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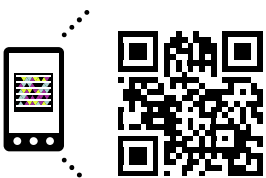
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

No Kings protest draws more than 1,500+



Some of the approximately 1500–2000 protesters line the sidewalk and lawn in front of Fairhaven High School in the rain on Saturday, 6/14/25, joining nationwide “No Kings” demonstrations to protest President Donald Trump’s disregard for due process for immigrants and his blatant disregard for the rulings of the courts. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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

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

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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We had a political assassination in this country last week. A state lawmaker in Minnesota and her husband were killed. The same shooter tried to kill another lawmaker and his wife, but they survived the attempt.

Meanwhile, the Big Buffoon won't even call Minnesota Governor, Tim Walz, because the Big Buffoon doesn't like the governor who was the VP on the ticket for the Democrats.

It's sickening. Absolutely sickening.

But I'm more upset by the responses of some people I know. People who instantly jump to conclusions about the shooter being a Democrat or Marxist, or blaming the victim because of how she acted in front of a camera once.

Just stop that. Just stop it. It does not matter. None of that matters. What matters is that we have too many people in this country who think it is okay to kill people to get their way.

The calls for all liberals to be killed or deported are not funny. Not when your guy is plucking people off the streets for no reason and locking them up.

Why do you think that is okay?

The No Kings demonstrations across the country drew millions. And Fairhaven did its part.

So many Trump supporters are trashing the effort, saying Trump won, so suck it up.

No, we will not. This isn't about disagreeing with some policy changes or spending issues. This is about the very thing that makes us a great country: Our adherence to the rule of law.

And it's gone. The trust is gone.

I do not know what it will take to get it back.

But I know where it starts: With protests in the streets. You may believe that nothing comes from them, but I contend that nothing happens without them.

We need to keep getting out there.

We cannot pretend that any of this is normal.

He won an election, not a coronation.

Some of you say this is what you voted for: Masked men plucking people off the streets and locking them up with no warrants, no charges, no access to attorneys. They even did it to a sitting US Senator.

I do not understand you. I do not understand what you every thought our country was about. But I understand how Germany happened, now.

You're in a cult. You have TDS: Trump Devotion Syndrome. You need help.

Until next week then, see ya

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Acushnet TM restores some school funding

By Beth David
Editor

There was lots of robust discussion as Acushnet voters forced some shuffling around of the budget proposed at the annual Town Meeting on Monday, 6/16/25, after amendments from the floor upset the delicate balance created by town officials.

Town Meeting was determined to replace \$155,000 to the school budget so the district would not have to lay off two teachers. The department will still, however have eight fewer staff members due to retirements, and some people leaving, positions the department will not fill.

TM voters focused on rehiring two teachers or paraprofessionals who have been laid off.

Donny Williams spoke forcefully, saying he did not want to hear that the town was "broke," when everyone could see they have plenty to spend from certified Free Cash and a healthy stabilization fund, which is essentially the town's savings account/rainy day fund.

When town officials explained that only recurring revenue should be

used for operating expenses, Mr. Williams said he understood, but he believed a "stop gap" measure was the answer for this year. He said they would then have time to figure it out.

Mr. Williams said they all just witnessed a "verbal argument" between the Finance Committee and the School Committee.

"It is glaringly apparent this is not about \$155,000," said Mr. Williams. "We're not broke. We have four million in savings, we have 1.2 million in free cash."

SB member Bob Hinckley said that town officials never said the town was "broke."

"If we solve it tonight, it does not solve it for next year," said Mr. Hinckley,

"I fully acknowledge we're paying the Comcast bill out of the savings account," said Mr. Williams. "I get that."

Before they got to the operating budget, voters turned down the Department of Public Works request for a street sweeper for \$275,000, with Mr. Williams leading the charge, saying that the money, from free cash,

could be used for the school department.

And Town Meeting did add \$155K from Free Cash to supplement the School Department budget, bringing that total to \$19,933,167.

But, Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar would not be deterred. He was determined to get the street sweeper for the DPW and not want to take any money from the stabilization fund.

The town went back and forth a bit and had some interesting procedural moves, needing to reconsider some votes and amend motions.

In the end, the town added the \$155K to the school department; then went back and took \$50,000 from its original \$100K for the OPEB Trust Account; rescinded the vote to put \$100K into the stabilization fund, putting nothing in that account this year; and funded the street sweeper at \$270K instead of \$275K, equalling \$155K for the school department.

The final number for the operating budget was then back to the original \$36,988,765.

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Fairhaven Pride event this Sunday

Press Release

Join us for a vibrant and heart-warming celebration at Fairhaven's Got Pride on Sunday, June 22, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM outside Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street. This free, family-friendly event honors Pride Month with a joyful gathering that celebrates love, equality, and the power of community.

Start the evening by expressing your creativity at "Chalk the Walk" at 4PM, where people of all ages are invited to decorate the sidewalks with messages of hope, pride, and

unity. Then, stay for an evening filled with live entertainment, delicious food trucks, a beer/liquor tent, and activities designed to bring people together across generations.

Fairhaven's Got Pride is more than a celebration — it's a statement of inclusion, belonging, and family in all its forms. It's also a powerful reminder of why it matters that LGBTQ+ voices are seen, heard, and celebrated.

Visibility fosters understanding, combats discrimination, and affirms the dignity of every person. When LGBTQ+ individuals are embraced by

their communities, it sends a message that everyone deserves to live openly, authentically, and safely.

Whether you identify as LGBTQ+, consider yourself an ally, or are simply curious to learn more — you are welcome here. This event will take place rain or shine, so bring your friends, your family, and your brightest colors — and let's show the world that Fairhaven's got pride, and everyone belongs here.

For more information contact: TraciWelchEC@gmail.com. Visit: facebook.com/FairhavenPride

Millicent Library Slate Roof Maintenance

Press Release

As part of the Millicent Library's ongoing commitment to preserving Fairhaven's architectural treasure, the library has contracted Greenwood Industries to conduct biannual inspections of the library's slate roof.

During a recent inspection, approximately two dozen slate tiles were found to be broken, slipped, or missing. Additionally, a leak in the library's tower was identified following recent storms.

This tower leak does not appear to be related to the recent chimney repair and restoration project. All areas previously affected by that project remain dry and free of water infiltration.

Pinpointing the exact source of roof leaks can be challenging, but this particular leak appears to be associated with a roof valley that has damaged and missing tiles, as well as an adjacent gutter system that handles drainage. To safely access

and repair this area, scaffolding will be installed, allowing crews to replace tiles and conduct a more thorough assessment.

Repair work is expected to wrap up by the end of June, weather permitting.

The Millicent Library Board of Trustees remains dedicated to the stewardship and preservation of this historic building and extends its gratitude to the community for its continued support.

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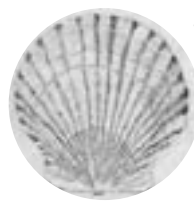
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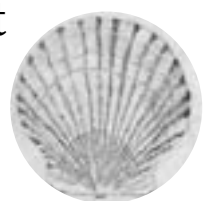
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Outdoor Markets

Fairhaven Farmers Market At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Rd, Fairhaven, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through Oct. Visit www.fairhavenfarmersmarket.com or call 508-496-9209. See ad on page 11.

