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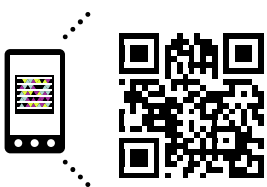
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Daniel Dorgan is officially Police Chief



Newly minted Fairhaven Police Chief Daniel Dorgan and his wife Arianne watch as their son, Memphis, pins the new badge on his father during the Change of Command ceremony in the auditorium of town hall on 8/10/24. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

The Planning Board held a public hearing on the 40R project (see page 4). And, again, Mr. Carr and Mr. DaSilva took part in the discussion, insisting it's okay as long as they don't vote at the end. Mr. Carr even ran the public hearing portion of the meeting.

I've yet to see any guidance from the Ethics Commission that says it's okay. They both own property in the proposed 40R district and that means they will benefit if the proposal passes.

They said they would check with Ethics, but, well, we've heard that before, right? And we've never seen a thing to prove it.

They also refused to name the mysterious developer who wants to build a 40B project in the waterfront district. They say it's public info, but then won't say the name. This, my dear board members, does not make people want to trust you with this bylaw, no matter how many times you say you won't ruin the town.

Town Meeting members, are you there?

Our cover story is about the changing of the guard at the police department. Daniel Dorgan officially took the reins on Saturday. And former chief, Mike Myers, put on his retirement smile. It was a fun event, with lots of hope in the air. And lots of police officers went, even the one who's not too happy with the choice. Glad you were there, Matt. Good call. Of course, the beard threw me off. Honestly, I didn't see you until I looked at my pictures. Go figure.

See page 12 for the story. And if you have internet access, visit our website for a few more pictures.

The Teddy Bear parade and Touch A Truck are both this weekend. The Teddy Bear parade is the cutest thing ever. And Touch-A-Truck? Well, who isn't tempted to sit in a big truck and hit that horn? See page 5 for details.

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

DA releases report on Coderre police shooting

By Beth David
Editor

The Bristol County District Attorney's office released the report on the police shooting of Paul Coderre, Jr. at the Bayside Lounge in Fairhaven on December 29, 2023. (See 1/4/24 issue.)

The report concludes that police were justified in their response to Mr. Coderre who was "actively shooting at police officers, striking one of them."

"The use of force by officers from the Acushnet, Fairhaven and Mattapoisett police departments was consistent with the severity of the situation and with each department's internal policies regarding the use of force," reads the report. "Due to Mr. Coderre's unprovoked actions, the use of deadly force in this incident was reasonable."

Mr. Coderre, 55, was a retired New Bedford firefighter and had been acting chief. He was embroiled in a fight with the city which accused him of faking an injury to claim disability. His pension was approved by the retirement board, and he filed an appeal with the Civil Service Com-

mission over his termination. He won the appeal, but had also learned that day, that the city was going to appeal the decision.

He had been drinking at the Bayside with other members of the Bristol County Fire Chiefs Association, which the group did every Friday.

According to the report, the entire incident is documented by Fairhaven Police dash cam video beginning with the first cruiser to arrive. Cellphone video from a bystander was also used, documenting the period before police arrived.

An Acushnet police officer was shot in the leg during the incident, with the bullet passing completely through his leg and not recovered, according to the report. The officer was treated and released that night.

The report says that a Fairhaven police officer parked his cruiser in the middle of the parking lot with the dash cam running. He approached Mr. Coderre who "took an aggressive stance and moved his hand towards his hip," leading the officer to believe Mr. Coderre was reaching for a weapon. The officer drew his firearm

and retreated to his cruiser. Soon after, other officers arrived and mutual aid was requested from Acushnet and Mattapoisett.

"Officers repeatedly attempted to deescalate the situation," reads the report, and several friends were allowed to speak with him. "All attempts to verbally convince Mr. Coderre to surrender his weapon failed. Mr. Coderre appeared intoxicated, and he repeatedly threatened to shoot himself. He told officers that he would not fire at them. He would either shoot himself or make officers shoot him."

The standoff lasted about 30 minutes.

Police used three non-lethal methods to try to subdue Mr. Coderre. They used a taser twice, a BolaWrap device, and a bean bag. Nothing worked.

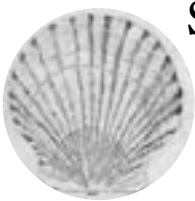
"When all three less lethal devices failed, Mr. Coderre pulled a firearm from a holster on his right hip," reads the report. "Mr. Coderre began firing the weapon directly at several police officers who had been standing by,

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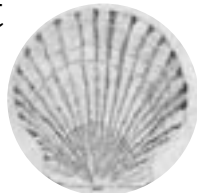
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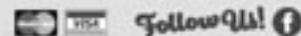
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Planning Board holds 40R hearing; receives OML complaints

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board held a hearing on the proposed 40R Smart Growth Overlay District (SGOD) bylaw on 8/7/24. The application has been sent to the state. Town Meeting has to approve the measure by a simple majority vote, even though it is a bylaw, a change in the adoption rules that the state has passed to encourage the passage of 40R districts in municipalities. Other incentives include financial payments to adopt the bylaw and financial incentives based on the number of residential units created.

The 40R would allow for denser development in the district, and would allow for mixed use. The vision is to have commercial properties on the ground floor and residences above, although individual developers would have the flexibility to have all residential or all commercial, or any mix they want.

Fairhaven's proposed district would result in up to 1700 new residential units when the district is fully built out: 1,400 in the plazas district, and 300 in the waterfront district. In the plazas districts, the density would be 20 units per acre to 35 units per acre. In the waterfront district it would be 35 units per acre to 50

units per acre.

