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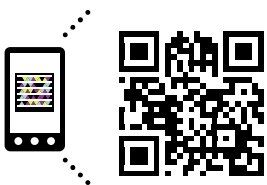
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

National Night Out welcomes community



Filipe daSilva (RIGHT) of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department, shows how K9 Robika will not let go of Officer Josh Wunschel until given the proper command, not even if pulled by the leash, during a demonstration at the National Night Out celebration in Fairhaven on 8/6/24. See page 13 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, we have heart-breaking news this week. George Brownell, who helped organize the Veterans Day and Memorial Day parades for years, died tragically last week (see page 12).



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

I know there are some who say newspapers should not mention if a death was by suicide. But I do not share that philosophy, especially if the person was a veteran, and someone who was so well known in the community.

Veterans, and especially those over the age of 50, are taking their own lives at an alarming rate, about 17 veterans a day in 2021, the last year that numbers are available from the VA. People need to know how prevalent this is. Veterans need to believe that there is another way. We can't get that message to people if we are afraid to say the words.

Every municipality in Massachusetts has a Veterans Services Officer who can connect veterans with resources, services, benefits they are entitled to because of their service to this country. All veterans have earned the right to those benefits. Please, please, please take advantage of them.

George's picture graced the pages of this newspaper often over the years. He was a well-known character in town because of his business, because of his involvement with veterans' issues, and because of his big personality.

He was my mechanic, and he was my friend for more than 30 years. He was also a big supporter of the paper.

I will miss him. And so will many others.

There's a lot of other stuff in here, of course, including lots of happenings. Make sure you notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven police busy with car crashes, neighbor incident

Bicyclist Injured by Pickup Truck

Fairhaven Police Press Release

Lt. Kevin Kobza reports that the Fairhaven Police Department responded to a collision involving an off-duty Fairhaven police officer and a bicyclist on Monday afternoon.

On Monday, July 29, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Fairhaven police responded to a report of a crash at the intersection of Rt. 6 and Narragansett Boulevard. Officers arrived to discover a 35-year-old man had been struck by a vehicle. The motorist, an off-duty Fairhaven police officer operating their personal Ram pickup truck, remained at the scene and was cooperative.

An on-scene investigation indicated that the cyclist rode in front of the Ram on Rt. 6 when the Ram struck the bicycle. As a matter of policy, both due to the fact that the bicyclist suffered injuries and because the crash involved an employee of the Fairhaven Police Department, the department contacted the Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section (CARS)

to conduct an investigation.

The bicyclist was taken to St. Luke's Hospital by ambulance. The motorist was uninjured. The crash remains under investigation.

Car Crash Ends in Fatality on Main Street in Fairhaven

From press release materials

Lt. Kevin Kobza reports that the Fairhaven Police Department responded to the scene of a fatal accident on Saturday night.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, at about 7:11 p.m., officers responded to reports of a motor vehicle crash involving a Chevy Silverado truck and moped on Main Street in the area of Riverside Cemetery near the Route 195 overpass.

The driver of the moped was seriously injured. Fairhaven Fire Department paramedics transported the moped driver by medical ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital, where they were pronounced dead.

The Chevy Silverado's driver left the scene.

A preliminary investigation determined that the moped and Silverado both were traveling southbound at the time of the crash.

The moped driver, later identified as Alexis Alvarez, 29, of Brockton, was rushed to Saint Luke's Hospital and later pronounced deceased.

In an update on 8/6/24, the Bristol County District Attorney's office said that Ryan Almeida, 35, of Fairhaven was arraigned on charges of Leaving the Scene-Death Resulting and Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon-Substantial Injury.

At the arraignment, Assistant District Attorney Russ Eonas described the crash as a road rage incident. Mr. Almeida was released on bail.

The crash was investigated by the Fairhaven Police Department, State Police Crime Prevention and Control (CPAC) Unit, and the Bristol County District Attorney's Office.

Anyone with information regarding this crash is asked to call the Fairhaven Police Department at 508-997-7421.

Fairhaven Police Department Responds to Mental Health Emergency

Press Release

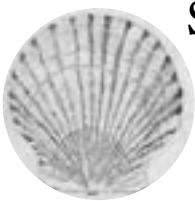
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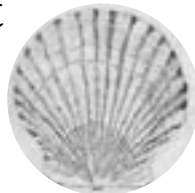
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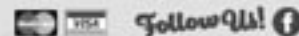
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Governor signs “ambitious” law to address housing costs

By Beth David
Editor

As the Fairhaven Planning Board gets ready to hold a public hearing this week about the proposed 40R overlay district that would allow for denser housing and commercial units in some areas of town, Gov. Maura Healey has signed The Affordable Homes Act, supporting initiatives to increase home building and help homebuyers.

The bill will support the production, preservation and rehabilitation of more than 65,000 homes statewide over the next five years. It is the largest housing bond bill ever filed in Massachusetts, at more than triple the spending authorizations of the last housing bill passed in 2018.

According to a press release, the historic legislation authorizes \$5.16 billion in spending over the next five years along with 49 policy initiatives to counter rising housing costs caused by high demand and limited supply. Key spending authorizations and policy changes include allowing accessory dwelling units, an unprecedented investment in modernizing the state’s public housing system, boosts to programs that support first-time homebuyers and homeownership, incentives to build more housing for low to moderate-income residents, support for the conversion of vacant commercial space to housing and support for sustainable and green housing

initiatives.

