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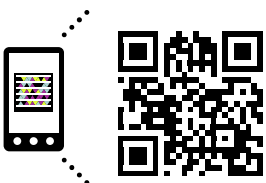
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Harborfest showcases local talent



Young Isabelle is clearly fascinated with the colorful stilt walker, Sheri O'Brian of Extraordinary Arts Entertainment, at the Huttleston Harborfest themed "Splash of Art," on 8/23/25 at Grimshaw Park in Fairhaven. . See page 12.
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.

It's here! Festa weekend (see page 3). The OLOA Feast is on.

But before that, Acushnet is having its annual Cruise Night in the center of town tonight (Thursday). See page 7 for details on that. And next weekend is the Apple Peach Festival, but this weekend is the Miss Apple Peach Pageant (see page 7).

Mass DOT has announced a couple of projects that will affect our driving in these parts for months, one for years. See pages 5 and 6 for that. Let's hope the Route 18 project is worth the mess (page 6), with five years of lane closures, it had better make things better. Ugh.

We have some meeting coverage for you. The Fairhaven Select Board met and talked about all kinds of stuff, including the litigation around the Rogers School. Geesh. That one is taking forever (see page 4).

Our cover story was fun to go to. The monthly Huttleston Harborfest was packed with activities for kids and adults. And the Jellyfishbot got its name. See page 12 for that.

The NFIA Open Air Market also had lots of activity on Saturday (see page 13). And little Broxo was there, too. I got a great picture of the little dog, but didn't have room for it. Maybe I'll put it online...if my brain remembers.

Both these parks are great spots. We are lucky to have them: Grimshaw with its courts and the breeze off the water; Livesey with its trees, wide open field, skate park, and courts. Check them out when you have a chance.

Meanwhile, the Big Buffoon now wants to send people to prisons in Uganda. It should be against international law for a country to send people to prisons in other countries. How is this okay? How can people support this? I don't care what you think he did, he should be dealt with in this country, with all due process. All due process, not tossed around at the whim of an authoritarian nut job.

We have military in our streets acting as police; people getting snatched and thrown in prison or sent to other countries without their day in court; a president who says he can do what he wants even if the courts disagree; and people still support him.

It's amazing how many people in this country do not even know what the "rule of law" means.

I don't know what it will take to stop this guy, but we had better figure it out soon or we will simply just not be the USA anymore.

You're in a cult. Wake up.

There's other stuff in here, of course. While you're paging through, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week, then, see ya,

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Glory to the Heroes!

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Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

It's Feast weekend!

By Beth David
Editor

The 95th annual Our Lady of Angels feast is slated for this weekend: 8/30-9/1. There are some changes for security reasons. There are now security cameras throughout the grounds. There will be a much bigger police presence; there will only be one entrance and three exits. They will be searching bags, backpacks, and have a metal detector which everyone will have to pass through.

Anyone looking to have adult beverages or play adult gaming will have to show proof of age (21+) upon which you will receive a wrist band for the day.

No outside food or beverage will be allowed entry. No weapons will be

allowed entry. No face coverings will be allowed.

Anyone who does not comply will not be allowed entrance.

Feast Details

The Our Lady of Angels Feast will be held on the feast grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, on Sat. 8/30, 5 p.m.-midnight; Sun., 8/31, noon to midnight; Mon., 9/1, 10 a.m. to 10 a.m., procession at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Dubbed the "biggest little feast," the 95th annual OLOA festa is a showcase of local Portuguese culture, featuring three days of Portuguese and American food and entertainment. Admission and entertainment are free, purchase require for food and beverages. You must purchase

tickets for food and beverages.

Saturday, 5-Mid.

Opening ceremonies 6 p.m. followed by a concert by Banda Santa Cecilia of Fall River; music by 7 Day Weekend, 8 p.m.-mid.

Sunday, noon-mid.

2 p.m., Richard Canastra & Paul Savoie Show; music by Hardwire, 8 p.m.-mid

Monday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Feast Mass, 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Fairhaven. Mass celebrant, Father Chris Paschal of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Bedford.

Procession at 1 p.m. followed by auction.

6-10 p.m., music by The Promix.

Grounds close at 10 p.m.

Apple Peach Festival is next weekend

Celebrate the Apple Peach Festival's 44th Year! Sept. 6th & 7th, from 10:00-6:00PM, at Long Plain Museum 1203 Main St., Acushnet.

Parade

Sun., 9/7, Departing from Pope

Park at 10:00am and ending at the festival at 11:00am.

Visitors will be able to park in lots across from the fairgrounds off of Main St. There will also be shuttle buses provided by the Festival, leaving from Acushnet Elementary

School on Middle Rd. We highly recommend this option.

The festival is free to the public but donations are always welcome.