Farmers Market/Roxann's Garden Center 189 Alden Rd, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Huttleston Harborfest Monthly through the summer, featuring themed celebrations, unique vendors, entertainment. From 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Grimshaw Park (near tennis courts at Fort Phoenix) on Saturdays: 6/21 (Jaws theme, with movie at 8:30 p.m.); 7/19, Dog Days of Summer for pets and people; 8/23, A Splash of Art, featuring local artists; 9/20, Medieval Renaissance Faire.

Visit www.discoverfairhaven.org/

North Fairhaven Market Weekly on Saturdays through September from 10 AM to 3 PM at Livesey Park. This vibrant market features arts, crafts, farmers, and antiques vendors.

Interested vendors can email NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com. Visit [visit Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket).

Fairhaven Pride

Come join us for Fairhaven's Got Pride! Sun., 6/22 from 4-8 pm outside Town Hall at 40 Center Street Fairhaven. See page 3 for details.

Fhvn Dem Comm

Please join us for the next Fairhaven Town Democratic Committee meeting. We will meet, as always, the last Wednesday of the month, June 25th at 6pm in the downstairs auditorium of the Millicent Library. It is handicap accessible. Bring your neighbors and friends to join us.

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

Town Auction/House

Town of Fairhaven municipal real estate auction, Thurs., 6/26, at noon, 10 Livesey Park Way. This single family home sits on a ±.08 acre lot at the corner of Morton Street, directly across from Livesey Park and playground. The home has ±1,038 sq. ft of living area and features 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, porch and detached 2 car garage.

For details visit Zekosgroup.com

At The Millicent

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. Register at millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar

Magic The Gathering Workshop Learn to play Magic the Gathering, an introductory workshop. Play the world's most popular trading card game: The Gathering. Mon., 6/23, at 6 p.m., in the Millicent Library auditorium, 45 Center St. (use Walnut Street entrance). Recommended age, 13. Spaces limited.

Pokémon Go Walk Tues., 6/24, 10:30—11:00 AM. Start Your Day with a Walk & Catch 'Em All! Whether you're a seasoned trainer or just getting started, come enjoy fresh air, gentle exercise, and Pokémon in Fairhaven Center. Meets: Outside the Library - Walnut St. Side Entrance. We will cancel in the event of rainy weather or extreme heat.

All Ages/fitness levels welcome! Expect: Group Raids and friendly battles; Connect with local players; Stay active and have fun!

Outdoor Game Nights Wed., 6/25 6:00—7:00 PM. Chalk, lawn games, and family fun. Pack a picnic and enjoy a summer evening at the library!

Register for any/all of these events by visiting our website: millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar

Wellness in the Park

Wellness in The Park is scheduled FREE TO THE PUBLIC this summer for 10 weeks of Yoga and Qigong classes in Cushman Park, Green Street Fairhaven MA, Tues. & Fri. through August. Offering free yoga, fitness and wellness

Fishing Health Day

Free Health & Wellness Event for Commercial Fishermen! Join us on Monday, June 23rd from 8AM-12PM at Union Wharf in Fairhaven for a special FREE event supporting the health and safety of our fishing community. Featuring Health screenings; Narcan distribution; Overdose education; "Lifejackets for Fishermen" rebate info; Nutrition tips and more

Hosted by the Greater New Bedford Waterfront Task Force, this

event brings vital resources directly to the docks.

Spread the word and stop by before heading out to sea!

SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming

The 47th Annual Homecoming Day Fair, proudly sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will be held in the heart of Fairhaven on Sat., 6/28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair, a cherished tradition with roots dating back to 1903, was envisioned in 1975 by a group inspired by the Fairhaven Colonial Fair. This vision led to our beloved event, named the Homecoming Day Fair.

Featuring over 150 booths showcasing talented artisans and crafters from across New England. From exciting kids' activities to nostalgic fire engine rides, immerse yourself in a day filled with art, delicious food, lively music, and captivating live entertainment. Embrace the spirit of community and tradition.

Visit <https://www.fairhavenimprovement.org/> or email: Fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

FHS Tours

Fairhaven High School tours start in the Rotunda of the main entrance on the Huttleston Ave side of the building and last between 90 - 120 minutes. Admission is free and we ask that you arrive 10-15 minutes before the start time. The next tour dates are: Sat., 6/28, 10:00 am; Sat., 6/28, Noon; Wed 7/22, 10:00 am; Wed., 7/9, 10 a.m.; Thurs., 7/17, 10 a.m.; Mon., 7/21, 10 a.m.

Full Bloom Festival

Join us for the Full Bloom Festival, a summer arts festival, on Sun., 6/29, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Cushman Park, 154 Green St., Fairhaven. Featuring yoga, live music, food trucks, vendors, bounce house, crafts. Presented by Soulflower Yoga and Wellness.

For more information and vendor registration, visit www.soulfloweryogaandwellness.com/fullbloom2025

Pride Event

Join us for Unconditional Love Day Carnival themed Pride Event at Little

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Randy Durrigan recognized by state legislature

Press Release

State Representative Mark Sylvia (D-Fairhaven) proudly honored Randall Durrigan of Fairhaven on 5/22/25 at the first-ever Military Appreciation Day ceremony held in the Massachusetts State House's historic House Chamber.

Military Appreciation Day was created by the Healey-Driscoll Administration to establish a lasting annual tradition that brings together local, state, and community leaders to honor those whose service might otherwise go unrecognized. Each legislator was invited to nominate a member of their local military community — whether a veteran, active-duty service member, National Guard, Reservist, or military spouse — to be honored during the ceremony. More than 125 individuals who exemplify commitment to service and community were recognized from districts across Massachusetts.

"I'm proud to recognize Randy Durrigan for his service to our country in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1966, for his involvement in local government and veterans organizations and for his dedication to helping his fellow veterans as a Veterans Service Officer, said Rep.

Sylvia. "His contributions reflect the strength, resilience, and dedication of our local military community, and I'm honored to celebrate him at this statewide event."

The ceremony featured remarks from Governor Maura Healey, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago, Senate President Karen Spilka, and a keynote address by General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. (Ret.), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and 36th Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

"This event is about gratitude," said Governor Maura Healey. "We're here to honor the everyday heroes — veterans, active-duty service members, and military families — whose courage, strength, and commitment continue to shape our state for the better. Military Appreciation Day is now a Massachusetts tradition and one we'll proudly carry forward each year."

"Massachusetts is home to one of the most vibrant, committed military communities in the country," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This day is about uplifting the stories and contributions of those who have sacrificed so much and showing that their service will never go unrecognized."

"Every day, I meet veterans and military families who continue to lead, serve, and inspire," said Secretary Jon Santiago. "As we approach Memorial Day, and during a month dedicated to honoring our military, this event reflects what makes Massachusetts special: a deep respect for service, and a commitment to those who wear the uniform — and those who stand beside them."

"My father's service in the

United States Army defined his life and deeply shaped my own — and I know the same holds true for thousands of service members and their families across Massachusetts," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "It is a privilege to honor those residents who have dedicated themselves to serving our country, and I am profoundly grateful for their unwavering commitment and sacrifice."

"It is an honor to host the inaugural Military Appreciation Day in the historic House Chamber," said Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano. "This new tradition reflects our deep appreciation for the veterans, service members, and military families who strengthen every corner of our Commonwealth."