The new law allows accessory dwelling units (ADUs) under 900 square feet by right on single-family lots. The units can be attached or detached from a single family home in a basement, attic, a cottage in the back yard, or a bump-out addition to a home. By-right means that the ADUs can be added without the need for a special permit or variance. They are still subject to local building codes.

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The Act authorizes \$2 billion for repair, rehabilitation and modernization of the state’s public housing portfolio. Massachusetts has the largest public housing portfolio in the U.S. with more than 43,000 units, but it has been underfunded for decades.

The bill provides assistance for first time homebuyers, including down

payment assistance, mortgage insurance, and other programs.

The act also provides funds to specific housing authorities and nonprofits across the state to create housing or opportunities for first-time home buyers.

The bill also creates additional opportunities to develop vacant or underutilized commercial space into housing through the creation of the Commercial Property Conversion program and the Commercial Property Conversion Tax Credit.

Other programs receiving dramatic increases in authorizations include \$800 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which doubles the previous authorization, an increase in the Housing Stabilization and Investment Fund to \$425 million and \$275 million for sustainable and green housing initiatives, which is more than four times the previous authorization. The Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit – a key component for repurposing historic properties for housing – is doubled to \$110 million with this law.

See the full press release at <https://tinyurl.com/mux7pmzu>


The Fairhaven Planning Board is meeting at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, on Wednesday, 8/7, at 6 p.m. and will hold a public hearing on the proposed 40R bylaw at 6:30. The meeting is after our press time for this week’s issue.

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Police Change of Command

Please join us for the Fairhaven Police Department's Change of Command Ceremony and Swearing In of Chief Daniel M. Dorgan, Saturday, August 10, 2024 at 10am, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA

West Nile in Fhvn

West Nile Virus positive mosquito samples have been identified in Fairhaven and other surrounding areas of Bristol County, raising the severity level to Moderate.

Please continue to use mosquito repellents with an EPA-registered active ingredient and observe peak mosquito activity at dusk and dawn. MDPH will continue enhanced surveillance activities in this region.

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.

- Aug. 8: G and Friends, jazz, pop, rock blues

Free Movie

Get out of the hot August night and into HOT SATURDAY (1932)! In this Paramount Pictures pre-code, small town youth party hard on the weekend. Afterward one woman (Nancy Carroll) faces Peyton Place level gossip and shunning after hanging out with the town's playboy (Cary Grant). Will the good girl go bad now that her reputation is wrongly tarnished?

The program screens on Monday, August 12 at 5:30 PM at the Millicent Library on 45 Center St., Fairhaven. All are welcome, and the event is free! Use the Walnut St. entrance to access the auditorium.

South Coast Cinemaniacs meets the second Monday of the month,

excluding holidays, to watch and discuss classic movies. For more information, email club president Beth Ann Gallagher at: southcoast cinemaniacs@gmail.com

Business Social

Fairhaven businesses are cordially invited to attend our upcoming business social on Thurs., 8/15, at 5:30 PM at the beautiful Fairhaven Town Hall.

This event is hosted by the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee and provides an opportunity to network with fellow businesses and share your perspectives on how our community can further enhance its support for businesses. Your ideas are invaluable to us!

Light refreshments will be provided.

Let's work together to build a stronger, more vibrant business environment in Fairhaven. See you there!

If interested, please contact Cathy Melanson at PlanningBoard@fairhaven-ma.gov

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.

Community Cleanup

Join us for a community cleanup on the beach, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sun., 8/18, from Noon to 5:00 PM. We will provide trash bags, recycling bags, gloves, and refreshments. We will also hold a 10-15-minute safety briefing. Email Calvin at kalvin.garcia@ithacacleanenergy.com or call 774-208-7874 if you have questions.

Teddy Bear Parade

Millicent Library's 39th Annual

Teddy Bear Parade!

Sat., 8/17, 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your favorite teddy bear (or any stuffed animal), and enjoy the fun!

Bring your bears to the Unitarian Church Lawn, Walnut Street side of the Library. We'll march down to Our Lady's Haven and back. When we return, Daisy D. Dots will be performing and painting faces. We will have sweet treats, or pack your own Teddy Bear Picnic to enjoy!

Visit <http://millicentlibrary.org/events> for more info and to register.

Fhvn Town Mtg

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-board/pages/licenses-permits-and-petitions>

For A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting, visit https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyh1if7541/f/news/guide_to_town_meetings.pdf

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.

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Happy Birthday, Nana Purrington, 102!

Submitted

On June 23rd, 2024 there was a wonderful family gathering for the 102nd birthday of Marian Purington

(“Nana”).

Family came from five different states to celebrate this incredible landmark.

Marian, originally from Framingham, lives in Fairhaven and can often be seen playing Mahjong, attending

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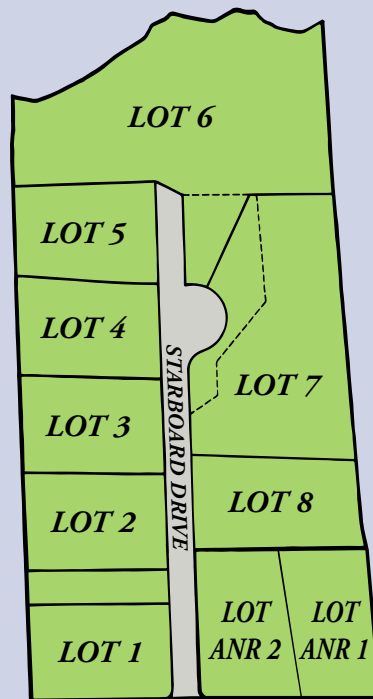
Marian Purrington, aka Nana (CENTER), poses with family who traveled to Fairhaven from five states to celebrate her 102nd birthday on 6/23/24. *Photo submitted.*

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church or enjoying family get together.

