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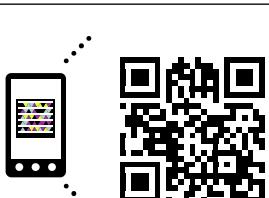
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Teeing with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Fish Derby teaches kids the basics



Winners of the second annual Fishing Derby at Hoppy's Landing on 8/1/25, sponsored by Fairhaven Recreation, and the Marine Resources Department, pose with their winnings. L-R: Myles Abdelnour, Kenny Burr, Theo Couto. See page 12 for story. Photo by Margie Green Joseph for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.



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

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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, we have lots of fun stuff in here this week.

The Fishing Derby for the kids looks like it was lots of fun and everyone learned a little about fishing. See page 12 for than.

Acushnet is getting ready to sell one of its old buildings, the former Russell Memorial Library (see page 12), so they need to move some stuff. And by "stuff," I mean a monument that might weigh up to 60 tons, yeah, tons. I wasn't able to get the whole weight by press time, but the base alone is 30 tons. Yeah, tons.

How cool, huh? You go, Acushnet, you go. You sure knew how to build 'em in the day.

It will take a few days to move it, then a few weeks to install it in the new location. So, go check it out. But, hey, stay out of the way of the workers, okay?

Fairhaven has a new robot to clean up the waters. How cool is that? We're going high tech around here. But, the little guy needs a name. See page 11 on how you can name the little gadget.

There's a bunch of other great stuff in here of course, and while you're looking through, be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week, then, see ya,

*PS: It's not libel if it's true.
Everyone is protected by the
First Amendment, not just
journalists. And y'all need a
thicker skin.*



PPS: Oh, look. I made a mistake on a Romano statement and he didn't take to social media to whine like a little baby and accuse me of defaming his character. None of his relatives did, either. How positively grown up of them.

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Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Fairhaven Select Board story last week, we made a mistake in reporting on something Mr. Romano said. It should have read: "Mr. Romano said maybe so, but that does not make it a good policy to continue to follow."

We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Acushnet moving huge war monument from old library

By Jonathan Comey

Neighb News Correspondent

The process of moving a decades old war memorial from the old Russell Library on Main Street in Acushnet was set into motion Tuesday, capping months of effort and planning.

Under the supervision of Matt Tripp, Acushnet's foreperson for public building maintenance, a team of contracted workers moved enormous pieces of the monument via crane to a flatbed.

"It's been a lot of moving parts getting this moving," Mr. Tripp said, noting that the monument would eventually find its new home at the Acushnet fire station. "It's a big process, definitely."

Town meeting voters approved a \$60,000 outlay for the project last year, but Mr. Tripp said it was not easy finding the required three bids for the job despite the sizable budget. In the end, it was Kingston-based Colonial Stone that was selected for the project.

Owner Frank Drollett looked on as members of his crew and that of

Eric's Crane Service of Whitman tried to puzzle out how to safely move the individual pieces and keep them intact.

It will be broken down into 13 or 14 pieces.

After about two hours, the top of the monument had been disassembled and prepared for the voyage on the flatbed just a few hundred feet up Main Street to the fire station.

But the bigger task is still to come: moving the large slabs that served as the base of the Civil War tribute, which Mr. Drollett estimated weighed as much as 30 tons.

"That will definitely require a bigger crane," he said with a grin, noting that those machines cost well



ABOVE: Eric Kavanagh of Eric's Crane Service guides a column from a large monument being moved from the Russell Memorial Library to the Acushnet Fire Station to a flatbed truck on 8/5/25. Photo by Jonathan Comey.

over a million dollars. He estimated that the project would be completed in 4-6 weeks.

Information on when the monument was placed at the site was not available by press time, but everyone agrees it has been there for

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Short Plays Marathon is back and looking for plays

Press Release

Culture*Park Theatre in New Bedford, Massachusetts, is calling for submissions of new plays for the 20th Short Plays Marathon, scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2025.

This year, the Marathon will be at the Steeple Playhouse in downtown New Bedford, MA, and will feature 25 new plays, by local, regional and global playwrights presented as staged readings. Playwright Panels punctuate the Short Plays Marathon, allowing for brief exchanges between audience and playwrights.

Plays by seasoned playwrights, new writers, and students are welcome. This year's Marathon will also feature plays by playwrights from Climate Change Theatre Action, a global platform, responding to the theme, "The Time is Now."

The interval for play submissions began on June 1, 2025, and the deadline for play submissions to reach Culture*Park is September 1, 2025. Plays will be read and selected by a committee of theater artists and writers. Selected plays will be posted

on Culture*Park social media, and playwrights will be contacted.

The plays will be presented by an ensemble of actors and directors, on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 2pm-10:00pm, at the Steeple Playhouse in downtown New Bedford, MA. Marathon Co-Directors are Patricia Thomas and Rebecca Schade and Marathon Committee associates include Fred Cabral of New York, Jim Sullivan of Providence, and Mirko Lopes of New Bedford.

