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

## Spring is springing



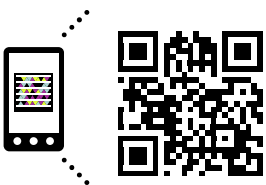
Daffodils and Japanese cherry blossoms are blooming at Cooke Park, 2 Pilgrim Ave., Fairhaven, on 4/16/24, around the bench placed in honor of Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, who was instrumental in the creation of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House, which is on the same block. In 2012 Dr. Hinohara and his group donated 17 Japanese cherry trees to Fairhaven, with some planted at Cooke Park. *Photo by Beth David.* Learn more about Dr. Hinohara, the bench, the peace pole, John Cooke and Capt. Joshua Slocum, at <https://fairhaventours.com/dr-hinohara-bench-peace-pole/> and <https://fairhaventours.com/john-cooke-memorial-fairhaven-ma/>.

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

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



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Spring is really springing this week. Finally! So this week's issue is jam packed with all kinds of events coming up, starting this weekend. It's Earth Day on Sunday (see page 3). The West Island 5K is this weekend, too (see page 5).

Then we get ready for Town Meeting, then all the May events. Then...SUMMER! Woo hoo! We had a mild winter, I know, so why does it seem like it's been so long? Maybe all that rain, which still isn't done with us.

Meanwhile, speaking of Town Meeting. See page 12 for an article by Wayne Hayward on some of the bylaw changes that the Planning Board is proposing for this year's TM. Yeah, that's just some of them.

They are making an awful lot of changes to a lot of bylaws all at once, and a few in a single TM warrant article. They had one night for one public hearing on the changes.

This is soooooo wrong. Each one of these should have its own hearing where people can weigh in. Giving people two minutes to talk about all the changes is just wrong. Mr. Hayward has his faults, no doubt about it, but he knows Fairhaven's code better than anyone. We should heed his warnings. Slow down these proceedings. Take up these changes in small bites and vet them thoroughly.

Bylaw changes should be made for logical reasons, not just to benefit a handful of businesses. Some developers should absolutely be forced to jump through hoops for their projects. And some projects should just not be allowed. I understand this new crop of politicians and officials is filled with people screaming "business friendly" and, "Let's get some revenue in here." But, most of the time, business friendly means bad for residents.

Next week, hopefully, we'll have something on the change in Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), which are basement apartments, attic apartments, garage apartments. The board wants to make these "by-right." I understand we have a housing crisis and this might help. And I understand people can make money from their properties and the town can tax them higher (get some revenue in here). But I also understand that many of us like our single family neighborhoods and want to keep them single family.

These changes may be the will of the people. In that case, so be it. But I do not believe they have been explored, with ample opportunity for the public to weigh in.

Let's slow it down, okay? Let's just slow it down.

If you're a Town Meeting member, please take the time to understand the repercussions of these bylaws before you vote. If you're not a TM member, do the same and talk to a TM member who represents your precinct before TM on 5/4.

There's no big rush. I'm pretty sure we'll be having a Special TM in the fall. We can do this then if people really want it.

I love Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth, and I wouldn't mind that revenue here in Fairhaven, but let's keep it contained on Route 6 and Alden/Bridge. Let's not let every neighborhood in Fairhaven look like the road to the mall.

Be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. And, thank you for reading my little weekly miracle.

Until next week then, see ya

Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really? Cool.



# Earth Day is 4/22/24

## April 22 is Earth Day

Join us to honor and celebrate our remarkable planet on this extraordinary day. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future.

Through various events, toolkits, and initiatives, we aim to raise awareness, inspire change, and foster a deeper connection with nature. Let's unite in our efforts to protect the Earth today and for generations to come. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and create a more sustainable world.

### 2024 Theme: Planet vs. Plastics

Planet vs. Plastics unites students, parents, businesses, governments, churches, unions, individuals, and NGOs in an unwavering commitment to call for the end of plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of plastics by 2040 and an ultimate goal of building a plastic-free

future for generations to come.

To achieve a 60% reduction by 2040, EARTHDAY.ORG's goals are: (1) promoting widespread public awareness of the damage done by plastic to human, animal, and all biodiversity's health and demanding more research be conducted on its health implications, including the release of any and all information regarding its effects to the public; (2) rapidly phasing out all single use plastics by 2030 and achieving this phase out commitment in the United Nations Treaty on Plastic Pollution in 2024; (3) demanding policies ending the scourge of fast fashion and the vast amount of plastic it produces and uses; and (4) investing in innovative technologies and materials to build a plastic-free world.

