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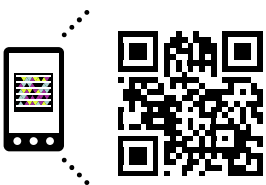
Runners of the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race fill the street at the start on 6/16/24, the 50th anniversary of the race. See page 12 for story. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

All-righty then...
summer is officially
kicking into gear./

The annual Acushnet
Duck Race is this
weekend, and the annual
swim across the harbor,
and a pride event.

We're also going to have an adaptive fishing derby
this Friday at Hoppy's Landing, the first time for that.
See page 3 for all of those events.

The Celtics will be having their turn at a parade
through the streets of Boston (see page 7) after their
cool-as-beans win on Monday to clinch the
championship. Games are definitely more fun when
you're side is winning.

And...the kid is back! Well, we'll have to stop calling
her that after she becomes a doctor, right? I mean
Elizabeth DaCunha. See page 11 for her latest dispatch.

Acushnet held its town meeting on Monday (see page
13), and it was smooth sailing. They zipped through
those articles and wrapped it all up in less than an hour
and a half.

And, the road race this year celebrated 50 years.
Quite the run, huh? And still going strong. See page 12.

And last, but certainly not least, please be aware that
we'll have ONE more issue before our summer break. So
if you have an event listing, get it in ASAP.

We'll publish on 6/27, then I'm in lalaland for a few
days.

There's other stuff in here, of course. So, check out
each and every page and be sure to notice who our
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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our article on the Voc-Tech graduation, we made a
mistake in the headline (yup, the headline). The school
graduated 477 students. We apologize for any confusion
our error may have caused.

Weekend is packed with events

This weekend is packed with fun events, including the annual Buzzards Bay Swim, Acushnet's Duck Race, a pride event, and an inaugural adaptive fishing derby. See pages 5, 6, 7 for other events in the area.

Duck Race

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.

Adaptive Fish Derby

On June 21st, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, the Fairhaven Rec Center and the state will host an adaptive fishing derby at Hoppy's Landing, 55 Goulart Memorial Dr., Fairhaven. This event is designed to be inclusive and welcoming to all, regardless of fishing experience. Whether you're a

seasoned angler or new to the sport, everyone is encouraged to attend!

In our efforts to ensure accessibility, we will provide adaptive fishing gear to assist those who may need support with casting, reeling, or holding the rod. Additionally, we will have access trax matting and a beach wheelchair available to ensure that individuals with mobility challenges can fully participate and enjoy the experience by the water's edge.

Furthermore, representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries will be present to offer guidance to novice anglers, as well as share insights into marine life and the various fish species that may be encountered.

Participants will be categorized into two age divisions—Youth and Adult (16+).

We anticipate a delightful afternoon filled with fishing, camaraderie, and food and refreshments.

Pride at the Farm

Unconditional Love Day. June 23rd 10-2. DJ, Vendors, Raffle, Storytime with the baby animals, Zumba

dancing, animal rescue parade, food truck. Come celebrate our LGBTQ community while raising monies for the care of the sanctuary animals. \$10 donation per person. Little Patch of Heaven 263 Mill Rd. For tickets and info contact Lauren 774 328 5732. Email littlepatchofheavensanctuary@gmail.com

Buzzards Bay Swim

Greet the swimmers at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven after they complete their 1.2 mile point-to-point open water course, starting from Cisco Brewers Kitchen and Bar in New Bedford's South End

Sat., 6/22, staggered starts begin at 7:15 a.m. Leaders should start arriving at Fort Phoenix in about 20 minutes.

At the finish line, there will be a pancake breakfast, live music, beer for swimmers, a table to pick up fundraising prizes, and Coalition merchandise for sale.

Swimmers and kayakers eat free. We suggest a donation of \$5 for guests and spectators.

Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org.

The Fairhaven Historical Society Presents Fairhaven School Days



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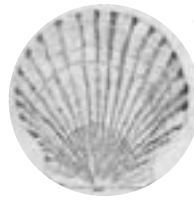
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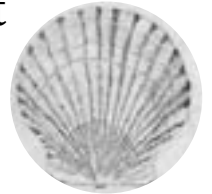


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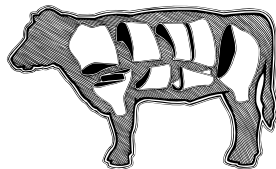
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

School Days Exhibit

The Fairhaven Historical Society is pleased to present "Fairhaven School Days"—an exciting and nostalgic exhibition of enlarged photographs of present and bygone schools, classrooms, and students. The exhibition opens on June 15 at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, and will be open every Saturday from 10 to 2 until September 24. Visitors are invited to record their memories of the schools.

