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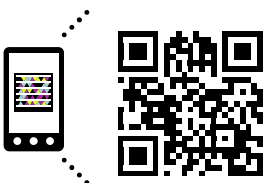
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Nana's turning 100!



Birthday girl Claire Carter, joined by her daughter Meg Aurelio, laughs and waves to the cars driving by her house on 3/10/24 to celebrate Claire's 100th birthday on 3/15/24. Photo by Beth David. See page 18 for story.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, Spring, you're toying with us...stop that, please.

We continue this week with candidate statements. We have two more of the contested races: School Committee (page 12) and Board of Health (page 6). Next week we'll have Planning Board and that will be it for the contested races. Then we'll have one more week for your letters before the big day on 4/1 (which can't come soon enough, heaven help us).

Meanwhile, there is a candidates night sponsored by the town's public access TV and they want your questions. See page 3 for details.

We have meeting coverage for you this week. See page 4 for Fairhaven Select Board. The word "fiasco" comes to mind, but, hey, what do I know? I've only been doing this for 19 years.

And if anyone know what that personnel thing is about, I'm all ears. Remember, I don't have to reveal my sources, Remember the Pentagon Papers? So, don't be shy.

Now, about our cover story.

What fun! I just LOVE these kinds of stories. Claire Carter is 100 and still having fun. Her family and friends decided to give her a great tribute, and in true small town fashion we even had a police escort.

Ah...gotta love this town (just stay away from those gawdawful meetings).

There's other good stuff in here, of course, including the new Economic Development Committee survey (see page 14).

While you're looking, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

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Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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### Candidates Night

The Town of Fairhaven Public Access TV is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates night on Thurs., 3/21, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. The event is open to the public, and will run live on Channel 18 and will run live and be available on demand on Fairhaven TV.com.

### Submit Your Questions

The public is invited to submit

questions to candidates. Please submit your questions to FairhavenTV@gmail.com by March 17. Please specify which position the question is intended for.

Residents are asked to submit questions in advance to be asked anonymously to candidates. Each candidate for a particular seat will have the opportunity to answer the same question, with a rotation of who answers first.



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## Update on Causeway Road sidewalk

Fairhaven has received the go-ahead from the state to fix the sidewalk on Causeway Road, due to the emergency nature of the work.

Fairhaven Highway Superintendent Josh Crabb said the public works department will open for bids in a couple of weeks with the hope that work can start in the middle of April.

The work includes removing the sidewalk and Causeway Road curbing and replacing them. He said they will have to excavate down to the boulders to find a solid foundation to have something good to bond do.

The new sidewalk will include improvements such as more concrete and some wrapping of the sides along the trench.

"My goal is to get it done before beach season," said Mr. Crabb.

If that means they have to work weekends or nights, they will do that, but he believes that will not be necessary.

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# SB postpones upweller vote; Correy recuses on personnel item

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board had a bit of confusion at its meeting on 3/11/24, when a public hearing was not conducted as a public hearing, and so had to be delayed.

About 30 people showed up to hear the proposal from Blue Stream Shellfish to place a floating upweller system (FLUPSY) in Jack's Cove. The system will allow the company to buy the smaller, less expensive seed oysters and grow them to a size large enough to transplant to the main aquaculture farm. The matter had been advertised as a public hearing, but was listed on the agenda as an action/discussion item.

Dale Leavitt of Blue Stream reviewed the history of the project with the board, explaining that last year, there was resident resistance to having the FLUPSY in Round Cove. He met with residents and town officials and got approval to have it for one year at Hoppy's Landing, near the floating dock, and then he would look for a spot in Jack's Cove. The Marine Resources Committee (MRC) approved the new proposed location, which is in the mooring field near Jacob's Neck, on the north side of Goulart Memorial Drive.

Dr. Leavitt told the board that their role was to license him to have the undersize shellfish on his aquaculture farm, but it was the Harbormaster who dictates the location and issues a mooring permit.

Dr. Leavitt also addressed a concern from the Hoppy's Landing FLUPSY. He said the orange fencing was to keep off the people who jump off the causeway. That would not be on the new one.

Harbormaster Tim Cox said Jack's Cove was talked about in the meeting with residents, and after a lot of surveying, they decided on the new spot. He also said he got a lot of phone calls. The town has no stake in the game, he said, except that the oysters do clean the water. A full grown oyster can filter up to 50 gallons a day.

He also noted that the Division of Marine Fisheries has closed the waters of Buzzards Bay to shellfishing three times in the last two months because the City of New Bedford has released tens of millions of raw sewage into the bay because of the

heavy rainfall. The area on the south side of Goulart Memorial Drive will be closed indefinitely due to the city's wastewater treatment plan woes. This means that Blue Stream cannot put the FLUPSY on land on that side and pump water up, which has been suggested by residents. Dr. Leavitt said the water there also simply does not have enough food for the seed.

Resident Steve Moulton said that he found an example of an upweller on land, and when he mentioned it at the resident meeting last year, Dr. Leavitt said it was too expensive.

Mr. Moulton also insisted that Jack's Cove was never mentioned in that meeting.

There was a bit of discussion about the closing of the bay to shellfishing.

Grace Barnes asked if they could run the water from Jack's Cove across to Long Island, where Blue Stream has its property.

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Attorney Jaime Kenny of Clifford & Kenny....told the board that her firm needed to hire an outside Human Resources investigator

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Dr. Leavitt said they would have to cut the road, which got a few chuckles. Ms. Barnes said they could still do it.

"We want a good neighbor," she said, adding that ground-based would be the best and the new spot, as it was at Hoppy's Landing, is, "Right in your face."

Mr. Cox explained the difficulty Blue Stream has had for years trying to get Eversource to provide power to the company because Eversource will not cut the road.

Matthew Thomas, an attorney representing two properties on Goulart Memorial Drive,\* questioned the process on several points. He started by saying he was confused, and asked if it was a public hearing.

SB Chairperson Leon Correy said it was not.

Mr. Thomas said the notice he got was for a public hearing. He said he watched the MRC meeting and they clearly believed it was supposed to be a public hearing at the SB.

He also questioned the notion that

there was no need for a license, that Mr. Cox could simply authorize a mooring permit.

Mr. Thomas also questioned if quahogs were transplanted in that area in the last two years, because state law prohibits the upweller in that case. Mr. Cox said it had been closer to eight years since Jack's Cove was transplanted.

Mr. Thomas also asked how the company would access the FLUPSY. He pointed out that using Jacob's Neck would violate an "ancient easement" that is only for recreational use. Mr. Cox verified that, saying they could not use that road.

Mr. Thomas also pointed out that, although people generally agree that aquaculture is good in that it cleans the waters, it is the use of public waters for private use.

He also questioned if the FLUPSY would adversely affect navigation, as that is also prohibited by state law.

Mr. Thomas requested that they get answers to those questions before continuing and suggested they address the matter at another meeting.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said it was not a public hearing, it was a public meeting.

Mr. Thomas held up the town notice that said it was a public hearing.

Mr. Cox took the hit, saying it was his error.

Ms. Ellison said there was not a need for a public hearing.

"So it's not under Chapter 130," asked Mr. Thomas.

He and Ms. Ellison and Mr. Cox went around a bit about Chapter 130, whether or not the state had to approve the upweller, or if Mr. Cox could just approve it with the SB's "blessing."

At some point Ms. Ellison said they would need to check with Town Counsel about the licensing, the issue being the "legality."

"That's always the issue, ma'am," said Mr. Thomas.

