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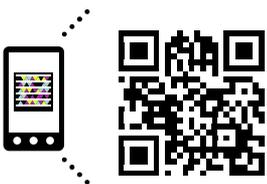
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Blizzard of 2026 beats '78



Frank Crowell is more than knee deep in snow as he shovels out Moravia Avenue on Sciticut Neck after the Blizzard of 2026 dumped more than 30 inches of snow in Fairhaven. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

I have a note in here:  
“Nazgul for the win.”

You know Nazgul, the German Shepherd that crashed the cross country skiing race in the Olympics. But...that seems ages ago.

What a freaking storm, huh

We have storm coverage on page 12, and a storm-stranded story on page 3, and more pictures on page 19.

The big story here is that the neighbors all pitched in to help each other. They helped Bob get unstuck, they plowed streets when the BPW couldn't get here.

This was not a storm that you could just ignore and run over unless you had a big truck (yeah, we saw you ad we were jealous.

I did manage to get out (thanks to my neighbors), but it was deadline day so I didn't go too far.

I'm happy to run your pics next week if you have some you want to share.

As of press time, there are still people without electricity. I was lucky here, we only lost power for a few hours. God bless those utility guys. They got out there in some crazy stuff to get us back up and running.

Those guys are TOUGH!

Speaking of tough, our BPW guys are, too. I heard 'em at 3 a.m. today. You go guys! And thank you for getting us cleared out. My neighbors did their best, but nothing beats that big equipment, huh?

I sooo much to say, but the printer is waiting for this baby to get to bed.

Coming up next week: Daylight Saving Time!

We got news that Biff MacLean died this week. He started out in Fairhaven and became one of the state's most powerful politicians. I honestly don't know a ton about him. I do know that he was instrumental in getting the wildlife reservation on West Island. And for that, we should all be grateful.

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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# Two stranded on Causeway Road in storm

By Beth David  
Editor

A volunteer for the Fairhaven Emergency Management Agency got stuck on Causeway Road as he headed home from his volunteer plowing gig with the town. Bob Pink ended up stranded for about 10 hours, eventually getting rescued by his West Island neighbors. Mr. Pink posted on the West Island Facebook page that he was stuck at about 9 a.m. on Monday, in the thick of the worst blizzard the area has seen in decades.

At first, he waited, thinking the plows would get there eventually. One neighbor trudged through knee deep snow to give him some water. Meanwhile, Mr. Pink's wife was getting worried about the 74-year-old.

At about 3 p.m., when it became apparent that the plows were not getting there, Mr. Pink's neighbors trudged over with shovels. Most of their pickup trucks and other four-wheel drive vehicles were no match for the snow, which had reached about two feet by then.

Matt Brodo was the first one to reach his stranded neighbor. Mr.

Brodo has a plow on his pickup truck, but he got stuck just ten feet from his driveway. It is only for light duty, like small driveways, he told the *Neighb News*. So he walked instead, shovel in hand.

Another neighbor, Jens Ulrichsen, had a larger truck with a plow, but he had given up earlier because he got stuck. When he realized Mr. Pink was in trouble, though, he tried again, persevered, and got through.

Eventually, several people with shovels were able to get Mr. Pink out of his truck and into Mr. Ulrichsen's vehicle. They left Mr. Pink's truck in the road.

Mr. Ulrichsen plowed as far as he could to Mr. Pink's house, but the snow was just too much when they were about a block away. Mr. Pink made it through the last block to his house on foot.

The next morning, a crew of neighbors made their way down Causeway Road and dug out Mr. Pink's truck.

At some point in the night, it appears the town plow did make a pass on Causeway Road, but it only

made one lane and did not do any side streets that night.

At the Select Board meeting on Monday, 2/23/26, Fire Chief Todd Correia mentioned that a volunteer was still stuck on the Causeway. It is unclear if anyone from the town tried to rescue Mr. Pink. Chief Correia did not elaborate at the meeting, and the *Neighb News* was unable to reach him by press time.

Public Works Superintendent, Vinnie Furtado, said he was aware of a vehicle on Causeway Road, but he thought it was abandoned. He said if he had realized there was a person stuck in the vehicle, they would have gone to get him out.

Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, said he had not heard of the specific incident, but, he said, he is confident that the fire department would not have left Mr. Pink stranded if they realized he was stuck inside his car.

"I know the fire chief," said Mr. Hickey. "And I know how he operates. And he would not have left the person there for an extended period of time."

He said even if the road was

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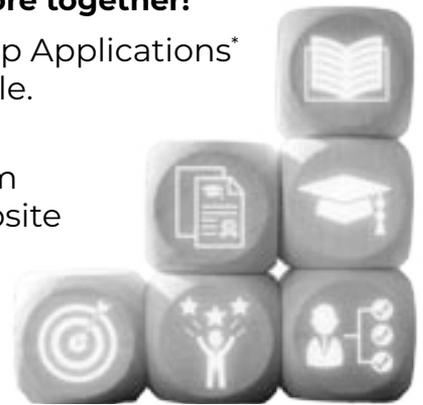
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# Local election season is underway

By Beth David  
Editor

Election season for Acushnet and Fairhaven is underway. To be on the ballot, candidates must collect signatures of registered voters and get them certified by the Town Clerk's office.

## Acushnet

Acushnet's election will be held on Tuesday, 4/28/26. Nomination papers are now available. The last day to take out papers is 3/6/26 at 5 p.m.

Candidates must get 42 signatures of registered voters in person to be placed on the ballot.

Last day to submit papers is 3/10.

Last day to register as a voter is Friday, 4/17.

The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. on Election Day. All precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

For more information on how to run for office, contact the Town Clerk, 508-998-0215.

