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Troop 11 holds Eagle Scout Court of Honor for 3



Members of Boy Scout Troop 11, Acushnet, pose for the camera with three new Eagle Scouts (FRONT, L-R), Noah Dionne, Aaron Palhota, Matthew Tripp, after the Eagle Scout ceremony held at the Acushnet Council on Aging on 4/6/24. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Sam Simoes.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We've got lots of fun stuff for you this week, starting with our cover story.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is no easy task. It takes real commitment. But Acushnet's Troop 11 just got three new Eagle Scouts. See page 12 for details.

The Fairhaven Select Board met for the first time after the election. See page 4 for details on that, including the swearing in of some Junior Deputy Tree Wardens. Let's hope the younger generation will learn to love trees and protect our street trees and our town's magnificent tree canopy.

We had a touch of the eclipse this week, too (see page 14). Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get out there myself to get a shot of the actual eclipse. But, somehow, it's kind of fun, though, to see pictures of my neighbors all looking at the sun with their special glasses.

We also have news on a shed fire (see page 11); a food drive (see page 13); and an author talk about a Hetty Green book (see page 13). The Hetty talk filled up the auditorium, including the balcony. We even got a couple of letters (see page 8) about how great that talk was.

There's otehr stuff in here, of course. The events of the season are really starting to pick up (pages 5, 6, 7). Keep an eye on our Happenings pages because every week there's new stuff happening, including some Earth Day stuff soon...the May stuff...then...SUMMER! Oh, wow, am I ready or what?

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Until next week then, see ya

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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Nothing? Really? Cool.

AHA! Celebrates Earth Day with annual parade

Press Release

Ever wonder what a creature from the “Plasticine Era” might look like? Or a wardrobe containing repurposed marine debris? Now is your chance, during the annual Earth Eve Parade, which kicks off AHA! Night on Thursday, April 11th, celebrating our Sustainable South Coast. The parade, beginning with the crowning of Mother Earth and Father Ocean at 5:15 pm at the corner of Market and Pleasant Streets, will proceed throughout historic downtown New Bedford and is just one of many interactive and planet-friendly activities that will take place that evening.

Hip-hop artist and author Tem Blessed is returning to MC the parade festivities and will crown Mother Earth and Father Ocean 2024 by presenting them with unique scepters created by former Mother Earth Diana Painter. Chosen by the Greater New Bedford Earth Eve Committee for their exceptional stewardship towards the natural environment, Jennifer Smith, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Superintendent, will be Mother Earth,

and Robert Shaheen, New Bedford Public Schools, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, will be Father Ocean.

Jen and Rob will lead marchers and their eco-float creations (fossil fuels for locomotion are prohibited) along the procession route. The route begins at Market and Pleasant Street and continues to William Street, going East until Acushnet Avenue. From there, the parade will turn right toward Union and make its way West, up Union, returning to Pleasant and Market Streets for closing remarks.

Parade highlights include the “Sea Monster: Creature of the Plasticine Era,” created from more than 30,000 collected nip bottles by Rebecca McGee Tuck, the visiting CVPA artist for sculpture and sustainability in collaboration with UMass Dartmouth sculpture professor Stacy Savage and multiple volunteers and students. A Marine Debris Float, comprised of climate-conscious individuals standing against plastic pollution, attired in wearable art pieces from ocean trash and debris. The float was the brainchild of New Bedford

Whaling National Historical Park marine debris artist-in-residence Elaine Alder.

Visitors can take in a comprehensive assortment of experiences outside the parade by following the yellow AHA! flags. AHA! events, some of which begin at 4 p.m. and mainly conclude by 8 p.m., offer something for people of all ages to enjoy. There will be art exhibitions, craft making, poetry reading, and plenty of music experiences, for example:

- Live music and poetry in honor of the planet
- Garden-centric craft events
- Wampanoag educators gathering
- Art gallery & exhibit experiences

Free parking is available at the Elm Street Garage. Check here for a complete list of AHA! events and activities Thursday night. Everyone is encouraged to check back regularly as more events get added daily. Printed lists can be found at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitors Center and the New Bedford Free Public Library on the day of the event.

Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/>



UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

Worship at 10 a.m. Sundays

April 14: “I-Church”

Nursery care in Harrop Center starting at 9:45 a.m. Children welcome at service.

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Powers is chair of new SB; FLUPSY fails to pass

By Beth David
Editor

At the first meeting of the Fairhaven Select Board after the 4/1/24 election, members chose Stasia Powers as Chair, Charlie Murphy as Vice Chair, and new member Andrew Saunders as Clerk.

The board held a public hearing on the floating upweller system (FLUPSY) proposed by Blue Stream Shellfish that had been originally scheduled for 3/11, but had to be rescheduled because it was not properly listed on the agenda as a public hearing.

Residents of West Island turned out in force to oppose the project, although a couple of residents spoke to support the company.

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, just west of West Island Marina.

Blue Stream co-owner Dale Leavitt told the board he was hoping to place the FLUPSY in that spot to grow oysters from a smaller size than he is able to grow at the aquaculture farm he has in Nasketucket Bay. The 2 millimeter seed

will stay in the FLUPSY until they are 15–20 mm, then they will be moved to the farm as part of the regular farming operation.

He said the location has enough water, even at low tide, and will protect the upweller from the winds. It will be in the water for the summer season.

