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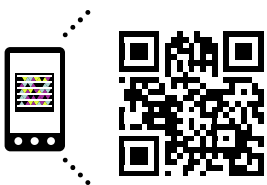
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

FH sends 147 out into the world



Fairhaven Class of 2024 president Elizabeth DaCunha shows her excitement upon exiting the football stadium after graduation on Sunday, 6/2/24.. 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.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

And...they're off!
Fairhaven's latest new-
bies to adult life have
officially left the high
school world.

Graduation is always a
fun event. Add that
beautiful sun and weather we had, and it's even more
fun. See page 12 for the story, a few pictures, and how
you can watch the whole thing online.

And let me add my two cents. As you move onto
college and other ventures, please choose your friends
carefully, especially those of you who are going away to
school and might be far from home. Here, you know who
will have your back. Be sure to use your instincts when
choosing your new friends. And, be a good friend, too.

Good luck out there, kids. Make Fairhaven proud!
Speaking of pride...

Fairhaven's Got Pride celebration is this weekend. See
page 4 for the events planned for Saturday and Sunday.

There will be food, vendors, entertainment for all
ages, and more.

The Millicent Library has some bad news, but
hopefully, it will be a temporary thing. The Fairhaven
Star, the local paper from 1879 to 1967, is going offline
for a few months. See page 4 for details on why.

The Colonial Club found a new home. They'll be
hanging at the Whitfield-Manjiro House soon. See page
18 for details.

There's more graduation related stuff, too: scholar-
ships (see page 3); graduate names (page 20); top ten
graduates (page 13); athletes signing day (page 17).

There's other stuff in here, of course. So, check out
each and every page. And while you're doing that, be
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Scholarships awarded to graduates

A variety of academic scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors who are continuing their education beyond high school.

Fairhaven Mothers' Club

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club is pleased to announce the award of three \$1,000 scholarships to Fairhaven students. The recipients are:

- Trowbridge-Whitfield Scholarship: Ms. Lyla Tavares of Fairhaven, a Senior at Westover School
- General Scholarship: Ms. Sophia Fleurent of Fairhaven, a Senior at Fairhaven High School
- General Scholarship: Ms. Campbell Costa of Fairhaven, a Senior at Fairhaven High School.

The Mothers' Club is celebrating 108 years of assistance to Fairhaven's young people.

West Island 5K

As a result of donations from our sponsors and race registrations, The West Island 5K has awarded scholarships to the following 2024 Fairhaven High School graduating cross country seniors.

- Joshua Arruda - Stonehill College
- Michael Vardo - Penn State
- Gabe Correia - Johnson and Wales College
- Libby St. Pierre - Emmanuel College
- Natalie Yochim - Penn State
- Sabrina Zheng - Boston College
- Jenna Arruda - UMass Dartmouth
- Olivia Darmofal - Bristol Community College
- Jack Finn - Bristol Community College
- Christopher Hu - Wentworth College
- Noah Pacheco - Bristol Community College
- Nadia Torres - UMass Dartmouth
- Sophia Torres - UMass Dartmouth

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars held its annual Awards Ceremony on May 22, 2024 in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium. In front of family, friends, community partners, benefactors and guests, students were awarded 38 scholarships. Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, a 100% volunteer driven chapter of Scholarship America is a 501c3 that supports academic success in our community.

Congratulations to all the 2024 recipients!

- Parker Herman: Barton B. Leach Memorial Scholarship
- Jayce Duarte: Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky Memorial Scholarship
- Lauren Bernardo: Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS
- Elizabeth DaCunha: Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS
- Sophia Fleurent: Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS
- Coby Yin: Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS
- Melandia Coutinho: Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS Renewable
- Hugh Boucher: Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Curtis L. Lopes Memorial Scholarship
- Sydney Merusi: Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Fund in Memory of Myra A. Lopes
- Hugh Boucher: Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship
- Kiana Coppa: Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship
- Coby Yin: Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship

- Sydney Merusi: Fairhaven Improvement Association Jean Campbell Scholarship
- Parker Herman: Fairhaven Improvement Association Memorial Scholarship in Memory of Dan Logan
- Libby St. Pierre: Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS
- Michael Vardo: Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS
- Michael Vardo: Fort Phoenix 5K Road Race Scholarship in Memory of Curtis L. Lopes II
- Colby Correia: Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge
- Lauren Bernardo: Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship Honoring FF's/Emergency Medical Responders
- Sydney Merusi: Henry Danielli Scholarship/FHS PTO
- Aaron Palhota: Henry Danielli Scholarship/FHS PTO
- Hugh Boucher: Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship
- Colby Correia: Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship
- Elizabeth DaCunha: Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship
- Jayce Duarte: Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship
- Lucy Paiva: Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship
- Sophia Fleurent: Linda J. Meredith Memorial Scholarship
- Lauren Bernardo: Paul Powers and Kathleen Murphy MOLIFE Memorial Scholarship
- Michael Vardo: Paul Powers and Kathleen Murphy MOLIFE Memorial Scholarship
- Kiana Coppa: Peter J. Muise Community Servant Leader Scholarship

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UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

Worship at 10 a.m. Sundays

June 9: *Pride in the Open*
(outdoors if weather allows)

Activities in conjunction with Fairhaven's Got Pride follow

Pride Prom for high school students, 6-9 p.m. RSVP and parent permission required.

The Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe

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Fairhaven Star temporarily going offline

Press Release

In 2018, the Millicent Library made available online the entire run of the *Fairhaven Star* newspaper, spanning from 1879 to 1967. Over 25,000 pages were digitized, allowing each article to be keyword searched with results segmented by article.

This project began in 2015 when the Millicent Library received a grant from the Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee.

Recently, we learned that our provider, Ignite Tech, is retiring the software that supports our digitized newspaper, giving us very little notice to find a compatible provider to migrate our collection. As a result, the *Fairhaven Star* is scheduled to go

offline on June 27, 2024.

The Millicent Library is committed to maintaining online access to this historically valuable resource. We have been working urgently to find an affordable option that can migrate the digitized data to ensure it remains searchable and viewable.

We are currently planning to utilize Digital Commonwealth, a non-profit collaborative organization founded in 2006 in partnership with the Boston Public Library. Digital Commonwealth provides resources and services to support the creation, management, and dissemination of cultural heritage materials held by Massachusetts libraries, museums, historical societies, archives, and

other cultural institutions.

We estimate that the *Fairhaven Star* will be available via the Digital Commonwealth in about six to eight months. This timeline is based on the preparation work needed on the digital files by library staff and the workload of Digital Commonwealth.

During the period the *Fairhaven Star* is offline, the Millicent Library will be happy to assist patrons in finding information. However, limited staff time may result in delays in locating and providing information.

Updates on the *Fairhaven Star* migration project will be posted at MillicentLibrary.org. For more information about Digital Commonwealth, please visit DigitalCommonwealth.org.

Fairhaven holding pride event this weekend

Fairhaven's Got pride!

Fairhaven's Got Pride is a celebration that supports and celebrates local LGBTQ+ communities. Whether you are part of the LGBTQ+ community, an ally, or just curious about what all the rainbows are about, you're welcome to join!

The event includes entertainment,

guest speakers, vendor and informational booths, opportunities for sharing stories, and more.


Pride Month Let's delve into why Pride matters.

Solidarity and Visibility: Pride Month continues to be a powerful symbol of solidarity. It brings LGBTQ+ people together, celebrating

their identities and achievements. Visibility matters because it fosters understanding, empathy, and acceptance within society.

Advocacy and Education: Pride events serve as platforms for education. They raise awareness about LGBTQ+ history, struggles, and

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achievements. Education helps combat ignorance and fosters empathy, promoting a more inclusive world.

Challenging Homophobia: Pride reminds us of the damaging effects of homophobia. Even today, prejudice, hatred, and lack of acceptance persist. By celebrating Pride, we challenge harmful stereotypes and promote a culture of acceptance and love.

Acknowledging Progress and Future Goals: Pride is a time to

reflect on how far LGBTQ+ rights have come. Pride encourages us to continue advocating for a world where everyone can live authentically and without fear.

• **Chalk the Walk June 8th at 6pm-**decorating a rainbow crosswalk between the Millicent Library and Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

• **Fairhaven's Got Pride, Sunday, June 9:** Unitarian Universalist outdoor service at 10 a.m. Pride from

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. featuring food, vendors, entertainment. All ages, rain or shine. On the lawn of Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street and Center Street between Town Hall and the Millicent Library.

Pride Month is about acceptance, equality, celebration, education, and raising awareness. It's a powerful reminder that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights, and we must continue the fight for a more inclusive and compassionate world.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fr. Day Road Race

Celebrating 50 years! 50th Annual Fairhaven Father's Day 5K Road Race, Sun., 6/18, 9 a.m. Starts and ends at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Family, fun and fitness, a Father's Day tradition.

Family, fun and fitness, a Father's Day tradition.

Online registration ONLY at www.FairhavenRoadRace.org

Reg: \$30/adults; \$10 for children under 13 and over 70. Early bib pickup, Sat., 6/15, 10 a.m. to noon; Hastings Middle School.

Course is USATF sanctioned. All miles marked and splits given. Numerous water stops.

Refreshments will be provided to all registered runners compliments of our local sponsors. Support will be given throughout the course and at the finish by Fairhaven Emergency Management Agency, the Fairhaven Police and Fire Departments.

Prize money to top three male and female finishers; gift cards, Red Sox tickets, and other prizes for more than 60 other individual and team categories; medal to each finisher.

Beach Cleanup

World Oceans Day Beach Cleanup with Pokémon Go Southcoast, Be the Solution to Pollution, New Bedford Free Public Library and DATMA.

Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, Sat., 6/8, 9am to noon. Meet in the parking lot near the cannons. Bring a reusable water bottle. Pizza, Giveaway, & Surprises at 12pm for volunteers

Everyone is welcome but young children must be accompanied by an adult. This program is supported by The Community Collaborative, Inc. and the New Bedford Local Cultural Council. For more information email: bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com

Free Movie

For Father's Day, come enjoy "Three Godfathers" (1948), a John Ford, Technicolor western! Three outlaws (John Wayne, Pedro Armendáriz, & Harry Carey, Jr.) reluctantly become the godfathers to an orphaned newborn. To save him, they'll have to risk their lives and journey across a grueling and hostile landscape.

The program screens on Monday, June 10 at 5:30 PM at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. All are welcome, and the event is free! Use the Walnut St. entrance to access the auditorium.

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

Pickleball

Pickleball Clinics

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association is holding clinics at Livesey Parkon 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.

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

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

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 Sconticut 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

ADA Survey

The town of Fairhaven received a grant from the MA Office on Disability to conduct a town-wide accessibility survey.

The Accessibility Survey is now available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J8H2T3H>.

Or visit the town's website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov and find it under "News and Notices."

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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 rjdmuseum.org. Additional information and a complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums.

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.

AHA Pride

Celebrate another year of Pride Month with AHA! at the vibrant Pride Block Party on **Thursday, 6/13, from 5pm to 10pm**. Presented by the Queer Arts Council of New Bedford, this year the festivities move up William Street to the Steeple

Playhouse and Gallery X between Sixth and Eighth streets for an evening filled with love, laughter, and community.

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Explore a vibrant marketplace with vendors offering unique goods. Be entertained by street performers, live visual artists, and circus arts. Engage with community partners. Enjoy live music and puppet theater. Treat yourself to delicious delights from the Sorbae Truck. Dive into LGBTQ+ art at Gallery X, featuring a curated art show by the Alders, accompanied by live music by Sarah Donner.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Immerse yourself in live stage performances inside Steeple Playhouse, including drag artists, live music, and poetry, all hosted by the fabulous Dr. Claire Annette.

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Let loose and dance the night away at the live DJ dance party inside Steeple Playhouse, featuring DJ Math3ca from Boston.

Bloomsday

Observed annually in Dublin, Bloomsday is a celebration of the life of Irish writer James Joyce. On Thursday, June 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) will offer a two-part tour to celebrate Bloomsday with Lead Gardener Rick Finneran. Starting in the Museum's historic rose garden on County Street, the walking tour will explore nearby gardens, church bells, and the literary history of the neighborhood. Stops along the way will include Our Lady of Assumption Church, the Friends Meeting House, and the First Unitarian Church among others. Participants may join the entire tour or part of the planned itinerary. The Museum is located at 396 County Street, New Bedford.

The tour is offered in conjunction with New Bedford's AHA Night and is free and open to the public. For more information, call the RJD at (508) 997-1401 or visit the Museum's website, rjdmuseum.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

Oyster Fest

Cisco Brewers and Fishing Heritage Center 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 visit <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!

League of Women Voters

Dr. Daniela Melo, a lecturer at Boston University Department of Social Sciences and Co-founder and Chair of the Board of The New Bedford Light, is the keynote speaker at the League of Women Voters SouthCoast Annual Meeting at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Come and hear how three years ago, at the launching of The New Bedford Light, Dr. Melo and its founders had little evidence that this new model for local news could work. But what the founders did know was that the progressive disinvestment in The Standard-Times had left the city without investigative reporting. As a microcosm of nationwide trends, New Bedford was experiencing polarization, low voter turnout, and increased misinformation. Dr. Melo will use The New Bedford Light model to focus on potential solutions to overcome negative trends and whether new local media models can prevail.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, invites discussion on civic and political topics, voter registration, and education.

For further information please get in touch with Kris Eastman at 508-758-6051, or Susan Spooner at 508-990-2145 or www.lwvsouthcoast.org

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.

Paul Clayton Tribute

In honor of Pride Month, the Mattapoissett Museum on 5 Church Street invites the public on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 pm to celebrate the life and legacy of New Bedford's own Paul Clayton and his influence on the folk music scene of the 1950's and early 60's in Greenwich Village.

This program, *Remembering the Songman of New Bedford*, will explore Clayton's life through musical performances and historical narrative by Tom Goux, Dan Lanier, Butch McCarthy, Neal McCarthy, Seth Asser, Gary Brown and MaryBeth Soares. Almost 60 years after his death, Paul Clayton's ghost continues to hover over American folk music. The man whom Bob Dylan once described as a "medium" that channeled the very essence of traditional songs from the sea and the mountains, and whom Dave Van Ronk acknowledged was an important "influence" on both Dylan and himself, was born right down the road in New Bedford in 1931.

Clayton was a performer, a collector and a field recorder of traditional folks songs and openly gay. From 1956-1961 he was the most recorded young folk singer in America. He brought hundreds of obscure folk ballads and songs into the American music scene. Praised by many superstars to come out of the

entire folk musical era now gone, Clayton is a national treasure. This presentation will help to shed light on how the history of the whaling culture in our area influenced a young man to pursue his interest and passion for folk music.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Mattapoissett Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is required at www.mattapoissettmuseum.org/events.

