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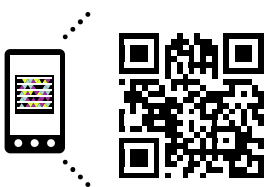
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Kool Kids do cool stuff



Participants in the Kool Kids program create a cardboard city at the Millicent Library on 2/18/25. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

AiyAiyAiy Lucy, you done it again! Alas, time got away from me once more. Hopefully next week I'll get to some stories I've been working on. I just haven't been able to pull it all together.

But we'll get 'em in here.

Meanwhile, we have an election update for both Fairhaven and Acushnet (see page 8), and it looks like Fairhaven will have four contested races. That's good. That's always fun.

Acushnet candidates still have time to pull papers, so that field is not set yet.

C'mon, Acushnet, someone out there must be wanting to run.

Our cover story is a fun one. I usually get over to the Kool Kids program on February vacation. They're usually kicking around the gym at the Rec Center, or, if it's warm enough, they'll even be outside. Brrr...not this week.

But they did have a really fun indoor activity. They made a cardboard city. Cool idea, huh? The kids came up with all kinds of creative ideas to fill the city, and then they worked on making them real. See page 12 for some of their ideas.

Dear Frankie has a book...really. Frankie's human, Geneva Woodruff, pulled together a bunch of columns that have run in the *Neighb News* and published a book. See page 11 for how it all got started in the first place.

Election season is heating up a bit. The letters are starting to come in (see page 14), and it's time for candidates to get their statements in (see page 4).

The country saw a national day of protest on Monday, and Fairhaven participated. See page 14 for a few photos of that.

Now about the wrecking ball that is coming out of the White House. I just have to say how I love that everyone is suddenly treating government workers like they are some kind of criminals, when half the people complaining are paid with public funds themselves.

The problem is you don't even know what they do. Wait until you have to call social security, or your loved one needs a nursing home at \$15,000+ a month (yeah, that's month), see how you feel when you get on the phone and no one answers. Don't need national park rangers you say? Well, yeah, you're right because the Big Buffoon is going to sell all that land to his drill-baby-drill buddies.

But hey, he promised....whatever. Let me know when you get it, whatever it was.

Just one more thing: It's not libel if it's true (note: libel, not slander). Nuff said, you little crybullies.

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

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven will have two new outdoor markets this summer

With the end of the Huttleston Marketplace after the restructuring of the Office of Tourism, the town of Fairhaven will now have two outdoor markets this summer.

Huttleston HarborFest will be run by the town's Economic and Community Development Department and will be held at Grimshaw Park. The North Fairhaven Open Air Market will be operated under the auspices of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association at Livesey Park.

Huttleston HarborFest

A new community event is making waves in Fairhaven! Huttleston HarborFest, a themed monthly festival, will launch in 2025 at Fort Phoenix's Grimshaw Park, bringing fresh energy to a long-overlooked space.

Once home to the beloved Grimshaw's Clambake Pavilion, the area has remained underutilized since its closing in 1966. The introduction of Huttleston HarborFest not only brings a vibrant new event series to town but also sets the stage for future community gatherings at the park,

benefiting both residents and the Fairhaven Council on Aging, which oversees the property.

"This is more than just an event—it's a chance to breathe new life into a space with so much potential," said Alyssa Botelho, Community Development Coordinator. "Huttleston HarborFest will celebrate Fairhaven's coastal charm, history, and creative community while revitalizing Grimshaw Park as a hub for local gatherings."

Each month, Huttleston HarborFest will feature a unique theme, offering visitors an immersive experience filled with local vendors, artisans, entertainment, and more:

- Sat., 5/31 – "Liberty by the Sea" (Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution)
- Sat., 6/21 – "Jaws 50th Anniversary"
- Sat., 7/19 – "Dog Days of Summer"
- Sat., 8/23 – "A Splash of Art"
- Sat., 9/20 – "A Medieval Faire"

Vendor applications are now open, with limited spots available. Organizers will prioritize vendors whose offerings align with the event's themes. Those interested in partici-

pating are encouraged to complete the Vendor Interest Form at www.discoverfairhaven.org/huttlestonharborfest2025.

Time will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the event of rain, the event will be the following day, Sunday.

Fees: \$50 for tent vendors; \$75 for food trucks; \$25 for electricity (one shared generator available), or vendors should bring their own generators.

Discover Fairhaven is the official tourism, economic, and community development department of the Town of Fairhaven, dedicated to promoting local events, businesses, and the town's rich cultural and historical assets.

North Fairhaven Market

Starting in June, Livesey Park in Fairhaven will become the summertime home of the North Fairhaven Open Air Market, sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

The market will be held on Saturdays in June, July, August and September, except for the last

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Saturday in June. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A variety of local vendors will offer hand made crafts, art, photography, fresh farm produce, antiques and vintage collectibles, and more. On some weeks we will be joined by Youth Vendors, ages 11-16, selling items they have made themselves. The North Fairhaven Open Air Market does not accept vendors of brand name, commercially made direct sales products.