Please note the following guidelines for submitting a play to the Short Plays Marathon 2025:

- Plays may be 1-15 minutes running time (15 pages or fewer)
- Please submit one copy to culturepark.ed@earthlink.net as a .pdf
- Submissions should be in "standard play format"
- Include a (separate) cover page with playwright name and contact information
- Include a brief synopsis of the play and character breakdown
- Please confirm your availability to

attend the Marathon on November 22, 2025, and participate in a brief panel discussion about your play/process

- Plays with Regional, Contemporary and Climate Change themes are welcome; all plays are considered.

Please submit the play, cover page and synopsis at culturepark.ed@earthlink.net or to: Patty Thomas at culturepark@earthlink.net, with "Marathon Submission" as subject.

Submissions will be accepted until September 1, 2025.

For more info visit Culture*Park on facebook and Instagram...

Culture*Park Theatre is a collaborative entity of theatre and performing artists, community members and others who support the production and development of new works in theatre and dance, especially works with regional and culturally provocative themes. Over the past 19 "Marathons" Culture*Park has presented over 400 original short plays, many receiving further development, full production, and/or publication.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fairhaven GOP

Please join the Fairhaven Republican town Committee on August 19th at 32 Abbey Street. We meet at 6 p.m. All are welcome, easy ground floor access to accommodate all. We represent the Republican party at a local and neighborhood level. Sharing ideas, making plans to recruit, nominate and elect Republican candidates.

Bristol County Republican candidate for District Attorney Seth Aitken is on the agenda to speak of his campaign, Bristol County Public safety and perhaps answer your questions such as non citizen police officers and the lack of funding for public defenders resulting in the release of pre adjudicated criminal offenders.

You can contact us at fairhavenrtc@gmail.com or call Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416 with any question, concerns or suggestions.

Concert

Concerts Under the Stars, Presented by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St. Weather permitting Join us Thursday nights at 7 PM for live music under the summer sky. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy these free community concerts.

- Aug. 7: Butch McCarthy and the Gentlement of Leisure

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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: 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, antiques vendors, and Puerto Rican Food Court.

Interested vendors can email NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com. Visit Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket.

Teddy Bear Parade Pictures Wanted

We at the Millicent Library are excited to be hosting the 40th Teddy Bear Parade this year on August 16th from 10am to 12pm! In celebration of this event, we are looking for donations of photos taken at any of the past Teddy Bear Parades.

This is a great opportunity to become part of the Millicent Library collection in the Debra A. Charpentier Archives and Special Collections!

For more information or donations, please contact Peyton Houghton-Papas at phoughtonpapas@sailsinc.net or 508-992-5342, ext.114.

SAVE THE DATES:

Teddy Bear Parade

The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, will host the 40th Teddy Bear Parade on Sat., 8/16, 10am to 12pm! Gather on the UU Lawn on Walnut Street across from the library.

Featuring face painting and clowning by Daisy D Dots & The Smile Factory; stuff your own bear. Pack a picnic and bring a bear. For all ages.

To register, visit <https://millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar>

Touch A Truck

Sun., 8/17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Livesey Park, Fairhaven. Free event to see, touch, explore, and honk horns on a variety of vehicles, including emergency vehicles, race cars and more. See the equipment and meet the people who serve this community every day.

Free admission. Children and their families have the opportunity to touch, climb, and take pictures with unique cars and trucks, emergency vehicles (fire trucks and cruisers), and construction equipment. Meet their operators for demonstrations and questions. Also featuring music

by DJ Manny Silva

Taste of Portugal

The Fairhaven Lions Club presents Taste of Portugal, Sat., 8/23, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Serving a traditional Portuguese Dinner: Choice of Cacoila or Chicken Dinner 5-7pm and Music 7-9pm. Price: \$25.00 per ticket. Raffles, dancers, and more. Call or text Liz for tickets 774-454-6322

All proceeds benefit the Eye Research and Scholarship Fund

Pickleball Clinics

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association will be holding New Player clinics on Mon., 9/15, and Wed., 9/17, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. A second clinic will be held on Fri., 9/26, and Sat., 9/27, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The clinics will be held at the Livesey Pickleball Courts.

If you are interested, please send a check for \$30 payable to Fairhaven Pickleball Association to Dan Ferreira at 12 Grant St., Acushnet, MA 02743. You can also use Venmo. Fairhaven Pickleball Association, first-time phone code is 7190. You can call Dan at 508-728-7190.

Museum Open

Visit the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum Saturdays this summer to explore local artifacts, photographs, and this year's special exhibit: *A Taste of the Past – Fairhaven's Restaurant History*, featuring 20 archival photographs that celebrate local dining landmarks through the decades—from classic seafood spots to forgotten favorites.

Next date: Aug. 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fairhaven Historical Society Museum, 141 Main St, Fairhaven, MA

In addition to the featured exhibit, the museum's permanent collection showcases the people, industries, and moments that have shaped Fairhaven's unique identity. Whether you're a history buff, a lifelong resident, or a curious visitor, there's something new to discover each week.

