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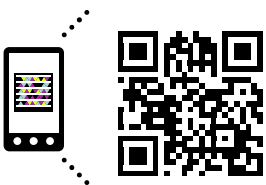
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Kids make noise at Touch-A-Truck event



Jackson looks appropriately sad behind the bars of a police cruiser, while his little brother Lincoln explores the rest of the vehicle and mom takes pictures at the Touch-A-Truck event sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 8/18/24..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

Hmmm...feels like fall is trying to make an early appearance. My money is still on summer, though, hanging on for a bit

The Fairhaven Select Board held a marathon meeting this week. See page 4 for a couple of the items they discussed, including the unveiling of the mysterious 40B developer. Surprise, surprise, surprise, it's the Park Motors propert. Go figure.

Next meeting isn't for three weeks, so there's time to write about the rest of the meeting before they meet again.

Meanwhile, summer events are winding down. But New Bedford still has some outdoor concerts scheduled (see page 8), and in a week or two, the end of summer stuff happens. Save the date for Labor Day weekend for the biggest little feast and then Apple Peach Festival. Then, alas....school will be in session full time by then.

But we still might have a few good beach days, quahogging days (if New Bedford doesn't poop up the water), and boat/fishing days.

Don't put any summer stuff away yet!

Our cover story is a fun one. The kids got to blow horns, push buttons, and climb all over big trucks at Livesey Park. This will be a nice annual event to add to the summer roster. See page 12 for some fun pics.

Volunteers did a great job of cleaning up two beach areas last weekend. (See page 19.) Where do all those tires come from?

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*.

Until next week then, see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

State Primary is 9/3

Fairhaven

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 at Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

Acushnet

For information on Acushnet's early voting hours/location, contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0200 - Option 2.

On primary day, all precincts vote at Acushnet Elementary School, 700 Middle Road.

New Bedford

Early voting will take place daily from August 24-30 at the Downtown New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 24, is also the last day people can register to vote or change their political party prior to the state primary, which is set for Tuesday, September 3.

Additionally, absentee and mail-in ballots continue to be available for the primary. The deadline to apply by mail for an absentee or mail-in ballot is August 26 at 5 p.m., while the deadline to apply in person at the Elections Office at City Hall (133 William St.) is Monday, September 2 (Labor Day) at noon. All absentee or mail-in ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 8 p.m. on election day, either by mail, being hand-delivered to the office, or placed in the drop-off boxes outside City Hall or on Elm Street by the bus terminal.

Voters are reminded that Massachusetts holds "closed primary" elections: members of a political party are only allowed to vote in their own party's primary; unenrolled or

independent voters are not similarly restricted and may request primary election ballots of any party. Libertarian voters are advised that their party's primary ballot will be blank as there are no libertarian candidates this election cycle. Libertarian voters may write in a candidate of their choosing.

The Elections Office utilizes a DS450 high-speed tabulator from Election Systems & Software to process mail-in, early, and absentee ballots. The public can observe the machine and the process on Saturday, August 31, at 9 a.m. at the Elections Office in City Hall.

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status, designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election, or has other questions about the election can contact the Board of Election Commissioners at 508-979-1420.

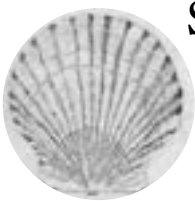
Polling Changes

Precinct C will now vote at Hayden-McFadden Elementary School, 361 Cedar Grove St. Please use the main

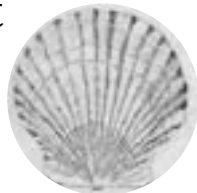
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Mysterios 40B proposal in waterfront district revealed

By Beth David
Editor

The mysterious 40B developer that has been cited as the reason the waterfront district was put back into the proposed 40R Smart Growth Overlay District in Fairhaven was officially revealed at the Select Board meeting on Monday, 8/19/24. And it is, indeed, as speculated, Lars Vinjerud II, operating as Sun Harbor Fairhaven LLC, who is proposing a project for the former Park Motors Building at 67 Middle Street. Mr. Vinjerud is a well-known business owner in the area, who operates at least three restaurants/bars, owns a fishing fleet and other fishing related businesses, and owns rental properties.

Michael Kehoe, an attorney with Partridge, Snow & Hahn, representing Mr. Vinjerud, presented the project to the SB. In a memo to the board, he said they want to utilize the MGL (Mass. General Laws) 40B Local Initiative Program, which requires a letter of endorsement from the SB to include in the state application.

Chapter 40B allows developers to skirt local zoning laws if a municipality does not have at least 10% of its housing

stock designated as affordable or low income. Fairhaven has not reached that threshold. Chapter 40B requires the project to have at least 25% of the units designated as affordable for 15 years.

