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Messy snow/rain mix on the way



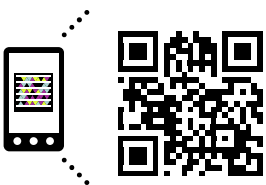
The weather is going to be unsettled this week, with two storms bringing a rain/snow mix to the region. Thursday morning, a storm will bring some snow at first, but changing temperatures could lead to snow, sleet and rain, causing a messy commute. But it will all be over Thursday night. Look for the same wintry mix on Sunday. Meanwhile, Tuesday, 2/4/25, was clear and cold due to the wind, while these three kept a watch over on Fort Street in Fairhaven, using their gnome magic to keep things whimsical during the winter doldrums. *Photo by Beth David.*

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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."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

If it wasn't so pathetic, it would be laughable. Trying to figure out if I'm talking about national politics or local? Take your pick. They're both bonkers.

Patrick Carr, Patrick Carr, Patrick Cahh: apparently he counts how many times his name is mentioned in the *Neighb News*, so, I couldn't resist. Not sure how he does that since he says he doesn't read it. Ah well.

However, it's not totally superfluous. See page 3 for a truly bizarre almost-meeting of the ZBA to discipline a sitting member. And he wonders why people use the word "bully" to describe him. Self awareness much?

Well, I need to fess up about something. In the article on page 3 I mention the 12/18/24 meeting. I thought it had been done in executive session, so I didn't watch it. I double checked just before I finished up tonight and realized it was in open meeting, but it's more than an hour long. Sorry, My Dear Readers, I just don't have time to watch it now. But I will. I'll let you know how popcorn worthy it is.

Although, we really should not make too light of it. Ms. Goyer is a public servant, a volunteer who does not get paid and puts in a lot of time. I suspect she does not deserve this treatment, and she's getting it because she disagreed with the big man and voted against his wishes. So...she's gotta go, right? These guys are real democracy lovers, huh?

Dare we move on to the national shit-show?

How on God's Green Earth can you guys still support this buffoon? Canada and Mexico did not back down, the Big Buffoon did. They agreed to do what they had already agreed to do during Biden's administration. And, the US made new promises to Mexico. But, yeah, it's a big victory.

Meanwhile USAID, which is our goodwill around the world, has been shut down, leaving food and medicines rotting in the sun. Why should we feed the world's hungry, support fledgling countries, fight disease and famine around the world? Because we're the richest f'g country in the world, that's why. On a more selfish note, it promotes stability, and that's good for the whole world, not just your stupid egg prices.

BTW: How about them egg prices, huh?

Oh, and those of you screaming about how there were no wars when your cult leader was in last time? He wants to send ground troops to Gaza. Gaza! He's getting us into another Middle East quagmire. But, hey, he's a stable genius. It'll be fine. And we're going to beat up Panama and Denmark, cuz we be tough!

And, the FBI. The most respected police force in the world, is being decimated. Who the f is weaponizing government now?

You're all in a cult. You need help if you still support this guy.

Elon? Ugh. I don't have time or room for the foreign national who grew up in and benefited from apartheid in South Africa, who now has control of half the government. But, he's rich, right? As Tevia said: "When you're rich they think you really know."

Closer to home, the Fairhaven GOP is calling our governor a tyrant because she is proposing the Community Empowerment Act, which would give local municipalities more power to raise revenue. Okay, be against taxes. But how is that tyranny when she's giving the power to the locals? WE are the locals. Democracy? Remember?

You all need a dictionary.

Until next week then, see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven ZBA cancels meeting with one bizarre agenda item

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals was scheduled to hold a meeting on 2/4/25 for one item: to discipline a sitting member, get her kicked off the board, and get a former member back on to replace her.

The truly bizarre agenda item, the only item on the agenda, was partially written in first person, presumably by chairperson, Patrick Carr, and had two revisions. In the end, the meeting was canceled.

"There will be one item on the agenda for all Zoning Board Members to discuss and for all Zoning Board members to vote and the subject matter is as follows," reads the item. "Disciplinary action and removal of Full-Time board member Amy Goyer. I will also add as a subject matter, to all the Zoning Board members to discuss and consider sending a written request to the Select Board to reappoint Kenneth Kendall returning Kenneth Kendall to his Full-Time status on the Zoning board. I will draft and add documentation at the meeting supporting this disciplinary

action and removal of Full-Time member Amy Goyer and the reappointing of former Full-Time Zoning Board member Kenneth Kendall."

A revision added the following: "Depending on the outcome of the Boards (sic) decision to move forward with the disciplinary action, if a positive vote is taken, 4/5ths of the Full-Time members, the ZBA Board [sic] will then seek to have the appointing body (Select Board) at their next meeting, decide what action is to be taken."

It ends with the following text, which is not part of the revision: "This is an extremely important meeting, and I am requesting all board members be present and to participate. I am also requesting that the Building Commissioner be present and participate at this meeting and provide supporting documents."

The *Neighb News* was not able to find out why the meeting was canceled by press time. We have submitted a public records request for the documents referenced in the agenda item.

At a rare extra meeting on 12/18/24,

the board posted an executive session on the agenda to discuss "Open Meeting Law complaints filed by Patrick Carr and Ruy Dasilva [sic] against Amy Goyer."

The meeting, however, was held in open session at the request of Ms. Goyer.

Those minutes are not available to the public. The latest minutes available online are from 9/5/24. At the 1/7 meeting the ZBA accepted minutes from the 12/3 meeting, but the 12/18 meeting minutes were not on the agenda.

At the 1/7/25 meeting (see 1/9/25 issue), the ZBA voted to revoke a permit the School Department had for a storage shed at Fairhaven High School, in response to a petition by abutters. Ms. Goyer was the only vote against revoking the permit.

