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

Fairhaven PD promotes six, hires one



Fairhaven Police Chief Daniel Dorgan (FRONT RIGHT) poses for a photo with six officers who received promotions and one new officer to the department in front of town hall on 9/16/24. BACK L-R: Lt. Matthew Botelho, Lt. Kevin Swain, Capt. Scott Gordon, Sgt. Jerald Bettencourt III, Sgt. Wayne Mello Jr., Lt. Timothy Souza; FRONT L-R: Officer Cooper Howell, Chief Daniel Dorgan. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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

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

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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND — A day late and many dollars short.

These people never quit, huh?

The latest from the Planning Board is that they wanted to have a meeting with Town Meeting members and keep out the public No surprise bub? Re



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

public. No surprise, huh? Real democracy lovers they are. So, they decided to call it an "informational session" to get away with that. Really? (See page 3.)

The PB chair said at the Select Board meeting that the public would not be allowed to go. But, other town officials decided it should be open to the public...you know...the voters.

Even if the legal minds decide it is okay to keep the public out, I ask you: Are these the kind of people you want in charge of things?

The Planning Board is an elected board. The changes they are recommending will change the face of Fairhaven forever. They do not allow for a robust discourse, not even close. They allow you to speak for only two minutes in a public hearing. Then good luck asking another question. Members of the public are routinely berated and spoken to as if they were naughty children.

Really, people. This town can do better. People need to run for these positions and voters need to vote.

The local election season will start up right after the national elections. Nomination papers for local offices in both towns will be available in early December. Visit the town clerk. Find out who is up for reelection and get involved. In a democracy, our towns depend on the involvement of regular citizens. Don't leave it to people who have no idea what they are doing, and do not care about your opinion and have no idea what democracy really means.

There's other stuff in here, of course. Make sure you notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw

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Until next week then, see ya, *Glory to Ukraine!*Glory to the Heroes!



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Oops..in our election update in last week's issue, we made mistake on the general election date. It is on Tuesday, 11/5.

We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Can special 40R "informational session" cut out the public?

By Beth David Editor

The public will be allowed to attend a special "informational session" scheduled to give Town Meeting members information on the proposed 40R Smart Growth Overlay District (SGOD) in Fairhaven. The jury is still out on whether or not the town can legally shut out the public, but the matter is moot for this particular meeting.

Town Moderator Mark Sylvia said the public will be allowed to attend. He said Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison spoke to Town Counsel, and after that conversation, it was decided that the public could attend.

The reason it was an issue at all is that the meeting was requested by Planning Board chairperson, Cathy Melanson, who announced it at the 9/9/24 Select Board meeting and made it clear that the public would not be allowed to attend. A letter also went out to TM members that said the meeting was "exclusively for Town Meeting Members."

Fairhaven has a representative Town Meeting, which means voters

elect representatives to participate in TM, vote on articles, etc. TM is open to the public, but only TM members can vote.

The town usually also holds TM preview meetings to give members a chance to get more information and ask questions. There are also precinct meetings, when the different precincts meet separately to conduct only precinct business, such as choosing a precinct chairperson and filling vacancies. Those have always been traditionally open to the public.

It is a bit unclear which exact category the meeting in October falls into.

"It isn't a public meeting," said Ms. Ellison. "It's an informational meeting for Town Meeting members and the precincts. For transparency, we are allowing the public to come in and watch."

Chapter 43A, Section 5 of Mass. General Laws reads: "A majority of the town meeting members shall constitute a quorum for doing business; but a less number may organize temporarily and may adjourn from time to time, but no

town meeting shall adjourn over the date of an election of town meeting members. All town meetings shall be public."

Town bylaws also clarify some details, such as a quorum, for precinct meetings, said Mr. Sylvia.

Ms. Ellison said the reason for the meeting is to address the many "misconceptions" about the proposed 40R district. The two consultants, attorney Adam Costa of Mead, Talerman & Costa, and consultant Dillon Sussman of Dodson & Flinker, will make the presentation and answer questions.