### Recycling is Not the Answer

Plastic consumption has quadrupled in the past 30 years, and is expected to triple in the next 30. Meanwhile, global plastic recycling rates have failed to reach two digits. Less than 10% of all the plastic ever produced has been recycled.

While many of us are doing our part to save the planet and dutifully putting our plastics in recycling bins — it is nearly all one big charade. Why? Because recycling bins do not take your recyclables to fancy facilities to actually recycle them. In fact, just 5% of U.S. plastic waste is properly recycled. (Visit <https://www.earthday.org/plastic-recycling-is-a-lie/>)

### Organize a clean-up

Create your own Earth Day event. Just grab a few friends and pick up trash at the park, at your favorite walking trail, or any public place that needs it. Visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for ideas.

EARTHDAY.ORG's mission is to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide. Growing out of the first Earth Day in 1970, EARTHDAY.ORG is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working with more than 150,000 partners in over 192 countries to drive positive action for our planet.

Visit <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/>



**UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!**

Worship at 10 a.m. Sundays  
April 21: "Rewilding"

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

"Second Hour" Faith Formation activities:  
"Why Do We Have Music in Church?" (children); What DO UUs Believe? (adults)

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# New Bedford launches new tourism website, campaign

*Press Release*

Whether you're a longtime resident or a tourist looking for history, culture, and adventure, New Bedford has unique experiences and hidden gems around every corner.

"Explore New Bedford" is the message the City's Office of Tourism and Marketing is sharing with the world after Mayor Jon Mitchell unveiled the office's rebranding effort.

The "Explore New Bedford" campaign includes the development of a new website, the design of a new logo, and a new marketing campaign focused on locals' favorite gems in the City.

The centerpiece of the effort is the new "Explore New Bedford" logo. Designed by New Bedford-based Medium Studio, the bold and captivating logo reflects the energy and vitality of the City. Medium Studio thoughtfully crafted the logo to appeal to a diverse range of people to reflect the City's inclusive nature and its ability to offer something for everyone.

The new tourism website, [www.ExploreNewBedford.org](http://www.ExploreNewBedford.org), is a digital compass for people looking to explore New Bedford, providing easy navigation, detailed information, trip planners, and a visually appealing interface. It was designed by Patrick Gleavey of PSG Media with user experience as the No. 1 priority.

Lastly, the new marketing campaign features people from across



New Bedford's new logo was unveiled in March, 2024.

Greater New Bedford showcasing their favorite local gems.

The rebranding effort featured input from internal and external stakeholders with Tourism and Marketing Director Asley Payne and Marketing Manager Amy DesRosiers holding meetings and focus groups with the arts and culture community. The valuable insights gathered from the sessions played a pivotal role in shaping the rebrand and making sure it authentically reflects the City and its stories.

"The City's emergence from the pandemic was an occasion to reset the City's tourism messaging," Mayor Mitchell said. "This new campaign puts the City in a stronger position to capitalize on regional travel and show off the City's progress in a more

advantageous way."

"This is a significant milestone. It reflects our commitment to showcasing the true spirit of New Bedford and inviting everyone, both visitors and residents, to explore the history, art and culture that make our City unique," Payne said. "The goal of this project was to really capture the essence of the City's unique identity. We want to provide a fresh, new experience that attracts visitors from near and far, while also encouraging residents to explore the gems they might not know are in their own backyard."

The New Bedford Office of Tourism and Marketing, branded as Explore New Bedford, is responsible for promoting the City as an attractive place to live, work, and visit. Working closely with the local arts, culture, and small business communities, Explore New Bedford showcases the City's unique assets and attracts both leisure and business travelers. Its goal is to celebrate the history and diverse stories that shape the City and highlight its growth and innovation. Through strategic programming and partnerships with key stakeholders, the office strives to enhance the visitor experience and improve the quality of life for residents, fostering a thriving, sustainable, and welcoming city for all.

Watch an unveiling video at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh5y6fd>

<p><b>Evangelistic Gospel Event in Mattapoisett</b></p> <p>The Lamb of God Christian Church is holding a special Christian event at the Knights Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, Mass., on <b>Sunday, April 21, at 6:30 P.M.</b> The sermon topic is: Are You Sure You're Going to Heaven?</p> <p>This will be a Christian Gospel presentation. No money is collected at the event. Free seating.</p> <p>For information call 508-998-6990, or E-Mail: <a href="mailto:Mat@Christianbelief.com">Mat@Christianbelief.com</a>, or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.</p>	<p> <b>Robert A. Furtado</b> 508-992-6622 CARPENTER-CONTRACTOR OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE Fairhaven, MA</p> <p>Quality Remodeling &amp; Finish Work • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Decks All Types of Interior &amp; Exterior Remodeling • Fully Insured MA H.I.C. Reg. #125134 • MA Const. Sup. Lic #007769 • EPA Lead-Safe Cert.</p>
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## West Island 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](http://westisland5k.org)).