The district would create the zoning as "by-right" which means a developer only needs a building permit and has to build to the standards in the 40R bylaw.

Vice Chair, Patrick Carr, ran the public hearing part of the meeting. He and PB member Ruy DaSilva participated in the discussion, but said they would not vote on the bylaw because they both own property in the waterfront district that was added back in after the working group decided not to include it.

Attorney Adam Costa of Mead, Talerman and Costa, gave an overview of the process so far, saying it started about two years ago with former town planner Paul Foley. Mr. Costa and his firm would assist in preparing the application to go to the state. Dobson and Flinker have been the consultants working on the design standards for the district.

Mr. Costa said he had just heard from the state that the application is complete and so they are proceeding with a more comprehensive review of the application.

"So the wheels are in motion," he said.

At the same time, the PB needs to go through the public hearing process to send the bylaw to Town Meeting, which is scheduled for November 19.

Dillon Sussman of Dobson & Flinker said now is the time to make sure the bylaw is what the board and town had in mind. The public hearing, he said, is to get input from the board and the public, to make sure the zoning meets the needs and vision of the town.

Mr. Costa said they will make revisions as the board wants.

"This is your community, not ours," he said. "This is your town, this is your zoning."

Each board member had questions and several members of the public also spoke. Most were skeptical of the concept, but some were supportive.

The reason for putting the waterfront district back in was largely put at the feet of a mysterious and unknown developer who allegedly wanted to build a 40B project. A 40B includes 25% low income housing, and developers can bypass local zoning to build them if the town does not have at least 10% affordable housing. Fairhaven needs 224 units to meet that threshold.

Town officials said former Town Planner Paul DiGiuseppe, who replaced Mr. Foley, put the waterfront back in to ward off the 40B. However, during the course of the hearing Mr. Costa said that a

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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.

Touch A Truck Day

FREE family 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.

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 kalvin.garcia@ithacacleanenergy.com or call 774-208-7874 if you have questions.

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.

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.

State Primary

Saturday, August 24, Voter Registration deadline. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 9am-5pm for those who want to register to vote or who want to change their party designation. Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.

Monday, August 26, 5pm - Vote by Mail Application deadline. The last day and time to request/apply for a vote by mail ballot.

Early Voting Hours:

Saturday, August 24 - 10am-4pm - Town Hall Banquet Room

Monday, August 26-Friday, August 30 - 8:30am-4:30pm - Town Hall Banquet Room

State Primary: Tues. 9/3, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All precincts vote a Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

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 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.

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.

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

Obituary: Patricia Goulet



Patricia Goulet

Patricia A. Goulet, 83, died Sunday, July 21, 2024 at Alden Court Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fairhaven. She was the wife

of the late Gary Goulet.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Paul and Stefane (Liskowski) Pifko, she lived in Fairhaven her entire life.

In her free time, Patricia enjoyed watching soap operas. She especially loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Douglas Goulet, and her daughter, Suzanne Goulet.

Private services are with Machnowski Funeral Home, <https://www.machnowskifuneral.com>

Welcome home, Serenity

Serenity Lane got a fun surprise on Friday, 8/9/24, when the Fairhaven police and fire departments drove by her house on West Island with sirens blasting and lights flashing.

Young Serenity, just 10 years old, had just returned home after several weeks at Boston Children's Hospital

fighting off a life-threatening infection.

Ms. Lane is still not completely healed, but is doing well and will hopefully be well enough to start school on time.

Serenity told the *Neighb News* she was surprised, but other than that,

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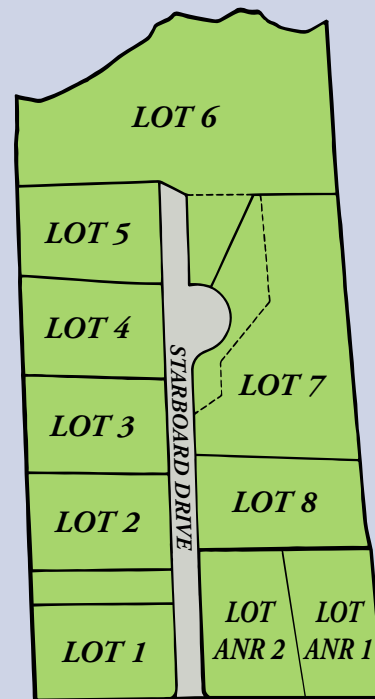
ABOVE LEFT: Serenity Lane and her Papa, Big John, are both delighted to see and hear the Fairhaven Police and Fire vehicles drive by her house to welcome her home after she battled a life-threatening illness in the hospital. RIGHT: Police and fire vehicles with lights and sirens blazing turn onto Serenity's street. *Photos by Beth David.*

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To buy her books, look for local appearances, or visit her Amazon author page, or Outskirts Press, <https://outskirtspress.com/buriedtreasure2>

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- Sept. 6: Neal Vitullo Band (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>

Waterfront Walking Tour

Join the Fishing Heritage Center and local fishing insider Phil Mello on Thurs., 8/22, at 9am, for a walking tour of New Bedford's working waterfront! On this 60-minute walking tour, you will learn about different types of fishing vessels and gear, the history of the seafood auction and other essential shoreside businesses, the historic Seamen's Bethel, and the unique experience of fishing families.

