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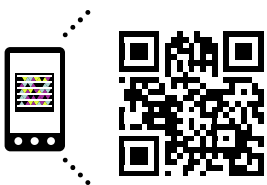
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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

The Blue Devils are going to the Super Bowl again! How cool is that? See page 11 for some great pictures of the playoff game, and information on the game at Gillette Stadium next week. If you can't go, you can watch it. Congratulations to the whole team, and good luck next week.

It's our annual shopping issue, and that means all the holiday stuff is really heating up. See page 3 for a few of this weekend's events, and pages 5, 6, and 7 for more. We've got singalongs, decorating, Santa visits, and lots of shopping opportunities. There's even a motorcycle run. BRRR.

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It's also a good time of year to find an organization that needs some volunteer help. So many of these groups have fund-raisers this time of year, so check them out. And, soon the Old Tyme Holiday will be happening (see ad on page 14), with all those tables upstairs in the town hall for nonprofits. It's a good chance to see who's around and ask what they might need (well, besides money, right?)

We have a Select Board story for you this week. See page 4 for the latest on what's happening...or not. Judge for yourself.

And, gulp....I just realized I had a couple of letters to the editor to run this week. I totally spaced. Here I am hitting the deadline wall and no room for them. Sorry, folks, I'll get those in next week. My bad.

Until next week then, see ya,

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Glory to the Heroes!*

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Holiday events this weekend

Acushnet lighting & Singalong

The Acushnet Firefighters Association invites the public to our annual lighting of the Christmas display and holiday sing-along on Sun., 12/1, at 6 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 24 Russell Street (Parting Ways).

Those attending can expect hot chocolate, cookies, music by the Ford Middle School Chorus, and an appearance from Santa who will once again arrive on a fire truck.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy so that we can stuff our emergency vehicles for those in need! Please no stuffed animals

Holiday Sale

The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library will be holding a special Holiday Sale on Sat., 11/30, from 10am to noon. Large decorated holiday wreaths will be available (\$30), as will our popular Blind Date Books (\$10). Beautifully wrapped, these high-quality pre-loved hard-cover books include a note hinting at the story inside, which make fun and unique gifts. Plus come early to shop our

special pop-up jewelry sale. We'll have a large selection of new and gently-worn jewelry in a range of styles for all the jewelry lovers on your holiday gift list, with prices starting at \$1. Shop early for best selection (limited supply of jewelry gift bags and boxes will be available). All proceeds from this fundraiser

Maybe Christmas,
the Grinch thought,
doesn't come
from a store.

Dr. Seuss

benefit the library. Cash only please. The Acushnet Public Library is located at 232 Middle Road.

Help Decorate Benoit Square Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of year again!! The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be decorating our wonderful Benoit Square on Saturday,

11/30, at 9:00 a.m., 267 Adams St. (at the merger of Adams and Main Street at Howland Road).

If you have the following, please bring them with you: drill, step ladder, mallet.

Many hands make light work. Please join us.

The official lighting of the square will be on Friday, 12/6, and will feature a new event: Deck the Trunk contest at Livesey Park after the lighting.

Bike Run/Toy Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club and the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toy & Food Drive/ Motorcycle Run on Sun., 12/1. \$10 or unwrapped toy donation** (no stuffed animals please), **or non-perishable food donation** gets you in. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the Rivers End.

See pages 5, 6, & 7 for more events.



Do you have books to donate for the Friends of Millicent Library Used Book Sale?

Bring your used books in good condition to the Millicent Library front desk during library hours by Dec. 11th.

Needed:

Bestsellers, Fiction, Non-Fiction,
Children's Books,
Hard Cover and Paperbacks

Please NO encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks or magazines

Your donation will help the Friends of Millicent Library fund free community events and activities at the library such as book talks, Kids' Fest and Teddy Bear Parade

Thank You



Millicent Library
45 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Fairhaven SB votes on Exec. Sess. mins; dissolves broadband

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board began its meeting on Monday, 11/25/24, with a moment of silence for Heidi Hacking, a former Board of Health member and active member of several nonprofits, who died on 11/19/24, after a year long battle with brain cancer. SB member Andrew Roman read a quote from her during her campaign for BOH: "We need to think about the next generation and how we can be good role models. Participating in town government shouldn't be intimidating or exclusive. It should welcome all people, ideas and involvement."

Arrangements were by Fairhaven Funeral Home earlier this week.

During the meeting, the board released some executive session minutes as requested that were specifically requested to be released by former SB member Bob Espindola.

The board voted to immediately release the minutes from 5/13/24 in full; to release in full after December 5, the minutes from 5/8/24, 7/30/24, 9/30/24, 10/15/24, 10/28/24; to release

redacted minutes from 4/8/24, 8/19/24, 3/11/24. The minutes will be available from the town clerk's office.

The board also voted to dissolve the Broadband Study Committee after receiving letters of resignation from chairperson Sean Powers and committee member Bob Espindola. Both of them cited the vote by the SB at their last meeting not to fund a consultant for an RFP (Request for Proposals) the committee wanted to issue, and misinformation

SB chairperson Stasia Powers said she missed the last meeting, but if she had been there she would have supported the use of the funds, which had been specifically allocated for that reason a few years ago.

She said the committee put forth options as they were supposed to.