Booth spaces to fit a 10'x10' pop-up canopy are \$15 per week, for as many weeks as are chosen. The season has 16 Saturdays. Youth Vendor spaces are \$5 per week, for ages 11 to 16, and it is required an adult is present at the booth. Fairhaven non-profit groups and official Town of Fairhaven departments and committees may have one free spot each month.

Some special activities are in the works, so stay tuned for future announcements.

Free Non-Profit Space

The North Fairhaven Open Air

Market is offering other Fairhaven non-profit groups and official Town of Fairhaven departments and committees free booth space. The spaces may be used for fundraising, community outreach, or to provide a service such as selling food or providing a fun activity. Groups may select one Saturday each month, for a total of four free weeks if desired.

This is a perfect opportunity for non-profit organizations, school groups and PTOs, and other civic groups to promote themselves to the community.

The Market Manager of the North Fairhaven Open Air Market is volunteer Chris Richard, who created and ran the Huttleston Marketplace for about seven years before his retirement from the Fairhaven Office of Tourism in May 2024.

To find out more about the North Fairhaven Open Air Market, email NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com

An application form can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/34um2e2a>

Free Political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

DEADLINE: Friday, 2/28, for Fairhaven (4/7 election); Friday, 3/28, for Acushnet (4/22 election)

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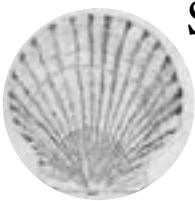
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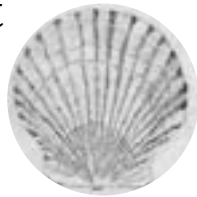


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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Black History Mo.

Celebrate Black History Month with the following events.

Book Discussion

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.

Free Film

Join the Millicent Library and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven for a special Movie Night during Black History Month! We'll be screening *Sweet Freedom* — a powerful 28-minute historical drama set in 1839 New Bedford, directed by Fairhaven's own Alyssa Botelho. Thurs., 2/27, 6:30–7:30 p.m., in the USF auditorium, 102 Green Street across from Millicent Library.

Witness the incredible story of Mary "Polly" Johnson, an Afro-Indigenous confectioner and Underground Railroad station master who risked everything to protect freedom seekers, including Frederick Douglass.

Following the screening, stay for a conversation and Q&A with Alyssa and historian Lee Blake. They'll dive into the film's historical accuracy, its ties to the region, and the importance of honoring unsung heroes like Polly.

Scholarships

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars announces over 40 scholarships now available for 2025. Application period is February 1, 2025 thru April 1, 2025.

Full list of scholarships and details on how to apply available at [https://](https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org)

fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org.

NEW scholarships are being added constantly. Check your profile weekly to see what NEW scholarships you qualify for both at the local and national level. Scholarships are awarded for a variety of reasons, including academics, sports, community service, chosen major, and more.

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars chapter is a nonprofit foundation that supports academic success in our community. As part of Scholarship America's national network of locally based, volunteer-driven Dollars for Scholars chapters, our mission is to mobilize our community on behalf of postsecondary education success for our students.

Friends of SMEC

Friends of SMEC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing services for children and adults with disabilities, is thrilled to announce its Golden Anniversary Gala in celebration of SMEC's 50th Anniversary. The event will take place on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 6:30-10:30, at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven, MA, marking five decades of empowering individuals with disabilities and fostering innovation within our community. Tickets for the Gala will cost \$25.00 and can be purchased prior to the Gala by contacting Mrs. Sherri Tetrault, VP of Friends of SMEC, at 508-998-5599 ext. 130, or can be purchased at the door the evening of the Gala.

The Golden Anniversary Gala will be an evening of celebration, recognizing the dedication of SMEC's staff, students, families, and supporters who have been integral to its success. The event will feature a live auction and raffle, and Friends of SMEC is currently seeking donations of gifts or gift cards to support these efforts. Donors will be recognized in the event's printed program.

Additionally, businesses and individuals have the opportunity to support the event through advertising in the Gala Dance Program: \$25, 1/4 page ad; \$50, 1/2 page ad; \$100, Full-page ad; \$200, Table Sponsor (recognition on an event table); \$500, Event Sponsor (recognition on two tables and social media)

As a fully volunteer-run organization, every dollar raised directly

supports these programs, with no administrative costs deducted.

Through fundraising efforts, the organization offers: Interest-free loans to help individuals transition to independent living; Transportation and activity tickets for work and community involvement; Chaperones for young adults on outings; Field trips and classroom equipment to support educational growth

Scholarship

Fairhaven Historical Society

For over 50 years, the Fairhaven Historical Society has been at the forefront of preserving the legacy of our community. We are committed to researching and preserving historically important sites, monuments, documents and artifacts and sharing the information with everyone interested in our area's past. Our goal is to ensure that the history and traditions of Fairhaven are made accessible and celebrated for generations to come. Come visit us at our museum and step back in time to explore the rich history of our community!

The annual Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship is a \$1500 scholarship for a Fairhaven resident high school graduating senior interested in studying history.

The scholarship is awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society and honors Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital and long-time leadership role with the Fairhaven Historical Society.

The Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior whose primary residence is in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Students who apply should be interested in pursuing the study of history and have plans to matriculate to an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall. Check with your school guidance counselor for an application form. Point of contact at the Historical Society is Rick Martin (817) 689-9944.

Deadline for scholarship applications is April 1st.

Visit <https://www.historicalsocietyfairhaven.org/scholarship>

Applications and essays must be submitted via email to info@historicalsocietyfairhaven.org.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Bingo Fund-Raiser

Community Nurse Presents BINGO!
Featuring DJ Gazelle from FUN107
Thurs., 2/27, 6-9 p.m., United Fishermen Club, 639 Orchard St. New Bedford. Space is limited – get your tickets now!

Bingo, Raffle & Sweet Treats. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Suggested donation of \$35 per player

Register online at communitynurse.com/bingo or mail a check with participant names to: 62 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Sponsorships are still available Visit communitynurse.com/bingo

For questions or raffle prize donation, email: donate@communitynurse.com

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, including activities for children. Learn more at <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/lobster-days-at-fhc/>

Dock-U-Mentary

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC) and New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park are pleased to announce three upcoming free film screenings as part of the Dock-u-mentary series. Screened at the National Park auditorium at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford, Dock-u-mentaries is a free film series hosted on every third Friday at 7:00pm from October through April. The films explore a variety of themes and topics related to the commercial fishing industry as well as the history and traditions of

the maritime world.

On February 21, FHC will be screening the film *Life by Lobster*. Set against the stunning backdrop of coastal Maine, *Life by Lobster* takes you inside the lives of five young lobstermen who have put everything on the line to pursue the Downeast dream, to own a business, raise a family, and stay true to a proud way of life. On March 21, FHC will be screening the 2019 film *Seadrift*. On April 18, FHC will be screening *A Watershed Moment*.

For more details and registration visit the Fishing Heritage Center's website [events](http://fishingheritagecenter.org/events) calendar: [calendar](http://fishingheritagecenter.org/calendar).

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 Nicholson 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.

YTI Production

Your Theatre, Inc., presents "Order of the World, on two weekends: Fri. & Sat., 2/28–3/1, and 3/7–8 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., 3/2 & 3/9 at 2 p.m.

When Cass discovers a dirty little secret in her husband's sweater drawer, she flees to the honeymoon capital of the world in a frantic search for the life she thinks she missed. Get ready for a wild ride over Niagara Falls in a barrel of laughs as our heroine embarks on a journey of self-discovery, crossing paths with a blithely suicidal alcoholic, a lonely tour-boat captain, a pair of bickering private detectives, and a strange caper involving a gargantuan jar of peanut butter, all of which pushes her perilously close to the edge.

Performances are wheelchair accessible at The Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St. in downtown New Bedford.

Tickets are General Admission \$27; Seniors, Students and Military \$22.

All seats are open seating; tickets available at <https://steepleplayhouse.ludus.com/>. Contact the box office (boxoffice@yourtheatre.org or 508-993-0772) for group rates.

Visit www.YourTheatre.org and www.Steepleplayhouse.org.

Free Symphony

Musical Connections: Epic Stories, Epic Music. Join us as we uncover the musical inspirations that bring epic video games to life! Thurs., 3/6, 6–7 PM, DeMello International Ctr upper lobby, 128 Union St., New Bedford. Suitable for all age. Drop-ins are welcome but if you know you will be attending please RSVP here so we can get a headcount for refreshments <https://nbsymphony.org/musical-connections/>

This Musical Connections program delves into the legendary video game compositions to understand how their compositional techniques and creativity impact our experience of the game. Education Director Terry Wolkowicz and CEO Dave Prentiss will use animated music graph visualizations, recorded music, and piano to explore and explain the creativity and compositional elements of the music.

Black History

Author Event

Meet the author of a new book on Paul Cuffe published by University of Massachusetts Press. Jeffrey A. Fortin has crafted a beautiful, moving portrait of this important maritime figure. Suggested donation \$5.

Paul Cuffe is best understood as a member of the Black founding fathers — a group of pre-eminent African Americans who built institutions and movements during the first decades of the United States.

Drawing on pamphlets, letters, and other documents, and painstakingly reconstructing his genealogy, Fortin vividly describes Cuffe's experiences and places them within the broader history of the Early Republic to help reveal the central role of African Americans in the founding of the United States. Fortin situates Cuffe within an Atlantic world where race and identity were fluid, and Africans and African Americans sought to build and govern a free Black nation in West Africa.

Jeffrey A. Fortin is associate professor of history at Emmanuel College.

Movie

The following event is at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road. Visit <https://acupl.org>

Movie Matinee Mon., 2/24, 2-4 p.m Join us in the Community Room for a movie. Please bring a covered beverage and a snack if you wish. The Movie Matinee is for ages 18+. This month's movie is *Hidden Figures*.

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians who were the brains behind one of the most significant operations in U.S. history. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines. In contrast, their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished by the human race, firmly cemented them as true American heroes in U.S. history.

