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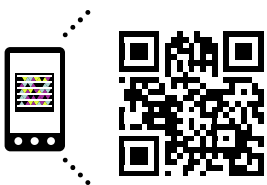
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Music Night livens up Benoit Square



Classic and antique cars line Adams Street while women dance to the oldies at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual Music Night in Benoit Square on 7/21/24. See page 7. Photo by Beth David.



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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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

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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, summer, where are you going? Slow down, please.

We went on a little excursion this week. I went to Plymouth, with a couple of friends, to check out their 40R district (see page 12). They have a big one.

Since we're talking about a 40R here in Fairhaven, I thought I'd check out one that is considered a success. The difference, though, is that their Cordage Park is all in one place, a huge parcel that used to be home to a rope factory.

Our district will be spread out among neighborhoods that are already pretty much built out, except the plaza areas. Oh, yeah, I guess I mean the waterfront part, huh?

Anyway, take a look and see if that's something we'd like here. Of course, ours would not have to look like that. It all depends on the language of the by-law. But, I think the consultants said that they pretty much just went by the state's model by-law, so....

The public hearing on the 40R at the Planning Board meeting is on 8/7 in Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The NFIA had its annual music night this weekend (see page 7. It was a little on the hot side, but that did not stop the real dancers from getting out there in the street.

I parked behind the Oxford School Residences, where there are 30 free public parking spaces. There were only a handful of cars there. Everyone else spread out in the neighborhood. I saw a few people walking a longer distance to their cars than they would have if they had parked behind the building (although there is a pretty good hill). I think that a lot of people just do not know about these spaces. They could be marked a little better, but the sign clearly shows public spaces to the left.

So, keep that in mind when you go to Benoit Square. With that area getting more businesses, those spots will definitely help. You can run up to Main Street, grab some food, shop a little, maybe go to Livesey Park, all the while your car is parked off the street.

Sounds like a plan to me.
Until next week then, see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!




Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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New Bedford Ballet performs *Portraits of Dance*

Press Release

The New Bedford Ballet will culminate its summer season with four performances of *Portraits of Dance*, an innovative blend of classical and contemporary choreography. This creative exploration of dance styles will be performed on Friday, August 2, at 5:30 and 7:30 pm

and Saturday, 8/3, at 1:00 and 3:00pm, at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase St., New Bedford.

The Magic Paintbrush is an original children's ballet created by New Bedford Ballet's artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, with choreography by Ms. Waskiel-Marchesseault, Charis Hall, Sadie Marchesseault, and Jenna Torgenson.

Inspired by multiple generations of master artists, this colorful, humorous production will entertain audience members of all ages, as paintings and sculptures are magically brought to life by an enchanted paintbrush.

This performance adventure also premieres original contemporary choreography by New Bedford Ballet advanced students under the direction of Pamela Mateus and an excerpt from *Sleeping Beauty* restaged by Sara Brownell.

Tickets are \$12.00 for

adults and \$8.00 for seniors, students, and children 12 years and under. All proceeds from this performance will support the New Bedford Ballet, a non-profit organization. Tickets are limited and sell quickly. Tickets may be purchased online at www.newbedfordballet.org. For more information, please visit the New Bedford Ballet website at www.newbedfordballet.org or call the New Bedford Ballet Office at 508-993-1387.

Portraits of Dance is being sponsored by Lang, Xifaras, and Bullard, The William and Deborah Synnot Family, Lucida Clinical Trials, Folia and Hawthorn Medical Associates.

For over thirty years New Bedford Ballet has continued its mission of providing classical ballet training for children and adults, granting scholarships, and educating the community in the value of the performing arts. On site registration for the 2024-2025 season will take place July 30 and July 31, from 4pm-7:00pm and August 20 and August 21, from 4:00-7:00pm. Registration can also be done online on New Bedford Ballet's website at www.newbedfordballet.org/registration.



Alison Roderiques (Fairhaven), Allison Root (Mattapoisett), Summer Richardson (Mattapoisett), Quendalyn Marchesseault (Fairhaven), Anna Murray (Marion), Makenna LeBlanc-Reis (New Bedford), Georgia Roderiques (Fairhaven), Grace Rousseau (Mattapoisett), Jennaya Gomes (New Bedford) rehearse for "Portraits of Dance" with the New Bedford Ballet. Submitted photo.

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Farmers Market

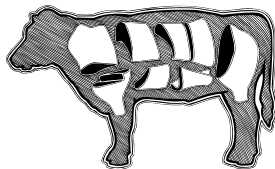
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Fairhaven sets Special Town Meeting date

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a special Town Meeting on November 19. Pursuant to Chapter 50, Section 2 of the Town of Fairhaven By-Laws, all citizen petition articles for the November 19, 2024 Special Town Meeting, must be submitted in writing

with the signatures of not less than 100 voters to the Town Clerk Office, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA by Friday, August 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Petitions can be found at [https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-](https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board/pages/licenses-permits-and-petitions)

[board/pages/licenses-permits-and-petitions](https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7541/f/news/guide_to_town_meetings.pdf)

For A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting, visit https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf7541/f/news/guide_to_town_meetings.pdf

Help Nellie's Kidney Search

Nellie Zygiel has been sick with a variety of illnesses since she was a young child, including vasculitis at the age of 10. That left her kidneys permanently damaged. She was placed on the National Donor List this past January.

Nellie's employer, Off The Hook, 56

Goulart Memorial Drive, Fairhaven, is sponsoring a fund-raiser for her on Sunday, 8/4, from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and will include a voucher for free parking at Hoppy's Landing across the street.

The event will include raffles t-shirts for sale, live entertainment,

and even a special drink. All proceeds will go to Nellie, who has worked summers there for the past seven years, since eighth grade.

Visit Nellie's page at www.kidneyfornellie.org; learn more about living donors at <http://www.bidmc.org/kidneydonor>

Harbor Freight Opens in Fairhaven

Harbor Freight Tools announced that the official opening of its Fairhaven store is 8/3, but the store is already open. Located at 13 Berdon Way, it will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The store will stock a full selection of tools and equipment in categories

including automotive, air and power tools, storage, outdoor power equipment, generators, welding supplies, shop equipment, hand tools and much more. The stores are smaller and much easier to shop than the huge home centers.

This new store is the 23rd Harbor Freight Tools store in Massachusetts.

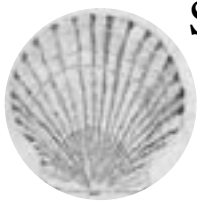
The company, which hired locally, has brought between 25-30 new jobs to the surrounding community.

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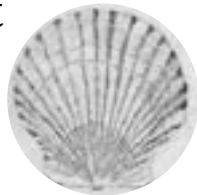


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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Diverse Abilities Celebration

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability and M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. are hosting a Diverse Abilities Celebration. July marks the 34th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a comprehensive civil rights law for persons with disabilities.

This year marks our second year celebrating amazing individuals and families. Join us July 28th from 11am-3pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging and REC center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.

This is a rain or shine event. We will host a talent show, vendors, resources, health and wellness activities, and food.