Ms. Ellison said they are the professionals who have been working on the project for several years, noting that some people have complained that there are no "professionals" involved.

"It doesn't get more professional than them," she said.

The 88-acre SGOD is in three different parts of town: Two retail plaza areas, and the waterfront along Middle Street. The area that includes the waterfront has faced stiff opposi-

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Fairhaven Town Auction is this weekend

The Town of Fairhave will hold its annual auction Saturday, 9/21, at 9 a.m., in the public works garage, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven.

The public is invited to bid on items that have been declared surplus by the town. List of items includes:

Town Administrator/ Select Board

• Assorted office supplies (binders, labels)

Sewer Department

- 2 Bucket Machines (Not Running)
- Wire Machine
- 4 inch Lister Electric Pump (Needs Battery)
- 3 inch Trash Pump (Not Running)

- Huskee Riding Lawn Mower (Not Running)
- Portable Sand Blaster (Not Running)
- 2 Gas Roto Rooters (Not Running)

COA

- Piano
- 1-metal cabinet
- 1-wooden cabinet
- Curtains
- Assorted, empty picture frames

Town Hall/Rogers School (stored)

- 2 pink Lazy Boy chairs
- 1 flat screen TV
- 1 Pick-up toolbox
- Misc Office supplies
- 8 office chairs

Marine Resources

- One mountain bike
- One 14ft canoe
- One 15ft kayak
- Two 7ft dinghies
- One 8ft dinghy
- One 9.5ft dinghy
- Two 10ft dinghies
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Fire Department/EM

- 1991 GMC Bucket Truck (Transmission failure/Leaks water/Rot)
- SUV Container Storage/Drawer
- 1989 Ford F450 Box Truck (Rotted frame/no brakes)

All items were declared surplus by the Fairhaven Select Board on 8/19/24

Fairhaven Hosts First-Ever Food Truck Flavor Fest

Press Release

Inviting town residents and friends from across SouthCoast to enjoy its historic town center, Fairhaven is hosting its first-ever Food Truck Flavor Fest on Friday September 20th, from 5-8 p.m., in front of Town Hall, 40 Center Street.

The event will feature food trucks,

a beer garden, and live music from the Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts.

"We hope folks from across Fairhaven and around SouthCoast join us for a family-friendly night of food, fun, and music," said Will Gardner, Chair of the Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee, "Our town center was built as a community gathering point for people to see their neighbors and reconnect with old friends, and between the Flavor Fest, the Homecoming Day Fair, the Concerts Under the Stars, and the Old-Time Holiday, it's more vibrant than ever."

The Flavor Fest will be capped off

FOOD TRUCK: cont'd on page 5



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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with an outdoor movie under the stars, featuring a special screening of *The History of the Castle on the Hill*, a documentary about Fairhaven High School.

With parking limited, visitors are encouraged to bike or carpool to the event. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcomed.

Vendors include: Adobo Republic, Cobbs Southern BBQ, Da Caribbean Flavors, Donut NV, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, Dudes N' Foods, Kona Ice, Newport Chowder Co, Pizza Diavolo, Sorbae Frozen Treats, The Filling Station, The Pionono #1 Puerto Rican Food Truck, Uncle Joey's Cannoli, West Island Oysters.

Fhvn Dem Comm

All are welcome to join us for the next meeting of the Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee, Mon., 9/23, at 6:00pm at the Millicent Library Auditorium, 45 Center Street; use the Walnut Street entrance. This entrance is Handicap accessible. Please join us in finding out how everyone can help in the upcoming election. We will also be hearing from Sheriff Paul Heroux.

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

Millicent Events

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. To register, or learn more call the library at 508-992-5342 or visit http://www.millicent library.org/events

Free Class: Understanding American Government

Join us for a free class, "Understanding American Government," where local attorney Ellen Nelson will cover key topics including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. and Massachusetts Constitutions, and the structure and interaction of State and Federal Governments. The class will be held on Saturdays, September 21st, 28th, and October 5th from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

Climate Café with Mass Audubon

Teens aged 12+ are invited to a Climate Café on Tuesday, September 24th, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. This informal gathering encourages discussions about climate change and

its local impacts in a judgment-free environment. Participants will learn how climate change affects our community and engage in meaningful conversations about collective action.