Mr. Carr had to recuse himself from running that meeting because the container company he owns with his daughter has storage containers at the school. They will not be needed if the shed is complete. (See 1/9/25 issue)

All meetings are available at FairhavenTV.com.



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Update on Fairhaven and Acushnet elections

Nomination papers for town elected offices are available in both Fairhaven and Acushnet, available at the Town Clerk's office in each town.

Fairhaven's election is on Monday, 4/7/25. Acushnet's election is on Tuesday, 4/22/25.

Fairhaven

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for April 7, 2025.

February 12, 2025 at 5PM is the deadline for requesting papers.

Elected boards that have seats up for election, include: one seat on the Select Board, with Stasia Powers up for reelection; School Committee, with Erik Andersen and Brendalee Smith up for reelection; Planning Board, with Cathy Melanson and Rick Trapilo up for reelection; Board of Public Works, with Anne Morton Smith up for reelection; Board of Health, with appointed member, Brian Meneses's, term ending; Town Clerk, with Interim TC, Elisabeth Horan's term ending; Commissioner of Trust Funds, with Barbara Acksen up for reelection.

As of press time, Ms. Horan, Interim Town Clerk, had returned papers; Kelly Ochoa had returned papers for School Committee; Anne Morton Smith returned papers for her seat on the BPW; Rick Trapilo returned his paper for SB; Natalie Mello returned for SB; Cristina Lopes returned for Board of Health; Erik Anderson returned papers for his seat on the School Committee.

The following people have taken out papers, but not returned them: School Committee incumbent Brendalee Smith; Pattie Pacella for School Committee; Sean Powers for Planning Board; incumbent Cathy Melanson for Planning Board; Incumbent Brian Meneses for Board of Health; Miles Grant for Planning Board; incumbent Barbara Acksen for Trustee Commission.

Candidates for townwide office must collect 50 certified signatures from registered voters. Town Meeting candidates must get 10 certified

signatures from their precincts only.

The Town Clerk's office, will be open until 5 p.m. on the following deadline dates.

Last day to request papers is 2/12/25.

Last day to file papers with the Town Clerk's office is 2/14/25.

Last day for Town Meeting incumbents to file written request for re-election with the Town Clerk is 2/14/24/

Last day register to vote for the 4/7/25 annual town election is 3/5/25.

The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. All precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

You may register to vote for the Annual Town Election at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, until Friday, March 28 at 5pm. Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library and State and Federal offices.

For more information, contact the Fairhaven Town Clerk's Office, at 508-979-4023 ext. 3.

Acushnet

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, 4/22/25.

February 28 is the last day to take out nomination papers.

All elected boards have seats up for reelection, including: Selectboard, with Robert Hinckley up for reelection; Board of Assessors with Liberio DaSilva Soares up; Board of Health with Thomas Fortin up; two School Committee seats, with Jennifer Downing and Sarah Ann Gomes up; two Commissioner of Trust seats, both to fill unexpired terms; Library Trustees, with Nancy Francis and Stephen Real up; Cemetery Board, with Charlene Fortin up; Park Commissioner, with Christopher Hopkins up; Planning Commissioner, with Mark Francis up; Tree Warden for the unexpired term.

As of press time, Charlene Fortin had returned her papers and

signatures have been certified. Mr. Hinckley had taken out papers for his seat on the Selectboard. Former police chief Christopher Richmond also took out papers. Neither one had returned them.

The following people have also taken out papers but not returned them by press time: Ebony McGlynn and Jesse Ellis for School Committee; incumbent Liberio DaSilva Soares for Board of Assessors; Lucas Correia for tree warden, unexpired term ending in 2026.

Candidates must collect 42 certified signatures from registered voters.

The Town Clerk's office will be open until 5 p.m. on the following deadline dates.

Last day to request papers is 2/28/25.

Last day to file papers with the Town Clerk's office is 3/4/25.

Last day to register to vote in the 4/22 election is Friday, 4/11.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on election day. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

You may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways, 130 Main Street, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday; 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Friday.

Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Acushnet Library and State and Federal offices.

For more information, contact the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office at 508-998-0215.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Bro. Soane Vows

The public is welcome to witness Brother Soane Siua, SS.CC., as he professes his perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary during the 10 a.m. Mass this Sunday, 2/9, at St. Mary's Church in North Fairhaven, 440 Main Street.

Brother Soane has been a pastoral intern at St. Mary's for a little over a year. He has also helped out at St. Joseph's and at Our Lady of the Assumption in New Bedford. All three parishes have been served by the Sacred Hearts Congregation since their founding early in the last century. St. Mary's has begun to celebrate its centennial year.

Brother Soane will now return to the seminary to complete his academic preparation for ministry. He will next be ordained a transitional deacon, and sometime next year, a priest.

All are welcome to the church at 10:00AM Sunday.

Mariner Soccer Mtg.

The Mariner Youth Soccer Club's Annual Meeting will be held Tues., 2/11, at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

The meeting will include voting on changes to the organization's by-laws, elections for board positions and committee appointments.

Please address questions or interest to: info@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com

At the Shep

The following events will be held at Shepherd Center for Performing Arts, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization dedicated to supporting local and regional Music, Dance, Theatre and Film, 34 Center St (William St entrance), Fairhaven

- Sat, Feb 8, 7 pm: Matt York performs "Songs and Stories of the Highwaymen," the legendary Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings. Tickets \$20
- Fri, Feb 14 & Sat, Feb 16, 7:30 pm: Jennifer Palmer directs "Love Letters," by A.R. Gurney, a beautiful story with 2 powerful actors; with delectable Valentine's Day desserts Tickets \$25
- Sun, Feb 16, 3 pm: The Hot Club

Cheese Roll performs a vocal and instrumental mix of jazz in the style of "Gypsy Jazz" from 1930's Paris, along with a contemporary song or two. Tickets \$25

Doors open 1/2 hour before shows. For more information and tickets, visit theshepherdcenter.org

Coffee House

If you're looking for a fun night out with your valentine, the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven is presenting The Green Street Band in a coffeehouse-style setting from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 15.