The system uses solar panels for power and requires daily visits to remove any algae or other obstructions to the screens. He said they have to pay close attention to it or the tiny oysters will die. The operation also has to be approved by the Department of Marine Fisheries.

West Island resident Bill Yukna handed out printed material to the board members. He said the site that Dr. Leavitt runs, which is across the street adjacent to Hoppy's Landing on Goulart Memorial Drive, is littered with commercial material, and is actually worse than it has been in years. Mr. Yukna said a hurricane could push the materials into water.

Mr. Yukna said Town Beach is a "magnificent site" and "this is what everyone passes as they see what we have to offer."

He suggested that Dr. Leavitt put the upweller on land on his existing

commercial property.

Other residents echoed the sentiment that Jack's Cove is beautiful and the FLUPSY is a commercial structure the size of a small garage that would be unsightly, possibly hinder navigation, and cause a distraction to drivers.

Attorney Matthew Thomas, representing two properties on Goulart Memorial Drive*, also handed out some printed material, and cleared up some legal questions from the meeting in February.

Mr. Thomas said Jack's Cove is a "natural resource," where people can go to watch the fireworks and see the boats moored.

It is a natural setting, he said, "in a place and time when we don't have a lot of natural settings."

WI resident Linda Ferreira spoke in favor of the project, saying that drivers would only see the FLUPSY for 15 to 20 seconds.

Mr. Thomas pointed out that highway officials are very careful where they place signs at ramps because even a 10 seconds can cause a distraction.

WI resident Steve Moulton pointed out

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April Vacation

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Baby and Toddler Storytime Tues., 4/16 at 9:30am on the Library Lawn

Clowning Around with Daisy D. Dots Tues., 4/17 at 2:30pm in the Auditorium. Learn How to Be a Clown and have FUN! Come see how multi award winning clown Elaine Vercellone becomes her character, "Daisy D. Dots" with makeup and costume. Then be treated to a "Magic Show" and have fun juggling and spinning plates with Daisy D. Dots. The show concludes with a "Confetti Blaster" that shoots out spirals of fun! Registration on our website.

All Ages Storytime Wed., 4/17, at 10:30am on the Library Lawn

DIY Printmaking Workshop Thurs., 4/18, at 4pm in the Auditorium We'll be learning about printmaking and exploring how to do it using different DIY methods: creating reflections, ink blots, monoprints, foam prints, and more. Come ready to use materials like paint and create your own designs to take home! Ages 8+, Registration on our website.

Hanging Lanterns with Children's Art Lab Fri., 4/19, at 2pm in the Auditorium. Join Benares Angeley and Aylin Cetik from Art Lab to make colorful and creative squid-inspired hanging lanterns! These lanterns will brighten up your springtime days, as the colorful streamers blow in the breeze! We'll use painted papers, yarn, crepe paper, and of course some well-placed googly eyes! Registration on our website.

Police Info Day

Do you want to be a police officer? Learn about the requirements, salaries, benefits and hiring process for this rewarding career.

The Fairhaven Police Department will be hosting a Q&A session for prospective hires on Saturday April 13th at 10 a.m. at the Fairhaven Police Department, 1 Bryant Lane, Fairhaven. Join us to learn more about becoming a Fairhaven Police Officer. Join us in serving and protecting our community.

April Bike & Brew DATE CHANGE

Due to the weather last week, the Bike & Brew was postpone to this Sat., 4/13. Hosted by Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee. Join us for a casual ride from the Fairhaven Rec Center to Mattapoisett's Inn on Shipyard Park! We'll meet on Saturday April 6 at 1pm at the Rec Center, then ride down the Phoenix Bike Trail, over Mattapoisett's recently completed Shining Tides extension, and to the Inn on Shipyard Park for drinks & snacks. It should be half an hour of easy riding each way. We welcome riders of all ages, abilities, and addresses (you don't have to live in Fairhaven to join us).

Reminders: Riders under 17 must wear a helmet. At each stop, riders are responsible for their own bikes. RSVP here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/910731600738016>

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The survey ends April 15, 2024 (NOTE DEADLINE EXTENDED)

Thank you for participating.

About 379 residents have already given their opinions to the Town Hall!

Masonic Open House

All welcome! Please attend the free open house at the George H. Taber Masonic Lodge, 20 Center Street, Fairhaven, on Sat., 4/13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come learn the history of one of Fairhaven's hidden archi-

tectural gems as well as the world's oldest fraternity.

Garden Beds Avail

Have you ever wanted to try gardening but didn't know where to start? Perhaps you're interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Maybe your yard is too small or too shady for a garden? Or maybe, you just want to be part of a "growing green" community?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you're in luck. The Fairhaven Community Garden has garden beds available at three locations in town: East Fairhaven Elementary School, Hastings Middle School and Wood Elementary School. The annual fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed. All gardeners agree to use organic practices only.

If you are interested or have a question, visit our website at fairhavencommunitygarden.org where you'll find more information and the 2024 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

Volunteers needed

Fairhaven's Veterans Services Office will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Riverside Cemetery on May 18 at 10 a.m. (rain date 5/19) We are looking for volunteers to help us honor all or fallen veterans.

For details contact Brad or Jane at VSO, 508-202-4603

SAVE THE DATES:

Lions Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a pancake breakfast to benefit our scholarship fund on Sun., 4/28, from 8-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$10, children under 10, \$5. Includes pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee and juice.