Come celebrate with us. All abilities and all ages welcome.

For more information please contact: Traci Welch, M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., 774-208-7037, twelch@molifeinc.com; Pamela Whynot, Fairhaven Commission on Disability, cod@fairhaven-ma.gov; Jessica Fidalgo Fairhaven Belonging Committee, 774-634-7066, belonging@fairhaven-ma.gov

FHS Tours

Fairhaven High School Alumni President Bob Foster '66 has been leading guided tours through the 1906 building since 2009. Normally six tours are offered from late June to mid-July. The tours start in the Rotunda of the main entrance on the Huttleston Ave side of the building and last between 90-120 minutes. Admission is free and we ask that you arrive 10-15 minutes before the start time. The next and final tour date is:

- Fri, 7/26, 10:00 am

Concerts Under the Stars

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is thrilled to announce that we will once again sponsor the Concerts Under the Stars at Town Hall this summer!

Join us for amazing live music, community spirit, and summer fun. Don't miss out on this beloved summer tradition. S

All concerts start at 7 p.m. in front of Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. FREE. Weather permitting. Bring a chair/blanket.

- July 25: Mojo Kings, rock & roll, funk & soul
- Aug. 1: Truue, rock with a shot of country
- Aug. 8: G and Friends, jazz, pop, rock blues

Archives Night

Please join us for "Open Archives Night" on Wed., 7/31 from 5:00-7:00PM at the Millicent Library's Auditorium, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven.

At Open Archives Night, we invite you to interact with archives directly, becoming a historian yourself by making observations, discussing objects and records, asking questions, and thinking creatively about Fairhaven history. This is not an exhibit, but an opportunity to have hands-on experience with some of our lesser-known collections.

This event is free and open to all history lovers ages 14 and up. Registration is encouraged. To register, please visit Millicent Library.Org/events

Farmer's Markets

- Fairhaven Farmer's Market: Every Sunday through Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 151 Alden Road. Parking available on premises, 508-496-9209, Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net
- Roxann's: Every Sunday, 10-3, 189 Alden Road. Parking on premises.

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.

FREE Lunches

FREE summer lunches for kids and teens at Livesey Park, Glenhaven Ave., every Wednesday and Friday

from 6/28 through 8/23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by Fairhaven Recreation Department and Project Bread. Project Bread is excited to support the USDA Summer Food Service Program, ensuring that all kids and teens 18 and under have access to nutritious meals throughout the summer. This program is open to all kids and teens, no registration required.

SAVE THE DATES:

WIIA Breakfast

Join the West Island Improvement Association for a buffet breakfast on **Sun., 8/4, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven.** Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$10/adults, \$5/children under 12.** Tickets at door. Accessible.

Purple Heart Coin Presentation

The Fairhaven Veterans Services Office will hold a Purple Heart Coin Presentation on Wed., 8/7, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, from 10 a.m. to noon. Approximately veterans will receive Purple Heart Coins in honor of their military service. A short program with refreshments will be presented. The public is welcome to attend this free event.

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Alltrust awards scholarships

Press Release

Alltrust Credit Union is pleased to announce this year's scholarship recipients. Scholarships were awarded to four graduating high school credit union members entering college as freshmen this fall.

The 2024 Scholarship recipients are: Colby Correia, Fairhaven High School; Lilly Baptiste, Dartmouth High School; Sarah Dughily, Dartmouth High School; and Julia Dughily, Dartmouth High School.

"Congratulations to the Class of

2024," stated Carmen Sylvester, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Alltrust is proud to reward these students who have worked hard and wish them all the best as they embark on their new journey."

Alltrust Credit Union congratulates our scholarship recipients and wishes all our student members the best in their future endeavors.

Established in 1922, Alltrust Credit Union

celebrated their 100th anniversary in November of 2022. The credit union has assets of over \$300 million and provides banking services to more than 13,500 members. The main office is in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, with

branch offices in Fall River, New Bedford, and Seekonk, Massachusetts. Follow Alltrust on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and LinkedIn. For more information, call 508.994.9971 or visit alltrustcu.org.



ABOVE: AllTrust Credit Union's 2024 scholarship recipients pose for a photo with ACU president and CEO, Carmen Sylvester, L-R: Sarah Dughily; Ms. Sylvester; Lily Baptiste; Julia Dughily (not pictured, Colby Correia). BELOW: Colby Correia. *Submitted photos.*

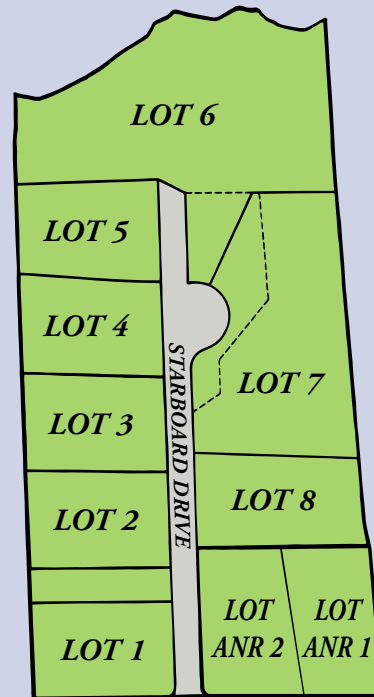


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Annual Music Night livens up Benoit Square

By *Beth David*
Editor

Benoit Square filled up with music, dancing and people just sitting enjoying the show at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual Music Night on 7/21/24. Eddie and the Exciters played the oldies, and a few classic and antique cars lined Adams Street in front of the old fire station that the NFIA uses as a headquarters while NFIA members dished out burgers, dogs and popcorn.

People from all over showed up,

including a few residents from the Oxford School Residences, right across the street.

"Just chillin'," said Carol Medeiros of New Bedford.

"Listening to the music and dancing," said Debbie Santos of New Bedford.

Adams Street was blocked to traffic, and that's where people danced in the street.

The NFIA's next event will be touch-a-truck on 8/18 at Livesey Park, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., when children of

all ages will be able to climb into and around a variety of big trucks and unique cars.

The NFIA meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at 267 Adams Street, Fairhaven. They are always looking for more members and volunteers. To learn more, visit <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com> or email northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com or find them on Facebook. There is ample free public parking behind the Oxford School Residences building.



ABOVE: Sandy Perrone and Gene Botelho are all smiles as they dance to the oldies at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual Music Night in Benoit Square on 7/21/24. TOP RIGHT L-R: Judy Cambra and Flo DaCosta dance to the oldies. BELOW RIGHT: Debbie Santos and Carol Medeiros, both of New Bedford, read the Neighb News as they enjoy the music. *Photos by Beth David.*

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Summer Concerts

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- July 26: East Coast Soul (Soul/R&B) – Purchase Street
- Aug. 9: Colby James and the Ramblers (Roots/Rock) – Union Street

Sonata Saturdays

Symphonic sounds will weave their way through historic downtown New Bedford this summer with the return of Sonata Saturdays.