This six-piece band of local musicians plays a mix of popular cover tunes from the '50s and beyond, along with some originals by band leader Paul Hadfield. The band's name reflects that three members live on Green Street.

In addition to Hadfield (vocals/guitar), the members are Bruce Benson (lead guitar), Carl Soares (bass guitar), Dave Medeiros (acoustic guitar/vocals/harmonica), Frank Cairns (lead rhythm guitar/vocals), and John Pacheco (drums).

All seats are first-come, first-served. Doors open at 6:30. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, at the door. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be available for purchase.

The parish house at 102 Green St. is handicapped accessible via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit uufairhaven.org.

6 Hand Piano

Join Seaglass Theater Company or an afternoon of musical mayhem as three extraordinary pianists come together to present *All Hands on Deck*, works arranged for six hands on a single piano. A Valentine-themed dessert reception will follow the concert.

The concert stars Angela Gooch, Jodi Goble and Matthew Larson in a rousing display of musicianship and teamwork.

Tickets range from \$25-30.00, and include the dessert reception, and may be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/manage/collections/3963123/events>

Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the

day of the concert.

For more information, please visit www.seaglasstheater.com or call 508-951-7187.

Fhvn GOP

Massachusetts and our Nation are at a turning point. A significant political realignment is underway. Our State is moving decisively to the right. Please join the Republican movement of common sense government at the Tues., 2/18, Republican Town Committee meeting. We meet the third Tuesday of each Month at 6pm 32 Abbey Street Fairhaven.

Contact us at fairhavenrtc@gmail.com or call RTC Chair Bob McConnell 508-863-0416

TM Articles Citizen Petitions

Pursuant to Chapter 50, Section 2 of the Town of Fairhaven By-Laws, all citizen petition articles for the May 3, 2025 Annual Town Meeting, including street acceptance articles, must be submitted in writing with the signatures of not less than 10 registered voters through the Town Clerk's Office to the Select Board, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA by Feb. 7, at 3:00 p.m.

Petitions can be found on the Select Board page on the town website under licenses, permits and petitions: <https://tinyurl.com/2uuhmjsj>

Town Moderator Mark D. Sylvia can be contacted at 508-858-7123 or msylvia@fairhaven-ma.gov or msylvia1@comcast.net.

Winter Parking Ban

From December 1st through March 31st, a midnight to 8 AM parking ban will be in effect for snow removal and emergency access.

Streets with Hydrants: No vehicles may remain on the hydrant side of the street.

Streets with No Hydrants: No vehicles may remain on:

- The east side of streets running north/south
- The north side of streets running east/west

Violators will be towed and/or ticketed by the Fairhaven Police Department.

For questions, contact Fairhaven Public Works at 508-979-4030. Thank you for your cooperation!

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Down to the Sea...

Encore performance, "Down to the Sea in Ships," Fri., 2/7. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Film begins at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for Members or \$20 for General Public At the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill. Experience the film just as audiences would have in the silent film era . . . with live piano!

Down to the Sea in Ships (1922), directed by Elmer Clifton and filmed in New Bedford, is a full feature silent film (1:34) that'll be screened in the Whaling Museum's Harbor View Gallery with musical score performed live at a grand piano by Jennifer A. Maxwell, a Classical Concert Pianist.

Using some archival material and some original material, Maxwell created a theme for each character (hero's theme, villain's theme, etc.) and each type of action (love theme, whaling theme, etc.), timed them to occur exactly for the durations of the scenes, and composed them in keys and such that would segue appropriately from one to the next. She also utilized a couple of vintage tunes that would have been recognizable in the day, weaving them in with the original music. All with the purpose of underscoring the narrative and providing cohesion in a medium in which there is no dialogue. With its theme of whaling, and its inclusion of the only legally filmed whale hunt in cinema history, the film is a brilliant record of New Bedford history. It also is notable for featuring the debut of the inimitable flapper girl movie star Clara Bow — and she is indeed delightful!

Doors open at 5:30 PM for a lite bite and cash bar service in the Harbor View Gallery (Upper Level), with limited cabaret style seating, and rows of chairs. for film viewing. Remarks and film screening will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. The event ends at 8:00 PM Tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/krwyxpww>. Visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/>

Art Talk & Perf.

FREE FOR ALL. Thurs., 2/13, 6 p.m., at New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St. Experience a live performance by Butler Flats Group as they perform songs inspired by Arctic Voices, life at sea, and the maritime trade industry. Then join us for an

ArtTALK public lecture titled: 1839 to Now, Photography, Technology and the Fine Arts: The Ever-Shifting Landscape with photographer R.A. Friedman.

Using the photographs from William Bradford's seminal 1869 monograph "The Arctic Regions" as a starting point, and bringing the discussion up to the present day with captures from the Hubble telescope, Philadelphia artist RA Friedman will discuss photography's changing relationship between science and the humanities; its ability to document versus its aesthetic possibilities. The talk will examine how the evolution of technology has influenced both the products of visual art as well its creation. It will look at how shifts in culture and society have impacted how photography is perceived, guiding a dialogue on the future of the art form.

FREE: For tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2dv5pzcj>

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org>

Free Lobster Days

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC) is pleased to announce the return of Lobster Days during February school vacation week. This family-friendly event is designed to educate the public and local youth about Massachusetts' commercial lobster industry. Associated activities include demonstrations and talks by working lobstermen, story time, lobster-themed crafts, and more. Lobster Days 2025 will take place on

Thurs. 2/20, and Fri., 2/21, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.. Admission to the Center is free on both days of the event.