Halloween Swap

Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 11th.

On October 12th at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. A large bin is located in the lobby.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Fire Open House

Join the Fairhaven Fire Department on Sun., 10/6 from 1-3 p.m. for an open house with lots of demonstrations and giveaways, 144 Washington St., Fairhaven, 508-994-1428.

Featuring: vehicle extrication, live fire demo (weather dependent), fire extinguisher demo, free pizza, Sparky the Fire Dog, and more!

Hoedown Fund-raiser

Join us for a Hoedown, Sat., 9/28, from 6-9 pm, at the West Island Improvement Association Community house, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven. Featuring country line dancing and Southern Charcuterie, \$25 per person (21 and older).

Call Lauren for tickets 774-328-5732. Proceeds to benefit Little Patch of Heaven sanctuary.

Family Fun Day

FREE Community outreach family fun day at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven. Rain or Shine. Sat., 9/28, noon to 4 p.m.

Family fun with kids carnival games, prizes, temporary tattoos, Photo Booth, music, popcorn and cotton candy. If you have been looking for an outreach program for

help for yourself or someone in your life or have been looking to volunteer your time the following organizations will have representatives at this event: PAACA, Veteran's Services, Alcoholic's Anonymous, MassHIRE, OneVoice, Samaritans Southcoast, The Women's Center,, The Shepherd's Pantry, Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, Meeting Street - Parents as Teachers, Gifts to Give, Whaling City Jr/Sr High School Come join us for an afternoon of music, fun and community. Nonperishable food items for the Shepherd's Pantry and "like new" or new children's clothes for Gifts to Give will be accepted at this event.

Run to Remember

The LCPI Matthew Rodriguez Run to Remember is back! Sun., 10/27, Fort Phoenix State Reservation, Fairhaven, MA, 9 a.m. Sing up NOW.

First 150 registrations by 9/30 receive a FREE race t-shirt. Register at www.TeamSmilingWarrior.org; \$40 all runners/walkers/virtuat; Same day reg +\$5. All proceeds benefit The LCPl Matthew Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information, call 508-733-3269, or email lisa@thesmilingwarrior.org. Visit https://thesmilingwarrior.org/ to learn more about Matthew's story.

CPC Applications

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY26 funding round. The FY26 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage - https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee

The Deadline for CPC applications is Friday, Sept. 27, 2024 by 12:00 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8123 or email recordingsecretary@fairhavenma.gov.

Since 2006, the Fairhaven CPC has appropriated over \$9,250,000 in funds that have created 126 affordable housing units, supported another 362 affordable housing units, protected over 755 acres, created and maintained several recreation facilities, and restored 64 historic preservation projects.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Military Museum Anniversary

Since 2004, the history and experiences of area veterans have been showcased at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum, and Veterans Memorial at Fort Taber Park, 1000C South Rodney French Boulevard, in New Bedford.

In the years since, nearly 2,000 donors have provided artifacts that showcase their military history, or those of a loved one.

From photos to letters from home to awards and medals, these artifacts put a human face on local men and women who transformed overnight from neighbors, friends and colleagues to veterans in brave service to their country.

More than 108,000 people have visited the museum since it opened and floor space has doubled.

The museum is proudly celebrating its 20th anniversary Sept. 21 with an event to feature military reenactors, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a salute to the American flag. Refreshments will be served.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, with anniversary events to begin at noon.

Admission to the museum is always free. Exhibits change frequently, so there is always something new to see and learn about the area's proud military history.

Whale Statue Unveiling

The Water We're Swimming In, a sculpture created by artist Elaine Alder made of marine debris collected off the coast Massachusetts, will be unveiled on Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. at Captain Paul Cuffe Park, located on the corner of Johnny Cake Hill and Union Street, part of the New Bedford Whaling Museum campus. The exhibit is a partnership between New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the New Bedford Whaling Museum to bring attention to marine debris issues in New Bedford.