Contact any Fairhaven Lion for tickets or email FairhavenMA LionsClub@gmail.com. Tickets also available at door.

Boating Class

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 is offering the two sessions of the Suddenly In Command boating class in May. Each class is 2½ hours

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long and is designed to instruct those not generally at the vessel helm in the critical basics in case of an emergency. Would you know what to do if the Captain of the boat became ill? What if a passenger falls over board or the boat runs aground? When bad things happen you may be "Suddenly In Command". The class is FREE but is expected to fill up quickly. Register online for either May 4, 9am to 11:30am at <https://lnkw.co/SIC4> or May 23, 7pm to 9:30pm at <https://lnkw.co/SIC23>.

Both classes will be held at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC) on 80 Middle Street,

Fairhaven, MA 02719. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Flotilla Commander at (781)422-9746 or via email: schaf5900@gmail.com

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 info at westisland5k.org). Registration is open at <https://my.racewire.com/event/7782>.

Please email Lyle at 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.

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.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Earth Day Cleanup

Join us on Sat., 4/13, from 9 a.m. to noon, for our Earth Day Cleanup at the public parking lot behind Cotali Mar Restaurante, Corner of Acushnet Ave. and Sawyer St., New Bedford. Preregister at OperationCleanSweep.net. Free t-shirts to all participants. Gloves and tools provided. Walk-ins welcome. Safety tips: Please wear closed-toed shoes; if you find a needle, syringe, or sharps, do not touch.

Email newbedfordclean@gmail.com or find Operation Clean Sweep on Facebook.

SAVE THE DATES: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, Sept. 14.

Magic Show FR

Join us for an extraordinary evening of magic and illusion in support of YMCA Southcoast's work to fight hunger. Prepare to be mesmerized as we showcase the talents of award-winning illusionist Lyn Dillies. With her captivating tricks and mind-boggling illusions, she promises to transport you to a world of wonder and awe as she works to Make Hunger Disappear.

But the magic doesn't stop there! This event isn't just about entertainment — it's also an opportunity for us to come together and make a difference. All proceeds from ticket sales will go directly towards the Full Plate Project, helping us fight food insecurity along the Southcoast. Your attendance and support will truly make a meaningful impact.

The show will be held in the spacious auditorium of New Bedford High School 230 Hathaway Blvd., New

Bedford, on Sat., 5/11. Doors will open at 6:30pm and show starts at 7pm. Advertising space in the event program is available for reasonable pricing, contact clongfield@ymcasc.org for information on adding your business logo.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to secure yours soon! Adult ticket: \$25, Child ticket: \$15 (age 6-16 yrs)

You can purchase them online at <https://ymcasouthcoast.org>, or at the Welcome Center of any of our YMCA Southcoast branches.

Whether you're a fan of magic or simply looking to support a worthy cause, we guarantee an unforgettable evening filled with excitement and goodwill.

This family friendly event is a great way to celebrate Mother's Day weekend with a night out with Mom.

Swordfish Exhibit

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC), 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, is pleased to announce *Stand Clear the Line: Swordfishing on the SouthCoast*, a new gallery exhibit exploring the history of commercial swordfishing in New England from the age of tall ships to modern times. New England fishermen have hunted swordfish for over 200 years, first with harpoons and then with pelagic longlines. Swordfish continue to capture the imagination of fishermen from coast to coast. The exhibit will feature a swordfish pulpit, harpoons and darts, models and decorated swordfish bills, photographs and video footage, and oral histories from some of Massachusetts' swordfishing families.

The exhibit will open to the public on Thursday, April 11, at 5:00pm. Admission to the Center will be free that evening for the City of New Bedford's AHA! Night. Later that night at 6:00pm, members of the public are invited to participate in a sword-fishing panel discussion to hear firsthand from local fishermen about their experiences hunting swordfish on New England's SouthCoast. The exhibit will be on display until September 29, 2024.

Black Composers

On April 28, 2024 at 3:00PM, Seaglass Theater Company will present *Not Afraid to Dare* at Gallery X in downtown New Bedford-site of the former Frederick Douglass Memorial AME Zion Church.

Isabel Randall and Anthony Pilcher make their Seaglass debuts in a concert that highlights Black composers who have made tremendous contributions to classical music despite significant obstacles. Join us for a thought-provoking performance of original works and spirituals from the 20th century to the present day. In addition, there will be an exhibition of the artwork by Meclina Gomes, who designed the graphic materials for the production.

The concert features mezzo-soprano and poet Isabel Randall, known on social media as "The Inquisitive Typist", baritone and recent Grant Park Music Festival Fellow Anthony Pilcher and pianist Dr. Matthew Larson presenting songs from Florence Price to Shawn E. Okpebholo, plus poetry by Ms. Randall.

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Not Afraid to Dare is supported by a grant from the Southcoast Community Foundation.

Tickets are \$25-30 and may be purchased online at www.notafraidtodare.eventbrite.com. Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concerts at Gallery X a half hour before the performance.

For more information, please visit www.seaglasstheater.com or call 508-951-7187.

DAV Clamboil

Second annual clamboil to benefit the New Bedford DAV # 7 (Disabled American Veterans) Regional Chapter. At Danny's Seafood, 574 N. Front St., New Bedford, Mon., 5/20, from 5-8 p.m.