Local lobstermen Dave Casoni and Steve Holler of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association will be on hand to answer questions about commercial lobstering and lead lobster biology demonstrations. Participating families will also be able to try their hand at making a lobster hand puppet, get their face painted, and enjoy lobster-themed stories throughout both days. You can learn about all Lobster Days 2025 activities by visiting <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/lobster-days-at-fhc/>

Lobster Days 2025 is made possible through the generous support of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Noir Nights

Film noir, what critic Roger Ebert once called "the most American film genre," is known for low key lighting as dark as a killer's heart, camera angles more skewed than a gumshoe's moral compass, and weaving plots as convoluted as was to circumvent the production code.

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Tickets may be purchased in-person. Advanced entry tickets are available through our website newbedfordart.org or by phone, 508-961-3072. New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 9am-5pm.

Opening Night: "Chinatown" (1974)

Sun., 2/23, Showtime: 5:00pm

A classic noir shot in broad daylight, updated for the Watergate generation, Polanski's thriller stars Jack Nicholas as a private eye uncovering corruption in 1930s Los Angeles, a desert town where water equals power.

For his richly intricate screenplay, Robert Towne researched historic power struggles over the water supply to Los Angeles, creating in tycoon Noah Cross – played by old-guard film director John Huston – one of cinema's most disturbing villains.

Women On Target

Sun., 2/23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at New Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford, MA 02744. Women's Instructional Shooting Clinic. Learn how to safely handle firearms.

This event does NOT fulfill the requirements to obtain your Massachusetts LTC License

Class is limited to 45 participants.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/48tmehtn> at least one week before the event. For info contact Michael DaRoza 508-294-4082

Food Outreach

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoissett will be holding our monthly no-cost Food Assistance Outreach at the Mattapoissett American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street, Mattapoissett, MA on Sunday, February 9, 2025 from 4:30-5:30 P.M.

This Monthly Food outreach will have frozen meats, non-refrigerated 1-2% milk, assorted juice, frozen vegetables, fresh eggs (limited quantities), and non-perishables. Supplies are limited and all food is fresh, and directly received from the Boston Food Bank.

All Mattapoissett residents needing additional help with the rising costs of food are welcome. As supplies increase this outreach will be opened up to all of the area towns.

For more information call (508) 998-6990, or E-Mail: pastor@lambogodma.org or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

Winter Fest

Newport Winter Festival: Feb. 14-23. The Newport Winter Festival is packed with over 150 events full of food, music and fun! Check out our calendar listing by date to see what is happening each day of the festival. You can also check out our Featured Events page to help you plan your festival week! Every event listed with a * (snowflake) is a family friendly event so join us for them all!

Visit <https://www.newportwinterfestival.com/online-ordering> for ticket prices. Bracelets are \$10 and offer discounts grant access to amazing discounts at all festival events.

At Acushnet Library

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

Movie Matinee, Mon., 2/10, 2-4 p.m. *Here* is an original film about multiple families and a special place they inhabit. The story travels through generations, capturing the human experience in its purest form. Directed by Robert Zemeckis, written by Eric Roth and Zemeckis, and told much in the style of the acclaimed graphic novel by Richard McGuire on

which it is based, Tom Hanks and Robin Wright star in this tale of love, loss, laughter, and life, all of which happens, right Here.

Intro to Birding: Birding Past & Present Sat., 2/15, Noon-1:30 p.m. Mass Audubon will lead the Intro to Birding: Birding Past & Present program. This program will introduce you to birding basics, from identifying bird families to the various available tools and resources. Find out what makes birds unique in the animal kingdom, where and how to locate birds in urban, suburban, and rural communities, and learn about basic bird biology and behavior. Join one of the fastest-growing hobbies in North America. All ages are welcome.

Artist Talk

The Fall River Arts and Culture Coalition (FRACC) presents *Walking the Edge at Horseneck Beach*, Sat., 2/8, 3-5 p.m. at The Ignition Space, 44 Troy Street Unit 2, Fall River.

Join Chris Page as he shares his insights from exploring the coastal landscapes of Horseneck Beach. His observations of the shoreline's dynamic edges and natural elements have inspired a compelling body of work that celebrates the intersection of land and sea.

Learn more thefracc.org

Summer Prog. Reg

The Lloyd Center's 2025 Summer Program registration is open. To register, please email Ashley at Summer@lloydcenter.org with the following information: Child's (children's) name & age, Parents/Guardians, Permanent address, Phone number, Week(s) of interest

To receive Membership prices, participants must hold a current 2025 Lloyd Center Family membership (or higher level).

For information and updates, please contact Ashley Gesner, Lloyd Center Education/Outreach Specialist at Summer@lloydcenter.org.

The Young Naturalist Program at the Lloyd Center is a way for children ages 6-9 to enjoy a fun-filled summer of exploration, discovery and wonder of the natural world around them. Throughout the summer, children will learn about the amazing creatures and habitats around the Lloyd Center using hands-on games, activities,

crafts and trail walks.

Visit <https://lloydcenter.org/young-naturalist/>

At the MAC

The following events are at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion; marionartcenter.org.

After School Activities for Kids Kids' Clay Studio, our newest program. For ages 8-11, the program is on Thursdays from 3:15-5:00 pm. Spring Session 1 starts on February 13 through March 27th with no class on February 20th. The cost is \$175 for MAC members and \$205 for non-members. All materials and firing are included. Students will learn the basics of clay hand-building techniques with slabs, coils, pinching and texture to create 3D animals, pots, ornaments and sculptures. Clay work will be kiln fired, decorated and made to last. More information can be found at: marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

February School Vacation

The MAC will once again host school vacation workshops for ages 5-8 years old. The cost for each workshop is \$35 for MAC members and \$40 for nonmembers. Instructors Benares Angeley and Aylin Cetik will guide your child through the following activities:

Circus Camp Mon., 2/17, 10:00am-12:00pm: Tumbling trapeze artists, roaring lions, and so much more

Science & Art Tues. 2/18, 10:00am-12:00pm: Students will make their own robot that really draws, experiment with exploding paint colors, and build glow-in-the-dark sculptures.