The project consists of three buildings that will include a total of 60 units: 48 one-bedroom; six one-bedroom plus den; and six two-bedroom.

The placement of the buildings avoids two known issues with the site: a drainage pipe that crosses the property and goes into the Acushnet River/harbor; and an "activity and use limitation area" that cannot be disturbed because there is contaminated material that has been encapsulated there.

Some parking will be on the ground, under the apartments, and some will be outside on the 1.24 acre site. The buildings have three levels above the parking level.

Mr. Kehoe told the board that this is not a "cram down" their throats 40B project. He said they are trying to work with the town and they are only using Chapter 40B to streamline the process.

He said they were not looking for approval that night, but had hoped to get some feedback, come back in the

"near future" and then begin the process with the state.

It was the first time that SB members had seen the schematics and other information about the project.

The project will have to work with the Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission.

Mr. Kehoe said he believed the project will serve the town well, providing affordable units and some at market rate. He said the state will have a cap on the percentage the project can make, a state agency will monitor it. There will be a lottery for the affordable units, and Fairhaven residents can have a preference, if the board requests that.

He said town officials will be "proud" of the project. The site as it is currently is an "eyesore," he said.

Mr. Kehoe and the board also discussed the 40R overlay district which will include that parcel. He told the board that when they discovered the Activity and Use Limitation Area it complicated matters. Board members asked if they would still consider a 40R project, which has different design standards and would not allow as many

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Teddy Bear Parade DATE CHANGE

Millicent Library's 39th Annual Teddy Bear Parade! Date changed due to the weather

Sat., 8/31, 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.

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/vyhllf7541/f/news/guide_to_town_meetings.pdf

Pickleball Clinics

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association is holding beginner clinics at the Livesey Park Pickleball Courts on

- Sat., 9/7 & Sun., 9/8, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Wed., 9/12 & Thurs., 9/13, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

If you are interested, please send a check for \$30 payable Fairhaven Pickleball Association to Dan Ferreira at 12 Grant St., Acushnet, MA 02743. You can also use Venmo, Fairhaven Pickleball Association. If it is your first time phone code is 7190. You can call Dan at 508-728-7190.

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

Police Chief Interviews online

The interviews by the screening committee for the Fairhaven police chief position are available on the town's website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/link-police-chief-interviews>

SAVE THE DATES:

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.** Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$10/adults, \$5/children under 12.** Tickets at door.

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Fill A Bag Sale

Fill a Bag Sale, \$15/bag, clothing and shoes only, Sat. 8/31 and Wed., 9/4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store, First Congregational Church, UCC, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven, William Street entrance.. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10:00 to 1:00

Boating Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will start its 2024 FALL SEMESTER 13-week Boating Skills & Seamanship Course (BS&S) on Monday, September 16, 2024 and run through December 16, 2024, from 7-9 pm, at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC) on 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This 13-week comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. It is taught by experienced Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with years of experience on local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals, such as: boating terminology, boat equipment/handling, boat trailering, lake boating, handling a small to midsize boat, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, understanding weather, engines, radios and how to read a nautical chart and chart plotter, buy a boat, tie a knot, handle emergencies, and call in a Mayday.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course.

The \$55 fee includes the textbook, chart and all course material. Family discounts are available for shared materials. Register online at https://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=31239

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Flotilla Commander at (781)422-9746 or via email:schaef5900@gmail.com

Shine On F-R

Enjoy a beautiful fall evening on the waterfront while having an impact on your community. Join us for Shine One, Fri., 9/27, at 6 p.m., Merrill's on the Waterfront, 36 Homer's Wharf, New Bedford, MA 02740. Tickets and sponsorships available at communitynurse.com/shineon

Tickets: \$75 per person; \$125 VIP.

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Meet the Author

Mystery series based in Fairhaven



Local author Regina Mouradian bases her mystery series in Fairhaven. All three books in the mystery trilogy, *Buried Treasure*, are available now. She will be at the Huttleston Marketplace on Saturday, August 24th, August 31st and September 7th. Stop by and say hello.

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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Press Release

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Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, they have grown steadily over time. AMHS is committed to helping our Portuguese-American community's youth achieve higher education and to growing our scholarship offerings over time.

On Monday, August 12, 2024, AMHS issued nine scholarships totalling \$9,500:

- **The Dr. Mary Vermette Scholarship of \$1,500**, named after the founder of AMHS, to Andre Ribeiro Capataz of Dartmouth High School. He plans to study Finance/Business at University of Conn.
- **The Faial Scholarship of \$1,000** to

Lilly Baptiste of Dartmouth High School. She plans to attend Umass Dartmouth to major in Architecture & Interior Design.