Special thanks to the following organizations and individuals whose contributions have made the exhibition possible: The Fairhaven Improvement Association, Howe Allen Realty, Lauren Grant Design, The Isaksen Family, Luis Duffy Baraybar, Keith Cabral

Read & Ice Cream

Friday, June 21st from 2-5:30PM. Kick off the summer reading program with the Book Bike at the Ice Cream Cottage at 12 Ferry St, Fairhaven. Everyone that signs up gets a sticker to present at the Ice Cream Cottage for a free frozen treat. Stick around to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with books, lawn games and other freebies in the nearby park!

Our Summer Reading Program for 2024 is "Read, Renew, Repeat," featuring events and challenges for our planet! Complete literacy and learning activities in the packet that you can exchange for tickets for our prize raffle, drawn at summer's end. All ages are welcome to play with packets for kids, teens and adults.

If you can't make the kick-off, you can still sign up! Anyone can register after June 21st: at the desk during regular library hours, or by downloading at millicentlibrary.org and printing it at home.

Bike & Brew

June Bike & Brew: Fort to Fort. Join the Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee on Sat., 6/22, from 2 to 4pm as we ride from Fairhaven's Fort Phoenix to New Bedford's Fort Taber! We'll meet near Fort Phoenix's tennis courts, then ride across the Fairhaven-New Bedford Bridge, south to the New Bedford Harbor Walk, and then down the Rodney French Blvd. beach walk to Fort Taber. On the return ride, we'll stop at Cisco's

outdoor patio for refreshments before heading back to Fairhaven.

At 14 miles round-trip, it should involve a little over an hour of riding. But it's fairly flat and we have a route planned out to make the ride as safe & stress-free as possible for riders of all ages & abilities.

Reminders: Riders under 17 must wear a helmet. All riders are responsible for their own bikes. Please bring some water & sunscreen.

RSVP at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1001065248389513>

Fairhaven Dems

Please join us in electing Democrats this year.

All are welcome to join us for the next meeting of the Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee, Wed., 6/26 at 6:30pm at the Millicent Library Auditorium, Walnut Street entrance.

For more information please contact ann.richard@gmail.com.

BPW to Charge for Bulky Items

Commencing July 1st, there will be a charge, directly billed to the resident, of \$25 to pick up all bulky items, unless the item is metal or freon related where the cost will be \$35. The requested pick-up of all bulky items must be scheduled by calling EL Harvey at 508-995-0544.

Huttleston MP

Saturdays, through Sept. 28 (except last Saturday in June), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn,, 141 Main St. at Rte 6, Fairhaven

Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring as many as 90 or more vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods.

On the first Saturday of June, July, August, and September, we are scheduling special Kids Day activities including MR. ViNNY's Giant Puppets, the Millicent Library's Book Bike with story times, and more.

SAVE THE DATES:

Millicent Silent Movie

The Millicent Library is excited to

announce "No Longer Silent," historical films from the silent movie era set to live performances of contemporary composed soundtracks. We are thrilled to feature the talents of Jeffrey Angeley and Leon Stanley, who will perform their original score for the iconic 1920 silent film, *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* on Friday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. on the lawn of the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. FREE. (In case of rain, the event will move to the auditorium.)

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari is celebrated as the definitive example of German Expressionist cinema. The film features unique, handmade visual art sets and early elements of horror. With numerous twists and turns, the story's intense emotions will be beautifully portrayed through the talents of Angeley and Stanley. Their score, performed with violin, accordion, guitar, and mandolin, promises to enhance the 74-minute film's haunting atmosphere.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of film and music at The Millicent Library. Experience the magic of silent cinema brought to life with a contemporary twist by two exceptional musicians.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, please contact the Millicent Library at 508-992-5342, Millicent@SailsInc.org or visit our website at MillicentLibrary.Org.