Playful Prints Tues., 2/18, 2:00-4:00pm: Students will explore the art of monoprinting and will create original works of frame-worthy art.

Mixed Up & Messy! Wed., 2/19 10:00am-12:00pm: Students will get really hands-on and a little messy through experiments with paint, clay paper collage, glue, string and more.

Faces & Places Wed., 2/19, 2:00-4:00pm: Students will explore the art of the self-portrait in this cool class.

Who Let the Bugs Out?! Thurs., 2/20 2:00-4:00pm: Students will crawl, flutter, and buzz their way into a world of whimsical insect creations.

Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/events.

Updated: Black History Month events

By Beth David
Editor

February is Black History Month, and organizations around the country will be holding events to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans.

This year's theme is African Americans and Labor.

On its website, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the founders of Black History Month, write: "The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized

labor's role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people's work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. The 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," sets out to highlight and celebrate the potent impact of this work."

Visit <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/> to learn more about Black History Month.

Also visit <https://blackhistorymonth.gov/> for programs for teachers and biographical information on notable Black Americans.

Here are some local events in honor of Black History Month.

SAVE THE DATE Friends of the Millicent

To celebrate Black History Month, the Friends of the Millicent Library will sponsor a discussion of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and Percival Everett's *James*. We will meet in the auditorium of the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street (Walnut Street entrance) at 6:30 on Monday, 2/24.

In 1884, Twain published the story of Huck Finn, his friend Tom Sawyer, and the fugitive slave Jim as they dodged danger and death on the Mississippi River. The book has remained popular, though controversial, ever since.

In 2024, Percival Everett retold their adventures from the point of view of James — as the fugitive slave prefers to be called. This prize-winning novel is as difficult to put down as the original.

You are welcome whether you've read one book, both books — or are just curious.

Also at the Millicent Pumphrey Brothers Storytime

Wed., 2/19 from 10:30–11:30 AM
Celebrate Black History Month with a special storytime honoring award-winning author-illustrator brothers Jarrett and Jerome Pumphrey! We'll read their books and create our own stamp art inspired by their illustration style. All ages are welcome! Younger children may need adult assistance with the craft.

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Supportive Social Day Program

Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or for those who may have cognitive disabilities. Persons who are 60 and older, who are independent with eating, ambulation, medication administration, continent, are not an elopement risk, Please contact Sally Bourke or Debra Chmiel at 508-993-9455 for further information.

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: 2/12, Warwick Mall; 2/19, Providence Place; 2/26, So. Shore Plaza; 3/5, Twin River Casino; 3/12, Warwick Mall.

Walking Schedule

Walk with friends at the Rec Center gym next door from 12–12:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. FREE

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.

Monday Movie Matinee

Feb. 10, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *Wine Country*. Adventure/Comedy/Romance.

During a vacation to Napa Valley, a group of long time friends reunite and revisit past choices in this hilarious and heartfelt comedy from director Amy Poehler.

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.

Memory Cafe

Feb. 27, 11:30–1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by Feb. 24.

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.

Lunch is pork with mushroom cream sauce, rice pilaf.

There will be musical entertainment by Tony & Pat following lunch and socializing.

Space is limited. Please sign up by 2/24 at 508-979-4029.

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP TaxAide IRS Certified Volunteers will be in Fairhaven filing federal and state taxes starting in February until April 15, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please call 508-979-4029 for an appointment. This is a free service.

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 Kids Summer 2025 Register Now!

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Kool Kids February Vacation

Get ready for a fantastic time at the February Vacation program.

Designed for children in kinder-

garten through 6th grade, each day is packed with fun activities, including games, team building challenges, STEAM projects and art.

Your child will make new friends and create lasting memories. Don't forget to pack a lunch, snacks, a reusable water bottle, and be sure to wear comfy clothes and sneakers!

Program runs Feb 18th-22 (Tuesday-Friday) 8am-4pm Member \$42, non member \$45. per day Fairhaven Recreation Staff

Sweet Creations

Ages 8-11. Join us for a delightful baking journey! In this engaging 4 week program, children will learn baking fundamentals, creativity and teamwork. Hands-on baking and decorating, new recipes each week! Each participant will receive measuring cups & spoons of their very own along with printed recipes

of what they made in the program. Cookies explored will be no bake, bars and drop cookies. Best of all they get to bring home their tasty treats. Please inform us of any food allergies at sign up. (Thursdays) Feb 20th-Mar 13th 4 weeks 4-5:30pm

Members \$50. Nonmembers \$55

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Saturdays 9-12pm March 8&15th Member \$140./ Non-member\$150.

Recipe of the Week

Crispy Pepperoni Dip

2 cups whole-milk ricotta
 2 tsps finely grated lemon zest
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 cup mini pepperoni cups
 3 tablespoons honey
 3/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
 2 tsps freshly grated Parmesan
 1 tsp fresh oregano leaves
 Warm focaccia, for serving
 Purée the ricotta, lemon zest, garlic powder, 2 tsps of the olive oil, 1 tsp salt and several grinds of black pepper in a food processor, stopping and scraping down the sides with a rubber spatula as needed, until very smooth and fluffy, 1 to 2 mins. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and black pepper. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Heat the remaining 1 tbsp olive oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the pepperoni cups and cook, stirring frequently, until crisp and curled at the edges, about 4 minutes. Reduce the heat to low, then stir in the honey and red pepper flakes to combine.

To serve, spoon the whipped ricotta into a shallow bowl and use the back of a spoon to create a well in the center. Spoon in the warm pepperoni cups and hot honey. Sprinkle with the Parmesan and oregano leaves. Serve with warm focaccia for dipping.