The fourth Saturday of each summer month, small groups of NBSO musicians will delight the neighborhood and summer visitors with a variety of classical and popular music performed at The Drawing Room, 22 William St., NB

Musicians will perform twice each day, with programs from 4-4:45 pm and repeating 5-5:45 pm.

- July 27: Timothy Macri, flute
- August 24: Laura Shamu, oboe and Maria Spraker, harp
- September 12: Sonata Saturday Encore on AHA! Night

These events are free and open to the public. We ask that you RSVP so we can reserve your space, as seating is limited. <https://nbsymphony.org>

The FEAST!

The 108th annual celebration of the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament will be Thurs.–Sun., 8/1–4, featuring continuous live Portuguese & American entertainment at five performance locations.

Thurs., 8/1, 6–11:45 p.m.; Fri., 8/1, 5–11:45 p.m.; Sat., 8/3, noon to 11:45 p.m.; Sun., noon to 11:45 p.m.

Procession on Thursday to start the festivities down Earle Street to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception at the corner of Madeira Ave.

Visit <http://feastoftheblessedsacramentcom.ning.com> for details.

Writing Workshops

New Bedford Blubber

Are you an aspiring writer looking to hone your craft? Look no further! Spinner Publications is excited to present New Bedford Blubber, a series of free writing workshops in downtown New Bedford at the Co-Creative Center.

Whether you're looking to jump-start your memoir or bring your ghost story to life, there's something for everyone. Learn new techniques while connecting with fellow writers. Topics include "Jump-start Your Memoir," "Structuring Your Novel," "Ekphrastic Poetry," and more.

Most workshops are Monday evenings at the Co-Creative Center at 137 Union Street. View the full list here: <http://spinnerpub.com/blubber.html>.

Nonsense

New Bedford Festival Theatre and Producing Artistic Director Dr. Elizabeth Bettencourt have announced the casting for their production of NUNSENSE.

Leading the cast will be Abigail Casey (NBFT's "Beauty and the Beast") as the Reverend Mother, joined by Mackenzie Richard as Sister Robert Anne, Sophia Bonasso as Sister Mary Hubert, Tyler Decouto as Sister Mary Amnesia, and Sophia Ross Alvarez (NBFT's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat") as Sister Mary Leo. Understudying Sister Mary Leo and Sister Mary Amnesia will be Molly Dupre.

The Production will be Directed by Elizabeth Bettencourt, Choreographed by Brooklyn Toli, Music Direction by Jameson Ward, Lighting Design by Timothy Helley.

New Bedford Festival Theatre's production of NUNSENSE runs August 9-18, 2024 at the Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St, New Bedford.

Tickets are available for \$45. Purchase online at <https://newbedfordfestivaltheatre.ludus.com>

Contact: Elizabeth Bettencourt, ebettencourt@nbfestivaltheatre.com

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. Now through Labor Day.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

Free Shakespeare

Celebrating the fifth year of bringing the Bard's most popular plays to audiences of all ages and walks of life at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), Reverie Theatre Group continues its partnership with the Museum by offering the free summer program, Shakespeare in New Bedford. The 2024 season runs Thursday through Saturday, August 15, 16, 17 and August 22, 23, 24 with a show time of 7:30 p.m. A sensory-friendly matinee will be offered on Sunday, August 25, at 2 p.m.

This year's performance will be a powerful and fresh take on Shakespeare's timeless tale. Illyria will take the form of a thriving jazz club, as Jamie Roballo directs this classic story of love, loss, deception, and identity. Audiences will experience the iconic love triangle between Viola, Duke Orsino, and Olivia set during the 1920's Harlem Renaissance, a cultural and intellectual revival of African American art, politics, scholarship, and music.

This program is supported in part by grants from the Acushnet, Dartmouth, Mattapoissett, and New Bedford Cultural Councils, local agencies, which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. It is also supported in part by the Wicked Cool Places grant funded by the City of New Bedford, through American Rescue Plan awards, and its Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund, and is facilitated by New Bedford Creative at the NBEDC.

Admission is free; donations of any amount are accepted in lieu of a fee. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, contact (508) 997-1401 or visit Museum's website: rjdmuseum.org.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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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.

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- 3 cloves garlic, peeled & minced
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 chicken breast halves, skinless and boneless

In a large glass bowl, mix the cider vinegar, mustard, garlic, lime juice, lemon juice, brown sugar, salt, and pepper together.

Whisk in the olive oil.

Place chicken in the mixture, making sure it is coated all over.

Cover and marinate the chicken in the bowl for at least 8 hours and up to overnight.

Preheat the grill to high heat.

Lightly oil the grill grate.

Place the chicken on the prepared grill and cook until the juices run clear and the chicken reaches 165° internally, about 6-8 minutes per side. Serve.

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Dear Frankie

Unwanted gifts.

Dear Frankie,
Why do friends send gifts when you ask them not to?

Dora, my friend from puppy class, insists on sending me a birthday present every

year. When I moved, she called and asked me for my new address. I said I would give it to her if she promised not to send me a present.

Two days before my birthday, a package arrived with a card that said, "This had your name on it. Enjoy."

When I opened the box, I didn't know what was redder, my face or the scarf inside. Of all the colors, why would she pick out a red scarf? I'm an Irish Setter and red clashes with my hair color. I also wouldn't be caught dead wearing a scarf and matching bows. I was furious that she sent me a gift when I asked her not to.

The next day, I took her gift to the dog park and gave it to Louella. She's a grey poodle and loves to dress up. But now I feel guilty that I disrespected my friend by giving away her present.

Jordan

Dear Jordan,

When you receive a gift, it is yours to do as you wish. You can decide whether to keep it or give it away.

But remember, it's not just the gift, but the thought and effort behind it that counts.

Dora went to a lot of trouble to get you that gift. It reminded her of you when she saw it. She thought it was something you would like it. So, she bought it, wrapped it, wrote a card, and mailed it to you.

When you get a gift, the appropriate thing to do is say "thank you" and acknowledge the person's thoughtfulness. I'm assuming you are planning on writing her a thank-you note?

Best, Frankie

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Summer Concerts

At Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, under our pavillion. Every Wed., from 6-7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair.

- July 31 The Dave Richardson Band will be grooving on New Orleans Funk, Texas Blues, Classic Soul, and driving Rock & Roll. Dave is joined by Jan Schmidt on vocals, Nate Goncalo on drums, and Bret Carlson on bass.
- Aug 7 The Jethros
- Aug 14 The Catnip Junkies

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.org.

Support the Friends

Support your local library and take a chance on winning a cash prize this summer! The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library will be hosting its first ever 50/50 raffle, in conjunction with the library's Wednesday evening outdoor Summer Concert Series. A winner will be drawn at the end of each Wednesday concert. The winner of the raffle will receive half of the proceeds, with the remainder retained by the Friends to fund future programs and services at the library. Tickets are \$5 each (cash only) and can be purchased during the library's Wednesday evening Summer Concert Series (June 26 - August 14). A listing of the concerts can be found on the Library's Facebook page or website (<https://acupl.org>). The Friends of the APL is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes library enrichment and services for the community and provides items not funded through the Town budget

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Hub Theatre makes "herstory" with the Boston premiere of *46 Plays for America's First Ladies* directed by award-winning local favorite Ilyse Robbins. This highly anticipated sequel to the hit comedy *44 Plays for 44 Presidents* explores the contributions and challenges faced by the women of the White House and is sure to leave folks from both sides of the aisle rolling in it!

