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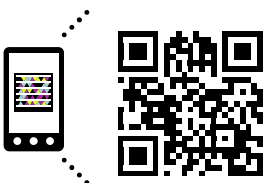
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Whopper of a snowstorm hits region



A whopper of a snowstorm dumped 11 inches of snow in Fairhaven and another inch a day later, and more in other parts of the state, with Gloucester topping the chart at 27 inches. ABOVE: Friends and family scramble up the big rock at Fort Phoenix on 1/26/26 to take advantage of 10 inches of snow 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.

They did it again.

ICE shot another protester. Alex Pretti was an ICU nurse at a VA hospital. Tell me again how ICE is only going after the worst of the worst. Then take the bag off your head.

They said he had a gun, so they named him a terrorist, too. It doesn't matter that he never pulled it out. It doesn't matter that they took it away from him before they shot him. Everyone, you see, is a terrorist if he disagrees with the Big Buffoon.

I have no idea if they understand their own hypocrisy. It only matters that the think we will all ignore it.

Ya see...it's okay for Kyle Rittenhouse to run around the streets with a huge rifle and shoot all over the place...because he's a Trumper. It's okay for protesters to carry guns at the Big Buffoon's rallies...remember that? It's okay to ignore law enforcement's "commands" if you're there for the Big Buffoon (can you say "January 6?").

So, are you okay with gun-toting white guys or not?

He was a white guy. A professional white guy who clearly does outdoorsy stuff. Maybe that's why there's a crack in the armor. Not much of one, but I'm reminded of the story about the little boy with his finger in the dike. He saw just a trickle, but he knew it meant the dike would fail. He saved the whole town.

Killing the lesbian mom didn't move anyone. Grabbing a very scared looking five-year-old boy in a bunny hat and wearing a Spiderman backpack didn't move anyone.

But now there is a crack.

Bovino is gone from Minnesota, but he'll collect his paycheck. Word is he's retiring soon. Good bye and good riddance. Another talk show yapper will be on the air soon.

Is Noem next? A patriot can dream, right?

But, it is only a crack...the slightest little stress fracture you see in the windshield...the boat...pick your familiar territory.

They all need to go: The Big Buffoon, Stephen Miller, Kristi Noem. But the underlying philosophy needs to go with them.

Immigrants are not the enemy. They never were. This has nothing to do with the borders or "illegals." It has everything to do with control. When the man says "jump" you'd better be quick about it.

But there is that crack.

So many cult members ask what does protesting do? THIS is what protesting does. It creates a crack.

ICE needs to get off our streets! Defund ICE. Get rid of 'em. If ever there was a tear-down project, this is it.

Minnesotans, you have my utmost respect, admiration, and now, gratitude.

The fascists can NOT win if the people fight them.

God bless America.

There's lots of fun stuff in here, this week. The Select Board meeting got postponed because of the storm. And I got caught up in all kinds of storm prep and post storm cleanup. But there's still lots of useful info this week.

As you page through to find it all, 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,

*Glory to Ukraine!*

*Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

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# Application period open for Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars proudly announces over 45 scholarships now available for 2026.

Application period is February 1, 2026 thru April 1, 2026.

For a full list of scholarships and details on how to apply go to <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>.

You can start your profile for 2026 and beyond at any time. This includes entering your demographics, activities and asking for references — the only thing you cannot do is enter scholarship specific information and actually “apply” for the scholarships until Feb. 1 thru April 1, 2026. But you can get 90% of the work done well in advance... so go ahead and set up your profile NOW!

Create your profile now and be ready to apply starting Feb 1, 2026!

NEW scholarships are being added constantly. Between Feb 1st and April 1st check your profile weekly to see what NEW scholarships you qualify for both at the local and national level. Scholarships are awarded for a variety of reasons, including academics, sports, community service, chosen major, and more.

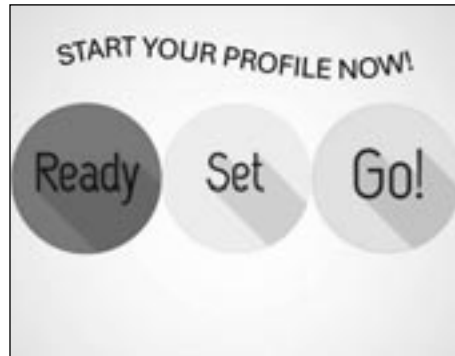
Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars chapter is a nonprofit foundation that supports academic success in our community. As part of Scholarship America's national network of locally based, volunteer-driven Dollars for Scholars chapters, our mission is to mobilize our community on behalf of

assistance with college readiness and the financial aid process, and distributing scholarships each year.

Our website provides resources from our chapter to our volunteers, community and students. You can learn more about our history, goals and volunteers through the “About Us” link, and find out what's new by clicking on “News and Events.” Volunteers — and those who are interested in becoming volunteers — can click on “Volunteer Login” to get connected.

Finally, if you are a student looking for our Dollars for Scholars chapter scholarships, just click “Student and Parent Login” to begin filling out your student profile — not only will you find and apply for our scholarships that way, you'll also discover scholarships from across the Scholarship America network that you may be eligible for. You'll also find valuable financial aid, college success, internship and career resources, so get started today!