Wild 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!

Sat., 6/8, 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$10 per person. Slocum's River Reserve, 320 Horseneck Rd, Dartmouth. Visit <https://dnrt.org/event/wild-edibles-walk/>

Register at: <https://dnrt.org/product/wild-edibles-walk/>

Climate Change

Mass. Climate change and climate justice legislation update: Monday, June 10 at 7 PM on ZOOM

Join advocates and policy experts to hear about proposed Massachusetts climate change and climate justice legislation and how we can help get it across the finish line. Presented by Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast. Register at tinyurl.com/MA24update

Habitat House Ded.

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) will hold a dedication ceremony for two families this Sat., 6/8, at 11:00 a.m. at 629 Westport, MA. The public is invited to attend.

During the ceremony, the families will be presented with keys to their new homes, while the non-profit gives thanks to all the volunteers, subcontractors, and donors that helped make the build happen. The homes were designed by Saltonstall Architects as a farmhouse-style, 3-

bedroom, 2 bath, 2-unit duplex, built with Passive House strategies, one of the highest home energy efficiency ways to build. At the close of the dedication, attendees may take a walkthrough of one of the homes. The new homeowners are two local women that will be moving in with their families. As part of Habitat's "sweat equity" requirement, each family contributed over 300 hours building their own home. The homes were built in partnership with the Westport Housing Trust and CPC fund.

Donations of money and materials, as well as volunteer labor, enable Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity to build homes for those in need in our area. The completed homes are sold to qualified families at an affordable price with a below-market interest loan. For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer, please visit www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org or call 508.758.4517.

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Sun., 6/23. Pickup time, 1-2 p.m.

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Benefits Knights of Columbus Mattapoissett.

Tickets: \$45 pp. For info and tickets, call Jim, 508-863-3496. Advanced purchase of tickets is needed. Free delivery of tickets is available.

Duck Race

Get Tickets NOW!

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sun., 6/23, at the Acushnet Sawmill and down the Acushnet River at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from the race go to Mass. Lions Eye Research, Scholarships and other Lions Club charities.

Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 774-849-2028. (NOTE NEW PHONE NUMBER). First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

Recipe of the Week

Vegan Pan-Grilled Portobello Mushrooms with Herb-Infused Marinade

- 8-12 large portobello mushrooms
- 1 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup tamari soy sauce
- 1 cup water
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary (1 tsp dried)
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme (1 tsp dried)
- 3 sprigs fresh oregano (1 tsp dried)
- black pepper

Remove stems from mushrooms and clean well. In a large bowl combine all the ingredients. Add mushrooms and make sure each is covered by the marinade. Let marinate for at least 30 minutes.

Heat the grill to medium and cook each side 5-7 minutes until tender.



However, he acts like he doesn't know me when his friends come over to play chess or soccer.

Whenever I ask him if I can join in and play, he says I can't because I can't run fast enough, and I don't know how to play chess.

I admit I can't run as fast as they do. But I'm no dummy. I graduated first in my obedience class and can hold my own in checkers. How hard could it be to learn how to move a few kings and queens around a board?

I can't believe Joey is being so mean.

Dear Frankie

Left Out

Dear Frankie, My brother Joey is five years older than I am. We enjoy spending time together watching our favorite TV shows, playing games, and hanging out.

However, he acts like he doesn't know me when his friends come over to play chess or soccer.

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Dear Bingo,

Joey is not being mean. He gave you a straight answer based on facts. You can't run fast enough to play soccer, and you don't know how to play chess, which is a game that requires a great deal of thought and problem-solving skills.

Even if Joey and his friends were willing to teach you, which is not their responsibility, you couldn't play at their level. What fun is that for them?

Give it up, Bingo. Your time would be better spent using those smarts that got you a first in your obedience class, developing a list of ways to spend time when Joey has visitors.

Let me give you a running start: 1. Invite friends my age to play, 2. Ask Mom or Dad to play a game, 3. Watch a favorite TV show, 4. Clean my room, 4. Do my homework, etc.

I'm sure you can come up with a million more activities to add to the list.

Best, Frankie

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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.

Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning of 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: 6/12, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 6/19, NO TRIP/HOLIDAY; 6/26, Thames St., Newport, RI; 7/3, Tiverton Casino; 7/10, Mashpee Commons.

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Free. Mon., 6/10, 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, 508-979-4029. \$2 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

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Wellness Excursion

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Initial walking site at The Knob. After visiting The Knob, we will travel to downtown Falmouth library for use of the bathroom facilities. Following the break, we will walk 2.8 miles along the Falmouth Road Race path. Last stop, ice cream! Please bring cash.

Bring your own sunscreen, hat, backpack, hydration, lunch, and snack. Please wear proper footwear and outerwear for the day.

Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

Walking Schedule

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FHS sends 147 into the world

By Beth David
Editor

A bright and sunny sky greeted 147 Fairhaven High School graduates in the football stadium on Sunday, 6/2/24, for their send-off into the world, with the main message of the day being to savor the moment.