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.

Registration can be completed online at [westisland5k.org](http://westisland5k.org) until April 18 or in person on Sat., 4/20, 2-4pm at 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven and on RACE DAY, April 21, 8:30-10:45am at 41 Causeway Road.

Race Shirt OR Beach Towel to the first 250 registered participants. Medals to top 3 male and female finishers across all age groups.

Proceeds benefit the FHS Cross Country team and the West Island Improvement Association!

Interested volunteers can contact Lyle Drew at [westisland5k@yahoo.com](mailto:westisland5k@yahoo.com) or at 571-765-0910.

## Nemasket 5K

Join us for our upcoming 5K Walk/Run event on Sat., 5/4, at Fort Phoenix! Individual registration is \$25 and you can sign up at <https://nemasketgroup.org/events/>

The event starts at 9AM and includes a t-shirt for all registrants. There will also be gift card prizes for the first, second, and third place male and female finishers, as well as for the largest team and largest fundraiser. The Nemasket Group is celebrating 40 years of providing dedicated services to individuals with disabilities and their families. This year will be our 11th Annual 5K Walk/Run Event. We hope you can join us!

The race starts and ends at the Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, MA. It is your choice to either walk or run the event. Our volunteers will be along the route holding signs to guide the way. There is a water station along the route as well, and snacks will be provided. Put on your sneakers and get moving to support our cause!

Race happens rain or shine!

Schedule of the Day: 8:00 AM, Registration/Check-In; 8:50 AM, Runners/Walkers line up; 9:00 AM, Race Starts; 10:00 AM, Acknowledgements/ Awards Ceremony

## Free Trees

For the 7th year in a row, Bask will be offering free fir trees to the public on Arbor Day. This annual event has become a staple in Fairhaven, and we love the fact that we can help the environment in any way possible. Bask's Free Trees 2024 will take place on Friday, April 26, 2024, 9am - 9pm in front of Bask at 2 Pequod Rd. in Fairhaven.

This event is one that we look forward to every year, and we love that we can help add trees to Fairhaven and the surrounding area. This little step is our way of contributing to worldwide environmental efforts.

This year, we purchased hundreds of Cannan Fir trees from the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association.

We are excited to give out these trees on Arbor Day, and we can't wait to see you there. Look for the big green van to get your free tree!

## FAYA Reg Open

Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Athletics early bird special: \$200 (\$225 starting July 1). Registration for FAYA Fall Football and Cheerleading. Sideline and competition cheer, ages 5-15. Tackle football, ages 5-14.

Pre-season begins August 1 and official season is Sept. 1. Sign up now before the prices increase in July and August. Visit [www.fayabluedevils.org](http://www.fayabluedevils.org)

## 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.

## 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 [FairhavenMALionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:FairhavenMALionsClub@gmail.com). Tickets also available at door.

## 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

## 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](http://fairhavencommunitygarden.org) where you'll find more information and the 2024 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at [sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org](mailto:sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org).

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Cherry Blossom Festival

Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival, Free admission. Sun., 5/5, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at Whitfield-Manjiro Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven.

Taiko drums, Martial Arts, Kamishibai Story, Raffle, Kimono sale, Japanese name writing, Japanese items for sale, Ikebana flower arranging, Museum house tour, and Ukelele!

Bento Box Lunch (no raw items)

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## NB Film Fest

New Bedford Film Festival, April 18–21. See page 19.

## 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.

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.

In addition, there will be an exhibition of the artwork by Meclina Gomes, who designed the graphic materials for the production.

*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](http://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](http://www.seaglasstheater.com) or call 508-951-7187.

## Author Event

Join us for an evening with author Richard Tripp, as he presents his new book, *Lessons Learned in Zuni: A Pueblo Memoir*, on Wed., 4/24, from 6–7:30 p.m., at the New Bedford Downtown Library, 613, Pleasant St., NB; 508-991-6278; [nbmref@sailsinc.org](mailto:nbmref@sailsinc.org)

Weaving a narrative like the Navajo tapestries found in his memoir, Richard recounts his years of teaching high school English on the Zuni reservation in New Mexico. He has put together stories of his teaching experiences, tales of learning pueblo pottery and Navajo tapestry weaving, anecdotes of his time living in a remote sheep camp behind the sacred mesa, then living in the pueblo itself, and his observations of tribal ceremonies.