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# Calling all artists, performers, and art venues

## Press Release

ArtWeek SouthCoast, the region's collaborative arts festival celebrating creativity across Southeastern Mass., is gearing up for its 2026 return in May, and the newly launched website is now live at [artweeksouthcoast.org](http://artweeksouthcoast.org). Artists, cultural organizations, municipalities, local businesses, and community groups are invited to submit events for inclusion in this year's festival schedule at [artweeksouthcoast.org/submit-your-event](http://artweeksouthcoast.org/submit-your-event).

ArtWeek SouthCoast takes place May 8–17, 2026, offering opportunities for residents and visitors to experience artists and cultural spaces throughout the region. The festival encourages a wide range of experiences, including hands-on workshops, live performances, gallery exhibitions, open studios, artist talks, family-friendly activities, and behind-the-scenes opportunities that invite the public to connect with the arts in meaningful ways.

"ArtWeek SouthCoast is about making creativity more visible and more connected across our communities," said Patti Rego, Director of

Communications and Community Engagement at the SouthCoast Community Foundation, which is leading coordination efforts for the 2026 festival. "The Foundation has long supported arts and culture across the South Coast, and over the past decade, our Creative SouthCoast partnership with the Barr Foundation has deepened that commitment, allowing us to invest more intentionally in the people and places where cultural expression helps communities thrive."

This year's celebration will engage returning partners from Fall River, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Marion, Westport, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Somerset, and Wareham, while also welcoming new voices, new communities, and new creative leaders from across Southeastern Massachusetts, including Attleboro, Brockton, Taunton and neighboring cities and towns.

"New Bedford Creative has been involved with ArtWeek SouthCoast from the very beginning, and we continue to be inspired by how it champions the incredible talent of our region," said Margo Saulnier, Director, Creative Strategies at New

Bedford Creative. "ArtWeek SouthCoast not only showcases artists — it invites the public to participate, explore, and experience arts and culture in unexpected ways. That sense of access and shared discovery is what makes this festival so impactful for our communities across the South Coast."

With dozens of arts experiences expected across the region, ArtWeek SouthCoast invites the public to start exploring early, mark calendars, and plan their own path through performances, exhibitions, demonstrations, and opportunities to connect with local artists and cultural spaces.

Visit <https://artweeksouthcoast.org/events> to see what is already scheduled for this year.

Events will continue to be added on an ongoing basis as submissions come in.

As the first regional continuation of ArtWeek MA, ArtWeek SouthCoast remains one of only two such festivals in the Commonwealth, today expanding into a more inclusive and region-wide celebration than ever before.

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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Cable TV changes

Important Update for Comcast Cable Subscribers:

- Educational Access has been moved to Channel 96
- Government Access has been moved to Channel 97
- Public/Community Access will remain on Channel 95

### Millicent Birthday

The Millicent Library celebrates 133 years this Saturday, 1/33. See page 11 for details.

### Solidarity

Starting on Thurs., 1/29, at 6 p.m., we will show solidarity every night in the streets to stop ICE. Join us in Fairhaven at the corner of Route 6 and Main Street (near Fairhaven High School) every night until we remove the regime and abolish ICE.

Bring signs, friends, family, and neighbors. Play music, create art, read poetry, and chant.

If everyone shows up when they can, there will be people in the streets every night.

### Citizen Petitions Deadline

Fairhaven will hold its annual Town Meeting on Sat., 5/2/26 in the auditorium at the Elizabeth I. Hastings

Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Citizen's Petition deadline is noon, Tues., 2/5. Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/town-moderator/>

For a Citizens Petition form visit: <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Citizens-Petition.pdf>

Contact the Town Clerk's office, 508-479-4023 for information on how to submit an article.

### Local Short Films

The Shepherd Center will be hosting three local award-winning directors, each showcasing their 20-minute short films for us. There will be a Q&A at the end of the evening with all filmmakers.

Jan 31, 2026, 7:00 PM, Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts, 34 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Screenings of three films by local directors: "Drowned" by Ryan Nunes; "Cold Summer" by Nick Bernat; "Widow's Peak" by Julia Harley

Tickets: \$20

Get your tickets at the Shepherd Center website: <https://theshepherdcenter.ticketspice.com/cinema-shorts-showcase>

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Our Region's Rocks

Feb 09, 2026, 6:30 PM, Unitarian

Universalist Church Auditorium, 102 Green St, Fairhaven, MA.

Join geology enthusiast Dana Dextraze for an engaging introduction to the rock cycle and the forces that shape New England's landscapes. Explore the unique geology, state rocks, and defining features of each New England state, with a special focus on Massachusetts and the Fairhaven area. The talk will also highlight rockhounding opportunities across the state, including notable finds, maps, and mines open to the public.

Register at <https://millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar>

### Screens and Teens

Feb 11, 2026, 5:30 PM, Millicent Library, 45 Center St, Fairhaven, MA.

Free presentation for Teens and Adults on how screen time impacts kid/teen brains and health, and shares smart tech usage strategies for our children and ourselves.

The typical teen spends 7-9 hours looking at screens each day, drawn in by addictive algorithms, influencers, and more.