Homecoming Day Fair

The 46th Annual Homecoming Day Fair, proudly sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will be held in the heart of Fairhaven on Sat., 6/29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair, a cherished tradition with roots dating back to 1903, was envisioned in 1975 by a group inspired by the Fairhaven Colonial Fair. This vision led to our beloved event, named the Homecoming Day Fair.

Join us annually on the last Saturday in June for a vibrant celebration, featuring over 150 booths showcasing talented artisans and craftsmen from across New

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STILL IN TOWN

England. From exciting kids' activities to nostalgic fire engine rides, immerse yourself in a day filled with art, delicious food, lively music, and captivating live entertainment. Embrace the spirit of community and tradition.

Visit <https://www.fairhavenimprovement.org/> or email: Fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

Full Bloom Fest

Sun., 6/30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Cushman Park, 154 Green St., Fairhaven. The Full Bloom Festival is returning to Fairhaven for its fourth year! We started this festival in 2021 with the goal of supporting local businesses by bringing the community together and promoting a network of health and wellness professionals.

What's in store for this year? Local artisans, vendors, food trucks, yoga, live music, basketball tournament, bounce house fun, ninja warrior

course, Capoeira, family games, crafts & activities! Full Bloom is all about giving back to the community. It is a free event for attendees. This year we will have a community collection drive where we are kindly seeking donations for the Gifts To Give foundation. We are still accepting vendors and all are welcome to be a part of this event! Please apply on our website: <https://www.soulfloweryogaandwellness.com/fullbloomvendor>

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Sails of Portugal

Enjoy an evening of wine and delicious Portuguese food from local restaurants while raising money to support the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society on Saturday, June 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the United Fishermen Club in New Bedford.

The Society, founded in 1997, promotes Azorean culture, shared whaling heritage, and teaches seamanship through cultural and boating programs. The funds raised from this event will support our cultural on- and off-water programming and our community scholarship fund.

Tickets cost \$50 per adult and include all wine and food tastings. There will be a plentiful assortment of Portuguese dishes as well as a cash bar. The event will include a silent auction with items such as a private sail, harbor cruise, art, museums, golf packages, gift cards for local restaurants and shops, and more.

For tickets, go to www.azoreanmaritime.org. Tickets will also be available at the door. For questions, contact Donald Rei at 508-287-0887 or email azoreanwhaleboats@gmail.com.

Jazz Service

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford (UUNB) is thrilled to announce the 40th Annual Jazz Service will take place on June 30, 2024, from 10 AM to 3 PM. This year, UUNB welcomes the AKOMA Ensemble, who play original and traditional music in the African American heritage known as Jazz. Akoma is Alexis Marcelo, pianist; Avery Sharpe, bassist; Charles Langford, tenor, alto, soprano sax, clarinet, and flute; and royal hartigan,

drummer and pianist. AKOMA will play from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

This year, UUNB is expanding the event by adding vendors from 10 AM-3 PM, a raffle, and a bake sale.

UUNB's jazz service recognizes both the roots of jazz in American slavery and the deeply established existence of white supremacy throughout our nation today. To this end, UUNB supports the yearly assembling of an ensemble of excellent racially diverse musicians who come primarily from our city of New Bedford and its surrounding towns.

UUNB's goal is to reflect on the racial realities of our country. The hope is all who attend leave with a renewed commitment to work towards a more equal and just America.

This event is free and open to the public, but donations are greatly appreciated. To find out more information, please visit www.uunewbedford.org/calendar

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford was established in 1708 as part of Old Dartmouth, its current location, at 71 8th Street, was built in 1838. UUNB's mission is to work for positive change in ourselves and the community and to celebrate the inherent worth of all people.

SAVE THE DATES:

Summer Sound Series

The City's popular Summer Sound Series is returning for 2024, bringing a wide variety of musicians and genres to the annual series of free concerts Downtown.

Every Friday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Sept. 6, with the exception of Aug. 2 due to the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. The free concerts alternate between lower Union Street

(between N. Water Street and Route 18) and Purchase Street (between Union and William streets), and feature participation from local organizations and restaurants.

- June 28: Felix Brown Band (R&B/Funk) – Purchase Street
- July 5: Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish (Americana/Blues) – Union Street

Cape Verdean Parade

Sat., 7/6, 11 a.m., Buttonwood Park to downtown NB. The 52nd Cape Verdean Recognition Parade steps off from Buttonwood Park at 11 a.m., travels along Union Street, Acushnet Ave., Grinnell St., Purchase St., ending at the Cape Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall.