The book is a 231-page volume full of memories of personal transition

and cultural change in the tribe where he lived. The book contains photos taken by the author and others as well as some from the Smithsonian archives of scenes from the 19th century. Additionally there is a gallery of pictures of Tripp’s weavings and of pottery made by him and his teacher Daisy Nampeyo and others.

Books will be available for sale by the author for \$35 at the event.

## Chekhov Comedies

Your Theatre Inc. presents A Chekhov Comedy Weekend, April 26 & 27 at 7:30 p.m.; April 27 & 28 at 2 p.m., at YTI Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, MA; 508-993-0772; [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org). Complimentary donations accepted. Reservations strongly encouraged.

Two hilarious one-act plays by Anton Chekhov

“On the Harmful Effects of Tobacco,” directed by Valerie Reynolds. A man agrees, at the behest of his wife, to deliver a lecture about the perils of smoking, but instead seems to rebel against his wife’s demands of him.

“A Marriage Proposal, directed by James Sanguinetti. A young Russian man comes to propose to a woman he’s known his entire life, but gets interrupted over and over again by arguments over trial matters.

## Learn to Row

New Bedford Rowing Center (NBRC) announces the election of Jordan Seim to a three-year term as Chair of its Board of Directors. Having served on the board for 2 years, Ms. Seim has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to advancing NBRC’s mission. Seim’s significant contributions to revamping the Rowing Center include welcoming new rowers during Learn To Row sessions. These Saturday and Sunday morning courses will get anyone on the water in four weeks. Space is available in April, June, July or August, and features coaching from Seim and other USRowing-certified coaches.

Registration is now open for Learn To Row courses, taking place on Saturdays & Sundays 8:30-10:00 am.

• Session 1: April 27, 28, May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

- Session 2: June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23
- Session 3: July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
- Session 4: August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

For more information about the New Bedford Rowing Center and its programs, including signing up for a Learn To Row course, please visit [www.newbedfordrowing.org](http://www.newbedfordrowing.org).

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Plant Sale

The Garden Club of Buzzards Bay Plant Sale is back and better than ever! Located on the grounds of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, 396 County St., New Bedford, the sale will be held on Sat., 5/4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Gardeners will be able to buy colorful and varied annuals grown in the Club’s own greenhouse, unusual perennials from members’ gardens, an array of popular geraniums and special coleus, striking succulents, heirloom tomatoes, and herbs. Gently used gardening books donated by Club members will also be available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. For more information, contact Anne Heller, (617) 893-8491.

## 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.

## 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. All proceeds from ticket sales will go directly towards the Full Plate Project.

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

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# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Daffodils at 60%

Daffodils are about 60% in bloom at the Parsons Reserve, 50 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth. The daffodil field will close on 4/25 at 3:00 PM. Normal dawn to dusk hours resume on Friday, 4/26. Please plan your trip accordingly.

At the daffodil field, we will ask for a \$5 donation per person for those who are not DNRT members. Visit <https://dnrt.org/parsons/>

Daffodil season is entirely dependent on the weather. Generally, flowers are in bloom from mid-April to early May.

Parking is limited. Please park at the Town Landing. If the Landing is full, please proceed south and park in the additional area on the right hand side of the road. There is only space for about 50 cars. Cars parked along the roadside will be ticketed by the Dartmouth Police.

There is an 8-10 minute hike through the woods from the parking area to the field. This is a very steep trail. Please plan accordingly. This trail is NOT suitable for strollers, wagons, or wheelchairs.

## 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](http://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 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.

## Gospel Event

The Lamb of God Christian Church is holding a special Christian event at the Knights Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, 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](mailto:Mat@Christianbelief.com), or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

## Poetry Readings

Award-winning Providence poets Karen Donovan and Catherine Imbriglio will read from their poetry at the Mattapoisett Library, 7k Barstow St., on Sat., 4/20 at 2 pm, as part of the Purrington Series sponsored by the Mattapoisett Library Trust.

Karen Donovan's latest collection of poems, *Monad+Monadnock*, was published by Wet Cement Press. The award-winning poet has several books of poetry to offer.

Catherine Imbriglio is the author of two books of poetry, *Parts of the Mass* and *Intimacy*

Her poetry and criticism have appeared in a variety of publications.

Both poets will have poetry books available for purchase and signing

following the reading. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend this event celebrating Poetry Month, April.

## At the Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street is pleased to announce two upcoming events in April.

**Open Mic at the Museum** will once again kick off on Fri., 4/19 at 6pm. Come to the Museum to sing a song, tell a joke, read a poem, or play an instrument; the audience is yours, and the entertainment is all ours to share and enjoy. This is community at its best!

**Annual Meeting**, Thurs., 4/25 at 6:00 pm. After a short business meeting, Curator Connor E. Gaudet will regale the audience with the history of the iconic bark, the *Wanderer*, since it was shipwrecked on the rocks of Cuttyhunk Island.