"So, I'm disappointed," she said, adding the maybe it will come back another time.

SB member Andrew Romano, the board's representative on that committee, spoke against dissolving it, saying he was seeing an email from Mr. Espindola for the first time that outlined some funding sources. Ms.

Powers also seemed to refer to the same email citing other communities getting grant money to pursue broadband. That letter was not in the public packet or available by press time.

SB member Andrew Saunders said the two people who resigned called for the dissolution of the committee, so they should dissolve it.

The board voted 4-1 to dissolve the committee, with Mr. Romano voting "no."

SB Member Charlie Murphy will reach out to Verizon, which has shown an interest in going into other communities because federal grants are available, and ask them to present options to the town.

In another matter, the board heard from Facilities Manager, Kevin Fournier, on the status of the Rogers School and other projects.

Mr. Fournier told the board that the Rogers School maintenance account had about \$39,000 left for maintenance and repairs. He said it would last about two years if there are no real issues at the building.

Right now, he said, there are some

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UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

10 a.m. Dec. 1: "Stories of Justice Seekers" - Elizabeth Murphy in the pulpit

Nursery care for ages 0-6 provided in Harrop Center, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children are welcome at the service.

Mark your calendars! Holiday Fair Dec. 14

The Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Deck the Doors

The Fairhaven Historical Society presents the 2024 Holiday Deck the Door Contest. See ad on page 19 for details.

Interim TA Search

The Select Board continues accepting cover letters and resumes for an Interim Town Administrator until Wednesday, 12/4.

To submit a cover letter and resume visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/user/49/contact> and include "Interim TA submission" as the subject

Link to the Town Administrator Special Act: <https://ecode360.com/FA1596/search?query=A5026&scope=all&sortOrder=relevance>

Business Mixer

Join the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee for an evening of inspiration, networking, and holiday cheer on Thurs., 12/5, at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., at 5 p.m. Featuring light refreshments, festive atmosphere, the chance to connect with local business owners, and a special guest speaker.

Joni Rhodes, owner of Rescue Cafe and an award-winning entrepreneur, will share her inspiring journey to success, advice for business owners, and vision for the future. This year, Joni's cafe won Best Coffee Shop from SouthCoast Almanac and was a finalist for Best Bakery and Best Coffee Shop in SouthCoast Best of the Best.

Evening Highlights: Meet Alyssa Botelho, Fairhaven's new Community Development Coordinator; Holiday-themed ice breakers; Plenty of time for mingling and making connections!

Silent Movie + Music

Join us at the Millicent Library on Sat., 11/30, from 1:00—3:00 PM for an enchanting afternoon featuring silent films accompanied by live music.

Join local musicians Jeff Angeley and Steven Brum for an improvisational performance set to the 1929 feature-length silent film "Man with a Movie Camera" by Dziga Vertov, offering a dynamic soundtrack that mirrors the film's groundbreaking visual techniques and its exploration of modern life and art in early 20th-century Russian and Ukrainian cities.

Supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council.

Memorial Service

You are cordially invited to Community Nurse's 28th annual Memorial Service, Thurs., 12/5, at 6 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Join us for an inspiring evening in remembrance of those we've loved and lost. Music generously provided by members of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra.

We encourage you to bring in a small picture or remembrance of your loved one to be displayed on memory boards during our service. All photos and items will be returned.

For more info, call 508-992-6278

Digital Teens

Help your Child Navigate Growing up in a Digital World, on Wed., 12/4, from 7–8 p.m. RSVP link: <https://tinyurl.com/scoast24>

Join us for a FREE, virtual workshop about teens, social media, and how we as parents can navigate these complex waters with confidence. The workshop will be hosted by Laura Gardner, Dartmouth Middle School librarian and Fairhaven parent, and led by Audrey Wisch, CEO of Curious Cardinals and an inspiring advocate for today's anxious generation. Audrey will share practical, research-based strategies to help us better understand the impact of social media on our teens and equip us with tools to support them.

As members of Gen Z, the Curious Cardinals team brings firsthand insight into how these technologies have shaped their lives. This isn't your typical lecture—it's an engaging and interactive session designed to leave us with actionable takeaways.

SAVE THE DATES:

Benoit Square Lighting & Deck the Trunk

The annual Lighting of Benoit Square will be on Fri., 12/6, Benoit Square, Fairhaven (intersection of Howland Road and Adams/Main Streets), 6:30 p.m. This year's lighting and visit with Santa will be followed by a Deck the Trunk contest at Livesey Park, a short walk from the square (don't worry, Santa's elves will

guide you).

See the amazing Decorated Trunks, grab some treats and enjoy live holiday music. A contest will also be held with some great giveaways judged by the owners of businesses in North Fairhaven. We will also be matching the gift prize amount back to Veterans Services in Fairhaven. All are welcome to join in on the fun including the clubs that make up Fairhaven as well as Police, Fire, EMS and Town Vehicles.

If you would like to participate please email Cristina Lopes at OldTownFairhaven@gmail.com.

We are also looking for volunteers to help direct the vehicles to their parking spaces, watch over vehicles while participants are at the event at Benoit Square, as well as safely guide the guests.