- **The Pico Scholarship of \$1,000** to Roger Jackman of Bishop Stang High School. He plans to study Advertising at the University of Oregon.
- **The Bela Vista Scholarship of \$1,000** to Avery Carvalho of Westport High School. Avery plans to attend Boston College to study Finance with a Pre-law track.
- **The Maria Jose & Diamantino Fidalgo Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000** to Zachary Dias from New Bedford Voc Tech High School. He plans to study Business Management at Umass Dartmouth
- **Scholarship in Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco of \$1,000** to Lucas Correia from Fairhaven High School. He plans to study Health Sciences with a Physical Therapy

focus at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences.

- **Scholarship in Memory of Clotilde da Rosa Branco of \$1,000** to Gabriel Correia from Fairhaven High School. He plans to study Entrepreneurship at Johnson & Wales University.
- **Irene Medeiros Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000** to Ryan Lynn Paiva from Fairhaven High School. She plans to study Special Education at Bridgewater State University.
- **Arminda C.N.S. da Silva Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000** to Caiden Demanche from Dartmouth High School. He plans to study Secondary Education-History at Umass Amherst.

Please visit our website to learn about our scholarships and volunteering opportunities: <https://azoreanmaritimeheritagesociety.wildapricot.org/scholarships>



Recipients of the 2024 Azorean Maritime Heritage Society scholarships pose for a photo after receiving their awards on 8/12/24. Submitted photo.

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Summer Concerts

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- Aug. 23: Fast Times 80's Music (80's) – Union Street
- Aug. 30: JAMMIN' A Tribute to Bob Marley (Reggae) – Purchase Street
- Sept. 6: Neal Vitullo Band (Rock) – Union St

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>

Comedy Fest

Comedians who have delivered laughs on Netflix, Comedy Central and The Tonight Show are heading to Greater New Bedford over Labor Day Weekend for the second annual Whale City Comedy Festival. Featuring five nights, nine shows, 30+ comedians. You can expect a hilarious mix of national headliners and up-and-coming talent.

New Bedford will host the opening night of the festival, Aug. 28 at The Vault Music Hall and Pub, and will also host shows on Aug. 30 at Gallery X, and the closing show on Sept. 1

back at The Vault. Explore New Bedford - the City's marketing and tourism department - is sponsoring the New Bedford performances.

Performances are also scheduled in Westport on Thursday, Aug. 29, and in Fall River on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Tickets are \$30 for each show. For a complete schedule and ticketing information, visit www.whalecitycomedy.com.

Fish Talk

Join special guest speakers Gary Golas and Dan Eilertsen on Thursday, August 29, at 7pm, at the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB, to learn about F/V Vigilance, one of the newest vessels in the New Bedford/Fairhaven fishing fleet and discover how fishing companies are harnessing new marine technology and design to build bigger and better fishing vessels. One hour presentation followed by Q&A with speakers. Tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite or in person at FHC. Tickets: General Admission: \$5/person. Free for FHC Members. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/>

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

Join us at our annual Seafood Soirée! A benefit for New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.

Tues., 9/17, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Cisco Brewers, 1482 E Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744

Enjoy signature seafood dishes created by the area's finest chefs, live

music, a chance auction, and cocktails, all overlooking the waterfront. Two drinks are included with each ticket.

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

YTI Auditions

Auditions for Your Theatre Inc.'s presentation of Jeff Whitty's *The Hiding Place*, directed by James Sanguinette will be held at the Steeple Playhouse at 159 William Street, New Bedford on Thursday August 22nd and Tuesday, August 27th at 7p.m..

When Myra, an aspiring playwright and waitress, meets Karl, a well-regarded (and married) novelist, a romantic and imbalanced relationship begins. As their exchanges move beyond letter-writing to the beginning of an affair, Karl drops Myra, who then turns their letters into a barely fictionalized comedy—and the play's leading actor is Karl's unsuspecting best friend. On opening night, the relationship becomes public and, for everyone in Karl and Myra's radius, the world turns on its end.

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Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$2. To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

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: 8/28, Plymouth Shopping; 9/4, Twin River Casino; 9/11, Mashpee Commons; 9/18, Thames St., Newport, RI; 9/25, Wrentham Village.

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Do you need help with your cellphone or computer? Stop by the Fairhaven Senior Center for FREE help at our Tech Cafe! Every Thursday from 3–4 p.m.

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Caregivers Support Group

The first Thursday of the month, from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call 508-979-4029.

Volunteers Wanted

The Fairhaven Senior Center is looking for volunteers to assist with various positions, including front desk, serving/cleaning at Supper Clubs, food box delivery, newsletter delivery.

Please call or email Martha Reed, 508-979-4029; mreed@fairhaven-ma.gov

Single Senior Supper Club

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Recipe of the Week

Apple Pie Bombs

12 frozen white dinner rolls or 12 pieces refrigerated biscuit dough, uncooked
2 med. apples, peeled, cored, diced
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
30 vanilla caramels, unwrapped and divided
Flour, as needed, for dusting
2 tbsps unsalted butter, melted
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons heavy cream
Preheat oven to 350°.
Defrost dinner rolls.
Grease or butter a 9x6-inch casserole dish.