Tickets \$50, available at the Chapter, 19 Willis St., New Bedford. Call 508-992-3766. Includes all-you-can-eat clamboil, door prize. Drawing at end of night, you do not have to be there to win.

Veterans Invited

Veterans, do you need to open a VA claim or review an existing claim? Visit the CE Burt DAV Chapter 7 at 19 Willis St., New Bedford, between 9 am. and 3 p.m. on Thurs., 5/2.

National service officers will be on hand to help file new claims and help with existing claims.

Please come early. These sessions tend to be well attended.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Boston Marathon

The 128th Boston Marathon presented will be run on Mon., 4/15.

There is ample space every mile from Hopkinton to Boston for fans to gather and cheer on runners.

Visit <https://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/watch/spectators>

Spectator guide: <https://www.baa.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/128thBMSpectatorGuide.pdf>

Live local coverage on WCVB-TV (Channel 5) from 4:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on race day. Live national TV coverage on ESPN2 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on race day.

Hub Theater

Hub Theatre Company of Boston will kick off its 11th season with Lanford Wilson's *Burn This*, directed by local favorite Daniel Bourque. The show will run Saturday, April 6, through Sunday, April 21, 2024, with performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, and on Sundays at 2:00 pm at The Boston Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre, 539 Tremont St. in Boston's Back Bay. Tickets to all performances are "Pay-What-You-Can." Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected at each show for local charities. For tickets and info visit www.hubtheatreboston.org

She's lost her muse and he's lost his way! A caustically funny exploration of life, loss, mourning and moving on. In this Tony-nominated masterpiece, Anna, a gifted dancer, is grappling with the artistic and personal void left by the untimely death of her roommate and creative partner Robbie. Enter Pale, Robbie's fiery older brother, whose unexpected intrusion ignites an

unanticipated explosive dance of love, laughter, and longing between two seemingly incompatible strangers.

April is for the Birds

Birders across the South Coast Region are invited to participate in celebrations of the very special birding opportunities that are available in our area. A combination of bird art and talks about the history and recent successes of bird life will lift our hearts to welcome a new wave of annual migrants coming to spend the summer with us or just passing through to their preferred breeding areas on up north.

Evening presentations take place at the Westport Library, 408 Old County Rd., Westport, at 6:30 PM:

April 11: Alan Poole, Fred Thurber, Gina Purtell on birding success stories.

April 18: Barry Van Dusen – author of *Finding Sanctuary*.

April 25: Pamela Lowell – author of *My Summer with Ospreys*.

On view at the Westport Library: A month-long display of bird art by two outstanding avian artists: Barry Van Dusen and Pamela Lowell.

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Candidates Night

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee welcomes all to join us on Thurs., 4/18, from 6 to 8:30 PM to attend our annual "Meet the Candidates Night". Candidates up for election on 5/21 are welcome the opportunity to share with the community their overview of qualifications for the position and why they are seeking office in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

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7:15 – 8:30 pm Opening the floor to candidates.

Candidates, please RSVP by Friday, April 12th: PCMattyGOP@proton.me.
Website: MattapoissettGOP.com.
Facebook.com/MattapoissettGOP

Gospel Event

The Lamb of God Christian Church is holding a special Christian event at the Knights Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett, Mass. on Sun., 4/21, at 6:30 P.M. Sunday evening's sermon topic is: Are You Sure You're Going to Heaven? No money is collected at the event. Free seating

For more information call (508) 998-6990, or E-Mail: Mat@Christianbelief.com, or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

Seed Library

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From our readers

Hetty Lecture was Huge Success

I am writing to commend the Fairhaven Historical Society on their latest endeavor. On Thursday, April 4th, the Society hosted a lecture given by Charles Slack on the infamous Witch of Wall Street, Hetty Green.*

This lecture was a huge success evidenced by the number of people who attended (over 300!) and the delivery of the lecture.

Mr. Slack was engaging, well spoken, and clearly an authority on the subject. His 40-minute talk provided insights into Hetty that were revelatory to many in the audience. If this event is an indication of future endeavors to be undertaken by the Society, I look forward to them with anticipation!

Natalie A. Mello, Fairhaven

Fairhaven Historical Society – A Force for good.

I wish to acknowledge the wonderful talk the Fairhaven Historical Society arranged for the benefit and

enjoyment of everyone.*

The speaker, Charles Slack was superb. His book, "Hetty: The Genius and Madness of America's First Female Tycoon," was received by an enthusiastic and eager audience. The Town Hall auditorium was filled to the rafters with an audience that became more captivated and amused as Mr. Slack spoke.

Thank you to everyone who made this event happen, especially Mark Badwey for his esprit de corps in pursuing Mr. Slack and bringing him to Fairhaven. Likewise, Enrique "Ricky" Goytizolo for marshaling his extensive Rolodex to drive attendance and for his steady hand in ensuring a successful event.

Not only did we learn a lot about the life and times of Hetty Green, we also learned about the here and now. Namely, that the efforts of a committed group like the FHS can make a big difference in dispelling division and bringing the community together. A cohesion where everyone can agree that we have more in common than what divides us. There is power in gathering and enjoying

shared experiences. It is a force for good and should not be underestimated.

Now, what's planned for an encore?

Cathy Delano Fairhaven

*See page 13 for more on the event.