Questions and all other inquiries: applepeachfest@gmail.com or visit <https://applepeachfestival.com/>

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SB recognizes Chauncey Burr, sends letter re: state funding

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 8/25/25, the Fairhaven Select Board recognized Lt. Chauncey Burr, a Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic, who recently retired after nearly 34 years with the town.

The board also approved a letter to try to get more local aid from the state, and discussed the ongoing litigation with the Rogers School.

The board presented a proclamation to Mr. Burr, noting he was a "pioneer" in emergency medical care for the town becoming one of its first paramedics and "setting a high standard for emergency response, patient care, and operational safety."

The proclamation also notes his involvement with youth sports and Boy Scouts, "fostering the next generation of Fairhaven's citizens with the same dedication and heart he brought to the fire service."

Fire Chief Todd Correia said that Mr. Burr has been a colleague throughout his whole career and his input was "invaluable."

Mr. Burr simply said "thank you," to the board.

Board members Andrew Saunders and Andrew Romano, and Assistant Town Administrator, Anne Carreiro, all recounted specific instances when Mr. Burr helped them in emergency situations.

The board also approved a letter to State Sen. Mark Montigny and State Rep. Mark Sylvia asking that they work with the legislature to increase local aid from the state. The town of Fairhaven is facing a \$1.5 million deficit next year. Almost every municipality in the state is facing deficits due to the restrictions of Proposition 2 1/2, which puts a cap on property tax increases; and local aid that has fallen, not increased to keep up with inflation.

The letter says the forecasted revenue shortfall in Fairhaven is "directly attributable to the reduction in Local Aid from the Commonwealth."

The letter asks that the state use the interest from its stabilization fund, estimated to be more than \$400 million, to give all or some to the 351 municipalities in the state.

The fund, often referred to as the state's "Rainy Day Fund," has more

than \$8.6 billion in it. Using the interest will not affect that total.

"We (unfortunately) report that it is fiscally raining in Fairhaven and we could very much use help from this fund to close our deficit," reads the letter.

The board voted to send the letter, and also to draft two other letters based on the same information. One will go to the Mass. Municipal Association, which lobbies for cities and towns; and one would go to other municipalities in the state to be used as a template for them to also reach out to their representatives.

In another matter, the board received an update on the Rogers School litigation. A developer has sued the town after the town accused the developer of breach of contract.

The developer, Zachary Mayo of New England Preservation and Development, LLC, sued. The case has been in making its way through the courts for several years.

The town asked for a summary judgment in its favor (which would end the litigation) back in March. In

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

OLOA Feast

This weekend. See page 3

WIJA Breakfast

LAST ONE OF SEASON

Join the West Island Improvement Association for a buffet breakfast on Sun., 8/31, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven. Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. \$10/adults, \$5/children under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

Vendors Wanted

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability and Fairhaven Belonging Committee are hosting and all abilities vendor fair Fall For All at the Fairhaven Recreation Center and Council on Aging October 12th 10am-3pm.

The fair will feature unified sports activities, live demonstrations and local town organizations.

Please call Krystal Lunn, 774-263-6773, or email krystal.lunn@gmail.com to get a form to fill out or find her on Facebook and download the form.

Music Program FR

Grow with us! Please help us expand our K-12 music program.

We are looking for donations to provide children of all ages from Fairhaven and Acushnet with as much music enrichment as possible and we need your help.

Children who study a musical instrument are more likely to excel in all of their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school, and pursue further education. [Arte Music Academy "Statistical benefits of music in education. Statistical-Benefits-of-Music-In-education. Accessed July 17, 2014]

For more information, contact fairhavenassociationformusicd@gmail.com.

Sounds of Wetlands

Sights and Sounds of Wetlands, Mon., 9/8, 6:30-7:30 PM, UUSF Auditorium, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719

Have you ever wondered what was making all of those sounds near your

neighborhood wetland or pond? Join Carlos T.B. Fragata for an immersive presentation on what we are hearing in these fascinating ecosystems! Learn about the animals that frequent wetlands and ponds, what they are and the sounds they make, and how they grow and live together. Carlos is a retired Environmental Analyst for the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, and a local environmentalist from Southeastern Massachusetts. This program is kid friendly — bring the whole family!

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

I-195 Lane Closures

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be performing traffic sign replacement along I-195 eastbound and westbound between Dartmouth and Wareham. Nightly work is scheduled to continue through March of 2026, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning.

Lane closures on I-195 eastbound and westbound will be in place. Temporary traffic alterations, including lane and shoulder closures, will occur as needed. At least one lane of travel will be maintained at all times, and police will assist with traffic control and safety setups.

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: 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 a variety of

foods, including fresh wood fire pizza (Dough and Basil), Japanese street food (Hanami Tea House), and more.

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

Costume Swap

Halloween Sustainability Costume Swap. Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., or at The Millicent Library from now until October 8th

On October 8th there will be a free event at the library with a Halloween Swap table, along with other Halloween crafts.