The keynote address was delivered by General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. (Ret.), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and 36th Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. A Boston native and one of the most distinguished military leaders in recent history, General Dunford spoke about the legacy of service, leadership, and community and the importance of honoring those who serve across generations.

"It's an honor to return home to Massachusetts and stand alongside a community so deeply committed to those who serve. Military Appreciation Day reflects something I've long believed: that service is not just what we do in uniform — it's a lifetime of leadership, character, and sacrifice," said General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. (Ret.), 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "I'm proud to join the Commonwealth in recognizing these remarkable individuals and the values they represent."

The program also featured a powerful performance of the National Anthem by Springfield native and NBC's *The Voice* finalist Michelle Brooks-Thompson. Following the ceremony, honorees and guests were invited to a lunch reception generously donated by the Military Friends Foundation, a Massachusetts nonprofit dedicated to providing support and emergency assistance to military families and families of the fallen.

To view the full list of 2025 Military Appreciation Day honorees, visit <https://tinyurl.com/s7djm4ha>



Randy Durrigan of Fairhaven (seated, LEFT) is joined by (L-R) his wife, Donna Durrigan, Mass. State Representative Mark Sylvia, and Mass. State Senator, Mark Montigny at the state's first Military Appreciation Day on 5/22/25, when Mr. Durrigan was honored for his service in the US Air Force from 1962–1966, and his work as a Veterans Services Officer. *Submitted photo*

FHS Students win art design contest

From press release materials
Results are In!
Fairhaven High School Students Answer a Design Call from the Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery. Students were asked to create: Logo for Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery; Poster for this year's exhibit; Stickers for Art Events around town

The winning entry, by Olivia Arribada, 10th grade, will be used to promote the Opening Reception of our summer art gallery on Fri., 6/20, 4-6 p.m., at Northeast Maritime

Institute, 29 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. She will get a \$200 gift certificate to Amazon or Dunkin' Donuts.

The Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery features Susan Darwin's The East Coast Painting from June 21 to August



Olivia Arribada won a \$200 gift certificate, and the poster will be used to promote the Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery opening reception. *Submitted photo.*

2. The gallery will be open Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Three other designs were very strong and will be made into stickers. Each designer will receive a \$20 gift card of their choosing.

Winners are: Quentin Hiller, 12th grade; Emma Cabral, 11th grade; Gavin Austin, 12th grade

The beautiful, historic, seaside town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, has drawn artists, and visitors who seek art, for many years. The purpose of the Summer Art Gallery is to create a space for visiting artists to live,

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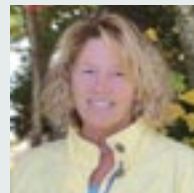
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Supportive Social Day Program

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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: 6/25, Thames St., Newport; 7/2, Tiverton Casino; 7/9, Garden City, Cranston; 7/16, Plymouth Shopping.

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Popcorn, pretzels and candy are part of the movie experience. If you would like a drink other than water, please feel free to bring your own. No alcohol. Thank you.

Would you like to have lunch before the movie? Please call us the Thursday before the movie to reserve yourself a lunch. \$3 donation for the meal. Call 508-979-4029. The movie is free.

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Declaration of Homestead and Property Fraud Alert, with the Registry of Deeds. June 26, 10 a.m. Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

Please join staff from the Registry of Deeds for an information meeting regarding Declaration of Homestead and Property Fraud Alert. The Bristol South Register of deeds and staff members will be here on to provide you with necessary information to protect your property from fraud.

We will review the Homestead Act as well as how to register for property fraud protection. Also, we will have homestead forms available, staff to help assist filling out the forms, looking up your deed reference, and a notary as well to notarize signatures. The fee to record the homestead is \$37.00. We can accept cash and check. We will also follow with questions and answers.

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Brazilian Soccer Clinic

Brazilian United Soccer Clinic is open to all kids aged 7 to 14, regardless of skill level. The program focuses on developing technical soccer skills through engaging cultural activities, mini-tournaments, and lots of fun. Participants will make friends, learn new skills from professional Brazilian soccer coaches, and receive a customized evaluation card at the end of the program. Adapted for each age group, the program promotes distinct personal and sports development with the #BeyondSoccer approach.

Date: July 21-25 Monday - Friday
All Day Camp: 8 to 14 years old (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Member \$200. Non\$215. Half Day Camp: 7 to 14 years old (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM) Member \$170. Non\$185.

Future Stars Clinic

Designed for children aged 4 to 6, this program provides a fun and engaging introduction to soccer. Through storytelling and playful activities, it promotes motor and cognitive development. Our coaches foster an environment that helps kids feel comfortable, have fun, and develop a love for soccer in a supportive setting. Adapted for each age group, the program promotes distinct personal and sports development. Future Star Program: 4 to 6 years old (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM) Member \$90. Non \$105

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Recipe of the Week

Garlic & Basil Fish

2 lb fish fillet like halibut
Salt and pepper
1 1/2 tsp dry oregano
1 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp sweet paprika
10 garlic cloves, minced
15 basil leaves, sliced into ribbons
6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon
2 bell peppers any color, sliced
2 shallots, peeled and sliced

Pat fish dry and season with salt and pepper on both sides.

Place fish in a large zip-top bag. Add oregano, coriander, paprika, minced garlic, basil, olive oil and lemon juice. Zip the bag shut and massage to be sure the fish is evenly coated in the marinade. Marinate for 30 minutes or up to 1 hour in the fridge.

Heat oven to 425°. Arrange bell peppers & shallots in the bottom of a 9x13 baking dish. Place fish on top and pour the marinade over it.

Bake in heated oven for 15 mins or until fish is done & flakes easily.

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Dear Frankie

Summer Camp

Dear Frankie,

I wasn't sure I wanted to go to overnight camp for the summer, so my dad suggested I go for a trial weekend. I don't like being rushed. So, I was blown away when the camp

counselor said we had thirty minutes for lunch, which involved lining up with a tray, deciding what to eat, which isn't easy for me, finding a place to sit, eating, and clearing my plate.

The food was so loathsome, I only ate the bread and the dessert. By late afternoon, I was dehydrated and had a headache from the lack of nutrition.

In art class, choosing materials for my collage took a while. No sooner had I started working than the teacher said it was time to clean up.

I told my dad the camp was clueless about healthy eating

practices and an environment that supported creativity and was not for me.

I was so relieved that I wasn't going to camp, I didn't think about what that would mean for spending a summer at home. Turns out my friends are either at camp or on vacation, so I don't have anyone to play with. I also find watching TV and playing video games boring after a while.

I don't regret not going to camp, but being alone and bored stinks.

Tilly

Dear Tilly,

Your decision about camp was based on what you didn't want to do this summer. However, you didn't think about how you wanted to spend your summer at home and who would be around to spend it with you.

This is an example of when leaving summer activities up to the universe may not have been the best option.

You seemed interested in working on the art project at camp. How about signing up for a studio class where you can work at your own pace? You

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Scholarships were awarded to local students from several organizations.