StoryWalk and Black History Party

We will have a party at MLT MUNRO Preserve Property at 11:00 AM Sat., 2/22, Mattapoisett near the

Town Wharf.

There will be speakers, materials, free books, and refreshments plus Hot Chocolate. Please join us and share stories or poetry about black heroes of your own!

Remarks by: Mike Huguenin, President MLT; Connor Gaudet, Curator, Mattapoisett Museum; Moise St Louis, PhD, Assistant Dean; Director of the Frederick Douglass Unity House Lecturer, Department of Black Studies; Alison Noyce, President TTAR; John Santos, TTAR Director of Business Partnerships

Weather permitting, we will start at MLT Munro Property for the StoryWalk and move over to the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street for Remarks and Refreshments.

Storywalk: "There Was a Party for Langston," by Jason Reynolds, a snappy, joyous ode to Word King, literary genius, and glass-ceiling smasher Langston Hughes and the luminaries he inspired.

Free Gospel Choir

The Mattapoisett Museum and the Trustees of the Mattapoisett Christian Church at 5 Church Street are proud to bring back, by popular demand, Tabor Academy's Celebration Gospel Choir on Thurs. 2/27, 6:30pm. This is a free event and open to the public; no registration is needed. The Tabor Celebration Gospel Choir is a 20-voice choir, composed of faculty, staff, and students. It was founded in January, 2023 and had its debut at Tabor Academy's MLK Jr. 2023 chapel service.

The Choir is led by Tyrone Black, Associate Head of School at Tabor Academy. Its members sing mostly traditional gospel music with a few contemporary pieces.

Most of the songs are from the late 20th and early 21st century. They will range from old traditional pieces such as God Is by the Late Reverend James Cleveland, to more contemporary pieces called Glory Glory by New Direction. The Choir will also sing a piece with a Caribbean flare, entitled He Reigns Forever.

Cities & Sea Forum

Many of the world's largest cities are located on the coast, where people and infrastructure strike a

tenuous balance with marine life and ecosystems. In these urban oceans heavily altered by pollution and human activities, who struggles and who thrives?

Join us as we explore impacts, adaptations, and new possibilities in urban ocean regions around the world. Wed., 2/26, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Register for this free virtual event: <https://tinyurl.com/mthkzsna>

Visit <https://www.who.edu>

Maple Days

Old Sturbridge Village welcomes February with new events, a new exhibit, and many favorite programs returning this month.

Included with standard daytime admission on select dates in February and March, guests can see the entire sugar-making process, from tapping the trees to "sugaring off," and learn why maple sugar was more commonly used than maple syrup in early New England. Costumed historians will also cook period foods made with maple products and the tinner and cooper will make maple-related items.

Maple Days are Feb 19 through March 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, guests can stop by the Miner Grant Store and the Ox & Yoke Mercantile to purchase a variety of maple-themed items. Find maple syrup, maple candy, maple-themed books, maple-scented soaps and lotions, and more!

Additional winter season events include walking through historic buildings, engaging with our costumed historians, and seeing heritage-breed animals. Guests are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance for their date of arrival. Tickets and information can be found online: <https://www.osv.org/event/maple-days/>

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Fairhaven has four contested races, Acushnet field still not set

Fairhaven's election is on Monday, 4/7/25. Acushnet's election is on Tuesday, 4/22/25. Nomination papers for Acushnet are still available, but Fairhaven is all closed up.

Fairhaven

It looks like Fairhaven will have four contested elections this year. Candidates have until March 5 to withdraw, so it could change, but that is unlikely.

All candidates who pulled papers returned them and got the required number of certified signatures.

There are two people running for one seat on the Select Board: Natalie Mello and Rick Trapilo. Incumbent Stasia Powers is not running for reelection.

Fairhaven's School Committee has four people running for two seats: Incumbents Brendalee Smith and Erik Anderson; Kelly Ochoa, Pattie Pacella.

Planning Board has three candidates for two seats: Incumbent Cathy Melanson, Sean Powers, and Miles Grant.

Board of Health has two candidates for one seat: Incumbent Brian

Meneses, and Cristina Lopes.

Uncontested races are: Town Clerk, with Acting Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan the only candidate; Board of Public Works incumbent Anne Morton Smith for her seat; Trust Commissioner Barbara Acksen for her seat.

Last day to 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

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

So far there are no contested races,

but there is the possibility of a contested Selectboard race. Incumbent Robert Hinckley has taken out papers for his seat on the SB., and former police chief Christopher Richmond also took out papers. Neither one had returned them by press time.

All elected boards have seats up for reelection, including: Selectboard, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, two School Committee seats, two Commissioner of Trust seats, Cemetery Board, Park Commissioner, Planning Commissioner, Tree Warden.

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: 2/28/25, the last day to request; 3/4/25, the last day to file papers.

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

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 at 508-998-0215.

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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: 2/26, So. Shore Plaza; 3/5, Twin River Casino; 3/12, Warwick Mall; 3/19 Prov. Place Mall; 3/26 Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 4/2, Tiverton Casino; 4/9, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's

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. 24, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *Love at First Sight*. Romance. On their flight from New York to London, Hadley and Oliver fall in love with each other. However, they lose each other at customs and the possibility of ever meeting again seems improbable, but destiny may have a way of changing the odds.

