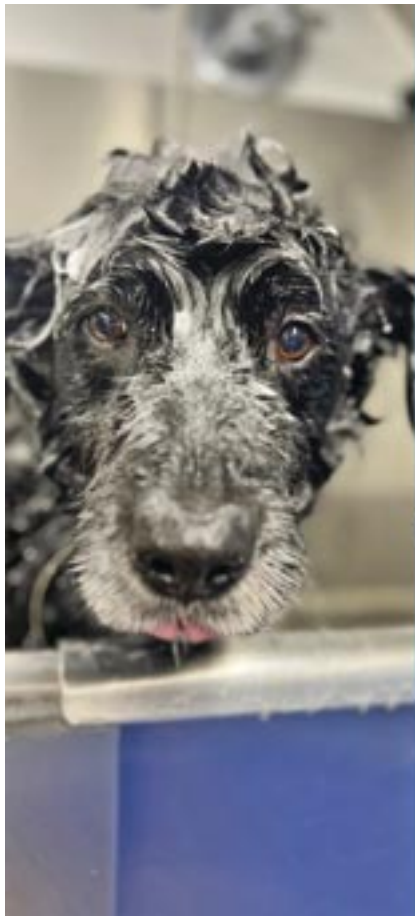
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