Congratulations and Thank You

Congratulations to all of you who won at town elections. Volunteering your time and energy selflessly, is an honorable and exhausting undertaking.

I myself did not win but I do want to thank the 304 voters who decided to support me perhaps after reading my public statement. I'm glad you support the idea that town boards must follow the bylaws and work with the residents rather than dismiss and belittle their statements and wishes.

I became involved because our neighborhood challenged a ZBA decision on a project. We had to file at Superior Court to hold responsible the board and others who decided to break the bylaws.

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This program has 2 sessions that are 3 hours long on May 4th and May 11. Member \$130. Non-Member \$145.

Pre-K Soccer at Livesey Park ages 3-5

Class introduces children to the basic concepts of soccer while emphasizing fun, imagination, and socialization. Our instructors create a positive learning atmosphere that encourages children to explore and experiment with the sport. We use various fun exercises and games to help children build a strong foundation for athletic development. In case of rain that class will be canceled and made up at the end of the session. Cleats and shin-guards are welcome but not necessary. Starts 4/23-May 28 4-4:45pm \$50. Members \$60. Non-members

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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: 4/17, So Shore Plaza; 4/24, Derby St. Shops; 5/1, Plain Ridge Park Casino; 5/8, So. Shore Plaza; 5/15, Derby St. Shops; 5/22, Plymouth Shopping; 5/29, Wrentham Village.

Tech Cafe

Do you need help with your cellphone or computer? Stop by the Fairhaven Senior Center for FREE help at our Tech Cafe! Every Thursday from 3-4 p.m.

Walking Schedule

Walk with friends at the Rec Center gym next door from 12:30-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. FREE

Walking Trip

Great Hill Private Estate, Marion. April 25. \$10. Discover the beauty of Great Hill, a private estate in Marion. Patsy will be your guide on your approximately two-mile walk through the estate grounds with beautiful ocean views as well as a private daffodil field. **This walk does have slight inclines and some uneven terrain.**

Please arrive at the Fairhaven COA/Senior Center for 8:30 a.m. sharp. Please bring a bagged lunch. Wear proper footwear and outerwear. Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

Monday Movie Matinee

Free. Mon., 4/22 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.

Featuring *Finestkind*. Filmed in New Bedford and Fairhaven! Two brothers from opposite sides of the tracks are reunited as adults. Desperate circumstances force them into a deal with an organized crime syndicate in Boston, and a young woman gets caught in the middle. Rate R for language, violence, drug material and sexual content.

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Recipe of the Week

Fried Green Tomatoes

- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 green tomatoes, cut into 1/3" slices

Vegetable oil

Mix together egg and buttermilk; set aside. Combine 1/4 cup all-purpose flour, cornmeal, 1 tsp salt and pepper in shallow bowl or pan. Dredge tomato slices in remaining 1/4 cup flour; dip in egg mixture, and dredge in cornmeal mixture.

Pour oil to a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch in a large cast-iron skillet. Heat to 375°. Drop tomatoes, in batches, into hot oil, and cook 2 minutes on each side or until golden. Drain. Sprinkle hot tomatoes with salt.

Use large, unripe tomatoes that are pale green all over and very solid to the touch.



My dad is a graphic designer.

I can't draw a straight line or carry a tune. When asked if I am as talented as the rest of my family, I explain that I want to be a physicist when I grow up and don't have time because I take advanced science classes and the homework is brutal. The part about me wanting to be a physicist is true, but not the part about my not having time.

I feel terrible whenever I lie. Why can't I admit I am an artistic and musical dolt.

Dear Frankie

Artistically Challenged

Dear Frankie, I am the odd one in my family regarding musical and artistic talent. My mom is an artist, my brother plays the piano in the junior symphony, and my

Dear Archie,

It sounds like you are being very hard on yourself. Where did you get the idea that playing an instrument or painting a picture requires natural talent? Anyone can learn to paint a picture if they understand the basic principles of perspective, line, color, etc., and develop the skills to put these principles into practice. The same goes for playing the piano; it requires learning to read notes and then developing the physical skills to replicate them on a keyboard.

The world needs both artists and scientists. No one can be good at everything.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Fire damages shed in Fairhaven

Press Release

The Fairhaven Fire Department responded to a reported shed fire in the rear of 14 Jefferson Street. The first crew arrived at 0053 hours on 4/4/24 to find a fully involved shed fire with exposures.

The fire extended to a 21 foot recreational boat and caused damage to a 2013 GMC Acadia which firefighters were able to safely remove to

prevent any further damage.

Occupants were home at the time of the fire and were alerted to the fire by neighbors. Even though steady winds increased the intensity, the fire was declared under control after about 20 minutes. Firefighters remained on the scene performing salvage and overall, and cleared the location at 0210.

No civilians or firefighters were

injured.

The cause is still under investigation but has been determined to be most likely accidental.

The damage to the structure is estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle damage and recreational boat damage are unknown.



LEFT: Fairhaven firefighters work to extinguish a shed fire at 14 Jefferson Street in Fairhaven on 4/2/24. RIGHT: A boat is damaged in the fire. Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.

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Acushnet's Troop 11 presents three to Eagle Scout medals

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Boy Scout Troop 11 and the Acushnet Firefighters Association held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held for three Troop members: Noah Dionne, Aaron Palhota, and Matthew Tripp. The ceremony was held at the Acushnet Council on Aging on Saturday, 4/6/24, and included a dinner reception with family and

invited guests.

Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is no easy feat. Scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges, progress through the ranks, and earn all of the Eagle badges. Eagle Scouts must also complete a community service project. All of this has to be done before they are 18 years old.

The ceremony includes the Pledge of Allegiance, the Boy Scout Pledge,

the Eagle Scout Pledge, and the pinning ceremony.

Eagle Scouts receive a medal, and their parents, or other chosen adult(s) receive an Eagle Scout pin.

State Rep. Paul Schmid and Acushnet Select Board member Bob Hinkley also attended the ceremony.

To learn more about Troop 11, find them on Facebook at Acushnet Scouting: Boy Scout Troop 11.



ABOVE LEFT Acushnet Troop 11 Eagle Scouts and their parents are honored at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Acushnet Council on Aging on 4/6/24 L-R: Dad Matt Tripp, Eagle Scout Matthew Tripp, and mom Dina Tripp; dad Peter Palhota, Eagle Scout Aaron Palhota, and mom Sally Palhota; Eagle Scout Noah Dionne, and mom and dad Amique and Jeremy Dionne. ABOVE RIGHT: Acushnet Troop 11 Eagle Scout, Aaron Palhota, presents an Eagle pin to his grandmother. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Mathew Tripp, Aaron Palhota, and Noah Dionne recite the Eagle Scout Pledge during the ceremony. BELOW RIGHT: Acushnet Troop 11 Eagle Scout, Nicholas Barboza (LEFT) helps Noah Dionne put on his Eagle Scout neckerchief during the ceremony. BOTTOM LEFT: Acushnet Troop 11 Boy Scout leader, Dave Bernard, presents Matthew Tripp his Eagle Scout medal during the ceremony. BOTTOM RIGHT: Acushnet Troop 11 Boy Scout leader, Nelson Barboza, presents Aaron Palhota his Eagle Scout medal during the ceremony. *Photos by Sam Simoes.*

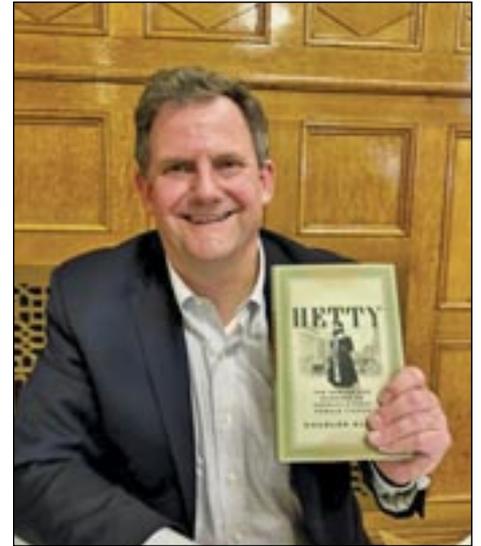


Hetty talk fills town hall auditorium

The Fairhaven Historical Society sponsored a free author talk by Charles Slack on his book “Hetty, the Genius and Madness of America’s

First Female Tycoon,” about Hetty Green. The Fairhaven Town Hall was filled to the rafters, literally, with even the balcony seats filled up, and an

estimated 300+ people showing up to hear the talk on Thursday, 4/4/24.



LEFT: A photo of Hetty Green’s son, Col. Edward “Ned” Green is on the screen during a talk by author Charles Slack about his book “Hetty, the Genius and Madness of America’s First Female Tycoon,” about Hetty Green, on Thursday, 4/4/24. MIDDLE: Nearly every seat in the auditorium at Fairhaven Town Hall is filled, including in the balcony. RIGHT: Author Charles Slack holds up a copy of his book, “Hetty, the Genius and Madness of America’s First Female Tycoon.” *Photos courtesy of Bob Pina.*

Fairhaven Food Drive fills up pantry shelves

Submitted

The April Food Day drive was another success with the partnerships of the Belonging Committee, Fairhaven Rotary, and the Fairhaven Lions club! The three groups were able to have boxes across the community in businesses and municipal buildings to restock shelves at

the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven’s food pantry, to help families at the Family Resource Center at Hastings Middle School, and our seniors and veterans at the Council on Aging.

Thank you again to our great community members for stepping in to help each other. We are better together.



LEFT: Andrew Romano and Jessica Fidalgo on a grocery store run for the Food Drive sponsored by the Fairhaven Belonging Committee, Fairhaven Rotary, and the Fairhaven Lions Club that ended on 4/6/24. RIGHT: Boxes of food are sorted for different locations on Saturday, 4/6/24, after the Food Drive. BELOW LEFT: Volunteers from the Fairhaven Belonging Committee, Fairhaven Rotary, and the Fairhaven Lions Club sort through donated food at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center on Saturday, 4/6/24. BELOW RIGHT: Boxes of food surround the counter at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center on Saturday, 4/6/24, after the Food Drive. *Photos courtesy of Jessica Fidalgo.*



Locals watch eclipse, although the 92% was still pretty light out

By Beth David
Editor

In parts of northern New England, the solar eclipse reached “totality,” meaning the sun was completely blocked out by the moon passing by in the middle of the day.