Laura Gardner, Teacher Librarian at Dartmouth Middle School, will share research on how this impacts kid/teen brains and health, and smart tech usage strategies for our children and ourselves. Free!

Register at <https://millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar>

## TSAs to start charging fees if you do not have proper ID

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that they must present a federally approved form of identification, such as a REAL ID driver's license, a REAL ID identification card, or a valid U.S. passport, when proceeding through airport security for domestic flights. A full list of TSA acceptable documents is available at <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification> and includes foreign government issued passport, and permanent resident card.

Massachusetts currently has over 65% adoption statewide with over 3.67 million residents possessing a REAL ID. Residents do not need to wait until their current license or ID expires and may renew up to one year before the printed expiration date.

TSA has announced that beginning February 1, 2026, travelers arriving at

the airport without a federally approved ID will be required to enroll in the TSA's Confirm ID program. To enroll, travelers will be directed to provide information for identity verification. The verification takes between 10-30 minutes and costs \$45 covering 10 days of travel.

"We want everyone to be able to get through airport security as quickly and smoothly as possible. For that reason, we are encouraging residents to check that they have a REAL ID available for future travel including school vacations or spring and summer travel," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "Residents can visit the Mass.Gov/REALID website to learn what documents are required and plan ahead to gather their documents before their in-person appointment."

Individuals who need to apply for a

REAL ID are required to do so through an in-person appointment which can be scheduled through the RMV's Online Service Center at Mass.Gov/myRMV, or at Northeast.aaa.com for AAA members.

Travelers should plan ahead to request and obtain certified documents if needed, schedule an in-person appointment, and allow three weeks after the appointment for receipt of the REAL ID by mail. The REAL ID typically arrives within 10-14 business days.

Information on REAL ID requirements, visit [Mass.Gov/REALID](https://Mass.Gov/REALID)

General RMV services, visit [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://Mass.Gov/RMV)

TSA identification guidelines, visit [tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification](https://tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification)

TSA Confirm ID Program, visit: <https://www.tsa.gov/tsaconfirm-id>



# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Puzzles Vigil

On February 1 (NOTE date correction), 2006, an act of violence at Puzzles Lounge shook New Bedford and left deep scars—alongside enduring strength, resilience, and love. This year marks twenty years since that night, and we are coming together to remember, honor, and rise.

The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network invites you to join us for a candlelight vigil as we gather in remembrance of the survivors, those we lost, and the resilience of our community.

Candlelight Vigil, Sunday, 2/1, 4:00 p.m., 60 Eighth Street, New Bedford

Immediately following the vigil, all are welcome to attend a Reception & Remembrance at: First Unitarian Church, 71 Eighth Street.

This gathering is about more than remembering the past — it is about reaffirming our collective commitment to building a world free from fear, where LGBTQ+ people are safe, seen, and supported.

We hope you will stand with us as we honor our history and continue moving forward together.

To learn more about The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network visit <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org> or find them on Facebook.

## Lebanese Hafli

Please join us on Sat., 2/7, for the 2026 St. Maron Hafli to benefit Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church, at our parish hall, 4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford. Chadi Naddaf, accompanied by the Bashir El-Khoury Band will provide music for your dancing and listening pleasure. The Doors open at 7:00 for cocktails (Cash Bar) and mezza. Dinner will be served at 8 pm.

For tickets or further information please contact the Parish Office at (508) 996-8934 or Sousou Maalouf at (508) 916-1523.

Tickets: \$75/pp general seating; children (8-17) \$40; under 8/general seating, N/C. Dance floor seating: \$100 (all ages).

## Science Cafe

Tues., 2/3, 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Engineer Richard Riels, will discuss “Ropeless Lobster Traps; Protecting the Lives of Marine Mammals & the Livelihood of Harvesters.”

Rich is the Executive Director of SMELTS, the Sea Mammal Education Learning Technology Society, an organization that designs tools/technologies to reduce the negative impact of human activity on marine life. Worldwide, countless marine mammals are entangled, killed or maimed by unbreakable vertical nylon lines. Whole fisheries are at risk, including, off this coast, critically endangered North Atlantic Right Whales, whose low numbers (about 380) have put pressure on the lobster industry and its rope-heavy gear.

Rich will demonstrate SMELTS’ patented line-free “Lift Raft,” a cage that sits on the seafloor at one end of a string of traps. Upon receiving an acoustical blip – “a dolphin call”—from a ship above, it releases compressed air and rises to the surface. Hundreds are already in use.

“The Industrial Revolution was built thanks to whales and their oil,” notes Rich. “We owe them so much, starting with ridding our oceans of ropes that kill them.”

Free parking in rear of building. Videos of recent events can be found on our website.

## Bowling FR

We’re excited to invite you to the Southcoast Health Bowl, benefitting the Rhonda Couto Patient Comfort Fund. Join us for a day of friendly competition, laughter and community. All while supporting an important cause that makes a real difference.