The tour will begin at New Bedford's Pier 3 and end at the Fishing Heritage Center. \$25 covers the cost of the tour PLUS admission

to the Center. Spaces are limited, so don't wait. Reserve your spot today! Tickets can be purchased online at <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/> or in person at FHC (Thursday-Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm), 38 Bethel St., Downtown NB

Grand Opening

PJ's Fine Foods, manufacturers of local delicacies Pia's Supreme Party Dip Mix and Crazy Uncle Red's Celebrated Hot Pepper Jelly, are excited to announce the opening of their first production facility, in the heart of New Bedford's vibrant South End neighborhood.

PJ's Fine Foods is a mother-son collaboration between artists Pat Kellogg and Jared Friedman. After years of making their unique specialties as gifts for family and friends, they launched commercially at the beginning of 2023, and instantly gained a devoted following among gourmets from the tip of the Cape to New Jersey and beyond.

PJ's Fine Foods will have its Grand Opening on Sunday, 8/18, from 1 PM to 4 PM at the new facility, 114 Cove St., NB. Everyone is invited to come and have a hot dog or a veggie dog (or two or three) and see and taste the whole range of PJ's products.

More information can be found at www.crazyunclereds.com, or @crazyunclereds on Instagram.

SAVE THE DATES

Lebanese Feast

Please join us on Fri., 9/13 from 5-11 p.m., and Sat., 9/14, from noon-11 p.m. for our annual Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) on the Parish Grounds of Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church, 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745. There'll be lots of delicious Lebanese Food, tasty pastries, refreshments, raffles, music and dancing, and above all a fun time for all, to benefit OLOP. Admission is free so please bring your family and friends!

Live entertainment by George Maalouf & Band and George Dib and Mitchel Kaltsunas with Bashir El Khoury Band.

Seafood Soiree Get Tickets NOW

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Fishing Heritage Center.

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Tickets: \$150 general admission / \$125 FHC member. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/soiree/>

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, 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.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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

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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

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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.

If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the day before to reserve a meal, 508-979-4029. \$2 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

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- 1/3 cup honey
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- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 3 tbsps extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 4 (6-oz) salmon fillets, patted dry
- kosher salt, to taste
- ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lemon, sliced into rounds

In med. bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, lemon juice, and red pepper flakes.

In a large skillet over med-high heat, heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil.

When the oil is hot but not smoking, add the salmon skin-side-up and season with salt and pepper.

Cook the salmon until deeply golden, about 6 minutes. Flip the salmon and add the remaining olive oil to skillet. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add the honey mixture and sliced lemons and cook until the sauce is reduced by about 1/3.

Baste salmon with the sauce and ensure it is cooked to 145° internally (it should flake easily with a fork).

Garnish with lemon slices, serve.



They have gone as far as building an apartment on the house for my guy and me so they can lend a helping paw with the pups when needed.

I have been dating Milo for four years. Early on, we agreed that we were meant for one another and would be together once Milo's mother passed. Milo is an only dog. He rightly feels that he is responsible for living with his mom and caring for her until the time comes. In the early months of our relationship, Milo assured me that it wouldn't be more than two years, given his mom's advanced age and poor health.

Dear Frankie

Am I Being Played?

Dear Frankie,
Nothing would please my parents more than for me to settle down with a partner and have a litter of puppies who would be our forever family.

So, when she passed a year later, I thought we would soon start a family. Milo, however, said he couldn't move in with me until he sold his house. When the house went on the market two years ago, he didn't get any offers and was unwilling to lower the price.

My parents and I wonder if Milo is using the house as an excuse not to move in with us.

Tiffany

Dear Tiffany,

I suspect your folks are onto Milo. There is no reason for him not to reduce the price of his house other than to use it as a delaying tactic. It's not like he needs the money to buy a home for the two of you. Another option is he can rent the house and sell when the market is more favorable.

You need to bite the bullet and tell Milo you cannot continue the relationship unless he moves in with you in six months. The clock is ticking, Tiffany, and you are no spring chicken. Milo may not be your best bet if hearth, home, and kids are your goal.

Best, Frankie

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Racism Discussions

To connect with the community, Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) will be hosting a Virtual Coffee Hour every 4th Saturday of the month at 10 AM. The next one happens on Aug. 24.

Here is what to expect: A brief overview of Tri-Town Against Racism and the purpose of the monthly conversations; an open floor for community members to share pressing issues they are dealing with related to racism and discrimination; group discussion on possible solutions and support; open discussion on how to get involved with TTAR and any new ideas for volunteer initiatives.

Registration is required and can be completed by visiting www.tritownagainstracism.org/events

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At Acushnet Library

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

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. on 8/31, 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.

What if, for one day, everything stopped... And we all just listened to the music? In 2018, thousands of musicians from at least 59 countries and over 675 cities participated! Join us last Saturday in August for Play Music on the Porch Day! Play Music on the Porch Day is an international day of music.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

Cruise Night

Join us in the center of town for Cruise Night 2024, Thurs., 8/29, 5-8 p.m. on the Acushnet Town Green. Featuring classic cars, great food from local vendors, and oldies music with DJ Dave Blast from the Past.

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Apple Peach Festival

The Acushnet Apple-Peach Festival, celebrating 43 years, on Sat. & Sun., 9/7 & 9/8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St., Acushnet. Great entertain-

ment, crafts, food and fun! Free parking and admission. Shuttle bus from Acushnet Middle School.

Parade on Sun., 9/8 at 10 a.m., starting at Pope Park, along Main Street to the fair grounds.