This incredible woman has three children, nine grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

She humbly served as a Red Cross nurse in Boston during the WWII years and married her sweetheart, Harold "Hal/Boppa" Purington, 71 years ago. Hal passed away 10 years ago and is remembered daily by Marian.

When we stop and think about a life of 102 years, it's incredible to

realize the vast experiences and historical milestones Marian has experienced. Being born in 1922, this amazing lady lived through the great depression, World War II, Women's Rights Movements, Vietnam War, civil rights movements, the invention of cable, computers, the internet and so much more!!!!

May we all enjoy life as much as Marian is and hold onto family with the ferocity she always has.

Marian "Nana" Purington, celebrates her 102nd birthday on 6/23/24. *Photo submitted.*



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

West Nile in NB

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) notified regional health officials today that West Nile was found last week in a mosquito sample in the city's Hicks-Logan neighborhood.

The state's local risk level for West Nile remains low, which indicates infection is unlikely. The sample was found in a primarily bird-biting mosquito.

Residents are advised to take precautions during outdoor activities and remain vigilant throughout the summer months.

For more information and the state's risk-level map, visit: <http://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update>

Nunsense

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

AHA!

Summer nights are always worth celebrating here in downtown New Bedford! So, join us on Thursday, August 8th for AHA! Night: Summer in the Seaport, sponsored by Taunton Federal Credit Union.

There is something for everyone at this free, family-friendly event, including music, art, tours, and so much more:

- Explore the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey and learn about her storied past.
- Take a tour of our working waterfront with the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.
- Dance the night away during live music performances by Manny Escobar, Freeze Pops, Jim Kelly, and more!
- Check out the art of breakdancing at 3rdEye Youth Empowerment's 5 Pillars of Hip Hop, featuring live demos, a DJ, and a fashion show by Tour Lords.
- Paint seashells with August AHA! Night sponsor Taunton Federal Credit Union.

- Stop by museums, galleries, and shops open late, including a pop-up art market outside The Drawing Room.

- Plus, art exhibits, crafts, face painting, robots, and more being added to our schedule every day.

The fun starts around 4:00 pm.

Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/> for schedule, parking info and more.

Summer Concerts

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.

- Aug. 9: Colby James and the Ramblers (Roots/Rock) – Union St
- Aug. 16: Gina and the Red Eye Flight Crew (R&B/Soul) – Purchase 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.

- 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>

Clown Class

We're looking for a few good...no GREAT people who would like to become a Specialized Clown and be a part of our brand new Clown Troop, a spinoff of our Smile Factory Clowns

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If volunteering is something you've always wanted to do but didn't know how- this may be the perfect fit!

Facts to know:

Hospital Caring Clowns wear very little make-up.

To take the class and belong to this troop you must be ages 18 to 101 years young, be willing to learn and have fun!

Classes will be at 88 Hatch Street Suite #213, New Bedford.

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If this sounds like something you would love to do, please connect with me at: thesmilefactoryclowns@gmail.com or text or call Elaine Vercellone at 201-388-0225.

I began my clowning career in hospitals and nursing homes in 1987 and am still as passionate about it as I was back then. Our hospitals are ready and excited to have us attend. Please join me, "Dr. Daisy Spot 'n' Dot" in sharing our smiles with others together!

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.

Free Shakespeare

Celebrating the fifth year of

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For more information, please call 508-993-9455 and ask for Sally Bourke.

Join Us for Lunch

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Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 8/14, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 8/21, Wrentham Village; 8/28, Plymouth Shopping; 9/4, Twin River Casino

Memory Cafe

August 22, 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 8/19.

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.

Entertainment will be Gary Farias. Lunch will be Roast Pork.

Space is limited. Please sign up by Aug. 19 at 508-979-4029.

Monday Movie Matinee

Free. Mon., 8/19, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *Our Souls At Night*. After widowed neighbors Addie and Louise begin sleeping in bed together platonically to alleviate their loneliness, a real romance begins to blossom.

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Zucchini-Parmesan Fritters

3 large zucchini, finely grated
1/2 teaspoon salt

Batter:

1 large egg
5 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
1/4 teaspoon salt
ground black pepper to taste
oil for frying

Toppings:

1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese, or to taste
1 pinch salt
1/4 cup sour cream, for topping

Combine zucchini and salt in a bowl and stir to combine. Set aside for 10 minutes. Pour mixture onto a clean dish towel or cheesecloth and squeeze to drain completely.

Whisk egg in a bowl and add flour, Parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper. Stir in drained zucchini, mix well.

Heat oil in a med. pan over med-high heat. Add batter by the tablespoon. Cook fritters until golden brown on both sides, about 5 mins per batch. Transfer to serving plate and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and salt. Serve immediately with sour cream.



Trey.”

Lionel is pretty spoiled. He has every canine toy and gadget you can imagine. His treat bowl is always filled and there for the taking. There isn't a piece of furniture that is off-limits.