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.

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.

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

Pre-K Nature program

Introduce your little ones to the wonders of nature with our engaging program! Through nature walks, hands-on activities, Storytime, and creative crafts, children will explore ecosystems, spark curiosity, and develop a love for the environment, all while having fun!

Ages 2-6 Begins April 22-May 27th Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am Members \$35 Non-Members \$45.

CSI Investigation

Join our Minds In Motion Crime

Team in this fun and interesting program! We will provide you with all the tools you need to become your very own crime scene investigator. Learn all about forensics, searching for evidence, and gathering clues and bring home your very own detective kit!

Working in groups, you will conduct many science experiments in our crime lab to solve the mysteries at hand. You will learn all about fingerprinting and how to classify them and bring home your very own fingerprint classification sheet! You will also perform chemical analyses and observations working with powders, liquids, and much much more! Be amazed at how much science plays a part in solving a crime. Ages 7-10 March 20th-April 24th Thursdays Member \$130. Non-Member \$145. 4-5pm

Recipe of the Week

Million Dollar Chocolate Pie

- 1 9" pie crust
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 tbs unsweetened cocoa powder
- 4 tbs unsalted butter, melted
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- whipped cream for serving

Preheat oven to 350° In ungreased 9-inch pie plate, add the pie crust dough and decoratively crimp the edges.

Lightly prick the crust with a fork. Line it with aluminum foil or parchment paper and fill it with pie weights or dried beans.

Bake the crust until it is set, about 12-15 minutes. Discard the foil and the weights and bake the crust until it is dry, but not browned, about 5 mins.

In a large bowl, add the granulated sugar, cocoa powder, butter, eggs, evaporated milk, vanilla extract, and salt and whisk until it is completely smooth.

Pour the filling into the pie shell and bake until the filling is set around the edges and a little jiggly in the center, about 45 mins. About halfway through the baking time, cover the edges of the crust with aluminum foil to prevent over-browning.

Cool completely. Top slices with whipped cream to serve.



made of the softest wool in the prettiest shade of green. She even embroidered my initials in dark green wool on the collar.

When she ran into him at a dog park on the other side of town, my friend Milly discovered Sly was the culprit. She immediately recognized the sweater because of the color and my initials.

When I confronted Sly, he admitted he had taken it. He said a mutual friend had told him to take it because I had a lot of sweaters and wouldn't care or probably notice.

I told Sly that taking something

Dear Frankie

Permission

Dear Frankie,
Recently, I learned that Sly stole my sweater from my locker at my doggy daycare. It wasn't just any old sweater but a special gift from mom. She knitted it for my birthday. It was

without the owner's permission was stealing. He said I was unfair by insinuating he was a thief because our friend had said it was okay to take the sweater.

Willow

Dear Willow,

I would love to be a fly on the wall to see a judge's reaction when Sly explained to her why he wasn't a thief.

Sly is either unbelievably naive or living up to his name and pulling a fast one on you. Interestingly, his parents named him Sly. Could there be a connection?

I don't think Sly gets that what he did was wrong. Your mom should report the issue to the top dog at your doggie daycare and call his parents. Perhaps they can help him understand that you don't take what's not yours without asking or your friend's advice at face value.

I'm glad you got your sweater back. It sounds divine.

Best, Frankie

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First Dear Frankie book available

By Beth David
Editor

It all started when some friends got a puppy during the pandemic and they had no idea what they had gotten themselves into. They called Geneva Woodruff and told her all kinds of things about how difficult it was.

“And I was very amused by this,” said Dr Woodruff.

As a joke, she wrote the puppy a letter from her own little four-legged child, Frankie, a schnauzer poodle, with some tips on living with humans.

“Frankie said, look, these people think they are your parents,” Dr. Woodruff said, adding that parenting is “the most competitive sport in America.”

And then, her friends’ new puppy wrote back to Frankie.

Everyone was in full lockdown by then, so the letters were a fun distraction. Someone suggested it would make a good newspaper column, a doggie advice column.

Dr. Woodruff said she was very isolated during the pandemic, and the column became a great project for her. She contacted the *Neighb News*,

and the first column ran on January 28, 2021. It has run every week since then (see page 10). It has also been picked up by a few other papers, a dog magazine, and even a child magazine for about a year each.

Then someone suggested a collection of some of the published columns would make a good coffee table book.

“So I started batting that idea around,” she said.



Author Geneva Woodruff and Frankie read their new book, “Dear Frankie: What Dogs Really Think,” which is now available in hardcover, paperback, and in digital formats. Submitted photo.

One of the challenges, though, is that a coffee table book requires a lot of high quality photos. She could not afford to buy them online or hire a photographer to take them.

“I came upon this program that generated pictures through AI,” said Dr. Woodruff. “And that’s how the pictures got in.”

The thing though, said Dr. Woodruff, 85, is that she grew up pre-television.