Admission is free and open to the public. Step inside and explore Fairhaven's story—one artifact at a time. Learn more: <https://www.historicalsocietyfairhaven.org>

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Concerts

At Custom House Square

FREE summer concerts, sponsored by the Whaling History Alliance, at Custom House Square, Downtown New Bedford, (corner Acushnet Ave. and William St.), from 6-8 p.m. on the following Thursdays: Aug. 7, Hardwire; Aug. 14, Lively Up!

For more information visit <https://whalinghistoryalliance.org/> or find them on Facebook.

Summer Sound Series

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.

Aug. 8: Jammin', Reggae. Purchase Street Stage.

Aug. 15: Neal McCarthy Electric 6-Piece Band. Rock & Blues. Lower Union Street Stage.

Aug. 22: Colby James & The Ramblers. Rock-Country. Purchase Street Stage.

Free Shakespeare

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, Reverie Theatre Group presents an unforgettable adaptation of Shakespeare's most iconic work, *Romeo & Juliet*.

The production will run August 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, and 16th at 7:30pm and 10th and 17th at 2:00pm on the RJD patio. The audience opens for seating a half hour before the performance begins. The Sunday performances at 2:00pm are sensory friendly, where patrons will find spacious seating that encourages the ability to move around.

Free, accessible. Donations are accepted in lieu of a fee. For questions, please reach out to lpothier@rjd museum.org or call the museum at (508)997-1401.

The Museum is located at 396 County Street, New Bedford. Visit rjd museum.org

Roller Disco

New Moon Roller Disco! On Friday,

August 9 3-7pm, the basketball courts at Buttonwood Park will once again come alive with DJs, dancers, and skaters of all ages for this free, high-energy celebration.

This year, New Moon Roller Disco will feature an hour of free skate lessons offered by Amy Caracappa, followed by open skating for the rest of the afternoon and evening to the sounds of DJ Claudia Dee Bee!

Skates available.

Thanks to ongoing grant support from New Bedford Creative and the New Bedford Local Cultural Council, as well as logistical support from the New Bedford Parks & Recreation Department, this unique family friendly event invites all ages to come out, get moving, and enjoy the spirit of summer - on eight wheels!

No skates? No problem! The ever-growing Skate Library—offered for free by the Southcoast Shipwreckers Junior Roller Derby—will be available for those who want to borrow a pair and join in the fun. We will also be accepting skate donations for the skate library.

Come with your best Disco duds and be part of a community that rolls together. Find us on Facebook.

Boat America Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will run its 2025 FALL SEMESTER 2-week Boat America course (BA) for 4 evenings – Mondays and Thursdays, September 15 through September 25 – from 7-9 pm at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC), 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This 8-hour course is an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a safe boating certificate required by the Hanson-Milone Act.

Designed for both the experienced and the novice boater, it is taught by Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with extensive knowledge of local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals, such as: types of boats, boating vocabulary, boating law, safety equipment, safe operation and navigation, boating emergencies, trailering, and water sports. Students who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates and cards.

The \$25 fee includes the textbook and all course material. Class size is limited, register early at <https://tinyurl.com/595thrz3>

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Flotilla Commander via email: schaefer5900@gmail.com.

AHA!

Come join the fun as we celebrate the magic of summer during AHA! Night: SUMMER IN THE SEAPORT on Thurs., 8/14, across downtown New Bedford. With live music, art exhibitions, crafts, film and more, it will be a magical summer night in downtown New Bedford.

This AHA! Night will also be an opportunity for the community to honor and celebrate the late Everett Hoagland, professor, activist, and New Bedford's first Poet Laureate, in a tribute held at Gallery X.

Learn more on our website, where events are added each day: <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

August's AHA! Night is sponsored by Taunton Federal Credit Union.

Scallopalooza

We're counting down the days until Scallopalooza! Join us on Thursday, August 14, from 5:00-8:00 PM for an unforgettable evening of scallop shucking fun and community spirit. Enjoy live music, delicious food, fishing industry vendors, a scallop dredge link squeezing demo, and more in the Fishing Heritage Center parking lot, 38 Bethel St. Then at 6:30 PM, watch local fishermen compete in a scallop shucking contest for the title of New Bedford's best shucker.

To learn more including full list of sponsors, visit our website: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org>

SAVE THE DATE:

3rd EyE HQ Grand Opening

3rd EyE Youth Empowerment, a driving force in youth leadership development and creative community building for over two decades, is thrilled to announce the Grand Opening of its new headquarters at 230 Union Street in downtown New Bedford on Sat., 8/23. We will offer a twist on the organization's annual Third EyE Open Hip Hop Festival.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Guns 'n Hoses

Acushnet third annual Guns 'n Hoses Softball Game, Fri., 8/8, 7 p.m., Pope Park, Main St., Acushnet.

Come on down to Pope Park for the Third Annual Acushnet Fire vs Police Softball Game! Can the Police keep the title? Or will the Fire Dept take back the crown! Come on down to find out, enjoy some delicious burgers, popcorn and support both Associations! As always, the winning team gets to pick the charity to split the proceeds with the associations!