Sat., 2/7, morning session and afternoon session, Wonder Bowl, 66 Hathaway Rd, New Bedford, MA 02746

Cost: \$250/team, max. 6 people. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: 2/2

The Rhonda Couto Patient Comfort Fund provides comfort items to oncology patients as they undergo treatment. From port shirts and radiation robes to lymphedema sleeves and mastectomy prosthetics, the Couto Fund strives to provide a more comfortable and caring oncology treatment journey.

## Bridge Demolition

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is

announcing that crews and contractors will be conducting demolition work to remove the I-95 viaduct bridge structure in New Bedford, beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, February 2, and continuing for approximately 30 days.

As part of these operations, crews will also be conducting nightly work from Sunday, February 8, through Thursday, February 19, from 9:00 p.m., to 5:00 a.m. the following morning, not including Friday and Saturday.

Traffic impacts will include lane shifts and closures on Route 18, Cedar Grove Street, County Street, and Purchase Street. Impacts will vary as work progresses and operations shift.

Appropriate signage will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers traveling through the area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

This work is part of the I-95/Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project in New Bedford. For more information on the project please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation-in-new-bedford>.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Fishbowl

Sun., 3/1, Noon–2 p.m., Wonder Bowl, 66 Hathaway Rd, New Bedford, MA 02746. REGISTER BY 2/25.

Welcome to the Fishbowl – where the lanes are alive with the sound of strikes and spares! Join us for our 6th Annual Bowling Fundraiser, a fantastic event dedicated to supporting Buttonwood Park Zoo and its mission of wildlife conservation.

Bowlers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Team costumes are encouraged!

Funds raised from Fishbowl directly contribute to habitat preservation, wildlife education, and the well-being of the animals in our care.

Sponsorship opportunities available. Raffle items are greatly appreciated.

For more information, please contact Katie Correia, Development Manager, at [kcorreia@bpzoo.org](mailto:kcorreia@bpzoo.org) or 508.991.4556, ext. 119; or visit <https://www.bpzoo.org/whats-new/fishbowl/>

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

### Cable TV Changes

Acusnet's local public access channels on the Xfinity/Comcast cable service have changed.

- Acushnet Government Public Access Channel (formerly Channel 18): This channel, which broadcasts Town meetings, other local government-related programming, and our community bulletin board system, has moved to Channel 97.
- Acushnet Education Channel (formerly Channel 9): This channel, featuring School Committee meeting videos, school-related programming, and an educational bulletin system, has moved to Channel 96.

### Dean's Lists

And Acushnet resident and a Fairhaven resident made Dean's List last semester.

**Kaci Bieu of Acushnet, MA**, has been named to the University of New England's Dean's List for the fall semester 2025. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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**Emerson Gonet of Fairhaven**, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2025 semester at Quinnipiac University.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,700 students in more than 100 degree programs. Visit [qu.edu](http://qu.edu).

### Winter Fire Concert

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents Winter Fire, Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, at 3 p.m. Spark your spirit. Melt the midwinter chill.

Beat midwinter chill with warming string quartets by Stravinsky and Prokofiev, the effervescent Piano Trio No. 2 of Felix Mendelssohn, and a devilish Variation V by American Kevin Day, who based this miniature on a variation from Beethoven's String Quartet No. 5. Keep the bonfires burning!

Saturday, January 31, 3 PM, St.

Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion

Sunday, February 1, 3 PM, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth

Tickets \$35, must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door.

Tickets at <https://www.zeiterion.org/events>

Igor Stravinsky: Three Pieces for String Quartet

Felix Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66

Sergei Prokofiev: String Quartet No. 2, Op. 92

Kevin Day: Variation V (Miniature for String Quartet)

### At the MAC

The following events are at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion; [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org).

#### Being Seen Exhibit

DATMA joins the Marion Art Center as they host the third installation of *Being Seen: Celebrating Pride in the SouthCoast*.

*Being Seen* is a monumental community tapestry created by over 100 SouthCoast residents from Fall River to Wareham. Over an 18-month period, this work travels throughout the region, concluding in November 2026. The indoor exhibition expands on the public art installation with additional context, honoring the LGBTQIA+ community through stories, archival materials, and recognition of local advocates. The exhibition features the legacy of figures such as David B. Boyce (1949–2014), memorialized in George Segal's renowned sculpture The Gay Liberation Monument, as well as SouthCoast residents whose advocacy for Massachusetts's Marriage Equality Act helped shape national progress.

#### Call for Art: Answering Our Ancestors

The MAC announces an open call for art & ephemera that honors the joy, hopes, struggles, lives, and stories of the LGBTQIA+ community. Artists and members of the community are invited to submit work that answers the questions: How do we honor the queer ancestors who came before us to pave our path? When the world turns toward darkness, how do we let our joy shine? We are also seeking historical LGBTQIA+ ephemera and

memorabilia specific to the SouthCoast region. Do you have any posters, pins, bar coasters, clothing, photographs, and artifacts that celebrate the stories and joy of the Queer community?

The MAC will host the traveling indoor exhibition supporting *Being Seen: Celebrating South Coast Pride* from February 13 through March 13, 2026, with an **opening celebration on Saturday, February 14, 3:00-5:00pm at the MAC**, 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Artists may submit up to two pieces each; 2D and 3D are welcome. Video work will also be considered, but artists must provide their own AV equipment. Artists may choose to have their work travel to future exhibition sites in collaboration with DATMA's *Being Seen* project. More information at [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org).