Valedictorian Kianna Coppa told her fellow graduates that when they look to the future, they do not know anything, there is no guarantee that their plans will unfold as expected.

“Seize control of the present,” she told them, and be an active participant in their lives.

She told them to literally feel the plastic of their seats, the gown rubbing against their skin, feel the caps on their heads and the person beside them.

“Remember, our future may be uncertain, but we all have a role we can play in the present,” said Ms. Coppa.

Superintendent Tara M. Kohler echoed the sentiment. She said she had a difficult year herself with some injuries and realized that life is not all the things you are accomplishing and the routine of the days.

“Every single day is a gift,” she said. “And you forget that sometimes.”

They have all faced obstacles and had setbacks, but it is what they do in those moments. She said she liked how Kianna said to feel the seats.

“And in this moment, be in the present,” said Ms. Kohler. “Because it truly is the only moment you are certain of.”

She told them not only to look to the people around them when things to wrong, but to be those people. Because the “real gift in his life,” she said is social connection.

“It’s the kindness. It’s the act of community,” she said, adding that she knew they were a phenomenal

class. “Stay phenomenal. Stay uniquely yourself, whatever that is.”

She said being a graduate of FHS was a connector, and she encouraged them to connect with the alumni association and the way they do. Every community thinks it is special, she said, but this one really is.

“It’s close. It’s grounded in some really steep traditions,” said Ms. Kohler, adding that everyone who is an alumni of FHS shares those traditions.

Enjoy all the little moments, she said.

“Every single one of them. Enjoy them, take them in and like your valedictorian said, really celebrate that moment,” said Ms. Kohler.

Principal Andrew Kulak, told the graduates they were no longer FHS students, but graduates and now



alumni of “this unique, amazing high school.”

“Your time as students was short, but your time as alumni will continue for the rest of your lives,” Mr. Kulak told the graduates.

Their future is in front of them, he said, and used lyrics from Bruce Springsteen’s “No Surrender.”

For some high school was a breeze, said Mr. Kulak, for others a challenge, and not always because of academics. They discovered their likes and dislikes, their character and moral compass, learned how to navigate social situations, and figured out who would be friends or not.

“Well, we busted out of class. Had to get away from those fools. We learned more from a three-minute record, baby. Than we ever learned in school,” he recited from the song, and then noted that long time music teacher and band instructor Brian Young would be “busting out of class” and heading for retirement.



Mr. Kulak told the graduates that their paths did not end on graduation day, that the milestone was just a beginning.

“You’re all in various stages of figuring out your goals, your hopes and your dreams,” said Mr. Kulak. “While high school may have seemed hard, the hardest battle you will ever fight will be between who you are today and who you want to become in the future.”

“Well, we made a promise we swore we’d always remember. No retreat, baby, no surrender,” read the lyrics.

“Make the promise to yourself,” said Mr. Kulak. “No retreat, no surrender. never give up on your dreams...keep fighting and pushing forward.”

He said as educators, their job was to impart some knowledge, teach them some standards and skills, but most importantly, teach them “critical thinking skills” and help them learn to make decisions so they can fight those battles.

“Hopefully, we did,” he said.

“Be safe, make good decisions,” Mr. Kulak told them. “Keep the promise of no retreat and no surrender. And wherever you end up, tell them Fairhaven High School sent you.”

Salutatorian Aaron Palhota said his class had a strong sense of purpose. They went through a lot of change, he said, but “no amount of change can remove us from the dignity of being Fairhaven High School alumni.”

They will have many opportunities to recall high school life, he said, and they should embrace those moments, and every time they look back they’ll be able to admire how far they have progressed.

After the ceremony, graduates and family members hung around for

GRAD: cont’d next page



GRAD: cont'd from previous page photos, hugs, and goodbyes.

Katherine St. Amand and Jade Beaugard took a moment to pose with music teacher, Molly McNulty. Ms. St. Amand will be attending Trinity College for Creative Writing; and Ms. Beaugard will attend American Music and Drama Academy for Musical Theater.

Elijah Mercado said he was not sure of his future plans, but was considering a trade school in the fall. Meanwhile, he will continue his work in the restaurant field.

Landon Lawrence also said he

would most likely opt for a union job, maybe driving commercial vehicles. Meanwhile, he will work at his restaurant job.

Friends Mikaylah Cardoza, Kylie Gamble, and Goddess Gregg will all be attending Bridgewater University, Makaylah for biology and chemistry, and eventually nursing school; Kylie and Goddess for Early Elementary Education.

"I feel pretty good," said Preston Amaral, who will be attending UMassD for Civil Engineering. "I'm pumped and excited to start the next chapter."

"I feel great," said Owen Centeio, who will be attending Johnson & Wales for Sports Management, and will play lacrosse. "Awesome. I'm having an unbelievable, amazing day."