Entertainment

Sat., 9/7

- 10-10:45: Sharons Student Showcase
- 11-11:45: TBA
- 12-12:45: Gary Langevin
- 1-1:45: Hillside
- 2-2:45: Stumblurs
- 3-3:45: Temporary Phase
- 4-6: Buzzard Blue

Sun., 9/8

- 10-10:45: Gonsalves Tai Kwon Do
- 11-11:45: All Along
- 12-12:45: Stephanie Lamb with Last Call
- 1-1:45: Extreme Acoustic
- 2-2:45: Shane Fitzgerald
- 3-3:45: Dirty Sanchez Band
- 4-6: Neal McCarthy Band

Chowdah Fest & Beer Bust

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.

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.

Change of Command ceremony installs Dorgan as Police Chief

By Beth David
Editor

Daniel M. Dorgan officially became Fairhaven's Police Chief at a Change of Command ceremony held in the town hall auditorium on Saturday, 8/10/24, the official last day of Michael Myers's tenure as police chief.

Approximately 100 people plus about 15 officers in uniform, and retired police officers attended the ceremony which included the oath of office administered by Acting Town Clerk, Elisabeth Horan; and the literal passing of the police flag from the outgoing chief to the new chief.

In his remarks, Chief Dorgan said that transparency and accountability will be cornerstones of his tenure.

"Building trust between the department and the community requires that we listen, learn, and adapt," said Chief Dorgan.

He said he did not take the responsibility lightly, "acknowledging that with this role comes a duty to ensure the safety and quality of life for all citizens, visitors of the town, and every officer of the department."

He said he was committed to honoring the past while advancing his plan and vision for the future of the department.

Chief Dorgan said the department stands at a pivotal juncture, with large change coming.

"But with these challenges come opportunities," he said, to strengthen the department's relationship with the community and innovate the approach to policing, while making sure all officers have the support and resources they need to excel.

"We must engage in open dialogues, address concerns with integrity, and work collaboratively to ensure that our actions align with the department's reimagined core values of service, teamwork, leadership, accountability, integrity, and pride in our department and our community," said Chief Dorgan.

He stressed that officers are the department's greatest asset and pledged to foster an environment where every officer feels "valued and empowered."

"I envision a department where every officer is given the same opportunities to grow professionally and personally, and comes to work every day knowing they are a valued member of the department and partner in the community," he said, adding they will embrace technology, making sure the tools are used responsibly and ethically. "At the same time we will not lose sight of the true

driving force of policing, the human element."

Chief Dorgan said officers will foster true partnerships with citizens to solve community problems.

"Our commitment to effective policing will be matched by our dedication to safeguarding civil liberties and human rights," he said.

He asked for the support of the community, "as we embark on this journey together."

"By working hand-in-hand, we will not only overcome any obstacles before us but also seize the opportunities to make a lasting, positive impact on our community," said Chief Dorgan. "I am honored to serve as your Chief of Police and look forward to the work we will accomplish together."



Fairhaven Police Chief, Daniel Dorgan, speaks after he is sworn in during the Change of Command ceremony in the town hall auditorium on 8/10/24. Photo by Beth David.

Chief Dorgan thanked town officials, the citizens of Fairhaven, and members of the department for joining the ceremony.

Retiring Chief Myers, who worked in the department for 32 years, with 15 as chief, started by saying it was a "great day." He thanked all the town officials he worked with over the years, including previous Select Boards, school superintendents, other town officials, and state politicians.

He said he had the pleasure of watching Mr. Dorgan grow throughout his entire career, and has worked closely with him the last year preparing him for the Chief's role.

Mr. Dorgan never backed down from a challenge and went above and to learn all he could to prepare himself for the position.

"He asked all the questions he needed

to have himself ready for this day," said Mr. Myers, and thanked Mr. Dorgan for supporting him during the last year.

Mr. Dorgan had two goals, as the Captain and trying to learn the Chief position at the same time, while also learning the command staff.

"Because of that I think he'll be well prepared to lead this department going forward," said Mr. Myers.

Select Board chairperson Stasia Powers said she was happy to thank Chief Myers and welcome Chief Dorgan. She said it had been a pleasure working with Chief Myers, and thanked him for leading the department through some difficult times.

"We are so proud of your many achievements," said Ms. Powers, and specifically mentioned some, including the full accreditation of the department and working with the school department. "All of these initiatives bring such value to our community."

She said he has always been a "calming presence" in the department and the community, a "thoughtful leader," and a strong advocate for the department.

"We wish you many years of happiness and fun," said Ms. Powers.

To the new chief, she said she knew it was a proud moment for him and his family and told him to "soak it all in. It's a big day."

"We look forward to seeing your vision of the future of the department come to life as you start your journey as chief," said Ms. Powers, adding that there will be many challenges ahead, but they will be there to support him and celebrate his successes.

"We are confident that the department is in good hands as we look forward to working with you for many years to come," said Ms. Powers.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison, who made the appointment, that got challenged by another candidate, causing a bit of controversy over the choice, said she was proud to be able to call Mr. Dorgan "chief."

She first had kind words for outgoing Chief Myers, saying he showed her "every nook and cranny" of Fairhaven when she first became TA. She thanked him for his advice, leadership, and direction of the department. She said he did incredible work staying out of the fray. At no point did he stray, he kept it "solid."

To Chief Dorgan, she said it was a hard process to get there, but he persevered.

"You stood fast, again, above the fray."

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At no point during all of this turmoil at any time, did you allow any of the dynamic play out," said Ms. Ellison, adding he became the leader that she, the Select Board and the town "knows you are."

