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## Fairhaven holds Memorial Day parade



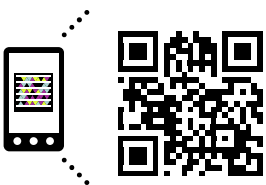
Fairhaven High School students, including members of the championship football team, carry a 30x50-foot American flag by the high school during the Memorial Day Parade on Main Street on 5/26/24. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, I'll give him this:  
The guy's got cahoonas!

Imagine this....the guy who has a container supply company and a crane company and sits on a board actively trying to make containers easier to get in Fairhaven, has decided that another guy has an ethics issue because he sold someone a house once.

AIYAIYAI, Lucy! Tell me I'm dreaming.

Honest. I'm not making this up. See page 8 for Mr. Carr going after his favorite target, Mr. Romano. Vendetta much?

Speaking of the Ethics Commission, Mr. Carr, care to share the letter they sent you with the public? I mean, you're all about transparency, right? C'mon....you can tell me. I promise to tell everyone.

Honestly, the hubris is only exceeded by the hypocrisy.

And now this numbnut is on the ZBA for five years. FIVE!!! Great job, Select Board, great job.

There's more, of course...see for yourself. This one is truly popcorn worthy. Just fast forward to the spots where Mr. Carr is at the podium. Three times, I think. Ah...maybe more.

Meanwhile, we had our Memorial Day activities on Monday. Although it is a somber reason for the day, a parade is a parade. It was so nice to see that the whole route was lined with supporters this year. Way to go, Fairaven! See page 12 for that.

There's more in here, of course, but at some point, this baby needs to get to bed (the paper, not me).

So, check out each and every page. And while you're doing that, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue we made a misake in our story on the Huttleston Marketplace opening day. Stephanie Sherman's business is New Bedford Pottery. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# May is Bike Month

By Laura Gardner

## Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

As the only town on the Southcoast with a bike trail that spans its entire width, Fairhaven is special. And whether you bike for fun, to commute to work, or to run errands, the bike path certainly makes bicycling easier.

### Why Bike?

Biking is a great way to improve both the health of the planet and personal health. Replacing car trips with biking benefits our air quality, reduces noise pollution, and lowers emissions. You'll also save money on gas. Statistically, more than half of all car trips are less than three miles; given the bike path, many of those short trips could easily be a climate-friendly bike trip!

Bicycling health benefits include improved cardiovascular health, reduced stress, as well as improved mobility and coordination. Individuals who use their bicycles as a primary means of transportation enjoy even greater benefits. According to a study in the Journal of Physical Activity and Health, "people who bike to work are more likely to meet national physical activity guidelines."

### How it Could be Even Better

We still have work to do on the Southcoast to improve infrastructure for bicyclists. Most of the Southcoast

lacks dedicated bike lanes, and planning a safe bike route is sometimes tricky. Jess Fidalgo recently tried biking from her home in the center of Fairhaven to her workplace on Acushnet Avenue. She reports that "there's no really good way" to get to that part of New Bedford from Fairhaven via bike, but she's committed

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to figuring it out and says "the fresh air and extra time were better for my well being than the rush of the car."

Another Fairhaven resident who has experience biking to work is former Select Board member Bob Espindola. Bob bike-commuted for

over ten years to his job at Titleist in the Industrial Park in New Bedford and found that "with the proper clothing I was able to ride all year long and through all weather conditions."

### How to Get Into Biking in Fairhaven

One option is to join a fun group ride! The Livable Streets Committee in town has been hosting monthly Bike and Brew events to encourage biking for fun in the community. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenLivableStreets/> to find out more and join the June ride.

Encouraging kids to bike is another important step. The Wood School Bike Bus was revived in 2023. In the fall and spring the bike bus boasts up to 50 kids riding to and from school on Fridays with music blasting and big smiles. A smaller group even rides through winter!

Maybe you need a new bike or your current bike needs fixing? We have great local options! Bike Zone of Cape Cod recently opened a storefront at 162 Huttleston Avenue. We also have two options for convenient, mobile bike repair at your home: Artemis Cyclery (<https://artemiscyclery.com/>) and On the Spot Bike (<https://www.facebook.com/outthespotbike/>).

The month of May is bike month, but biking is a great activity for people and the planet all year long. See you out there on the bike path!



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Worship at 10 a.m. Sundays  
June 2: *The Daffodil Principle*  
Nursery care in Harrop Center starting at 9:45 a.m. Children welcome at service.  
Planning a wedding or special event? Call the church office for information.

The Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe  
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# Economic Development Committee shares survey results

## Submitted

The Fairhaven Economic Development Committee (EDC) has released the results of the survey on New Business suggestions for the town.

The Fairhaven EDC thanks all those who participated in the survey.

Total residents taking the survey for their choice of new business in town: 508

This was a great response, statistically significant. Thank you!

Total number of suggestions: 1,306.

## Top 7 business categories requested:

Business	No.	Percent
Grocery Store:	450	34.5
Retail Shops:	354	27.1
Restaurants:	269	20.6
Kids		
Entertainment	93	7.1
Recreation (Bowling Dancing)	37	2.8
Misc. Individual Ideas	44	3.4
Comments	59	4.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>100%</b>

More detail behind each category will be posted on the town's website soon (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov>).

The Planning Board and the Economic Development Committee will be pursuing your requests as much as possible, and will keep you posted.

## Interested in starting a business?

Please contact PlanningBoard@fairhaven-ma.gov, subject "New Business."

## CONGRATULATE FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

The community is invited to join in the fun of giving the class of 2024 a special send-off into the world. Our regular issue covering the graduation is 6/6/24. Run an ad letting your grad know how proud you are.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Pickleball

### Pickleball Clinics

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association is holding clinics at Livesey Park on Sat. & Sun., 6/8 & 9, Beginners, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; Wed., & Thurs., 6/12 & 13, Beginners, 5–7 p.m.; Wed., 6/19, Next Step, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; Thurs., 6/20, Next Step, 5–7 p.m.

If you are interested, please send a check for \$30 payable Fairhaven Pickleball Association to Dan Ferreira at 12 Grant St., Acushnet, MA 02743. You can also use Venmo. Fairhaven Pickleball Association, if it is your first time phone code is 7190. You can call Dan at 508-728-7190.

### Opening Day

The Public is invited to the Fairhaven Pickleball Association Opening Day which is on Saturday June 1 at 10:00 AM at the Livesey Pickleball Courts. Refreshments will be served. There will be music, merchandise sales, Sign up tables to register and to sign up for clinics. Our instructors will be on hand to answer any questions. There will be guest speakers.

To learn more about the FPA, visit our website at <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com>

## Wellness Event

Joining forces with the Fairhaven Recreation Department, three passionate individuals are teaming up to provide vital wellness, education on resiliency techniques, and support to nurses and first responders at wellness event at the Fairhaven Rec Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (behind Stop & Shop) on Fri., 5/31, from 4-6 p.m., featuring light yoga, guided meditation, and community group.

Danielle Mongeau, RN, BSN, brings her background of emergency nursing and holistic nurse coaching, certified as a transformative nurse coach through the Nurse Coach Collective. She is also a guided meditation teacher certified through Meditation Alliance International and a certified nutrition coach through the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

Vanessa Machado, RN, with over a decade of experience in acute care and critical care, currently working in the Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit and is pursuing a advanced

degree in psychiatric and mental health nursing as well as a certification in stress management and resiliency training (SMART) at the Benson Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Sara DaCosta, a certified yoga teacher with a background in special education, offers her skills in trauma-sensitive mindfulness and sound therapy. Together, they aim to nurture the well-being of those who tirelessly serve their communities.

This is open to all healthcare workers and first responders in the Southcoast Ma/RI.

## FHS Documentary

Fairhaven TV proudly announces the release of its highly anticipated documentary, "The History of the Castle on the Hill." Led by Fairhaven High School Alumni Association President Robert Foster ('66) and produced by Erick Sa ('17), this immersive journey explores over a century of fascinating history, architectural marvels, and captivating stories of Fairhaven High School.

Available now for free viewing at [www.fairhaventv.com](http://www.fairhaventv.com) or Fairhaven TV's YouTube channel, the documentary offers an unparalleled exploration of Fairhaven High School's rich heritage.

"The History of the Castle on the Hill" stands as a testament to Fairhaven High School's enduring legacy, inviting viewers on a journey through time and tradition.

## Parade Sign-Up

It is that time of year again and we can't wait to celebrate another July 4th with Fairhaven! If you have not signed up yet, we would love for you to join us!

Please join us again this year as we travel down Green Street to show Fairhaven our American Pride and ending at Fort Phoenix for the annual ceremony and cannon firing! If you would like to be part of the celebration this year, please fill out the registration form so that we know who will be joining us for the parade.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/5cm8r4ev>

We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, July 4, 2024

## Book Talk

Mon., 6/3, Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, use Walnut St. entrance. *Be not afraid! We Mostly Come Out at Night: 15 Queer Tales of Monsters, Angels & Other Creatures* is a cross-genre YA anthology, exploring what it means to be a monster with queer perspectives on classic monster stories and tropes! Join its creators, local author Jonathan Lenore Kastin & anthology editor Rob Costello, for selected readings from the anthology, followed by a Q&A and book signing - copies will be available for sale. Register at: [millicentlibrary/events](http://millicentlibrary/events) to attend.