In 2020, the NOAA Marine Debris Program partnered with the National Park Service to raise awareness of the sources and impacts of marine debris and encourage action to prevent the problem. This five-year partnership supports the development and installation of outreach and educational exhibits in coastal national parks, including New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

For more information, call 508-996-4095, visit nps.gov/NEBE or follow the park's social media accounts on Facebook.com/NewBedfordNPS and Instagram.com/NewBedfordNPS.

Worker Ed. Classes

The UMass Dartmouth Workers' Education Program is excited to announce the availability of free Adult Basic Education (ABE) and HISET classes. These classes are designed to help individuals prepare for the HiSET or GED test, providing a valuable opportunity for those looking to further their education and career prospects.

The program offers both online and in-person options to accommodate different learning preferences and schedules.

For more information or to enroll in our classes, please visit our website at www.umassd.edu/cas/workerseducation or call us at 508-910-9004. We are located at 800 Purchase Street in New Bedford.

Join us today and take the first step towards a brighter future!

The Game's Afoot

KEN LUDWIG'S THE GAME'S AFOOT opens on a blustery December night in 1936, where Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. Before long, hazards and hilarity run rampant in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays.

Performances are wheelchair accessible at The Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St. in downtown New Bedford. The accessible entrance is located on the east side of the building facing City Hall. This will be the entrance for all patrons for this

show. Ample parking is available in the city lot at the corner of 6th and William, and metered street parking is free nights and weekends.

Remaining dates are: Fri. & Sat., 9/20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 9/21 & 22 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are General Admission \$27; Seniors, Students and Military \$22. Accessible seating is reserved while all other seats are open seating; reservations can now be made online at https://steepleplayhouse.ludus.com/. Contact the box office at 508-993-0772 for group rates. More information at www.YourTheatre.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Community Nurse 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.

SAVE THE DATES:

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 10/1, 6-8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest Dr. Michael Wyand, the CEO of Boston-based Oxeia Biopharmaceuticals, will discuss Clinical Trials for Concussion; A Critical Unmet Medical Need.

Free parking in rear of building. Videos of recent events can be found on our website: https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewBedfordScienceCafe/

Food Truck Beer Fest

Sat., 10/5, noon, Fort Taber, 1000 S Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744. Featuring some of the area's most popular food trucks dishing out fan favorites such as lobster and street food nachos, Portuguese/American Culinary Fusion, dessert pizzas, BBQ, fresh juice and smoothies and more!

Visit https://www.foodtruck festivalsofamerica.com/new-bedford

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Bird Meeting

Top 10 Ways to Become a Better Birder (Bird Watcher) Wed., 9/25, 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library. Free and open to the public.

Nasketucket Bird Club will be hosting its first meeting of the fall season. Meetings are free and open to all. This month's topic will be the top ten ways to become a better birder (Bird Watcher). Whether you are trying to get into birding or have been bird watching for years, it will be an evening of learning to hone your skills to be a better birder and enjoy the natural landscape around you more.

Justin Barrett is the president of the Nasketucket Bird Club. In his day job at Manomet Conservation Sciences he works as the Director of Development, an organization with the mission to make a better world for birds.

Author Talk

Please join us at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 9/22, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for a Fall 2024 Purrington Author Talk Series. Hear author Margot Livesey give a talk about her newest novel *The Road from Belhaven* (2024) - the story of a girl's coming of age in late-19th century Scotland.

Livesey grew up in a boys' private school in the Scottish Highlands where her mother and father worked. She took a B.A. in English and philosophy at the University of York in England. Margot has published nine novels

Signed books will be available for purchase. The program is free and open to all.

Music in the Woods

Hello Music Lovers and Nature Enthusiasts! Join us on Sat., 9/21, (rain date 9/22), 11am - 2pm, at the Lloyd Center for the Environment's Fourth Annual Music in the Woods - a much-anticipated event that blends music and nature.

Held amidst the natural surroundings of the Lloyd Center's 82-acre campus, 430 Potomska Rd., Dartmouth, this free event for Lloyd Center members (\$50 fee per carload for non-members) features live music performances, nature walks, and various interactive activities.