Place the apples, the sugar, and the cinnamon in a medium-sized bowl, tossing to combine.

Cut 18 of the caramels into quarters.

Lightly flour a worksurface.

Toast one piece of the dough in the flour and flatten and stretch it in a manner similar to a mini-pizza, stretching it about 3-inches across.

Repeat with all of the dough pieces.

Reserve 1/4 cup of the apple mixture.

Add 1 tablespoon of the remaining apple mixture and 6 pieces of the cut caramel to each dough piece and pull the edges of the dough together to form a ball.

Place the dough balls in the prepared dish.

Brush the dough balls with the melted butter and sprinkle them with the brown sugar and the reserved apple mixture.

Bake the dough balls until the tops are golden brown and the pies are no longer doughy, about 30-35 minutes.

Microwave the remaining caramels and the heavy cream until melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Allow the caramel sauce to cool slightly, then drizzle it over the pie balls.

Serve.

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Dear Frankie

Beach Vacation

Dear Frankie,
Everyone in my family (my parents and brothers, 8 and 12) is ecstatic about our upcoming annual family vacation at the beach.

I, however, do not share their enthusiasm. I think it is two weeks of pure torture. The 3 1/2 hour drive in good traffic conditions is physically exhausting. I ride in the back of the station wagon in a space appropriate for a miniature chihuahua. This is the best choice of two evils; the other is sitting with my brothers and getting caught in the crossfire when they invariably get into a physical altercation.

My days at the beach are filled with sand grinding on and in between the pads of my feet, drinking warm water from a sunbaked plastic bowl emitting toxic chemicals, and jockeying with my brothers for an inch of shade under the beach umbrella.

The rainy days here and there spent at the cottage are the best days of the vacation for me. But heaven forbid if these days occur in a row. Two days of inclement weather and my father starts complaining about how much it is costing him to stay dry; my mother becomes annoyed because no one wants to play a board game or paint rocks, and my brothers become screeching maniacs who run around playing tag and roughhousing with one another on the floor.

Besides riding home in the same inadequate space, I also suffer the vile smell of rotting sea creatures and seaweed stuck to the shells the boys insist on bringing home.

I know I can't avoid going on vacation with my family, but I thought writing about how I felt about it might make me feel better.

Alphonse

Dear Alphonse,

I hope getting your feelings off your chest lifted your spirits and lightened your emotional load.

Being a member of a human family has its rewards and deterrents. On the one paw, you get a loving family, food, shelter, etc. On the other paw, you have to participate in family activities you may not like.

I'm sure your family isn't crazy about walking you in the rain, snow, and heat, cleaning up after you have been sick, or vacuuming your dog hair off the couch. But they do it because they love you and take responsibility for your care.

You could think about the unpleasant parts of the vacation (hours each day, not 14 days 24/7) as something you endure because you also love your family members and know how much the vacation means to them.

Best, Frankie

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Bingo Shoot

Fri., 8/23, 6 p.m., Fall River Rod & Gun Club Pistol House, 309 Stanford Rd., Westport, MA.

Bingo Shoot will be fun for members and non-members. You will be given 3 BINGO cards (Targets). The shoot will be 3 rounds of 5 shots, at the end of the 3rd round add up your total score and the person with the highest score will win half of the pot. 22 or 9mm pistol can be used

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

Pedal for the Path

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 <https://southcoastbikeway.com/pedal-for-the-path-2024/> or email southcoastbikeway@gmail.com.

Marshfield Fair

Fri., 8/16, to Sun., 8/25, noon to 10 p.m. every day, at the Marshfield Fair Grounds, 140 Main St., Marshfield, MA 02050; <https://marshfieldfair.org/fair/>, 781-834-6629

Tickets: \$15 pp per day. Children 6 and under FREE. Includes admission and unlimited mechanical rides. Day passes available. Visit <https://marshfield.fiestashows.com/>. Parking (Gate E): \$10 per vehicle per day.

Writing Group

Join us at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoisett and check out our brand-new writing group on Tuesday, 8/27 at 6 PM in the Marine Room!

Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session facilitated by Alanna Nelson. You'll be on your way to creating work to submit to Sippizine, the community culture journal.

Free and open to the public. Visit <https://www.mattapoisettlibrary.org>

Art Show Recycled Art

The Mattapoisett Sustainability Partnership will host its Third Annual RE-ART Show on August 27-August 31, at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoisett.