The program also included singing of "The Halls of Ivy," with the FHS Concert Choir; presentation of class gift; presentation of diplomas; tassel ceremony; class song, "Love Live" by Taylor Swift.

The ceremony is available on demand on the Blue Devil TV YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpeJ83_GssU



LEFT, L-R: Graduates celebrate with brothers and cigars after the ceremony in the football stadium at Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 6/2/24. L-R: Owen Centeio, Greg Centeio, Hugo Surprenant, Luke Isaksen, James Isaksen. RIGHT L-R Mikaylah Cardoza, Kylie Gamble, Goddess Gregg, are all smiles holding their diplomas. *Photos by Beth David.*

Fairhaven High School Top Ten Grads

Here are the top ten Fairhaven High School graduates for 2024.



1: Kiana L. Coppa, Brown University, biology



2: Aaron B. Palhota, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, computer sci.



3: Elizabeth R. DaCunha, Harvard University, biology & global health



4: Ava M. Bissonnette, U. of North Carolina Chapel Hill, biomedical eng.



5: Libby D. St. Pierre, Emmanuel College, international relations



6: Natalie R. Yochim, Penn State, biochemistry & molecular biology



7: Sydney G. Merusi, Northeastern University, bioengineering



8: Arden C. Bradshaw, Providence College, political science



9: William W. Foster, University of Central Florida, actuarial science



10: Emily M. Pedersen, Bridgewater State University, biology

Colonial Club finds home at Whitfield-Manjiro house

Press Release

The Fairhaven Colonial Club, Inc., and the Whitfield/Manjiro Friendship Society have signed an agreement welcoming the Club to use the Society's Cultural Center for its meetings. The two groups had often collaborated on events when the Club was housed at the Coggeshall House, which was put up for sale in 2016. This agreement brings a decades-long friendship back to life.

The Cultural Center, which is an adaptive reuse of the historic Carriage House, is currently under construction. It will provide a space for classes, meetings, and other events. The Colonial Club has made a generous donation to cover the cost of appliances for the kitchen.

The Whitfield/Manjiro Friendship Society, located in Capt. Whitfield's historic home at 11 Cherry Street, continues the friendship between Tosashimizu, Japan, and Fairhaven by telling the story of the rescue of Manjiro by Capt. Whitfield in 1841 and promoting cultural exchanges.

The Fairhaven Colonial Club was established in 1812 and incorporated

in 2021. Its purpose is to promote understanding of the history, art, and culture of Fairhaven by organizing

lectures and other activities and contributing to the preservation of historic buildings and artifacts.



L-R: Gerry Rooney, CEO and President of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, and Beth Luey, Co-President of the Fairhaven Colonial Club, sign an agreement allowing the club to hold their meetings in the WMFS Cultural Center. *Photo courtesy of Debbie Almeida.*

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FHS holds celebratory signing for athletes

Fairhaven High School held a celebratory signing for high school seniors who are planning on playing a sport next year in college, on Thursday, 5/23, in the FHS library.

RIGHT, L-R: Aiden Pacheco, Nikko Morris, Colby Correia, Chace Feno, Jayce Duarte, pose for a photo during the celebratory signing event for Fairhaven High School seniors who are planning to play sports in college on 5/23/24. BELOW LEFT: Aiden Pacheco poses with his family during the signing. BELOW RIGHT: Jayce Duarte poses with his family, Jarrid Antil, Coach Derek Almeida, and Roman. BOTTOM LEFT: Nikko Morris with his dad. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Colby Correia signs on to play baseball at Endicott College during the celebratory signing event. BOTTOM RIGHT: Chace Feno poses with a family member. Submitted photos.



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- Elizabeth DaCunha: Peter J. Muise Community Servant Leader Scholarship
- Lauren Bernardo: Rob Shields Kindness Award
- Libby St. Pierre: Rob Shields Kindness Award
- Aaron Palhota: Rob Shields Memorial Scholarship
- Libby St. Pierre: Rogers School Alumni Scholarship
- Landin Dallaire: Ronald J. Tavares Kindness Award
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Obituary: Robert “Bob” Sylvia



Robert W. “Bob” Sylvia

Robert W. Sylvania, 86, a fixture on Fairhaven’s working waterfront for decades and a pre-eminent diesel mechanic servicing thousands of commercial marine vessels over many years, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 in Lady Lake, Florida, after a period of declining health.

Born in Mattapoisett, Robert lived most of his life in Fairhaven. He was the son of the late Albert and Anna

(Morgado) Sylvania. Bob was a graduate of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and several specialized schools related to the diesel industry. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves in the 1960s.

Bob began his career in the marine industry in 1961 as a diesel mechanic. He became well known to hundreds of captains and boat owners as the head mechanic and shop leader at D.N. Kelley & Son Inc. (Now Fairhaven Shipyard Co. Inc.) in Fairhaven. In 1992, Bob opened his own GM marine engine repair business, Fairhaven Diesel, which he ran until his retirement in 2003.