## Pirates & Privateers

Pirates & Privateers Presentation, Friday mornings, 10:00 a.m., June through September. WEATHER PERMITTING. Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort flagpole. Free.

Is there really pirate treasure buried by Captain Kidd on Scoticut Neck? Why might you become a privateer instead of joining the Navy? What's the deal with the parrot on the shoulder?

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner

Find Greybeard & Companie on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreybeardCompanie/> See less

## Fhvn's Got Pride

Sun., 6/9, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Outdoor Unitarian Memorial Church Service, 10:00 a.m. on church lawn; Lawn of Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA; and Center St., between Town Hall and the Millicent Library

Join Fairhaven in celebrating and supporting our local LGBTQ+ community with hours of family-friendly festivity. The event will include guest speakers, vendor, craft, and support booths, music and entertainment, food trucks.

The Unitarian Memorial Church will hold an outdoor service on the church lawn at 10 a.m. For more information, follow on Facebook @FairhavenPride or email [belonging@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:belonging@fairhaven-ma.gov).

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## NB Pride

We hope everyone will join us at New Bedford Pride in Buttonwood Park on June 1 and Taunton Pride in Hopewell Park on June 8 to support and celebrate all the wonderfully unique contributions the LGBTQ+ people make to life in the South Coast. We've got something happening for everyone throughout the month of June. Check out all the action on our website and stay up-to-date our Facebook page! <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/pride-2024.html>

## Day of Portugal

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., 6/6, 7, 8, 9, Senhor De Pedra Club Feast Grounds, 81 Tinkham St., New Bedford, MA.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m., raising of Portuguese flag at New Bedford City Hall, with speaking ceremony and public reception to follow at Camoes Hall of the Consulate of Portugal, 638 Pleasant St., NB.

Friday: 6:30 p.m., Inaugural procession from Our Lady of Immaculate Conception on Earle Street, to feast grounds; and ribbon cutting. 8 p.m., performance by Luis Pacheco.

Saturday, 3 p.m., K-9 presentation for kids; 5 p.m., SCA Folclore Group; 6 p.m., Recordacoes de Portugal Folclore Group; 7 p.m. DLA Folclore Group; 8 p.m., performance by Edge.

Sunday: 3 p.m., K-9 presentation for kids; 4:15 p.m., Grupo Dancas e Cantares do CJL; 5 p.m., Despnsa Mar e Terra USA (Rabo de Peixe); 6:30 p.m., Concertinas do Norte; 8:30 p.m., performance by Luizinho.

## Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 6/4, 6-8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest Laura Ludwig, ocean cleaner and "debris broker," will discuss "Ghost Gear in Local Waters: New Approaches and Strengthened Resolve to Confront Deepsea Pollution." For over two decades, Laura, the director of the Marine Debris & Plastic Program at the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, has been a key player in organizing commercial fishermen, regulators, artists & volunteers to address this issue.

"Ghost gear" refers to fishing gear, such as nets, rope, lines, buoys and traps, that is lost, abandoned or discarded at sea. Removing it from the ocean floor is costly and challenging. Since much of it is made of plastic, its breakdown further increases ocean pollution and hazards for marine creatures.

Laura will describe strategies to track and report ghost fishing gear, as well as new systems being developed to prevent it in the first place. She'll relate innovative partnerships with aquaculturists, fishermen, and artists who repurpose hauled-up materials, and share her busy schedule of regional clean-ups we can all get involved with.

Free parking in rear of building. Find us at <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> or on Facebook.

## Beach Cleanup

Sun., 6/2, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Palmer Island at the bottom of Gifford Street in New Bedford. This will be a combined cleanup with Operation Clean Sweep and Be The Solution to Pollution.

You can pre-register online.: <https://operationcleansweep.net/cleanups-operation-clean-sweep/>

Free t-shirts to all volunteers; Gloves and tools provided. Wear closed-toe shoes. Review the safety notes. Walkins Welcome. Free pizza from Dominos!

## RJD Free To Military

This summer, active-duty military families can once again visit The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), 396 County St., New Bedford, for free as part of Blue Star Museums, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and Blue Star Families (BSF), in collaboration with the Department of Defense. The 2024 program will continue through Monday, September 2, 2024, Labor Day.