He will do an "incredible job," she said with, "Your vision, your compassion your care for this town, as well as your ability to lead in a quiet, but strong, determined vision."

Ms. Ellison said the make-up of the department, with many members present, is a combination of Mr. Myers and Mr. Dorgan.

"Chief Myers brought it to the front, and you're going to bring it to the future," she said. "So congratulations to both of you."

Before the ceremony began Mr. Myers said he felt good about retirement.

"I'm leaving the department in a good place," said the outgoing chief.

He said he would enjoy a period of transition, then do what retired people do: travel a little, relax, saying at first he needed to "decompress" after such a stressful job.

"I need to rest my brain," he said.

Before the ceremony, Mr. Dorgan said he felt good and was, "excited and ready

for what comes next, the next steps."

He said he planned to enjoy the day, "take it all in, and then get to work."



LEFT, L-R: Retiring Fairhaven Police Chief, Michael Myers, hands the Fairhaven Police Department flag to incoming chief Daniel Dorgan during the Change of Command ceremony in the town hall auditorium on 8/10/24. RIGHT: Daniel Dorgan recites his oath of office as he is sworn in by Acting Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan. Photos by Beth David.

"I have no words right now," said Chief Dorgan's wife Arianne Walker Dorgan, after the ceremony. "It's been overwhelming, a long journey. But I can't be more proud of how he handled it."

She said she was looking forward to what he will do in the department.

"I know he will succeed with whatever he does," she said.

The entire ceremony will be available at fairhaventv.com and the Fairhaven TV YouTube channel.

Visit NeighbNews.com for more photos of the Change of Command ceremony.



Fairhaven presents Purple Heart coins to 19

By Beth David
Editor

Veterans Services Officers from Fairhaven and Acushnet presented 19 Purple Heart coins to Purple Heart recipients at a ceremony on Purple Heart Day, 8/7/24, at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

Fairhaven VSO, Mike Jenney, told the crowd of about 50 that the Purple Heart began as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782. For years it was forgotten, he said, until Gen. Douglas MacArthur renamed it.

Two years ago, Mr. Jenney and Brad Fish, who was Fairhaven's VSO, and is now Acushnet's VSO, decided to something to honor Purple Heart recipients.

Mr. Fish explained the history of the challenge coin and how it was used to save the life of an American soldier in WWI. All of his identifying documents had been stolen by the enemy and he escaped in civilian clothing. He was about to be executed by French soldiers, but one recognized the insignia on his medallion. After that it became a tradition for all unit members to

carry a unit coin.

Ret. Army 1st Class William Kligel, who is also a member of the Disabled Veterans, said he was overwhelmed a few years ago to see so many veterans who were unable to tell their stories.

"They just couldn't bring themselves to remember those they lost and getting respect themselves," said Mr. Kligel.

He said Vietnam Veteran Bill Moniz was the first to receive the Purple Heart coin with his name on it and it brought tears to his eyes. He said it would be buried with him.

Mr. Kligel, Mr. Fish, and Mr. Jenney decided to present the coins to as many recipients as they could.

Mr. Jenney read the names of 19 Purple Heart

recipients, and they or their family members accepted the coins.

After the presentation of the coins, several people spoke, mostly to thank the officials for presenting the coins.

Louise Conway Quintin said she accepted the coin for her brother who was killed in 1967.

"This coin means the world to me," she said, adding it becomes his memory and keeps him alive, thinking

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Recipients of the Purple Heart, their family members, and veterans officials gather for a ceremony to present Purple Heart coins to veterans who earned Purple Hearts or their family members at the Fairhaven Senior Center on 8/7/24. Photo courtesy of Fairhaven Community Media/Public Access TV.



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about all he did for the country.

She said she will be buried with the coin.

"I may not be a veteran, but I am a veteran in heart," said Ms. Quintin.

Donette Leblanc, a Marine and member of the DAV, who lost his arm in combat, said he spent 32 years working for the VA, which has its problems, he said.

"But you have to fight and you have to fight and you have to fight," said Mr. Leblanc, adding he recently won a battle that took nine years.

He said his reunion group, which met in DC recently, is dwindling as they get older and pass away. He encouraged people to visit the Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., also known as "8th & I," the oldest active post in the Marine Corps. He said every Friday night the Marine Corps bands put on an impressive show.

He said it will elicit "goosebumps" for everyone, not only veterans.

Learn more at <https://www.barracks.marines.mil>

Recipients of the coins were: Albert Audette, Raymond Barlow, Adrien Blain, Henry Blain, Edward Cabra, John Conway, Steven Drown, Frank Faria, Donat LeBlanc, Gilbert Mastera, Gary Medeiros, Matthew Rodriquez, Rolando Rodriquez, Thomas Tuttle, Christopher Valiquette, Robert Vicente, Edward Patnaude

The entire ceremony is available on FairhavenTV.com and the town's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGZ_t7lh_C0

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

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

Community Preservation

Wed., 8/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

School Committee

Wed., 9/11, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

Acushnet

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

Thurs., 8/15, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug. 2024	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	15	0448	1721	0945	2256
Friday	16	0551	1816	1049	2358
Saturday	17	0641	1902	1153	---
Sunday	18	0725	1946	0046	1248
Monday	19	0810	2032	0131*	1342*
Tuesday	20	0858	2121	0219*	1439*
Wednesday	21	0948	2210	0308*	1534*
Thursday	22	1037	2259	0353*	1623*
Friday	23	1128	2351	0435*	1708*
Saturday	24	---	1223	0517*	1758
Sunday	25	0048	1322	0604*	1907
Monday	26	0148	1420	0707	2109
Tuesday	27	0247	1519	0830	2256
Wednesday	28	0348	1624	1032	---
Thursday	29	0459	1733	0005	1206

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
 **Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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was uncharacteristically speechless.