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., or The Millicent Library- Mon & Wed -9am-8pm, Tues & Thurs -9am-6pm, Friday 10am -6pm, Sat.9am-3pm.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

CPC Apps

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY27 funding round. The FY27 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

Activities that can be funded are:

- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space.
- Creation, preservation, and support of Community Housing.
- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Historic Resources.
- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for CPC applications is Fri., 10/3, 2025 by 12:00 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8123 or email recordingsecretary@fairhaven-ma.gov.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Volunteer Oppty

Fun Volunteer Opportunity. By becoming a "Hospital Caring Clown" with The Smile Factory Clowns, located at 88 Hatch Street, Suite #213, in New Bedford you can have fun volunteering in our three local hospitals: St. Luke's, Charlton Memorial and Tobey.

Classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:30- 8:45 pm for 10 weeks. They begin on Sept. 16th with graduation in November/December. Each class is \$20.00 which covers items given out.

Our students are from our Fairhaven and surrounding communities. Come have fun and experience the heartfelt touch your clown journey can have on your heart and others. Classes are taught by multi award winning clown of over 35 years, Elaine "Daisy D.Dots" Vercellone.

Please e-mail: thesmilefactoryclowns@gmail.com or call: 201-388-0225 to find out more or reserve your spot. Only 6 Class spots remain for this class session. Come have fun with us!

CPC Workshop

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the Community Preservation Committee are kicking off the fiscal year 2026 Community Preservation Act application cycle with an application technical workshop on Thurs., 9/4 at 6 p.m. on

the third floor of the Downtown New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St.

The CPC strongly encourages all those interested in applying for funding during this cycle to attend the workshop to learn about the changes to the application process. A budget of approximately \$1.8 million will be available to fund CPA-eligible projects.

Questions concerning CPA and the application process can be directed to Jessica Bailey, CPA Manager by email at CPA@newbedford-ma.gov. Application materials will be available on the City's website <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/> on Sept. 4.

Workers' Rights

Join us on Sat., 8/30, at noon at Buttonwood Park in New Bedford, for our "Stand Together for Workers" event, which is part of a group of nationwide events happening on Labor Day Weekend to support workers' rights. We are also standing for workers abducted from New Bedford, in addition to all workers. The event is sponsored by Indivisible South Coast New England, 50501Mass, the AFL-CIO, PACE, Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee, Democracy Unleashed, Mujeres Victoriosas de New Bedford, Westport Democratic

Town Committee, and Rochester and Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committees.

We are having a food drive of non-perishable items to benefit the PACE food pantry. There will be music and guest speakers. There will also be a fundraising table for Mutual Aid of New Bedford.

Vigils For Love

Love your neighbor. No exceptions.

Join us on Wednesdays in New Bedford from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for weekly multifaith gatherings in support of all immigrants living in our community. Contact vigilsforlove@use.startmail.com if you have any questions.

The next events will be

- **South End:** T Lopes City Park, 1 Washington St. Sept. 3, Sept. 17
- **North End:** Nye Street Park, 63 Nye Street. Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Sept 24

SAVE THE DATES:

Lebanese Feast

Join Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church at our annual Lebanese Festival on the OLOP Parish Grounds at 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745. Fri., 9/12 from 5-11 p.m.; Sat., 9/13, noon-11 p.m. No outside food or drink.

Free admission. Cash bar and food

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Route 18/I-195 project will cause 5 years of detours

Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced that construction has begun on the I-195/Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project in New Bedford. The project entails replacing a section of I-195 and its ramps connecting to Route 18. As part of this project, two raised sections of I-195 will be rebuilt. The section that carries I-195 westbound will be demolished and rebuilt from 2025 to 2027. The section that carries I-195 eastbound will be demolished and rebuilt from 2027 to 2029. The project is expected to be completed in 2030. This five-year project will improve safety for those driving through the interchange. The project includes a new skate park, landscape park, and shared use path under the highway. It also includes a noise barrier.

During the first two years of construction, two ramps will be closed:

- The ramp from Route 18 northbound to I-195 westbound
- The ramp from I-195 westbound to Route 18 southbound (exit 26)

Appropriate signage and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

Signed detours will be in effect for all closures. For detour routes and general project information please visit the project website at: <https://www.mass.gov/route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation-in-new-bedford>

Drivers traveling through the affected area should expect delays and use caution.

A speed reduction will be in place during construction on I-195. Drivers must reduce their speed when

traveling through the work zone to ensure everyone's safety.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions

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We hope to see you at the Festival

Science Cafe

Tues., 9/9, 6–8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest David Kagan, Ph.D.,

Associate Teaching Professor in Physics at UMass Dartmouth, will discuss “Quantum Computing; A Revolution That’s Sure to Teach Schrodinger’s Cat New Tricks & Change the Shape of Industries.”