FHA Resident Crafters Fair

Join us for the second annual Resident Crafters Holiday Fair at Fairhaven Housing Authority on Sat., 12/7, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St. Featuring hand made items from our residents, including a baked goods table. Free door prizes, complimentary popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, apple cider.

Come out and start or finish your Christmas shopping.

HMS Winter Craft Fair

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School PTO, 30 School St., Fairhaven, presents its Winter Craft Vendor Fair on Sat., 12/7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled day with shopping unique vendors, hands-on crafts, live music and great food. Featuring local honey, K9, Fire Truck, wreaths, and pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon.

Youth Vendor Fair

Join us for a Youth Vendor Fair at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave., on Sun. 12/15 from noon to 3 p.m. Youth vendors and youth focused organizations will be sharing their talents and building their business skills. Featuring food, music, artists, jewelers, skincare, candles, gift bags and more!

We have an amazing group of talented kids waiting to share their goodies with you. Visit and support our local youth!

For more info, contact jessica.wilder13@yahoo.com or 774-634-7066.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Afternoon Tea

Celebrate the holiday season with an afternoon tea in the festively decorated double parlors of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), 396 County Street, New Bedford, on Sun., 12/1, and Tues., 12/3, starting at 2 p.m., catered by Milward Tea Room. The menu includes tea, scones, tea sandwiches and sweets. Visitors will also have an opportunity to enjoy the seasonal decorations that have become a holiday tradition at the 1834 mansion. Festive attire is encouraged.

Tickets are \$35 per person for Museum members and \$40 per person for members of the public; reservations must be made in advance. Admission to the historic house is included in the price. Parties of eight guests may reserve a table. Smaller parties may be seated with other guests. For more information, call the Museum at 508-997-1401 or visit the Museum's website: rjdmuseum.org.

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café on Tues., 12/3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our next guest, Lukas Rieppel, teaches the history of science and directs the Science Technology & Society Program at Brown University. His topic will be: "Rethinking The Politics of Fossil Collecting."

Lukas's book, *Assembling the Dinosaur; Fossil Hunters, Tycoons, and the Making of a Spectacle*, tells the story of how scientists discovered the first dinosaurs and mounted them into impressive museum displays.

Starting 150 years ago, American scientists began excavating cartloads of fossils in the Badlands, despite the objections of Native people. These fossils were used to support an erroneous theory of evolutionary progress that helped justify the imperial expansion of the U.S.

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Home for the Holidays

New Bedford Festival Theatre will spread some holiday cheer this December with Home for the

Holidays: A family fun celebration.

Home for the Holidays will run for ONE SHOW ONLY at the Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, Sat., 12/21 at 4 pm.

Join NBFT for an afternoon of holiday fun for all ages! Your favorite seasonal songs, laughs, and holiday cheer - what more could you ask for?

The show will run approximately 1.5 hours with no intermission. The Steeple Playhouse is fully handicapped accessible. Parking is available in two adjacent parking lots (with handicapped spaces), as well as free street parking.

Tickets are general admission, \$25, and can be purchased at nbfestivaltheatre.com and clicking on "Buy Tickets."

Free Light Show

Bringing Light and Art to Life, Sat., 12/7, 5:00 pm, at St. Anthony of Padua Church New Bedford, 1359 Acushnet Ave. Presented by Broken Glass Projection Mapping produced by Multimedia Artist, Nelson Raposa.

Free and open to the public.

This will be a completely different experience. To view this light show that is like no other, and see the magnificent New Bedford treasure of a church, this is a "don't miss it" event.

Visit www.saintanthonyynb.org Get free tickets at www.musicatsaintanthony.org/

SAVE THE DATES:

NB Ballet Nutcracker

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of *A New England Nutcracker* on Dec. 14, at 1:00pm and 4:00pm at Keith Middle School Auditorium located at 225 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA.

Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is re-imagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students, and children two years-12 years. Children two years and younger are free. All proceeds from the ballet support the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization.

For over 30 years, the Foundation has granted scholarships and given thousands of area school children

and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. As a result of private and corporate contributions, the Youth Ballet will also be performing *A New England Nutcracker* for students from PACE Head Start, Kennedy Donovan Center, House of Possibilities, and other community organizations.

Garden Club Greens Sale

The Garden Club of Buzzards Bay is holding its annual Holiday Greens Market on Sat., 12/7, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum Coach House, 396 County Street, New Bedford.

Selections include beautiful handmade decorated wreaths, centerpieces, tabletop trees, garlands, swags, arrangements, ornaments and more! Come early for the best selection. Shoppers can also tour The Rotch-Jones-Duff House at no cost when they present their proof of purchase from the Greens Market.

Proceeds support the Club's Grants Program for Conservation, Civic Beautification, Sustainable Agriculture and Scholarships.

Holiday Market

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford is thrilled to announce the return of its annual Holiday Market, scheduled to take place on 12/7, from 10 am to 3 pm. This festive event promises to be a delightful experience for the community, with a wide array of local vendors, a plant sale, refreshments, and a special thrift shop opening on market day.

At the Parish House, 71 8th Street. Open to all, promising an afternoon of holiday cheer, shopping, and giving back to the local community. Please enter through the parking lot door.

Highlights of the Holiday Market include: More than 18 vendors offering a diverse selection of unique and handcrafted items. This is a fantastic opportunity to find the perfect gifts for your loved ones and support local artisans.