RJD is one of many participating museums from across all 50 states. Each year, a wide variety of museums take part, from history, art, and children's museums to botanical gardens, planetariums, and zoos.

For more information about RJD, call the Museum at (508) 997-1401 or visit the Museum's website,

[rjdmuseum.org](http://rjdmuseum.org). Additional information and a complete list of participating museums is available at [arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums](http://arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums).

## Learn to Row

New Bedford Rowing Center (NBRC) announces Learn To Row sessions. These Saturday and Sunday morning courses will get anyone on the water in four weeks. .

Registration is now open for Learn To Row courses, taking place on 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).

- 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:

### Oyster Fest

Cisco Brewers and Fishing Heritage Cnter are excited to launch New Bedford's first Oysterfest, Sat., 6/15, from 4:00 to 7:00pm! Enjoy oysters from some of the region's finest oyster farms, drinks, live music, and more. Meet the growers and learn how to shuck! Tickets will be sold exclusively through the FHC. For tickets visti <http://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/>.

A portion of the proceeds support the Center.

### Ernestina Public Sails

Set sail aboard the historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey this summer with FHC! These public sails are the perfect opportunity for anyone interested in learning about the history of the commercial fishing industry. We invite you to join us this summer for sunset sails departing from New Bedford's State Pier at 6:00 p.m. on June 29, July 19 and August 16. Tickets are only available through the FHC website, <http://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/>: \$60/general public. FHC members receive a 20% discount and a portion of the ticket sales support the Center!

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Veterans Services in Acushnet

Acushnet has a new Interim Veterans Services Agent, Brad Fish, who recently retired as Fairhaven's VSO. Office hours now are Monday 8-12 and Thursday 10-2, at the VSO Office in town hall, 122 Main St.; 508-998-0200 x4207

## Free Movie

Mon., 6/3, 2-3:15 p.m., Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road.

"No Longer Silent" presents historical films from the silent movie era set to live performances of contemporary composed soundtracks. At June's showing Jeffrey Angeley and Leon Stanley are the featured composers and performers. Their score will be performed as the backdrop to the one-of-a-kind psychological mystery "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari." The 1920 film itself features unique, hand made visual art sets and early elements of horror. It includes many twists and turns which Angeley and Stanley portray the emotion of with violin, accordion, guitar, and mandolin over the course of its 74 minute run time.

## Pirate Fest

Mark your calendars for the weekends of June 1-2 and June 8-9 when the 2024 Cape Cod Pirate Festival ([www.capecodpiratefestival.com](http://www.capecodpiratefestival.com)) comes to Joshua Sears Memorial Field at 28 Wood Road in South Yarmouth.

The 4th annual swashbuckling event will kick off at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 1st in celebration of Yarmouth Day. Local and state officials are expected to participate in the opening ceremony.

Presented by New Latitude Event Solutions ([www.newlatitudeevents.com](http://www.newlatitudeevents.com)), the two roguish weekends will feature entertainment, swashbuckling adventures, rollicking music, crafts, black powder and cannon demonstrations, axe and knife throwing, beverage tastings, open mic opportunities and much more.

Get ready for some pirate-themed fun, explore wares from local and far-off vendors, sample fare to satisfy the heartiest of appetites, and prepare for a jolly good time.

The festival will run from 10:30 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m. For additional details and ticket information, please visit ([www.capecodpiratefestival.com](http://www.capecodpiratefestival.com)).

## Boston Pride

Boston Pride For The People is excited to announce Pride Month celebration in Boston on June 8th, 2024. The celebration will include a parade, a festival, and more! Boston Pride For The People is a volunteer-led organization that plans activities and events that celebrate the rich diversity, culture, and intersectionality of the LGBTQ+ community.

For more information, visit <https://www.bostonprideforthepeople.org/>

## Parade

Sat., 6/8, 11 a.m., starting at Copley Square, ending at the Boston Common.

## Festival & Block Party

Sat., 6/8, Boston Common, featuring local and national entertainers all afternoon. City Hall Plaza will host a Block Party for 21+ later in the afternoon.

## Edibles Walk

Curious about foraging, but not sure what you can and can't eat? Join DNRT Development & Outreach Specialist Kendra Parker for a fun and informative walk as they point out a variety of edible plants that grow on the property. Take this knowledge home and forage from your own backyard!

Cost: \$10 per person. Slocum's River Reserve, 320 Horseneck Rd, Dartmouth. Visit <https://dnrt.org/event/wild-edibles-walk/>

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for thirty years. Pain, disability, and disease—as well as hope and resilience—have inspired and informed her work as a poet, memoirist, patient advocate, and scholar. Her new poetry collection "Days of Grace and Silence: A Chronicle of COVID's Long Haul" (Kelsay Books, 2024) was written over three years, beginning when Wallace was first sick with severe acute COVID and following her teenage daughters' and her long journey of recovery.