This presentation is a "teaser" to prepare the public for the launch of this summer's celebratory exhibit of the 100th anniversary since the *Wanderer's* shipwreck, "*Wanderer 100: The Afterlife & Legacy of Mattapoisett's Last Whaler.*" It explores why the *Wanderer* has been honored, celebrated and venerated through the years and asks the questions

The talk is open to all, but only Mattapoisett Museum Members will be asked to vote on new Board Members and changes in by-laws. Self-serve refreshments will be available.

## Seed Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library's seed library is restocked! Featuring a variety of options to promote planting, encourage healthy eating, and support local agriculture, including herbs, tomatoes, peppers, beans, and Brussels sprouts, flowers and milkweed. No library card? Bring your ID and sign up for one. It's free.

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## Climate Webinar

Understanding, predicting, and adapting to sea level rise, Wed., 4/24, 7:30-8:30 p.m., by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Register at <https://www.whoi.edu> or view live on Facebook or YouTube

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with iced Japanese green tea/water and cherry square. Tickets for lunch (limited number): \$20

### 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 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 (ARSB) 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:[schaeff5900@gmail.com](mailto:schaeff5900@gmail.com)

### Spring Fair

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School invites you to its Spring Market Fair on Sat., 5/11, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at 30 School St., Fairhaven. Featuring family activities, including Mothers' Day crafts, psychic readings and Tarot cards, food, music, shopping, with indoor and outdoor vendors, fire truck K9 Blue, Gnome Surfing, Soares Martial Arts, 9:30 a.m. BOOT Camp by Gina & Wayne. Proceeds benefits EHMS PTO.

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at 6:30pm and show starts at 7pm. Advertising space in the event program is available for reasonable pricing, contact [clongfield@ymcasc.org](mailto: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)

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This family friendly event is a great

way to celebrate Mother's Day weekend with a night out with Mom.

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### 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

### Mother's Day 5K

The Women's Fund Southcoast annual Mother's Day 5K Run/Walk on Sun., 5/12, at Cisco Brewers, 1482 E. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford. Start times: 9 a.m. Kid's Fun Run (3-12 years), 9:30 a.m., 5K start.

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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

## **Youth Soccer 6-8 5pm-6pm**

Our sessions focus on developing key motor skills such as running, jumping, kicking, and coordination Starts 4/23-May 28 5-6pm \$50/Members \$60/Non-members. Cleats and shin-guards are welcome but not necessary.

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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: 4/24, 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

## Chili Garlic Shrimp

- 1 lb. large shrimp (shelled & deveined)
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 1/2 tsp brown sugar
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp butter, melted
- 1/2 tsp Siracha hot chili sauce
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup freshly chopped parsley

Rinse shrimp and pat dry. In a bowl, combine the shrimp with sea salt, black pepper, paprika, and brown sugar. Refrigerate for one hour.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over high heat. Add the garlic and cook for 10 seconds. Fold in the shrimp, and sear each side for 2-3 minutes until the uare curled and pink. Add the butter, chili sauce, lemon juice, parsley, and toss well. Remove and serve immediately.



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From the moment we left for the campground, it was a disaster. We hit traffic leaving the city, got to our favorite restaurant after it closed, and were assigned a campsite next to the playground. It was a holiday weekend, and endless groups of kids were screaming, chasing, swinging, throwing, or crying in the playground.

It was enough to give you a migraine. I don't get it.

Lacy

# Dear Frankie

## Camping

Dear Frankie, Recently our family went camping. Why would anyone sleep on hard dirt or sit on a log to eat in front of a fire that made your front hot and your back cold when you lived in

Dear Lacy,

As the humans say, "Different strokes for different folks."

You said you live in a city, so one reason might be that your parents wanted to spend a few days in the country and be outside.

Some humans go away to experience a different culture or setting or escape their usual routine. It might also be that your parents wanted to spend time together as a family.

Living happily in a family requires compromises. Do you think your parents like standing around the dog park in the winter and lousy weather? Probably not, so why do they do it? Because "you" like to go to the park, catch up with your friends, and exercise.

They put your interests and needs before their own. Need I say more?

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at [dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com). The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To

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# Two graduate from Fire Academy for Fairhaven

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership announced the graduation of 21 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program on April 12.

The graduating firefighters of Class #BW29 represent the fire departments of Bellingham, Brewster, Bridgewater, Canton, Fairhaven, Lakeville, Norwell, Norwood, Provincetown, Rockland, Sandwich, Scituate, Well-

fleet, Westport, Wrentham, and Yarmouth. Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires.