A century ago, the new field of quantum mechanics was born—the study of physical properties of the microscopic world. Today, scientists & engineers are racing to develop quantum computers, devices that have the potential to dramatically increase computer speeds. Note how Google’s quantum computer Willow completed a computation in minutes that would take a supercomputer ten

septillion years!

David will discuss the principles underlying quantum computing, the challenges of building these machines, the vision of quantum AI, and how technologies might be revolutionized—medicine, climate modeling, banking, to name a few. He will also provide a roadmap for distinguishing fact from hype in this rapidly evolving field. David earned his PH.D. in theoretical physics from Cambridge University.

Free parking in rear of building.

Visit <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/>

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Cruise Night

Thurs., 8/28, Acushnet Town Green/Parting Ways, 5–8 p.m. Classic cars, great food from local vendors, and oldies music with DJ Dave Blast from the Past. Sponsored by the Town of Acushnet, 122 Main St.

Music on the Porch

Sat., 8/30 Play Music on the Porch Day featuring local favorites The Jethros. Noon to 2 pm under the pavilion at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet.

The family tree goes like this: Gaston Jethro plays bass as though it were seven distinct instruments; Rufus Jethro sings and plays trumpet, trombone, and uke; Cornelius Jethro plays drums; Homer Jethro sings and plays guitar; LeRoy Jethro plays trombone; and Boney Jethro whistles and plays fiddle, bones, and other small percussion. Together, they are The Jethros, and they are delighted to present their folk/blues/alt/soul/swing-jazz/bluegrass/funk/country/mariachi/klezmer stylings to one & all.

Coin Show

Coin Show, Sun., 8/31, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road, Westport, MA. Free Admission.

Miss Apple Peach

The public is invited to the Miss Apple Peach Contest, Sat., 8/30, at 6 p.m., at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets available at the

door only; \$15 general admission, \$10/students.

For more information, email MissApplePeach@gmail.com or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

Clothing Drive

Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Willow Niles will be collecting essential items for local kids in need. We are seeking underwear, socks, pajamas, and plain t-shirts in youth to teen sizes. Bring your donations to the pageant. Items will be donated to the Department of Children and Families.

Jazz Jam

Once again the MAC invites musicians from across the SouthCoast to join us for the annual Jazz Jam at the MAC. On Saturday, August 30th, become part of the long tradition of the jazz jam session, complete with participation from community musicians. The event will begin at 7:00pm and will take place at the MAC’s Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion, MA.

Join us to listen in, or if you’re a musician, sign up to join us on stage! If you’d like to join the Jazz Jam players on stage, please email info@marionartcenter.org with “Jazz Jam” in the subject line. Please include your name, phone number, and list how you want to participate (instrument, vocals, etc.).

Tickets for the event are on sale at marionartcenter.org/events and cost \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Musicians may join for free, but donations in any amount are

always appreciated.

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Questions and all other inquiries: applepeachfest@gmail.com or visit <https://applepeachfestival.com/>

Jewelry Sale

Obsessed with jewelry? Love a bargain? Come shop the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library’s jewelry sale on Saturday, September 6, 9am - 12pm (no early birds please). The sale will be held on the library’s front lawn, at 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet. Items include new and gently-worn jewelry, with prices starting at just \$1. Cash only.

Come find that one-of-a-kind piece for yourself or for a gift! All proceeds support library programs and services. (In the event of rain, the sale will be held in the library’s Community Room, starting at 9:30am until 12pm.)



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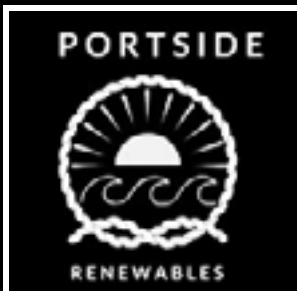
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Mall Trips

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: RI; 9/3, Twin River Casino; 9/10, Plymouth Shopping; 9/17, Wrentham Village; 9/24, Mashpee Commons.

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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.

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: Sept. 9.

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.

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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The first Thursday of the month, from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call 508-979-4029.

Having support is crucial for caregivers because caregiving can be physically demanding, leading to stress, burnout, and isolation. Support can reduce these burdens, improve mental and physical health, and help caregivers better cope with the challenges. Next date: 9/4.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

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The Fairhaven Recreation Department is thrilled to announce its Fall 2025 programming, offering a wide range of activities for children, teens, adults, and families to enjoy this season. From sports and fitness to arts and enrichment, there's something for everyone at the Rec Center.

Youth Highlights:

- Home Alone Safety (Ages 8–11) and Babysitting Workshop (Ages 10–13) with Beth Oleson return to teach important life skills through interactive, hands-on sessions.
- Youth Basketball Clinics (Grades K–5), led by Fairhaven High Varsity Coach Donald Joseph, will help young athletes build confidence and skills on the court.
- “Aladdin” Musical Theatre (Ages 5–13) invites kids to sing, dance, and act in an exciting stage production.
- Holiday fun continues with Kool Kids Thanksgiving Half Day Program (Grades 1–5) and Kool

Kids Christmas Vacation Program (Grades 1–5), offering games, crafts, and activities while school is out.