"Given the ambiguity of the legalities," Mr. Thomas suggested they continue the hearing until they hear from Town Counsel, adding that if they acted it could be invalid.

SB member Keith Silvia asked if they were required to have a public hearing.

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## From our readers

### Melanson Supports Carr, Saunders

Campaigning for the position as a Select Board Member and managing our town as an executive officer is no different than that of applying for employment through the application process. We have to ask ourselves... "If it was my 60-million-dollar company, who has the knowledge and experience I would want running it?"

Each candidate's resume must be carefully reviewed for a proven track record. Long-term years of financial and business experience. Someone who has shown leadership, innovation and knowledge in all aspects of the town. Someone who has had direct managing responsibilities of employees and understands their needs and the tools needed for them to get the job done.

We need an individual willing to be independent, stand up, speak up and be transparent to us the residents. Not be someone who just runs and votes with the crowd. We deserve no less. There is a long list of requirements but why should we expect anything less of our potential

leaders?

In reviewing the applicants and their qualifications based on the above criteria, there are two candidates that stand out well above the others. I personally have decided to support and will vote for Andrew Saunders and Patrick Carr for the Select Board. They each possess a strong extensive history of financial and business leadership which will suit the town well. Their knowledge and expertise and proven leadership is exactly what the town needs as we move forward together.

We have witnessed challenging and prosperous times in our wonderful Fairhaven town. We have always come out stronger, united, and truly blessed to have a great town to live in for everyone. Your vote for the top-level job is precious, it must be earned by the candidates and not be taken for granted.

I am choosing those with strong financial and business leadership and knowledge. I would enjoy talking over coffee with anyone regarding my decisions, the progress of the Planning Board, town projects and

the successes of the other boards I serve on. Feel free to reach out to me and let's get a discussion going.

*Cathy Melanson, Fairhaven*

### Romano is Smart, Business Minded

My name is Amy Goyer. I live on Hedge Street with my son, who attends Hastings Middle School. I am writing this letter in support of Andrew Romano's candidacy for Fairhaven Select Board. I have known Andrew since my son was a toddler and Andrew was a student at Fairhaven High School. We met when I started getting my morning Diet Coke at Burger King. Andrew worked at the drive-through window and he was so smart, personable, and funny that we struck up a friendship.

I remember taking my son to Dunks one afternoon and seeing Andrew working there. I asked him if he had switched jobs and he informed me that he hadn't — he decided to pick up a second job — all while attending high school full-time (including a concentration in media).

Andrew eventually became a real

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## Candidate Statements: Board of Health



### Barbara Acksen

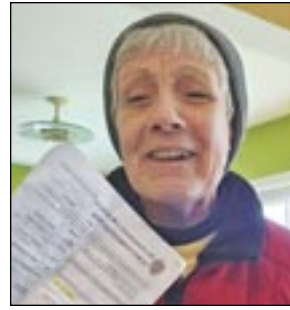
I am Barbara Acksen candidate for the Board of Health, and health care professional with nearly fifty years of experience. I previously served on the Board during the turbulent turbine years, and thus am familiar with how it functions. I also recognize the importance of the Board maintaining its independence in order to ensure the health and environment of the town.

I hold a doctorate in psychology and have served as a direct care practitioner, clinical administrator, professor, research scientist and consultant to various organizations, clinics and hospitals both locally and beyond.

I chaired Greater New Bedford Allies for Health and Wellness for nine years. Greater New Bedford Allies is a coalition of health, human services, government, clergy and others from the nine surrounding towns including Fairhaven, who work together in cooperation with the Department of Public Health to improve the quality of health in our area.

I believe my skills and training are a good fit with the needs of the Board. I also bring a long time resident's understanding of the town. I grew up here, still live in the house I grew up in with my partner Jules, two cats, and a cockatoo. I've long been active in town as a Trust

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### Sheila Dolan

I grew up in the house my grandfather, Patrick Sullivan, built. He arrived in Fairhaven in the late 1800s.

He was a gardener in Ireland and in town he worked for Henry Huttleston Rogers, later becoming his landscape foreman.

I moved to New Bedford and became a police officer. Before retirement I came back home and bought a house on Chestnut Street.

When I retired I worked at a veterinarian hospital for 18 years. In 2003 I started a pet sitting business, Auntie Sheila's Pet People.

Whether acting on behalf of the citizens as a police officer, the first woman on the Planning Board, serving on the Conservation Commission or appointed to the Finance Committee for a short time, and caring for animals; I devoted much time and energy to the town of Fairhaven. I would like to continue serving the public as a member of the Board of Health.

I have a proven record of upholding the health, safety and common interests of the residents.

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Thank you

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## SB: cont'd from page 4

Dr. Leavitt said he believed they did, and he thought that evening was for a public hearing.

Resident Bill Yukna reminded the board that West Island properties are taxed higher than other parts of town because of the water, and because "we have what we have," namely beautiful views and access to the water.

"Jack's Cove is a beautiful location," said Mr. Yukna.

He said the company can locate the upweller on land, it would just be more expensive, but it could be done.

"There is more than one solution," said Mr. Yukna.

Before they ended discussion to continue it to another meeting, Mr. Cox said he thought the residents had agreed that Jack's Cove would be a good spot when they left that meeting last year.

The residents answered with a resounding "no."

The matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

In the first action item, which had been added to the revised agenda at 9:10 a.m. on the same day of the meeting, Mr. Correy recused himself from

the discussion and left the room.

Attorney Jaime Kenny of Clifford & Kenny, the town's labor counsel, requested that the board authorize spending for a "private, confidential personnel matter."

She told the board that her firm needed to hire an outside Human Resources investigator to look into the matter. She said she felt it was not appropriate for her firm to handle it.

No details were provided about the person in question or the matter. Ms. Kenny said she did not know how much the investigation would cost. The board voted to approve the spending.

In another matter, the board did not approve a proposed candidates debate at Town Hall sponsored by SB member Keith Silvia and paid for by his election committee.

Mr. Silvia was not asking for any fee waivers, and the event would have cost \$400: \$150 for the rental fee, \$100 for the audio/camera, \$150 for the custodian. He recused himself and left the room for the discussion.

Board members voiced concerns on a number of issues, including that

campaign funds were being used; the use of town hall for a political event; the fact that only candidates for Select Board and Planning Board were invited; and that the written policy requires a 45-day notice.

Ms. Ellison said that the state campaign office said use of the funds was okay.

SB member Stasia Powers said she was concerned about safety in today's climate of "very passionate political views."

Resident Ann Richard said regardless of what the state said, she believed it was "quite the conflict of interest" for a sitting board member to sponsor that kind of event.

"It just feel like it's wrong," said Ms. Richard. "And I don't think it should happen."

Mr. Correy said the 45-day policy is the 45-day policy, and so it should not be approved.

In the end, two motions were suggested, but not made, so no action was taken.

*\*Editor Beth David has a beneficial interest in a property represented by Mr. Thomas.*



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### 23rd Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

**(pre-registration required by 3/19)**

Join us for the 23rd annual flashlight egg hunt. Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation center grounds. They will keep the treats inside and return the eggs to the Easter bunny for a special treat.

Don't forget to bring a camera (for Easter Bunny pictures) and a flashlight!! In the event of rain, our event will be held in the gym.

Date March 22nd Time 7:30pm Ages 10 and under. **No registrations accepted after March 19** and no registrations at the door. \$7 per child

### Kool Kids April Vacation

Embark on a thrilling school vacation program, tailored for grades K through 6 packed with an array of activities! Dive into active games, team sports, captivating art projects, exhilarating science challenges.