The Parade Grand Marshall for 2024 will be Viola Pina.

The parade will be followed by the Kultura Festa at Serenity Gardens Field, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., between Bedford St., So. Sixth St., Wing St., & Pleasant St., featuring live music, cultural food, vendors and much more.

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.

Call 508-997-1401 or visit rjdmuseum.org. A complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums.

Celtics Parade

The City of Boston will host a duck boat parade on Friday, June 21, 2024, to celebrate the Celtics winning their 18th NBA Championship.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Causeway Street and then follow Staniford Street to Cambridge Street to Tremont Street to Boylston Street, before ending near the Hynes Convention Center.

Those attending the parade are strongly encouraged to use public transportation. Riders can find more information on MBTA service, parking, paying fares, and more during Friday's Celtics Championship Parade on the MBTA's website, <https://www.mbta.com/destinations/td-garden>

The MBTA will have increased subway service and modified Commuter Rail schedules with additional train times before and after the parade. Riders are strongly encouraged to purchase roundtrip fares in advance.

Visit <https://www.boston.gov/news/boston-celtics-victory-parade-and-traffic-advisory>

Statewide 911 System Interrupted

Mass. State 911 system went down for about two hours on Tuesday, 6/18/24. Public safety alerts hit cell phones around 2:30 p.m. telling people to call the business lines of their local police stations instead of 911. At round 4:20, the system was back up.

The reason for the outage was not known by press time.

According to the Boston Globe, computers at regional centers were not affected and dispatchers were able to see who was trying to call in. They were then able to call people back using other phones.

Summer Concerts

At Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, under our pavillion.

Wed., 6/26, 6-7:30 p.m. The Summer Concert Series kicks off with 60's Thunder!

Without a doubt, the 1960's was the big bang of popular music. No other decade can touch the number of timeless songs we still cherish from the 60's. Take a step back in

time with New England's premier 1960's tribute band, 60's Thunder. Be transported to the "decade of change" with a diverse song selection delivered with youthful exuberance, authentic instruments, and sweet harmonies. Dance the night away to tracks by the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Doors, Motown classics and many more. Can you dig it?

The 60's Thunder are: Ian Motha on bass and vocals, DJ Bean on rhythm guitar and vocals, Matt Borrello on lead guitar and vocals, and Liam Barry on drums and vocals. <https://60sthunder.com/>

Concerts are held rain or shine. Join us under the pavilion, or in the community room in the event of rain. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Visit acupl.com.

Acush Golf for Fhvn Residents

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works and Acushnet Selectboard agreed to allow Acushnet residents to purchase (no more than) 100* West Island Beach passes (first come, first served) at the Fairhaven resident rate. In exchange, Fairhaven residents will be allowed to golf at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course at the Acushnet resident rates.

In the off season, both respective elected Boards will review this pilot program initiative to ascertain it makes sense to renew it for next year.

*Beach passes are sold out.

Clambake Grab & Go

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Damien Council, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA Sun., 6/23. Pickup time, 1-2 p.m.

Includes: clams, fish, sausages, hot dog, linguica, onions, white and sweet potato, stuffing, corn on the cob, brown bread, watermelon.

Benefits Knights of Columbus Mattapoisett.

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

available.

Writers Workshop

Writers Workshop, Redux Next meeting June 28.

This is a place to share ideas and your work, whether you are a writer or just have stories that want to be told. We meet every fourth Friday, from 10:15am until 12:15pm, at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, in the basement Community Room. Bring a piece of writing to share aloud, or just come to listen at first...memoir, poetry, fiction, essay. Bring what moves you. No need to bring copies. Share your voice in a supportive setting. If you have a story inside you, we want to hear. Need more info? Contact artslandlady@gmail.com

Handy House Open

The historic Handy House opens for the summer season on June 26 offering a special exhibition, activities for families, and a chance to meet photographer and artist-in-residence Tina Tryforos. First time visitors can explore the unique architecture and stories connected to one of Westport's oldest houses. Self-guided tours or informal docent-led tours available.

The Handy House, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport, is open 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays and Saturdays, June 26 - September 21. FREE. Donations are most welcome!

Benefit Concert

St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is presenting a benefit concert to combat hunger. Gayane Darakyan will be in concert on June 22, at 4 PM. She will be performing on an 1897 Steinway Grand Piano.