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Boston Light by Sally Snowman.

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Free Concerts

FirstWorks, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting art with audiences, presents free outdoor concerts at the Roger Williams Park Bandstand feature a global journey of danceable headliners, at 6 p.m., 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI

- Aug. 5, American A Cappella, featuring the Narragansett Bay Chorus, with special appearances by the quartets Second Nature and Street Corner, will make their debuts at Theatre By The Sea.

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Please visit us online at www.the-art-drive.com for a list of this year's participating artists. Email heartdrivema@gmail.com with any questions.

A look at Cordage Park in Plymouth: A 40R District

By Beth David
Editor

In light of Fairhaven's upcoming public hearing to create a 40R overlay district (see legal notice on page 21), the *Neighb News* traveled to Plymouth, to take a look at Cordage Park, an approximately 55-acre district on the waterfront in North Plymouth at the site of a former rope factory, the Plymouth Cordage Company. The project is largely considered a success in the overall 40R story in Massachusetts. The area was run down with a lot of empty buildings, but now is an active space with residences and businesses.

A 40R Smart Growth Overlay District (SGOD) allows for denser housing, mixed with commercial uses, in the district and in the same buildings. The Overlay District means that the zoning would be put in place over existing neighborhoods without having to change all the zoning bylaws. The state has allowed for 40R laws to be passed with a simple majority at Town Meeting instead of the 2/3 required for most zoning bylaw changes.

The state is pushing the 40R districts as a way to help alleviate the housing crisis in Mass. All 40R districts must include an affordable housing component, meaning a certain percentage of units would be available at a reduced rent to people with incomes 70-80% of the area's median income.

The former site of Lincoln Park in Dartmouth is also a 40R SGOD. So far, it has three residential buildings with a total of 84 apartments, and no commercial properties. For sale signs note that there is commercial property available there.



In Cordage Park, the old factory building has been renovated with the original wood floors and walls restored. It features large windows with views of the ocean.

The building is occupied by restaurants, a distillery, medical and professional offices, two colleges, and offices for the state senator and representative. Colleges and medical offices seem to dominate the space, so far. There is also a museum with the history of the Plymouth Cordage Company, which was the world's largest manufacturer of rope, cord and twine. A marina on site has 54 slips.

There are still several of the old factory buildings that have not been restored. Plans for those include condominiums, a seaside restaurant that boats can pull up to, and possibly a boutique hotel.

Meanwhile, the residences already built are a short walk to the beach and a rail trail that goes into downtown Plymouth, about two miles away.

While we roamed around on Thursday, 7/18, we came across two young interns, Chuck and Sean, who were using the empty beach to test out a remotely operated underwater vehicle for Bayonet Ocean Vehicles, which is headquartered in the park.

Mike Farinella of Bayonet, said the interns were testing a vehicle that will hopefully be used by the US military to survey for explosives, so humans do not have to.

He said the research and office space they have in the building is "wonderful."

"They are making good use of an old building," said Mr. Farinella. "It's



ABOVE: A large window in the old Plymouth Cordage Company factory building, at what is now Cordage Park, allows for a great view of Clark's Island. The building has been restored as commercial space as part of a 40R Smart Growth Overlay District in Plymouth, Mass. BELOW: A courtyard at the Harborwalk Apartments offers a seating area and gas grills for tenants to use. Photos by Beth David.

a good mix of the old and new."

Gena Graves was walking her dog, Leo, and graciously allowed us to tour her small apartment. She said she had just moved into the Harborwalk Apartments in April and was still getting used to the hotel-style living. The building has a gym, bicycles in the lobby that tenants can use, and some activities.

The apartment has a large window in the living area, one bedroom and a small den. The kitchen has an island that is large enough to put a few chairs around, good counter space, and all the usual appliances.

Ms. Graves said she is paying nearly \$2,500 a month for the apartment that is under 800 sf. It could be higher end, she said, for the money, but the space is good and she likes the neighbors.

"The people are lovely," she said, adding that they also have activities, including live music, art shows, etc.

A train stop, that is mentioned on the Cordage Park website as a perk, is right outside her door, but has no trains, she said.

It closed during COVID and has not been restarted. The train now stops in Kingston, which is about 10 minutes away, according to the Cordage Park website.

If the MBTA does add Plymouth back in, the town would then be considered an MBTA community (instead of an adjacent community) and would have to add 2800 residential units, according to Lee Hartmann, Plymouth's Director of Planning and Development.

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Cordage Park is slated to have 675 units, with just over half that number built.

Fairhaven's proposal puts the SGOD in several different areas of town that include properties owned by different entities, including individual homeowners. Cordage Park, however, is owned by one family that is developing the entire property.

In Fairhaven, many entities would potentially be involved in developing in the SGOD, although they would all be held to the same standards required by the bylaw.

Mr. Hartmann said the town received about \$450,000 from the state for adopting the 40R and for the number of units built. The state is currently offering a payment to communities that adopt a 40R, although the amount Fairhaven would get is unclear. The state also offers \$3,000 per residential housing unit built.

Mr. Hartmann said that the town of Plymouth made a commitment to use the bulk of the money in North Plymouth, where Cordage Park is located, such as on infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Hartmann said there were no noticeable changes in the neighborhood outside Cordage Park, including new growth. He said there was no way to measure if the additional units affected housing costs in any way, but they did not seem to make a difference.

A neighborhood group worked with the town and the developers on what the area could look like.

It took about ten years for the project to start construction after the bylaw was passed.

The effect on town services has been minimal, he said. Only nine

students have enrolled so far in the school system. The police and fire departments have seen only the expected increase in calls due to increased density.

Mr. Hartmann said he did not know the effect the district had on tourism, although there is a brewery and other industries that bring in people. It is also used as a wedding venue.

While we were in Plymouth, I was joined by my regular day-tripping companion, *Tori*, and my neighbor, *Melissa*, for a quick tour of downtown Plymouth, checking out the *Mayflower II*, the famous rock, and the superbly restored *Town Hall*.

We had a delightful time browsing the *Plimoth General Store*, and grabbed a quick bite and some hydrating fluids at the *Pillory Pub*, which has seating right by the window looking out on the *Plymouth Memorial Park* and the *Museum*, all around the area where the *Mayflower II* and *Plymouth Rock* are located.