Wallace is host and producer of The WildStory: A Podcast of Poetry and Plants by the Native Plant Society of New Jersey and Professor of English at New Jersey City University.

A reception and book signing will follow Dr. Wallace's reading. The program is part of the Purrington Events Series, sponsored by the Mattapoissett Library Trust. Everyone is invited to attend. The library is located at 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoissett and is fully accessible.

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Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 508-971-1859. First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

# Carr berates Select Board; ZBA chair resigns on camera

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Select Board Chairperson Stasia Powers and Patrick Carr, a member of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, had some tense exchanges at the SB meeting on Tuesday, 5/28/24.

The board spent a bit of time going over the annual appointments/reappointments to the various boards, including the ZBA. Mr. Carr has been an associate member, and has asked to be a full member on at least one other occasion. This time around the SB had to appoint two full members for five-year terms, and one associate member for a three-year term. Five people had applied for those three slots, including ZBA chairperson Ken Kendall, Patrick Carr and Amy Goyer vying for the two full slots; and Joseph Almeida and Katharine MacPhail vying for the associate slots.

After some discussion, and hearing from all except Mr. Almeida, the board opted to appoint Mr. Carr and Ms. Goyer to the two full slots. Mr. Carr was appointed with a vote of 4-1, with board member Andrew Romano voting "no." Ms. Goyer was appointed in a 3-2 vote, with SB Chairperson Stasia Powers, Charlie Murphy, and Mr. Romano voting "yes," and Andrew Saunders and Keith Silvia voting "no."

Ms. Powers then asked Mr. Kendall if he wanted to apply for the associate slot.

"I want the town to accept my resignation," said Mr. Kendall, who had already told the board he had been on the board for 15 years, had only missed a handful of meetings during that time, and was currently the chairperson.

He said if being on the board for 15 years and being a call firefighter does not mean anything, then he wanted to resign, and he left the meeting.

The board then voted for Katharine MacPhail to fill an associate slot. Because the board had elevated Mr. Carr and Ms. Goyer from associate to full, that created two additional associate openings.

During the discussion before the vote, however, Mr. Carr took a shot or two at his favorite target, SB member Andrew Romano, who was appointed to the ZBA over Mr. Carr last year.

Mr. Romano had noted that he would vote for Ms. Goyer and Ms. MacPhail because during his time on the ZBA he learned that the board was not complying with the bylaws and the

town could face lawsuits because of it.

He said it was "eye-opening" at a meeting with Town Counsel. He said just because a person has been in a position for a long time, does not mean the board has to keep them.

Mr. Carr said he wanted to clarify that the board had done nothing wrong, and there were no lawsuits.

"I resent you saying that," said Mr. Carr directly to Mr. Romano.

Mr. Romano also said that the ZBA had approved a project they previously had rejected even though there were no changes to it, it was just a different board. Mr. Kendall disputed that assessment, saying there had been a change to the project.

In another ZBA related matter, Mr. Carr took the SB to task when Ms. Powers wanted to pass over agenda

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Are you running this meeting? Because you are telling me what you are going to do.  
Let me tell you.  
[SB chair Stasia Powers]

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item D4, a discussion about ZBA bylaw and enforcement.

Ms. Powers said she wanted some clarification from Town Counsel.

Mr. Carr and Ms. Powers had a bit of a back and forth, with Mr. Silvia asking for the board to be polled.

Ms. Powers insisted the item should wait, saying it needed to be a "respectful discussion."

She said she got no answers from the ZBA when she asked for clarification except for accusatory statements.

Mr. Carr brought up an old complaint about a shed the North Fairhaven Improvement Association constructed on town property without permission from the SB, although they did get a building permit. Mr. Romano was acting President of the NFIA at the time. Mr. Carr said he wanted to know if there were different rules for town properties, and he wanted to know why certain projects did not go in front of the ZBA.

A little bit of back and forth again

between Ms. Powers and Mr. Carr, who said, "Let me say what I want to say and then you.."

"Are you running this meeting?" asked Ms. Powers. "Because you are telling me what you are going to do. Let me tell you."

Mr. Carr accused the board of not wanting the information out to the public.

"What are you accusing me of," asked Ms. Powers.

"It's very simple," said Mr. Carr, adding that the ZBA wanted the information out in the public.