This is a 4 day program Tues-Fri 8am-3pm Pizza lunch on Friday.

April 16-19 \$160. for members \$175. for Non-members Register soon, this program fills up quickly

### Mommy & Me Movement & Sound

Must Pre-register!! Bring your little one(s) to a fun and inclusive series! Join Sara DaCosta in a yoga movement and sound experience with your toddler(s). We will circle up with some stretches and games on our mats as we move our bodies and find some balance. Our circle will close up with an opportunity to use sound instruments and enjoy a relaxing shavasana with our friends while receiving some sound healing. 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.

Members \$65. Non-members, \$75.  
March 22-April 26 10:30-11:30am  
(no class April 19th)

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Tech Classes

Computer and smartphone classes at COA call 508-979-4029. Next class on Mon., 3/18: Navigating the Google Photo app.

### Social Day Program

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

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

### Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$2. To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

### Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 3/20, Providence Place & Whole Foods; 3/27, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods; 4/3, Twin River Casino.; 4/10, Warwick Mall.

### Easter Dinner

Sun., 3/31. Join us for a lovely

Easter Dinner at the Fairhaven Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu is salad, baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter, assorted desserts.

**Please call to sign up by Wednesday, 3/22, 508-979-4029.**

### Memory Cafe

March 28, 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 1/23.

A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

Entertainment will be Tony & Pat. Lunch will be Turkey with gravy.

Space is limited. Please sign up by March 25 at 508-979-4029.

### Monday Movie Matinee

Free. Mon., 3/25 12:15 p.m. If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the day before to reserve a meal. \$2 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

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## Recipe of the Week

### Spanakopita (Greek Spinach Pie)

3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 bunch green onions, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 lbs spinach, rinsed & chopped  
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley  
1 cup crumbled feta cheese  
1/2 cup ricotta cheese  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten  
8 sheets phyllo dough  
1/4 cup olive oil, or as needed

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly oil a 9-inch square baking pan.

Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté chopped onion, green onions, and garlic in the hot oil until soft and lightly browned, about 5 mins.

Stir in spinach and parsley, and continue to sauté until spinach is limp, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool.

Mix feta cheese, ricotta cheese, and eggs in a medium bowl until well combined. Stir in spinach mixture.

Lay one sheet of phyllo dough in the prepared baking pan, and brush lightly with olive oil. Lay another sheet of phyllo dough on top and brush with olive oil. Repeat the process with two more sheets of phyllo dough; the sheets will overlap the pan.

Spread spinach and cheese mixture into the pan. Fold any overhanging dough over the filling. Brush with oil.

Layer the remaining 4 sheets of phyllo dough, brushing each with oil. Tuck overhanging dough into the pan to seal the filling.

Bake in preheated oven until golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes.

Cut into squares and serve hot.

## Dear Frankie

Thane



### The Election

Dear Frankie,  
Slick and Rufus are running for the dog park presidency. It is the most heated election we have ever had.

Slick, a newcomer, believes in strict rule adherence

and proposes setting up patrols to enforce an immediate fine and suspension for rule breakers.

Rufus, a park co-founder, sees less urgency. He proposes a three-step approach: 1. Inform the community of the rules; 2. Give a warning for a first offense; 3. Enforce a fine and suspension for a second offense.

Their public disagreements have unfortunately stirred up strong sentiments among the dogs, leading to unprecedented hostility and division.

This situation is particularly concerning as it has escalated to physical aggression in some cases. I fear some dogs may not accept the election outcome if their preferred candidate doesn't win. This turmoil is new to our park.

Any suggestions on how to address it would be appreciated.

Dear Thane,

While it may seem Slick and Rufus have divergent views, it's important to note that they both agree that a fine and suspension are necessary penalties for chronic rule breakers. The difference lies in the timing of these penalties. Slick advocates for immediate enforcement whereas Rufus recommends a three step approach.

I suggest you meet with both of them and start by pointing out where they agree and suggest that a compromise on the timing of enforcement might lessen the tension among parkgoers.

It's also worth reminding them that the president's primary role is to be a unifier and to advocate for rules for the good of the entire community, not just their supporters.

Best, Frankie

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## Letters from page 5

estate agent, married his husband, Myles, and started volunteering his time and expertise to the town.

When I decided to buy a new house in Fairhaven, I asked Andrew to work with me through the process. I could not have been more pleased with my choice. I ultimately found a wonderful house and put in an offer. The actual purchase took almost three months to process, due to probate and paperwork issues. The entire time, Andrew worked on my behalf to make the sale happen. He was there every step of the way, even down to calling to check on me and how I was doing (every day).

I found him to be smart, empathetic, and business minded. This is the combination I needed and now, I think this is the combination Fairhaven needs.

Andrew has impressed me at every turn. He is absolutely dedicated to the betterment of this town. He is business forward, with a keen eye for detail, and the willingness to put in the time necessary to get a job done.

I trust him completely to work doggedly to move Fairhaven into the future, while protecting the history and character of the town.

This is such a great place to live. Andrew will work tirelessly to keep it that way. I strongly endorse him for a seat on the Select Board.

*Amy Goyer, Fairhaven*

### **Pacheco is Caring, Reliable**

*Support Nicole Pacheco in Continuing the Work She has Started*

I would like to offer my support for Nicole Pacheco for the School Committee. I first met Nicole when our daughters were classmates in kindergarten at Wood School. They were fast friends, and we became so

as well.

Nicole is caring, reliable, and perfectly fit for the school committee. I wasn't surprised to learn she won the appointment against four other candidates via Zoom while on a cruise ship. Nicole always finds a way to be where she's needed, no matter the circumstances. She seamlessly juggles three children in various activities, sits on the board of a local nonprofit for children, and is part of the planning committees for year-end activities at her children's schools.

Nicole was raised in Fairhaven and has spent most of her adult life here as well, but despite being a local, she is an independent thinker with no allegiances that would impair her continuing to be a thoughtful school committee member. She always looks at issues through the lens of how they will affect our students and I can't imagine someone who would work more passionately for the well-being of every student in Fairhaven.

In her few short months on the school committee, she joined Planning for Success, Massachusetts's Recommended Strategic Planning and Continuous Improvement Process, and has completed all required training through the Massachusetts Associations for School Committees and has participated in several online workshops in order to grow her knowledge of how she can best support our students. It would be an understatement to say that she is committed.

Nicole is the kind of friend you keep on your emergency contact list for your children's schools, and you can count on her to send you pictures from school events if you can't make it. At any given time, you can find her home full of children — friends of her

daughters, neighbors, and family. She welcomes all, and these relationships help her keep a pulse on the issues our students face and what they need to grow into successful and well-adjusted adults. She is genuine and caring, and it would be advantageous for our town to have her continue her service.

*Anna Luckey, Fairhaven*

### **McKenna Supports Pacheco**

I am writing to strongly endorse the Candidacy of Nicole Pacheco for Fairhaven School Committee (3 year term seat).

I had the honor of working with Nicole the last few months on the Fairhaven School Committee and she has shown so much support for our School System. She is thoughtful, very polite and has shown much effort in the past months.

Nicole has the background and is very much qualified for a 3 year term seat, in which I am finishing my 3 year term of 12 wonderful years on the Committee.

I commend her for being willing to put herself up front and the time into our wonderful School System.

Nicole is a very good choice. I encourage all of you to Vote for Nicole Pacheco On April 1st.