Both Lloyd Center members and the general public are invited to enjoy a musical afternoon on the Center's trails and grounds with musicians from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, the Traditional String Band Jam, led by Juliana Bernardi, and other musical performers to be announced.

You must reserve tickets.

As a Lloyd Center member, you and your guest(s) attend for free. Your registration covers one car. You and your guest(s) must be in one car.

Tickets are available for purchase by non-members for \$50 per carload (comes with a free 6-month Family membership).

Register at https://lloydcenter.org/calendar/music-in-the-woods/

Meatloaf Grab & Go

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Damien Council, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA

Sat., 9/28. Pickup time 5–6 p.m. Includes meatloaf dinner with sides and dessert. Benefits Knights of Columbus Mattapoisett.

Call Jim, 508-237-3803; \$20 per meal. Must call in advance to order meals. Pay at pickup.

Harvest Fest

Join us for live music and entertainment, local food trucks and vendors, an artisan marketplace, children's activities, yard games, professionally designed garden displays, mechanical bull rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, agriculture, community involvement, and so much more!

At the second annual South Coast Harvest Festival at the Westport Fairgrounds 200 Pine Hill Road, Westport: Fri. & Sat., 9/27 & 28, 10am-8pm; Sun., 9/29, 10am-6pm

No pets.

Tickets at the gate, cash only. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and FREE for children under 5.

For more info, visit: southcoastharvestfestival.com

Auditions

The Marion Art Center announces open auditions for *Peter Pan*, which will run at the MAC in December. Auditions will be held at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, on September 21 starting at 9:00am and

September 22 starting at 1:00pm.

MAC Theater is looking for actors of all ages to take on twenty-four roles in J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*, adapted by Craig Sodaro, and directed by Kate Fishman. This superb non-musical adaptation for families captures all the magic and charm of everyone's favorite story.

All Lost Boys, Pirates, and Indian roles are gender non-specific. Parents of actors are welcome, but not required, to attend rehearsals and participate in organizing the youth cast during performances. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Ramps Needed

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) is seeking metal wheelchair ramp donations for Ramp Donation Program.

Earlier this year, BBAHH formally introduced the program to give low-income homeowners the accessibility they needed to remain in their homes. Through ramp donations and purchases, BBAHFH has built an inventory that can be loaned out and installed by volunteers when needed by a family. BBAHFH is running this program throughout Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport.

Ramps are expensive, often needed on short notice, and frequently needed only temporarily. When a family no longer requires the ramp, it is picked up by BBAHFH, and then loaned to another low-income family in need. The Ramp Donation Program helps those with existing accessibility issues, temporary injury, or those who are checking out of a rehabilitation facility.

BBAHFH is currently looking for ramps to help additional families, as well as low-income applicants in need of a ramp. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization; ramp donations are tax deductible per IRS code. In addition to tax deductions, donors benefit from the removal of unwanted ramps and can feel good about helping another in need.

For more information on donating or requesting ramps, email Christine Lacourse at BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com, or call (508) 758-4517.



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This is a fee based program. Call for costs and other details: Sally Bourke, Program Coordinator, 508-993-9455

Mall Trips

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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.

Memory Cafe

Sept. 26. 11:30–1:30.

A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

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Recipe of the Week

No Bake Pumpkin Cheesecake Balls

8 ounces cream cheese, softened 1/2 cup pumpkin puree 1 cup powdered sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 1 cup graham cracker crumbs (divided)

In a large mixing bowl, beat the softened cream cheese until it becomes smooth and creamy.

Add in the pumpkin puree, powdered sugar, vanilla extract, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves. Continue mixing until all ingredients are fully combined, forming a luscious and creamy mixture.

Gently fold in 1/2 cup of the graham cracker crumbs and mix until evenly incorporated.

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate the mixture for at least 1 hour, or until it is firm enough to shape.

Once the mixture is well-chilled, scoop about 1 tablespoon at a time and roll it between your palms to form small balls.