Upon successful completion of the Career Recruit Program, all students have met the national standards of NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and are certified to the levels of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

“Congratulations to FF William Oliver and FF Brad Johnson on their graduation from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy today,” wrote the Fairhaven Fire Department on its Facebook page. “Both Brad and Bill have been with us since the fall of 2023 and have exceeded all expectations asked of them. We cannot wait to have them back to shift. Great job!!”



L-R: Fairhaven Firefighters William Oliver and Brad Johnson are pictured after graduating from the Mass. Firefighting Academy on 4/12/24. Photo courtesy of Mass. Firefighting Academy.

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# Fairhaven has an easy choice

By Wayne Hayward  
Planning Board Member  
(1991-2023)

## Special to the Neighb News

Whether to approve/disapprove omnibus zoning amendments at the 2024 Fairhaven Town Meeting will be a quick and easy vote for me. I have co-authored many of the planning bylaws that helped set the course according to our Master Plan. There is always work to be done.

However, planning processes should involve lengthy study followed with vigorous public debate. Neither has occurred on this article. In fact, Article 20B is merely a list of personal grievances. Much time has been spent on discussions involving accessory dwelling units, Article 20A. Article 20 B will negatively impact our coastal waters, our remaining forests, our watershed and industrial property forever.

The proposed amendments are troubling in that they all represent unbridled growth to benefit some industries, while eventually fostering overall malaise to the general public on their property. The Planning Board

should pass over the article for further study when they have a professional, zoning planner in Town Hall.

## Solar Farms

In Article 20B, the Planning Board proposes to remove three words from the existing bylaw 198-29.6.G(8) Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities. "within five years" (referring to clear-cutting of trees).

The stated reason is "to not cut down one single tree". Currently, the bylaw requires a ten-acre site which is predominately open space with allowances for minimal tree removal, as voted per plans. The Town of Fairhaven has sited many solar farms, with no significant tree loss. The solar business lease allows agricultural farming operations to continue, but with additional revenue for twenty-five years. This preserves the valuable rich soils for food and crop production for Fairhaven's future. Flexibility in tree loss provisions allows for site by site adjustments.

If the Planning Board now proposes a ten-acre site AND prohibits the removal of a single tree, this severe permitting restriction will not

be approved by the Office of the Attorney General, as the Commonwealth continues to promote increasing solar electric production. There would be few parcels in the town of Fairhaven which could meet this new requirement. Likely, the board could be causing a conflicting interpretation and installations on treed lots is allowed by new employees. This would subject New Boston Road and the Nasketucket River Basin District to deforestation of large parcels.

The current bylaw continues to protect the Nasketucket River Basin District, as much as practicable. The surrounding towns have been reacting to a proliferation of large-scale solar with voting temporary moratoriums in their watersheds. Those communities need amendments to their zoning bylaw, if they wish to restrict large scale tree loss. Fairhaven is served well by its current, existing language.

## Docks and Piers

At the May 07, 2005 Fairhaven Town Meeting, members approved

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Figure 1. Existing Landscape. The coastal shoreline of an embayment in Fairhaven, MA as it presently exists. Graphic courtesy of the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Office.



Figure 2. The same coastal embayment in Fairhaven, MA if each parcel abutting the water's edge had constructed a private dock, i.e. a "full build-out" of docks. Docks were added to the Figure 1 picture with Adobe Photoshop®. (Graphic courtesy of the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Office.)

These photos show Round Cove on West Island, the cove on the north side of Causeway Road. These docks are in front of houses on Almond Street and depict a full buildout if every property had the right to a dock.

Photos from NOAA Coastal Ocean Program Decision Analysis Series No. 25 (page 16), "Visual Impact Assessment of Small Docks & Piers: Theory and Practice," Sept. 2005.



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zoning measures which would require a zoning permit to install a dock or pier. This was to address NOAA and Coastal Zone Management concerns. In addition to required environmental and building permits, advice was given that a proper zoning analysis of each proposed dock should take place in the future. The hope being that further oversight would prevent the improper build-out density. A zoning "use" permit was required by Zoning Board of Appeals on residential lots or Planning Board on apartment and business lots.

On May 04, 2024 the Fairhaven Planning Board places Article 20B on the warrant. This will take us back to prior 2005 and allow every under-sized, nonconforming lot to have a dock. The result could be Sciticut Neck, Wilbur's Point and West Island will resemble the "NOAA Visual Impact Photographs". The current language requiring a zoning permit is being stripped from the bylaw. Docks are proposed to be allowed by right and will not trigger additional zoning approval. In each and every instance, it will be allowable under zoning with the 60 foot frontage lots, as long as a 25 foot setback is provided.