*Donna McKenna, Fairhaven*

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# Candidate Statements: School Committee



## **Erik Baumann**

Members of the Fairhaven Community and Fellow Readers of the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*,

My name is Erik Baumann and I am requesting your support to represent a seat on the Town of Fairhaven's School Committee. I am running because I want to serve the community that my

family and I are so fortunate to be a part of and because ensuring access to a quality education is fundamental to our town, state, and country.

I have spent my career empowering students to define success and happiness on their terms. Education can change the world and my experiences working and collaborating with teachers, administrators, parents, and students to develop pathways to higher education have given me a unique perspective. Now, with two children enrolled in the Fairhaven Public Schools, I want to serve and help ensure that all students in Fairhaven have access to a world-class education.

When I think about what makes any community great, it is my belief that it begins with its citizens and their commitment to education, formal and otherwise. When we learn, we become stronger. When we communicate and work together, we become more connected. And when we face challenges with facts, data, and good policy, we improve our community.

I am not running to attack, decry, criticize, or condemn. I want to bring my knowledge and experience to the table and help develop policies and procedures that will give every student in Fairhaven the education they deserve.

If elected I will endeavor to work in concert with school administration, teachers, fellow school committee members, and you, the Fairhaven community, to ensure:

- a fully funded school budget that prioritizes students, faculty, and staff to have the tools and resources they need to succeed
- citizenship and community are cornerstones of a Fairhaven education
- barriers to student success are identified and addressed by the community
- a learning environment that helps students understand, ask questions, and think critically about the world around them

My family and I have been fortunate to build a life here in this amazing town. As Fairhaven faces the financial, social, and environmental challenges ahead of us, it is my hope that we can come together to use data driven policies to make Fairhaven, the place we all call home, better.

I look forward to meeting and discussing the issues with all of you because together we can build a brighter future for our children and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Erik Baumann, Candidate for Fairhaven School Committee*



## **Nicole Pacheco**

Fellow Fairhaven Residents,

My name is Nicole Pacheco, and I'm running to retain my position on the Fairhaven School Committee. I was appointed to this board in November after interviewing along with four other candidates applying for the position. I would love to continue the work I've started in

getting our children the best education experience we can provide. By bringing together teachers, parents, staff, and the community, we can continue the momentum of a school system that works for everyone.

I have three children, and next school year, they will be in high school, middle school, and preschool; to say that I am invested in the direction of education in our town is an understatement. I also have the experience of being a student at FPS myself from kindergarten to high school graduation. I had a fantastic experience and opportunities that prepared me for college and beyond, and I want that and more for ALL Fairhaven students.

Issues that are important to me include continuing to provide valuable resources to students and their families, collaborating with teachers, and keeping on with our work to make our schools safe.

I was home with my daughters during COVID-19 and understood the toll it took on them — the isolation and disruption of their schedules. Even though the immediate health crisis is over, we still need to support our students to get them back on track with learning and social-emotional development. I will work to strengthen and expand how we support our students in need through our schools, the Family Center, and the programs they offer, and will continue to assess how we can better help serve our students' needs.

My aunt was a teacher at several Fairhaven elementary schools, and I saw how much she truly loved her job. I see so much of that passion in our teachers today. I sit on a school subcommittee that allows me to meet with teachers and hear their ideas for supporting and expanding programs for all students. I plan to listen and advocate for what's needed to retain our teachers with that passion and support bringing their fresh ideas to our district.

I have seen firsthand how well our schools and administrators work with our first responders, and when I send my children to school, I believe they will return to me safely at the end of each day. I do not take that for granted and realize it is because of such a strong relationship between our schools and the Fairhaven Police and Fire departments. I am confident in their plans to keep our kids safe.

That's why I'm running to retain my position, and I would be honored to have your support on April 1st. I believe in the work being done and want to continue that for our kids.

You can contact me or find more information on my website: [PachecoForFairhaven.com](http://PachecoForFairhaven.com).

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# Candidate Statements: School Committee



## Colin Veitch

Hello, my name is Colin Veitch, and I have been fortunate to have enjoyed your trust and confidence for many years by serving our town on the School Committee.

I have lived and worked in Fairhaven for almost 30 years with four children who recently completed their educational careers in our system.

Our ability to work together for the common good on annual budgets and capital improvement projects is key to our success as a town and our committee.

After a long period of relative stability our committee has been going through a transition as experienced members have moved on to other roles. We have benefitted from our new members with their fresh perspective and eagerness to learn. Given our current challenges I feel it is important to maintain a mix of experience and new passion on the committee for the next three years as new members become experienced ones. This is a complicated role and requires time and deep knowledge of the issues to maximize the contribution of all six of us. The budget constraints now and forecasted for the near future require experience and a collaborative work ethic. I bring both qualities to the work of our School Committee. Our town is not alone and this is not the first time we have been here. There are ways to make this work for everyone and still benefit our children with the education they deserve.

I would like to take a few moments to call out some successes over the last few years, despite the headwinds.

We were one of the 5% of districts that were recently awarded the AP Access Award at the State House for expanding AP Exams to a more diverse population of students.

We also scored among the top ten for AP score success among the SouthCoast.

The Family Center at the middle school has been an important addition to the services offered to support students and their families, particularly those most in need. It is a sad reality that not all of our students have daily access to a bed to sleep in or a hot meal. Children need the basics in life in order to be ready to learn and become successful adults.

We have made significant achievements in increasing grant funding across several programs. Increasing grant funding allows for more services for our children without additional burden to the tax payer.

My work life is centered around providing quality products and excellent service. I have always applied that same work ethic to my time in service to our town.

My role as a father has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and to have the chance to extend my involvement in my children's lives in this way has been an amazing addition.

Please vote for me on April 1st. It would be an honor to continue to serve.

Thank you.

## SC: Unexpired One-Year Term



## Brendalee Smith

My name is Brendalee Smith, and I am running unopposed for the 1-year seat on the Fairhaven School Committee. It is an honor to serve our community as an advocate for collaborative communication, academic growth, and budgetary responsibility. I am confident as we work together for the betterment of

our students, we will cultivate a process of change that builds a bridge from ordinary to exceptional!

Together with parents, students, and educators we can facilitate a momentum of learning proficiency through:

- Understanding preferred learning styles to maximize hands-on academics, build self-confidence, and enhance decision making.
- Student surveys that measure social anxiety and self-assurance.
- Improve student achievements through strength-based coaching and mentoring programs with business owners, professionals, and leaders in our community.
- Connect learning in the classroom to practical life skills through student led volunteer opportunities.
- Curriculum that propels students to achievements beyond the classroom.
- Safe and supportive learning environments that instill a sense of security.
- An ample number of educators that are the best and brightest in their field.
- Provide ongoing professional development specific to classroom strengths and challenges.
- Competitive compensation.

My background and experience:

- Founder, President, and CEO: Proven record for success in the development of global patented technology revolutionizing the delivery and quality of liquid crystal display (LCD) technology. Extensive knowledge in building strong relationships, work teams, corporate budgeting, and project management methodologies.
- Director of Community Development: Skilled in managing and developing staffing in the design, development, and delivery of individualized solutions for strength-based wellness programs for individuals affected by homelessness. Committed to providing support and resources of appropriate care to prevent and end homelessness in our communities.
- Founder of Preventative Education Solutions: Broad knowledge of education methods specific to a range of learning styles. Designed, developed, and executed comprehensive safeguard tools with focus on vulnerable in-person and online communications for students in Kindergarten-College with an emphasis on reducing acts of aggression on our students.
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Coordinator: Provided and managed resources and training for CSEC protocols to MDT partners, RI School Superintendents and Principals, and School Resource Officers. Coordinated

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and maintained operational relationships with the Attorney General's Office, RI State Police, FBI, Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Hasbro Children's Hospital, social service agencies and academic institutions.