Once when I was there, Lionel peed on the floor. When His mom saw what he had done, she just shook her head and told him there were better ways for him to get her attention. It's a good thing he didn't do that at my house.

But here's the rub: she locks us in a crate when it's time for us to go to

Dear Frankie

Guests Sleep in Crates?

Dear Frankie, Overnights at Lionel's are a mixed bag for me. Lionel's mom is great.

When I arrive, she always says with a smile, "My doghouse is your doghouse,

bed for the night. I thought Lionel would be upset, but all he did was yawn and close his eyes. I don't understand how Lionel's mom lets him do whatever he wants one minute, and the next, she locks him up.

Trey

Dear Trey,

Lionel's mom's parenting style isn't as inconsistent as it might appear. When awake, she has an open-door policy: Eat what you want, sit where you like, pee where it's comfortable, etc. She has no problem filling his treat bowl, vacuuming his hair off the furniture, or cleaning up his messes. But when she is asleep, she wants to know that he is in a safe place and can't get into trouble.

You did say that Lionel wasn't always the best behaved. Lionel was probably trained to use the crate when he was a puppy and thinks of it as a place to sleep. You haven't been crate-trained and see it as a locked cage.

If you continue to accept invitations from Lionel, you take the crate as part of the package and look

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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.

- Aug 14 The Catnip Junkies specialize in the iconic sounds of New Orleans jazz, swing, and brass band music to create a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Their musicians are skilled players and passionate performers who know how to engage a crowd and create a lively, fun atmosphere. From classic tunes to modern hits, their repertoire has something for everyone, ensuring that you will tap your toes and dance all night. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Concerts are held rain or shine. Join us under the pavilion, or in the community room in the event of rain.

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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. 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

At Acushnet Library

The following events are at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road.

Free Movie Matinee

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Music on the Porch Day

Celebrate Play Music on the Porch Day with us. G & Friends will perform contemporary adult music from noon to 2 p.m. under the pavilion (not a

porch, but that's OK!). This five-piece band features George Piva on Guitar, Marvin Perry on Vocals, Mike Moran on Bass, Gabe Cabral on Drums, and Dennis Cook on Sax. The Acushnet Lions Club sponsors this event.

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At the MAC

The following events are at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant Street, Marion; 508-748-1266; info@marionartcenter.org; <https://www.marionartcenter.org/>

Baskerville

The MAC Theater presents *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*.

Synopsis: Get your deerstalker cap on – the play's afoot! Comedic genius Ken Ludwig (*Lend Me a Tenor*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Crazy for You*) transforms Arthur Conan Doyle's classic *The Hound of the Baskervilles* into a murderously funny adventure. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. To find their ingenious killer, Holmes and Watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises, and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters.

Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be.

The show dates are August 9,10,11,16, 17,18, 23, 24, 25 with Friday and Saturday curtain at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. Tickets are \$20 for MAC Members and \$23 for non-members.

Visit <https://www.marionartcenter.org/events/baskerville/> for tickets.

Summer Members' Show

Opening Reception: Thursday, August 15, 5:00-7:00pm. FREE and Open to the Public. Show Dates:

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George Brownell, well known veteran, dies tragically

By Beth David
Editor

George Brownell, 73, of Fairhaven, died tragically by his own hand on Thursday, 8/1/24. Mr. Brownell was a well known Vietnam era veteran who was active in many veterans organizations. He helped organize the Veterans Day Parade and the Memorial Day Parade, and often emceed the ceremonies at those events for many years.

Mr. Brownell was also a mechanic who owned and operated Auto Diagnostics in Fairhaven.

He was well known for helping many people who needed a hand up, especially veterans.

He will mostly be remembered as someone who helped veterans, and helped save the VFW in Fairhaven when it suffered from financial difficulties that almost resulted in its closure.

“Well, I don’t know what to say,” said Jeff Cardoza, Commander of the VFW in Fairhaven. “But George was a great guy. He worked with me from the beginning at the VFW. Many years ago we kept the VFW open when it was going to close. He did all the Fairhaven parades: Veterans and Memorial Day. He was always looking sharp.”

According to Fairhaven Veterans Services Officer Michael Jenney, Mr. Brownell served three years in the US Army and was honorably discharged.

“It’s a sad loss for all the town’s veterans,” said Mr. Jenney.

Several people on social media commented when the news broke.

“My good friend and awesome business associate,” wrote Jerry Bettencourt. “There was never a time he would not stop what he was doing and help me to solve a problem. He was a book of knowledge, and one of the smartest men that I know...I know he will find peace now, I also know that I will miss him for sure. God bless and rest my friend.”

Born in New Bedford, George was the son of the late George and Lillian (Lawton) Brownell, and lived most of his life in Fairhaven where he graduated from Fairhaven High School. He was an active member and Sergeant at Arms at the VFW Post 2892.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl A. (Viens) Brownell; step daughters, Allison Pike of Norwood and Hailey Stevens of New Bedford; two step granddaughters, Sophie and Claire Pike; George was the brother of the late Peter Brownell and Lauren Clark.