Roll each ball in the remaining 1/2 cup of graham cracker crumbs, ensuring they are evenly coated.

Arrange the coated balls on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Return them to the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes to allow them to set and firm up.

Serve these delightful bites chilled or at room temperature. Store any leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Dear Frankie

Dear Frankie

Chronic Illness

Dear Frankie,
At my annual
wellness check,
the vet ordered
a whole bunch
of tests. Yesterday, I heard my
mom talking
with the vet
about my test
results.

I couldn't hear everything they were saying, but I did hear something about taking pills twice a day, a change in diet, and monthly infusions. I also heard her say she had every reason to believe that once I got over the shock of having a chronic illness and had time to adjust to taking the pills and the infusions, I would be a compliant patient. She also said that she and my dad would be by my side and support me every step of the way.

She said she would discuss my condition with me in a few days when my dad got home from a fishing trip. I don't know anyone who has chronic. Is it like cancer? Can you text me? I want to know what I have so I'm prepared when my parents talk to me.

Dear Tino,

Chronic is not an illness. Chronic means a condition that is long-lasting

and doesn't easily go away. But in some cases, it does go away with treatment. So, you might be one of the lucky ones.

Asthma and diabetes are types of chronic illnesses. Whatever your illness is, your test results last year didn't indicate you had a disease, so it's in its early stages and at its most treatable stage.

But for whatever time you receive treatment, following your vet's instructions, having regular checkups, living a healthy lifestyle, and sharing your physical and mental feelings with your parents are essential.

It has been said that some of the healthiest people are those with a chronic illness because they pay attention to their bodies and take care of themselves. So, you are in good company.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven PD promotes six, hires one

By Beth David Editor

Fairhaven Interim Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan swore in seven members of the Fairhaven Police Department on Monday, 9/16/24, for six promotions and one new hire.

Recently appointed police chief Daniel Dorgan said the promotions were to fill vacancies due to retirements and other promotions, including his.

Cooper Howell, 22, of Acushnet is Fairhaven's newest officer. He graduated from the academy in Fitchburg on Friday and started working after his swearing in on Monday, immediately going to his first call.

"It was cool to see it in real time and not training in the academy," said Officer Howell.

He said it felt good to be able to get out there.

"It's exciting," he said. "I spent last four years getting my degree and working toward the academy. It's rewarding after all that time, for sure."

Also sworn in were: Captain Scott Gordon; Lieutenants Matthew Botelho, Timothy Souza, and Kevin Swain; Sergeants Jerald Bettencourt III and Wayne Mello Jr.



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TOP: Fairhaven Police Officer, Cooper Howell, poses with his mother Nicki Howell after being sworn in outside town hall on 9/16/24. ABOVE LEFT: Scott Gordon is sworn in as Captain by Interim Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan. ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Jerald Bettencourt III and Wayne Mello Jr. are sworn in as sergeants. BELOW LEFT: Clarence Swain watches as his son Kevin Swain (MIDDLE), Timothy Souza (LEFT) and Matthew Botelho (RIGHT) are sworn in as lieutenants. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: Former Fairhaven police chief, Gary Souza; current chief, Daniel Dorgan; and most recent previous chief, Michael Myers, pose for the local free sheet before the swearing in ceremony. *Photos by Beth David*.



A Rare Sighting



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Boy Scouts help a neighbor





Boy Scouts from Troop 52 help out an elderly neighbor who was not able to weed her flower garden earlier this month. Scouts perform many "good deeds" and community service projects throughout the community. Scout Troop 52 and Cub Scout Pack 52 meet in the hall at St. Mary's Church in Fairhaven, 440 Main Street, on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information about Pack 52, check out their Facebook page (@pack52fairhaven) or email them at Pack52Fairhaven@yahoo.com. For more information about the Troop, contact Bob Dorgan at rdorgan@aol.com or Tina Edminster at tinaedminster@yahoo.com. Boys and girls are welcome: Pack 52, Kindergarten – 5th grade, or Troop 52, middle school and high school. Submitted photos.