Pre-K & Early Childhood Programs:

- Little ones can explore movement and creativity through Kinderdance® Ballet/Tap (Ages 3–6), Kindertots Dance/Tumble® (Ages 2–3), and Kindermotion® (Ages 2–3).
- Outdoor exploration comes alive in the Pre-K Nature Program (Ages 2–6), while budding athletes can join the Pre-K Soccer Clinic (Ages 3–5).
- Creative fun continues with Pint-Sized Picassos (Ages 3–5), encouraging young artists to paint, draw, and sculpt.

Adult Programs:

- Cardio Mix (Ages 16+) brings energy with “Tabata Tuesdays” and “Lift & Stretch Thursdays,” blending strength and flexibility

training for all levels.

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For more information, visit www.Fairhaven-MA.gov or call the Fairhaven Recreation Department at 508-993-9269.

Recipe of the Week

Eggplant Pizzas

1 large eggplant, cut into 1/4 inch slices
 1 tablespoon coarse salt
 1 tablespoon oil
 1 teaspoon italian seasoning or oregano
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1 cup pizza sauce
 1 cup mozzarella, shredded
 1 ounce pepperoni

Sprinkle the eggplant with the coarse salt, let sit on paper towels for 20 minutes and wipe dry.

Brush the eggplant slices with oil and season with italian seasoning, salt and pepper.

Roast the eggplant in a preheated 400F/200C oven until it just starts to turn tender, about 15-20 minutes. (Do not let them become too soft or mushy.)

Top the eggplant with sauce, cheese and pepperoni and broil until the cheese has melted, about 3-5 minutes.

Option: Grill the eggplant instead of baking them.

Note: Eggplant can get bitter with age and salting it helps draw out that bitterness. If you are using younger eggplants you can skip the salting and save some time.



Dear Frankie

New School

Dear Frankie,
 I received a scholarship to Haverford Canine Academy. My parents were so proud that I was accepted to such a prestigious school.

The day I got the letter of acceptance, my dad bought a Haverford decal for our car, and my mom bought Haverford hats and totes for all of us. I could have never attended without the scholarship, which covers my classes, meals, and transportation.

After two months, it has become clear that Haverford is not a good fit for me; the students frequently discuss how much they spend on everything, and they are snobs, plus the academic pressure is brutal. Many of the students have private tutors and take energy pills that help them focus. There is also a lot of cheating on tests.

I know my parents will be disappointed when I tell them I want to quit. I'm sure they will try to pressure me to stay, but I don't have it in me.

Is there any way I can let them down easily when I break the news?

Glen

Dear Glen,

Before you tell your parents you want to quit, prepare them by talking about the things you find challenging at Haverford — the emphasis the students place on money, the social cliques, the misuse of drugs, and the cheating on exams. Point out how these are not values they taught you.

You might add that you are sure they are as disappointed as you are to learn that a school like Haverford, known for its academic excellence, lacks so sorely in terms of ethics and values.

Remind them that it was your former school that prepared you to earn a full scholarship at Haverford, and you were much happier with the learning environment there and far less stressed socially.

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Press Release

Since 2003, the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society has awarded scholarships to deserving local high school senior and first-time college applicants who will be pursuing undergraduate education.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, they have grown steadily over time. AMHS is committed to helping our Portuguese-American community's youth achieve higher education and to growing our scholarship offerings over time.

On Monday, August 11, 2025, AMHS issued seven scholarships totalling \$9,500:

- The Dr. Mary Vermette Scholarship of \$2,000, named after the founder of AMHS, to Juliana Lopes of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. She plans to study Illustration at Massachusetts College of Art and Design.
- The Faial Scholarship of \$1,500 to Lucas Roy Brum of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. He plans to attend Wentworth Institute of



Recipients of the 2025 scholarships awarded by the Azorean Maritime Heritages Society hold their certificates while standing in front of a whaleboat, L-R: Eva Politano, Nathan LeBoeuf, Lucas Roy Brum, Niall Roda Fogarty, Ethan Nelson, Juliana Lopes (Not pictured: Nadia Franco). Photo courtesy of Azorean Maritime Heritage Society.

Technology to major in Computer Engineering.

- The Pico Scholarship of \$1,500 to Niall Roda Fogarty of Dartmouth

High School. He plans to study Finance at Roger Williams University or University of Tampa.

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This month's Harborfest showcases area talent

By Beth David
Editor

This month's Huttleston Harborfest, themed "A Splash of Art," brought together hundreds of artists and other talent to Grimshaw Park near Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Saturday, 8/23/25. Artists with all manner of home-made items, hands-on art making, music, food, and lots of creativity flowed around the park with more than 75 booths and food trucks set up.