Plant Sale: The church will host a plant sale. Your purchase will directly contribute to the preservation of this historic building.

Thrift Shop: The church's thrift shop will be open from 10 am to 1 pm on market day. Y

Visit www.uunewbedford.org/ calendar for more details.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Trio Trio

Three powerful trios prove that less can be so much more. New Bedford Symphony Orchestra clarinetist Nicholas Brown lends his artistry to Aram Khachaturian's incisive Trio of 1932 and Brahms's late, sublime Clarinet Trio, Op. 114. The 1987 Piano Trio by Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, much praised for its clarity, wit, and semblance to a bolt of lightning, reinforces her reputation as one of the finest composers of her generation. Let's cube it!

Sat. 11/30, 3 p.m., St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion

Sun., 12/1, 3 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth

Tickets: \$25 online only. Tickets are not available at the door. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/c26zxrer> or <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2024-2025/>

Sippican Choral

Joining the Sippican Choral Society in Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, at 4:00 p.m. on Sun., 12/1, for a concert entitled "Songs of Peace and Hope," featuring selections highlighting the diversity of holiday music. Come sing along to classic carols and sway to the rhythms of Austrian and Celtic lullabies, an African Noel, and a Venezuelan folk song about a little donkey. With these selections and more, we offer you choral music to lift your spirits and nourish your soul.

Tickets are \$20.00 general admission, \$10.00 for Students, and Free for Children 14 and under. Tickets can be purchased from Choral Society members, at Marion General Store, Isabelle's in Mattapoisett, Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, or at the door with cash or check. Online ticket purchases can be made at <https://sippicanchoral.society.org/tickets.htm>.

This program is supported in part by grants from the Fairhaven, Free-town, Mattapoisett, and Rochester Cultural Councils, local agencies that are supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency. We are proud to participate in the MA Card to Culture program in order to make our performances accessible to those for whom cost is a barrier.

La Salette's Lights

La Salette's Christmas Festival of Lights, to 1/1/25, 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., 47 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

We are thrilled to invite you to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette for our annual Christmas Festival of Lights! All the way through 1/1/25, we will be lighting up the nights with one million sparkling lights, including 137 brand-new displays that will fill your heart with joy.

This year's theme, "Christ, Be Our Light," encourages us to embrace the true essence of the season.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- **International Crèche Museum:** The world's fourth-largest collection of nativity scenes. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Family Fun Activities:** Photos with Santa every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Don't miss the enchanting Ride to Bethlehem, delightful hayrides, and our classic carousel.
- **Live Concerts with Fr. Pat:** Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For more details, visit www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org

Jewelry+ Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite you to attend the 2024 Annual Jewelry & Accessories Sale! Great selection of items at VERY reasonable prices. Do some holiday shopping or just treat yourself!

At the library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett MA 02739, Fri., 12/6, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and Sat., 12/7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FOML Member* Only Preview Sale, Thus., 12/5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

To become a Friend of the Mattapoisett Library stop by the library circulation desk during operating hours to complete the form, or join the night of the Preview Sale: \$20 donation to become a member

Silent Movie + Music

At the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, Mon., 12/2, 2 p.m., Silent Film Set to Live Music: "No Longer Silent" presents historical films from the silent movie era set to live performances of contemporary composed soundtracks. Jeffrey Angeley and Steven Brum are the featured performers at December's screening. Their score is based on rehearsed improvisations that will be

performed as the backdrop to Dziga Vertov's 1929 feature-length silent film "Man with a Movie Camera."

Library Teen Advisory Board

The Mattapoisett Library's Teen Advisory Board meets on Tues., 12/3, at 6:00 PM at the Library, 7 Barstow St. Interested teens can contact Amanda Lawrence at alawrence@sailsinc.org. TAB is intended for students between the ages of 12 and 18 who seek a leadership role in the library. New members are welcome!

This winter, the Teen Advisory Board is collecting donations of NEW socks, hats, and gloves to benefit people of all ages in need of warm-weather gear. All donations may be left in the bins at the Mattapoisett Library until Jan. 15, 2025. The Teen Advisory Board appreciates your support of the community's needs!

Peter Pan

The Marion Art Center Theater is pleased to present J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*, adapted by Craig Sodaro. Kate Fishman directs this very special limited presentation. Show dates are Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14 at 7:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2:00pm. All performances are in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, 80 Pleasant St., Marion.

This superb adaptation captures all the magic and charm of everyone's favorite story. The Darling children love to hear of Peter Pan's adventures during his visits through the open window of the nursery. Then one night after Nana has taken his shadow and Wendy has sewn it back on, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell whisk the children off to Neverland to be part of the adventures.

Wendy, John, and Michael become friends with the Lost Boys and Princess Tiger Lily, and Wendy becomes everyone's mother. When the evil Captain Hook captures Wendy and the Lost Boys, Peter Pan comes to their rescue. Together with the ticking crocodile, Peter Pan puts Captain Hook in his place and returns the Darling children to their home.

Get tickets, \$20 for MAC members, \$23 for nonmembers, at marionartcenter.org/events. The MAC is also a participant in Mass Cultural Council's card to culture program. Learn more on the online ticket page.



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Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 12/4, Twin River Casino; 12/11, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods; 12/18 Providence Place Mall 12/25, Christmas Day CLOSED.