All proceeds from the concert will support the Little Compton Food Bank (which serves Little Compton and Tiverton, Rhode Island) and the Westport Food Pantry.

This concert will be held at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, located at 182 Willow Ave., Little Compton, RI. The building is handicapped accessible, and parking is abundant.

Ticket prices are \$35. Tickets can be purchased online at standrewslc.org/concert or by phone at 401-635-2452.



UPCOMING EVENTS

at Nasketucket Bay Vineyard

- 6/21- Fido Friday! Special **Dog Adoption** Event 3-7
- 6/22 - **Weights & Wine** Fitness w/ Ashely Kelley 10-11
Build-Your-Own Bouquet **Bloom Bar** 4-7
- 6/23 - Sunday **Music** Series w/Butch McCarthy 2-5
- 6/29 - **Yoga in the Vines** w/Christine Noonan 10-11
- 6/30 - Sunday **Music** Series w/ Jessi Kenney 2-5
- 7/4 - **4th of July Celebration** 12-4
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A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

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- 1/4 c chopped pecans

Line a cookie sheet with foil and place saltine crackers on foil in a single layer

Bring two sticks of butter and brown sugar to a boil and remove. Pour over crackers and smooth and spread all over crackers quickly.

Place into 400° oven for about 5 minutes, until bubbly.

Remove and sprinkle chocolate chips all over. Let melt a little and spread all over crackers. Sprinkle with nuts.

Place in the refrigerator or freezer until completely cool.

Then break into pieces and store in air tight container.

Dear Frankie



Wasting Away

Dear Frankie,
The vet was furious with my parents for letting my brother Ozzy gain so much weight. Oz has been on a diet for several months. I can't think of anything

more painful for him than reducing his caloric intake.

Oz loves food: breakfast and dinner are the highlights of his day. Many nights he would suck on his pillow and cry himself to sleep. It was challenging to witness. So, I agreed when he asked if I would sneak into the pantry and get him some snacks. I did it for a while, but eventually, I couldn't face myself in the mirror or look my parents in the eye.

When I told him I couldn't do it any longer, he went berserk and threatened to tell my parents if I stopped. I can't believe what a mess I have made. I

know it will break my mom's heart when she learns I am a thief.

Robbie

Dear Robbie,

It is understandable that you wanted to help your brother. You saw how much pain he was in, and you tried to help him. However, as you have come to understand, there are better solutions than stealing.

I suggest you tell Ozzy the only thing he will accomplish by squealing will be punishment for both of you. Remind him he is hardly an innocent bystander. He cheated on the diet, and it was his idea for you to steal the snacks.

I think the best way for you to handle the situation is to tell your parents they need to rethink Ozzy's diet. I would suggest they add more vegetables and less kibble and meat to his diet. They could also give him low-calorie snacks like carrots and apples to reduce hunger. My vet suggested I eat popcorn without butter when I gained a few pounds, and it worked.

You should also tell your parents

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Dispatches

News from high school in the age of COVID

By Elizabeth DaCunha



Special to the Neighb News

Hello everyone! I know it's been awhile, but I have some exciting updates to share about my senior year of high school.

There have been so many amazing memories created, experiences shared, and friendships made during my final year at Fairhaven High School. Our "small town with big heart" rallied on our football team as they claimed the Division Six Champion Title at Gillette Stadium, our Drama Club held their performance of "Prom: The Musical," and some of our students received the AP Capstone Diploma for their academic performance.

We wore our blue and white gear for our final spirit week, danced the night away at Homecoming, and celebrated our senior nights for the sports we've played throughout high school.

We held the annual Mr. Fairhaven contest, where senior Gabriel Correia was crowned alongside a pool of enthusiastic participants, and we had an unforgettable Prom night at Kirkbrae Country Club followed by a successful After Prom filled with food, games, and fun planned by our PTO.

As you saw in the graduation edition of the *Neighb News*, our graduation was held on a beautiful, sunny day at the Alumni Stadium that

marked the end of our high school journey.

So, what's next? Well, amongst the senior festivities was college application season. As a student with hopes of becoming a doctor one day, I applied to many of the top schools in the country. After working tirelessly on what felt like a hundred essays and enduring the silence from admissions committees, I finally received the good news I had been hoping for: I GOT INTO HARVARD!!!