With all of my combined experience and love for education, I know my skills and qualifications are an ideal match to an outstanding committee. I currently serve on Town Meeting and the Charter Commission.

The best part of my life are my four incredible children

and three beautiful grandchildren who reside all around the United States. They are genuine adventurers and pioneers! I am overjoyed that they have all taken courageous efforts to become their best selves.

Fairhaven is filled with generations of extraordinary people who work hard, are self-reliant and are devoted to their family and friends. I cannot think of a more rewarding opportunity than to replicate these values as a member of our school committee!

## Participate in Fairhaven Economic Development Survey

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Economic Development Committee and the Planning & Economic Development Director are asking Fairhaven residents to let them know what kind of businesses they would like to see in town. The town has been circulating a survey online and in town with one question: "What types of new businesses would you like to see in Fairhaven." Residents can name a specific brand or just the business type, i.e., clothing store, jewelry shop etc.

EDC chairperson Cathy Melanson said people have strong opinions about what kinds of businesses they would like to see in town. Instead of

sending it out to the social media void, residents can actually make their opinions known.

However, she stressed, the town cannot order a business to locate in the town, or keep one out.

"We can call. But they look at the demographics," she said, and they have their own priorities and requirements.

She is hoping, however, that if there is enough interest in a certain kind of business, or even a specific brand, that maybe she can use that information to help persuade a business to take a closer look at Fairhaven.

The town can regulate how a building is built and the landscaping

and other details, but it cannot tell a landlord what kind of businesses to lease to, within certain parameters, of course.

She said her committee is also committed to the businesses that are already in town. the EDC is going to host another networking event for businesses on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center Street. The event will allow business owners to meet each other, present concerns to town officials, and hear from a representative from MassHire.

The first one, held last November, was a great success, said Ms. Melanson.

"It was wonderful," she said,

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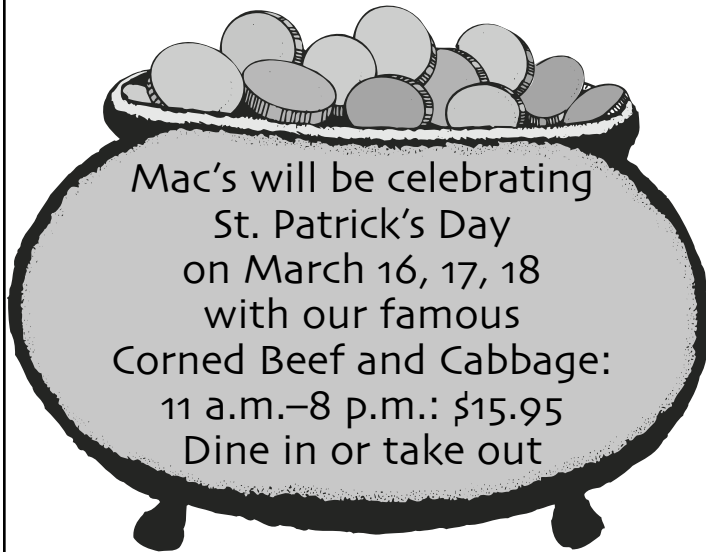
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## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, March 26th, 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 #2024.02.20B** A continuance of the 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.
2. **Case #2024.03.26A** A case of Cathy and David Makuch, of 203 Leonard Street, who are appealing the Board due to a decision made by the Building Commissioner concerning 197 Leonard Street and a business certificate issued to Chase DeTerra in August 2023. This grievance is being made under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A section 8, 14, & 15.

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Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-024-008: 26 Rivet Street, Map 31A, Lots 51 & 52. Applicant and Owner: Ryan Haworth. Applicant seeks a 4 ft. Variance to build a 576 sq. ft. garage with a height of 24 ft. as compared to the maximum 20 ft., pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and Uses A. (2).
2. REF#: ZBA-024-009: 29 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 119. Applicant and Owner: 29 Nakata Ave. Realty

Trust. Applicant seeks 1. A 3.75 ft. Variance for the construction of a new 26 ft. by 42 ft. single-family residence on a flood zone compliant concrete pile foundation to be 38.75 ft. in height as compared to the maximum 35 ft., pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, and 2. An 8 ft. Variance for the north side setback to be 12 ft. as compared to the minimum 20 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, and 3. A 7.5 ft. Variance the south side setback to be 12.5 ft. as compared to the minimum 20 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule, and 4. A 20.5 ft. Variance for the rear setback to be 9.5 ft. as compared to the minimum 30 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Kenneth Kendall, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 3/14/24, 3/21/24

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

In accordance with MGL c. 40A, § 11, notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on **Tuesday March 26, 2024**, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and [fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com). To Join the Meeting from home **Log on to:**

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call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -  
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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on proposed revisions to the Town of Fairhaven Bylaws:

Make administrative changes, clarifications and

corrections to §65-1 & §65-3 (Planning Board), §198-15.C.(2) (Use Regulations), §198-19.B (Fences), §198-29.A(5) and B (Special Permit for Certain intensive nonresidential & multifamily site developments), §198-29.6.F and G(8) (Solar facilities), §198-33 (Definition and word use); §316 (Procedural Rules); §322 (Subdivision of Land)

Revise §198-16 (Use Regulations) and §198-32.1 (Accessory dwelling units) to make accessory dwelling units by-right. Revise §198-16 by adding health care, shipping containers, and storage units as uses and allowing body art establishments, artist studio/gallery, accessory apartment to a business, and semi detached dwelling by right in certain zoning districts. Revise §198-27.C(1) to allow parking in a setback in certain zoning districts. Revise §198-16 (Use Regulations) and §198-32.2 (Docks and Piers) to allow docks and piers by-right. Delete §306-1 (Fee schedule of Planning Board charges). Repeal and Replace § 198-31.1 and §322-26 with an amended §194 Stormwater Management Bylaw.

Copies of the revisions are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the revisions call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8122 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-economic-development/pages/zoning-by-law-update>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board  
FNN: 3/7/24 & 3/14/24

## Town of Acushnet Invitation to Bid

The Town of Acushnet, MA seeks to replace the Police Department server that consolidates data center technologies into a single platform. Provider must be willing to work with the Police Department's existing technology vendor(s) as well as the Town's IT Department. Project to be completed in a timely fashion.

The Town of Acushnet will accept sealed bids addressed to: Chief of Police, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743 until 10:30AM on March 14, 2024. At that time, the bids will be publicly opened and read. All questions must be submitted no later than March 11, 2024 (3 days prior to close of bid) by 12PM. Email [bos@acushnet.ma.us](mailto:bos@acushnet.ma.us) for full bid information.

FNN, 3/14/24

## ACKSEN: cont'd from page 6

Commissioner, Cable Advisory, Chair, and Town Meeting member, and in non-profits that benefit the town.

It has been my honor to serve as head of the Fairhaven Improvement Association for multiple terms and work with like minded people to foster meaningful traditions in town that bind us together as a community and help us through difficult times.