There is no zoning permit. There is no appeal. You will not be notified as the 20-day appeal period will not apply. West Island and Sciticut Neck will assuredly be overrun with docks in the future.

See [https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/2077/noaa\\_2077\\_DS1.pdf? page 16 for the dock buildout](https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/2077/noaa_2077_DS1.pdf? page 16 for the dock buildout)

*visual of Round Cove on West Island by NOAA.*

## Shipping Containers and Storage Units by Right

The Planning Board places Article 20B on the warrant. This proposed bylaw creates two, new proposed uses.

1. Shipping Containers.
2. Storage Units

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The first use is proposed to be listed in the Use-Regulation Schedule as "Shipping Containers" with the "use" allowed by right in the Industrial District. As when providing for listed principal uses such as a Gas Station, Retail Store, Restaurant, Apartment Building, etc., in their respective districts and by right or only by Special Permit, this new principal use of "Shipping Container" would be given the same rights. Currently in the Industrial District,

many businesses utilize shipping containers as an accessory-use-only. These are used for tool storage, materials, etc. Creating this brand new "use" would provide for the Shipping Containers to be placed on an empty lot, by themselves as the sole principal structure and use. The height allowed under the Industrial District is up to forty (40) feet and this would allow shipping containers to be stacked, one on top the other. Sycamore Street, Howland Road, River Avenue, River Street, Middle Street, and Fort Street. are Industrial locations. Alden Road, Bridge Street and Mill Road are also Industrial locations.

The second use will allow Storage Units in the Business and Industrial Districts in the Town of Fairhaven. Only one Business District classification currently exists, with no other sub-classifications. This means they could be placed town-wide, in any retail location. No definition of "Storage Units" is provided. This could allow for "Shipping Containers" to be installed as "Storage Units". No additional Zoning Bylaw language for either "use" is being offered in this article, which would provide some specifics to public safety and design requirements.

## Change to Planning Board Election Cycle

Chapter 65 Planning Board.

The Planning Board proposes to change from: 8 members, 4 year term, 2 seats per each election every year

To: 8 members, 3 year term, 2 seats followed by 4 seats as below.

From: 2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2, etc.

To: 2,2,2,4,2,2,4,2,2,4, etc.

The current language requires "Two members shall be elected at each annual town election".

This change would allow four member seats to be on the ballot in a single election, every third year. This change is opposed to proper staggering of seats on boards and could allow for nefarious purposes in the future.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Town Meeting warrant with the full language of the proposed changes is available on the Town Moderator's page of the town website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-moderator/pages/annual-town-meeting-information>*



Shipping containers, such as these, will be allowed in more locations in Fairhaven "by-right" if the bylaw changes are passed at the Annual Town Meeting on 5/4/24. Photo by Wayne Hayward.

# Fairhaven Improvement Assn holds annual meeting/awards

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held its 141st annual meeting and dinner at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on April 11.

Congratulations to the following award recipient.

## Business Beautification

*The Ice Cream Cottage* and *Southcoast Pickleball* for their exceptional efforts in beautifying

their commercial properties, enhancing our community's charm and vitality.

## Community Service

*Ashton Conlon*, for thoughtfully raising funds for the Fairhaven Animal Control and shelter, embodying the spirit of compassion and dedication.

*Joni Rhoads*, owner of *Rescue Cafe*,

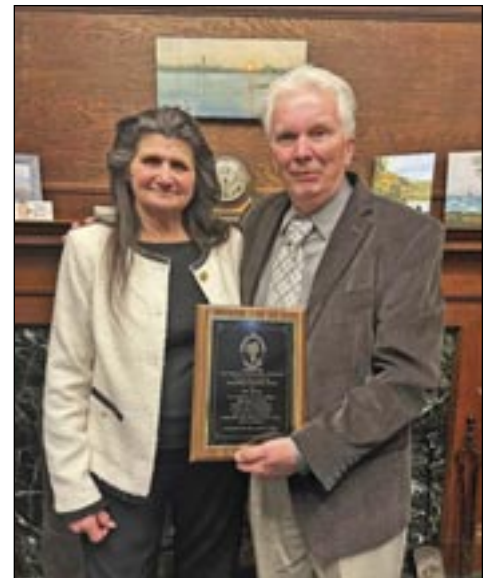
for her admirable commitment to giving back by donating a portion of profits to no-kill animal shelters.

*Nils Isaksen*, for refusing to take no for an answer and leading the way in the historic street lamp project, illuminating our town's history and character.

Thank you to all our recipients for your outstanding contributions to making Fairhaven a better place!



ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Improvement Association President, Barbara Acksen (RIGHT), presents The Ice Cream Cottage owners Phil and Colleen Martin with a Business Beautification Award at the FIA's 141st annual meeting and dinner at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford, on 4/11/24. ABOVE RIGHT: FIA President, Barbara Acksen (CENTER), presents Southcoast Pickleball business partners (L-R), Rob and Adam, with a Business Beautification Award. BELOW LEFT: Ashton Conlon is all smiles as he poses with his Outstanding Community Service Award for his fund-raising efforts for the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. BELOW MIDDLE: FIA President, Barbara Acksen (RIGHT), presents Joni Rhoads of The Rescue Cafe with an Outstanding Community Service Award. BELOW FIA President, Barbara Acksen, presents Nils Isaksen with an Outstanding Community Service Award. *Photos courtesy of FIA.*



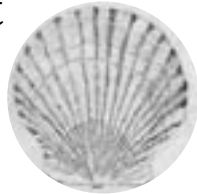


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### Fairhaven

- Board of Public Works**  
Mon., 4/22, Arsene St., 6 p.m.
- Commission on Disability**  
Thurs., 4/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- 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., 5/8, 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 ELECTION

- Sat. 5/18, Acushnet Elementary School/all precincts, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Planning Commission**  
Thurs., 4/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- Selectboard**  
Tues., 4/30, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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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

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Erma Bombeck

# Obituary: Susan B. Sullivan



## Susan B. Sullivan

Susan B. Sullivan, a 19 year Fairhaven resident, passed away on Sunday, April 7, after a short illness. She was 72.

Susan was surrounded by family and close friends at her home and slipped away peacefully.

She was a long time member of the

Bay Area Senior Cyclists and previously served on the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee. She enjoyed reading, learning new technology, kayaking, dancing, and travel. While living and working in Needham, MA she taught aerobic dancing with Aerobic Patterns. With self-taught skills she created a blog chronicling her world travels to six continents.

Originally from New York City, Susan came to the Southcoast having retired from WCVB-TV after a long career as a television engineer and Technical Director. Her broadcast career started in Boulder, CO, where she helped build the public radio station KGNU and did a stint as on-air

talent. In recent years she began acting in community theater and had appeared in productions at the Marion Art Center, Your Theater, The Little Theater in Fall River, and New Bedford's 1440 Project Theater Collective.

She is survived by her husband Geoff and his two children and four grandchildren, her brother Gerald, and sister Michele. A Celebration of Life will be held to honor her to be announced. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to her favorite charities, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Planned Parenthood, and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

## New Bedford Film Festival is this weekend

*From Press Release Materials*

The New Bedford Film Festival celebrates authentic cinematic stories, cultivates bold storytellers, and champions the city's growing creative economy. NBFF takes place in the vibrant city of New Bedford on the South Coast region of Massachusetts from Thursday, 4/18/24, through Sunday, 4/21. Films run from Friday, 4/19, through Sunday, 4/21, from 10 or 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., at a variety of venues in downtown New Bedford.

While the screenings and workshops are available for no cost throughout the city, seating is limited at all locations. If you wish to attend a specific screening, non-ticket holders will line up and gain admission five minutes before it starts. Ground Floor's first floor networking room is free entry. You can also access any screening and workshop free, if there is room after VIP ticket holders arrive. Opening night is also free, but closing night is ticket holders only.

**Opening night presentation** is Thurs., 4/18, 6-8 p.m., New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Jonny Cake Hill, NB, featuring presentation of awards: Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Production Design, Best Wardrobe, Best Original Score, Best PSA.

**Thurs., 4/18, 8:30-11:30 p.m.,** Opening Night VIP After Party, NB Harbor Hotel, 222 Union Street.

**Fri., 4/19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,** panels and workshops, Ground Floor Coffee, 61 Merrill's Wharf, NB.

**Fri., 4/19, from 7-10 p.m.,** networking night, Ground Floor Coffee, 61 Merrills Wharf; 10 p.m.-1 a.m., after party, NB Harbor Hotel, 222 Union Street.

**Sat., 4/20, from 7-10 p.m.,** networking night, Ground Floor Coffee, 61 Merrills Wharf, featuring



Presentation of awards, Best Song of a Music Video, Best Original Song in a Film. 10 p.m.-1 a.m., after party, NB Harbor Hotel, 222 Union St.

**Sun., 4/21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.,** VIP Cocktail Hour, Gallery X, 169 William St., NB; 7-10:30 p.m., Award Ceremony, Steeple Playhaus, 159 William St., NB; 10:30 p.m.-Midnight, Award Ceremony After Party, NB Harbor Hotel, 222 Union St.

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