The feeling was unreal. I pinched myself, made my parents read the email to me over and over, and triple checked to make sure that they sent the acceptance letter to the right person. Turns out, they did indeed send the letter to the correct email address, it was not a dream, and I really am going to Harvard University.

With that being said, I will now be entering the next chapter of my life, starting college as a pre-med student in Cambridge!! But, before that, I hope to take all that I've learned from my experiences in high school and give back to my local community.

Alongside my older sister, Eliana DaCunha — a recent graduate of Providence College — I have co-founded a non-profit organization named "The Gen Z Agenda," that focuses on empowering young members of our generation to make a difference.

Throughout the past four years, I volunteered, created various clubs in my school, and became involved with several organizations whose missions aligned with my passions. Our goal at The Gen Z Agenda is to educate, empower, and inspire young people

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The Gen Z Agenda is a non-profit organization that focuses on empowering young people to make positive change. *Submitted graphic.*

to make positive change through mentorship, workshops, and skill-building. We are launching a Changeloger Fellowship that will run from July 2024-July 2025, and hope to bring together a community of members across the SouthCoast area that advocate for change and lift each other as they climb. The online application and further information is available on our website: genzagenda.weebly.com

Lastly, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to Beth David for allowing me to write about my high school experiences here in the *Neighb News*. From describing school during the COVID-19 Pandemic, to recapping school sports, clubs, and events, it was such a wonderful experience being a part of this paper, and getting the chance to connect with the readers of "DaCunha's Dispatches." I am truly grateful for the Fairhaven community, and will forever be a Blue Devil.

Yours Truly, Elizabeth DaCunha

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1348 take to streets in Fairhaven Fr. Day road race

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Father's Day 5K Road race turned 50 this year, facing a sunny but cool day on 6/16/24. The race starts and ends at Hastings Middle School. Organizers said almost 1500 registered. According to racewire.com, 1348 finished.

This year, the day included lots of tributes to the number 50, including giving out drinking glasses to the first 50 fathers who ran, mugs, and special prizes to the 50th place winner, 150th, 250th....you get the idea.

Awards also went to the person with the oldest race t-shirt, Kenny Rogers, who had one from the mid 1970s. It was so old it had no date on it. Mr. Rogers also had the oldest race mug, from 1989.

Marty Flynn was recognized as a long time volunteer.

He told the crowd it was inspiring to see how many young people ran the

race. He thanked the Days family, who founded the race and the many volunteers.

"That's what makes a great race," said Mr. Flynn.

The race committee will also place a marker commemorating the 50th anniversary at the finish line at Hastings Middle School.

"It went by too quick," said Allen Days of Days Sports, who founded the race 50 years ago, then quickly went into runner mode and noted that the day was perfect for a race.

"You could tell no one was hurting, said Mr. Days. "It was a good day for running."

He also said he wanted to thank the people "who make it happen," the "dedicated volunteers and the sponsors."

After the race, India and Patricia took some pictures to commemorate the day. India said it was a little "challenging."

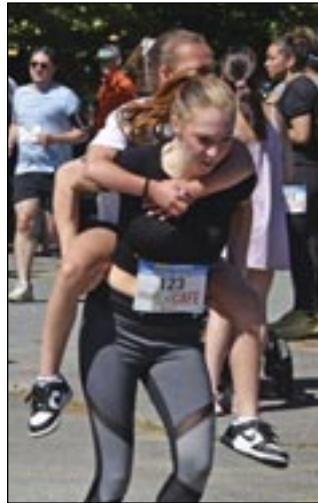
It was her second race; she ran the Mother's Day race last month.

"I feel good," said Patricia, noting it was her first race.

Top finisher was Gilmar Lopez Silvestre, 35, of Brockton, in 14:32. Second place went to Will Benoit, 21, of Fairhaven in 14:51. And third place finisher was Lowell Copps, 17, of Mattapoisett in 16:24. First woman over the line was Orla Rocha, 24, of Peabody in 16:45, who was also fifth overall. Second woman was Nora Blodgett, 23, of Dartmouth, in 18:05. Third woman over the line was Naomi Cass, 21, of Westport, in 18:16.

The Fairhaven High School music department performed the national anthem, and the Fairhaven Village Militia shot off the small cannon for the official start.