Despite the shutdown of Covid being past, we are still left with residual health issues such as low vaccine rates for diseases such as measles, high incidence of respiratory viruses and a terrible mental health toll on our children. Food and restaurant management also are still feeling effects. The Board must respond to these as well as environmental issues such as air and water quality, waste management, the impact of extreme weather on our coast

and insect control. Another concern is the Avian Flu in Bristol County which poses hazards to chickens and outside fowl.

The Board functions to regulate and inform the public about these issues as well as listening to residents' concerns.

As a member of the Board of Health I would work to inform you about health safety issues, and enforce regulations designed to protect the public. I would work to keep the Board accessible and open and provide a respectful forum for all residents and businesses who come before the Board.

I care deeply about your health and safety and will work diligently on your behalf. I ask for your vote April 1st.

## EDC: cont'd from page 14

adding that the town worked with a couple of businesses to resolve some issues they learned about during that event.

Ms. Melanson noted the town has a deficit and how important growth is for the town.

"We need to grow in a responsible way," she said.

Planning & Economic Development Director Paul DiGiuseppe agreed that the idea is to get some information they can take to different companies.

"It just helps gives us leverage," he said, to be able to say the town conducted a survey. "It tells us who we should be targeting to fill some of the vacant spaces in town."

He said they want to hear from as many people as possible.

A link to the survey is on the home page of the town website, <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov> or visit <https://tinyurl.com/EDCFairhaven>

If you don't have access to a computer, a survey card will be available for you next to a box outside the Town Clerk's office, in the Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.

The survey ends March 31, 2024.

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS

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us for some fun. Email manager@mattlandtrust.org with any questions.

## Arsenic & Old Lace

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present *Arsenic & Old Lace*, written by Joseph Kesserling and directed by Donn Tyler. Remaining dates are March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:30pm, while the Sunday matinee will begin at 2:00pm. At the MAC, 80 Pleasant St., Marion.

Tickets are on sale now for MAC

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members (\$20) and go on sale to nonmembers (\$23) on February 15; tickets can be purchased online at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events). The MAC is a participant in Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program, in collaboration with the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, and the Massachusetts Health Connector, by broadening accessibility to cultural programming. Learn more about the MAC's free or low cost ticket offerings at [marionartcenter.org/about](http://marionartcenter.org/about).

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Board of Public Works**  
Mon., 3/18, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

**Charter Committee**  
Thurs., 3/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Commission on Disability**  
Thurs., 3/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**  
Mon., 3/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Finance Committee/Select Board**

Wed., 3/20, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

**Marine Resources Comm.**  
Thurs., 3/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

**Select Board**  
Mon., 3/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Appeals**  
Tues., 3/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Housing Authority**  
Wed., 3/20, Nate Gomes Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

**Selectboard**  
Tues., 3/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	March 2024		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	14	1155	---	0516*	1718*		
Friday	15	0025	1252	0602	1802*		
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Sunday	17	0222	1450	0953	2052		
Monday	18	0320	1551	1113	2323		
Tuesday	19	0425	1702	---	1212		
Wednesday	20	0532	1803	0023	1259		
Thursday	21	0624	1847	0110	1340		
Friday	22	0704	1923	0153	1417		
Saturday	23	0740	1958	0230	1440		
Sunday	24	0815	2034	0245	1359		
Monday	25	0852	2110	0221	1417		
Tuesday	26	0930	2147	0248	1448		
Wednesday	27	1008	2225	0321	1522*		
Thursday	28	1046	2305	0356*	1558*		
Friday	29	1127	2349	0432*	1635*		
Saturday	30	---	1216	0510	1714*		
Sunday	31	0042	1313	0555	1802		

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.

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# Claire Carter is turning 100

By Beth David  
Editor

They mostly call her “Nana,” the grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even a few others.

Claire Carter of Fairhaven is just a day shy of 100 years old as we publish, and her loved ones made a properly big to-do about it on Sunday, 3/10/24. With a police escort, about 50 cars left Fort Phoenix to drive by the house on Green Street that Ms. Carter has lived in since 1953. They blew horns, hung out the windows, and held signs.

Claire was surprised by the celebration, although she must have sensed something was up when her daughter, Meg Aurelio, got her sitting in the doorway.

Claire waved and laughed and called out to people as they drove by. Some got out and gave her a hug. Someone even had bubbles blowing out the window.

Claire’s daughter, Ann daRosa, said they wanted to do something that included a lot of people, but that would not be too tiring.

“I think she’ll enjoy this,” she said.

The parking lot at Fort Phoenix included nieces, nephews, grandchildren, in-laws, friends, with many cars decorated.

Her brother, David Duvall, said Claire is 16 years older than he is, and she is his Godmother.



Birthday girl Claire Carter is joined by her daughters (L-R) Meg Aurelio and Ann daRosa after about 50 cars joined a drive-by celebration on 3/10/24, for Claire’s 100th birthday on 3/15. Photo by Beth David.

“She’s wonderful, wonderful,” said Mr. Duvall, adding the new pastor went by the house to give her a birthday blessing.

Friends Sara Lamarre, Tove Perry, and Martha Aiello said they were good friends with Claire and the family, and wanted to be part of the celebration.

Great grandchildren Tessie and Ella held signs wishing their “Nana” a happy birthday. Their friend Evelyn joined them in the fun. They said they

enjoy visiting Nana, and especially appreciate her candy.

At the house, a very animated Nana waved and pointed to the cars, laughing and calling out as she sat in the front doorway.

“I feel like I’m 90,” she said. “I’m lucky.”

She said it was definitely a surprise.

“I like it. I got a lot of surprises lately,” she said, and a lot of attention.

But would she give up her secret to living a long and happy life?

“Hang in there,” she said. “You take what comes.”

Any advice to the young’uns out there?

“No advice,” she said. “Just go with the flow.”

A that point, someone handed her some flowers.

“Oh boy,” she said with a big smile. “I love flowers.”

Ms. Carter was also recognized at the Select Board meeting on 3/11/24 with a certificate that her daughter accepted.

“In celebration of your 100th Birthday on March 15, 2024 The Town recognizes and honors your wisdom and experiences as you lived, worked and raised your family in Fairhaven,” reads the certificate. “May your day be filled with joy and surrounded by loved ones as you reflect on a century of memories.”



ABOVE, L-R: Great Granddaughters Tessie and Ella, and their friend, Evelyn, hold up the signs they made to hold in the window of the car during the drive-by celebration on 3/10/24 for Claire Carter who is turning 100 years old on 3/15/24. ABOVE RIGHT: Grandson Max holds a birthday sign out the window of the car during the drive-by. BELOW RIGHT: People throw kisses and wave to Claire Carter during the drive-by celebration. Photos by Beth David.