Tech Cafe

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.

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 \$3 (Please note price chance). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

Medicare Open Enrollment

To Dec. 7. Medicare Open Enrollment is your chance to review your coverage for 2025. You can review changes to your current plan, check out new plan options for 2025, and learn if you qualify for programs to help with your out-of-pocket costs.

Call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to make a SHINE appointment for your free, confidential and unbiased assistance with your Medicare options.

Monday Movie Matinee

Dec. 2, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *The Noel Diary*. Cleaning out his childhood home at Christmas, a novelist meets a woman searching for her birth mother. Will an old diary unlock their pasts — and hearts?

If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the Thursday before to reserve a meal, 508-979-4029. \$3 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

Single Senior Supper Club

If you are a Single Senior, like to socialize and have a great meal, please join us! Call the center to sign up, 508-979-4029. \$3. The third Tuesday of every month, 4–6 p.m. Call the Wednesday before to confirm. Time will be changing in Nov.

LGBTQ Supper Club

Fourth Wed. of the Month 5-7pm. Call to sign up.

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.

Legal Help

Free 15-minute consultation with Atty. Suzanne Seguin. Call the center for info, 508-979-4029.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, advocates for older adults, 508-979-7150.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

Open Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.–8 p.m.; Fri., 6 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227 Huttleston Ave, 508-993-9269 <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/recreation-department>

Kool Klds Thanksgiving

Fairhaven Elementary schools holds half-days the week of Thanksgiving. While school is out, kids will enjoy an afternoon filled with a variety of activities including active indoor/outdoor games, arts and STEAM activities, team-building challenges and more. Make the most of these two afternoons by joining us at the recreation center! Transportation from the elementary schools to the recreation center is provided.

Recreation staff Nov 25 & 26, 12:pm-4pm. Member \$25. Non-Member \$30. per day

Youth Basketball Clinics

Join this exciting recreational clinic, led by Coach Donald Joseph,

Fairhaven High School Varsity Basketball Coach! This clinic focuses on teaching the essential fundamentals of basketball. Each week participants will engage in the skill building exercises and drills, providing a supportive environment to develop their basketball skills and enhance their love for the game. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from an expert and take your skills to the next level!

Fairhaven Rec gym, Saturday Dec 7-Jan 25 8am-9am. Member FREE Non-Member \$35.

Babysitting Workshop

Get ready for a fun babysitting adventure! This course covers everything from creative routines to first aid, diapering and discipline.

Kids will also learn about contacts, ethics, safety and accident prevention. Designed for ages 10-13, this program is both educational and enjoyable. Remember to bring a snack!

Instructor: Beth Oleson Wed, Feb 5th. 5:30-7:45pm at Fairhaven Rec Members \$40. Non-Members \$45

Pint Sized Picassos

Join us for this messy, pre-k art program and watch your little artists bloom as they paint, draw and sculpt their way to becoming creative and confident young individuals. Let the colors of imagination flourish in this enriching art adventure.

Dec 30-Jan 20 10am-10:45am Mondays Members \$35. Non-Members \$45

Recipe of the Week

Millionaire Fudge

- 3 (12-oz) bags semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 (7-oz) jars marshmallow creme
- 4 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 (12-oz) can evaporated milk
- 1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped

Line a flat surface with a long row of waxed paper.

In the bowl of an electric stand mixer using the paddle attachment, add the chocolate chips and the marshmallow creme.

In a large saucepan, combine the sugar and the milk and bring to boil, stirring constantly, until the sugar dissolves, about 6 minutes.

Pour the milk mixture over the marshmallow mixture and beat on medium speed until the chocolate chips have melted and are creamy and smooth. Fold the pecans into the fudge mixture.

Use a small ice cream scoop to scoop the fudge onto the prepared waxed paper and allow it to completely cool. Transfer the cooled fudge to a serving plate or storage container. Serve.



sings Happy Birthday and watches me open my presents. For dessert, we have a birthday cake that my grandma makes every year. On the day of my birthday or the weekend closest to it, my mom buys a cake and ice cream and invites a few of my friends.

No pony rides, trips to Chucky Cheese, or party games like at my other friends' parties. When I told my parents I wanted a real birthday party with my friends, my mom said I should feel fortunate to have a family that wants to celebrate my birthday as part of their holiday.

Dear Frankie

Two for the Price of One

Dear Frankie,
My birthday is in mid-November. It was my parents' idea to celebrate my birthday on Thanksgiving at our house with twenty or more relatives. Before dinner, everyone

I said I was glad I had a nice family, but I wanted a kid's birthday celebration — cake and ice cream weren't cutting it.

My dad said he was sorry I felt that way because celebrating my birthday on Thanksgiving was a family tradition. Besides, it would upset my grandma (his mother) because she loves making me her special birthday cake.

When I protested, he said, "Enough, case closed."
I feel duped.

Zen

Dear Zen,

I understand why you feel duped and want to celebrate your big birthday with friends. It doesn't look like your dad is open to negotiations. He seems to care more about what he sees as a family tradition and his mother's feelings than he does about your feelings.