Selectboard incumbent David Wojnar has announced that he is not seeking reelection. Ryan Rezendes has taken out papers for the

Selectboard seat and they have been certified.

School Committee has two seats on the ballot. Both incumbents, Ronald Houde and Mellissa Cordeira, have taken out papers.

Two seats are also up for the Trustees of the Library. Incumbent Joan Howland has taken out papers; incumbent John Roy has not.

Other offices that will be on the ballot are: Town Moderator, incumbent Leslie Dakin has not yet taken out papers; Town Clerk, incumbent Pamela Labonte has taken out papers; Board of Assessors, incumbent Robert Broen has taken out papers; Board of Health, incumbent Robert Medeiros has taken out papers; Commissioner of Trust Funds, incumbent John Roy has not taken out papers; Cemetery Board, incumbent Joanne Cioper has taken out papers; Park Commissioner, incumbent Michael Matton has not taken out papers; Planning Commissioner, incumbent Bryan Deschamps has taken out papers; Housing Authority, incumbent Rene Racine has not taken out papers.

## Fairhaven

Fairhaven's election is on Tuesday, 6/9/26, and nomination papers will be available beginning 3/2/26. To be on the ballot, candidates must collect 50 signatures of registered voters.

The polls will open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

For more information on how to run for office, call the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4023.

Seats for all offices and Town Meeting members will be on the ballot.

Two Select Board seats will be on the ballot, with Charles Murphy and Keith Silvia up for reelection. Two Planning Board seats and one partial term to fill a vacancy are up for Planning Board, with Kevin Grant and Sharon Simmons up for reelection; and the unexpired term currently held by Jeffrey Lucas also on this year's ballot.

Two School Committee seats and on unexpired term will be on the ballot, with Brian Monroe and

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Coffee at the Library

Join us on Saturdays for this weekly drop-in gathering featuring coffee, tea, and a different Scandinavian-inspired treat each week. Settle in, chat with neighbors about what you're reading—or whatever's on your mind—and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming space to start your weekend.

Next Date: 2/28, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Free!

Fika is a Scandinavian tradition that means taking time to slow down and enjoy coffee (or tea), something sweet, and good conversation. More than a coffee break, fika is about connection and community.

## Music at the UU

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, 102 Green St., welcomes the community for a rare opportunity to hear UMass Dartmouth Professor Jing Wang perform music on the erhu, a Chinese stringed instrument.

The service begins at 10 a.m. March 1. Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe's sermon centers on the question, "What's in Your Cup?"

Ms. Wang is a composer and a performer of diverse styles of music. Her compositions have been presented in more than 20 countries across the globe.

As an active erhu performer, she has introduced the Chinese indigenous instrument into the Western contemporary music scene with her compositions for chamber ensemble, avant-garde jazz improvisations, and multicultural ensembles. She has performed erhu concertos with several symphony orchestras in the United States.

The church and parish house are accessible to the handicapped via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit [ufairhaven.org](http://ufairhaven.org).

## At the Shep

The Jethros, a fixture in the greater New Bedford music scene, will perform their eclectic style to The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts in Fairhaven on Sat., 2/28, 34 Center St. (William St. entrance)

The group plays a range of music:

folk, blues, country, soul, swing, jazz, bluegrass and more.

They often play at local music and arts festivals and at local wineries and breweries. Their original songs and unique arrangements are consistently lauded by critics of art, music, and architecture; frequently covered by other local musicians; and captured in three albums of recorded music.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The Shepherd Center is located at 34 Center St. (William Street entrance) in Fairhaven.

Tickets are \$20 online at <https://theshepherdcenter.ticketpic.com/the-jethros> and \$25 at the door.

## Homecoming Apps

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is now accepting vendor and artist applications for the 2026 Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair, scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2026, in Fairhaven.

This annual event features artisans, crafters, food vendors and an Art Exhibit showcasing local and regional talent. As a longstanding community tradition, the fair attracts residents and visitors from across the South Coast.

Applications for vendors and the Art Exhibit, along with additional event details, are available at [www.fairhavenimprovement.org](http://www.fairhavenimprovement.org).

For more information, please visit our website.

## Fhvn Dem Comm

The annual Caucus of the Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee will be held on Wed., 3/18 at 6pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.

Please join us, all are welcome.

For more information or questions please contact [ann.richard@gmail.com](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com)

## Solidarity

Show solidarity every night in the streets to stop ICE. Visibilities will be held around the region in different municipalities each night until we remove the regime and abolish ICE.

In Fairhaven, join us every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the corner of Walnut and Center Streets in the center of town.

Briing 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.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### NFIA Easter Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites you to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., 4/4, at Livesey Park, Parker Street, Fairhaven, 9 a.m. SHARP.

Children from toddler to 12 are invited to participate. Categories are: Toddler to age 4, 5–8, 9–12.

Bring your Easter basket and come out to welcome the Easter Bunny.

### OLOA Annual Dinner Get Tickets NOW!

Sat., 3/28, 5–8 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Club, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Chicken Mozambique OR BIFANA. \$15/pp. Call or text Joe Mello, 508-733-4608, for tickets.

### Concerts

On March 14, 2026 at 3:00 PM and March 15, 2026 at 3:00PM, Seaglass Theater Company will present Echoes of Ireland at two historic Massachusetts churches.

The concert celebrates Ireland's rich musical legacy — from the haunting beauty of traditional folk tunes and the elegance of classical masterpieces to the excitement of Broadway favorites and the energy of modern pop hits. From "Danny Boy" to U2, there is something for everyone!

The concert stars Erin Hogan, Marcus Huber, Hannah O'Brien and Matthew Larson—four incredibly versatile artists who bring a wealth of experience to the musical genres presented.