When not keeping the area fleet’s fishing and working vessels running safe and trustworthy, Bob enjoyed driving the 1923 Ford Model-T “T-bucket” hot rod he built himself. He also loved woodworking, fishing, ballroom dancing, and playing cards

with his friends.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marie (Rose) Sylvania, a brother, Raymond Sylvania of Everest, Kansas, a son Robert W. Sylvania Jr. and his wife Tracie of New Orleans, Louisiana, his grandchildren Cameron Sylvania and Maghan Landi, a great-grandchild, Ezekiel M. Sylvania, and several nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his brother, Albert Sylvania Jr.

A memorial service is being planned for later this summer in Lady Lake with arrangements by Baldwin Brothers Funeral & Cremation Society of Wildwood, Florida.


In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org), to help fund lifesaving research, advocate for healthier communities, improve patient care and work for equitable health for all people.


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Fairhaven

- Board of Public Works**
Mon., 6/17, Arsene St., 6 p.m.
- Commission on Disability**
Thurs., 6/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- Conservation Commission**
Mon., 6/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
- Cultural Council**
Wed., 6/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Marine Resources Comm.**
Thurs., 6/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- School Committee**
Wed., 6/12, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.
- Select Board**
Mon., 6/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

- Historical Commission**
Tues., 6/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Selectboard**
Tues., 6/24, Town Hall, 4 p.m.
- Town Meeting**
Mon., 6/17, Ford Middle Sch, 7 p.m.

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Friday	14	0228 1500	0753 2045	
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From our readers

American at at Crossroads

What we are witnessing at our universities where students are calling for the destruction of Israel and the destruction of our government is not a spontaneous event. The origin and its driving force goes back decades.

It has its roots in a socialist Marxist ideology which is arrogant, elitist, and self-righteous, which denies God and the rights of individuals like they are enshrined in our constitution. Its goal and driving force is to destroy our form of government, where the citizen is subjugated to the government and all individuals are controlled by ruthless anarchy.

Israel is the only democracy in the middle east. They have made any attempts in the past and concessions and other arrangements to achieve peace with their Palestinian neighbors, only to be attacked repeatedly. October 7, 2023 being the worst. Men, women, children, even babies were slaughtered. Women were raped, 1200+ Israelis were killed, 300 taken prisoner.

Israel has fought back. They have no choice, their survival depends on it. They are conducting this war as humanely as possible against a

ruthless enemy which uses their citizens as shields.

While these students have a right to demonstrate peacefully, they have no right to interfere with the functions and take over parts of these universities, intimidate Jewish students, desecrate memorials of veterans and burn the American flag.

I believe this is a result of years of indoctrination by social Marxist teachers and professors where a bias one-sided version of American history is taught. Where America is portrayed as a nation that enslaved people and mistreated its natives. Yes, this is true, however, I believe no nation has done as much to make amends, witness the civil rights laws and programs to help the Indians.

I believe little is being taught about the uniqueness of our country. I believe no nation as ever fought a war to free the slaves. It took the Civil War do do this, 600,000-700,000 men died in the American Civil War. At no time in history have so many enjoyed the freedoms and opportunities we have. These freedoms were secured at a high price by the men and women to fought and died to secure them. We

have been and still are the bright and shining beacon on a hill in the past and still are. However, we are a nation of laws. So sovereign nation can survive without borders. The vast majority of immigrants came here legally, were vetted, learned to speak English and passed a citizenship test.

In closing, I would like to point out how far we have gotten from God. When I was in a public grammar school, we would start out day by reciting the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Marriage was between a man and a woman, abortion was strongly discouraged. Now the sanctity of marriage has been greatly diminished and it's abortion for just about any reason up to the moment of birth in some states.

In the past the Jews were God's chosen people, however they rebelled and worshiped other gods. Everyone did what was right in his or her eyes. God severely punished them. Some repented and God restored them. Can we be any different? I say it's our only hope to do likewise. Repent and call upon God. A nation that honors and reveres God I believe is blessed by God.

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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Public Hearing RDA – Paul J. DaCosta/Blacksmith Drive, Map 5, Lot 7F. A Request for Determination was filed by Paul J. DaCosta for property located at Blacksmith Drive, Map 5, Lot 7F. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family house, garage and septic system located outside the 100-ft. buffer zone, some site grading and landscaping located within the buffer zone of wetlands. The applicant is represented by Richard Charon of Charon Associates, Inc. Plan name is "Plan of Site, Proposed House & Subsurface Sewage Disposal" dated May 13, 2024, review of matters presented; votes may be taken.