Dear Frankie

Assumptions

Dear Frankie,
 Whenever I'm at a drive-up window, some well-meaning human hands my mom or dad a dog biscuit. They never ask. They just hand it over, pleased that they have made my day.

I get it; most dogs like dog biscuits, but not all dogs. Most dogs are also gluttons. They will eat anything: socks, shoes, coins.

Ask a vet if you don't believe me.

Dogs have been known to stick their heads into a jar if they think there's food in it and get stuck until someone pulls the jar off their head. I heard of a few that weren't reached in time and went paws up. What a way to go.

If I were lost in the woods or survived a plane crash, I wouldn't think twice about eating whatever I could find to stay alive. I'm not a fool. I

doubt I would eat socks; I would wear them, however, to keep warm.

What I'm trying to say is that not all dogs, humans, hippos, or even alligators like the same things, and assumptions can cause problems.

Swansey

Dear Swansey,

Good advice, and if you forgive me, food for thought. What you are saying is you should never assume who someone is or what they like or think. Ask before you speak or act.

The world would be better if everyone's actions and spoken words were based on facts, not opinions and assumptions.

Best, Frankie

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TriTown Against Racism

Visit <https://www.tritownagainstracism.org/events> for more Black History Month events sponsored or highlighted by TriTown Against Racism in Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester.

Story Walk

Now through Feb 28 at 4 p.m. at Munro Preserve, 1 Main St., Mattapoissett.

We are thrilled to be collaborating with the Mattapoissett Land Trust for the third Black History Month Story Walk™ at Dunseith Gardens located at the corner of Rt. 6 and North St. The walk will be up for the entire month of February. To learn more about this trail and the Mattapoissett Land Trust visit <https://mattlandtrust.org>

This year we will feature "There Was a Party for Langston" (Caldecott Honor & Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor) by Jason Reynolds.

New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Jason Reynolds's debut picture book is a snappy, joyous ode to Word King, literary genius, and glass-ceiling smasher Langston Hughes and the luminaries he inspired.

Back in the day, there was a heckuva party, a jam, for a word-making man. The King of Letters. Langston Hughes. His ABCs became drums, bumping jumping thumping like a heart the size of the whole country. They sent some people...

Story Walk/Accessible Trail

Now through Feb 28 at 4:00 p.m. at Osprey Marsh, Marion, 354 Point Rd, Marion.

We are excited to collaborate with

Sippican Lands Trust for the third Black History Month Story Walk™. This year we are featuring "The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just" by Mélina Mangal (Author), Luisa Uribe (Illustrator). This trail is handicapped accessible, to learn more about it visit <https://sippicanlandstrust.org>

Ernest Everett Just was not like other scientists of his time. He saw the whole, where others saw only parts. He noticed details others failed to see. He persisted in his research despite the discrimination and limitations imposed on him as an African American. His keen observations of sea creatures revealed new insights about egg cells and the origins of life.

Through stunning illustrations and lyrical prose, this picture book presents the life and accomplishments of this long overlooked scientific pioneer.

A marsh exploration activity will be announced soon. This story walk will be up for the entire month, so you have plenty of time to visit.

Story Time with The Excellent Family

Feb 08, 11:00 a.m. to noon, Marion Music Hall, 164 Front St, Marion.

Join the Excellent Family: John, Kate, and Owen for a Black History Month Story Time and activity.

They will be reading:

- *All Because You Matter*, by Tami Charles, and illustrated by Bryan Collier
- *Beautiful Blackbird*, by Ashley Bryan
- *The Year We Learned to Fly*, by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López

Creative Contest Reception

Black History Month Creative

Expressions Contest. 2025 Theme: African Americans and Labor. Feb 08, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St, Mattapoissett, MA

Join us for a reception and unveiling of this year's Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest entries in the Community Room at the Mattapoissett Public Library. Winners will be announced at 3:00 PM.

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP encouraged: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfv8w3s>

For more events by TriTown Against Racism, visit <https://www.tritownagainstracism.org/events>

At the NB Whale Park

Join the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park commemorating Black History Month, at our visitor's center, 33 William Street, New Bedford. New Bedford is known for its rich culture and historical artistic significance, and we celebrate today's artists of the African diaspora who come from every corner of the globe.

Sat., 2/10 at 1 p.m.: Join Eden Soares of trigrfx pronounced /tri,grafiks/ as he shares his work through murals and other arts. As a local artist, he weaves a story that resonates with the local community and visitors alike. In the past years, he has captured the essence of New Bedford's culture and history in colorful and captivating murals. Some of his works include the artistic painting of Booker T. Washington, and the mural honoring Cesaria Evora on the wall of the Cape Verdean Cultural Center, the former Strand Theater on Acushnet Avenue.

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GNB Voc-Tech & NBHS launch two new programs

Press Release

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNB Voc-Tech) and New Bedford High School (NBHS) are excited to announce the expansion of their innovative After Dark Program, now offering Carpentry and Plumbing pathways for students. This collaboration provides NBHS students with enhanced opportunities for hands-on technical education while maintaining their academic studies.

The After Dark Program is designed to prepare students for success in high-demand, skilled trades through a combination of academic rigor and technical training. Beginning in 11th grade, participating NBHS students will attend their academic classes during the regular school day and transition to GNB Voc-Tech Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Carpentry or Plumbing.

Program Highlights:

- **Carpentry:** Students will gain expertise in blueprint reading, construction techniques, framing, finishing carpentry, and more.
- **Plumbing:** Students will learn essential skills such as pipefitting, water and heating systems installation, and advanced troubleshooting techniques.

Student Benefits Include:

- Hands-on training in state-of-the-art



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- Preparation for industry-recognized certifications
- Exposure to real-world problem-solving in high-demand industries
- Opportunities for advanced coursework and skill development
- Increased job and apprenticeship opportunities after graduation

How to Apply:

The After Dark Program requires a two-year commitment, starting in the 11th grade. Interested students should contact their NBHS guidance counselor. Don't miss the opportunity

to gain a competitive edge in Carpentry or Plumbing!