He handed out a sheet with four questions asking who has authority, the SB or the ZBA, what their roles are, and how violations are addressed. The sheet also contains a statement that there are three buildings erected on town properties that needed to go before the ZBA for variances and did not. However, it is unclear which properties he is talking about. The NFIA shed did not require a variance, just permission from the SB. That building was discussed at the 12/4/23 meeting (see FNN 12/7/23 issue).

Mr. Carr did not specify which other buildings he was referring to.

He also admitted that the sheet was created by him and the ZBA chair, not the whole board.

The Select Board voted to authorize Town Counsel to advise the ZBA.

During the public comment period Mr. Carr took another shot at Mr. Romano, accusing him of an ethics violation because he voted to appoint Ms. Goyer to the ZBA.

Mr. Carr said the two had a business relationship. He said he would be contacting the Ethics Commission and would be filing an Open Meeting Law complaint (although it was unclear what that would be for).

Mr. Romano, a realtor, said he helped Ms. Goyer find a house to buy, but that was the only business transaction they had. He said he already checked with the Ethics Commission and he filed a disclosure with the Town Clerk's office.

He said there is "no financial relationship" between him and Ms. Goyer.

Mr. Carr insisted, however, saying Mr. Romano helped her "secure a house," and that's working with someone in business. He then railed against the decision to appoint Ms. Goyer and remove Mr. Kendall.

The meeting is available on demand at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com)



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# Recipe of the Week

## Grilled Meatball Kebabs

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp plain dried breadcrumbs
- 1 egg
- 1/4 tsp Italian seasoning
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2 medium onions, cut into sixths
- 2 medume zuchinis cut into 1" slices
- 12 cherry tomatoes
- Italian salad dressing

In a large bowl, combine the ground beef, parsley, garlic, cheese, breadcrumbs, egg, Italian seasoning, and season with S&P to taste. Mix until well combined.

Shape beef mixture into 18, 1-inch balls (add more breadcrumbs for firmness if needed).

Thread skewers with meatballs, onions, zuchinis, and tomatoes. Brush kebab with Italian dressing, and grill until the meat is cooked thoroughly. Makes 6 kebabs.



# Dear Frankie

## Shelter Dogs

Dear Frankie, I'm writing for myself and my two friends at the shelter. We are all under three and were adopted when we were puppies.

Horace's family dumped him because they didn't realize he would grow to 100 pounds by the time he was a year old. I don't know how they didn't get it when they adopted him. He has enormous paws and is a Saint Bernard Mix.

Lucy was dumped because she wasn't a good hunter despite coming from a long line of hunting dogs. At least they didn't shoot her.

I got here because the kid who adopted me was living in a dormitory at college. When he graduated, his parents said, "No way, Jose."

What is wrong with the humans? Don't they understand the psycho-

logical toll it takes on us when they abandon us? Do they have any idea what it is like living in a cage, sleeping on a cement floor, surrounded by dogs who come in dazed, frightened, and suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder?

The shelter people do their best, but this is no way for a dog to live. We don't know how much more we can take. Our only upside is we have one another.

Ray

Dear Ray,

It breaks my heart to think of the life you and your pals are living. Some people believe a no-kill shelter is great for dogs. Some shelters put dogs down if they haven't been adopted in 30 days. So, having more time for a dog to find a family is somewhat of an improvement, but six months, which translates into 180 days and nights, is brutal.

I hope the humans reading my column will take your letter to heart and remember it when they or their friends or family members adopt a dog.

I know a photographer who

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# Fairhaven's Lori Leal wins again!

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven resident, Lori Leal, is tearing up the racetrack in Seekonk, winning the Powder Puff race for the third time this weekend.

Lori won the "Powder Puff Feature" on Saturday, 5/25/24, Memorial Day weekend, dubbed the 2024 Memorial

Day Thrill Show.

Ms. Leal, also won the 2023 Mid Summer Thrill Show, Powder Puff, and the 2022 Powder Puff on Labor Day.

She only recently took up racing (at 50-something) and started winning right away. She credits her daughter for her success, Tori Price,

because she is the ace mechanic who keeps things running.

Ms. Leal is also battling cancer, but has clearly decided that it won't stop her from having some fun and making Fairhaven proud at the Seekonk Speedway.

Good luck in your next race, Lori!



LEFT: Lori Leal of Fairhaven does a victory lap with her first place trophy for winning the Powder Puff Feature race during the Memorial Day Thrill Show on Saturday, 5/25/24, at Seekonk Speedway, her third Powder Puff win. RIGHT: Lori holds up the trophy after her win. Submitted photos.