Miss Apple Peach

You could be the next Miss Apple Peach or Jr. Miss Apple Peach! Win scholarship awards and the chance to represent your town. The Junior and Miss categories are open to young women from Acushnet in grades 5-12.

Message us on social media, email MissApplePeach@gmail.com or call 508-965-4465 for info or to register; facebook.com/MissApplePeach; Instagram @acushnetmissapplepeach.

Contest will be on August 30, 2025 at Ford Middle School. Sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club.

SAVE THE DATES:

Whiffle Ball FR

Join us for a wiffle ball tournament to benefit St. Francis Xavier School in Acushnet on Sat., 8/16, at the school, 233 Main Street. Featuring two divisions, kid/adult; cash prizes for winners. We are looking for teams, community partnerships, and sponsors. \$25 per child; \$30 per adult. Get a t-shirt and pizza.

For more information contact Bryan Nadeau 508-951-1764, or bryannadeau163@aol.com

VFW Pig Roast

Come and enjoy the 2nd Annual VFW Post 7239 Pig Roast!!!! It will be held in Sun., 8/17, at 2 p.m., 28 Roosevelt St. Acushnet, MA. The cost is \$25.00 Per Ticket Kids Under 10 eat free. Raffles and Live Music!!! All Proceeds go to local Veterans and Veteran Services in and around the Greater New Bedford area.

Call or visit the post and inquire about the tickets, 508-998-1046; vfwpost7239@gmail.com

Free Sea Chanteys

Please join the Mattapoisett

Museum, 5 Church Street on Sat., 8/23, at 3:00 PM for a free concert by the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus.

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus is one of the most harmonious crews to come ashore. Their repertoire of work songs of the Yankee sailor and whaler reflects the region's rich maritime heritage. This 24-voice group sings ballads and ditties of global mariners and coastwise fisherfolk in North America, the Cape Verde Islands, and the British Isles. Be ready to have fun and learn how to "rant and roll like a true-born sailor"! Also performing with the Chorus will be Butlers Flats, a group of chorus members who will also sing sea chanties.

The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus is a volunteer group of the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey. This event is FREE, but donations are gladly accepted.

At Mattapoisett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

Join us for a hands-on, screen-free photography adventure on Sat., 8/23, at 11 AM! Weather permitting, a rain date will be announced if needed. Families will meet at the library and walk to Munro Park to take photos with provided cameras, then return to the library's Media Lab to create custom scrapbooks.

This event is perfect for all ages, from 6 to 106! Bring your kids, grandparents, or the whole crew. An adult must accompany children under the age of 8. Space is limited. Registration is required; please register on the library's website.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at (508) 758-4171. Make what remains of your summer vacation magical at the Mattapoisett Free Public

Fan Expo

Calling all aspiring actors and film lovers. FAN EXPO Boston, the three-day pop-culture extravaganza, will feature Mass. Film Industry leaders

on a panel, "Making it in the Massachusetts Film Industry" on Friday, August 8, at 6:30pm, in Room 160A on Level 1, at the Thomas M. Menino Convention and Exhibition Center, formerly the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. FAN EXPO attendees will learn firsthand about how to break into the Massachusetts film industry, which has grown significantly over the past 20 years, becoming a major force in the national film and television production landscape.

The panel is free for FAN EXPO Boston attendees. Fans who have Friday tickets are welcome to participate.

Massachusetts has established itself as a premier destination for film and television production, thanks to its distinctive and varied locations, highly skilled workforce, and supportive, film-friendly policies.

For more information, visit <https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpoboston/>

Auditions

The MAC Theater is auditioning for roles in the award-winning play, *Proof*, by David Auburn, directed by Richard Sherburne. Auditions will be held at the MAC Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 10am -12 pm and on Sunday, August 17 from 5-7 pm.

Catherine has been dealing with a lot. For four years, she has been the sole caretaker for her father, Robert, a genius mathematician who was dealing with mental illness. After his death, she's left wondering if her advanced penchant for mathematics indicates an inclination toward mental illness in herself. This concern is shared by her sister, Claire, who encourages her to leave her family home and live with her in New York. Along the way, Catherine becomes involved with Hal, one of her father's admirers and former students. Catherine is put in the position of proving that some of the mathematical genius left behind in Robert's office were actually her own work.

The available roles are: Catherine, 24, Claire, her sister, late 20s, Hal, Robert's former student, late 20s and Robert, a professor, 50s+. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions



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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 9:8/13, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 8/20 Providence Place Mall; 8/27, Thames St., Newport, RI; 9/3, Twin River Casino.

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 Matinees & Show Series

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.

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TV Series: *The Four Seasons*. 30 min. episodes. Feel good romance, comedy. **Aug. 11**, episodes 7 & 8.

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Intergenerational Field Day

Aug. 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Fairhaven Recreation Dept. and Fairhaven Council on Aging.

It's the day when laughter echoes across the lawn and generations come together for pure, pajama-clad fun!