“I grew up with Walt Disney where animals talked,” she said. “As a child, I always thought these animals were real. I thought Bambi was real. I thought Thumper was real. So for me it was wasn’t a big deal to think of animals talking about their lives and their relationships.”

She also said it was just good for her sanity during COVID.

The book is available locally at Euro Phoenix, 24 Center Street, Fairhaven, and on Amazon.com and BarnesAndNoble.com. “Dear Frankie: What Dogs Really Think,” 93 pages. Hardcover, \$19.99; paperback, \$15.00, Kindle, \$6.99.

Dr. Woodruff said she is already working on a second book.

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Kool Kids do cool stuff on vacation week

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Recreation Center teamed up with the Millicent Library to give the participants in the Kool Kids program chance to get creative. The whole gang, with a few of their adults in tow, created a cardboard city in the Millicent Library's auditorium.

Youth Services Librarian, Allie Thiel, Head of Youth Services and Community Engagement, said they have been collecting cardboard from everywhere for weeks.

They placed a cardboard base on the floor, added a blue space for a lake, and a green spot for a park. The rest is up to the kids.

Kellan was creating a sports training facility for basketball, football, and other sports. Meanwhile, his co-creator, Cullen, was building a bridge over the lake to get to the facility.

In another part of town, Major and Grace were working on a skyscraper.

They were not sure if it would have businesses or residences, but it could have both.

Noelle was working on a construction site, complete with fence to keep out kids and others.

Charli was building a cat cafe. "Because I love cats," she said.

Her dad, Brad, added that they go to a cat cafe in Rhode Island.

"You get lunch and pet cats at the same time," he said.

Sophia and Meena were making a fountain library, a library with a fountain on the roof.

Wyatt decided the city needed a police station; and Omari made planes that he kept flying around, although we never did locate the airport.

Rylan decided the city needed a beach, so he added one in the corner and put a sushi place there, although he said he never ate sushi.

Michael and Aiden created a farm, with a big barn.

"Because we love animals," said Michael.

And right next door, Dominic was making a crane that could be used at the farm or anywhere in the city, which was clearly experiencing a construction boom.

Julian was busy making a space station with a parking garage, and a rocket ship to go on the roof.

Chloe and Saige decided no city was complete without a jungle somewhere in there.

Others were making smaller items to help complete details of the city.

Students from Fairhaven High School helped with the project, and some parents and grandparents joined in the fun, too.

All in all it was a fun buzz of activity for a very cold February day.

The Kool Kids program is offered during school vacations and in the summer at the Fairhaven Recreation Center. See page 9 for more info.



ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Recreation Director, Kelley Ramirez, gets intel as Julian works on the rocket ship for his space station as participants in the Kool Kids program create a cardboard city at the Millicent Library on 2/18/25. ABOVE RIGHT: Kellan poses next to the Sports Training Facility he made. BELOW LEFT L-R: Sophia and Meena pose next to their "Fountain Library." BELOW RIGHT Noelle adds a gate to the fence around the construction site she is making. Photos by Beth David.



Brother Soane professes his vows at St. Mary's in Fairhaven

Submitted

A Lifetime Commitment

Like the U. S. Post Office in the olden days, neither snow nor sleet nor any other natural or man-made obstacle could keep family, friends, fellow Sacred Hearts Brothers, Fathers and Sisters, and St. Mary parishioners from gathering at the North Fairhaven Church Sunday morning, 2/9/25, for a very special event.

They had come, not only from Fairhaven and vicinity, but also from Texas, California, Hawaii, Tonga, Fiji and New Zealand, to witness the perpetual profession of religious vows by Brother Soane Siua, SS.CC. These vows of poverty, chastity and obedience “as a Brother of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, in whose service I wish to live and die,” came at a crucial moment in his preparation to be a Sacred Hearts priest.

Around two years of seminary study remain before the hoped-for day of ordination to the Catholic Priesthood. He will then be called Father, but will always also be “Brother” as a member of the Sacred Hearts Congregation. After ordination, he will be assigned to a ministry where the Congregation serves — Fiji, Tonga, Hawaii, California, Texas or even back in Fairhaven or New Bedford.

In his own words, Brother Soane shares his thoughts at this watershed moment of his life:

“I was born and raised in American Samoa, one of the U.S. territories. After spending my early years there, I migrated to the Kingdom of Tonga to complete my elementary and high school education.

“I grew up in a strong Catholic family, where faith was the most important value. Growing in faith



Brother Soane Siua, SS.CC. poses with clergy and family after he professed his vows at St. Mary's Church in Fairhaven on Sunday, 2/9/25. Back row L-R: Brother Soane, SS.CC., Father Lane Akiona, SS.CC., Provincial Superior of the United States Province of the Sacred Hearts Congregation, and Father Maiki Kamaouha, SS.CC., Pastoral Administrator of St. Mary and St. Joseph Churches. Also pictured are Sacred Hearts Brothers, Priests, Sisters and family members present. BELOW LEFT: Brother Soane prostrates before the altar while all chant the Litany of the Saints. BELOW RIGHT: Brother Soane professes his vows into the hands of Father Lane Akiona, ss.cc., provincial superior. *Submitted photos.*

inspired me to follow the calling of Christ. Through this journey, I came to know the Sacred Hearts community in Hawai'i. After attending a Come and See experience, I decided to join the congregation.