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# “Just remember why we have a Memorial Day”

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven held its annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, 5/26/24, starting at South Street, marching along Main Street, and concluding with a ceremony at Riverside Cemetery.

Keynote speaker Ret. Army 1st Class William Kligel reminded the crowd that Memorial Day began as Decoration Day to honor those who died in the Civil War that ended in 1865.

Mr. Kligel said even when history gives “details, thoughts, and traditions of Memorial Day, family and veterans chose remembrance and sorry in their own ways.”

He said he wanted to express how remembrance brings them back, “even if it is only in memory.”

Mr. Kligel said family is always remembered as those at home, “but there is a second family of people that veterans fight alongside of. A family they depend on to protect each other when their aggressors strive to take their lives.”

“No branch of service, race, or personal differences stops them from protecting each other,” said Mr. Kligel. “For a veteran never forgets those that they served with, especially if they die.”

He said the do it in the hope of



Ret. Army Sgt. 1st Class William Kligel delivers the keynote address during the ceremony at Riverside Cemetery after the Memorial Day Parade in Fairhaven on 5/26/24. Photo by Beth David.

returning to their “cherished family and friends at home. All while honoring our flag, the symbol of what life should be.”

Mr. Kligel asked the crowd to remember that when a veteran dies it affects their family and those they served with.

“Memorial Day remembers someone who died to protect our flag, the symbol of our beliefs, liberty and freedom,” said Mr. Kligel. “So in our hearts and souls their loss of blood and life will not be forgotten.”

Veterans mourn their lost

comrades as friends and family mourn. Remembering is honoring those who died.

“For if we remember they are never forgotten, and a small part is still with us,” he said. “All veterans who die do the same in their last breaths. Let their death not be in vain. Just remember why we have a Memorial Day.”

The program also included the singing of the National Anthem by Jennel Garcia; opening and closing prayers by Rev. Maiki Kamauoha, SSCC; a reading of the governor’s proclamation by Select Board chairperson Stasia Powers; musical selections by the Fairhaven High School band, including Taps; “Amazing Grace” on bagpipes by Bruce Webb; reading of the Gettysburg Address by FHS president Elizabeth DaCunha; reading of the town’s honor roll by SB member Charles Murphy; firing of muskets and the small cannon by the Fairhaven Villiage Militia; and opening and closing remarks by Emcee, Mike Jenney, Fairhaven’s Veterans Services Officer.

The public was invited to the VFW in Fairhaven for complimentary food and refreshments after the ceremony.

The parade and ceremony will be available on Fairhaen Community TV at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com)



Veterans who gathered at the VFW on Middle Street in Fairhaven pose for a group shot after the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony on 5/26/24. Photo by Beth David.

# Photos from Memorial Day



ABOVE LEFT: Veteran Army Corporal Gus Cote claps for the Fairhaven High School band during the ceremony at Riverside Cemetery after the Memorial Day Parade in Fairhaven on 5/26/24. ABOVE MIDDLE: Chuck "Hell On Wheels" Cromwell, rolls along in the parade. ABOVE RIGHT: Army veteran Jimmy Leal, who served in Korea, gives a big smile for the camera at the VFW after ceremony. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Select Board member Keith Silvia hands a flag to Lylah (and Elijah) during the parade. BELOW RIGHT: Members of the Fairhaven Cub Scouts Pack 55 march in the parade. BOTTOM LEFT: L-R: Gracie and her adults, Pattie and Gary Pacella, watch the parade. BOTTOM RIGHT: Cousins (L-R), Isaac, Nora, Eli, Annie, wave flags while watching the parade. *Photos by Beth David.*



## More photos from Memorial Day



LEFT: Three long time members of the Fairhaven police department, who are retiring within the next nine months, pose for the local free sheet just before the ceremony at Riverside Cemetery after the Memorial Day Parade in Fairhaven on 5/26/24, L-R: Lt. Kevin Kobza, Police Chief Michael Myers, Lt. David Sobral. RIGHT: Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fire their muskets during the ceremony. Photos by Beth David.

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## From our readers

### Somewhere Over the Rainbow

#### There is no place like Home!

(In response to Rick Trapilo's letter, of 5/23/24, "Planning Board Member Vows to Press On")

ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units) could most certainly be an alternative to help create more housing. But there is a dire need for our community to get involved, and begin to seriously discuss with our town officials just how we are going to go about it. But first, maybe we should re-name Accessory Dwelling Units to be named something like, "The Heart Home Extension." This may drop a clue to wealth builders who are buying up family homes here in Fairhaven, from thinking that ADU's can be another way to make more money with short term renting, or charging high rental fees.