Older adults team up with kids ages

6–12 from the Fairhaven Recreation Department's Kool Kids Summer program for a day packed with games, freshly popped popcorn, movies, yard games, and plenty of smiles.

This year, we're turning up the cozy factor — it's all pajama themed! So slip into your favorite PJs and get ready for a day where grandkids, neighbors, and new friends laugh, play, and make memories together.

Call the Fairhaven Council on Aging to sign up, 508-979-4029. **No walk-ins.**

Office Hour With State Rep Mark Sylvia

State Rep. Mark Sylvia will hold an office hour every second Monday of the month at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, from 9–10 a.m.

Next date: Aug. 12.

Tech Cafe

Do you need help with your cellphone or computer? Stop by the Fairhaven Senior Center for FREE help at our Tech Cafe! Every Thursday from 3–4 p.m.

Legal Help

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

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

I-195/Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project

*By Beth David
Editor*

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has developed a Fact Sheet to raise awareness for their I-195/ Rt 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project happening in New Bedford beginning this summer.

According to the Fact Sheet, the goal of the project is to address poor conditions on the aged structure, improve safety and mobility, and construct a noise barrier for community benefit.

The scope of this project entails:

- Replacing the I-195 viaduct bridge structure from County Street until just beyond the Route 18- Exit 15/ Acushnet Avenue Interchange

- Replacing deficient bridge piers and abutments
- Replacing ramp bridges
- Widening merge lanes and lengthening on- and off-ramps
- Repairing local streets and adjacent sidewalks impacted by construction
- Repairing the parking lot below the structure
- Constructing new stormwater drainage system for DOT infrastructure
- Constructing a noise barrier for community benefit
- Constructing a new landscaped park, shared use path, and skate park below the interchange

The project team is engaging with the City of New Bedford, abutting residents and businesses, roadway users, and other stakeholders

throughout the construction process. MassDOT is committed to lessening the temporary construction impacts on the community and traveling public.

Construction will take place from 2025-2030 for an overall timeline of 5 years. It is currently anticipated that construction of the viaduct will take place in five phases.

For more information about the project, please visit the project website: <https://www.mass.gov/route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation-in-new-bedford> or <https://tinyurl.com/3c37fa3k>

There is also a link to subscribe to receive bi-weekly updates on construction and traffic impacts.

Recipe of the Week

Chicken Pot Pie

1/3 cup butter
2 cups carrots, peeled and sliced
1 1/2 cups onion, chopped
8 oz. mushrooms, wiped clean and sliced
1/2 cup all-purpose flour, divided use
3 1/4 cups chicken broth
1 tbsp Dijon-style mustard
1 tbsp minced fresh thyme leaves
1/2 tsp ground black pepper
3 cups cubed boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked
1 cup frozen peas, thawed
3 tbsp parsley
1 sheet frozen puff pastry sheet, thawed

Heat oven to 400°. Melt the butter in 12" skillet over med. heat. Add the carrots, onions, and mushrooms and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender-crisp, stirring occasionally.

Add 1/3 cup flour; cook and stir for 3 minutes or until the flour is golden brown. Slowly add the broth, stirring constantly with a whisk. Continue to stir until the mixture boils and thickens. Stir in the mustard, thyme, pepper, chicken, peas, and parsley then remove the skillet from heat.

Spoon the chicken mixgture into a casserole dish. Sprinkle the remaining flour on a large flat surface and unfold the pastry sheet on it. Place the puff pastry over the casserole and trim the excess.

Place the casserole dish onto a baking sheet. Bake until filling is hot, and bubbly and the pastry is golden brown, about 45 minutes.



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We often go for rides in her convertible and hikes at the beach and outdoor fairs. She makes me wear a visor, sunglasses, and sunscreen on my nose. Dogs can get sunburned and blinded if they don't protect their skin and eyes.

Last week, a lady from the shelter called to ask my mom if she would be willing to give me up because my first mom called and said that things were better at home and wanted me back. My mom said she would let me decide and would get back to her.

I know it will upset my first mom if I choose not to go back. It wasn't her fault that she gave me up. We were evicted, and the new place didn't take dogs. How can I tell her that I still love her, but I think I'd be best staying where I am?

Lorraine

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This little guy needs a name

Fairhaven has a high-tech helper to the harbor — a Jellyfishbot! This grant-funded autonomous aquatic robot is here to clean up floating debris...but first, it needs a name.

We're looking for fun, creative, and maybe even historically inspired names that pay homage to Fairhaven's coastal roots.

Here's how it works:

- Submit your name idea(s) below
- We'll narrow down the entries into a shortlist
- Then, join us at Huttleston HarborFest on Saturday, August 23rd at Fort Phoenix's Grimshaw Park to vote for your favorite! Voting runs from 11AM to 3:30PM at the Fest, and the winning name will be chosen at 4PM from the top contenders.

Let's give our Jellyfishbot a name that makes waves!

Submit your names here: <https://forms.gle/oYAfVVC4eCjXGKYA6>

The Jellyfishbot 2.3 x 2.3 x 1.6 feet, and weighs 44 pounds. It is remotely controlled, with a range of 500 meters (1640 feet). It has an onboard camera and a fastening system for nets, equipment, and underwater probes.