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Class of 1966 Scholarship, \$2000, Ben Ashley, Worcester Polytechnical Institute

Class of 1973 Scholarship, \$2000, Ava Malatino, UMass Amherst

Class of 1976 Scholarship, \$2000, Amelia Breese, UMass Dartmouth

Class of 1981 Scholarship, \$2000, Anthony Monteiro, Worcester Polytechnical Institute

Mary Battaini '38 Community Service Scholarship, \$2000, Hayley Mimoso, UMass Dartmouth

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Curtis Lopes II '78 Community Service Scholarship, \$2000, Ayla Guillotte, UMass Boston

Curtis Lopes II '78 Community Service Scholarship, \$2000, Christopher

Barney, Brown University FHS Memorial Brick Park Scholarship, \$1000, Christopher Barney, Brown University

FHS Memorial Brick Park Scholarship, \$1000, Carlie Francis, Western New England University
SUB TOTAL: \$20,000

FHS Administered/Private Funded

Doreen Nelsen '60 Memorial Music Ed. (by son Derek), \$5000, Jayden Taylor, University of New Hampshire
McCombe Family Scholarship (Dave McCombe '66), \$2500, Ainsley Cebula, SUNY Delhi

Nathan & Arlene McCombe Memorial (D. McCombe), \$2500, Tracy Zhao, UMass Amherst

Criminal Justice/Fire Science Scholarship (Phil Whiting '67), \$1000, Ayla Guillotte, UMass Boston

Ellen (Heys) Noblet '41 Memorial (Melissa DaLuz), \$1000, Emma Proulx, UMass Dartmouth

Richard Garcelon '55 Memorial (Pauline Garcelon), \$1000, Gavin Austin, University of Rhode Island

Joey St. Pierre '93 Memorial Art Scholarship, \$1000, Sullivan

Blanchette, Bristol Community College Joey St. Pierre '93 Memorial Art Scholarship, \$1,000, Emma Bettencourt, Salem State University, (given by Chad Portas '92 & Portas Family Foundation)

SUB TOTAL: \$15,000

FHS ALUMNI TOTAL \$35,000

Alltrust Credit Union

Alltrust Credit Union is pleased to announce this year's scholarship recipients. Scholarships were awarded to five graduating high school credit union members entering college as freshmen this fall.

The 2025 Scholarship recipients are: Chloe Christen, Carver Middle High School; Allison DaSilva, Fairhaven High School; Alexander DaSilva, Dartmouth High School; Alexis Hale, Bristol County Agricultural High School; and Savannah Morris, Fairhaven High School.

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No Kings protest draws close to 2,000 in the rain

By Beth David
Editor

A steady rain did not stop about 2,000 people from showing up to a “No Kings” protest on Saturday, 6/14/25, a day that also saw an assassination of a sitting state lawmaker in Minnesota and her husband; and the attempted assassination of another Minn. lawmaker and his wife.

The protest was part of a nationwide effort to shine a light on President Donald Trump’s brutal tactics against immigrants, and disregard for the rule of law. The Trump administration has snatched people off the street without due process and sent them to detention centers, including a notoriously harsh prison in El Salvador, claiming they are all violent criminals. But most of the people taken have no criminal records and were taken as they traveled to and from their immigration appointments, which means they had authorization to be in the country and they were following the rules. Many have not had access to lawyers or court proceedings or told the charges against them.

Under the Trump administration, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents wear masks and do not identify themselves.

The administration has also ignored many court rulings against Trump’s numerous power grabs.

Groups around the country have sprung up alongside established civil rights groups to stop the administration’s brutal tactics of ripping people from their families, off the streets, and stripping them of their legal

status for no reason or dubious reasons.

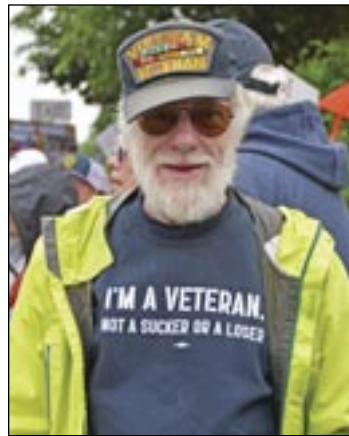
The president also ordered the National Guard to protests in Los Angeles against the wishes of the mayor and governor; and has ordered Marines to combat protesters on US soil in Los Angeles and other cities.

The constitution expressly prohibits the use of the military for police actions on US soil.

Saturday’s protests were organized by a number of groups. In Fairhaven, the Town Democratic Committee took the lead and held the demonstration at Fairhaven High School, where they have been holding protests and visibilities during the past few months.

Signs on Saturday ran the gamut from funny to serious, to wordplays, to profanity: Deport the despot; No Crown for a Clown; Hate won’t make America great; The Constitution is not a suggestion; Too much shit for one sign; Stop terrorizing children; Make American think again; No autocracy in our democracy; Liberty not monarchy; Rejecting kings since 1776.

Pat Parker of Freetown said she came to Fairhaven because Freetown did not have a protest. She wanted to stand up for people whose lives are being disrupted for no reason.



“We all have friends and neighbors who maybe were not born here, but this is their country,” she said.

“I think Trump is awful,” said Adam Oliveira of Dartmouth. “I like what this stands for: no kings. This is a place for people who want to stand against Trump and I really appreciate it.”

“We got rid of the king,” said Herb Foisy of Dartmouth. “There are no kings in America.”

Vietnam Veteran, Paul Ducey of Fairhaven, wore a shirt that said “I’m a veteran, not a sucker or a loser,” in reference to a statement Trump reportedly made about veterans who were killed in war.

Mr Ducey said Trump is “acting like a dictator.”

“I went to war for my rights,” he said. “I took an oath to the constitution that was written to get rid of the king of England.”

Mr. Ducey said that Trump has been going after veterans because his

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LEFT, L-R: Bob and Ann Espindola are among the approximately 1500–2000 protesters lining the sidewalk and lawn in front of Fairhaven High School in the rain on Saturday, 6/14/25, joining nationwide “No Kings” demonstrations to protest President Donald Trump’s disregard for due process for immigrants and his blatant disregard for the rulings of the courts. RIGHT: Some of the protesters holding signs in front of the high school. TOP LEFT: Paul Ducey wears a shirt with his message. TOP RIGHT: Peter and Denise Arsenault join the protest. *Photos by Beth David.*

1390 finish 51st Fathers' Day Road Race

By Beth David
Editor

Organizers said that more than 1500 runners registered for the 51st Fathers' Day 5K Road Race on Sunday, 6/14/25, but 1390 actually showed up to run and finish the race according to RaceWire.com.

Will Benoit, 22, of Lowell, crossed the finish line first in 15:03, followed by Ryan O'Connell, 34, of New Bedford in 15:47, and Nicholas Hall,

24, of Boston in 16:29.

First woman over the line was Nora Blodget, 24, of Boston, in 18:14, followed by Naomi Cass, 21, of Westport in 18:21, and Madalyn Duarte, 17, of Dartmouth, in 19:23.

Youngest over the line was Cecelia Lheureux, under one year old pushed a long by her adult, Ryan Lheureux, in 27:40. Second youngest over the line was one-year-old Vienna Medeiros, pushed along by her adult, Andre Medeiros, in 21:27



ABOVE: Mark Lafferty (RIGHT) poses for a shot with his children and their spouses, and his grandchildren, after most of them ran in the 51st Fairhaven Father's Day 5K Road Race on 6/15/25. TOP: Nicole Faria, 38, of Fairhaven points towards the finish line to Reed Faria, 5, who beats her out finishing in 39:32 vs. 39:34. Photos by Beth David.