“I began my formation with the pre-novitiate program in Harlingen, Texas, in 2018, then continued to the novitiate in Hemet, California, later that same year. On December 8, 2019, I professed my temporary religious vows at Holy Name of Mary Church in San Dimas, California.

“Now, after 13 months of pastoral service, I have professed my final vows on February 9, 2025, at St. Mary's Church.

“I am grateful for the time spent serving here, and for the welcome and support of my SS.CC. brothers and sisters, as well as the people of Fairhaven, especially the people of St.

Mary's Parish and the priests who have been pastors there during my time. It was wonderful to share my special day with so many, and I ask for prayers as I commence the final stage of my preparation for the priesthood.”

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 an transitional deacon, and sometime next year, a priest.



From our readers

Mello is Competent, Collaborative, Professional

It is with great enthusiasm that I write in support of Natalie Mello for Fairhaven Select Board.

I have known Natalie for almost 14 years and during that time my admiration for her leadership qualities has only grown. Her participation in numerous civic organizations has demonstrated her ability to find pathways to solve complex problems. She is competent, collaborative, and professional — qualities that ensure successful outcomes in all her endeavors. Her proactive and enthusiastic approach to community engagement and her ability to build consensus among diverse groups makes her an ideal candidate for the Select Board.

Natalie is focused on Fairhaven's best future for all its citizens while always mindful of Fairhaven's unique history. Her circumspect vision will contribute significantly to enhancing Fairhaven's reputation.

Because I can attest to her solid character, integrity, and dedication, and because I think she will be great

for Fairhaven, I unreservedly champion her candidacy.

Enrique Goytizolo, Fairhaven

COI on ConCom?

Might we be heading to yet another potential conflict of interest issue in Fairhaven? This one centered around Ms. Diane Tomassetti's appointment to the Conservation Board.

As a local realtor, and no doubt a lovely person, Ms. Tomassetti's vocation as a realtor places her directly on a path of potential conflict. Kind of like having the fox guard the you know what.

Fairhaven has very limited open space available. Since whatever coup happened at Conservation I wonder as to knowledge of those being appointed. Knowing from past occupants of that committee, and seeing the "manual" of rules/regulations, this panel is not for the faint of heart. We are in need of folks who are passionate about the committee on which they sit. There ought not be the slightest whisper of ulterior motive.

Let's do this one right Fairhaven.

Susan Spooner, Fairhaven

Mello has Qualities to be SB Member

Serving on a select board is not for the weak of heart. It's a demanding, time-consuming, and oftentimes trying position that requires a person who can make rational and informed decisions, provide careful oversight and ethical leadership. Select board members are responsible for making decisions about the town's ordinances, regulation and policies; providing oversight for the town's operations; creating and enacting policies; preparing, approving and managing the town's budget; approving the appointment of department heads and appointing members of town boards and commissions, attending public hearings, listening to community concerns, making decisions on disputes and appeals within the community, and representing the town on broader regional issues.

Serving on a select board requires someone who can put aside their personal and political views and make decisions based on the facts

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Locals join National Day of Protest

Scores of people showed up at the corners Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) and Main/Middle Streets on Presidents Day, 2/17/25, for a national day of protest. The 50501 Movement called for the action, it stands for: 50 protests. 50 states. 1 movement.

All 50 states held protests in state capitals and other cities to protest President Donald Trump's recent

executive orders and his selection of Elon Musk, the world's richest man and recipient of billions in government contracts, to slash budgets in agencies across the federal government. The administration has fired thousands of government workers and has deported people to countries other than their home countries.

According to the website ([https://](https://www.fiftyfifty.one)

www.fiftyfifty.one) more than 80 peaceful protests took place in all 50 states.

The protests are "showing the world that the American working class will not sit idly by as plutocrats rip apart their democratic institutions and civil liberties while undermining the rule of law," reads the website.



Protesters display a variety of messages at a protest on 2/17/15 on Route 6 in Fairhaven as part of a national day of protest. LEFT: Photo courtesy of Deb Bullock. ABOVE: Submitted photos.



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Submit your listing up to 100 words to NeighbNews@comcast.net. Include the kind of event it is, e.g., meet-and-greet; the day and date; time; location, including full address.

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Pacella & Lopes

Join Fairhaven School Committee candidate Pattie Pacella, and Fairhaven Board of Health candidate Cristina Lopes for a meet and greet on Sun., 3/9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Rescue Cafe, 414 Main St., Fairhaven.

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and what is in the town's best interest. A person who can work collaboratively with fellow select board members with different points of view and be open to listening and considering their positions when making a decision. They are also committed to providing quality services to the residents of Fairhaven and demonstrate that they can do so in a civil, transparent, and accountable manner.

For all the aforementioned reasons, I can think of no better person to serve on Fairhaven's select board than Natalie Mello. She has all the qualities it takes to be an effective board member. She is honest, fair,

bright, concerned, and willing to put in the time and effort it takes to serve on the select board.