#### Movies at the MAC

MAC Movies will be screening *Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt* on Wed., 2/11 at 7:00pm at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion. The cost is \$5 per person, Recommended for ages 13 and up.

A tremendous, handmade monument to lives lost to AIDS, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt demonstrated that grief and activism together could forge a powerful symbol of resilience. Winner of the Academy Award for best documentary feature, this moving film — buoyed by an original all-vocal score by Bobby McFerrin — explores the human stories obscured by statistics, examining the cross section of identities affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as efforts to combat the stigma, misinformation, and political obstruction that deepened the crisis.

For more information and to book tickets: [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events)

### Auditions

Bill Hanney's Theatre By the Sea announces Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2026 Summer Season. Seeking strong singers, dancers, and actors.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, at: The Talent Factory, 46 Frenchtown Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

AUDITIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Visit <https://www.theatrebythesea.com/auditions.html> to learn how to sign up



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Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 2/4, First Light Casino; 2/11, Westgate Mall; 2/18, Providence Place Mall; 2/25, So. Shore Plaza; 3/4, Tiverton Casino.

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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.

## Movie Mondays

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. All shows at 12:15.

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.

**Feb. 2. Groundhog Day.** Comedy & Romance. A cynical TV weatherman finds himself reliving the same day over and over again when he goes on location to the small town of Punxsutawney to film a report about their annual Groundhog Day. His predicament drives him to distraction, until he sees a way of turning the situation to his advantage.

**Feb. 23. The Lost Valentine.** Romand & Drama. A reporter (Jennifer Love Hewitt) seeks the truth about a woman's (Betty White) husband (Billy Magnussen), a pilot who never returned from duty in World War II.

## Empowering Older Adults With Technology

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## Legal Help

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

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## 2026 Kool Kids Summer Camp

The Kool Kids summer program is up and ready for your children to register for 1 or 10 weeks of summer fun. Check it out and register at [fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com](http://fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com)

## Kool Kids February Vacation

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

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reusable water bottle, and be sure to wear comfy clothes and sneakers!

Program runs Feb 17th–20th (Tuesday–Friday) 8am–4pm Member \$170, non member \$180. Fairhaven Recreation Staff

## Family Feud Game Night

Fairhaven Recreation Center Survey says... fun for the whole family! Join us for an exciting evening of laughter, friendly competition, and classic Family Feud action! Families will team up to guess the top answers and see who can climb to the top of the scoreboard?? Enjoy snacks and punch while cheering on your family and friends!! Small prizes for our winning team! All ages welcome! Spaces may be limited, so register early at the Fairhaven

Recreation Center or online at [fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com](http://fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com) \$10 per resident team of 3–5 \$15 per non-resident team of 3–5. Friday, January 30th, 5:00–6:30 PM

## Cereal Box Piñata

Get ready for a smashing good time! Join us at the Rec Center on February 11th from 4pm–5pm for a fun and creative program where you'll transform cereal boxes into colorful pinatas! Don't miss out on this exciting DIY adventure! Sign up today and get creative with friends! Age: 7–12 years old Date: February 11th Time: 4pm–5pm Location: Rec Center Cost: \$15 member \$20 non-member (cereal box not included) Supplies: Provided by the Rec Center including candy/stickers/toys

## Recipe of the Week

### Baked Tortellini Alfredo with Mushrooms

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cremini mushrooms, sliced (4 cups sliced)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced (about 2 tsp.)
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 8 ounces Parmesan cheese, finely shredded (about 2 cups), divided
- 2 (8-oz.) pkg. refrigerated three-cheese tortellini (such as Buitoni), cooked according to pkg. directions
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Preheat oven to broil with rack 8 inches from heat. Melt butter in a 10-inch ovenproof skillet over medium.

Add mushrooms in even layer, and cook, undisturbed, 4 minutes. Stir and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Stir in garlic. Cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Stir in cream and milk; bring to a simmer over medium, stirring occasionally. Cook, stirring often, until slightly thickened, about 8 minutes. Stir in salt, pepper, nutmeg, and 1 3/4 cups of the Parmesan until smooth.

Stir in cooked tortellini until coated. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan. Broil in preheated oven until sauce is bubbly and cheese is light golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley.

From [www.southernliving.com](http://www.southernliving.com)



obsessed with recycling, claims it was the best book he had ever read on the subject.

Now my mom expects me to write a thank-you note to my aunt. I don't think I should, because I would be lying if I thanked her for a crummy gift.

My mom feels that all gifts require a thank-you note, but I'm not sure she is right.

Dear Hartley,

Your mom is correct when she says it is good manners to write a thank-you note for a gift, whether you like the gift or not.

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## Dear Frankie

### Thank-You Notes

Dear Frankie,  
Once again, my aunt sent me a book for my birthday that I have no interest in reading.

On my birthday card, she wrote that my cousin, who is a total dork and

You wouldn't be lying if you thanked your aunt for thinking of you on your birthday. You could also say you never thought about reading a book on recycling, and you appreciate her providing you with the opportunity to do so.