Parents make the rules for the family: Sometimes, they aren't fair or considerate of everyone's feelings. All I can say is try to enjoy the good parts of the celebrations, and remem-

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Blue Devils headed for the superbowl again

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven High School Blue Devils football team won their playoff game on Saturday, 11/23/24, 42-13 against Swampscott, which also wins the Blue Devils a chance to defend their Division 6 championship at Gillette Stadium on 12/4 against Hudson at 8 p.m. If the win on 12/4, they will be the first Fairhaven team to win the Super Bowl for two consecutive years.

Justin Marques was again the standout player, with 289 yards, carrying 44 times, and getting six touchdowns.

Tickets for are available via Ticketmaster (<https://www.ticketmaster.com/miaa-high-school-football-tickets/artist/1801121>). No tickets will be sold at the Gillette Stadium Ticket Office. All tickets will be digital and will be accessible via mobile device only. Fans can access and manage mobile tickets via the Gillette Stadium



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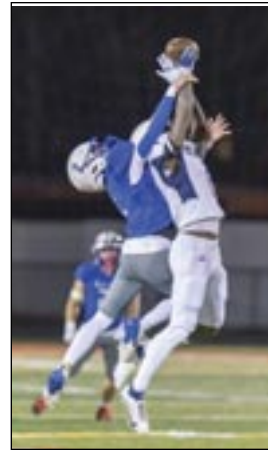
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Tickets are \$20 each; free for children 5 and younger. The ticket price includes parking, admission to the games and a game day discount of \$3 off adult admission at the Patriots Hall of Fame presented by RTX (must show game ticket). Wednesday's

tickets provide access to both Wednesday games, Thursday's tickets provide access to all three Thursday games, and Friday's tickets provide access to all three Friday games. Please note that tailgating and reentry to this event is prohibited but fans are invited to visit Patriot Place before and after the games each day. For a full listing of everything Patriot Place has to offer, visit Patriot-Place.com/MIAAFOOTBALL.

Broadcast Information

Kraft Sports + Entertainment will produce the broadcast, which will air all of Thursday's and Friday's games live on WSBK (TV-38), and stream all of Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's games live on Patriots.com and the Patriots official YouTube channel. Wednesday's games will also be streamed on the NFHS Network at www.nfhsnetwork.com. Additionally, Thursday's and Friday's games will air live on radio on WEEL-AM 850.



TOP: Fairhaven High School Blue Devil, Justin Marques, runs through a hole created by his offensive line during the playoff game against Swampscott on 11/23/24 that the Blue Devils won 42-13 sending them back to Gillette Stadium as the defending Division 6 champions. ABOVE LEFT: Justin Marques, crosses the goal line for his second of six touchdowns. MIDDLE LEFT: Blue Devil, Aaron Lague, leaves the defenders behind for a long run. MIDDLE RIGHT: Blue Devil, Cam Burke, breaks up a long pass. RIGHT: Blue Devil, Cam Burke, gives the defender a stiff arm as he runs for a first down. Photos by Sam Simoes.

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A decidedly biased piece by
Beth David
Editor

It's time for one our favorite annual stories: Shopping with the *Neighb News*!

After the Thanksgiving Day feast is over and you're looking for a way to work off some of it, it's time to buy gifts for your precious loved ones, whether you want to or not!

No need to get all stressed out, the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey. You need only to look within these pages to find all you need for even the hardest-to-buy-for relative.

Here, you will learn how you can find gifts for everyone on your list, a few things for yourself, and spend some fun time exploring all that *Neighb News* advertisers have to offer.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up. The drop-off center is open, so you can swing by with your area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

Don't forget the outside. Decorate with flags and banners with all kinds of fun stuff on them. Take a peek at the selection of old favorites and original designs from **Brewer Banner Designs**. It's the simplest way to dress up the outside to match the inside, and show your holiday spirit to the world. And don't forget a banner or two for indoors, for that young'un who just got an apartment.

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and we've got a great spot for you.

Mac's Soda Bar is our go-to place for breakfast anytime. And lunch, too (but let's not get ahead of ourselves).

They also cater, and you can get great holiday meals, so you have the special dinner without all the hassle.

And they have gift certificates, too. So, while you're planning your own party, check a couple of people off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We've got just the hometown spot for you. Visit **Alltrust Credit Union**. They offer car loans and CDs. Now *that's* a great gift!

Speaking of cars....

A&A Auto has a great selection of used cars to fit any budget. I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it, too, if you ask. Of course, they also do repairs, and have gift certificates. An oil change or A/C recharge is a great gift for the person who has everything.

Looking for that home-town New-Englandy village experience? Well, Fairhaven's got it all here, as New England as it gets in the center of town. Park the car and walk around our fabulous town center.

Nothing says Christmas better than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Your best bet is **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from dollar doodads to imported Norwegian sweaters. Take the kids with

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you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're still in the vicinity, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These spectacular buildings were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers. Hmm...what about a picture in front of one of them for your annual Christmas card?

In any case, be sure to have your camera with you to get some great shots of our architectural wonders.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so mosey on over to **Wah May's Restaurant** while you're in the neighborhood. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big day.

Or head on over to **Subway/Mama**

DeLuca's for a fresh sandwich or a pizza. Did I mention gift certificates yet? It's a perfect spot for the young'uns and those on the go to grab a bite that's healthy and fresh.

Now it's time to take care of that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper, and they need all the help they can get.