5K raises money to help pass Conrad's Law

The third annual Conrad's Law 5K on Saturday, 9/7, drew more than 100 participants to Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. Conrad's Law is a Bill in Massachusetts which would make suicide coercion illegal.

Conrad Roy III was a Fairhaven teenager who took his own life in 2014 at the age of 18 after someone he

knew enouraged him to kill himself.

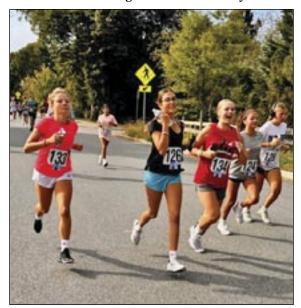
The 5K raises money to help get the law passed.

This year, the race donated \$500 to Flags4Fallen who carry flags across finish lines all over the country and presents the family with a flag and photo of their loved one. Conrad's Walk carried a flag in honor of Corey

Comperatore.

To learn more, find them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ConradsLaw or email conrads lawS.2382@gmail.com. Learn more about Flags4Fallen at https://www.facebook.com/flags4fallen/







LEFT: Lynn Roy, the mother of Conrad Roy III, who died by suicide in 2014 at the age of 18 after someone he knew encouraged him to kill himself, carries a photo of Corey Comperatore in the third annual Conrad's Law 5K on 9/9/24 in Fairhaven. Conrad's Law would make suicide coercion illegal in Massachusetts. Submitted photo. MIDDLE: Runners participate in the race. RIGHT: A runner pushes a stroller race. Photos courtesy of Robert Pina.

Volunteers clean up Palmer's Island

From Operation Clean Sweep New Bedford

This past Saturday, 9/14/24, a huge environmental positive difference was accomplished for the New Bedford Inner Harbor.

Eighty hard working volunteers cleaned up 39 bags containing 1,370 pounds of trash off of Historic Palmer Island and surrounding walkways. In addition to the usual plastics, a lot of wood and other debris were cleaned. This is the most volunteers we have ever had for one cleanup of Palmer Island! We filled up two city trucks with trash.

A special thank you to so many: Southcoast Hospitals Group with their many giveaways, Nautical Whalers Parrot Head Club, FBinsure, Jan De Nul, New Bedford Rotary Club, Vineyard Offshore, Bay Coast Bank, Weir Village Pest Control, and many individuals who wanted to make Palmer Island cleaner and greener.

Also thank you to our Event Sponsors: Keep Massachusetts Beautiful, Seaside Sustainability and Clean Coast Coalition, for their Demo of the Pixie Drone to "Educate our community about the dangers of litter and marine debris in our coastal environment. This was a huge event, which inspired the public to prevent debris from entering our waterways"

Great presentation by Eric Magers and his team on how we can have cleaner water with so much less debris.

Also thank you to our Corporate Sponsors Domino's Pizza as they have sponsored us for 18 years. And to BASK for providing Coffee and Donuts for every cleanup, and to the City of New Bedford for providing two city trucks with Billy and Danny, and Peter the street sweeper. Also, Christina and Chancery for their City support.

And lastly to our Operation Clean Sweep team of Lorraine Sweeney, Lynn Amicucci, Lynn Coish, Jenna Silva, Sophie Wotton and first timer Connor Wotton.

It takes a huge effort to have an environmental cleanup, and Operation Clean Sweep is beyond grateful to everyone for their efforts, commitment, and hard work. It means so much to us!!!!

Together we will make a difference!!