The weather was cool, but dry, so emergency personnel said they were a little surprised that more than a few runners got sick and vomited after they crossed the finish line. Nothing life threatening, they just got some liquids and were sent on their way. At the end of

the race, top finishers received cash prizes and gift certificates. The top 50 dads also received gift cards.

Organizer, Carolyn Days Merrill, whose father, Allen Days, is the original founder of the race, said it was the first one he missed. He fell, she said, and is recovering, but he could not make it.

She quoted two statements makes often.

"Fairhaven is the place to be on Fathers' Day," she said. And, "Everybody is a winner who crosses the finish line."

Visit <https://my.racewire.com/> to see all results.

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family has no history of service, not himself, not his father, not his sons.

"He has a disrespect for veterans that we have never seen," he said.

Kelly Freitas of Rochester said she was there because she was feeling lonely among family members who still support Trump. She wanted to feel a sense of community with people who are like minded.

"I have a little spark back in me," she said, adding that she grew up Catholic and was taught to be kind, caring, and have empathy. "Not just if they look like you, not just if they are well off."

Several people asked that their names not be used because they were afraid of repercussions at work or with family.

"I'm here just to support the people with no voice," said one woman.

"We are very concerned," said David Schutt. "I have never seen anything like it and I'm in my seventies."

"We're fighting for the future of our children and grandchildren," said his wife, Sandy.

Organizer Ann Richard, of the

Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee, said the turnout was "amazing." She compared crowd size to their last biggest turnout, which was 850. She said this one, with the lines stretching from Middle Street to the football field on both sides of Route 6, around the corners at Main Street, and several deep on the high school side, was easily twice as large.

She also said that lots of people left when the rain started, but then others showed up.

"We're very pleased with the turnout," she said. "It was very peaceful, with people dancing and having fun."

There was a DJ playing music, and a little speechmaking at the beginning, said Ms. Richard.

State Rep. Mark Sylvia, said his family members were worried after what happened in Minnesota. He said he went to talk to people, to hear their concerns on a number of issues.

"People are getting fed up and they should," said Judith Lavoie. "The numbers are growing."

Visit <https://www.nokings.org/> to see a livestream of events around the

country and the flagship event in Philadelphia.

The Fairhaven Town Democratic Committee meets the last Wednesday of the month. Find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FHVNdem/



L-R: Sandy and David Schutt of West Wareham are among the approximately 1500-2000 protesters at Fairhaven High School on 6/14/25. Photo by Beth David.

Part of the discussion revolved around how the extra \$155K would be spent. School Districts in Mass. have complete autonomy for spending. The SB can not dictate how they can spend the money the town appropriates to them.

Finance Committee member Peter Benoit said the School Department used COVID funds to "inflate their hiring," and FinCom told them three years ago this day would come.

When Moderator Les Dakin said Mr. Benoit should give others a chance to talk, he said "I will in a moment."

"You're beginning to arouse my competitive spirit," said Mr. Dakin.

Some speakers noted the raises that school department employees got, and the hefty salaries of administrators. Some complained about the opaque nature of the school budget, with the FinCom agreeing, saying it took years for them to get the level of detail they got this year. Others noted that the School District was warned for years that it was headed in the wrong direction

Mr. Gaspar noted that there were a lot of concerned parents in the room, especially those with Special Education students.

He said they all see the brick wall coming: "if you don't you're blind. It's been a conversation for a long time."

He repeated his assertion that the town does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. It is not just the school department, he said, it is the "mentality" with all departments.

"In today's society it just seems to be about me, me, me," said Mr. Gaspar. "And not about us, us, us."

One voter reminded town meeting

that school committee members and selectboard members are elected.

"You can vote them out," he said.

The Planning Board budget also caused a bit of discussion. Mark Francois, the Planning Board chairperson, said the PB did not support the budget. He said they recommended level funding to retain their clerical position. The budget as proposed is a 38% reduction, and eliminates the clerical position entirely.

Mr. Francois advocated for putting the position back in, saying the department had a lot of work coming up for the master plan. He said there is the potential for grants, but they

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my competitive spirit
[Town Moderator,
Les Dakin]

take time.

He also noted that the best way to get more revenue for the town was through zoning changes that would allow for more commercial properties. Acushnet has not filled the Planner position he said, they share a planner with Mattapoisett.

SB Chairperson David Wojnar said the town has consolidated the clerical position with other departments so residents can go to one place for several departments.

He said too often the right hand does not know what the left hand is doing.

Mr. Francois said they are always saying they need more money, and "now you're going to cut the department that finds more money."

He said the part time planner will be wasting her time on "stupid emails" instead of finding money for the town.

"You guys are not seeing the forest through the trees," said Mr. Francois.

Mr. Wojnar painted a gloomy picture of the future, saying if they keep kicking the can down the road, everything will eventually be regionalized, not just planning.

Mr. Gaspar said he had spoken to Mr. Francois about the changes and promised him that if they did not work, they would change course.

After a bit of back and forth, Mr. Gaspar said, "I did not lie to you."

He noted it is the Selectboard that makes personnel decisions. If it backfires, they will figure out what to do.

"I made that promise to you," said Mr. Gaspar. "I never broke a promise to anyone in town."

"You've got 100 and some odd witnesses," said Mr. Francois.

"And they all just heard me loud and clear," said Mr. Gaspar.

TM also approved all other spending articles, such as Community Preservation Committee projects, including \$60K to relocate historic memorials at the Russell Library. Spending for capital items, included two police cruisers (\$150K), \$45K for a used maintenance truck, \$40K for HVAC repairs to the senior center; and \$80K for a new compressor for filling SCBA bottles for the fire department.

TM also passed the three zoning bylaws.

An amendment from Ryan Rezendes on the Solar Array article also passed, despite the objection of Mr. Francois. The change included security fencing to the setbacks from roads. Mr. Francois said any changes should be carefully made and include hearings.

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FHS Hall of Fame to host 30th induction ceremony on 6/29

Press Release

On Sunday, June 29, 2025 the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame will host the 30th Annual FHS Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony at the Century House in Acushnet, MA. The Social Hour begins at 5:00 PM and the buffet dinner is served at 6:15 PM followed by the inductions.

The seven inductees include John Hennessy (1950), a starting guard on the 1949-1950 State Basketball Championship Team led by Bart Leach and coached by Mel Entin, that went 25-0, and was the most outstanding basketball team in school history.

Newly elected State Representative Mark Sylvia (1992) will be inducted as a Lifetime Achiever, and Coach Karen (Olsen) Arsenault '88 will become the first person inducted into the Hall of

Fame as both a player and a coach.

Fernando DaSilva (1994) was an outstanding soccer player for Coach Sam Galvam in the early '90's and will join his Hall of Fame coach once he's inducted.

Tickets are \$50.

Contact Bob Foster by text:
508-965-1399 or email:
rwfoster22@gmail.com.

Kayli Moniz (2012) earned her induction as an outstanding athlete on the volleyball, basketball and softball teams. One of her teammates on all three of those teams, Kelsey-Korin Sovik (2012) will also be

inducted based on her outstanding athletic achievements.

Kross Negalha (2015) earned his induction on the basis of his stand out years on both the football and lacrosse teams.