Maybe one day you will be asked to write an essay on a significant issue facing society, and there, on your bookshelf, will be the makings of an answer.

Now that the idea of recycling has been introduced, you might become curious about the issue, and then you will have a reliable source to refer to.

If neither happens, it is always best to take the high road and acknowledge others' good intentions.

Best, Frankie

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# Millicent Lib. to hold birthday bash, capital campaign kickoff

## Press Release

Join us at the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, on Saturday, January 31st to celebrate Millicent's birthday and to help us kick off the library's new capital campaign to install an updated and modern HVAC system in this historic and beloved building!

The Millicent Library was built in 1893 as a memorial to Henry Huttleston Rogers' daughter Millicent Rogers who tragically passed away as a teenager. For the past 133 years, the library has provided Fairhaven residents with a vibrant community hub, bustling with activity and brimming with opportunities for learning and connection. The building alone is also a significant historical and cultural treasure within the Town and requires continuous maintenance and upkeep.

In 2022, due to an increase in heat and humidity during the summer, and the need to close the library for several days due to the library's lack of air conditioning, the Library Trustees began working with engineers to assess the building and develop a plan to install a modern

HVAC system that provides more efficient heating and cooling throughout the library. A modern heating and cooling system will better protect and preserve the library's resources while also providing staff and patrons with a more comfortable, healthier, and



The Millicent Library building in Fairhaven is 133 years old. Trustees are seeking funding, including donations from community members, to install a modern HVAC system, which will cost approximately \$1.8 million. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David, 8/23/25.*

safe environment.

This updated HVAC system will also provide significant benefits to the Millicent Library and to the Town of Fairhaven including financial savings on energy costs and reduced carbon emissions.

The entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.8 million, and the library is working with the Town and State to secure funding, applying for grants, and graciously asking Fairhaven residents to donate to the capital campaign.

To kick off this campaign, the library will be hosting a birthday party for Millicent on January 31 from 11:30-2:00. The public is invited to stop by for cake and to learn more about the capital campaign.

We are so lucky to live in a Town that treasures its local library, and the staff, and trustees are committed to being good stewards of the library, ensuring it remains a vibrant community hub for Fairhaven's future generations!

To donate to the capital campaign, you can visit the library's Givebutter page at <https://GiveButter.com/MillicentLibrary>

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# Storm dumps 11 inches of snow in Fairhaven

By Beth David  
Editor

A whopper of a snowstorm dumped more than 10 inches of snow on Fairhaven and surrounding towns last weekend. The snow started falling late morning on Sunday and kept going through the afternoon on Monday. After that 10 inches landed, a another inch or so dropped on Monday night, giving Fairhaven a total of 11 inches, and leaving Gloucester

with a whopping 27 inches. Acushnet got 13 inches, New Bedford got 12.

Schools were closed on Monday and Tuesday, government offices were closed on Monday. Trash pickup was delayed a day.

Parking bans went into effect in Acushnet, Fairhaven and New Bedford.

The region is looking at another possible storm this coming Sunday with the forecast predicting a similar amount of snow.

Meanwhile, temperatures are in the teens and below zero with the wind chill.

So, if you haven't finished clearing out snow on your property, now is the time to do it before the next storm.

The Neigh News headed out to Fort Phoenix on Monday, after the snow hit the 10 inch mark, and found a bunch of hardy snow lovers sledding on the various hills.

See photos below and next page.



ABOVE LEFT: Theo chases his sister, Lydia, down the hill on his stomach taking advantage of 10 inches of snow at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 1/26/26, while mom and dad, Sara and Joe keep a watchful eye. ABOVE RIGHT: Theo catches some air on a little mogul he made. BELOW LEFT: Grayson, Jaxon, and Sam sink their sled in the snow while taking advantage of 10 inches of snow at Fort Phoenix L-R: Taylor and Emery double up on the sled. *Photos by Beth David.*



## More Snow pics



ABOVE LEFT: A youngster wears a big smile while taking control of the sled sliding down the big rock to take advantage of inches of snow at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 1/26/26. ABOVE RIGHT: Friends and family sled down and scramble up the big rock BELOW LEFT: An adult and child sled down together BELOW RIGHT: A sledder gets a big push *Photos by Beth David.*



## Snow Parking Bans

### Acushnet

By vote of Town Meeting, parking is restricted, as follows: in water district parking allowed opposite side of hydrants, out of water district parking allowed north side of street running east and west and parking allowed on west side of streets running north and south. Violators subject to being towed away at owner's expense. (Authority, Article 17, March 11, 1970 Annual Town Meeting, which adopted Chapter 40, Section 22D of the General Laws.)

Parking restriction is from November 16, 2025 – April 15, 2026.

### Fairhaven

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations.

On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

### New Bedford

New Bedford calls snow parking bans as needed.

While the snow emergency parking

ban is in effect, parking is permitted on the north side of all streets going east and west, and is permitted on the east side of all streets going north and south. The permitted side of the street is typically the side opposite the fire hydrants.

Please note that on streets that are normally posted for parking on one side of the street only, residents are to obey the signs as usual. Vehicles should never be parked within 10 feet of a fire hydrant or 20 feet from a corner as required by law, regardless of whether a snow ban is in effect.