Mr. Hartmann made a point of mentioning the *Circuit*, a free ride sponsored by the town that you can order on your phone. You can get picked up at the parking lot, or on *Main Street*, or in front of your favorite pub, and the circuit will take



ABOVE: Two people make their way to the Seaside Rail Trail at Cordage Park in Plymouth, which goes about two miles into Plymouth Center. Cordage Park is a 40R Smart Growth District that includes a restored rope factory building with commercial space, and residential buildings on the property. BELOW LEFT: The Circuit, a free ride sponsored by the Town of Plymouth, utilizes small cars to ferry people around the center of Plymouth and by the *Mayflower II*, *Plymouth Rock*, and shopping. BELOW RIGHT: The *Harborwalk* has more than 300 apartments, with amenities such as a swimming pool, outdoor seating area with gas grills for tenants to use, a fire pit, outdoor TV, and access to a public beach. Photos by *Beth David*.

you where you want to go along the circuit that includes *Plymouth Center*, *Plymouth Rock* and the *Ptown Ferry*.

I'm happy to report that *Plymouth Rock* is still just a rock, albeit surrounded by metal and concrete so that it's impossible to get a good picture of it.

If You Go

Use 10 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360 for your GPS. You can park at Cordage Park and ride your bike or walk to *Plymouth Center* and use the circuit to get around.

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/5, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Broadband Study Comm

Thurs., 7/25, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

40R Public Hearing

Wed., 8/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 8/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 8/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 8/6, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	25	1153	---	0457*	1722*
Friday	26	0014	1249	0540*	1818
Saturday	27	0112	1347	0633*	1933
Sunday	28	0210	1443	0738	2104
Monday	29	0306	1541	0846	2258
Tuesday	30	0408	1646	0954	---
Wednesday	31	0518	1751	0014	---
		---	---	1139	---

	Aug. 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	1	0619	1843	0110	1248
Friday	2	0707	1927	0202	1340
Saturday	3	0750	2009	0254	1430
Sunday	4	0832	2050	0335	1502
Monday	5	0915	2132	0400	1507
Tuesday	6	0956	2212	0349	1532
Wednesday	7	1036	2251	0355	1602
Thursday	8	1116	2331	0418	1634
Friday	9	1158	---	0447	1708
Saturday	10	0016	1246	0519	1748
Sunday	11	0106	1336	0557	1838

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Steeple Playhouse has “phenomenal opening season”

Press Release

After a phenomenal opening season, The Steeple Playhouse at 159 William Street is up to speed and ready to step into its role as New Bedford's newest community arts center with an exciting 2024-2025 season.

To recap: Opening less than a year ago, in November 2023, the Steeple Playhouse has already welcomed full houses to several shows in Your Theatre, Inc.'s 77th season, and was also the venue for many local and outside groups and their events, including New Bedford's Boys and Girls Club Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Party, WHALe's Annual Meeting and Awards, The Queer Art Council's Pride Block Party, the New Bedford Film Festival Awards, the New Bedford Fine Arts Club May Meeting, New Bedford Historical Society's Jazz on Juneteenth, Neil McGarry's solo *A Christmas Carol* as well as New Bedford JazzFest 2023.

The Steeple has already helped kick off Your theatre's 78th season on Friday, July 12 with a world premiere of *Sister Sailors* by Donna W. Guthrie paired with local playwright Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr.'s *Once Upon a Whaleship*. These one-act plays told stories based on whaling history, inspired by actual letters and other historical documents.

Coming up soon, the Steeple Playhouse welcomes local favorite, New Bedford Festival Theatre, as they present Dan Goggin's smash hit,

Nunsense. Join the Little Sisters of Hoboken (well, what's left of them) as they stage this riotous revue packed with hilarious, show-stopping song and dance numbers, always a crowd favorite. The New Bedford Festival Theatre's production of *Nunsense* runs August 9 – 18, 2024.

September brings Your Theatre, Inc.'s first mainstage production of 2024-2025, the comedy thriller *Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot*, directed by Lawrence R. Houbre. Hazards and hilarity run rampant in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays. “*Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot* gives you everything you love about great live theatre,” said the Cleveland Examiner. “...you will find yourself swept along for a wild and funny ride.” The show will run weekends September 13-22, 2024.

The Steeple Playhouse is happy to welcome back Neil McGarry with another solo performance, this time *Burbage* or *The Man Who Made*



ABOVE: The crowd listens to New Bedford Jazz Fest in December 2023, in the newly renovated Steeple Playhouse, New Bedford's newest community arts center and the home of Your Theatre Inc. Photo courtesy of Bob Hughes. BELOW: A scene from *The Play That Goes Wrong*, by Henry Lewis and Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields performed by Your Theatre, Inc., in May. Photo courtesy of David Silvia.

Shakespeare Famous by Nicholas Minella. McGarry was first seen at the Steeple in his acclaimed performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* last December. With *Burbage*, Neil returns in “a part he was born to play” (Paul Babin, Cape Cod Times.).

The play tells the rarely told story of Richard Burbage, the renowned Elizabethan actor who first performed many of Shakespeare's leading roles, and brought to life such iconic characters as Hamlet, Macbeth, Richard III and King Lear. *Burbage* will be presented once only locally at the Steeple, Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Your Theatre's season continues with *The Hiding Place*, a quirky romantic comedy from Jeff Whitty, (Tony-winning writer of the musical hit *Avenue Q*). Directed by James Sanguinetti, this show satirizes the world of art, letters, and theatre in mid '90s Manhattan, while dramatizing the thwarted passion that lies in the hearts of artists everywhere.

“Charming and funny,” said Backstage, while the Los Angeles Times called the play “a diverting portrait of people who tell themselves lies in pursuit of truth on the page.” Performances are two weekends November 8-17.

Join us for what we hope will become a New Bedford holiday tradition when Neil McGarry presents a performance of his IRNE Award

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET

Acushnet River Valley Golf Course
Request for Proposals
Architectural Design and Construction
Administration Services
Golf Course Clubhouse Project

The Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, through the Town of Acushnet, seeks proposals from licensed and registered Architectural firms to conduct a Feasibility Study which will include the development and evaluation of potential alternative solutions related to the Golf Course Clubhouse Design and, if approved, to provide architectural design and construction administration services related to the construction of the Golf Course Clubhouse. Proposal packages may be obtained at the golf course office, Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, 685 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743; e-mail info@acushnet.ma.us; or by calling (508) 998-7777. Sealed Proposals are due in the golf course office no later than 11:00 AM on August 16, 2024.

In accordance with Chapter 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the fee for professional services will be negotiated based on a not to exceed limit.

The Town of Acushnet is the awarding authority. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities and to accept or reject any and all proposals and to award the contract as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

FNN, 7/25/24

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street Acushnet. This hearing is on the petition MA2024-40 from Verizon New England, Inc. and Nstar Electric Company dba Eversource Energy, proposing new facilities – Pole 104/55.5 on Middle Rd.

Middle Rd: Install one (1) JO mid-span pole, 104/55.5, on the east side of Middle Rd., which will be approximately 865' southwesterly from the centerline of Parris Ln. The new pole will be installed in-line with and approximately 86' south of existing pole 104/56; and approximately 106' north of existing pole 104/55.

The installation is being requested by Eversource to support the existing pole line and to keep the wire at a safe height over the driveway of the property at 284 Middle Rd.