Two football teams will become just the second and third teams to be inducted to the FHS Hall of Fame. The 1991 and the 1994 Super Bowl Championship Football Teams will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Both teams were coached by FHS Hall of Fame Coach Dana Almeida and were the first FHS football teams to play in and win Super Bowl games.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and seats can be reserved by contacting FHS Hall of Fame Treasurer Bob Foster by text: 508-965-1399 or email:rwfoster22@gmail.com.

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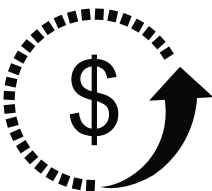
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will be spending time on an activity of interest and working with other students who may become friends.

Best, Frankie

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work, and exhibit in the town for an extended period of time during the peak of the tourist season — Summer.

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SCHOLARSHIPS: cont'd from page 11

Foundation proudly celebrated its 2025 class of scholarship recipients at a joyful and heartfelt ceremony on Tuesday, May 27. Among the 120 local students honored—representing more than \$800,000 in scholarship awards—were students from: Fairhaven High School.

This year's recipients were selected not only for their academic achievement, but for their perseverance, leadership, and deep community engagement—qualities that reflect the spirit and strength of the SouthCoast region.

This year's Fairhaven Scholarship recipients include from Fairhaven High School: Abigail Hooley, Malene Mattos, Jayden Taylor, Kole Pinto, Victoria Kalisz*, Regina White**

* Postgraduate

** Current College Student

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 7/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 6/26, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 7/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 6/25, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 6/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

TIDE TABLE

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

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Friday	20	0340	1617	0909 2209
Saturday	21	0445	1720	1006 2323
Sunday	22	0549	1817	1108 ---
Monday	23	0643	1908	0028 1207
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Wednesday	25	0823	2047	0229 1357
Thursday	26	0916	2138	0331 1458
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Saturday	28	1057	2316	0441 1634
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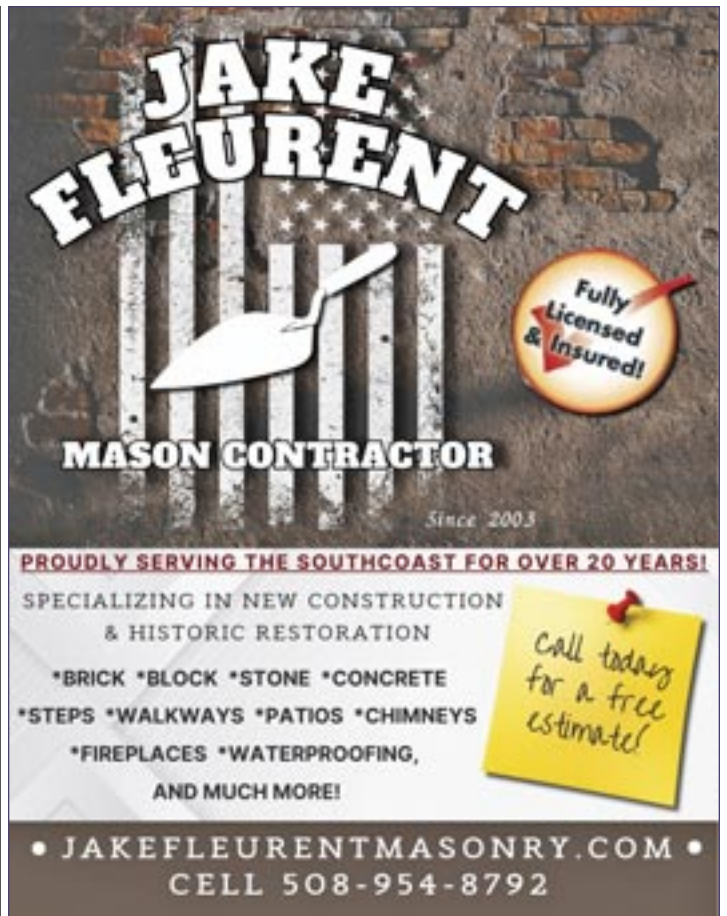
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Acushnet Lions Club holds annual duck race

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Lions Club held its annual duck race on Sunday, 6/15/25, sending 1,000 rubber ducks into the Acushnet River to race in the current to the finish line.

This year, the race started just across from the River's End Cafe, giving the ducks a swift current right from the start. Both human

spectators and curious live ducks watched as the rubber ducks made their way under the road towards the harbor.

In the water, two Lions Club members kept an eye on the booms that corralled the ducks into the opening.

First duck through the chute was #518 for the win by Joanne Herenko; Karen Costello's duck came in

second; and John Golda got the third spot. Prizes were \$1,000, \$500, and \$200. Members of the public could "adopt" a duck for \$10 for a chance to win.

All proceeds benefit Acushnet Lions Club charities. To learn more about their fund-raisers. Call Joe Costa, 774-849-2028, to learn about their fund-raisers and how you can volunteer.



LEFT: Two members of the Acushnet Lions Club are ready to receive the rubber ducks at the finish line during the annual duck race on 6/15/25. RIGHT: The rubber ducks make their way along the Acushnet River to the finish line. Photos by Beth David.

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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• **Public Hearing – After The Fact RDA – Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc. / 89 South Main Street** An After the Fact Request for Determination was filed by Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc. for property located at 89 South Main Street, Map 25, Portion Lot 34. The work consisted of the removal of a single-family home and associated debris around homesite. The applicant is represented by John Chester, Project Manager at Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc.

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
FNN, 6/19/25

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday July 1st, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room or via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpkTFBEUmluT1pWScTiVzJCQ709>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-025-029: 2 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 1. Applicant: James W. Marsh, Esq. Applicant is seeking a variance from article III 198-22 because proposed site of the in ground pool (as shown on the attached site plan) is forward of the single-family dwellings from setback from Oxford Street. The proposed in ground pool is an accessory use to the dwelling at the Locust, and Section 198-22 requires: "No accessory...use shall be allowed in a required front yard or in the area between two line drawn from the principle structure at its widest point to the lot frontage."
2. REF# ZBA-025-030: 0 Point Street, Lot 131. Applicant/Owner is seeking a special permit for seasonal camper on lot pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16 regulation Schedule.
3. REF# ZBA-025-031: 140 Sycamore Street Map 20, Lot 016. Applicant/Owner is seeking special permit for in home office for construction business. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-23-B-4.
4. REF# ZBA 025-032: 17 Shore Drive, Map 29C, Lot

619 & 620. Applicant/Owner is seeking variance for setback rear needs 30' proposed is 22 1/2'. Left and Right side needs 20' proposed is 10.7'. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 6/12/25, 6/19/25

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From our readers

This bond is kept by the court if the order is not followed. This provision was added to make sure the courts have no power, thereby eliminating this check and balance.

The loss of student loans will cause a larger shortage of medical and dental personnel and discourage too many students from seeking an education. I believe this is the Project 2025 to create a permanent underclass. Taken together this BBB will allow excess power grabs from this admin, take away health insurance and food benefits from millions and increase our debt to levels that will call for US bankruptcy or the elimination of the dollar as the worldwide currency.

Sandra Hall, Fairhaven

Winners Never Quit

Growing up, athletics was my passion. All sports were attractive and fine with me; both as a spectator or participant. As a player or participant, my mother, was always my biggest and most loyal fan. There was one funny story and a profound lesson to go with it that I'll never forget. It was during my first attempt at running a half marathon in New Bedford, Massachusetts some forty-five years ago.