Tickets are \$30.00, and may be purchased online at Eventbrite:

<https://echoesofirelandmilton.eventbrite.com> for March 14 in Milton

<https://echoesofirelandfairhaven.eventbrite.com> for March 15 in Fairhaven

Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the day of the concerts at each venue a half hour before each performance.

For more information, please visit [www.seaglasstheater.com](http://www.seaglasstheater.com) or call 508-951-7187.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## OLOP Fish Fry

Please join us on Feb., 27, March 5, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Our Lady of Purgatory's Lenten Fish Fry at the OLOP Parish Center, 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA. It's a great opportunity to enjoy baked or fried fish & chips (cole slaw, rolls, dessert, and a beverage) all for a donation of \$18.00. It's also a great time to share some laughter and fellowship.

Purchase your tickets today by contacting us at (508) 996-8934 or [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)

## Boating Safety Course

This course is designed to help New Bedford residents and those in surrounding communities prepare for a safe boating season. The class is open to everyone, but advance online registration is required prior to the course date. The Boat Massachusetts course will soon be mandatory for anyone who wishes to operate a motorboat on Mass. waterways.

Sat. & Sun., March 7 & 8, and March 18 & 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Port of New Bedford Building, 123 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford. Register at <https://www.register-ed.com/> This event is free of charge. Students must be at least 12 years old as of the class date, and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. You must attend all event sessions to be eligible to take the final exam.

## Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 3/3, from 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford

Maggie Jackson, award-winning author and science writer, will discuss "Cringeworthy: Discovering the Overlooked Promise of Awkwardness." In a time of fear and flux, awkwardness seems to be just another unwelcome wrench in the works, a disruption best avoided. But new research reveals this state of mind can unexpectedly help, not hinder, human well-being.

Maggie will share the role that awkwardness and other aversive states such as uncertainty play in fostering mutual understanding and resilience. By spotlighting a rupture

in the social fabric, awkward moments invite us to pause, tune into hidden realities, and co-create new understanding. Far more than a comic punchline, awkwardness is a facet of humanity that we can no longer afford to ignore and avoid.

A former Boston Globe columnist, Maggie is the author most recently of *Uncertain: The Wisdom and Wonder of Being Unsure*, a National Book Award nominee. Her books will be for sale.

Free parking in rear of building.

## Vigil for Justice

The victims of ICE, their families, America.

Every Tuesday, 6-7 p.m., corner of County St. & Pearl St., New Bedford. Bring instruments, poetry, candles, signs.

## Elect Southcoast

Join ELECT SouthCoast for our annual half-day convening to advance women's political leadership. The program will feature panels, workshops, and conversations focused on strengthening community leadership and expanding pathways to civic power, along with the launch of a new initiative building parent leadership through New Bedford Public Schools.

This is a free event. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Donations are always welcome and encouraged. You can donate today via our fiscal agent: <https://ywcasema.org/donate-online/> Sat., 3/7, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Bristol Community College, 800 Purchase Street, New Bedford. RSVP: [BIT.LY/WWL2026](https://bit.ly/WWL2026)

Parking: Metered street parking is available, as is parking at nearby garages: Elm Street Garage: 51 Elm Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; Zeiterion Theater Garage: 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

## Free Karaoke

Broadway Karaoke is a free one-night only community event on Sat., 2/28 at 7:30 pm at the New Bedford Harbor Hotel, hosted by the South Coast's premiere professional musical theatre company, New Bedford Festival Theatre with no cover charge! Led by Broadway's own South Coast resident Matt Ban (Dennis Dupree in *Rock of Ages* on Broad-

way), expect an amazing night belting out your favorite Broadway tunes!

## Jazzfest

Local jazz favorites Yoron Israel & High Standards will bring their cool vibe and sophisticated sound to the Steeple Playhouse for the first concert on March 1, at 4 p.m. at Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford. Tickets: \$30/adult, \$25/Senior, militar, student; Mass cad to culture, \$50.

Made possible by support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the following local cultural councils: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, and Westport.

Visit <https://steepleplayhouse.org> for tickets.

## RJD Museum Tours

There will be two opportunities to attend guided tours of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum this Spring, 396 County St., NB. For the price of admission, guests can join a 45-minute tour with an RJD Docent. Guests can expect to learn new information about the museum, have all their questions answered, and have an in-depth look at the new exhibition, America's 250th: Unraveling the Revolutionary Journey of William Rotch, which is on display until August. These special tour dates are on March 5th and May 7th at 2pm.

Please call the museum at (508)997-1401 or email Lauren at [lpothier@rjdmuseum.org](mailto:lpothier@rjdmuseum.org) with any questions.

## Scholarships

The Azorean Maritime Heritage Society plans to award \$8,500 in scholarships to six local students this year. The Faial, Pico, and Bela Vista scholarships (\$1,500 each) named after each of our whaleboats. The Dr. Mary T. Vermette Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) honoring our founder and her dedication to keep our shared maritime heritage alive. A Memorial Scholarship for Arminda C.N.S. da Silva (\$1,000) and a Scholarship In Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco and Clotilde da Rosa Branco (\$1,000).

Scholarship applications are due April 1st and can be downloaded from the website at [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org).

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## A Cappella Group

On March 7 at 7:00 PM, a cappella group, the Harvard Krokodiloes, will be performing at Old Rochester for a Southcoast Concert. The profits will benefit the ORR Ambassador Club.

It will be a lively evening of jazz a cappella, humor, and rich harmonies: fun for the whole family. Community members can reserve tickets in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/kroksorr> and pay at the door.

Tickets: \$25/adult, \$10/students.