Some streets have no parking on either side. The city also designates areas as preferred parking for residents, typically at schools and parks.

Visit <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/emergency-management/winter-storms/storm-guide/> for list of streets with double parking ban and list of designated parking area.



# Completely renovated Zeiterion holds ribbon cutting

*Press Release*

On January 16 The Zeiterion revealed its newly restored and renovated building with a ribbon cutting ceremony after nearly two years of construction. Mayor of the City of New Bedford Jon Mitchell, U.S. Congressman William Keating, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Chairman Antonio Cabral, and Representative Chris Hendricks spoke alongside Rosemary Gill, President and CEO of the Zeiterion, who cut the ribbon at the ceremony. The \$37 million project addressed deferred maintenance, accessibility issues, and underutilized space in the 100-year-old city-owned building.

"This ribbon cutting marks more than the reopening of the Zeiterion, it represents civic pride, artistic renewal, and collective achievement," said Gill. "It honors New Bedford's rich theater history and sets the stage for

the future of performing arts, where underrepresented groups have a voice and all of New Bedford can gather for learning, connection, and creative expression. This is your Zeiterion."

"The Z is Greater New Bedford's premiere performing arts center and one of the region's most important anchor institutions," Mayor Mitchell said. "Thanks to the ambition and hard work of The Z's board and staff, and the collaborative support of government at all levels, The Z is poised to enrich the lives of local residents and visitors for generations to come."



TOP: Mass. Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll is flanked by New Bedford Mayor, Jon Mitchell, and Rosemary Gill, President and CEO of the Zeiterion, while speaking at the Z's ribbon cutting on 1/16/26 celebrating the completion of renovations after nearly two years of construction. ABOVE: The New Bedford High School marching band performs during the ceremony. *Photos courtesy of the Zeiterion.*

Councilor Shane Burgo offered a proclamation and performed "Feeling Good" acapella. The New Bedford High School marching band performed before and after the speaking program, offering the celebratory soundtrack to the event. Other notable attendees included Representative Christopher Marky, Representative Mark Sylvia, Representative Steve Ouellette, and New Bedford

City Councilors Ian Abreu, Derek Baptiste, Naomi Carney, and Council President Ryan Pereira, former New Bedford Mayor John Bullard, Jamie Zeitz (grandson of Harry Zeitz), Miss New Bedford Dolly Mendez and Miss New Bedford's Teen Addison Kohler. Refreshments and an open house of the building followed.

The Zeiterion reopened the following day with Big Night, Bright Lights! The Z's Grand Reopening: New Bedford Festival Theatre, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, and The Zeiterion Light Up the Stage is a joyful celebration of community, with two performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on January 17.

With the transformational restoration and renovation complete, patrons enjoyed an expanded lobby, new seats, technical upgrades, and so much more.

The Zeiterion is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to steward its historic theater as a gathering place for performing arts experiences where learning, connection, and creative expression thrive. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org) and by calling the box office at 508-994-2900. Visit [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org) for box office hours.

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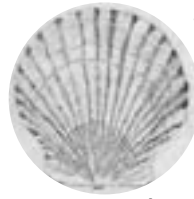
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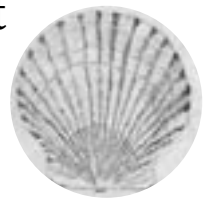
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### Fairhaven

#### Atlas Tack Working Group

Thurs., 1/29, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Thurs., 1/29, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/5, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 2/12, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

#### Historical Commission

Tues., 2/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 2/11, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 2/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Select Board

Thurs., 1/29, Town Hall, 1:30 p.m.

(Town Administrator Interviews)

Tues., 2/17, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

		Jan. 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	29	0432	1702	1112	2233*
Friday	30	0530	1757	---	1214*
		---	---	---	2342*
Saturday	31	0620	1846	---	1309*
		Feb. 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Sunday	1	0708	1934	0042*	1401*
Monday	2	0756	2023	0146*	1439*
Tuesday	3	0843	2109	0236*	1503*
Wednesday	4	0927	2153	0310*	1524*
Thursday	5	1011	2237	0339*	1547*
Friday	6	1055	2324	0409	1615*
Saturday	7	1144	---	0442	1647
Sunday	8	0015	1236	0525	1728
Monday	9	0106	1327	0628	1825
Tuesday	10	0157	1419	0949	1926
Wednesday	11	0252	1521	1059	2024
Thursday	12	0357	1629	1147	2125
Friday	13	0456	1722	---	1224
		---	---	---	2231
Saturday	14	0542	1804	---	1246
		---	---	---	2319
Sunday	15	0621	1842	---	1215

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## From our readers

### **Maduro Kidnapping About Greed and More**

Let's be clear and honestly acknowledge the multiple underlying motives behind the illegal Maduro kidnapping.

It was about greed, oil, power and distraction from (to name just two) bad press on lethal ICE actions and the Epstein files.

Sad and embarrassing that our service men and women risked their lives for such an expensive, pointless and illegal boondoggle.