"Unbelievable," said her Uncle, Brian Garceau.

"Awesome," said Serenity's Papa, Big John.

The family wants to thank everyone who reached out while Serenity was sick, and especially the PD and FD for making her homecoming special.

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Acushnet's Troop 11 holds Eagle Court

Submitted

Harrison Letourneau is Acushnet Troop 11's newest Eagle Scout. His Eagle Court of Honor was held this Saturday, 8/10/24, at the Council on Aging/Senior Center in Acushnet, making him the ninth Eagle in a troop that is only seven years old.

Harrison has been a Scout since the first grade, starting out in Cub Scout Pack 51 before transitioning to

Troop 11. A lifelong resident of New Bedford, he chose to complete his project in the city.

Harrison's project was to rehab and improve the Flora B. Pierce trail in the north end of the city. The trail had long been neglected and he wanted to bring attention to this beautiful and local piece of nature.

First he led a crew of scouts and

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ABOVE LEFT: Harrison "Harry" Letourneau of Acushnet's Troop 11 takes the Eagle Scout pledge while mom and dad, Elizabeth and Paul, look on during Harry's Eagle Court of Honor on 8/10/24 at the Acushnet Senior Center. ABOVE Harry presents his mother with her Eagle Scout parent pin, while dad looks on. TOP: Acushnet Troop 11 Eagle Scouts, Noah Dion and Matt Tripp, Harry with his Eagle Scout neckerchief and slide. *Photos by Sam Simoes.*

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

**MORE LEGALS
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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

This is to inform you that the Fairhaven Select Board will hold two public hearings at its meeting on September 9, 2024, in the Town Hall located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. The hearings are as follows:

- At 6:30p.m. New Eversource Petition Package for 2 JO Poles and 4 FO Poles going in the town layout- @ Charity Stevens Ln and New Boston Road.
- At 6:35p.m. To install 1 new FO stub pole with anchor and 1 new anchor in Walnut Street and Union Street, Fairhaven. This proposed location is necessary to provide electric service to the Millicent Library at #45 Center Street, Fairhaven.

Select Board
Stasia Powers, Chair
Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Vice Chair
Andrew B. Saunders, Clerk
Keith Silvia, Member
Andrew Romano, Member
FNN: 8/15/24

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, August 27th, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

- Case #2024.08.27A** A case of Mario Correia, of 24 Wamsutta Avenue, who is petitioning the Board to construct a pavilion on the rear of his property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 A, B, & C.
- Case #2024.08.27B** A case of Phil Vieira, of 24901 Martin Street, Eustis, Florida, who is petitioning the Board for permission for an accessory apartment at 22/24 Boylston Street. This request is being made

under Section 3.3.1 and Section 1.2.
Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours
FNN, 8/15/24, 8/22/24

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Thursday September 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
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Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
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or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

- REF#: ZBA-024-012: 282 Mill Road, Map 38, Lot 1 Applicant and Owner: Nathan Cordeiro. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a new dwelling with 3,358 sq. ft. of living space and an 859 sq. ft. garage in a Rural Residence (RR) district to include an 896 sq. ft. accessory apartment, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16 Use Regulation Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-024-013: 25 Mulberry Street, Map 11, Lot 155. Applicant and Owner: Mark Correia. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on the property in a Single Residence (RA) district not to exceed 10 chickens, not to include any roosters, for the coop to be at least 20 feet from any dwelling and at least 10 feet from the property line, and for the applicant to submit an operations and maintenance plan for manure, food, and water to the Board of Health, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule and Chapter 405,

- Animals.
- REF#: ZBA-024-014: 10 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 2. Applicant and Owner: James Novakoff. Applicant seeks a Variance to enlarge an existing living room and bedroom of an accessory beach house, as well as convert the deck to a three season room to a proposed total 856 sq. ft. as compared to the maximum 700 sq. ft. allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 A (1), Accessory Buildings and uses.
- REF#: ZBA-024-015: 20 Bluepoint Road, Map 43 B, Lot 180. Applicant: Jason Costa. Owner: Tara Costa. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for a Home Occupation business to operate a Plumbing business, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23. B. (4) Building trades.

Ruy daSilva, Interim Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 8/15/24, 8/22/24

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

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peers to clear the overgrowth and remove the many fallen trees that blocked the paths. After that they hung new trail markers and placed benches along the trail for visitors to linger and enjoy the space.

The largest part of the undertaking came last with the construction of a forty foot long boardwalk through a wetland portion of the trail.

The location where the boardwalk was needed is what drew Harrison to the idea of the trail as a potential Eagle project site. As visitors had piled logs and branches across the spot to try to use the trail, the wetland was getting more and more damaged.

Harrison collaborated with New Bedford Parks & Rec project manager Valovia Costa and Environmental Conservation Commission Agent Chancery Perks to complete this project.

Harrison will attend University of

Maine at Machias this fall to continue learning as an Environmental Studies Major and hopes to pass on his love for the outdoors to future generations of Scouts.

To learn more about Troop 11, find them on Facebook at Acushnet Scouting: Boy Scout Troop 11.