## Corned Beef & Cabbage

Join the Mattapoissett Knights of Columbus, 57 Mattapoissett Rd (Rte 6), on March 14th for a corned beef and cabbage dinner. We will have both sit down service and to go service available.

Doors open at 5 for sit down service with live Irish music playing from 5:30 to 7 and dinner served at 5:30. To go dinners can be picked up 5:30 to 6:30. Cost is 20 dollars per person.

Contact Jim at 1-508-863-3496 to order dinners. Please specify when you call if you want sit down or to go. Hope to see everyone for a fun filled evening!

## Boat Course

The Marion Police Department and Harbormaster's Office are offering two free sessions of boating safety certification courses in accordance with new laws impacting recreational boating.

Marion Police Department, 550 Mill St., Marion, March session: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22; April session: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12

Attendance is required on both days of the session to receive certification.

The Massachusetts Legislature passed a law, The Hanson Milone Act Of 2024, requiring anyone operating a motorized vessel in Massachusetts to possess a Boater Safety Certificate. Starting April 1, 2026, all motorboat operators born after Jan. 1, 1989, must complete a boating safety course to operate motorized vessels or personal watercraft such as a jet ski. Anyone born before Jan. 1, 1989,

will have until April 1, 2028, to obtain their boater safety certificate.

In response, the Marion Police Department and Harbormaster's Office are offering Boating Safety Courses to anyone ages 12 and older during March and April. The classes are being offered at no cost.

Massachusetts Environmental Police Officers certify instructors, provide classroom materials and additional support.

The courses are nationally approved. Course completion will allow anyone to operate a boat in states requiring Basic Boating Safety courses.

Register for the March session at <https://tinyurl.com/3sdjw8s4>

Register for the April session at <https://tinyurl.com/ywwm5a33>

## Vigil for Justice

Westport is more than nice beaches. We care about our neighbors! Join us at a Vigil for All The Victims of ICE, every Wednesday from 6-6:45 p.m., at Drift Road, Head of Westport.

## At Acushnet Library

The following events are at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road. Visit <https://acupl.org> or email [smedeiros@sailsinc.org](mailto:smedeiros@sailsinc.org)

Monday, March 9, 2026, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Movie Matinee - *Regretting You*, based on the novel of the same name by Colleen Hoover.

Art Exhibition - Building on the success of our first Youth Art Exhibition, we are pleased to announce our first Art Exhibition for ages 18 and up. The Art Exhibition will run from Sat., 3/14, through Sat., 3/28. Library visitors will have an opportunity to cast their votes for their favorites. The exhibit may be closed when the Community Room is reserved for special programming. Call ahead for more information.

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm History Coffee Hour. This group gathers to discuss Acushnet's history. Join the conversation and share stories or photos from the past. Bring your coffee and memories. We will supply historic documents, photos, newspaper clippings, and more!

## Pajama Drive

Through March 31 -19th Annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive. Cradles to Crayons®, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and Wonderfund are partnering with organizations in your community to collect new pajamas for local children living in low-income or homeless situations.

Together, we are looking to collect 10,000 pairs of pajamas. By supporting the PJ Drive, you will directly provide new pajamas to children who need them most, helping them stay warm and get a good night's sleep. Over the years, Acushnet Library patrons have donated more than 310 pairs of pajamas to children in the Greater New Bedford area. This year, we hope to collect 50 pairs. We will accept donations through March 31.

## Maple Days

Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd., Sturbridge, MA is open during the winter months with many seasonal programs, workshops, and special events happening each week.

During Maple Days, through March 15th, visitors can explore the historic Village and watch as costumed historians demonstrate the entire sugar-making process, from tapping the trees to "sugaring off." Learn how maple sugar was used in early New England and why it was more common than maple syrup. Step inside historic homes and interact with interpreters as they cook period foods using maple products, watch the tinner and the cooper making maple-related items, and much more.

Guests can stop by the Miner Grant Store and the Ox & Yoke Mercantile to purchase a variety of maple-themed items, including syrup, candy, books, soaps, lotions, and more!

Maple Days are included with general daytime admission. The Village is open 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance for their date of arrival. For a limited time, February 14th through 22nd, general daytime admission tickets are buy one get one half off with code LOVEHISTORY.

Tickets and more information can be found online at [www.osv.org/event/maple-days](http://www.osv.org/event/maple-days).

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impassable, the chief would have made every effort to get the person someplace safe until he could get home.

"There's no doubt in my mind," said Mr. Hickey.

Mr. Pink is not laying blame on anyone. He said it was clearly just a communication issue.

He said he thought the plow was on its way, or he would have left his vehicle earlier in the day when the snow was not as high.

He said, when he drove over the causeway, he had no visibility at all, with the wind blowing the snow sideways. That meant the road was clear, so he thought the rest of the way would be, too. But as soon as he got to the end of the causeway, he hit a huge drift and could not get out.

"I was not able to get clear information about whether the BPW was going to be available to get me out," he said. "And that's why I stayed in the truck that long."

He also noted that part of the chain of events included the BPW losing power, so calls were not going through.

He also said he told them they needed to send heavy equipment, not a regular plow truck.

"You're going to need something bigger," he said.

Mr. Pink was preparing to spend the night there when the neighbors showed up: Matt Brodo, Marc Dunn, Jen Ulrichsen, and a few others. They started working very hard to get him out and it gave him strength and confidence.

When asked if he appreciated their strength, he said, "It's not their bodies, it's their heart and how they think and what they do. People are strong. But being strong in your heart

and knowing the right thing to do, that's heart."

He was very grateful to be able to get into his house.

"It's the much preferred solution," he said. "You always want to be at home."

The next day, he was prepared to leave his truck right where it was.