It can be used to set booms or a net can be attached to scoop up waste floating in the water.

Learn more at:

<https://www.iadys.com/jellyfishbot/>

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The Town of Fairhaven is holding a contest to name this little guy, a Jellyfishbot marine robot that will be used to clean up waters in Fairhaven. Photo from Fairhaven Marine Resources Department Facebook page.

Department, the Fairhaven Marine Resources Department, and SRPEDD.

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Fish Derby teaches kids the basics

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Recreation Center, and the Marine Resources Department sponsored their second annual Fishing Derby on Friday, 8/1/25, at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven.

The Rec Center posted on its Facebook page that it was a "huge success, and we couldn't be more proud of all the amazing anglers who came out to enjoy the day with us!"

Winners were: Myles Abdelnour

with the most fish; Kenny Burr with the most unusual fish (Blue Crab); Theo Couto with the largest fish (13.5")

Bounty Hunters Charter provided rods and bait, and rods for prizes.

"Thank you to everyone who participated, cheered, and helped make this event another one to remember," wrote the Rec Cener. "We're already looking forward to next year!"

To learn more about Fairhaven Rec and its programs, call 508-993-9269.



TOP: Harbormaster Tim Cox (seated) is accompanied by his harbor patrol assistant, Colin Queen, keeping an eye on things at the second annual Fishing Derby at Hoppy's Landing on 8/1/25, sponsored by Fairhaven Recreation, and the Marine Resources Department. ABOVE LEFT: L-R: Myles Abdelnour and Alex Comeau measure Myles' fish, which came in at 9.5". ABOVE RIGHT: Kenny Burr holds up a Blue Crab he caught. Photos by Margie Green Joseph.

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decades.

The inscription on it reads: "In memory of the soldiers of Acushnet who served in the Army and Navy of the Civil War and other wars for the preservation of the Union."

The moving of the monument comes as preparations are made for the historic building to be available

for sale.

According to Acushnet Town Administrator, James Kelley, voters decided three town meetings ago to sell the old library. He said they did a

"bunch of research" and decided the best place for it will be at the Fire Station at Parting Ways.

He said the veterans memorial at Pope Park is not an appropriate location because there is not enough room there.

The town will also have to locate a time capsule that is somewhere in the front of the building.

"Then we can

put it up for sale, said Mr. Kelley.

There is also a smaller monument that will have to be removed, but the town's Department of Public Works will be able to do that, he said.



ABOVE: Workers from Colonial Stone size up a large monument being moved from the Russell Memorial Library to the Acushnet Fire Station on 8/5/25. LEFT: Eric Kavanagh of Eric's Crane Service watches as a column is lifted high in the air Photos by Jonathan Comey.

MO L.I.F.E gets state house tour



On July 1, 2025, participants of M.O. L.I.F.E's Fairhaven and Middleborough CBDS (Community-Based Day Support) program enjoyed a private tour of the State House in Boston! State Rep. Mark Sylvia (D), Fairhaven, gave the tour. "Thank you to State Rep Mark Sylvia for organizing this and helping us to provide this great experience!!" wrote Charles K. Murphy, President of MO LIFE. ABOVE LEFT: On July 1, 2025, participants of M.O. L.I.F.E's Fairhaven and Middleborough CBDS (Community-Based Day Support) program take a photo with Rep. Mark Sylvia (D), Fairhaven, at the rostrum in the Massachusetts statehouse that John F. Kennedy spoke from on 1/9/61. ABOVE RIGHT: The group takes a photo inside the state house. RIGHT: Rep. Sylvia gives the tour. *Submitted photos,*



Protesters rally at Fairhaven High School

Approximaelly 350 people rallied at Fairhaven High School on Saturday, 8/2/25, as part of a nationwide protest against the policies of the Trump Administration.

The high school has been the site for protests in Fairhaven over the past few months. This month's theme was "Rage Against the Regime," and

was part of a nationwide protest promoted by 50501: 50 States, 50 Protests, 1 Day.

Hundreds of cities across the US joined in the Day of Action on 8/2 according to a variety of news sources.

The next day f action called for by 50501 is on September 1 for Labor

Day, and will be "Workers Over Billionaires Labor Day National Day of Action"

50501 states on its webiste that they are fighting "to uphold the Constitution and end executive overreach."

Learn more about 50501 at <https://www.fiftyfifty.one/> or find them on Facebook



ABOVE: Protesters hold a variety of signs against the Trump administration at a rally on 8/2/25 at Fairhaven High School, as part of a nationwide day of action, "Rage Against the Regime." *Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee.*

Fairhaven Historical Society awards scholarship

Press release

The Fairhaven Historical Society is pleased to announce the awarding of the Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship to Mr. Adam Marashio of Fairhaven High School Class of 2025.

Inspired by the films using Fairhaven as a setting, and by the creativity of the town's own filmmakers, Adam hopes his college years will lead him to a career in film, adding to the town's screen presence.