Harrison "Harry" Letourneau of Acushnet's Troop 11 is presented with a citation of recognition from the New Bedford City Council for his work on the Flora B. Pierce trail, during Harry's Eagle Court of Honor on 8/10/24 at the Acushnet Senior Center, L-R: Chance Perks, NB conservation Agent; Linda Morad, City Council First Vice-President; Harrison Letourneau; Val Costa, NB Parks and Recreation; City Councillor, Shawn Oliver. Photo by Sam Simoes.



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Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals

include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$377	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$536
2	\$26,572	\$2,215	\$511	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$728
3	\$33,566	\$2,798	\$646	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$919
4	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$780	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$1,110
5	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$915	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$1,302
6	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$1,049	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$1,493
7	\$61,542	\$5,129	\$1,184	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$1,685
8	\$68,536	\$5,712	\$1,318	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$1,876
Each additional person:	\$6,994	\$583	\$135	\$9,953	\$830	\$536

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available at the front office of each school or **128 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719, by emailing bloranger@fairhavenps.net or online at (https://www.fairhavenps.org/our_district/lunch_information).**

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact **Barbara Loranger at bloranger@fairhavenps.net or 508-979-4000 x4135** at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, Barbara Loranger will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to **Mark Balestracci, Asst. Superintendent of Schools, 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 or mbalestracci@fairhavenps.net**

When known to Fairhaven Public Schools households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to Fairhaven Public Schools households will also be

notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as: Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call **Barbara Loranger at 508-979-4000 x4135 or e-mail at bloranger@fairhavenps.net**

Community Eligibility Provision

Fairhaven Public Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Fairhaven Public Schools will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2024-2025. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- 2 **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- 3 **email:** program.intake@usda.gov

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developer could still put a 40B in the overlay district, or in any other part of town.

Two people said it was obvious that the property in question was the former Park Motors property. And several people asked why the developer's identity was being withheld. Mr. Carr said it was public information because emails were involved, so people could ask for it from the Town Clerk's office. But he would not provide the name.

Mr. Sussman said he was not sure if the information was given to him in confidence, so he did not want to say.

The *Neighb News* had asked for the name of the developer back in July, but Planning Board Chairperson Cathy Melanson refused to provide it, writing: "The information on the developer is not public at this time. The developer had conversations with Paul D. and Angie. Paul made the discussion [sic] to add it back to benefit the town."

Peter Perry, who was a member of the working group, said the goal of the 40R was to make walkable neighborhoods. He said younger people want to be able to live, work, and shop in their neighborhood. He said the reason for the high buildings was to provide views of the marsh areas. The highest buildings, six stories, would be in the plaza areas, not the waterfront.

He said the idea is to create a place like Newport and other places that people travel to and walk around.

John Hinds spoke in favor of the waterfront district being included, saying that the current condition of Middle Street is not something you take your visiting friends to see. But it could be.

It is prime real estate he said, and people should not focus on low income housing there. And developing the area will bring in more tax money.

Randall Villeneuve said Fairhaven is a "quaint little town," and building a "monstrosity" on the waterfront will take the quaintness from it.

Mr. Carr asked why he said "monstrosity." He said people should drive to Mashpee Commons and envision that on the waterfront.

Mr. Villeneuve said he envisioned buildings going across and blocking the waterfront from everyone.

Mr. Carr said words like "monstrosity" convolute the whole discussion.

He said the planning board will not allow "your quaint town to disappear."

Michelle Costen noted that Mashpee Commons increased traffic a lot. She noted that it is not for middle class

people, the shops are too expensive.

Mr. Carr said the Cape has different demographics than Fairhaven.

Mr. DaSilva said the 40R is a good idea. Growth is always going to happen, he said. A lot of people are being priced out of their homes, and now people have to pay a \$100 trash fee.

Ms. Costen noted that the waterfront is not for affordable housing.

The question of a possible ethics violation because of Mr. Carr and Mr. DaSilva discussing and deliberating also came up. Mr. Carr and Mr. DaSilva both said they can take part in the discussions, but they cannot vote. They did not however, provide any proof of guidance

Fairhaven's proposed district would result in up to 1700 new residential units when the district is fully built out: 1,400 in the plazas district, and 300 in the waterfront district.

from the Ethics Commission confirming that assertion. After the meeting, when pressed by the *Neighb News*, both Mr. Carr and Mr. DaSilva said they would check with the Ethics Commission, admitting that they had not checked with the agency before the meeting.

The board did not vote on the bylaw. They continued the hearing to Sept. 4.

The town has set up a web page for residents to ask questions about the 40R district, at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/questions-about-40r-were-here-help>

In other business, the board also received three Open Meeting Law complaints from Wayne Hayward, all for the 6/25/24 meeting.

One recounts PB member Patrick Carr reading from his phone and referring to an Ethics Commission correspondence, but not entering the documents into the record. Mr. Carr then leads the charge to censure two members not in attendance. In the complaint, Mr. Hayward says the public and parties involved could not have

contemplated the deliberations based on the agenda. He also alleges that the actions were intentional, premeditated. He asks that the board pay a \$1,000 penalty, that the censure be reversed and nullified, and that Mr. Carr's legal opinion procedure and the State Ethics Commission document be provided as part of the meeting minutes.

In another complaint, Mr. Hayward said the board discussed his family and the Fleurent family in a negative and accusing tone. He said he had no idea and was not invited to the meeting. He also said his emails to other town departments were deliberately mis-characterized and introduced in a planning board meeting.

"The specific June 25, 2024 agenda item which refers to me, is still unknown to me," writes Mr. Hayward in his complaint. "I do not hold elected office. Mr. Carr seemed to possess and refer to my private emails as suspicious and unethical. My email was being used as evidence of some undisclosed violation, yet I was unable to respond in real time to correct the record, as there was no agenda item about me. There are no suspicious or unethical emails provided and this improper discussion is intentional abuse with little regard to Open Meeting Law requirements."