But...not so fast, said the neighbors.

"What they did this morning was incredible," said Mr. Pink. "I didn't even know they were going for the truck until they asked me if the keys were in there"

He said he is grateful to live in a place with such great neighbors who take care of each other.

"It takes an island," said Mr. Pink.

Also on that next day, after the storm had cleared, Mr. Brodo did end up plowing his entire street, bit by bit, when it became apparent that the town plows were not getting there anytime soon. He plowed through the footprints in the snow he had made the day before.

Several other neighbors also plowed their streets, although the islanders were anxiously awaiting the arrival of town plows at press time.

Another West Island resident, Mike Andrade, also got stranded. A landscaper who plows in the winter, Mr.



Neighbors dig out Bob Pink's pickup truck on 2/24/26, the day after it got stuck on Causeway Road on West Island during the blizzard that dumped more than 30 inches of snow on Fairhaven. Photo courtesy of Marianne Brodo.

Andrade was returning home from work around 8:30 p.m. when he reached the impassable Causeway Road. He made his way back to Hoppy's Landing. That parking lot stayed pretty clear, but it seems it was from the wind. That part of the causeway was also clear, but four-foot drifts greeted drivers on the east side.

Mr. Andrade, 70, said he knew he could not walk all the way to his Dogwood Street house. He slept in his car at Hoppy's Landing. In the morning, he was able to drive up Causeway Road, but he could not turn onto his street. He left his car as much to the side as he could and walked to his house.

When the *Neighb News* caught up with him, he was cleaning off his car to head back to work to get a plow to clear his street.



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Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or for those who may have cognitive disabilities. Persons who are 60 and older, who are independent with eating, ambulation, medication administration, continent, are not an elopement risk. Please contact Sally Bourke or Debra Chmiel at 508-993-9455 for further information.

## 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: 3/4, Tiverton Casino; 3/11, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's; 3/18, Providence Place Mall; 3/25, Warwick Mall; 4/1, First Light Casino; 3/11, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's.

## Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$3 (Please note price chance). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

## 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.

**March 2. Calendar Girls.** Drama and Comedy. Best friends Chris and Annie are members of a charitable institute. When Annie's husband succumbs to leukemia, the friends decide to pose nude for a calendar to raise funds for

a local hospital.

**March 9. The Gumball Rally.** Comedy and Car Action. An eclectic group of people takes part in a secret, and illegal, cross country road race.

## Walking Group

Walk with friends at the Rec Center gym next door from 12–12:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. FREE. Classic hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's. It's the perfect way to stay active, lift your spirits, and connect with others during the chill months ahead.

## Legal Help

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## KoolKids April Vacation

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inclusive setting. Please ensure children wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. They should also bring a water bottle, a snack, and lunch each day 8am-4pm April 21-24 No program April 20th

## Town Meeting Kool Kids Day

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## Qigong Class

with Robin Fielding Join us for a calming and restorative Qigong class led by experienced instructor Robin Fielding. Qigong is a gentle mind-body practice that combines slow, flowing movements, focused breathing, and mindful awareness to promote relaxation, balance, and overall well-being. This class is suitable for all fitness levels and abilities. Participants will be guided through easy-to-follow movements designed to reduce stress, improve flexibility, support circulation, and cultivate inner calm. No prior experience is necessary. Come as you are, wear comfortable clothing, and enjoy an hour dedicated to movement, breath, and mindfulness. you can register for this class online and pay at class. The \$10 will be paid directly to the instructor. Starting March 4th Wednesdays 5pm-6pm

# Recipe of the Week

## Mini Mozzarella Snow Figures

- Mini mozzarella balls
- Cherry tomatoes (halved for the hats)
- Fresh basil leaves (for scarves)
- Black sesame seeds or peppercorns (eyes & buttons)
- Small carrot pieces (for noses)
- Toothpicks (optional)

Assemble two mozzarella balls per snow figure.

Add basil leaf as a scarf, place half a cherry tomato on top as the hat, and use carrot bits for noses.

Finish with sesame seeds or peppercorns for eyes and buttons.

Arrange on a plate and serve fresh!

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for his bad behavior.

If he isn't pushing into the front of the cafeteria line, he's joining games uninvited, or having tantrums if he isn't chosen for a team.

At first, my friends were willing to give him a pass because he was my kid brother. But they are getting tired of his antics and want to put him in his place. Should I let them?

*Dear Biff,*

Your parents named him Mascot? He doesn't sound like mascot material to me. Mascots are charming and engaging, and they enhance their team's image. Maybe your parents thought that he would live up to his name.

The last thing someone with a behavior problem

*Biff*

# Dear Frankie

## Zero Tolerance

*Dear Frankie,*  
I have been attending doggy day care, trouble-free, for years. Since my little brother, Mascot, started attending, I've been doing nothing but damage control

needs is a pass. I suggest you tell your friends you are willing for them to apply some appropriate social pressure.

I recommend they call him out when he cuts in and escort him to the back of the line. I also think they should praise him when he goes to the back of the line and waits for his turn. When he joins a game uninvited, they should stop the game and make it clear that they decide who plays, not him. When he does ask them to play, they should also praise him for following the rules. As for the tantrums, they should walk away and not give him any attention.

It appears that Mascot hasn't been taught how to act appropriately or held accountable for his behavior. Maybe all he needs to be his best self is for his bad behavior not to be tolerated, and his good behavior to be noticed and complimented.

You never can tell, he might even become a real team mascot.