Not really prepared by training, pacing, strategy, or in knowledge of proper equipment, I naively set out over the city-wide course with a bunch of other runners on a very cool and blustery day in March. When my mother got there to root me on, she

positioned herself at the finish line. Later, she told me she thought she arrived too late and that I must have won. Why? Because old women and children were crossing the finish line and she hadn't seen any sign of me.

Well, for miles her "champion" was agonizing with side pains and trudging along with what seemed like hundred pound feet. Only one thought rattled in my mind — Don't quit. Praise the Lord, although people finished telescope distance ahead of me, I finally made it alive without stopping or quitting. So where is the profound lesson?

From a real runner's standpoint, one way to assess my performance (with old women and children whipping me) was that I was a dismal failure. For me, it was more than that. I won because I didn't quit and that is the point of this story.

Scripture says that God is love and His kind of love never fails. Not only that, He's perfect, everlasting and without beginning or end. That means He doesn't or can't quit either. In this letter, may we take a look at the advantage that comes with an honest relationship with this awesome God that those who believe...call Father.

In a far more significant way, as we run our race over the course of life in days to come, we need God's never failing, never quitting Holy Spirit to assist us in overcoming the stitches and heavy feet of personal challenges. When we run with and for

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STILL IN TOWN

Patch of Heaven Sanctuary, 263 Mill Rd, Fairhaven, on Sun., 6/29, 10 am–2 pm. Free admission, carnival games and prizes, carnival themed food, vendors, raffle. All proceeds go to animal care. Contact Lauren Viera 774-328-5732.

Buzzards Bay Swim

A one-of-a-kind, scenic, point-to-point open water swim across outer New Bedford Harbor, benefiting the Buzzards Bay Coalition!

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Museum Open

The Fairhaven Historical Society

Museum is pleased to welcome visitors every Saturday through September 14th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Located in the Academy Building next to Fairhaven High School, the museum offers a fascinating glimpse into the town's past through a rich collection of artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia.

Admission is free and open to the public. Step inside and explore Fairhaven's story—one artifact at a time.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Concerts

Visitors and residents are invited to New Bedford's annual Summer Sound Series, now organized by AHA! New Bedford, delivering to downtown a lineup of musicians who will have you dancing in the streets!

The free Summer Sounds Series concerts take place on select Fridays throughout the summer, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, alternating between stages on closed portions of lower Union Street and Purchase Street.

June 20: Pearly Baker Band, Grateful Dead tribute. Part of JawsJam: A bigger Boat Block Party. Lower Union Street Stage.

June 27: Melo Green, Funk/Soul/Rock. Purchase Street Stage

Descendants of Whalers

The public is cordially invited to attend the Descendants of Whaling Masters' 51st Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the James Arnold Mansion (a/k/a Wamsutta Club), 427 County Street, New Bedford, MA, from noon to 3 p.m. The events kicks-off with a social hour, followed by a brief business meeting, dinner, and a live, one-man-performance of "Sailing Toward my Father," featuring the accomplished Boston actor Stephen Collins as Moby Dick author Herman Melville.

For more information about Descendants of Whaling Masters write to: PO Box 3026, New Bedford MA 02741 or call 508-993-1999 or 508-994-3087. Visit whalingmasters.org for more information

Places for People

Join us for the Southcoast Places

for People meetup—a gathering for people who love their community and want to make it better, on Wed., 6/25, 5–6:30 p.m., Co-Creative Center, 137 Union St, New Bedford, MA 02740

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You're Not Alone—Let's Build Something Together!

Too often, those working to improve their neighborhoods feel isolated. This is a space to connect with others who care about housing, safe streets, and vibrant places—a community that will listen, support, and help turn ideas into action.

Let's talk about: What you want to see in your neighborhood; Strong Towns-inspired ways to make change; How we can work together to make it happen. Come meet your people!

Flag Holders

The Disabled American Vets (DAV), is selling memorial flag holders for graves. They feature branches of the military, police, and fire, for \$25 each. Add-ons, such as Purple Hearts, are also available for \$6.

The DAV is located at 19 Willis St., New Bedford. They are open Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Or call 508-992-3766 and leave a message.

Look for them at Homecoming in Fairhaven and other area fairs.

Cape Verdean Flag

Join the Cape Verdean Recognition Committee for the raising of the Cabo Verde to celebrate CV Recognition Week on Mon., 6/30, 5:30–7 p.m. on the steps of City Hall, 133 William St., downtown New Bedford. Entertainment at 5:30, followed by the

raising of the Cape Verdean flag at 6 p.m. Celebration to follow at the Bisca Club, 161 Acushnet Ave, with music and entertainment.

Storytime at RJD

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) with the New Bedford Free Public Library will host a free, engaging half hour of stories for the whole family. Family Storytime will occur every third Wednesday of the month in the RJD's historic gardens, which provides plenty of space to take in the fresh air. After enjoying the stories, you will receive a family fun craft kit to collaborate and create together! Open to all ages with an accompanying adult. Next date: June 25.

To learn more, visit rjdmuseum.org/calendar/ or call the museum at (508) 997-1401.

SAVE THE DATE

Cape Verdean Parade

Sat., 7/5, Union St., to Cape Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall/Serenity Gardens, 11 a.m. Parade route is Union St. to Acushnet Ave., to Grinnell St., to Purchase St, and ends at Cape Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall. Parade Marshall will be Buddy Andrade. Parade will be followed by Kultura Festa at Serenity Garden Fields, between Bedford St., So. sixth St., Wing St., and Pleasant Street from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kultura will have live music, vendors, cultural food, and much more.

For other CV Recognition week events, find Cape Verdean Recognition week events find Cape Verdean Recognition Committee on Facebook.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

GOP Mtg/Matta

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee welcomes members, guests and the community to join us on Thurs., 6/19 at 6:30 pm. Socialize 6:00 to 6:30. Find out what is going on in the community and get involved. At the Niemad Building, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett, MA.

There will be light snacks, cash bar and good conversation.

If you have any questions contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, P C M a t t y G O P @ p r o t o n . m e ; MattapoisettGOP.com

Mothers of Multiples

The Southcoast Mothers of Multiples Group (formerly known as Greater New Bedford Mothers of Twins) is excited to announce their 50th anniversary celebration on July 20th from 12-4 at the Back Nine at Heritage Hill Golf Course in Lakeville, MA. Both former and current members are warmly invited to join in honoring five decades of friendship and support.

This non-profit support group is dedicated to mothers of multiples—twins, triplets, and beyond—residing in the Southcoast Massachusetts area. We encourage anyone with multiples to reach out and become part of our group! Our monthly meetings include various activities such as outings, guest speakers addressing parenting topics, holiday parties, family gatherings, and plenty of laughter.

If you were a past member and haven't been contacted, or if you're interested in joining, please don't hesitate to reach out for more information at southcoastmothersofmultiples@gmail.org or on Facebook at Twins & Triplets & More (Southcoast Mothers of Multiples). We look forward to being a source of friendship and support as you navigate parenthood.

Glass Menagerie

The MAC Theater Presents the Tennessee Williams classic, *The Glass Menagerie*, directed by Donn Tyler. Performances are held at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion.