*Mona Phillips, Fairhaven*

### **If Americans Desire Life**

If man desires life, he should choose the American morality of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If man desires life, he should choose the American politics of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If man desires life he should also choose the right to property, production, trade and the pursuit of profit. If man desires life, he should also choose the right to go

anywhere except on others' private property. If man desires life, he should choose the individual rights politics which protects the right to immigrate anywhere.

If man desires life, he should choose to focus his mind, through his senses, onto concrete reality. If man desires life, he should choose to think and act independently, as an individual, never sacrificing his mind and his life to his culture's traditions. If man desires life, he should choose to judge other people as individuals who have made their own choices. If man desires life, he should choose to avoid people who think of themselves and others as mindless herd animals who choose to sacrifice themselves and others to their culture.

If man desires life, he should choose to vote to abolish ICE, an unconstitutional outlaw which violates the right to think and act independently. ICE violates the Constitution's separation of powers. ICE arrests, prosecutes and judges

with phony prosecutors and phony judges who are part of the executive branch, not part of the judicial branch. They are Trump's Secret Police, not a Constitutional power.

ICE forces individuals to contradict their own independent thought and action. ICE forces individuals to sacrifice themselves to their culture. That's the morality and politics of death. That's the product of a century of America's Leftist schools teaching young people to sacrifice their minds to social approval. Leftism is the product of 2000 years of Christians attacking man's independent mind and actions. The only well known alternative is Rightists attacking man's independent mind and actions.

It's a deadly alternative: sacrifice your mind and life to God or society. But man can choose to value his mind. If Americans desire life, Trump must be impeached and prosecuted for kidnapping and murder. If Americans desire life.

*Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven*

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## Rep. Mark Sylvia responds to events in Minnesota

*By State Rep. Mark Sylvia*

What has occurred in Minneapolis weighs heavily on all of us. Moments like this force us to reflect on what it truly means to be an American — on our freedom, our liberty, and the rights guaranteed to us under the Constitution. I, like many of you, have watched the videos. Those are very hard images to understand as human beings, and as American citizens.

Although we are thousands of miles away, we are not removed from the impact of these violent actions. Regardless of political affiliation, we feel the fear, anxiety, anger, and sense of hopelessness being experienced by the people of Minneapolis. These emotions transcend geography and ideology.

The issue of immigration, in particular, has been deeply politicized for years and increasingly weaponized. As a result, our nation is being pulled apart, and the very principles that define us as Americans — freedom, liberty, and equality — are at risk.

Our system of laws exists to protect not only our lives, but also our freedoms and civil rights. These are not competing ideals. How we treat people in the most difficult circumstances — and how our govern-

ment responds when its own actions are called into question — matters deeply. Truth, transparency, and accountability must always prevail.

Community leaders and local law enforcement are now faced with navigating highly charged situations that arise not from community-rooted policing strategies, but from a surge of federal action whose approach and justification remain deeply contested.

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No matter one's views of the federal government or political party, two human beings — two American citizens — have lost their lives. No one should feel anything but sorrow over that fact. In this and all such incidents, the public deserves a full, honest, and truly independent

investigation especially in light of the fact that federal Homeland Security and ICE officials have publicly prejudged these incidents.

The federal government must also act immediately to de-escalate the situation. The State of Minnesota, along with local leaders — and local law enforcement should be empowered with the authority, responsibility, and support necessary to protect their communities. The escalation of ICE and Border Patrol resources should come to an end.

Congress must also fulfill its constitutional responsibility. Oversight hearings should be held not only on what has occurred in Minneapolis, but on similar actions across the country. Congress must demand accountability, insist on immediate adherence to the Constitution, and reject the hyper-partisanship that has prevented meaningful progress.

We must work together — at the federal, state, and local levels — to find a path forward that ends the violence, restores trust and community, protects civil liberties, and ensures that government action upholds the safety and dignity of all people.



# Acushnet/Fairhaven Boys win against MetroWest League teams

The Acushnet/Fairhaven boys basketball teams played Seekonk and Canton on Saturday, 1/24/26, at Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven in MetroWest Basketball League play.

The fourth-graders won their game against Seekonk, 37-24, while the

eighth graders won their game against Canton, 59-40.

The Acushnet-Fairhaven Basketball League (AFBL) is open to all children who either reside or attend school in Acushnet or Fairhaven. The select, boys and girls competitive

travel teams play in the MetroWest Basketball League. The League games are on the weekends against other towns that are in a 50-mile radius. The season runs from Early December into March.



ABOVE LEFT: Acushnet/Fairhaven's Cameron Wotton of the Grade 4 Metro West team battles for the opening jump ball against Seekonk at Hastings Middle School on 1/25/26 when the home town kids defeated the visitors 37-24. ABOVE RIGHT: Acushnet/Fairhaven's Hudson Parr of the Grade 4 Metro West team splits the Seekonk defense for a layup BELOW LEFT: Acushnet/Fairhaven's Clifton Lopes goes up strong to the basket with a Canton defender in his face during the eighth graders' 59-40 win. BELOW RIGHT: Acushnet/Fairhaven's Jordan Mendoza of the Grade 8 team, drives past a Canton defender, and lays up the ball with his left hand. Photos by Bruce David.



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