Maybe the old place just needs some TLC? Well, check out our **classifieds**. They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

For electrical work, you'll want Eric from **Eric Sylvia**. He can do it all, big or small.

And now that they've got all upgraded electrical, they can plug in all their gadgets. New house, new electric, they definitely need new gadgets too, or at least an upgrade. But it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and make sure the security software is up to date and all the other stuff that makes you just want to scream. Call Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix what you've got, or fix you up with new stuff.

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so, now that you've got all those new, shiny gadgets. Call **Wayne Electric**. They do alarms, and that's a cool gift!

You'll want **Robert Furtado** to do those other projects, from cabinet making to the new bathroom.

We have other choices for the exterior work and for that combo interior/exterior work that the old house is bound to need.

Check out **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, roof, or fix what's there. He does everything, no matter how big the job seems to be.

I'm willing to bet that big old monster has a big old monster of a heating system, too. If so, they'll be using up a little more fuel than they like for a year or two until they can replace that antique. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill up the oil tank. Now *that's* a gift!

That old yard will definitely need some clearing out.

Fairways can take care of those neglected spaces and trimming back

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those bushes that are wildly out of control in that yard. And they do snow removal, too. How about a winter's worth of snow plowing? Oh yeah. That's a good one.

And let's not forget the ongoing needs of a big lawn (or a small lawn). The kids, well, they probably don't know that yet. Help 'em out and send **Shaun's Lawns** over there for all manner of lawn stuff.

And be sure to call **Fitzgerald Tree Service** to see what they can do about clearing out some of those old trees. Of course that wood won't be ready for burning just yet, and an old house like that is sure to have a wood stove or fireplace. So grab a cord of seasoned wood from them to make Christmas morning nice and toasty.

Before you burn it, though, call **Jake Fleurent** to make sure the chimney is in tip top shape, and while he's there, have him work on that old stone wall, or have him waterproof the basement.

Now for the inside. Don't forget, the **Neighb News** sells pictures of events we've covered, to decorate those new walls.

That should do it for stuff. What about protecting it all now? Call **Vieira Insurance Agency** for that. They specialize in insuring houses in seashore towns. Does it get any better than that?

Still don't have something for the person who has everything?

Now, I know that no one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but then you watch some sappy old Christmas movie with the obligatory hospital scene. And then you realize no one has updated the will in forever. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski**, which specializes in elder law. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

Maybe you even want to go a step further and think of that final resting place. Did you know that **Riverside Cemetery** is one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the state, was created by FDR's grandfather, and is the final resting place of some of Fairhaven's most prominent historical figures, including Henry Huttleston Rogers? Well, it is.

While we're on the subject, you know you're thinking of all those who have gone before us, and the last time you visited, you noticed the grave-

stones getting pretty yucky looking. Give John at **J&L Cemetery Plot Maintenance** a call. He'll clean up the stone and plant something really nice for the holidays there, too.

Let's see, electronic gadgets, food, what did we forget? Oh, right, houses and apartments. You know what happens: People come "home" for the holidays and they think, shoot...why did I ever leave? Call **Howe Allen Real Estate** and they'll find the perfect house or apartment for your prodigal relatives. **Jane Paul** can also help you and yours find a spot to call home.

Maybe you've decided to buy that house next to the kids? (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding* anyone?) Well, both of them can help you make the purchase and make sure it goes smoothly.'

Okay, so now you know: there's no reason to shop outside the *Neighb News* family of advertisers.

Maybe your wayward relatives want to move back but are getting up there in age and don't want the hassle of home ownership. Take 'em on over to **Fairhaven Village**. It's right on the bus route to shopping or heading out of town.

Or, quite possibly, they need a little help in their day-to-day lives. Check out **Atria Senior Living**. They have elegant accommodations for seniors who just need a little help to live independently.

Or, if they need more than that, take 'em for a tour of **Alden Court** while they're in town. They have some fun activities that you can join in on. You don't have to live there to enjoy some music.

Okay, now you're done. Time to sit with a drink and some friendly faces.

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jingle...where they know your name. You can eat, drink, maybe dance or sing, even, all while you brag about how you got almost all your shopping done at all local places. They have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

Hmmm...I think that's everybody.

Oh, wait, what about you yourself and your holiday visits. Whatever shall you take with you?

Fear not, dear reader, we have you covered.

For your alcohol visits, you can get anything you need at **Stevie's Wine & Spirits**. They've got wine to die for! And they have people there who can help you pick the perfect one for that really hard-to-buy-for relative. Or... maybe champagne! They have quite the selection.

How about some nice affordable scoops of candy? No, really, just like the old penny candy stores, **Fairhaven Pharmacy** has candy for the kids. Yum. And, while you're there, ask 'em about switching your meds over to them. It's quick and easy and you're supporting a local guy.

If you still need stuff and you're looking for unique offerings, be sure to check out the shops during the Old Time Holiday in Fairhaven's Center on 12/14; and other vendor fairs that weekend, like the youth vendor fair on 12/15. See pages 5, 6, 7 for that kind of stuff.

Maybe you don't want stuff? Maybe the people you celebrate with have all the stuff they need or want (and then some, right?). So, give them an experience. Take them to **Nasketucket Bay Vineyard** where December is Christmas Central! They even have an ornament market opening up this weekend.