A reception will follow on Saturday, 8/31, at 2 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

Our waste deserves a second chance and recycling has led to the emergence of an artistic movement inspiring many artists to transform waste such as paper, cardboard, wood,

glass, bottle caps, plastics, cloth, metals, and rubber into works of art.

Everyone is welcome to submit recycled artwork. The show is for all ages and abilities; 75% of the items used should be recycled materials, excluding adhesives, paint, and ink.

For guidelines go to the Mattapoisett Library's website: mattapoisettlibrary.org

Please register online via the library calendar of events by Friday, August 23. Contact pcole@sailsinc.org with questions.

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.

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.

Sponsored by the Town of Acushnet.

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

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Touch-A-Truck event gives kid a chance to make noise

Loud horns and even sirens filled the air as children and their adults had the chance to climb on a variety of big trucks, emergency vehicles and other town work vehicles at the first Touch-A-Truck event held by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association at Lech Auto Body at Livesey Park on Sunday, 8/18/24.

The free event allowed people to climb on a dump truck, bucket loader, police cruiser, all-terrain vehicle, and more. They had the chance to check out every aspect of the vehicle and hit the horns on all of them.

The NFIA sold food at the concession stand, and DJ Johnny



Angel spun out some old tunes while some classic cars were also on display (for looking, not touching). The Animal Control Officer set up a little petting zoo with gerbils and bunny rabbits.

Hundreds of people enjoyed the day, and the NFIA hopes to make it an annual event.

To learn more about the NFIA, or to join/volunteer for their next event, visit northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com or email northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

They meet at 267 Adams Street at Benoit Square on the third Thursday of each month.



TOP: Fairhaven Police Department vehicles, include a Jet Ski are available for children to climb on and explore at the Touch-A-Truck event sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and Lech Auto Body at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 8/18/24. ABOVE: Amyis (LEFT), Sebastian (MIDDLE), and Jameson (RIGHT) take their turns checking out one of the Fairhaven Public Works Department trucks. BELOW LEFT: Owen crouches down in the huge bucket of a Fairhaven PW vehicle. People wait in line for a chance to climb into one of the Fairhaven Public Works Department trucks. *Photos by Beth David.*



More photos from Touch-A-Truck



ABOVE: Darius pets a rabbit at the small petting zoo set up by the Fairhaven Animal Control Officer during the Touch-A-Truck event sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and Lech Auto Body at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 8/18/24. ABOVE RIGHT: Classic cars are on display. RIGHT: A 2023 Corvette is on display. *Photo by Beth David.*



PJ Keating hosts annual cookout for Acushnet COA

Submitted

On Tuesday, July 23rd, the P.J. Keating Acushnet location hosted 53 senior citizens from the Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Community Center.

To commemorate Senior Day, members toured the Acushnet quarry

and enjoyed Del's Frozen Lemonade and a cookout provided by P.J. Keating employees.

The cookout turned into a reunion for members and sisters Yvette Costa and Germaine Stephens. Their cousin, Annette Audet, who they have not seen for close to 50 years was

also in attendance!

The event, and family reunion, was made possible by the P.J. Keating team as well as the members of the Acushnet Council of Aging, especially Director Lauren Golda and Receptionist Janice Fortin.



LEFT: Members of the Acushnet Council on Aging stop for a photo in front of the quarry at the cookout hosted by PJ Keating for Acushnet Senior Center patrons on Tuesday, 7/23/24. RIGHT: Geraldine Stephens (LEFT) and her sister Yvette Costa (RIGHT) meet up with their cousin, Annette Audet, who they have not seen for close to 50 years, at the Cookout. *Submitted photos.*



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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., 9/16, Town Hall & Remote, 6 p.m.

School Committee

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

Select Board

Mon., 9/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk

Testing of Voting Equipment

Fri., 8/23, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

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

Golf Committee

Thurs., 8/22, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 8/22, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/10, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug. 2024	HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
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
Friday	30	0603	1827	0057	1300
Saturday	31	0651	1909	0144	1348

	Sept. 2024	HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Sunday	1	0731	1948	0229	1432
Monday	2	0809	2025	0306	1505
Tuesday	3	0846	2103	0323	1449
Wednesday	4	0924	2142	0252	1504
Thursday	5	1002	2220	0312	1534
Friday	6	1040	2258	0340	1606
Saturday	7	1119	2339	0412	1639
Sunday	8	---	1203	0445	1715
Monday	9	0027	1255	0521	1759
Tuesday	10	0121	1350	0605	1857

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Sycamore Street gets cleaned up a bit

Just nine volunteers with Operation Clean Sweep removed 46 tires, five pallets, wood, a propane tank, a chair and three bags of trash from the marsh and shore along the bottom of Sycamore Street and a surrounding area in Fairhaven on Saturday,

8/17/24. The tires were stretched along a quarter to half mile along the shore.