Ryan Rezendes, Chairman of Acushnet Conservation Commission
FNN, 6/6/24

Notice of Public Hearing Acushnet Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on June 20, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet MA 02743. This will be a Hybrid meeting with a Zoom option:

Join Zoom Meeting
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Passcode: 528479

This meeting is held in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the Acushnet General By-Laws, Zoning article VIII, Section 3.3C. (13), Common Driveways. The Petitioner is Thomas Threlfall of 110 Quaker Lane, Acushnet and the owner is Threlfall Family Trust of 2017, with an address of 112 Quaker Lane, Acushnet, Map 6, Lot 19. The Applicant is proposing to improve an existing gravel driveway to Planning Board standards for the access to the Existing Dwelling #112, and to an additional newly created residential lot known as Retreat Lot 1. A 33,440 S.f. Common Driveway Easement is provided for travel and vehicle turn around areas. The proposed Common Driveway would service two residential lots. Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. is representing the Applicant in this application. The accompanying documentation is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor, during regular business hours.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board
FNN 6/6/24, 6/13/24

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday June 25, 2024, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application: SP24-02 36 Francis Street ADU – Jessica Whiteley, the owner of 36 Francis Street, requests a special permit for the total conversion of the existing

garage into an Accessory Dwelling Unit. The property is located at Map 12 Lot 135.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8123 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 6/6/24, 6/13/24

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

There will be an Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Robert Hinckley, Chairman
David Wojnar
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

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

a. SE 023-1460, CON 023-423: 9 Goulart Memorial Drive, Map 42, Lot 15G Notice of Intent filed by Fernando & Diane Lemos to construct a 20'x6' cantilever deck extension, with a 16'.5"x16'.5" elevated sunroom, and a 9'.5"x11' elevated screened porch with proposed footings, in addition, the applicant proposes a 9'.5"x5' grill deck and an 18'x9'.5" deck attached to the existing single-family dwelling. Work proposed within the 25'-50' Buffer Zone and property within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.20') at Assessor's Map 42, lot 15G.

b. SE 023-____, CON 023-424: 23 Eaton Road, Map 29B, Lot 110 Notice of Intent filed by Michael & Hayden Linley to raze existing house and construct a new residence on FEMA Flood Zone compliant foundation, sewer & water connections and associated site work. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI. 20') at Assessor's Map 29B, Lot 110.

c. SE 023-1461, CON 023-425: 60 Highland Avenue, Map 28A, Lots 164 & 165 Notice of Intent filed by Stan Feck to construct a single-family dwelling on a pile foundation within the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. The house will be serviced with municipal water and sewer at Assessor's Map 28A, Lots 164 & 165.

d. CON 023-426: 5 Bay Street, Map 28A, Lot 409 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Clint Wilson to install new asphalt driveway with same footprint as current dirt/gravel driveway. Property located in land Subject to Coastal Storm

Flowage and FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.13') at Assessor's Map 28A, Lot 409.

e. CON 023-428: 39 Nelson Avenue, Map 43, Lot 224 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Kathleen Taylor to replace existing fence and replace with a FEMA compliant fence. Work to take place within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.18') at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 224.

f. CON 023-429: 25 Alder Street, Map 43A, Lot 71 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Mark Silverman to mechanically remove invasive plants and vines, dead trees and fallen limbs in vacant lot at intersection of Alder and Balsam Street; plan to spread 2-3 inches of processed wood chips as a base. Property includes Coastal Beach, Buffer Zone and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage at Assessor's Map 43A, Lot 71.

g. SE 023-____, CON 023-430: 25 Shore Drive, Map 29C, Lots 615 & 616 Notice of Intent filed by Young Family Trust to construct a single-family dwelling with a 10' wide crushed shell driveway on the westerly side of the house and install a shadow box privacy fence along a portion of the northerly property line. Work to take place within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17') at Assessor's Map 29C, Lots 615 & 616.

h. CON 023-431: 178 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 38 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Patricia Roberts to install FEMA compliant fence along back of the property in existing grass. Property within Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Salt Marsh, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at Assessor's Map 43B, Lot 38.

i. SE 023-____, CON 023-433: 101 Balsam Street, Map 43A, Lots 123 & 124 Notice of Intent filed by Bryan & Marie Esposito to demolish the existing cottage and build a 2-story single-family dwelling with an elevated deck on 3 sides, and a detached garage in compliance with FEMA and MA Building Code. The entire lot falls within Land Subject to Coastal Zone Flowage (LSCSF) and Flood Zone VE (EI.18') at Assessor's Map 43A, Lots 123 & 124.

j. CON 023-434: 4 Jeannette Street, Map 34A, Lots 62D & 62N Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jacob Fleurent for an after-the-fact installation of a concrete apron around an existing inground pool. The area of work is in existing maintained lawn; closest point of the apron to the pond is 51 feet. Work has taken place within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at Assessor's Map 34A, Lots 62D & 62N.

k. CON 023-435: 35 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 117 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Erica Souza to replace existing 4' picket fence that was destroyed by a winter storm. Work to take place within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI. 20') at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 117.

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

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

Karen Isherwood, Vice Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 6/6/24

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street. The following hearings will be heard.

a. Case #2024.05.28A A continuance of the case of Wendy and Alexander Barros, of 23 Morse's Lane, who are petitioning the Board to convert a one-family house to a two-family dwelling on a lot with minimum 30,000 square foot area. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4.B.5.

b. Case #2024.06.15A A case of Richard Frates, of 65 Wing Road, who is petitioning the Board to be able to park a commercial vehicle on the property due to its mixed use.

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

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