*Best, Frankie*

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



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# Azorean Maritime Heritage Society hosts annual dinner

*Press Release*

The Azorean Maritime Heritage Society (AMHS) hosted its annual Scholarship Dinner to energetic supporters at Century House in Acushnet, MA, on Saturday, February 7th despite the growing winter storm. The Scholarship Committee, led by Chairperson Barbara Traban, includes Lucilia Amaral, Nancy Astephen, Susan Cabral, Susan Curado, Dyan Kieltyka, and Celeste LeBoeuf.

The evening featured hours of dancing with live music and raffle prizes highlighting local businesses. All proceeds from the evening directly support the scholarship fund. Mass. State Representative Mark D. Sylvia as well as New Bedford City Councilor Shane Burgo were both in attendance.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was issued to Lucilia Amaral, celebrating her many years of contribution and support for the AMHS as well as time dedicated to the Scholarship Committee. The Volunteer of the Year Award is selected by the members of the organization.

Congratulations to Lucilia!

The AMHS plans to award \$8,500 in

scholarships to six local students this year: The Faial, Pico, and Bela Vista scholarships (\$1,500 each) named after each of our whaleboats; the Dr. Mary T. Vermette Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) honoring our founder and her dedication to keep our shared maritime heritage alive; a Memorial Scholarship for Arminda C.N.S. da Silva (\$1,000); and a Scholarship In Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco and Clotilde da Rosa Branco (\$1,000).

Scholarship applications are due April 1st and can be downloaded from the website at [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org).

The Azorean Maritime Heritage Society educates the public about Azorean maritime history and Azorean culture, and especially the



Members of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society pose with State Representative Mark D. Sylvia 4th from left) and New Bedford City Councilor Shane Burgo (far right) at the annual scholarship dinner on 2/7/26. Submitted photo.

skills and crafts related to Azorean whaling history and seamanship. Headquartered at the new Casa Dos Botes on Belleville Avenue, the community is invited to come out for a free row or sail on these magnificent boats in Clarks Cove this summer, no experience necessary.

To donate and for more information about these activities, visit the Society's website at [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org).

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# Blizzard of 2026 dumped more snow than 1978

By Beth David  
Editor

Both the Fairhaven Select Board and the Acushnet SB held emergency meetings to prepare for the big snow storm, which turned out to be a bigger blizzard than the legendary Blizzard of 1978. Both towns acknowledged and accepted the governor's state of emergency and declared emergencies to be able to access disaster funds for reimbursement of the extra costs of the storm.

The governor ordered a travel ban on Monday that was lifted on Tuesday at noon.

The storm started on Sunday evening and raged with heavy snow and high winds all day on Monday. Snow totals ranged from 24 to 37 inches. Fairhaven got walloped with more than 30 inches. According to the National Weather Service, Acushnet got 31.3; New Bedford got 31. Fairhaven was not on the list, but local reports came in at more than 30 inches.

In 1978 Fairhaven got 26, but there was already 12 inches on the ground.

There were widespread power outages in the whole region, mostly due to tree limbs falling on lines in the wind that gusted up to 67 miles per hour. By press time, 1670 customers in Fairhaven were still without power, 19.8%; in Acushnet, 157, 3.36% were still in the dark; New Bedford still had 1049, or 2.17% without power.

Even late Tuesday night, the outer Cape had widespread outages with Provincetown being 100% without power, and Wellfleet at 98.7% out.

Estimates for restoring power ranged from one day to three days.

Both Fairhaven and Acushnet anticipated it would be several days before they could get to tall the side streets. The problem is that only the larger pieces of equipment are able to handle this much snow.

Fairhaven set up a shelter at the Middle School, and more than 20 people took advantage of it on Tuesday. Most were there because they had no power and no heat.

Many residents used their personal vehicles, snow blowers, and shovels to clear their roads.

Fairhaven asked for additional equipment from the state and was able to some through the Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Fairhaven Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, said the public works department went "above and beyond," and the town worked with state representative Mark Sylvia to get the equipment.

"It's been really a team effort," said Mr. Hickey. "It's been nice."

He also said he knows the roads are not being cleared as quickly as people would like, but, "This is a pretty extraordinary event."

"I know it's not ideal and some people are frustrated with the time it's taking to clear the roads, but I assure you the public works department is doing everything it can to clear the streets as quickly as possible," said Mr. Hickey. "But when you have 30-plus inches of snow, nobody is prepared for that."

Public Works Superintendent, Vinnie Furtado, said two front loaders broke down during the storm. One had an antifreeze leak, the other an electrical problem, so that slowed things down.

He also said they pulled the crews off the road for part of Monday because conditions were too dangerous. He said they had no visibility.

Mr. Furtado said the town got a front loader and two triaxle vehicles through MEMA from parts of the state that did not get hit as hard.

The department has a plan for reaching all the neighborhoods, he said, but those plans have to be flexible to accommodate Eversource, which has to get to downed lines to restore power; and also for medical emergencies.

Schools in both towns were scheduled to be closed through at least Wednesday.

Both towns have a system to alert residents and give updates.

For shelter/warming center information, call the Fairhaven Fire Department at 508-994-1428 x 7201. In Acushnet, dial 911.

To sign up for alerts that you can get by phone, text, and email:

- Fairhaven (smart911): through the town's website at <https://fairhaven-ma.gov> or <https://tinyurl.com/4nr3nfmn>
- Acushnet (NotifyMe): through the town's website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us> or <https://tinyurl.com/mwfdyz3j>



LEFT: This little robin looks right at the camera on 2/23/26, unfazed by the raging blizzard that dumped more than 30 inches of snow in Fairhaven. RIGHT: A path is cut through drifts at least five feet high on Causeway Road on 2/24/26, the day after the Blizzard of 2026 dumped more than 30 inches of snow in Fairhaven. Photos by Beth David. See more photos on page 19.