“A huge undertaking to remove,” wrote Operation Clean Sweep on its Facebook page. “Amazing what just nine focused volunteers can achieve.”

This was their 11th environmental cleanup this season. But they are not done. Find them on Facebook for learn more. And keep an eye on the *Neighb News* Happenings pages for more cleanups.



ABOVE LEFT: Tires, wood, debris, and a chair are collected by volunteers from the marsh at the bottom of Sycamore Street in Fairhaven on 8/17/24, in a cleanup sponsored by Operation Clean Sweep. ABOVE RIGHT: Volunteers take a picture with the trash they collected. RIGHT & FAR RIGHT: a propane tank pulled from the marsh; a volunteer carries a chair out of the marsh. *Photos courtesy of Operation Clean Sweep.*



Lions help with Fort Phoenix beach cleanup



Members of the Fairhaven Lions Club help with a cleanup of the beach at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sunday, 8/18/24. *Photos from the Fairhaven Lions Club Facebook page.*

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Public Hearing – NOI – NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy SE 001-XXXX A Notice of Intent was filed by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy. The proposed work in the Town of Acushnet includes Lines 142/143 Replacement Project. The replacement of the two advanced age underground transmission lines, including a horizontal direction drill (HDD) under the Acushnet River and temporary wetland impacts from layout of the HDD casing. The applicant is represented by Eileen Piskura of POWER Engineers, Inc. Plan name is "Lines 142 & 143 115-kV Replacement Project" dated July 25, 2024.

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
FNN, 8/22/24

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.

1. 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.
2. 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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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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

Fairhaven's Adaptive Bicycle Ready for children to use

From The Fairhaven Commission on Disability

Fairhaven's Adaptive Bicycle Ready For Release: New Opportunities for Children

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability is excited to announce the release of the adaptive bicycle that was donated to the town by the Rare Riders Organization. With this generous donation children who have never had the opportunity to experience riding a bike can now join their families in this activity, further binding a family together.

After realizing the benefits their children experienced the DeSousa and Greenspan families created Rare Riders Organization, choosing Fairhaven as their first recipient of an adaptive bike. Without this donation the purchase of an adaptive bicycle would have been very difficult if not impossible for the town to make.

The bike is fully adjustable, accommodating a child weighing 125 pounds or less with a maximum inseam of 23 inches. The bike can either be pedaled by a child or pushed by an adult.

For more information or to reserve

the bike contact the Fairhaven Recreation Center at 508-993-9269 and let them know you want to reserve the bike. The process is quick and simple to register and reserve the bike. An approved bike helmet is required (due to state law) unless it is not medically possible. Helmets are available at the Recreation Center or you are welcome bring your own helmet if you have one.

So, come on out and enjoy a trek on the bike path which is right behind the Rec. Center or another place in town. (A truck is needed to transport the bike due to the size of the bike).

Be sure to email the Commission on Disability and let us know how your trip was. Pictures are welcome also and will not be posted without parental approval.

Do you or a family member have a disability? We would love to hear from you! Share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for specific changes you feel need to be considered to make Fairhaven a more accessible community for all. Email the COD at: COD@Fairhaven-MA.gov, or contact (and follow us) on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



This adaptive bike, which allows children with limited mobility who cannot ride a regular bicycle, to enjoy a bike ride, is on display at the Fairhaven Diverseabilities Pride celebration on 7/28/24 at the Council on Aging. Photo by Beth David.

Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first.

Charles de Gaulle

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units.

Deven Franco, who said she worked for Mr. Vinjerud, told the board that they had originally wanted a 40R project, but then realized it would be a lengthy process.

The 40R district has not passed Town Meeting yet, and if it does, the state will then need to approve it before any projects can be built.

Ms. Franco said they might be willing to change the design to fit the 40R, but she was not sure Mr. Vinjerud would want to wait for the process to play out.

SB member Charles Murphy asked to clarify that the 25% affordable units would give priority to Fairhaven residents. Mr. Kehoe said they wanted to encourage the town's input because it will help with the state. The affordable units will have to be by lottery, he said, with a formula the state will create that can include a preference for Fairhaven residents.

When asked what the "timeline" was for the project, Ms. Franco said, "tomorrow." She added they have been waiting for awhile and are "anxious to get it moving."

The board and Mr. Kehoe discussed the various timelines with the board's meeting schedule, the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 19, and the likely timeline for the state to approve the 40R if it passes at STM.

Patrick Carr, who is on the Planning Board and the ZBA, and owns a parcel in the proposed 40R district, said that Lars is willing to work with the town.

"We need to work in good faith," said Mr. Carr, to show that the town wants to work with him.

He said there is a "stark difference" between 40B and 40R. An investor/developer always wants more density. He said the town can negotiate if it is a 40R and maybe they can get Mr. Vinjerud to wait until after the November STM.