Private arrangements are by the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com. Anyone wishing to donate in Mr. Brownell’s name is encouraged to send a donation to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 7, 19 Willis St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

If you are a veteran struggling



US Army Veteran George Brownell addresses the crowd at the Memorial Day ceremony at Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven after the parade on 5/30/22. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

emotionally, contact the Veterans Crisis Hotline, 988 and press 1, visit <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>; <https://1tribefoundation.org/>; https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/

Locally, contact your city or town’s Veteran Services Officer. Every municipality in Massachusetts has a VSO who can connect you to a variety of resources and help you get the benefits you deserve as a Veteran. In Fairhaven, call Michael Jenney, 508-202-4603; in Acushnet call Brad Fish, 508-998-0207, bfish@acushnet.ma.us

Huttleston Marketplace showcases crafters, artists, produce

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven’s Huttleston Marketplace includes scores of booths every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring local vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods.

Last week a group of home schooled students showed their creative side selling hand made items and lemonade.

The four students, Azalea, Maximus, Vincent, and Jupiter, are learning how to sell the things they make, how to talk to people (customer service), and how to make money.

“We want money,” they said.

And it looked like they were succeeding.



Home Schooled students (L-R) Azalea, Maximus, Vincetn, and Juniper sell their handmade wares, and plants and lemonade at the Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven on 8/3/24. *Photo by Beth David.*

National Night Out welcomes community

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Police and Fire held a National Night Out event on Tuesday, 8/6/24, welcoming the community to meet officers and firefighters, witness some cool demonstrations, play a few games, and explore police vehicles, including a cruiser and ATV (All Terrain Vehicle).

The event, held on the lawn of Fairhaven High School, was part of a national program to promote police-community partnerships, bringing police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Fairhaven's own K9 Blue gave a demonstration of how he finds narcotics and signals his handler, Officer Jillian Jodoin, that he has

found something. Children had a chance to throw the ball around for Blue as a reward for him after his hard work.

Two K9 Handlers from the Bristol County Sheriff's Department also gave K9 Robika a chance to demonstrate how he latches onto a suspect, with Officer Josh Wunschel donning a protective sleeve while Robika's handler Filipe daSilva gave the commands.

Officer Jodoin told the crowd the telltale signs that Blue exhibits before he sits, signaling that he has found narcotics.

"When dogs are working, the really do turn into a different dog," said Officer Jodoin.

Officer daSilva said Robika is a "bit

of a goof" when he's not working. At home, the kids can play with him and have fun with him. But, as the demonstration showed, when he is working, it's a different story.

Police also demonstrated the capabilities of the department's drone. Officer Ryan Benoit sent the drone high above the high school and then turned its camera all the way to the hurricane barrier in New Bedford, and zoomed in on people on the ground at the high school.

He explained to the children crowded around him that they use the drone to search for suspects and lost people.

To learn more about National Night Out, visit <https://natw.org>.



ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Police Officer, Jay Tavares shows Alice some of the features of a police cruiser during the National Night Out celebration in Fairhaven on 8/6/24. ABOVE MIDDLE: Fairhaven Police Officer Jillian Jodoin explains to the crowd that K9 Blue sits down when he detects narcotics in the box. ABOVE RIGHT: Austen DeSousa tries her hand at the fire hose under the watchful eye of Firefighter Ryan Amado. BELOW LEFT: Raphael tries out the fit of a police ATV (All Terrain Vehicle). Fairhaven Police Officer, Ryan Benoit, demonstrates how the department's drone can zoom in on people from far away. Photos by Beth David.





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at it from the perspective of: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/26, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 8/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/19, Town Hall & Remote, 6 p.

School Committee

Wed., 8/14, Remote, 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.

Historical Commission

Tues., 8/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 8/20, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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	Aug. 2024	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	8	1116 2331	0418 1634	
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Saturday	10	0016 1246	0519 1748	
Sunday	11	0106 1336	0557 1838	
Monday	12	0157 1426	0646 1943	
Tuesday	13	0248 1517	0747 2047	
Wednesday	14	0343 1617	0847 2149	
Thursday	15	0448 1721	0945 2256	
Friday	16	0551 1816	1049 2358	
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Wednesday	21	0948 2210	0308* 1534*	
Thursday	22	1037 2259	0353* 1623*	
Friday	23	1128 2351	0435* 1708*	
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Obituary: Betty Leone Gifford



Betty Leone Gifford

October 7,
1931 – July 29,
2024

Betty Leone Gifford (nee Karvonen) passed away Monday, July 29, 2024. She was born and initially raised in Ahmeek, a tiny town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on October 7, 1931. Her family moved briefly to Ishpeming, Michigan, before relocating to Scituate, Massachusetts, and finally settling in Fairhaven, where she resided for most of her life.

Betty graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1948, at the tender age of 16, having been accelerated through school for about one and a half years, after school administrators recognized her intelligence. In November 1949, Betty married Donald Gifford, and they remained married for nearly 62 years, until Donald's death in June 2011. They had three children:

Deborah, who lives with her husband William Griggs in Moneta, Virginia; Paul, who lives with his wife Diann Sokoloff in Moraga, California; Carol who lives with her husband Joseph Battaglia in Greenville, Rhode Island.

Betty is also survived by her younger brother, Richard Karvonen, who lives with his wife Claire in Middleboro, Massachusetts, ten grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, two great, great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Betty worked for the Fairhaven Public Schools for twenty years, as an administrative assistant at Hastings Middle School, which all three of her children attended while she was employed there. During her retirement, Betty selflessly volunteered at Project Independence in New Bedford and at the Adult Education Program, where she worked with people learning English as a second language. Her volunteer efforts earned her an award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, presented to her at a ceremony in Boston.