Complete race results are available at <https://my.racewire.com/results/37906>



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: David Raymond, 39, of New Bedford, approaches the finish line with Julian Raymond and Alexander Alfonso, in the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race on 6/16/24. ABOVE MIDDLE LEFT: Erin Murphy, 29, of Fairhaven, carries Alanah Murphy, 9, around the corner as they approach the finish line. ABOVE MIDDLE RIGHT: Noah DaCosta, 7, of New Bedford, has a big smile on his face as he approaches the finish line ending with a time of 37:10. ABOVE RIGHT: Moe Bourque, 82, of Lakeville, approaches the finish line ending with a time of 39:06. BELOW LEFT: L-R: Erica Durocher, 32, of New Bedford, cheers on Charlie Bergeron, 7, as they approach the finish line both ending with a time of 39:55. BELOW RIGHT: Kathryn Johnson, 42, of Acushnet, and Nora Johnson, 9, approach the finish line ending with times of 35:40 and 35:42. *Photos by Beth David.*



Acushnet TM approves all; police chief announces retirement

By Beth David

Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting made quick work of passing a \$36.1 million operating budget and other articles, ending the meeting after about an hour and ten minutes.

Almost all articles passed with no discussion, but a couple got a few comments.

Beyond the articles, though, was a big announcement. Chief Christopher Richmond told Town Meeting that he had informed the board that he will retire in the fall, in what he called the town's "worst kept secret."

"It's my time," said Chief Richmond.

He said it was "bittersweet" and thanked the Selectboard, previous SB members and town meeting.

"I want to thank everybody here," said Chief Richmond to town meeting, adding that the interactions at town meeting have been some of the best in the past years.

He also encouraged the SB to move promptly to determine the process for his successor. He said the department deserves the stability.

Town Moderator Les Dakin thanked Chief Richmond for this "many years of service to the people of Acushnet."

The chief received a loud round of applause and a standing ovation from town meeting.

The chief's position is a civil service position, so hiring will need to follow those guidelines.

One of the few articles to get any discussion, albeit very little, was article 18, calling for the creation of a meals tax of 0.75%.

The new tax would add revenue to the town coffers and diversify the sources of local revenue. Estimates are between \$50K and \$100K. More than 80% of Southcoast communities



Eric DeBarros

charge a meals tax.

Ryan Rezendes spoke against the implementation of the tax saying he could not in his mind raise his hand to raise taxes.

"Once we're taxed, it's only going to go up. We're taxed to the max," said Mr. Rezendes. "I will not vote to raise my own taxes or to create a new tax."

SB member David Wojnar called Mr. Rezendes a "great public servant," as he currently serves on the Conservation Commission, but, said Mr. Wojnar, the town is in a situation where they have to consider it.

"We are doing this under duress, quite frankly," said Mr. Wojnar.

He said it is the one tax they can get from out-of-towners. It is "not



Ryan Rezendes

ideal," he said, and under any other circumstances they would not be doing it, but they need every penny for the operation of the town.

Eric DeBarros, who also serves on the ConCom, asked why the town just spent \$17K for ATV if they are so strapped for funds.

Mr. Wojnar explained that the ATV in article 17, used Community Preservation Act funds, which are designated for certain uses.

Finance Committee chairperson Michael Boucher said people know he is not a fan of new taxes. But, he said Acushnet has a limited commercial tax base. The meals tax will ease the burden on resident property taxes, he said. It will guarantee only a small amount of money, but it will help with shortages.

He said this year was one of the most challenging years they have faced.

"This is really a different year," said Mr. Boucher.

He said Acushnet residents go to



Police Chief Christopher Richmond

restaurants in other communities, and, "We are paying this tax when we eat outside of Acushnet. And other people come here."

The measure passed overwhelmingly, with minimal opposition.

Town Meeting also voted to use money from the Overlay Surplus Fund to pay for three collective bargaining agreements: Dispatchers (\$10,065); Department Managers (\$40,830); police (\$445,750).'

Mr. Wojnar noted that the police had been without a contract for three years, so the large amount was for retroactive payments.

"Contract negotiations are never easy," said Mr. Wojnar, who was the board's point person on negotiations.

He said both parties "have to put on the boxing gloves," and they did that, but continued to talk and be respectful.

Mr. Wojnar also thanked SB member Kevin Gaspar who was the point person negotiating with the Steelworkers Union, which includes department heads and inspectors. It is the first time the town has had department heads in a union.