He will continue his education at Bridgewater State University this fall.

RIGHT: Enrique "Ricky" Goytizolo presents the 2025 Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship to Mr. Adam Marashio of Fairhaven High School. Submitted photo.



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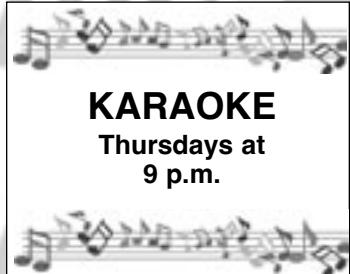
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Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 8/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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Library Board of Trustees

Fri., 8/8, Library Comm. Rm., noon

School Committee

Tues., 8/26, Ford Middle Sch., 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Fri., 8/8, Town Hall. Time TBA

TIDE TABLE

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

Aug 2025	HIGH	LOW
	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	7 0716	1934
Friday	8 0756	2014
Saturday	9 0838	2057
Sunday	10 0923	2142
Monday	11 1008	2227
Tuesday	12 1054	2313
Wednesday	13 1143	---
Thursday	14 0004	1237
Friday	15 0101	1336
Saturday	16 0201	1434
Sunday	17 0300	1534
Monday	18 0404	1643
Tuesday	19 0517	1750
	0050	1226
	0118	1311
	0155	1359
	0237	1451
	0320*	1541*
	0401*	1627*
	0441*	1712*
	0523*	1802
	0612*	1908
	0715	2030
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	0940	---
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* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

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From our readers

The English Bulldog – A New Life

What's so redeeming about a dog that has a head structure that allows a capacity for biting you while breathing at the same time? On the surface one may wonder why so many people would choose the English Bulldog as their favorite. Senior citizens, young children, universities, a prominent truck manufacturer, Winston Churchill, fiery Pastor John Hagee, and yours truly are among them.

The Bulldog, to the best of our knowledge, had its origin in the British Isles. The name "bull" was applied because of the dog's use in the sport of bull-baiting, which was extremely cruel. The event took place in an arena or amphitheater to the amusement of a bloodthirsty crowd. The original Bulldog had to be very ferocious and so savage and courageous as to be almost insensitive to pain. Smashed teeth and broken bones were the usual results of a Bulldog who latched onto the nose of a bull, was thrashed about, and refused to let go.

Around 1835 dog fighting as a sport became illegal in England. Therefore, the English Bulldog had outlived his usefulness and his days seemed numbered. Dog lovers, who felt deep disappointment at the passing of the breed, took on the task of preserving it. They proceeded to eliminate the undesirable fierce characteristics and to preserve and accentuate the finer qualities. Within a few generations, the English Bulldog became one of the finest examples of dog breeding, minus its original viciousness.

The transformation of the nature of the English Bulldog has an interesting parallel to what the Bible describes for a person being "born again." The unique difference is the Bulldog relied on human handlers to retrain them, so we may be justly proud of the Bulldog we know today, realizing their

greater value as trusted companions. We, as believers in Christ, have had to rely on God (The Champion from above) by repenting of our sins and asking His Holy Spirit to enter our hearts to redevelop us by His divine nature from within.

Just as the English Bulldog went through years of reconditioning and didn't become a trusted companion overnight, we too as "born again" believers are a work in progress. What's hopeful in all of this is the choice each of us has before us: We can continue to bite until we are out of breath in our unforgiveness and sinful ways, or let go in repentance and let God handle us His way!!!

Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven

The Power of the Press

One of Mark Twain's best pieces of advice was "Never argue with a man who buys ink by the barrel" — his testimony to the power of the press.

When people criticize Beth David's reporting, they're forgetting a crucial fact: She's not just a reporter; she owns the paper. Just as Rupert Murdoch owns the Wall Street Journal and can print whatever news and opinion he wishes, Ms. David owns the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* and can print what she likes. You may not agree with her choices, but she has every right to make them. She allows others to express their opinion in letters, although she has no obligation to do so.

As for the town's printing notices in the FNN, it's the cheapest and most efficient way to reach the largest number of Fairhaven residents. No-brainer.

Another good piece of advice to Ms. David's critics is the "front page test": Never do anything that you wouldn't want to see on the front page of the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*.

Beth Luey, Fairhaven

Concern About the Hostility Toward the Free Press

As a Fairhaven resident, I'm deeply concerned by growing hostility toward the free press both nationally and now locally.

At the July 28 Selectboard meeting, a public comment crossed a dangerous line, suggesting the Board should influence or reprimand *The Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. That reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of the First Amendment.

Let's be clear: the press doesn't exist to shield public officials from criticism. It exists to inform the people, even when the truth is uncomfortable.

Government interference in media coverage isn't just inappropriate; it can be unconstitutional and retaliatory. Officials, tread carefully — we're paying attention.

Massachusetts General Law requires municipalities to post public notices in a newspaper of general circulation. In Fairhaven, that's *The Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. This isn't about preference; it's about transparency. Where else do we consistently see Fairhaven's news? Not in the Standard-Times, and certainly not in *The Wanderer*.