In her retirement, Betty enjoyed traveling for many family vacations,

to her husband, Donald's, World War II Navy ship reunions, and to Las Vegas. Betty and Donald traveled around New England to watch their grandkids play various sports. She was a prolific knitter, producing innumerable blankets, sweaters, hats, and booties for friends and family. Betty enjoyed playing slot and video poker machines, bingo, and card and board games. She was a vicious competitor, even when playing with her grandchildren.

Betty will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, their extended and blended families, surviving relatives, and her friends, especially her friends in the condominium building at 915 Hathaway Road in New Bedford, where she lived for the last years of her life.

Arrangements were by Fairhaven Funeral Home earlier this month. For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com. Memorial donations may be made in Betty's name to Angel Wings @ Southcoast VNA, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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PUBLIC NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of WW25 Test Project Permit Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91

NOTIFICATION DATE: August 8, 2024

PERMITTEE: RemBac Environmental, LLC

PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site East Zone 4, Fairhaven, MA

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 WW25 Test Project Permit by RemBac Environmental LLC to evaluate the efficacy of SediMite activated carbon pellets and PCB-degrading microorganisms to sequester and degrade PCBs in-situ in the sediments of the Acushnet River in the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site East Zone 4, Rear Sycamore Street, Fairhaven, Bristol County, MA.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 15 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any municipality, aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. A public hearing may be held upon request by the Municipal Official.

Project plans for this Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically with dep.waterways@mass.gov when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Waterways Regulation Program at: 1 Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

A copy of the application or request for information may be sent to the study's Principal Investigator, Bennett Amos, at ben@sedimite.com.

By: Bennett Amos, RemBac Environmental

FNN: 8/8/24

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, August 19, 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

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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:

- SE 023-___, CON 023-449: 0 Frederick Avenue, Map 29A, Lots 151-152** Notice of Intent filed by Michael Livingstone to construct a 38'x38' single-family dwelling with a 272 square foot cantilever deck and an additional 70 square foot cantilever deck. The property is located within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.16) at Assessor's MAP 29a, Lots 151-152.
- CON 023-450: 60 Maitland Street, Map 22B, lot 75B** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Albert Santos to replace an existing patio and driveway with new asphalt and pavers. Property located 100 feet of an offsite BVW at Assessor's Map 22B, Lot 75B.
- CON 023-451: 12 Goulart Memorial Drive, Map 42, Lot 15C** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Sandra Pietruska for additional cobblestone pavers on driveway (10'x2') and a shed (6'x8'). Property located within Buffer Zone to BVW, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17) at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 15C. 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: 8/8/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA

1) DRAFT FY26 FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing to receive information and public comment on the Draft FY26 Community Preservation Plan.

Copies of the Draft Plan may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Fairhaven CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Ann Richard, Interim Chair,
Community Preservation Committee
FNN, 8/8/24, 8/15/24

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- Public Hearing RDA – Thomas & Debra Threlfall/ Quaker Lane Map 6, Portion of Lot 19 A Request for Determination was filed by Thomas & Debra Threlfall for property located at Quaker Lane, Map 6, portion of lot 19. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family home and to fill and grade partially within the 100 ft. buffer zone of an offsite bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Matt Leone of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan" dated July 22, 2024

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
FNN, 8/8/24

Pedal for the Path coming up in Sept.

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) will hold its sixth regional bike ride, Pedal for the Path, on Sunday, September 8.

Beginning and ending at Running Brook Vineyard, the ride will be 35 miles of fabulous cycling, postcard-perfect scenic views, more historic places than you can count, and, along the way, memorable ice cream and more! A post-ride celebration will feature a food truck, wine and beverages for purchase, and live music.

New this year: the 35-mile loop will follow the newly established Dartmouth Heritage Trail bicycle route, winding through Dartmouth's ten founding villages from Hixville in the north to Round Hill in the south. The official PFTP route will be posted

on our website and Facebook event and emailed closer to the ride. A waiver will be provided at sign-in.

Also new this year: registration is free, but you can donate. There are two new ways to show your support. Jerseys and Tech tees are available for purchase at registration.

This signature event highlights the beauty and history of the South Coast. We will celebrate recent progress along the South Coast Bikeway, highlight the Northern Scenic Greenway project connecting Fall River to New Bedford through Westport and Dartmouth, and update attendees about the bikeway's status in our ten-member communities.

To learn more and register, visit southcoastbikeway@gmail.com.

Support the Food Pantry



This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven; another bin is at Stop & Shop, and one is at the Acushnet Library. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit https://foodbanks.org/detail/the_shepherds_pantry_acushnet_ma.html

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Midsummer Soiree

What's better than gathering as a community to share supper under the sky on a beautiful evening? The grounds of the Unitarian Society of Fairhaven will be the setting for a Midsummer Soiree at the Cathedral on Aug. 17. Modeled on the Picnic on the Lawn hosted by the Fairhaven Historical Society for several years, the fundraising event sponsored by UUSF will run from 5 to 7:30 p.m. No specific attire is required – colors encouraged!

Tables with white tablecloths and chairs will be provided. Table hosts bring the food, non-alcoholic beverages, dinner dishes and silverware. (No disposables, please.) Make it as simple or as elaborate as you wish! Some groups may choose to make it a potluck supper or have a table theme.