In other words, ADU's should be allowable only as a place for family residents to live in, not built just for sheer profit making. Residential neighborhoods, which are many in Fairhaven, in the first place, had no business being set up for mini hotel

profit making (Short Term Rentals)) in the midst of an obvious housing shortage. Family residential homes are for families to grow in love, and prosper in. And the word here is "Residential" meaning not zoned for business.

Also let us erase the word "Affordable" housing and replace it with "Reasonably Priced" housing. Because it is a fact, that housing has become unreasonably priced, like everything else that includes our basic living needs, to include food & water.

Making sure that zoning is not changed in "residential areas" to continue to accommodate investors' profits and vacationers, needs to be a topic of discussion. We are already over our Short Term Rental allowances for Fairhaven, and our bylaws continue to go unchecked/ignored. It doesn't matter the excuses you get from town officials anymore. The fact remains what it is. It's the residents of Fairhaven that suffer the financial consequences, tax hikes, and the pains of homelessness.

Gaining the communities "Trust,"

well Mr. Trapilo, you know what they say, the proof is in the pudding. If the town government can not even follow the STR bylaws, what makes you think any other housing law protections will be adhered to?

And I will add here that Cape Cod is not a good example for us Mr. Trapilo. Cape Cod officials had no care at all about working families, and pushed out so many valuable workers off the Cape, in order to move full speed ahead with their Real Estate money making agendas. In fact Cape Cod suffered a shortage of ambulance drivers, fire fighters and many others in the vital workforce, because they had no available and or "reasonably priced housing" for them. And that is because of the inundation of short term rentals and high rental fees in residential neighborhoods.

We actually have more homes than we realize, available, but many of them are being used exclusively for investor wealth building.

Yes, let's be transparent, Mr. Trapilo. Transparency is a good place

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**LETTER: cont'd from previous page** to start the discussion on ADU's. It is time to balance the scales on our housing polarities. But let us not be afraid to discuss the reasons for the imbalance, and you will begin to solve the incongruities. It's really that simple to understand. And may we not forget, as we already have, "Zoning Laws" were in part, actually put in place to protect communities against housing disparities.

Changing zoning laws and/or adhering to zoning laws that protect the residents and its resources, that is the question?

*Michelle Costen, Fairhaven*

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*Best, Frankie*

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**School Committee**

Wed., 6/12, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

**Select Board**

Mon., 6/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Selectboard**

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

**Town Meeting**

Mon., 6/17, Ford Middle Sch, 7 p.m.

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Saturday	1	0352 1629	0933 2240	
Sunday	2	0457 1731	1032 2359	
Monday	3	0558 1824	1132* ---	
Tuesday	4	0649 1912	0055 1223*	
Wednesday	5	0735 1957	0147* 1308	
Thursday	6	0822 2044	0247 1354	
Friday	7	0912 2133	0338 1444	
Saturday	8	1001 2220	0410 1532	
Sunday	9	1049 2307	0431 1612	
Monday	10	1137 2354	0455 1648	
Tuesday	11	--- 1229	0525 1727	
Wednesday	12	0046 1322	0602 1816	
Thursday	13	0139 1412	0652 1928	
Friday	14	0228 1500	0753 2045	
Saturday	15	0317 1550	0844 2143	

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# Obituary: Donna M. Donnelly



## Donna M. Donnelly

Donna M. Donnelly passed away on April 14, 2024 at her home in Fairhaven, Massachusetts at the age of 69.

She was born on December 8, 1954 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. She was formerly active as a Town of Fairhaven Meeting Member and a

graduate of Fairhaven High School. She retired as a legal secretary for Perry, Hicks & Crotty LLP.

She loved music and could often be found at summertime concerts in the town center. She was passionate about the Red Sox, Celtics and the Buffalo Bills sports teams. In her spare time she enjoyed playing cards and puzzling with people in her social community.

She is the daughter of the late Raymond Bachand of Osterville, Massachusetts and Theresa Reynolds of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. She had two late brothers Robert and Stephen Bachand.

She is survived by her mother Theresa Reynolds, husband David D.

Donnelly to whom she was married to for the past 42 years, 3 daughters, Faith Albert of New Bedford, Trisha Donnelly of Colorado, Molly Donnelly of Fairhaven; sisters Cheryl and her husband Steven Alves, Marianne and her husband David R. Donnelly, brother Raymond Bachand and his wife Penny; Granddaughters Samantha, Erika, Hailey, and several nieces and nephews.

Fondly remember Donna whenever you hear her favorite song "Imagine" by John Lennon, she would have wanted it that way.

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