Board of Selectmen
Robert Hinckley, Chairman
David Wojnar, Member
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member
FNN, 7/25/24

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

This is to inform you that the Fairhaven Select Board will hold two public hearings at its meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Town Hall located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. The hearings are as follows:

- At 6:30p.m. Petition #15242818 from NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource. To Relocate JO pole 141/2 approximately 10' (feet) east of existing pole 141/2, Jesse Street, Fairhaven
- At 6:35p.m. Petition #14920299 from NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource. To Relocate one (1) JO pole 380/3 approximately 66' (feet) northwest of existing location, Arsene Street.

Select Board
Stasia Powers, Chair
Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Vice Chair
Andrew B. Saunders, Clerk
Keith Silvia, Member
Andrew Romano, Member
FNN: 7/25/24

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, August 5, 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:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86264908157?pwd=ytFmU71bSL38AthvsbOqeVvUuHEVXdl.1>
Meeting ID: 862 6490 8157
Passcode: 579710

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:

- CON 023-439: 120 Balsam Street, Map 43A, Lot 23**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Sarah DeWalt to replace broken concrete steps with 54" deep by 72" wide, 6" deep concrete pad and attach a 54" deep by 72" wide mahogany deck 8" off pad to create a landing/step to front door. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) VE (El. 19') at Assessor's Map 43A, Lot 23.
- CON 023-440: 8 Nelson Avenue, Map 43, Lot 29**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by William Oberacker to repair apron adjacent to existing concrete revetment. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) within Flood Zone VE (El. 18') at Assessor's Map 43, Lot 29.
- CON 023-441: 148 Main Street, Map 12, Lot 12A**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Diane Tomassetti to (1) install 27 linear feet of 4' high, 4' wide, aluminum 3-rail pedestrian gate; (2) install a 12' double 4-rail estate gate and; (3) remove a portion of the asphalt driveway and replace with grass. Work to take place in Coastal Banks and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 6) at Assessor's Map 12, Lot 12A.
- SE 023-____, CON 023-442: 1 Stetson Avenue, Map 2, Lots 256, 261, 262, 263**
Notice of Intent filed by Wendy Drumm to remove a row of boulders, landscape timbers, fences, and a garden/utility shed for the purposes of constructing a sloped stone rip-rap revetment to mitigate erosion. The property falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) within Flood Zones VE (El. 15' & 18') and the site contains a Coastal Bank and Coastal Beach along its southeasterly side at Assessor's Map 2, Lots 256, 261, 262 & 263.
- CON 023-443: 30 Shaw's Cove Road, Map 30, Lots 45 & 45A**
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by George Ayoub to replace failing septic system; all work including grading, loaming, and seeding will be done at a distance greater than 50' away from wetland line. The nearest distance from the proposed leaching field to the edge of the wetland is 71.7'. Work to take place at Assessor's Map 30, Lots 45 & 45A.
- SE 023-____, CON 023-444: 80 Fort Street, Map 5, Lot 9**
Notice of Intent filed by Francis and Amanda Grueter to construct a mechanical boat lift system and private Residential Pier Facility. The installation will require four (4) – 12" diameter timber piles driven by a crane set on a barge operating in a minimum of 3' of water at low tide. The property contains Coastal Bank (top of vertical seawall), Coastal Beach, Land Under Ocean and Land Containing Shellfish along the Westerly shoreline. The westerly portion (where work proposed) falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 6) at Assessor's Map 5, Lot 9.
- SE 023-____, CON 023-445: 62 Maitland Street, Map 22B, Lot 75A**
Notice of Intent filed by Gail Rebello to construct garage addition with in-law apartment and pool with patio and fence within 100 feet to an offsite Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) at Assessor's Map 22B, Lot 75A.
- SE 023-1392, CON 023-300: 83 Pleasant Street, Map 8, Lot 94**
Request to Amend the Order of Conditions issued October 5, 2022 filed by M.L. Lewis of Atlas Tack Corporation (TetaTech) to request a modification to the NHESP determination and that Special Condition A-8 be included in the OOC, so that the MCP/MassDEP requirements shall be met. Site contains Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) Flood Zone AE (El.7') and Bordering Vegetated Wetland/ Freshwater Wetland at Assessor's Map 8, Lot 94.
- SE 023-____, CON 023-446: 42 Water Street, Map 9, Lot 2A**
Notice of Intent filed by Warren Alexander of E & W Properties LLC proposing to remove a metal

frame and asphalt from the east end of the barge and repair 65-LF of wooden bulkhead. Work to take place in Land Under the Ocean at Assessor's Map 9, Lot 2A.

j. SE 023-____, CON 023-447: 4 Washington Street, Map 9, Lot 2
Notice of Intent filed by R.C.P. Realty, LLC to demolish and remove building foundation and first floor concrete slab; applicant proposes to grade the area to match existing grades and provide a gravel surface. Property located in Buffer Zone (Designated Port Area) and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) within Flood Zone AE (El. 6') at Assessor's Map 9, Lot 2.

k. CON 023-448: 4 James Street, Map 2, lot 140
Request for Determination of Applicability to install/replace 120 feet of FEMA compliant fence along the property boundary and propose 600 square feet of gravel driveway. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) within Flood Zone VE (15') at Assessor's Map 2, Lot 140.

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: 7/25/24

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application
Number 24-WW01-0102-APP, Eric M. Berg
NOTIFICATION DATE: July 26, 2024

Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by Eric M. Berg to repair and maintain an existing concrete/stone seawall and to maintain an existing stone jetty within the waters at 74 Reservation Road in the municipality of Fairhaven in and over the waters of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter "24-WW01- 0102-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact christine.koczera@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 268-6653 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Christine Koczera, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

FNN 7/25/24

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, July 23rd, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street. The following hearing will be heard:

1. Case #2024.07.23A A case of Jacqueline Correa Gonzalez, of 10A Wood Road, who is petitioning the board to be able to operate her bouncing house business in a residential zone. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 (A).

***Plans are available for public view in the Town

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Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours***

FNN, 7/18/24, 7/25/24

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To access remotely Log onto:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85937000162?pwd=OlwGga24UFefJjrrADLL347zq7bf9Y.1>
or call 1-689-278-1000 - Meeting ID: 859 3700 0162 - Passcode: 353776

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, § 5, and Chapter 40R, § 3, the Fairhaven Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and specifically in the Banquet Room, regarding the proposed amendment of the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw to establish the Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD). The FSGOD will be an overlay district of approximately 88.35 acres superimposed over certain underlying zoning districts as shown on maps entitled "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD)" and "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Waterfront SGOD)," prepared by Dodson & Flinker and dated 6/19/24. The text of the proposed amendment is in outline form as follows:

FAIRHAVEN SMART GROWTH OVERLAY DISTRICT (FSGOD)

1. Purpose
2. Definitions
3. Overlay District
4. Applicability of FSGOD – Scope and Authority
5. Permitted Uses – General
6. Housing and Housing Affordability
7. Density Standards and Dimensional Requirements – General
8. Parking Requirements – General
9. Plan Approval of Projects: General Provisions
10. Plan Approval Procedures
11. Plan Approval Decisions
12. Change in Plans After Approval by PAA
13. Design Standards – General
14. Severability

The public hearing is to provide an opportunity for comment on the zoning amendment and accompanying maps. Any and all interested parties are invited to attend. Complete copies of the full text of the amendment and the aforementioned maps are on file in the Planning & Economic Development Office and are available for viewing during normal business hours or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-economic-development/pages/40r-mixed-use-overlay-planning-district>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN, 7/18/24, 7/25/24

Announcement:

The following bylaw changes which were accepted

at the Fairhaven Special Town Meeting which convened on November 14, 2023 have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, are published herewith in accordance with the current regulations. Claims of invalidity of any of the amendments to the bylaw by reason of any defect in the procedure of the adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of this announcement.