Lion Evercrest of Lion's Art Hole, said she was doing great selling t-shirts with original designs and postcards. She said she tailors her product to events, and has something special planned for the next Harborfest on 9/20, which has a Medieval Faire theme.

"It's a really nice event," said Joan Gouveia of Green Cottageworks, that she runs with her sister, Helen DeForge. She said they were there last month and will be there for the last on next month selling scented soy candles and "giftables."

In addition to lots and lots of artists, there were also plenty of information booths.

Fairhaven's newest harbor worker, the Jellyfishbot robot designed to clean up the harbor, got its name at the event. People voted and the name "Bumblebee" won. Organizers said they got more than 300 submissions.

Fairhaven Director of Land Use and Planning, Bruce Webb, was on hand

to explain how Bumblebee has different attachments available, including a mesh net that can scoop up debris, and attachments to deploy absorbent boom during oil spills.

"It's core mission is collecting trash," said Mr. Webb. "It's backup is putting boom out for oil spills."

Greg Sullivan got a quick lesson and suggested the name "Jelly Bee," but alas, his name did not win

"I think it's really exciting that Fairhaven/New Bedford Harbor is being so proactive," said Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Webb noted that the town got a state grant to buy the gadget.

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability set up a table for children of all abilities to make some art. They could use paint brushes, rollers, work at the table or on the ground.

Anne Marie Chagnon said some children took their art off to the side to be in a calmer place, others embraced the chaos. She said the kids had a really good time being creative.

"Everybody is included," said new



COD member Pam Roy, who was attending her first event as a committee member.

"So far it's great," she said of being on the committee and Harborfest.

Organizer Alyssa Botelho, Discover Fairhaven Director, said she was very happy with the turnout. They had more vendors than any other Harborfest.

"It speaks to how many talented, creative folks we have here on the South Coast," said Ms. Botelho. "Everybody's in a great mood."

Ms. Botelho also said they had something very special planned for the Medieval Faire themed Harborfest coming up on 9/20, including a movie. Stay tuned for details.

Visit www.discoverfairhaven.org.



TOP: Sisters, Helen DeForge and Joan Gouveia are all smiles staffing the booth for their company, Green Cottageworks, at the Huttleston Harborfest themed "Splash of Art," on 8/23/25 at Grimshaw Park in Fairhaven. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Director of Land Use and Planning, Bruce Webb, explains the uses of Fairhaven's Jellyfishbot, "Bumblebee," to Greg Sullivan. ABOVE RIGHT: Kathy Caesar of KMC Fluid Art Studio poses with some of her artwork. *Photos by Beth David.*

NFIA Open Air Market has just a few weeks left

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Open Air Market at Livesey Park still has a few weeks left on the schedule for those who have not yet managed to get there. The market runs every Saturday through September 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., under the trees at Livesey Park at the corner of Glen Haven Avenue and Parker Street.

Joni Rhoads of the Rescue Cafe said she always does well selling her home made pastries, pointing out that she was almost sold out.

"Chris (Richard) has made it very convenient for the vendors," said Ms. Roads. "It's also very affordable."

Stephanie Cournoyer went to the

market with her husband, Matt, and their kids. Ms. Cournoyer said she wanted to get some of Mrs. Jackson's jalapeno bread. While they were there, the kids noticed the skate park, so they went home and got their gear.

"We came back for the skate park and spotted the cornhole (board)," said Matt.

So, while the kids used the park, Half Blind Woodworking made a sale.

Vendors said it was pretty busy in the morning, but tapered off in the afternoon. Most said sales were pretty good.

Lisa and Brian Belitcher just moved to Fairhaven from the Cape for retirement. They were selling watercolor note cards, bird houses, Italian dish cloths, and other hand made

items.

It is "always a pleasure," said Lisa, whether they sell a lot of items or not.

On Saturday the weather was "magnificent," she said, so it was okay they did not sell as much as when they were there in July.

"It's much nicer than the Cape," Brian said of Fairhaven.

"We love it here," said Lisa.

As for lunch, Hanami Tea House was the only hot option, with Japanese dumplings and BBQ pork.

Other food options included baked goods from different vendors, and produce from Barbosa Farm.

Interested vendors can email NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com or find them at [Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket).



ABOVE LEFT: Lisa and Brian Belitcher are nearly hidden behind the handmade treasures they are selling at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Open Air Market at Livesey Park on 8/23/25. ABOVE RIGHT: Matt Cournoyer carries two cornhole boards he bought from Derek Robinson of Half Blind Woodworking, while Stephanie Cournoyer looks on. BELOW LEFT: William Foley of Hanami Tea House, featuring Japanese specialties, awaits his next customer. BELOW RIGHT: Devon Rose of Devon Rose Candle Co. with her brother, Brett, who says he only provides the muscle for set-up and take-down, staff their table. *Photos by Beth David.*



SB: cont'd from page 4

July, the judge denied the town's request, citing "a question of fact" due to specific language in the rider to the Purchase and Sales Agreement, and ordered the case go to trial in January..