Natalie has years of experience and a proven education, business, and government track record. She was a teacher, university administrator, consultant and member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee. In these varied positions she served on committees, supervised staff, participated in strategic planning, created and monitored budgets, oversaw search processes for key positions and collaborated with town and university officials, students, town residents, and parents.

In recent years, Natalie was a substitute teacher at East Fairhaven Elementary School, working with teachers, administrators, children, and families in different areas of town as well as serving on Fairhaven's Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee. Presently she is the President of the Board of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum in New Bedford, where she provides leadership for the organization's mission and future.

Natalie's professional skills, personal character, and commitment to Fairhaven would be an asset to the Fairhaven Select Board.

Geneva Woodruff, Ph.D., Fairhaven



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Barack Obama

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Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works
Mon., 2/24 Arsene St., 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission
Mon., 2/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Economic Development
Thurs., 2/20, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee
Thurs., 2/20, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board
Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
School Committee
Wed., 2/26, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.
Select Board
Mon., 2/24, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Wed., 2/26, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Bicycle & Ped Safety
Thurs., 2/20, Acushnet Library, 6 p
Golf Committee
Thurs., 2/20, Police Conf. Rm., 4:30 p
Selectboard
Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.
Planning Board
Thurs., 2/20, 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	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
Tuesday	25	0545	1807	1128	2329*
Wednesday	26	0627	1849	---	1208*
Thursday	27	0710	1934	0019*	1251*
Friday	28	0755	2020	0112*	1336*

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 11, 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 March 11, 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:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JPTXE0QT09>

or call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 - Passcode: 740257

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application: SP25-05 10 Diamond Street ADU – Ruby & Jaime Medeiros, the owner of 10 Diamond Street, requests a special permit for re-building garage with an Accessory Dwelling Unit above. The property is located at Map 29 Lot 046 & 72.

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
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TOWN OF ACUSHNET

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street Acushnet. This hearing is on the petition MA2024-50 from Verizon New England, Inc. and Nstar Electric Company dba Eversource Energy, proposing to place new facilities – Pole 104/39.5 on Middle Rd. Middle Rd: Install one (1) JO mid-span pole,

104/P39.5, on the east side of Middle Rd., which will be approximately 262' northerly from the centerline of Hamlin St. The new pole will be installed in-line with and approximately 30' south of existing pole 104/P40; and approximately 90' north of existing pole 104/P39.

The installation is being requested by Eversource to support ongoing construction on both sides of Middle Road; and to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and the transmission of high and low voltage electric current.

Board of Selectmen
Robert Hinckley, Chairman
David Wojnar, Member
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member
FNN, 2/20/25

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING & RESIDENT INSPECTOR SERVICES. HEDGE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PHASE 4)

The Town of Fairhaven seeks qualifications for engineering as well as resident inspector services for its 2024 CDBG funded project, Hedge Street Improvements, Phase 4. The set fee is a total of \$66,000.00

The Town must receive a PDF (.pdf) format electronic copy of any proposal by email to the attention of Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent at bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025. It is the responsibility of the respondent to confirm actual receipt of the proposal. The Town reserves the right to reject any Proposals deemed not to be in its best interest and waive minor technicalities.

Complete specifications and proposal requirements are available at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and email by contacting Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent, Phone: (508) 979-4030, bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov.

The Town of Fairhaven is an EOE employer and encourages Women and Minority-owned businesses to submit proposals.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA
FNN 2/13/25, 20/2025

Announcement:

The following bylaw changes which were accepted at the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting which convened

on May 4, 2024 have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, are published herewith in accordance with the current regulations. Claims of invalidity of any of the amendments to the bylaw by reason of any defect in the procedure of the adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of this announcement.

Previously published on 12/19/2024 and 1/9/2025.

Copies of the bylaw may be examined at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA

ARTICLE 20 AMEND BYLAWS ZONING AND PLANNING

MOTION 6

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 65 as written in the warrant.

MOTION 7

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 306 as written in the warrant.

MOTION 8

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 316 as amended on the floor.

MOTION 9

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Bylaws Chapter 322 as written in the warrant.

Elisabeth E. Horan, Interim Town Clerk, Fairhaven
Previously Published
FNN, 2/13/25, 2/20/25.

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday March 4th, at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room

or via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-025-024: 481 Sconticut Neck Rd, Map 29, Lot 027. Applicant and Owner: Bradley Johnson. Applicant is seeking special permit for 8' fence instead of 6' fence, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-19B Use Regulation Schedule.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
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transcript and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need.

Submission Deadline: April 15

Continuing Education Scholarship

Requirements: Applicants should submit their letter of recommendations, applicable transcript(s), any applicable course or training information and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need.

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Email Christine Richards
crichards@mattapoissett.net

Scholarships

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area for more than 150 years.

This year AMHS has designated seven scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors or first time freshman applicants who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college program or an accredited trade school during the next academic year. As a New Bedford based organization, we strongly encourage New Bedford students to apply, but the scholarship is available for all students to apply.

Deadline is April 1.

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