Mr. Hayward asks that a penalty of \$1,000 be imposed for repeat, intentional violations.

In the third complaint, about the same meeting, Mr. Hayward writes that the PB meeting was "inundated with members' repeatedly whispering during the live-televised meeting."

He writes that both PB member Sharon Simmons and chairperson Cathy Melanson whispered to each other and covered their mouths.

"Interrupted, intentional whispering over twenty minutes, seemingly over strategy of what was to come," wrote Mr. Hayward. "This spawned other Planning Board members to openly begin side-bar deliberations of their own as they whispered messages to the majority. Whispering and side-bar deliberations seem to have become entrenched with the board, as if this is normal and accepted protocol during meetings."

He asks that a \$200 penalty be imposed and that members attend Open Meeting Law trainings.

The board voted to have Ms. Melanson work with Town Counsel to draft responses to the complaints.

The meeting is available on demand at fairhaventv.com

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ready to tackle Mr. Coderre...An Acushnet office was shot in the leg.”

Four officers shot back, according to the report, and Mr. Coderre fell. He had been shot five times.

The report includes summaries of interviews with officers on the scene, Mr. Coderre's wife, who was also on the scene; two civilian witnesses; a description of two short cell phone videos; dash cam video; three body worn cameras by Mattapoissett officers; autopsy results; ballistics evidence.

Police recovered eight spent shell casings fired from Mr. Coderre's 9 mm Luger firearm. A total of 22 spent casings were recovered from police weapons, including seven .45 Auto +P by the Acushnet police officer who was shot; four 9 mm Luger +P by a Fairhaven police sergeant; 11 5.56 mm fired by a Mattapoissett police officer; and one Remington .223 by the first Fairhaven police officer to arrive at the parking lot.

According to those interviewed, Mr. Coderre was upset about the recent decision by the city to appeal the Civil Service Commission decision. One witness said it was apparent that Mr. Coderre “was not his normal self” when he arrived at the Bayside at 11:30 a.m.

He bought a round of shots in memory of a former fire chief who died from suicide a few years ago. After he had a few more drinks and another round of shots, the witness called Mr. Coderre's wife and told her that he would need help getting home.

Another witness said he had breakfast with Mr. Coderre, and he was acting normally until he got the call telling him the city was appealing the decision, and he got “a little pissed off.”

Mrs. Coderre went to the Bayside and said Mr. Coderre did not seem happy see her, which was unusual because he was normally happy when she joined him.

He seemed agitated, and turned his back to her. She saw his key fob

sticking out of his back pocket and took it without his knowledge.

They left together, but when they got outside, he was looking for his key fob. Mrs. Coderre told him they should take her vehicle home together. He began yelling and demanding the keys. He punched out the driver's window of his truck to get to a spare set of keys.

He became verbally aggressive and began swearing at her.

Mrs. Coderre told investigators that her husband had never spoken to her like that.

“He told the police that the situation was going to end ‘one of two ways, you guys are going to shoot me or I’m going to shoot me.”

She solicited help from a friend in the bar and Mr. Coderre grabbed him by the throat, began to strangle him, and slammed his against the truck, which caused the remaining glass to shatter.

Mrs. Coderre said her husband was not normally an angry drunk, so his behavior was atypical.

Another firefighter friend also went outside and it set Mr. Coderre off more. He pulled out his firearm and pointed it at Mrs. Coderre, then shot it in the air.

Mrs. Coderre hid behind her vehicle and saw a police cruiser pull into the lot.

“She heard her husband yell, ‘I’m gonna die today,’” reads the report.

She told investigators that her husband could not have any more surgeries and was referred to pain management. She said he had recently switched medications and had seemed more agitated.

The two civilian videos corroborate much of what Mrs. Coderre told investigators. They show him grabbing his friend and swearing at them to go away.

He tells his friend and his wife, “If they call the cops here, I’m going to kill some cops,” according to the report.

The dash cam video shows Mr. Coderre telling officers “There’s no coming back from this,” and “I don’t want to hurt anyone.”

He alternately says he does not want to shoot officers, then threatens to make them shoot him.

He was “enraged” that someone called the police.

He told officers, “I know this isn’t going to end well for me.”

He was “especially adamant that he was not going to jail and that the police were not going to take his firearm.”

“He told the police that the situation was going to end ‘one of two ways, you guys are going to shoot me or I’m going to shoot me.”

“Don’t lose any sleep over this, this is my decision,” he told them.

After about 30 minutes, police tried the three non lethal methods. Approximately seven seconds after the failed beanbag attempt, Mr. Coderre fired his weapon “repeatedly and in rapid succession.”

The Acushnet officer was shot. Officers fired back.

“The time from the first taser deployment to Mr. Coderre falling to the ground after being shot was approximately twelve seconds,” reads the report.

Mr. Coderre's blood alcohol level was .202; the limit in Mass. is .08. He did not have any illegal drugs in his system.

Mr. Coderre had a valid license to carry firearms. He was known to carry a firearm at all times, and he had 39 firearms registered to him. He was a former firearms instructor and former part owner of a firearms store.

Attorneys David J. Hoey and Philip N. Beauregard released a statement saying that Mr. Coderre died on the day he learned that the city was appealing the Civil Service Commission's decision. His estate is investigating its options “and will seek civil remedies from the Mayor and the City of New Bedford.”



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