SB member, Andrew Saunders, who is an attorney, said he has been following the case closely and was surprised at the judge's decision.

He noted several reasons why he was surprised, including that the plaintiff had not filed an opposition.

Ms. Saunders said that knowing the court and its backlog of cases, he believes it will not be heard in January, but will be postponed.

"This is just kicking the can down the road," said Mr. Saunders.

He asked that the item be placed on the agenda as an executive session item.

"Because I myself have some ideas on how we can address this," he said.

The board also heard from Beth Ann Gallagher, Chairperson of the Fairhaven Cultural Council, with a brief explanation of what kinds of projects the council funds, and announcing that they are currently seeking applications for the current

round of funding. The council will hold a public information session on September 9. Find them on the town's website for information on how to apply for grants: <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/cultural-council/>

Types projects that have been funded are the NFIA music night, the movie, "Sweet Freedom," the "Golden Girls" acting workshop for seniors, school field trips.

In other business, the board also auction announced that the town's annual auction will take place on Saturday, 9/20, and listed the items that will be available for the public to bid on. The list is available in the SB packet on the town's website and from the public works department.

The board also responded to an



Chauncey Burr (CENTER) poses with town officials after being recognized on his retirement after nearly 34 years with the Fairhaven Fire Department, L-R: Fairhaven Select Board members Andrew Romano and Keith Silvia; Assistant Town Administrator, Anne Carreiro; Mr. Burr; SB members Natalie Mello, Andrews Saunders, and Chairperson, Charles Murphy. Photo courtesy of Andrew Romano.

Open Meeting Law complaint by Patrick Higgins alleging that the SB violated the OML when it did not list all the names candidates for poll workers on the agenda. In its response, the board noted that the names were included in the packet that was online, but acknowledged they should have been on the agenda itself, and promised to be sure to do so in the future.



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Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/8, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/25, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 9/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Public Safety Complex

Tues., 9/9, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/10, FHS Lib., Time TBA

Select Board

Mon., 9/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 9/10, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 9/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Fri., 8/29, Town Hall 9:30 a.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug 2025		HIGH		LOW	
			a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	---	1205	0450	1718	
Friday	29	0027	1255	0523	1757	
Saturday	30	0119	1348	0602	1851	
Sunday	31	0213	1441	0656	2004	

	Sept. 2025		HIGH		LOW	
			a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Monday	1	0306	1536	0804	2112	
Tuesday	2	0405	1639	0907	2220	
Wednesday	3	0512	1740	1009	2332	
Thursday	4	0607	1828	1115	---	
Friday	5	0650	1909	0011	1210	
Saturday	6	0730	1949	0046	1257	
Sunday	7	0811	2031	0124	1345	

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

- **Case #2025.06.17B** A case of Three Kings Marine, LLC for property located on 42 South Main Street, Map 15, Lot 271 & Sivigny Street, Map 15, Lot 270. The petitioner is appealing a letter from the Building Commissioner to Cease and desist all activity on the premise. The case was continued by the Board of Appeals to August 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The August meeting was not held and a new specific date and time is needed for a continuation.
- **Case #2025.09.16A** A case of Michell Mendonca, for property located at 6 Whelden Lane, Map 23, Lot 9A. The Applicant is applying for a Special Permit as required for a 2 chair salon pursuant to the Zoning By-Laws, Sec. 3.3.1B (11).
- **Case #2025.09.16B** A case of Meet in the Middle LLC, Map 23, Lot 1. A special permit is required for a Commercial storage, office space, and Contractor yard located within a Residence A (RA) District per Section 33.3.1.B.14 of the Zoning By-Law.
- **Case #2025.09.16C** A case of Sheryl Casmira for property located at Tobey Street, Map 2, Lot 35.47. On 05/30/2007, Lot 47 was reduced to a non-buildable lot due to wetlands. A variance is required pursuant to 3.3.1.E.(1), minimum lot area and upland

requirements. The Applicant is looking to change lot 47 to buildable.

Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN FAIRHAVEN TOWN HALL SITE WALL RESTORATION FAIRHAVEN, MA INVITATION TO BID

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

The scope of the work includes: Restoration of existing stone masonry retaining wall to include dismantling of existing and rebuilding.

General bidders must be DCAMM certified in the category "Historic Masonry" or "Historic Building". All bids must include a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Update Statement. General Bidders shall have completed similar work on at least 3 buildings listed in the State Register of Historic Places within the past 5 years.

ITEM: General Bids:

BIDS DUE: September 12, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) beginning on August 27, 2025.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, on September 3, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

While attendance is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, §44A through 44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management-approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The Town of Fairhaven is an affirmative action/ equal opportunity owner/purchaser.