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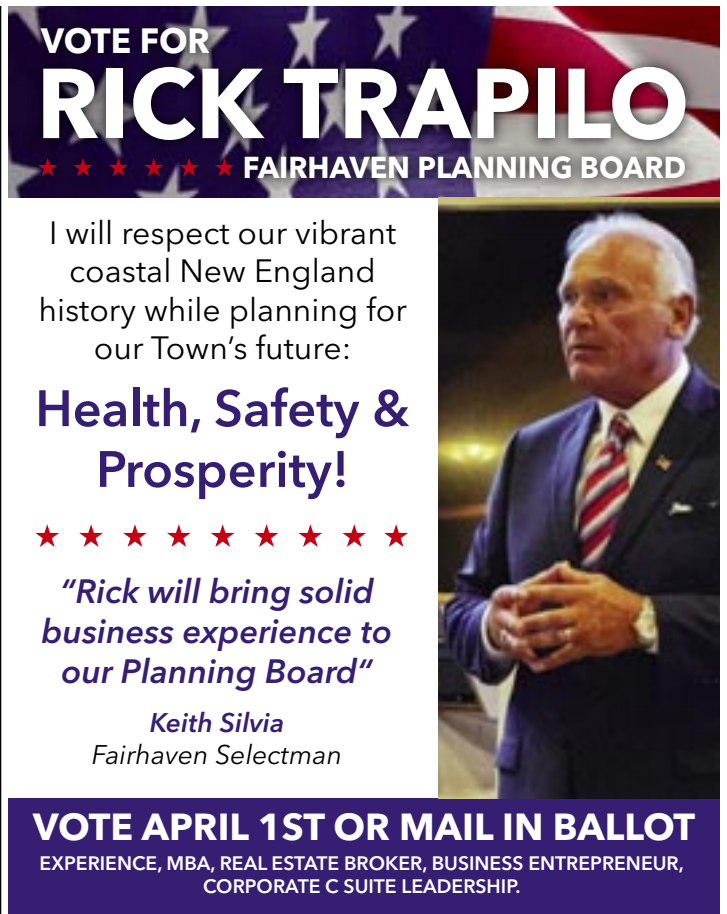
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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Dollars 4 Scholars

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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.

### Fort Phoenix Flag

Please be informed that our Veterans Service Officer is aware of the damaged flag at Fort Phoenix and is actively working to replace it at the earliest opportunity. Regrettably, unforeseen weather conditions and staff illness have caused a delay. We sincerely appreciate your patience and the passion with which Fairhaven residents have brought this matter to our attention.

### Help Daycare

It Takes a Village daycare, and owner Katie Aiello-Gonzalez are asking for help from the community after sophisticated scammers took \$8,000 from their account, which is a lot for a small operation.

To read more about the scam and how it worked, visit their GoFundMe page at <https://tinyurl.com/yj5ezuxj>

Or find them on Facebook.

### Economic Dev. Surv.

FAIRHAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WANTS YOUR OPINIONS!

Only one question ..... Please complete the survey only once!

PLEASE TELL US THE TYPES OF NEW BUSINESSES YOU'D LIKE IN FAIRHAVEN

You can name a specific brand or

just the business type you would like, i.e., clothing store, jewelry shop etc...

A link for the survey question will be embedded on a banner on the home page of the town website, <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov> or visit <https://tinyurl.com/EDCFairhaven>

If you don't have access to a computer, a survey card will be available for you next to a box outside the Town Clerk's office, in the Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.

The survey ends March 31, 2024.

Thank you for participating.

### Candidates Night

Your questions are welcome. See page 3 for details.

### Free Gov't Class

The Millicent Library is pleased to announce a free class, "Understanding American Government," Federal and State Governments, Elections, and Democracy. This class is designed to provide citizens with a comprehensive understanding of State and Federal Governments and how they interact with one another. This informative and engaging course will cover fundamental topics including separation of powers, political parties, electoral process, and more.

This course will be led by local attorney and Fairhaven resident, Ellen Nelson. Ellen has a Bachelors of Arts degree in History and Political Science from the University of Mass. and a Juris Doctor from the Cardozo School of Law in New York. She has taught classes on government and introduction to law at community colleges and privately.

The course will be held on Saturdays, 1:30 to 2:30 from March 16 through March 30, at the Millicent, 45 Center St., Walnut Street entrance.

FREE, but registration for the course is strongly recommended. To register go to [MillicentLibrary.org/Registration](https://MillicentLibrary.org/Registration), Email [Millicent@SailsInc.org](mailto:Millicent@SailsInc.org) or call 508-992-5342.

### Fhvn GOP

Please consider joining the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee. March 21st at 6pm at 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven.

We will have a lot of post election news to discuss and exciting new campaign news to announce. Call Chair Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416

or email us [fairhavenrtc@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenrtc@gmail.com)

### Food Drive

The Fairhaven Belonging Committee and Rotary Club are supporting a community food drive ending on April 6. This year donations will go to the school department's Family Resource Center, Council on Aging in Fairhaven, and the First Congregational Church food pantry in Fairhaven. Looking for non-perishables ONLY. Nut butters, jelly, pasta, pasta sauces, mac & cheese, cereals are frequent needs. Toiletries welcome.

Look for donation boxes and drives around town or drop off at the COA, 229 Huttleston Ave., on April 6th 9a-1p. For more information or to join with a box or drive of your own contact [belonging@fairhaven.gov](mailto:belonging@fairhaven.gov) or [Ruby0918@comcast.net](mailto:Ruby0918@comcast.net).

Volunteers are welcome to help sort items on 4/6.

### Nominate a Crossing Guard

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), through its Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, is encouraging the public to nominate a crossing guard for recognition for the 2024 Crossing Guard Appreciation Campaign.

Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wed., 3/20, Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, when schools and students are encouraged to show in their own way how much they appreciate their Crossing Guards.

The nomination form, a printable Thank You Card, and promotional flyers are all available on the SRTS website (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safe-routes-to-school-crossing-guard-resources#crossing-guard-appreciation>) in the Engagement section. Schools must be SRTS partners in order for their Crossing Guards to be eligible.

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Fhvn Village Militia

Come and meet the Fairhaven Village Militia at our meet and greet event on Sat., 3/23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Fairhaven EMA Building, 150 Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven.

A free indoor educational event outlining Fairhaven's history during

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## STILL IN TOWN

the Revolutionary War era. Meet our re-enactors, and see demonstrations of colonial life including midwifery, colonial clothing and sewing, tin smithing, and other period happenings. There will be a children's area where kids can try out colonial toys and games that children enjoyed at that time. If the weather permits, we may have an outside encampment and drilling. This is a great event for the young and old alike. Come see this living history event.

### Beach Cleanup

Be The Solution to Pollution is sponsoring a cleanup on Hacker Street in Fairhaven on 3/23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Wear closed-toe waterproof shoes or boots. Meet at the end of Hacker Street Fairhaven

Gloves, bags tools provided. Contact: Instagram: marylou4oceans, or bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com

### Coffehouse

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven invites you to a concert by SloGrass, one of Central Massachusetts' longest-performing bluegrass bands, from 7 to 9 p.m. March 23.

SloGrass plays an eclectic mix of instrumental and vocal bluegrass songs. Besides bluegrass, the musicians draw on a repertoire of blues, jazz, folk, American Songbook, Americana, world music, and originals.

Bob Dick on bass, Mark Whiting Davis on steel-string guitar, David DiBiasio on banjo, dobro and nylon-string guitar, and Fran McConville on mandolin make up the band. To learn more, visit [www.slograss.com](http://www.slograss.com).

All seats are first-come, first-served. Doors open at 6. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids under 15. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be

available for purchase. To buy tickets, text a request to 717-462-0411.

The parish house at 102 Green St. is accessible via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit [uufairhaven.org](http://uufairhaven.org).

### Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites you to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., 3/30, at Livesey Park, Parker Street, Fairhaven, 9 a.m. SHARP.

Children from toddler to 12 are invited to participate. Categories are: Toddler to age 4, 5-8, 9-12.

Bring your Easter basket and come out to welcome the Easter Bunny.

### Hetty

The Fairhaven Historical Society presents "Hetty, The Genius and Madness of America's First Female Tycoon," by Charles Slack, writer, editor and author. At Fairhaven Town Hall, Thurs., 4/4, 6:30 p.m. Donations accepted.