"It was an interesting dynamic for us," he said, and thanked Mr. Gaspar for "navigating that for us."

Town Meeting passed all other articles, including the budget; other spending articles; and the change to the stormwater bylaw.

After the meeting Town Administrator Jamie Kelley said there was no opposition to the budget because throughout the difficult process of closing a \$2.1 million gap, the town was "open and transparent" with town residents.

The meeting will be available on the town's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@AcushnetCable>

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2024 Road Rehabilitation and Related Work
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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 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• **Public Hearing RDA – Matthew Moreda / 60 Lake Street, Map 19, Lot 33, 33A & 33B.** A Request for Determination was filed by Matthew Moreda for property located at 60 and 66 Lake Street, Map 19, Lot 33, 33A & 33B. The applicant proposes to construct a gravel driveway approximately 80' long and 12' wide; removal and revegetate the existing driveway connection between the two properties. Plan name is "Site Plan, 60 & 66 Lake Street" prepared by Farland Corp. dated May 24, 2024.

Ryan Rezendes, Chairman of Acushnet Conservation Commission
FNN, 6/20/24

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, July 1, 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.

Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:
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or CALL 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076
Passcode: 633695

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:

- SE 023-___, CON 023-387: 251 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 29, Lot 032** Notice of Intent filed by Robert Faria for an after-the-fact shed within FEMA Flood Zone AE (EL.16') located at Assessor's Map 29, Lot 032.
- CON 023-436: 26 Rivet Street, Map 31A, Lot 49 & 51** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Ryan Haworth for the construction of an after-the-fact shed on a poured concrete pad with French drain; total disturbed area approximately 850 square feet with final concrete dimensions of 9'x19'. Applicant

also requesting 24'x24' garage on a concrete pad, adjacent to the house, on an area of existing driveway and lawn. Work to take place in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) at Assessor's Map 31A, Lots 49 & 51.

c. **CON 023-437: 41 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 101** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Eric Dean to pour 2'x6' concrete slab in front of house and under the stairs of a 5'x6' deck and install 2 sonotubes. Work to take place in the Buffer Zone of BVW at Assessor's Map 43C, Lot 101.

d. **SE 023-___, CON 023-438: 3 North Street, Map 15, Lot 43** Notice of Intent filed by Lee Miguel to install fence along the property line along the discontinued Cooke Street to match the existing fence along property line; stockade fence with 6-inch gap beneath on north and south property line, with a maximum height of 48" adjacent to the road (approximately 16' from the curb). Work to take place within the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at Assessor's Map 15, Lot 43.

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, Acting Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 6/20/24

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room

or via Zoom

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or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

- REF#: ZBA-024-010: 15 Castle Avenue, Map 14, Lot 141 Applicant: Bryan Hancock. Owner: Robin Lopes. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § 6, to allow an expansion of area of a nonconforming structure via the construction of 354 sq. ft. single-story addition along the rear and north side of the existing single family dwelling, and that the addition is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
- REF#: ZBA-024-011: 148 Dogwood Street, Map 43A. Lots 153 & 155. Applicant and Owner: Nancy Santoro. Applicant seeks a Variance from the maximum building coverage of 15% to a proposed ±21.47% for the construction of a new 24 ft. by 30 ft. semi-detached garage with adjoining breezeway and deck, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Ruy daSilva, Interim Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
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to increase Ozzy's exercise routine by providing more walks and trips to the dog park. If they give you any pushback, remind them that they are responsible for him gaining the weight in the first place, and it was about time they started to be part of the solution.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 7/1, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 7/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Cultural Council

Wed., 6/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Economic Develop. Comm

Thurs., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets Comm

Thurs., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 6/26, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 6/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Golf Committee

Thurs., 6/20, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 6/20, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 6/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	June 2024	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	20	0727	1945	0048	1229
Friday	21	0808	2027	0126	1313
Saturday	22	0854	2114	0211	1402
Sunday	23	0942	2202	0301	1457
Monday	24	1032	2251	0348*	1551*
Tuesday	25	1122	2341	0431*	1641*
Wednesday	26	---	1217	0514*	1732
Thursday	27	0037	1315	0602*	1833
Friday	28	0135	1411	0701*	1953
Saturday	29	0231	1506	0808	2112

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