Maybe your experiences need to be more low-key or wellness focused? We've got you covered there, too. Check out **Reflex To Balance** to destress and relax and pamper your mind, body, and soul.

No, we didn't forget about one of our favorite Yuletide traditions. What's Christmas without a heart-warming and fun tale? Snuggle up with a good story about Christmas magic on a small island. If you have a Nook or Kindle, you can get my short story, *Who Makes the Magic?* with a shorter, bedtime version for younger

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children. I'm working on a paperback version, but, alas, it won't be ready for this year's gift giving. But, we have birthdays all year, right? So visit www.zorena.com for info on all my fiction and travel pieces.

There's my fantasy novel, *Zorena and the Medallion of Corandu*, (no, I haven't finished the sequel yet...I'm working on it!); and hopefully soon a couple of others I've been working on.

Yeah, I know, would've been perfect

for Christmas, but, well, that seems rather ambitious. However, keep your eye on these pages. You never know, a little Christmas magic might just happen to make it all so.

Speaking of traditions. Maybe you're hoping to get back to the reason for the season? We actually have a couple of houses of worship with us this year. **Lamb of God Christian Church** is sure to have a special Christmas service. Or maybe the UU's are more your style?

Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven is definitely worth a look. And they are in that beautiful architectural wonder in the center of town. (Psst...they give tours.)

Okay, so now you know: there's no reason to shop outside the *Neighb News* family of advertisers. You'll find everything you need, and you'll be supporting local businesses at the same time.

Merry shopping to all and to all a good holiday season! ●●●



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ber you won't always be a kid. When you are an adult, you can decide when and what kind of celebration you want for your birthday.

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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Tues., 12/2, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/2 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/18, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Commission

Thurs., 12/5, Parting Ways 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 12/3 Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Nov. 2024	HIGH a.m.	p.m.	LOW a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	0543	1803	---	1232
		---	---	---	2313
Friday	29	0619	1839	---	1215
		---	---	---	2344
Saturday	30	0655	1917	---	1238

	Dec. 2024	HIGH a.m.	p.m.	LOW a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0733	1958	0019	1314
Monday	2	0815	2042	0100	1356
Tuesday	3	0859	2127	0147	1439*
Wednesday	4	0945	2215	0236*	1520*
Thursday	5	1033	2307	0323*	1601*
Friday	6	1127	---	0411	1648*
Saturday	7	0006	1226	0506	1745*
Sunday	8	0103	1323	0621	1853*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Frank A. Clark

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN INVITATION TO BID

The Town Administrator of the Town of Fairhaven, MA, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from the General Contractors for the restoration of the site walls at the Fairhaven Town Hall located at 40 Center Street in Fairhaven, MA, in accordance with the documents prepared by architects, the Spencer Preservation Group.

The scope of work consists of:

Restoration of existing stone masonry retaining walls to include cutting and pointing of mortar joints and selective rebuilding. Bid forms and contract documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) beginning on November 27, 2024.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven on Dec 3, 2024 at 11 a.m. While attendance is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged.

FNN 11/28/24

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knollmere Beach Association, Inc., Fairhaven, MA will close its private roads to public traffic on Monday, December 2, 2024.

Board of Directors
Knollmere Beach Association, Inc.
11/28/24

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minor issues, that will cost a couple of thousand dollars. He did note, however, that the town spend \$40,000 in the last few years because there were major issues.

He said in a couple of years, the town will have to look for a source of income for the building.

"But I can't tell the future," said Mr. Fournier.

Time has simply taken its toll on the building, which sat unattended for at least two years at some point.

Other projects include a new key card system for town hall, which is completed; the boiler project, which is also completed; replacing some blinds in Town Hall. Work will start soon on a retaining wall that is failing, so that pushed out work on other projects, such as windows.

The fire panel will also be replaced, but it will require someone to keep watch in the building for about a week while it is shut down.

Mr. Fournier aid that the fire and police building is also in need of a lot

of work, especially the police side.

The board also heard from Nils Isaksen with an update on the new lights around town hall and the Millicent Library. He said the plan is to add more lights on William and Walnut Streets on the library block. He said no public funds are being used.

He also asked about a couple of wires that are no longer being used, one for a fire alarm, and one for telephone. Acting TA Anne Carreiro will have Mr. Fournier contact the appropriate entities to get them removed.

The board also discussed the purpose and use of the agenda item for "Board Member Items/Committee Liaison Reports." At two separate meetings, SB member Keith Sylvia "yielded" his time to others so they could speak for longer than the two minutes allowed in public comment.

The board voted unanimously to limit that item to be used by board members only.

In other business, the board voted

for Mr. Saunders to work with Ms. Carreiro to make a recommendation for a new Labor Counsel firm. The town currently contracts with Clifford and Kenny.

Ms. Power said the town needed to search for new labor counsel, but did not say why.

During the public comment period, Patrick Carr, who is on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, addressed the board, saying he was speaking as a "private citizen."

He questioned by the board released some of the executive session minutes and not all of them. He said the minutes that include the amount being paid to TA Angie Lopes Ellison to terminate her contract early, should be released in full, with the full amount of money being paid to her.

The board also met in executive session to discuss "complaints or charges against an employee (Name withheld), and to review the executive session minutes.

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