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is a premier institution dedicated to providing students with an exceptional technical and academic education that prepares them for success in post-secondary education and their careers.

New Bedford High School is committed to fostering academic excellence and empowering students to achieve their full potential through diverse opportunities and resources.



TOP: New Bedford High School student, Fernando Maric, operates a saw while working in the new After Dark Program in carpentry at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech in a new collaboration between the two schools. ABOVE LEFT: NBHS student, Myles Silva, uses a blow torch on a pipe in the plumbing program. ABOVE RIGHT Dereck Camacho paints some boards while working in the carpentry program. Submitted photos.

Petition created to bring back Powder Puff race at Seekonk

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven resident Lori Leal and her daughter Tori Price have started a change.org petition to get Seekonk Speedway to bring back the Powder Puff race, which used to be part of the Thrill Shows. The Powder Puff is an all female race, and the decision by Seekonk to remove it from the thrill shows has “crushed many women’s hearts,” writes Ms. Price on her Facebook page.

Sign the petition, she writes, “not just for my mother but for all of the female racers, and for all of the little girls in the crowd that happen to be the powder puffs biggest fans!”

Ms. Price said her mother got “spun out” when racing with the men, who are just too aggressive.

Seekonk did not even notify anyone, they just pulled the races from the schedule.

“This is a new low for Seekonk Speedway management,” writes Tori. “So many women, including my mom, LIVE for this race. We are fighting like hell to get it back! Please help us save so many womans passion for racing at our local track!”

In a statement on its website, Seekonk Speedway said the decision to remove the Powder Puff was difficult and not taken lightly, and “it was purely a business decision driven by the need to evolve and adapt to changes in the racing landscape.”

The track has added the Crown Vic Cruisers division this year.

The statement says that the Powder Puff races have come and gone over the years, with varying frequency. It also says they “remain open to the possibility of bringing them back in the future.”

The statement notes that they have more than 20 women drivers in the weekly divisions.

“We truly hope that the women who enjoyed racing in the Powder Puff events will continue to find new ways to race,” reads the statement.

The change.org petition says that the Powder Puff races gave women a way to develop confidence behind the wheel, gain track experience, hone in on race skills, and show the young female fans in the crowd ‘Hey! We can do it too!’”

It says for many women, the division is a passion for them.



TOP: Lori Leal of Fairhaven gives a shout as she holds up her trophy for winning first place in the Powderpuff car race at Seekonk Speedway on Saturday, 8/5/23. ABOVE LEFT: Ms. Lea does a victory lap with her first place trophy for winning the Powder Puff Feature race during the Memorial Day Thrill Show on Saturday, 5/25/24, at Seekonk Speedway, her third Powder Puff win. Submitted photos.

“With this petition, we are hoping the track will see the fan appreciation and interest in the Powder Puff Division, and the value of the division for many of their drivers. We hope they will make accommodations to keep this division running in their 2025 season, and for many years to come.”

Ms. Leal as won the Powder Puff on several occasions; Tori is the mechanic; and the *Neighb News* has run stories on her success (5/30/24, 8/10/23).

“Do it. That’s what I say,” said Ms. Leal in our 8/10/23 issue. “It’s very very exciting and it’s a huge adrenaline rush.”

Find the petition at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9z2c8n>

Seekonk’s statement is at <https://www.seekonkspeedway.com/racing-news/whats-new-for-2025>

Plea from the trees

Submitted by Lynne Mason, Fairhaven
**A Plea from Two Healthy
 Century-Old Oak Trees near
 the Millicent Library**

Dear folks, we are your two healthy 100-year-old oak trees that reside at 32 Union Street. We are scheduled to be executed soon. We need your help.*

Even though Fairhaven's tree warden in their recent assessment found us healthy we are scheduled to be chopped down.

Please write the library, Select Board and treesinfairhaven@gmail.com

For over a century we have been part of the beauty of this historic jewel of a town. We have provided important shade and fresh oxygen to all and sheltered birds, animals and insects.*

We absolutely love our Millicent library. Unfortunately, our execution is part of the plan for an upgraded electrical system at the library.

The option to take a pause, raise more funds and study alternative solutions and their cost that would also save us trees has not been fully vetted. The least expensive, quickest solution is not always the best



Jasmine Moorehead, a member of the Wampanoag (Wopanaak) Tribe, poses next to a 100-year old, healthy oak tree in Fairhaven that is scheduled to be cut down to make way for electrical wires for an upgrade to the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. *Photo courtesy of Lynne Mason.*

solution. Alternatives are available to preserve the esthetic, health and property values we trees provide.

The library board worked hard on this improvement project. However, letting the townspeople know the plan involved tearing up two healthy 100 year old trees down was not adequately communicated. Only a few people knew about the Library plan and Select Board vote when in the last hours a sign was finally put on our bark. We request another vote after letting the townspeople know about our impending demise.

Some volunteers have emerged after the Select Board meeting that are ready to help raise the additional funds for an alternative practical solution to the library's electrical upgrade that doesn't murder us.

Please contact them at treesinfairhaven@gmail.com.

Please Library Board, can you wait 3 months? 1 month? for these volunteers to try to raise funds for this project to save us? They have some great ideas.

If we don't get a stay of execution

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From our readers

Ochoa is caring, committed

I am writing in support of Kelly Ochoa's candidacy for Fairhaven School Committee. I have known Kelly for over a decade through our church and have found her to be caring, committed to helping others, intelligent, thoughtful, and honest.

I first met Kelly and her daughters when, during school vacation, they helped serve lunch to those in need in New Bedford. This gave me a good idea of who Kelly is and how she was raising her children.

In the years since, her commitment

to her students at ORR, where she teaches Spanish, and to issues of social justice here in Fairhaven, have only increased my admiration for her.