Around here, we had 92% and it barely got a little dark. But if you looked up (with the right eye protection, of course), you would

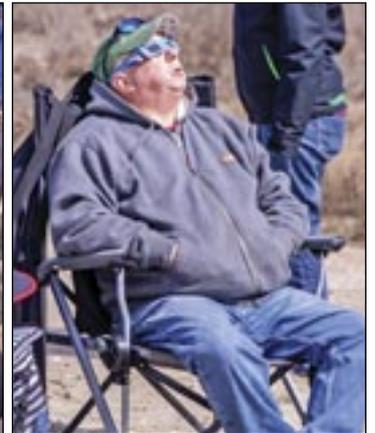
have seen just a sliver of the sun lighting our little part of the world, proving again how powerful that star is.

All around the region, in school parking lots, on beaches, in yards, people donned the special, protective glasses and had a little party for the event that lasted about four minutes. The narrow path of totality went from Mexico to Canada, with prime viewing

spots in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. All the news outlets followed the moon as it covered the sun from morning until sunset.

The next eclipse in the U.S. will occur on 8/22/44, with totality in North Dakota and Montana. The next total solar eclipse spanning the whole contiguous U.S. will be 8/12/45.

Learn more at <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/>



LEFZT: Friends and neighbors don their protective eyewear and gather on the Causeway Road beach in Fairhaven on 4/8/24 to witness the eclipse, when Fairhaven experienced 92% totality. Oliver Brodo (MIDDLE) and Marc Dunne (RIGHT) use special glasses to watch the eclipse. Photos by Margie Green Joseph.



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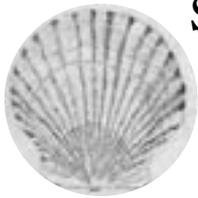
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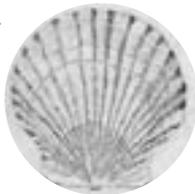
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

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The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- a. SE 023-____, CON 023-412: 21 Goulart Memorial Drive, Map 42, Lot 22 Notice of Intent filed by David & Jayne Lynch to redeposit sand that migrated during a storm and place crushed shell on the driveway. Proposing to install 165 ft. of dune fencing on the southeast side of the driveway. Work to take place within Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, riverfront, and FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 20') at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 22.
- b. SE 023-1456, CON 023-414: 15 Wampanoag Drive, Map 29D, Lots 163 & 164 Notice of Intent filed by Barbara Costello to remove the existing seawall and replace with a sloped stone rip-rap seawall. The entire site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) and Flood Zone VE (El. 17'), with portions of Coastal Bank and Coastal Beach. Work to take place within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Coastal Bank and Coastal Beach at Assessor's Map 29D, Lot 163 & 164.
- c. SE 023-1455, CON 023-415: 2 Bayside Street, Map 42, Lot 34 Notice of Intent filed by Bayside LLC to

remove and replace existing concrete slab inside garage and to remove and replace the existing concrete driveway within the same footprint. Applicant proposes to construct a ground-level composite patio and to extend the existing seawall. The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone VE (El. 20'), and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the Coastal Bank at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 34.

d. CON 023-416: 5 Billy's Way, Map 29A, Lots 185 & 186 Request for Determination filed by Sharon Simmons to install a FEMA compliant, perimeter fence (up to 450') - 6" stockade or 50 percent passthrough. Posts will either be sonotubes or driven wooden posts. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Buffer Zone to a Coastal Dune, and FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.16') located at Assessor's Map 29A, Lots 185 & 186.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website.

Karen Isherwood, Vice Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 4/11/24

Board for a special permit for a contractor yard at 177 Nyes Lane. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1D.

2. Case #2024.04.16B A case of Robert Gonsalves, of 6 Pine Street, who is petitioning the Board for variance to allow a two-family conversion on less than a 30,000 square foot lot. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4B5.

*** Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours ***

FNN, 4/4/24, 4/11/24

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday April 23, 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. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXG5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBBM2JPTXE0QT09or>
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 the following application: SD24-01 - Mark Blouin, the owner of 11 Delmont Street, seeks to discontinue the unaccepted portion of Delmont Street that abuts the north side of his property. The property is located at Map 28B Lot 715 and Map 29 Lots 6C & 8.

Copies of the application are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8122 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 4/4/24, 4/11/24

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, April 16th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street. The following public hearings will be held

Old Business

1. Case #2024.02.20B A continuance of the case of Justin Lawrence, of 23 Birch Street, who is petitioning the Board for a 5,199 sq. ft. variance from the minimum 40,000 contiguous upland area (34,801 sq. ft. is provided) and a 100-foot variance from the minimum 150-foot frontage requirement (50 feet is provided) 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.

New Business

1. Case #2024.04.16A A case of Michael Reis, of 17 Roseanne Drive, Fairhaven, who is petitioning the

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Conservation Commission
Mon., 4/22, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Marine Resources Comm
Thurs., 4/11, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board
Tues., 4/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
School Committee
Wed., 4/10, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.
Select Board
Mon., 4/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting
Sat., 5/4, Hastings MS, 9 a.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals
Tues., 4/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Golf Committee
Thurs., 4/11, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Selectboard
Tues., 4/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	April 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	11	1042	2306	0420*	1614*
Friday	12	1132	2357	0458*	1653*
Saturday	13	---	1227	0537	1734
Sunday	14	0055	1327	0629	1825
Monday	15	0154	1426	0926	2118
Tuesday	16	0250	1522	1037	2258
Wednesday	17	0347	1624	1136	2358
Thursday	18	0451	1726	---	1222
Friday	19	0549	1815	0044	1258
Saturday	20	0633	1853	0123	1320
Sunday	21	0711	1928	0154	1255
Monday	22	0746	2002	0142	1307
Tuesday	23	0822	2038	0148	1334
Wednesday	24	0900	2117	0217	1409
Thursday	25	0940	2157	0255	1449
Friday	26	1022	2240	0334	1531
Saturday	27	1105	2325	0413	1613*
Sunday	28	1155	---	0454	1657
Monday	29	0019	1254	0539	1746
Tuesday	30	0119	1355	0636	1853

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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that not only drivers will see the FLUPSY. Many people walk and ride bicycles on the road; and people kayak in the cove.