Hosts may purchase a round table for eight (\$160) or a banquet table for 10 (\$180). To buy a table, text a request to 717-462-0411. The deadline to reserve your table is Friday, 8/9.

Rain date is Aug. 24.

For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit ufairhaven.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

Concert/Dance FR

Join the West Island Improvement Association for a fun filled live music day/night on Sat., 8/17 outside the

Community Center, 40 Causeway Road, Fairhaven. From 3-5 come and see the wonderful talented local boys Swizzle Sticks for free. Then..

Bring a picnic dinner and snacks and move INSIDE the Community Center for the well known Relics band. They play all over the area and for 12 years we had a West Island Dance. They missed our energy and requested to come back with us. 7-10. There will be a \$15 per person cover charge for the Relics. Proceeds benefit the WIIA.

Beach Clean-up

Join us for a Community Clean-Up on Sun., 8/18, noon-5 p.m., Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven. We will provide trash bags, recycling bags, gloves, and refreshments, and a 10-15-minute safety briefing. Walk-ins welcome, no registration necessary.

Email to kalvin.garcia@ithaca.cleanenergy.com or call 774-208-7874 with questions.

Touch A Truck Day

FREE famiy fun. Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association at their Touch-A-Truck event on Sun., 8/18, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Livesey Park in Fairhaven. Music with DJ Johnny Angel. Free admission. Children and their families have the opportunity to touch, climb, and take pictures with unique cars and trucks, emergency vehicles, and construction equipment. See the equipment, meet the people who

serve this community every day.

Food and drink will be available for purchase throughout the event. Proceeds to benefit the NFIA. Co-hosted by NFIA and Lech Auto Body.

GOP Meeting

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye ! Give your attendance Ye shall be heard at the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee meeting. To be held on Tues., 8/20, at 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven.

We meet at 6pm, all are welcome. Easy access and accommodation of all people. Please consider joining us.

OLOA Feast

Our Lady of Angels feast Sat., 8/31-Mon., 9/2, on the OLOA Feast grounds, 7 Jesse Street, Fairhaven.

Dubbed the "biggest little feast," the 94th annual OLOA festa is showcase of local Portuguese culture, featuring three days of Portuguese and American food and entertainment. Admission and entertainment are free, purchase require for food and beverages.

Sat. 8/31, 5 p.m.-midnight; Sun., 9/1, noon to midnight; Mon., 9/2, 10 a.m. to 10 a.m., processioin at 1 p.m.

WIIA Breakfast

LAST ONE OF THE SEASON!

Join the West Island Improvement Association for a buffet breakfast on Sun., 9/1, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven. \$10/adults, \$5/children under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

Fairhaven Police Department gets body cam grant

Press Release

Chief Michael Myers is pleased to share that the Fairhaven Police Department received a \$193,145 grant from the Healey-Driscoll Administration as part of the FY25 Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) Grant Program.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration awarded more than \$3 million in grant funds to 32 local police departments to implement or expand body-worn camera programs.

The BWC Grant Program supports

municipal police departments in planning and implementing a new BWC program or expanding an existing BWC program to improve officer and community safety.

Wearing body cameras demonstrates departments' commitment to transparency and accountability and helps improve policing practices so that officers may better serve their communities.

Research done by the Bureau of Justice Assistance suggests that

implementing BWCs has led to reductions in crime, police-generated incidents, assaults against police officers, and complaints against police officers in certain communities.

It is estimated that the grants will support more than 1,200 officers.

"We want to thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration for their support," said Chief Myers. "This grant will be extremely helpful in allowing us to continue effectively to serve our community."

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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, Mattapoisett, 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.

Learn to Row

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

Registration is now open for Learn

To Row courses, taking place on For more information about the New Bedford Rowing Center and its programs, including signing up for a Learn To Row course, please visit www.newbedfordrowing.org.

- Session 3: July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
- Session 4: August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

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

Writing Workshops

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.

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

Artist-in-Residence program at Whaling Park

Press Release

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, in collaboration with New Bedford Creative at the New Bedford Economic Development Council, as well as UMass Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts, is pleased to announce the open application period for the 2025 Artist-in-Residence program. This initiative, now entering its eighth year, aims to foster creative exploration and community engagement through the arts.

Since 2017, the park has hosted poets, painters, social practice artists, performance artists, writers, collage artists, photographers, textile artists, printmakers, sound artists, musicians, comic illustrators, and marine debris artists.

Superintendent Jennifer Smith remarked, "Our artist-in-residence program has deepened our understanding of New Bedford's rich history by collaborating with a diverse array of artists. Since its inception, this initiative has expanded our audience, forged new partnerships, and enhanced the park's reputation through innovative works in music, painting, sculpture, and illustration."

Facing budget constraints, we are thrilled to announce a new collaboration with the New Bedford Economic Council's New Bedford Creative Consortium and the UMass Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts. This partnership will provide crucial resources to ensure the program's continued success.

We are immensely grateful to our community partners for recognizing the program's significance and sharing our belief that the arts and supporting artists are foundational to the vibrancy and sustainability of a community like New Bedford.