She has my vote. Please consider giving her yours.

Larry DeSalvatore, Fairhaven

Common Sense?

In reply to a request for evidence of the wisdom of one of his policies, Trump offered "common sense."

"Americans are the most reality-oriented people on earth. Their outstanding characteristic is the childhood form of reasoning:

common sense. It is their only protection. But common sense is not enough where theoretical knowledge is required: it can make simple, concrete-bound connections — it cannot integrate complex issues, or deal with wide abstractions, or forecast the future." [Ayn Rand]

The Constitution was written with the Founders' study of politics, history and philosophy, not common sense. If it depended upon common sense, it would have fragmented into isolated bits and pieces like Trump's unfocused mind.

Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven

TREE: cont'd from page 14

please listen to the volunteers' ideas for respectful use of our wood: perhaps a bench at the library, rough seats outside for story hour, plaque, auction/sell the wood to raise funds for other trees in trouble.**

Thank you to all the representatives of different religions and spiritual traditions that have come and prayed for us, especially Jasmine Moorehead, a member of the Wam-

panoag (Wopanaak) Tribe who was the first to ceremonially pray for us.

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**Please write on our behalf for more time. You can also include a photo with us trees to the Library Trustees, millicent@sailsInc.org and to the Select Board, <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board>. You can Select the link that sends to all the board members at*

once. Please also send a copy to treessinfairhaven@gmail.com. If you make items from tree wood (a sawyer) please share that.

Send us good wishes and prayers (trees can hear those).

**See the articles in Fairhaven Neighborhood News: 1/16/25, 1/23/25; and the minutes of the Select Board meetings, 1/13/25 pages 4-5 and 1/9/24 pages 1-2 on town website.*



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Conservation Commission
Mon., 2/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Marine Resources
Thurs., 2/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Marine Resources Public Hearing
Mon., 2/10, Town Hall/SB mtg, 6 p.m.
Planning Board
Tues., 2/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
School Committee
Wed., 2/12, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.
Select Board
Mon., 2/10, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Town Mtg Advisory
Wed., 2/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Historical Commission
Tues., 2/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Selectboard
Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.
Planning Board
Thurs., 2/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Feb. 2025	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	6	0205	1431	0824	2006
Friday	7	0309	1542	1039	2130
Saturday	8	0420	1652	1143	2326
Sunday	9	0520	1746	---	1236
Monday	10	0608	1832	0025	1327*
Tuesday	11	0652	1915	0120	1412*
Wednesday	12	0734	1958	0208	1445*
Thursday	13	0815	2039	0234	1455*
Friday	14	0856	2119	0240	1450*
Saturday	15	0935	2157	0259	1508*
Sunday	16	1014	2238	0325	1533*
Monday	17	1056	2323	0356	1603*
Tuesday	18	1143	---	0431	1637
Wednesday	19	0013	1235	0513	1720
Thursday	20	0104	1327	0612	1817
Friday	21	0156	1420	0720	1921
Saturday	22	0253	1524	0824	2022
Sunday	23	0359	1631	0933	2126
Monday	24	0458	1724	1042	2232

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications: SP25-02 Walmart – TKG Fairhaven Commons LLC, the owner of 42 Fairhaven Commons Way, requests a special permit to modify the existing parking striping and signage and increase the number of pickup parking spaces. The property is located at Map 26 Lot 13.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8128 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 2/6/25, 2/13/25

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- **Public Hearing – NOI – Brookside Realty Trust/1094 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 15 SE 001-0600** A Notice of Intent was filed by Brookside Realty Trust c/o John P. Mathieu, Trustee for property located at 1094 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 15. The applicant proposes to install a Title 5 septic system for the four family (5) bedroom dwelling with the installation of two (2) wells and water pipes located towards the rear of the property within the 100-ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System Repair & Well Replacement Plan" dated January 2, 2025.

- **Public Hearing – NOI – Frank & Karen Knox/Mendall Road, Map 9, Lot 24A & Portion of 18HSE 001-XXXX** A Notice of Intent was filed by Frank & Karen Knox for property located at Mendall Road, Map 9, Lot 24A & Portion of 18H. The applicant proposes the development of 3-residential house lots together with the construction of a Common Driveway, three single-family dwellings and associated driveways, the installation of wells, septic systems and underground utilities and filling and grading. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Common Driveway & 3-Lot Development Plan" dated January 24, 2025.

- **Public Hearing – NOI – Frank & Karen Knox/Perry Hill Road, Map 9, Northerly portion of 18HSE 001-XXXX** A Notice of Intent was filed by Frank & Karen Knox for property located at Perry Hill Road, Map 9,

Northerly portion of 18H. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and gravel driveway, installation of a well, septic system and underground utilities and filling and grading. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan" dated January 24, 2025.

- **Public Hearing – RDA – Acushnet Company/115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34** A Request for Determination was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34. The applicant proposes tree trimming and selective tree removal with stumps to remain. The applicant is represented by William Madden of G.A.F. Engineering. Plan name is "Plan to Accompany Request for Determination of Applicability" dated January 14, 2025.

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
FNN, 2/6/25

Notice of Amendment to Fairhaven Tobacco Control Regulation

The Fairhaven Board of Health unanimously voted to adopt new tobacco regulations entitled "Restricting the Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products" at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday January 15, 2025, following a Public Hearing held on Wednesday December 18, 2024. The regulation changes include but are not limited to: the addition of language from the 2020 state law change (105 CMR 665), prohibition of smoking bars, increase in the minimum pricing for cigar sales, and more.

A copy of the regulations is available for pickup at the Fairhaven Board of Health office (40 Center St. Fairhaven, MA 02719) or on the Fairhaven Board of Health website www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health/news/tobacco-regulations-2025

The new regulations will go into effect on March 1, 2025.
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