Copies of the bylaw may be examined at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA

ARTICLE 13: AMEND BYLAWS CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAPTER 40 § 2-7

Motion made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend the language in Bylaws, Capital Planning Committee, Chapter 40§ 2-7 as recommended to reflect actual practice and eliminate conflicts with other statutes. Language changes listed below are underlined in bold italics or strike out:

§ 40-2. Committee established.

The Select Board shall appoint a Capital Planning Committee ("Committee") consisting of seven voting members, ~~and three or more nonvoting ex officio members,~~ to assist and advise the Town Administrator in preparing a five-year Capital Improvement Plan. The voting members shall serve terms of three years. Initially two voting members shall serve for one year, two for two years, and three for three years, and they may be reappointed. The Committee shall be comprised as follows:

A. Voting members:

(1) One member of the Board of Public Works or an appointee thereof;

(2) A person who is a member of the Fairhaven local School Committee or an appointee thereof; (3) A resident of Fairhaven who represents the business, financial, or banking community; (4) A resident of Fairhaven with experience in the management of construction activities; (5) A resident of Fairhaven knowledgeable about the Town's needs in the areas of open space and recreation facilities or activities;

~~(6) The Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector; A designee of The Finance Director, or, in the absence of a Finance Director, a Town financial staff member, designated by the Town Administrator, said financial designee to act as Chair of the Committee; and~~

~~(7) The Town Administrator; and One resident member appointed by the Select Board (8) Such other nonvoting ex officio members as the Select Board deems appropriate from time to time.~~

§ 40-3. Duties of Committee.

A. Study proposed capital projects, improvements, and equipment purchases that have a useful life of at least five years and cost over \$20,000 per item;

~~B. Work with Town departments and officers to compile an inventory of the Town's facilities, equipment, machinery and other capital assets.~~

~~B. C. Consider the relative need, impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town of Fairhaven;~~

~~C. D. Prepare an annual report recommending a Capital Improvement Budget/Projects/Plan for the next~~

fiscal year and a Capital Improvement Program Plan, including capital improvements for the next five years. The report shall be submitted to the Town Administrator who shall then submit it to the Select Board along with the budget on or before December 31 of the next fiscal year each year for consideration and approval; [Amended 6-14-2021 ATM by Art. 46]

~~D. E. Present the The Capital Improvement Projects Plan and Capital Improvement Program Plan are to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting for its approval of fiscal year expenditures;~~

~~F. Monitor the execution of projects authorized;~~

~~E. G. Explain and defend to the Town Meeting any deviation which the Committee proposes from the Capital Improvement Program Plan.~~

§ 40-4. Report of anticipated capital outlays to Committee.

~~By October 15 of e~~Each year, each department, board, committee and commission shall provide to the Committee information concerning all anticipated capital outlays requiring Town Meeting appropriation for the ensuing five-year period.

~~§ 40-5. Public hearing on Capital Improvement Plan. [Amended 6-14-2021 ATM by Art. 46] After the annual presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan by the Committee to the Select Board, the Select Board shall, within 30 days of the receipt of the plan, hold a public hearing to present the plan for public comment.~~

~~§ 40-5.6 Appropriation for capital improvements. [Amended 6-14-2021 ATM by Art. 46] No appropriation shall be voted for a capital improvement requested by a department, board or commission unless the proposed capital improvement has been considered in the Committee's Capital Improvement Plan, or the Committee has submitted a report to the Select Board explaining the omission of the proposed capital improvement from its Plan.~~

Every capital improvement request by a department, board or commission shall be considered in the Committee's Capital Improvement Plan unless the Committee shall have provided a report to the Select Board explaining the omission of the proposed capital improvement from its Plan.

§ 40-7. Expenditures in preparation for capital improvements.

Such Capital Improvement Program, after its adoption, shall permit the expenditure on projects included therein of sums from departmental budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options or appraisals, but no such expenditure shall be incurred on projects which have not been so approved by the Town through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years, or for preliminary planning for projects to be undertaken more than five years in the future. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Town may appropriate and expend funds for the purchase of land regardless of when improvements to, or use of, the land by the Town is anticipated.

Elisabeth E. Horan, Interim Town Clerk, Fairhaven
FNN, 7/18/24, 7/25/24

From our readers

Veterans Agent Mike Jenny, Brian Slowick for driving his vintage car with the Grand Marshall — Robert "Bob" Espindola and his wife Anne, The Fairhaven Village Militia, Alex Sylvaria for set up and security at Fort Phoenix, Elizabeth Bond from the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation at the Fort Phoenix State Beach, Volunteer Bryce Cannon, the Green Street neighborhoods for decorating along the parade route and lastly; our fantastic parade participants for your fun and enthusiasm. And all of you, who showed up and cheered us all on as we marched down Green Street!

This is part of what makes

Fairhaven such a special place to live in. Until next year!!

Sincerely,

Wayne and Vicki Oliveira
(Parade and Ceremony Coordinators)
John J. Medeiros
(Classic Car Cruise Coordinator)

Well I was
much too practical
to presume to have
a career in comedy.

Bob Newhart

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winning solo show Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* for one local performance only, Friday, December 20 at The Steeple. Armed only with a bare stage, a few props, and Dickens' glorious words, McGarry delivers the perennial holiday classic in a tour de force that has left audiences riveted from Boston to Prague. Joyous, captivating, and witty, McGarry's *A Christmas Carol* is a fully staged, full-throated leap into Dickens' most famous story, delivered with a simplicity that disarms and touches the heart.

In 2025, Your Theatre offers three more shows, January's *Red* by John Logan, directed by Suzanne J. Houbre, March's *Wonder of the World* by David Lindsay-Abaire, directed by James Sanguinetti and May's *Admissions* by Joshua Harmon, directed by Eric R. Paradis. More specials, original plays and director's showcases are also in the works.

For Your Theatre's full season

details and tickets, go to yourtheatre.org/wp/season-schedule/

For information about New Bedford Festival Theatre's *Nunsense*, go to <https://nbfestivaltheatre.com/>

Information about Neil McGarry's shows at the Steeple will be available at <https://steepleplayhouse.org/>

For more information about Neil McGarry, check out neilmcgarry.com/

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See you at the Steeple!!!