"But one way or another after that...they're putting shovels to the ground," he said.

Former SB member Bob Espindola asked Mr. Carr to clarify if he was speaking as a PB member.

Mr. Carr said he was not representing the Planning Board.

He read some information to the board about the 40R and the 40B, saying that the PB is the permit granting authority and with the 40R there is local control.

"And with all the financial incentives with the 40R, kind of makes it a no-

brainer," said Mr. Carr, who has been a strong advocate of the 40R project on the PB and in other public venues.

However, at the last public hearing that discussed the 40R project, Attorney Adam Costa confirmed that a developer can still build a 40B project, even inside the 40R district.

Several members of the public also spoke and voiced concerns over the project.

Michelle Costen said she was concerned about the flooding and other hazards that made the working group remove the waterfront district from the 40R district. She said the new district would not help middle class people, and adding the other 75% at market rate will bring in more people with higher incomes, increasing the median income for the town. She said she would rather see the 40B project because the profit is limited by the state.

Jeffrey Lucas, who was on the Planning Board for several terms, said he was worried about stormwater runoff, with such a big project taking up the whole of a currently unpaved site.

He noted that the PB had approved two projects for that site over the years, but they never happened.

The area already floods, said Mr. Lucas, and with the state's big push to get housing, "It scares me what they're willing to do."

SB member Keith Silvia said the public works department has a "shovel ready project" to fix the drainage in that area. They are just waiting for funding.

Andrew Steiner, from Bohler Engineering, said stormwater will be a "major component" of the final grading on the project.

SB member Andrew Saunders asked about the kind of authority the state agencies have that oversee the project.

Mr. Kehoe said the 40B is "not a get out of jail free card." It is only to streamline the process.

In the end, the board did not vote on the project or on sending a letter to the



The proposed MGL 40B project for the former Park Motors property at 67 Middle Street in Fairhaven includes three buildings with a total of 60 housing units. Utilizing 40B allows a developer to skirt local zoning laws. Scan of Schematic Design A00 by DJSA Architects submitted to the Fairhaven Select Board on 8/19/24.

state. The project will be on the next SB agenda at its September 9 meeting.

Mr. Kehoe said they would take into consideration the concerns they heard and ask Mr. Vinjerud if he is willing to wait until after the November STM to see if the 40R overlay district passes.

In another matter, the board heard from Morgan Dawicki, chairperson of the Charter Committee, who asked for input on changes the board may want to make to the Town Administrator Act.

The town of Fairhaven does not have a charter, it is regulated by a combination of bylaws, special acts (legislation passed specifically for the town), and Mass. General Law.

The Charter Committee is charged with reviewing all aspects of town government and making a recommendation to Town Meeting for changes, including creating a town charter to replace the variety of regulations currently in place.

He said it has been 10 years since the TA act was passed, and it was a logical time for the town to consider changes.

Board members asked why the committee's recommendations for changes were not submitted. Mr. Dawicki said his committee wanted the unbiased input from the board.

He said they work with the TA, and so they would know of any limitations of the act as written.

Board members discussed possible small changes, but opted in the end to have the board members come up with suggestions to be discussed at another meeting.

From our readers

Actions of Fairhaven Town Administrator Shows Disdain for Residents

Town Administrator, Angie Lopes Ellison, is a bully. She's even shaking you down for money. In 2022, the Board created a monster when they unanimously elected Ellison to spite their former colleague, who was ousted after attempting to install someone competent.

As Town Manager of Uxbridge, Ellison was released from her three-year contract after a year. The town of Blanford eliminated the position of Town Administrator altogether to get of rid her. North Adams has been struggling for so long, she was just another termite in a rotting log there. Fairhaven awarded her with a \$163,000 salary in 2022, with a whopping raise [to] \$174,000 in 2023. All that for a town with a population of roughly 16,000 since 1980. Household incomes average \$78,000 and \$50,000 per capita.

The town is broke. When a \$450,000 shortfall was announced, Ellison and the Board proposed a new tax. Voters rejected it. Rather than make cuts, they taxed you in the form of a trash fee. This action is aimed at appeasing public officials and disrespecting voters. Only two of the five member Board of Public Works had the backbone to vote against it.

A citation-like notice of this sanctioned theft was sent out. Residents must pay \$100 for each trash can every year. Printed at the bottom: "ALSO: The Town does not offer the Bulky Waste Collection as of

July 1st." Residents must use E.L. Harvey, a private company with a monopoly in town, to collect bulky waste for a fee sure to increase, effectively privatizing a public service.

Remember when Ellison planned to rip fixtures out of Town Hall offices? Fortunately, she was thwarted by her brave assistant, who Ellison terminated in retaliation. Stress prompted the former employee to have a medical emergency at work. Ellison bullied the woman in front of her husband with the paramedics on site, refusing to leave. This HIPPA violation is the subject of litigation.