Find Operation Clean Sweep on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/operationcleansweep or at https://operationcleansweep.net





ABOVE LEFT: A New Bedford City truck, with Billy and Danny on hand, is filled with trash from the Palmer's Island cleanup on 9/14/24 conducted by Operation Clean Sweep and 80 volunteers. ABOVE RIGHT: Volunteers fan out on the island. BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: Debris cleaned up includes large and small pieces of wood, and 39 bags of trash. *Photos from Operation Clean Sweep Facebook page.*





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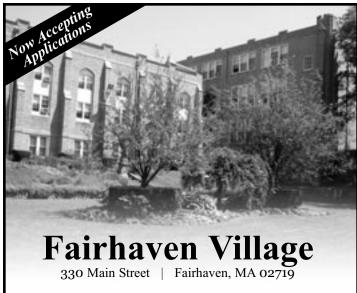
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tion. A conflict of interest concern has also arisen as two Planning Board members, Patrick Carr and Ruy DaSilva, own property in the waterfront portion of the SGOD. They have both continued to participate in discussions and deliberations, but say they will not vote on the measure.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10/1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium. It will be recorded by FairhavenTV.com and available on demand, but will not be broadcast live due to the technical limitations of the auditorium.

Ms. Melanson did not comment for this story. She emailed a response saying she was meeting with Town Counsel on Wednesday, which is after our deadline.

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Acushnet Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 9/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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Passcode: 361259 1. REF#: ZBA-024-016: 160 Sconticut Neck Road, Map

28A, Lot 220. Applicant: Irina Naryshkova Owner: Irina Naryshkova and Jeffrey Hoefler. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, § 6, to allow an increase of area of a nonconforming use and demolish the existing 919 sq. ft. single-family residence, and construct a new 1,258 sq. ft. singlefamily residence, and that the additions are not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.

2. REF#: ZBA-024-017: 166 Ebony Street, Map 11, Lot

155. Applicant: Jaqueline Alfonso. Owner: Antonio and Jaqueline Alfonso. Applicant seeks an Administrative Appeal of the Building Commissioner's Letter, dated August 15, 2024, regarding the use of a cam-

per as a dwelling.

3. REF#: ZBA-024-018: 62 Maitland Street, Map 22B, Lot 75A. Applicant and Owner: Gail Rebello. Applicant seeks a 4.1 ft ± Variance to build an inground swimming pool 5.9 ft. from the rear property line as compared to the minimum 10 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Chapter 475 Swimming Pools, 2 Fencing; sanitation; location, C. Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA FNN: 9/12/24, 9/19/24

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Lt. Swain's father, Clarence, was on hand for the ceremony.

"I'm proud of him," said Mr. Swain, adding his son has been good all the time. "He's always going out of his way to help people."

Lt. Souza's father, former police chief Gary Souza, was also there to watch his son get sworn in.

"I'm proud of my son," said Mr. Souza, adding that the new chief is doing a "great job."

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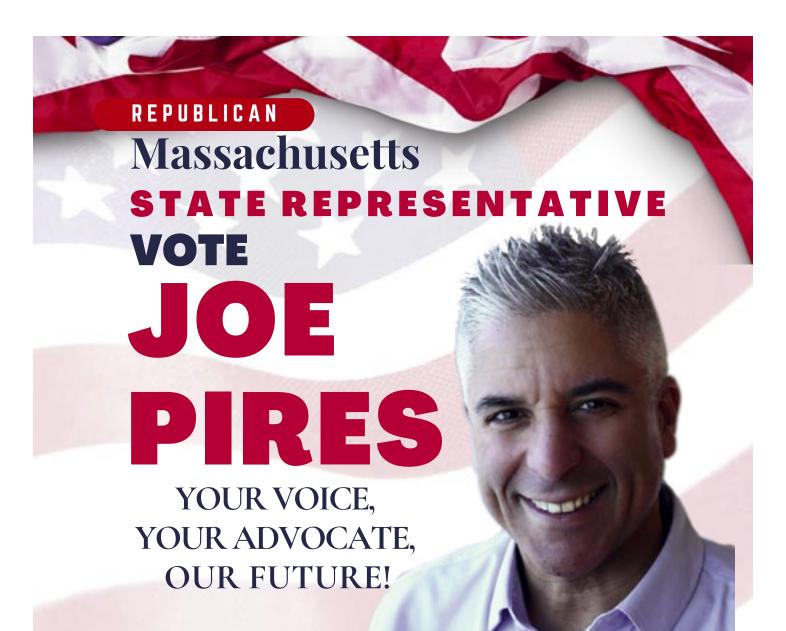
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