# Happy Birthday, Fairhaven!

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven held a birthday party on 2/22/26, to celebrate 214 years as a town. Food trucks, trivia contests, games for kids, music and cannon fire combined to make a festive celebra-

tion outside and inside town hall.

The festivities began with the Fairhaven Village Militia firing off the small cannon, followed by the church bells ringing out "Happy Birthday" and a violin performance.

Inside, Mark Twain and Henry

Huttleston Rogers actors entertained and informed the crowd, followed by a program of activities to entertain and inform.

The event will be on FairhavenTV.com community media in a few weeks.



ABOVE LEFT: Small pieces of art by dogs (really) are on sale at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter table in Fairhaven Town Hall to celebrate the town's 214th birthday on 2/22/26.

ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Brothers, Declan and Brendan, cook marshmallows for smores over an inside grill in the Banquet Room of Fairhaven Town Hall.

Photos by Beth David.

LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fires the small cannon on the lawn of Fairhaven Town Hall. Video shot courtesy of David Fauteux.

## Fairhaven hires Treasurer/Collector

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held an emergency meeting on Sunday, 2/22/26, to discuss storm preparation in anticipation of the blizzard. The board also held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, 2/23, but tabled most items. The board held both meetings remotely.

At Sunday's meeting the board declared a state of emergency. Fire Chief Todd Correia said the designation allows them to circumvent certain procurement procedures for hiring outside contractors for storm related costs, such as tree removal. It also allows the town to apply for disaster funds.

At the Monday meeting, the board

approved the appointment of a Treasurer/Collector and officially set the local election for 6/9/26. The board also received storm updates.

The board approved Wendy Cochrane to be offered the job of Treasurer/Collector. The Town Administrator makes the appointment with the approval of the board. Assistant TA, Anne Carreiro, introduced Ms. Cochrane to the board, as TA Keith Hickey was not able to join due to technical difficulties.

Ms. Cochrane has 26 years of experience in related municipal roles, including Treasurer/Collector in Norton, and Collector in Berkley,

The board also received an update from Chief Correia on the storm. He said his department was "stranded"

for part of the day, preventing them from making any calls.

He said they were not able to get to the shelter at the middle school, so they set up a "make-shift" shelter at the fire station.

He said they had volunteers who worked overnight and some got stranded in their vehicles.

"I still have one EMA (Emergency Management Agency) volunteer still stranded on the causeway in his personal vehicle that we're trying to get out to him," said Chief Correia. "But right now West Island is completely unapproachable at this point." (See story on page 3).

Both meetings are available on demand at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com)

# Christopher Markey announces run for DA

## Press Release

*Chris Markey intends to build the best law firm in Bristol County. Bringing years of experience, unrivaled commitment and unwavering integrity to the Office of District Attorney.*

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  - The introduction of the first ever Bristol County DA Mental Health Liaison
  - Continued community engagement and fraud prevention efforts
- "It is a great privilege to announce

my candidacy to be the next District Attorney of Bristol County," said Attorney Christopher Markey. "I have dedicated my life to the service of these communities and the pursuit of justice before the law. As District Attorney, I would bring years of experience, unrivaled commitment, and unwavering integrity to the office."

Christopher Markey is an attorney with 32 years of experience in practice. Before his graduation from the University of Massachusetts School of Law, Chris served as a Victim-Witness Advocate in Fall River District Court. After passing the Bar Exam, Chris would serve 16 years as a prosecutor, trying six murders, and rising to Second Assistant District Attorney. Additionally, he practiced as a defense attorney for 19 years and served as State Representative for the 9th Bristol District for 15 years.

Chris grew up in New Bedford where he attended public schools. An alumnus of Bishop Stang High School, Chris graduated from Stonehill College in 1990 with a degree in

Economics. In 1994, Chris earned his law degree with honors from Southern New England School of Law, now known as University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth Law School.

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Attorney Christopher Markey has announced that he is running for Bristol County District Attorney in the 2026 election. *Submitted photo.*

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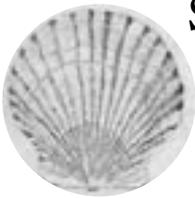
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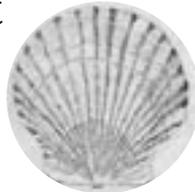
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**ELECT: cont'd from page 4**

Stephanie Pickup in the full term seats and Donna McKenna in the seat she filled after a vacancy. Mr. Monroe has said he will not seek reelection.

Two Board of Public Works seats are up; one Board of Health position is up; one Commissioner of Trust Funds seat is up; one Housing Authority seat is up.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Atlas Tack Working Group

Thurs., 3/5, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Belonging Committee

Wed., 3/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/3, Town Hal, 6 p.m.

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/26, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 3/3, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 3/5, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

#### Historical Commission

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

#### Select Board

Mon., 3/2, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Mon., 3/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Board of Appeals

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

#### Select Board

Fri., 3/6, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	Feb. 2026		HIGH a.m.		LOW p.m.		LOW a.m.		
Thursday	26	0304	1539	1006	2118				
Friday	27	0416	1650	1127	2313				
Saturday	28	0518	1745	---	1217*				
	Mar. 2026		HIGH a.m.		LOW p.m.		LOW a.m.		
Sunday	1	0607	1831	0015*	1303*				
Monday	2	0651	1915	0110*	1345*				
Tuesday	3	0735	1958	0200*	1416*				
Wednesday	4	0818	2041	0235*	1431*				
Thursday	5	0900	2122	0254*	1447*				
Friday	6	0940	2202	0313	1510*				
Saturday	7	1021	2245	0337	1538				
Sunday	8	---	1206	0506	1708				
Monday	9	0033	1257	0541	1744				
Tuesday	10	0126	1351	0627	1831				
Wednesday	11	0219	1445	0734	1937				

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.  
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## Fairhaven Housing Authority INVITATION TO BID

The FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Fire Alarm Pull Station & Smoke Detector Upgrades at State Aided Development: Oxford Terrace (667-3) in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by JOHN MURPHY JR. ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING, INC.