Remaining dates are June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 2025 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30pm and Sunday shows at 2:00pm. Tickets are

\$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers. More information and tickets: marionartcenter.org/events

Garden Tour

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is pleased to announce tickets are now on sale for its biennial garden tour, "June in Bloom," for Saturday, June 28th, 10 AM-4 PM, rain or shine. Be inspired by unique and beautiful gardens while spending an unforgettable day with friends and nature.

Advance tickets are \$35 and available at: Pen & Pendulum, Isabelle's, Ying Dynasty, and the Town Wharf General Store. In Fairhaven, they can be purchased at Periwinkles and Gotta Have It. Marion has three locations: Always In Bloom, Fieldstones, and Eden Florist. Tickets are also available online at www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org

On June 28th, tickets will be available at the Mattapoisett Woman's Club tent in the parking lot next to Ying's Dynasty on Route 6 in Mattapoisett for \$40/each.

This fundraiser directly supports the scholarships, programs, and community outreach of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club.

The Club is open to new members from the Southcoast area. For more information and a membership application, please visit our website at <https://www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org>

Coin Club

Coin Show Sunday 6/29 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road, Westport, MA. Free Admission

Newspaper Panel

Come hear a panel from The Wanderer, Sippican Week, and The New Bedford Light who will speak at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library about their local news services; their history, how they've changed, their focus, and their value to the community. Bring your questions and comments for an engaging civil conversation. Speaking will be Karen Bordeleau, Executive Editor, The New Bedford Light; Paul Lopes, Owner & Editor, The Wanderer; Anne Eisenmenger, Publisher, Beaver Dam Partners including Sippican Week.

Free and open to all.

At Acushnet Library

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

Summer Concerts

Concerts are held rain or shine. In the event of rain, join us under the pavilion or in the community room. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Wed., 6/25, 6-7:30 p.m. The Summer Concert Series kicks off with 60's Thunder! Undoubtedly, the 1960s was the big bang of popular music. No other decade can touch the number of timeless songs we still cherish from

Wed., 7/2, 6-7:30 p.m. The Pearly Baker Band is known for playing Grateful Dead music, but they don't consider themselves a cover band—they play Dead music their way. Early on, Pearly Baker realized that the Grateful Dead had created an interesting musical template that others could use to raise the level of joy in the world, song by song, show by show.

Raffle Fundraiser

Friends of the Acushnet Public Library will be holding a 50/50 raffle at each of the Acushnet library's Wednesday evening outdoor Summer Concert Series. The winner of the raffle will receive half of the proceeds, with half retained by the Friends to fund future programs and services at the library. Tickets are \$5 each (cash only) and can be purchased during the library's Wednesday evening Summer Concert Series (June 25 - August 6, all concerts start at 6pm). For a list of concerts, see the Library's Facebook page or website (<https://acupl.org>).

The Friends will also be accepting jewelry donations at the Wednesday concerts for their annual September jewelry sale fundraiser. Stop by the Friends Raffle table outside to donate new and gently-worn fine jewelry pieces and men's, women's and children's fashion jewelry. All items should be in saleable condition; no broken pieces please.

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Almighty God, we win, and life's regrets will never overtake our dreams.

Friends, remember, before you put on your running shoes, look up and know that with Him in your nature, you may fail here and there, but quitting isn't in you.

Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven

A reversal of the tide

Attending the Fairhaven rally this last Saturday, where an estimated one thousand people stood, in the rain, protesting Trump's agenda, was energizing and provided a ray of hope for maintaining democracy.

The past week, culminating in a military parade, several events have provided hope that the march to an autocracy may be halted or hopefully reversed.

Most significantly the major news media, excepting Fox, did not cover Trump's birthday-military parade in its entirety. The air waves, internet images and commentary were focused on the hundreds of protests occurring nationwide and in several foreign countries. No doubt Trump envisaged a full day of celebration and national excitement providing him the opportunity to crow about the biggest most beautiful parade in American history.

The enormity and peacefulness of the protests was historically unparalleled and clearly indicating that there is a groundswell of opposition to Trump's monarchical aspirations.

The audacity of a once loyal ally to commence attacking Iran on the eve of Trump's parade is indicative of lessened respect and fear.

Even if Netanyahu informed him of his intention the timing had to have infuriated Trump. And more importantly it has placed Trump in a precarious position with many MAGA supporters who are isolationists or staunchly pro Israel. Whatever stance he may take will alienate large segments of his constituencies.

The accusation that Trump backs down on his assaultive executive

orders has proven accurate once again as he exempts certain undocumented workers from deportation. The TACO (Trump Always Chickens Out) moniker is gaining traction everywhere and subjecting Trump to disrespect and humiliation. The ego deflation is very apparent.

Trump's verbal attack on Leonard Leo, the Federalist Society leader, may very well alienate several Supreme Court Justices who have empowered Trump in his quest for absolute power.

Cumulatively, these events may be the cooling of the Trumpian fever that has taken hold in this country.

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth

Lying by Omission – Readers Deserve the Truth.

Residents of Fairhaven, I am offering you back two paragraphs from the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* (6/12/25). The first being part of a biased opinion in the editorial. And the second as part of a paraphrased article, on last week's important Select Board meeting, held on 6/9.

Paraphrasing and lying by omission, can change the entire context of what is really being said. Readers need the Truth.

I challenge all residents of Fairhaven who read the FNN, to see the SB meeting video of 6/9/2025 on fairhaventv.com

Please note, as it appears, these two paragraphs work hand in hand. And notice joggled up paraphrasing in the SB article, that contextually works towards biased opinions, not all the facts.

Writing an editorial with flagrant opinions is one thing, lying by omission is another.

1/Editorial: The Select Board had to listen to a whole lot of bullshit this week. Geesh. People just cannot take no for an answer. Give it up, people. There are lots of reasons why the board can choose a person to be on a committee or board.

2/FHVN Select Board Article: Erin Carr, Cathy Melanson, Patrick Carr,

Derek Furtado, and Michelle Costen, all complained about Mr. Sullivan's appointment, saying the board should have chosen one of the more experienced applicants.

The writer completely omitted the truth of what I said, which is crucial for readers/residents to understand. The writer made it sound like we were all just a bunch of worthless complainers, instead of public citizens truly concerned about our zoning permitting process, by voting in a candidate with zero skills on the ZBA board. ZERO, as I said in the meeting.

The Selectboard has a duty to ensure skill in our planning/ZBA boards.

In the 1st paragraph above, the writer expounds, There are lots of reasons why the board can choose a person to be on a committee or board. Skill should be #1, agree?

We had two more experienced SB board members that the writer did not mention either. SB Chair, Murphy, and Mr. Silvia, who both voted no for Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan did not even have transferable skills to offer the ZBA board.

Another fact omitted from this important article for residents to know about. Mr. Saunders spoke at the end of this meeting. Mr. Saunders conveyed that he did not know there were ZBA associates with notable transferable ZBA skills, and who were never told about a selection being made for a ZBA board member.

Mr. Saunders may have voted NO, had he known we had ZBA associates with transferable ZBA skills, whereas Mr. Sullivan had Zero planning/ZBA experience.

Mr. Saunders is also a more experienced board SB member and could have been the tie breaker of a 3 to 5 vote. A vote unskillfully motioned by a newly elected member.

Residents can read the article/watch the video. Truth Speaks for Itself

Maybe it is time reporter retires.

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