### FHS Drama Musical

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is excited to present this year's spring musical, *The Prom*, where four eccentric Broadway stars are in desperate need of a new stage. When they hear that trouble is brewing around a small-town prom, they know that it's time to put a spotlight on the issue...and themselves. The town's parents want to keep the high school dance on the straight and narrow—but when Emma Nolan just wants to bring her girlfriend to prom, the entire town has a date with destiny. On a mission to transform lives, Broadway's brassiest join forces with a courageous girl and the town's citizens to build a prom for everyone.

Winner of the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical, *The Prom* expertly captures all the humor and heart of a classic musical comedy with a message that resonates with audiences now more than ever.

*The Prom* will be performed at Fairhaven High School on April 4th, 5th and 6th at 7PM, with a matinee on April 7th at 2PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$10 for FHS students (ID will be required at the door). Tickets are assigned seating and can be purchased at the link below, as well as in person before each performance. For more information, please email [mrebello@fairhavenps.net](mailto:mrebello@fairhavenps.net). Visit <https://fairhaven-public-schools.ticketleap.com/the-prom>

### OLOA Dinner

Our Lady of Angel Annual Dinner, Sat., 4/27, 5-8 p.m., at OLOA, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Tickets: \$15.

Call Joe Mello, 508-733-4608, and leave a message for tickets.

### 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](http://westisland5k.org)). Registration is open at <https://my.racewire.com/event/7782>.

Please email Lyle at [westisland5k@yahoo.com](mailto:westisland5k@yahoo.com) if you want to sponsor the race or volunteer.

Volunteers are needed on Sat., April 20, 2-4pm at the West Island Improvement Association to support registration, number pick-up, and course setup. On Sun., 4/21 (race day), we will need help 8am-12pm to support registration, number pick-up, Kids Mile setup/execution, awards setup, and site cleanup.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### NB Half Marathon

On Sunday, 3/17, thousands of runners will once again participate in the Annual New Bedford Half Marathon. The race is hosted by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the City of New Bedford. The course is a challenging one that includes two major hills, while featuring waterfront views and hundreds of volunteers and cheering fans lining roadways downtown along the loop route,

which starts and ends on Pleasant Street near City Hall.

The New Bedford Police Department has asked runners and spectators not to bring bags to the course, as backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags will not be permitted near the start/finish area.

Residents are advised to plan ahead, as traffic will be restricted from about 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Police encourage residents who live in the

south end of the city, especially those who live on the peninsula, to plan to leave for any necessary travel before 10:30 a.m. and return after 1:30 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to avoid Route 18 southbound from Union Street while the race is underway.

The City of New Bedford will offer complimentary parking at the Elm Street and Zeiterion garages.

The entire New Bedford community is involved in welcoming the

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## STILL OVERTOWN

runners and their friends and families. New Bedford is a great place to shop, dine and explore before and after the race. Please visit [www.destinationnewbedford.org](http://www.destinationnewbedford.org) for more information.

For more information on the race and race day activities please visit: [www.newbedfordhalfmarathon.com](http://www.newbedfordhalfmarathon.com).

### Celebrate Herstory

Join the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB, for AHA! Night this Thurs., 3/14, at 6:00pm to learn about *Herstory*, an intergenerational oral history project pairing high school and college students with older women with ties to New Bedford's fishing community. Meet project participants and hear stories from the working waterfront, past and present. Light refreshments will be provided. Learn more at <https://new-bestfortunes.life/?u=51twmwc&o=g6lpqzk&cid=cnokh3ajvq3f1155r1bg>

### Dock-u-mentary

Our final Dock-u-mentary film screening of the Fall/Winter series will be held this Fri., 3/15. *Saving New England Fisheries* is a 2016 film that explores the rise and fall of the Atlantic Cod fishery in the Gulf of

Maine, and follows the fishermen, scientists, and restaurateurs who are fighting to save this famous New England species. 56 minutes.

Dock-u-mentaries are free and are hosted in the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park auditorium (33 William Street). Doors open at 6:30pm.

### Scholarships

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is offering two \$2000 scholarships to residents of the Greater New Bedford area who are high school seniors graduating in June and who are planning to attend a four year college and pursue a career in horticulture, agriculture, landscape design, agriculture design, forestry, conservation or environmental design.

The goals of The GNB Garden Club are to offer educational and inspirational programs and to encourage the advancement of gardening, flower arranging, horticulture, the beautification of the community and the conservation of natural resources. Scholarships are given out every year as a way to support these objectives.

The scholarship applications are available to high school seniors in the guidance offices of New Bedford High School, Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Vocational

Technical Regional HS, Dartmouth HS, Westport HS, Old Rochester HS, Old Colony Regional HS, Bishop Stang HS, Global Learning HS and Bristol County Agricultural HS.

The deadline for applications and required paperwork is April 1, 2024 and must be postmarked by that date.

For further information, contact [virginiasheehan427@comcast.net](mailto:virginiasheehan427@comcast.net).

### Free from the Z

*360 Degrees For The Culture*, Sat., 3/16, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. Venue: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., New Bedford MA 02740. Free workshops in basketball, breakdancing, graffiti, extreme hip hop. Dance party at 1:30 p.m. Free pizza.

This event is FREE and open to the public, but pre-registration is appreciated. Please request tickets for each member of your party.

After completing your registration, check your confirmation email for a coupon code for 20% off of tickets to the 360 ALLSTARS performance on Sunday, March 17th!

*Please do not purchase tickets anywhere online other than [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org). All other sites are unauthorized re-sellers who may inflate the ticket price or sell non-existent tickets.*

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

### Mattapoisett GOP

The Mattapoisett Republican Party welcomes all to join us on Thurs., 3/21, from 6 to 8:00 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.

This month's guest speaker is Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr. He is the 30th High Sheriff of Plymouth County and leader of perhaps the oldest law enforcement agency in America. The Plymouth County Sheriff office strives to be an integral part of public safety systems providing vital communications services to our emergency medical systems, local fire, and police departments. In the name of public safety, please join us to learn about and discuss new ideas to make a difference for all of us.

Guest speaker begins at 7:00 pm,

Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett. There is always good food, good people, and a cash bar.

For info: Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, [PCMattGOP@proton.me](mailto:PCMattGOP@proton.me); Mail: 82 County Road PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; Website: [MattapoisettGOP.com](http://MattapoisettGOP.com). Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

### Benefit Dinner

Join us at a benefit dinner for Ashlin and her family as she battles colon cancer. Sat., 3/16, 5:30-10 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road (Rte 6), Mattapoisett. Please consider donating, going or grabbing a meal. Featuring DJ, raffles, cash bar.

Sponsored by St. Joseph School.

### Clothing/Toy Sale!

Gently used clothing for the entire family, toys & jigsaw puzzles. All at bargain prices.

Fri., March 15, 1-7 pm Sat., March 16, 9 am-1 pm fill a bag for \$3.

St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth. Sponsored by the Ladies Guild

### Leprechaun Loot Hike

Mattapoisett Land Trust is leading a Leprechaun Loot Hike again this year! After school on Friday March 15th, join MLT at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. parking area (Angelica Ave.) from 3:00-4:00pm. We're setting off to find where the leprechauns have hidden their loot ahead of this St. Patrick's Day. We'll take a short hike through the woods searching for gold (of the chocolate variety). Please RSVP on our events page so the leprechauns know how much gold to hide: [mattlandtrust.org/events](http://mattlandtrust.org/events). Dress accordingly for the weather and join

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