"Throughout our nearly 250-year history, the city of New Bedford has nurtured a vibrant and dynamic creative and cultural community. Renowned globally, artists across multiple disciplines—visual and performing arts, architecture, literature, and more—have either lived or worked here," says Margo Saulnier, Director of Creative Strategies for the NBEDC. "To interpret New Bedford's rich history, woven with threads of diversity, industry, and creative spirit, through the national park platform, presents an incredible opportunity for both

the artists and our residents. This initiative not only honors our past but also inspires future generations to continue the legacy of innovation and artistic excellence that defines New Bedford."

The Artist-in-Residence program offers selected artists the opportunity to work within the park for three months, engaging with the community and drawing inspiration from New Bedford's rich cultural heritage. The park boasts these offerings: \$2,500 stipend, studio space, \$250 stipend for supplies, and professional development opportunities. Artists from all disciplines are encouraged to apply, as the program seeks to nurture creativity across a broad spectrum of artistic practices.

The open application period ends on Friday, August 30, 2024. All interested artists must apply through anyartist.org by the closing in order to be considered. Applying to the residency is free to all artists. If you have questions about which media is most appropriate for this residency, please reach out to the Artist-in-Residence Coordinator, Lindsay Compton, Lindsay_compton@nps.gov with any questions.

Wind Turbine debris close to Fairhaven waters

By ML Baron

WestIslandWeather.com

"With the current sea and wind conditions, debris likely will be washing ashore at West Island (if it hasn't already) before the day is out," said one fisherman on 8/5/14, who brought the foam to us and wished to remain anonymous.

Chunks of foam in a massive debris field were spotted by several fishermen less than four miles off shore and headed towards Fairhaven beaches and West Island. A strong southerly wind almost makes impact inevitable.

Foam debris chunks brought in a bucket (upper right inset of photo) to The West Island Weather Station showed the tell-tale identifying marks of foam from the offshore turbine blade mishap.

Debris continues to be spotted from Westport to Nantucket beaches after a 351-foot long turbine blade apparently snapped off and splashed

to splinters in the ocean on July 13, 2024.

Several news outlets have reported that GE Vernova said "a manufacturing issue" led to the Vineyard Wind turbine blade failure, and that there were no indications of an engineering flaw.

Most of the 70-ton blade's 350-foot section fell into the ocean with debris washing ashore on Nantucket, between July 13 and the 18th.

The project was halted as a Federal probe continues. Important questions include, if this was an isolated



Debris from the broken blade of a wind turbine from the Vineyard Wind project is likely to reach West Island soon as foam pieces were spotted by people fishing just a couple of miles away on 8/5/24, and debris has already been confirmed on Westport beaches. Photo graphic by ML Baron, westislandweather.com

incident or might the other blades have defects that could fail as well.

The Fairhaven Harbormaster urged residents who find debris to contact him at 508-962-1416.

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Fairhaven Police Department responded to a disturbance at a home on West Island early Tuesday morning.

At approximately 4:45 a.m., Fairhaven Police responded to a home on Ebony Street for a report of a man using a hammer to try to gain entry to a sliding glass door.

Upon arrival, officers located a 56-year-old Fairhaven man who was suffering a mental health emergency. The man has a history of mental

illness and is known to police.

Officers ordered the man to drop the hammer and he complied. The man then fled from police and was later located and taken by ambulance to a local hospital to undergo a mental health evaluation.

The man did not gain entry to the home and no injuries were reported during the incident.

The man will face charges likely to include Vandalism and Disorderly

Conduct. The investigation remains active and ongoing. His identity is not being released at this time.

Neighb News sources identify the man as Daniel DeCosta, and the address as 166 Ebony Street, where his mother, Jacqueline DeCosta lives with her husband Antonio Alfonso. The house he tried break into was 173 Dogwood, where two young children reside with their parents.

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Thursday, 8/15 – Friday, 9/20

Join us for the opening reception for our annual Summer Members' Show, featuring works from over fifty artists!

Gallery Hours: Thursday-Saturday: 10:00am-2:00pm; Sunday-Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday-Wednesday: Please call ahead. Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm

Author Event

Join us at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Tues., 8/20, at 6 PM for a book signing with ORR English Teacher Kathleen Brunelle. In her new narrative nonfiction book, *She's Gone: Five Mysterious Twentieth-Century Cold Cases*, Brunelle collects the true stories of five different women living

in different decades who all have one thing in common: one moment they were busy living their lives and the next moment... they were gone. Books will be available for purchase at the library.

Apple Peach Contestants

Acushnet's Miss Apple Peach Pageant is seeking contestants for their annual competition to be held on Friday, September 6th as the kick-off to the weekend's Apple Peach Festival. The pageant is open to all young women from Acushnet in grades 5-12. Students in grades 5-8 will compete for the title of Jr. Miss Apple Peach and students in grades 9-12 will compete for the title of Miss Apple Peach, the winner of which will

receive a \$500 scholarship. In total, \$1,000 will be awarded and sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club.

There is a \$30 registration fee and contestants will compete in four phases of onstage competition. No experience is required and there is no talent portion of competition.

To register or for more information, visit social media pages or email MissApplePeach@gmail.com by 8/16.

Chowdah Fest

Clam cakes, Chowdah, French Fries and Draft Beer included (While it lasts). Sat., 9/7, open at 5:30, dinner at 6. Freetown VFW outside dining area, 89 Middleboro Road, East Freetown. Take out available with outside dining.

Tickets \$25. For tickets call Dan at 774-930-4392 or the VFW, 508-763-2292. All proceeds go to the Roof Fund.

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