The Town of Fairhaven reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Select Board, Town of Fairhaven,
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Fairhaven CPC accepting applications

Press Release

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY27 funding round. The FY27 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

Since 2006, the Fairhaven CPC has

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- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space.
- Creation, preservation, and support of Community Housing.

- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Historic Resources.

- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for CPC applications is Friday, October 3, 2025 by 12:00 p.m.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8123 or email recordingsecretary@fairhaven-ma.gov.

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From our readers

Crime IS Up...In the White House

The crime rate has exploded in the White House

Donald Trump's claim of rampant crime in Washington D.C. is accurate when you scrutinize the combined unconstitutional, felonious, and violent assaults being committed by him and his gaggle of appointed henchmen and advisers.

Not only has Trump and his cronies, individually and collectively, committed more crimes per capita than any of the residents of Washington D.C., but their victims are in the millions in all of the United States.

The Trumpian agenda of "making America great again" by ridding the country of undocumented immigrants, homeless people, antisemitic protestors, and unconstitutionally pressuring the Justice Department to investigate previous presidents, tenured government personnel, Justice Department prosecutors, and Medicaid recipients, is outrageous, as Trump and his felonious, unethical, and supremely unqualified cabinet, and departmental officials, participate in the destruction or reversal of laws and regulations that were improving the lives of millions of Americans.

Trump's modus operandi is to declare a problem, implement or propose an outrageous or unlawful solution which enrages millions of people who take to the streets to protest, all creating the illusion of criminality in the cities that he will eliminate.

Trump's vindictiveness alternates between individuals, groups or nations, taking pleasure in punitive measures that never really satisfy his hunger for revenge.

While empowered thugs are arresting children and suspected

undocumented immigrants, subjecting them to horrendous detention conditions, and illegally deporting thousands, National Guards are patrolling the streets of Washington D.C., this administration has continued subsidizing the murder and starvation of Palestinian civilians in the thousands and making only a pro forma attempt to end the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East.

In the same vein Trump and his cabinet appointees, White House personnel and hand picked department heads, are daily violating the constitution, federal laws and regulations. Each action so much more violative than the overstaying of a visa or having entered the country bypassing the legal procedure.

Railing against crime by a convicted felon and alleged sexual predator, who has defied a host of conflict of interest laws, has made the elimination of crime the centerpiece of his two terms in office while amassing a long list of crimes, he has personally enabled his cronies to join in on the crime spree.

Betty Ussach, Dartmouth

Trump and Republicans have no values to defend

The Fairhaven Republican Committee recently met. They started with a Biblical prayer that spit on man's independent, focused mind and that demanded mindless obedience to a mystical ideal in an unfocused mind. They pledged allegiance to the nation. There was no pledge of allegiance to man's mind, individual rights or the Constitution. We should be grateful that there was no pledge of allegiance to Trump.

Then they discussed the minutes of the last meeting. I was there to hear about policy and I had something important to do. I left. Possibly, they

eventually discussed the values, if any, of Republicans. Possibly, they eventually discussed applying America's individual rights Constitution to current problems. Those are tiny possibilities. Trump has never uttered the words, individual rights. He's a nationalist, not an individualist.

Republicans want the right to bear arms. It's the only right they respect. Why? They reject the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They reject the right to property, production, trade and the pursuit of profit. Republicans want the right to shoot their enemies and enforce sacrifice to their mystical ideal, the nation, in an unfocused mind.

Republicans are nationalist collectivists. Democrats are socialist collectivists. Hitler was a national socialist. But Hitler wrote books. Trump watches TV. VP Vance likes feudalism and St. Augustine, the philosopher who created the Christian Dark Ages, the historical era with the lowest mortality, 20 years.

"I am freeing men from...the demands of a freedom and personal independence which only a very few can bear (Hitler)."

Trump respects powerlusting nationalists and mass-murdering dictators, Putin, Kim, and Xi. Trump despises Zelensky because he's defending individual rights, not nationalism. Trump wants peace at any price, peace in our time, like Chamberlain in 1938 Munich, 1960s Leftists and today's Hamas-supporting Leftists.

"Give me liberty or give me death" was the politics of America's founding. Trump and Republicans have no values to defend. They don't need liberty to defend their nihilist hatred of everything.

Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven

SCHOLARS: cont'd from page 11

- The Bela Vista Scholarship of \$1,500 to Nadia Franco of Dartmouth High School. She plans to attend Emmanuel College to study Nursing.
- The Maria Jose & Diamantino Fidalgo Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to Nathan LeBoeuf from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

He plans to study Baking & Pastry & Food & Beverage Management at Johnson and Wales University.

- Scholarship in Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco & Cotide da Rosa Branco of \$1,000 to Ethan Nelson Medeiros from Dartmouth High School. He plans to study Civil Engineering at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

- Arminda C.N.S. da Silva Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to Eva Politano from New Bedford High School. She plans to study Elementary Education at Merrimack College.

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