She's meddling with the police. The officer ranking first in line for promotion to Chief doesn't answer corporate interview questions to her liking. Ellison and the Board prefer an officer down the list capable of a feel-good response to their word salad. Ellison is currently attempting to bypass the entire Civil Service system in order to get her way. She cites a lack of funds for police and fire promotions as an excuse to nickel and dime you. The town paid out over \$5,000,000 police in salaries and \$3,000,000 to fire last year. Six figure salaries make up the majority.

I hear the town of Bloomfield, Connecticut unwittingly expressed interest in Ellison. I hope she gets the job. I'm sure she'll make a big impact. In Fairhaven, her legacy will be garbage. Some will resort to illegal dumping to avoid fees. When we look upon the used mattresses, broken

TVs, and rotten furniture tossed onto our roadsides, beaches and forests—we will remember Angie Ellison.

Ryan Fabian, Fairhaven

Constituents matter

For those local officials who are unwilling, or are absolutely opposed, to shuttering the Ash Street jail as proposed by Sheriff Heroux and a multitude of local community oriented committees, religious leaders and civic minded residents I question your motivation and seeming lack of attention or concern as to the financial, practical and humane considerations for this undertaking.

There is no merit or positive effect on the incarcerated, or the community, in maintaining an antiquated jail that has been historically violative of Department of Health regulations.

Sheriff Heroux, who is in the best position to judge the financial, rehabilitative and practical effects of closing this facility, has called upon those local elected officials to advocate and assist in making this a reality. And undoubtedly the many investigative articles that appeared in the newspapers corroborating the horrendous conditions at the jail motivated many voters to change the leadership of the Bristol County jail system.

By assisting or leading the charge in this endeavor will be an acknowledgment by our local elected officials that voters and community organizations are important in a democratic system.

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth

Water main break, rescue in Little Bay, keep officials busy

Water Main Break

The Fairhaven public works department spent most of Saturday working on a water main break at the corner of Timothy Street and Scenticut Neck Road.

The water department sent out an alert around noon warning residents on Scenticut Neck that they may experience dirty water due to the disruption.

A small leak went undetected during construction in the area on another project. According to ML

Baron, of West Island Weather, Vinnie Furtado, the BPW Superintendent said the water pressure during day usage kept the leak at a minimum. During the night when the water demand was minimal, pressure built up. The break caused some flooding in the immediate area of the break.

Crews were able to repair the break and have water service restored by the

Rescue in Little Bay

A man described as an avid kayaker had to be rescued from Little

Bay on August 15 at about 9 p.m.

The man was kayaking when a squall knocked him out of his kayak. He screamed and people on shore called 911. Police used the drone to try to locate the man.

He was rescued by police and the Fairhaven Harbormaster a little after 9 p.m. with some back injuries and exposure.

He had been in the water for more than an hour.

Information from MLBaron for westislandweather.com

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School Days Exhibit

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

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

Family, Luis Duffy Baraybar, Keith Cabral

Pirates & Privateers

Pirates & Privateers Presentation, Friday mornings, 10:00 a.m., June through September. WEATHER PERMITTING. Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort flagpole. Free.

Is there really pirate treasure buried by Captain Kidd on Sconticut Neck? Why might you become a privateer instead of joining the Navy? What's the deal with the parrot on the shoulder? Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented

by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner Find Greybeard & Companie on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreybeardCompanie/> See less

Try Transit Continues

The Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) is continuing fare-free service throught August 31.

"Try Transit" is an excellent opportunity for new riders to see if public transportation can work for their daily lives, without the pressure of learning how to access the system. Additionally, the program will provide financial relief for our existing customers in challenging times.

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contributions to veterans, veterans' issues, and the community as a whole. This year marks the 29th annual award.

Veterans Transition House seeks nominations from the public between now and September 15, 2024. The nomination form is available at <https://www.vetshouse.org/veteran-of-the-year-application/> and can be requested by emailing info@vetshouse.org

or by calling 508-992-5313 x 2. Completed forms can be emailed to info@vetshouse.org or mailed to Veterans Transition House, 1297 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740-6636.

If you know a veteran who is deserving of special recognition, VTH encourages the submission of your nomination as soon as possible.

The Veteran of the Year Award will

be announced in October and presented at a special reception on November 6, 2024. For event sponsorship and tickets, please contact David Guertin at david@vantageinphilanthropy.com or 401-868-0365. This event is a fundraiser to support veterans housing, outreach services, and the meals program delivered by Veterans Transition House.

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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 Fitsgerald
- 3-3:45: Dirty Sanchez Band
- 4-6: Neal McCarthy Band

Chowdah Fest & Beer Bust

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