Before the hearing was finished, SB member Charles Murphy said he would not support the FLUPSY. He said he supported aquaculture, but they had to take into account the placement in Jack's Cove.

"And West Island is a gem," said Mr. Murphy. "It's precious."

In the end, no one on the board made a motion, so the project will not move forward.

In another matter, Tree Warden Don Collasius presented several youngsters to the board for swearing in as Junior Deputy Tree Wardens.

Eight children completed the certification that was held in collaboration with the Millicent Library. Seven of the children attended the SB meeting to be sworn in and receive their certificates: Hazel Fidalgo, Aemon Martinho, Harrison Camara, Daisy Baumann, Samuel Logan, Leyla Smith, Lena Gardner. Ella Andersen also completed her certification.

Mr. Collasius told the board he had the idea of getting kids involved with trees. He said Town Administrator Angie Lopes

Ellison agreed it was a great idea. He teamed up with the Youth Services Librarian at the Millicent Library, Allie Thiel, to make it happen.

Mr. Collasius noted that the Tree Warden can appoint deputy tree wardens, so now we have Junior Deputy Tree Wardens.

He said the will plant trees in a couple of weeks.

The children then raised their hands and repeated the pledge to protect, plant and care for trees.

They also received certificates.

"That was a fine first event for us," said

SB Chairperson Stasia Powers.

In another matter, the two remaining members of the Board of Assessors, Pam Davis and Ronnie Manzone, both resigned. A third member, Ellis W i t h i n g t o n , resigned

in February, and it was discussed at the 2/26/24 meeting.

The board voted

to appoint Jane Bettencourt to the Board of Assessors. Ms. Bettencourt works part time in the Veterans Services Office. She worked in the Assessor's office in a variety of roles for 20 years.

She told the board that when principle assessor Joanne Correia reached out to ask if she would be interested, Ms. Bettencourt said she would be "thrilled" to be on the board.

The SB voted unanimously to appoint her to fill the term ending in May of 2025.

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



Junior Deputy Tree Wardens are sworn in at the Fairhaven Select Board meeting on 4/8/24, with Fairhaven Tree Warden Don Collasius leading the oath, L-R: Hazel Fidalgo, Aemon Martinho, Harrison Camara, Daisy Baumann, Samuel Logan, Leyla Smith, Lena Gardner (Ella Andersen also completed her certification, but is not pictured). Photo courtesy of Laura Gardner.

An advertisement for Jake Fleurent, a mason contractor. The background is a brick wall. At the top, the name "JAKE FLEURENT" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the name is an American flag and a circular logo with "20 YEARS" inside. To the right, a circular badge says "Fully Licensed & Insured!". At the bottom, the text "MASON CONTRACTOR" is written. Below that, the contact information is provided: "Cell: 508-954-8792" and "Email: J-Fleurent@comcast.net". A yellow sticky note on the left says "Call today! for a free estimate". At the bottom, the website "www.JAKEFLEURENTMASONRY.COM" is listed. The services offered are: "BRICK, BLOCK, STONE, CONCRETE, FIREPLACES, WALKWAYS, PATIOS, STEPS, CHIMNEYS, AND MUCH MORE".

An advertisement for Fairhaven Public Schools Kindergarten Registration. The background is blue with white stars. At the top, the Fairhaven Public Schools logo is shown. Below it, the text "WELCOME CLASS OF 2037!" is written. The main heading is "KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION" in large, bold, blue letters. Below that, a yellow box contains the "AGE REQUIREMENT": "ENTRANCE AGE FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS INCLUDES ANY CHILD OR RESIDENT OF FAIRHAVEN, WHO: TURNS AGE FIVE (5) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2024 IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN." Below this, the text "OPENS MARCH 8, 2024" is written. Further down, it says "NEED ASSISTANCE? PLEASE CALL:" followed by two phone numbers: "EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY: 508-979-4058" and "LEROY L. WOOD ELEMENTARY: 508-979-4073". At the bottom, it says "For more information on registration visit: www.fairhavenps.org". The advertisement is decorated with illustrations of books, a graduation cap, and a pencil.

Bob Espindola

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As we look forward to the next chapter, we wanted to say Thank You to all those who have supported me throughout my 12 years on the Select Board in Fairhaven

Many people have reached out to me lately to thank me for my service but I would actually like to thank you all, starting with those who guided me into the first election in 2012, to all those who placed their trust in me over the years with your vote. I am grateful for the tremendous support I have received from so many of you.

It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Ann and I both wanted to let you know how thankful we are. We look forward to spending more time with our two grandsons, and watching the Town move forward in a positive direction.



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