If you don't like something that was covered, don't lash out; reflect. Learn. Do better. That's what public service demands. Criticism isn't cruelty; it's accountability.

To Beth David — thank you. Your editorial was strong, clear, and necessary. Great job, and keep going. Fairhaven needs its local press more than ever.

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Jessica Fidalgo, Fairhaven, A fierce First Amendment advocate

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Obituary: Charles Piona Jr.



Charles J. Piona Jr.

Charles J. Piona Jr., passed away peacefully surrounded by the ones he loved on August 1, 2025.

A resident of Brockton, Canton, Onset, Fairhaven, and Boynton Beach, Florida, Charlie made a noticeable impact wherever he resided and spent time.

After serving in Vietnam as a medic, he led a life of service to his communities. He spent 11 years in the

Brockton Fire Department, having reached the role of Lieutenant, and spent the following decades as a school bus driver.

Charlie enjoyed swimming and volunteering, notably at a school for special needs and a soup kitchen for the less fortunate, where he took pride in playing the role of Santa every Christmas season.

A master of endurance and undeniable personal fortitude, Charlie will be forever remembered for both his unquestionable wit and his white baseball cap...which he solely preferred because in the old westerns that he grew up watching, "the good guys wore white hats."

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Mari Piona, his twin sister Esther Rolfe, daughter Caitlin Bibeau

and son Gregory Piona and his fiancé Gretchen Devine. And his absolute favorite, his grandson Bennett Bibeau. He will also be missed by his two sisters Marie and Joanne, as well as many nieces and nephews.

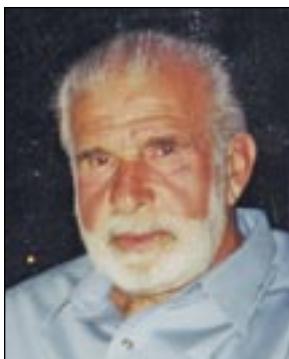
Charlie was predeceased by his eldest son CJ Piona.

Calling hours will be Thursday, August 7th, 2025 from 4pm to 7pm at Fairhaven Funeral Home 117 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA. Charlie will be laid to rest privately at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St Jude's, which Charlie donated to for over 30 years and a cause close to his heart.

Rest in peace, Charlie. You are deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Obituary: Raymond DeSimas



Raymond DeSimas

Raymond DeSimas of Fairhaven passed away July 5, 2025 at 92, following a life well lived.

He was the devoted son of the late Joseph DeSimas and Louise (Mello) DeSimas.

Ray was born in Dartmouth, and was raised in New Bedford on the family farm on Hathaway Road; later living on Deane Street in New Bedford, Jason's Road Rochester, but spent most of his life in Acushnet on Mendall Road. He cleared the property, built his home as well as the many stone walls, and maintained it for over 40 years. It was his lifelong passion. His later years living next to his daughter, son and their families in Fairhaven.

He enjoyed agriculture, raising grapes and blueberries, and had a very large garden for many years. For several years Ray sold Christmas trees raised on his property.

Ray was the foreman at Keith Box Company in Acushnet for many years

and later owned his own business, Stonehill Farm Landscaping until his retirement.

He was a proud veteran of the Korean War and served in Korea from 1952 to 1954, attaining the rank of Corporal in the 1931st 30 Ordnance Company. One of his fondest memories was in 2017 when he participated in the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight "Papa". The group flew to Washington DC and visited many War memorials. Ray was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Ray enjoyed boxing in his youth and competed in the Amateur Bermuda Boxing Association under the name "Ray Steele". His other lifelong passion was Pigeon Racing which he did for many years with his father Joe. As members of the New Bedford Racing Pigeon Club, and later with his son John as a member of the Fall River Racing Pigeon Club, the DeSimas and Son Loft won many races, including 500 mile races.

He was an avid horse rider, owning many different horses over his lifetime. In earlier years, Ray enjoyed camping and attending Fairs with the family.

Survivors include his daughter Debra Duff, her husband Robert Duff of Fairhaven; son John DeSimas, his companion Carol Medeiros of Fair-

haven; a grandson James DeSimas of Los Angeles, CA, 3 step grandchildren, Jayme, Michelle, and Kristina. He was the brother of the late Joseph, Walter, Manuel, Frederick DeSimas, Dorothy Meister, Louise Russell, and many beloved nieces and nephews living throughout the United States. He was the former husband of Beatrice Johnson, with whom he shared a lifelong friendship.

Ray was always grateful to the New Bedford VA Medical Clinic for the many years of outstanding medical care and grateful to the staff for their commitment to veterans' healthcare, especially Josh and Dr. Nye.

Ray's Family would like to extend their thanks to the VA Homecare Professionals, Southcoast VNA, and FCP Live-in, especially his home health care provider Loretta, for all their efforts and care in assisting him to live independently at home.

Additionally, they are grateful to the caring and supportive staff of the Southcoast VNA Hospice staff, the dedicated staff at the Royal in Fairhaven.

In accordance with Family wishes, services and the burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at stjude.org.

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