The Steeple Playhouse is a

community arts center with Your Theatre, Inc. as its resident community theater group and is located at 159 William St, New Bedford, MA. A prominent downtown New Bedford landmark, the steeple appears on the city seal. Built in 1829 as the First Baptist Church, it came to be known as the "Birthplace of Robert's Rules of Order". After the 2017 purchase of the building, Your Theatre, Inc worked with a local preservation organization, Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE), to renovate the historic space and turn it into a fully functional community arts center called The Steeple Playhouse.

The facilities include a flexible theater which will seat up to 160 as well as a black box theater on the lower level. Wheelchair accessible, The Steeple Playhouse is open for outside rentals. We are another vital catalyst in New Bedford's continued cultural renaissance. More information at www.Steepleplayhouse.org.

Montigny touts funds for Greater NB, Millicent Library

Press Release

On July 11, Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) secured significant state investments for the Greater New Bedford region that will enhance the ongoing mixed-use redevelopment of the State Pier and connect it to a revived Star Store accompanied by the Zeiterion Theater's grand reopening. The Senate also endorsed Montigny's effort to secure the long-term future of the aging Pope's Island Marina and critical upgrades for the historic Millicent Library in Fairhaven. The measures are included as a series of over \$11.8 million in state bond authorizations within the Senate's economic development bill S2856, An Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership.

Since 2008, Montigny has been a tireless advocate of redeveloping the State Pier into a vibrant mixed-use facility featuring cargo operations,

commercial fishing, ferry services, marine educational facilities, and a fresh fish market. His law provides a \$25 million state bond authorization to finance the project, which marks the third phase of the Senator's overall economic development vision that started with his legislation to rehabilitate the Star Store in downtown New Bedford followed by the extensive redevelopment of Route 18. He has long envisioned a seamless connection between a vibrant downtown and a mixed-use pier on the waterfront.

Senator Montigny was also the lead sponsor of the law putting MassDevelopment in charge of the pier's redevelopment, ensuring public transparency and accountability during the process.

During this latest economic development bill, Montigny secured an additional \$10 million to provide a significant boost to the pier's ongoing

redevelopment. In addition to the original mixed-use concept prompted by Montigny, this latest effort in the Senate's economic development bill paves the way for a future extension of the Southcoast commuter rail directly onto the pier. A rail spur currently exists at the site to accommodate the extension. Providing train service to the state pier would provide passengers with streamlined access to local ferry services, the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey, and a direct connection to the downtown's arts and cultural center.

As the original impetus to the downtown's renewed arts and cultural revival, the Star Store was redeveloped pursuant to Montigny's legislation into a vibrant college arts campus. While UMass Dartmouth abruptly abandoned the building last year, Montigny has remained

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determined to position the Star Store for a bright future centered around the arts and artists who made the original project and the downtown renaissance so successful. The Senator's addition to the Senate economic development bill provides a realistic pathway for the Commonwealth to obtain the building and finally secure the public's long-time investment in the property. The directive requires the building to be used for public purposes that can include artist lofts, studio space, and public gallery space. A public hearing would be held in New Bedford alongside trusted community partners such as WHALE, PACE, DATMA, Bristol Community College, Bridgewater State University, and MassDevelopment to solicit public feedback on additional public uses that can be implemented in the building.

To support the efforts, Montigny's prior \$8 million bond authorization is stripped from UMass Dartmouth and will be made available for the building's needs once ownership is transferred to the Commonwealth. The amendment represents a first and critical step in a lengthy process to revive the building for the public's benefit.

"For almost 25 years, we have been relentless in pursuing a three-part vision starting with the Star Store to revive our amazing arts in the downtown and to connect that seamlessly to our bustling working waterfront through a mixed-use concept at the State Pier and redeveloped Route 18," said Montigny. "The Senate's economic development bill is a home run that can really put an exclamation point on this work and truly transform New Bedford into a major destination for both residents and those curious about what we've known all along about our beautiful city on Buzzards Bay."

To further fuel the downtown arts and cultural renaissance, Senator Montigny also secured \$840,000 for the Zeiterion Theater's grand reopening following its ongoing \$37 million renovation project. The historic theater is vital to the ongoing vitality of restaurants and other businesses in the city center and is expected to fully reopen in the Fall of 2025. The new features will include a

new marquee, seating, bathrooms, restored murals, lighting and sound upgrades, an expanded lobby, second floor lounge classroom space and so much more.

The State Pier and downtown was not the only major local project secured by the Senator. Last month, the entire New Bedford legislative delegation announced a historic agreement to secure severely needed capital investments and a formal management arrangement for the busy, but aging, Pope's Island Marina. Agreement from all six members of the delegation highlights the critical importance of the marina to the recreational assets of the city's harbor and the entire Commonwealth.

In 1987, the legislature authorized \$3 million for the development and construction of the Pope's Island

The Act will now head to conference negotiations between the Senate and House before heading to the Governor's desk.

Marina. In recent years, the marina has been operating under an outdated 2006 agreement between the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the New Bedford Port Authority while the marina itself is in need of a multi-million-dollar capital rehabilitation effort.

The New Bedford delegation previously secured up to \$5.1 million in state bond authorizations for the project, and earlier this month Senator Montigny spoke with Secretary Tepper's office to garner the administration's support.

To solve ongoing operational and maintenance needs of the marina, Senator Montigny, Representative Hendricks and the entire legislative delegation agreed upon new legislation in the economic development bill that directs DCR to lease the marina to the New Bedford Port Authority for 10 years with an option to extend for two additional 5-year terms. Under the lease, the port authority would

provide oversight, operations, maintenance, and repair of the marina in addition to contributions to an escrow account with DCR to help fund capital repairs. The port authority would be allowed to retain revenues over and above the required annual deposits.

Senator Montigny also insisted upon at least 20 parking spaces at no charge to visitors of the popular Noah's Place Playground, which he also secured in the form of a \$1 million bond authorization for Pope's Island.

"Pope's Island Marina is an important state-owned asset in the middle of our bustling harbor that has been entrusted to the city's care to serve local recreational needs as well as the needs of the broader boating community," said Senator Montigny. "With that in mind, I am happy to partner with my House colleagues to make sure this asset is put on a proper path to meet the marina's ongoing capital needs while retaining the city as our entrusted partner to keep operating the boat slips in conjunction with the abutting park and playground facilities. The entire facility is a great destination for families and residents to enjoy our beautiful waterfront."

Montigny also spearheaded a \$1 million amendment to upgrade HVAC systems at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Built in 1891, the library was donated to the town by Standard Oil executive Henry Huttleston Rogers in memory of his youngest daughter Millicent, known as "Millie". The library houses numerous historic works including those from Mark Twain and Helen Keller. The current HVAC systems was installed in 1968 and is well beyond its useful lifespan, forcing the library to shut down during extreme summer heat. Library trustees reached out to the Senator for assistance, citing a 2022 engineering report they commissioned estimating the project cost at about \$1 million. Montigny's amendment in the economic development bill will help jumpstart the project and protect the town's historic gem.

An Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership will now head to conference negotiations between the Senate and House before heading to the Governor's desk.



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