The Project consists of but not limited to:

The scope of work involves expanding the existing addressable fire alarm system to include previously unprotected areas. The project also includes the removal of certain non-addressable fire alarm devices, such as pull stations and heat detectors. Additionally, it covers the installation of new fire alarm door hold-open devices and limited asbestos abatement where required.

The work is estimated to cost **\$204,743.00**.

All Bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 03/05/2026 at 2:00PM EST for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at [biddocs.com](http://biddocs.com) and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **Electrical**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **11 March 2026 at 2:00PM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until **NULL at NULL** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

**TRADES — NONE**

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at [biddocs.com](http://biddocs.com) (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority, women and veteran-owned business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO). The participation benchmark required for such enterprises shall not be less than 8% MBE, 5% WBE and 3% VBE for all state and state-assisted construction projects over \$150,000. **Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLIC (Chad.Howard@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

The Contractor and all subcontractors (collectively referred to as "the Contractor") agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at **6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities**. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a **statutory** requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE/ SITE VISIT: Scheduled  
Date and Time: 03/06/2026 at 10:00AM EST  
Address: 275 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719  
Instructions: None

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen

at: Nashoba Blue Inc., 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749; 978-568-1167

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## Notice of Public Hearing

The Fairhaven Board of Health is hosting a public hearing at 5 p.m. on **March 11, 2026** to review and hear comments relative to proposed changes to the existing Fairhaven Board of Health Animal Regulations (New Poultry Regulations).

The Public Hearing will be held in-person at 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, and via **Zoom** (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95313326052?pwd=UEFiVzVKUDA5eExrTDN6RXBWMzYvUT09> or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 953 1332 6052 Passcode: 118417).

A copy of these draft regulations is available for pickup at the Fairhaven Board of Health (40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719) or on the Fairhaven Board of Health website: [www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health)

You are welcome to attend the Public Hearing in person (40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719) or virtually via Zoom. You also may submit written comment to the Fairhaven Board of Health by mail: 40 Center St. Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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## TOWN OF ACUSHNET

In accordance with Chapter 140, MA General Laws, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room on the application of Adriano Vincente Used Cars to apply for a Class II Motor Vehicle License to buy, sell, exchange or assemble second hand motor vehicles on 619 Main Street, Acushnet, MA.

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## 2026 Enrique Goytizolo scholarship

### Press Release

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Students who apply should be interested in pursuing the study of history and have plans to matriculate to an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall. The scholarship is

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

Check with your school guidance counselor for an application form or visit our website at <https://www.historicalsocietyfairhaven.org/scholarship>.

In addition to the application, students must submit an essay of no

more than 400 words focusing on Fairhaven history, what it means to the applicant, and how that has impacted the applicant's interest in the further study of history.

Applications and essays must be submitted via email to [info@historicalsocietyfairhaven.org](mailto:info@historicalsocietyfairhaven.org).

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## More storm pictures



ABOVE LEFT: Tom and Diane Smith shovel their way to Causeway Road on 2/24/26, the day after the Blizzard of 2026 dumped more than 30 inches of snow in Fairhaven. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Louise Merrick and Julie Schneider take their fur babies out for some fresh air on Scoticut Neck Road on 2/24/26. BELOW LEFT: Billy's Way is clearly impassable by car, but that did not stop someone from venturing out by foot on 2/24/26. BELOW RIGHT: Some intrepid souls clearly could not stay away from Everybody's Playground at the Wood School on Scoticut Neck, leaving footprints in the deep snow on 2/24/26. *Photos by Beth David. See page 12 for story*



## Chimney fire damages Walnut Street home in Fairhaven

*Fairhaven Fire Department  
Press Release*

On 2/24/26 at 5:55 p.m., the Fairhaven Fire Department received a call from Holbrook Regional Communications Center for a structure fire at number 3 Walnut Street. The occupants were unaware of the fire and had been alerted to it by a passerby. They were able to exit the building and were all accounted for with no injuries.

Upon arrival, there was fire showing on the exterior of the structure which was extinguished, however, the fire had spread quickly through the walls and void spaces in the structure causing a second alarm to be declared by command.

Mutual aid came from Mattapoissett, Acushnet, New Bedford and Dartmouth District 3 came to the scene. All firefighters were ordered to evacuate for a period due to structural roof collapse. Over time, crews were able to then return to the lower levels of the structure to continue working to ensure complete fire suppression.

The cause appears to be a chimney

fire that traveled into the walls and extended into the attic and roof. It was deemed accidental.

The structure sustained significant damage and the American Red Cross has been called in to assist our displaced residents.

Rochester and Mattapoissett EMS handled additional ambulance requests and New Bedford Fire handled additional fire calls for the town while our companies were on scene.

Thank you as always to all of the aforementioned mutual aid partners, Holbrook Regional Communications, and the Providence Canteen for supporting us.

We would also like to acknowledge the great neighbors within the Williams and Union Street areas who came to our aid removing snow and ice when one of our apparatus was stuck attempting to access the fire scene. The DPW was able to free the apparatus with their heavy equip-



A firefighter works to put out a fire at 3 Walnut Street in Fairhaven that began in the chimney. *Photo from Fairhaven Fire-EMS Facebook page.*

ment. There was no shortage of help from all involved and we just want to take the opportunity to let you all know we appreciate it immensely.

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