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

Quick storm packs a wallop



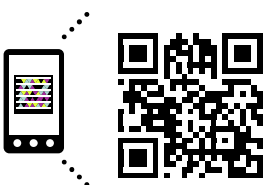
A quick storm dumped more than an inch of rain in the region on Monday, 3/16/26, into the early morning hours of Tuesday. High winds added to the drama, knocking down trees and causing scattered power outages across the state. In Fairhaven a pole on Winsegansett Avenue caught fire and snapped. In Mass. up to 60,000 customers were without power for part of the day. Winds were about 30 MPH with one gust at 57 MPH on 3/17. ABOVE: A small boat is tied to the dock even though the gangway at Hoppy's Landing is pulled up on 3/17/26, standard procedure when winds are expected to be over 50 MPH, to protect it from damage, while a plethora of signs give information visitors. *Photo by Beth David.*

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."



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Winter is trying to hang on, but time marches on (see what I did there?).

Wind chills were in the teens and he crocuses still came up. Gotta love New England.

Local election season is heating up. See page 14 for a couple of candidates announcing, one in Acushnet and one in Fairhaven. Acushnet has no contested races this year. That's terrible. May I remind you call that democracy is not a spectator sport? We ALL have to participate.

The apathy is why we are in the mess we are in.

The Big Buffoon is babbling and rambling and unraveling before our eyes and his supporters are all like...woohoo, strong leader...yay, we kicked ass...just LOOK at tha 401K!

Meanwhile, a Palestinian student who did nothing wrong, but disagreed in public with the thin skinned buffoon, just got released after a year in prison. She was not charged with a crime. A whole year of her precious, young life gone, spent in an American detention center because of something she said.

While in detention in a despicable place, in OUR name, she got very sick and ended up chained to a hospital bed. Again, no reason except for disagreeing with the Big Buffoon.

And she's not the only one. There are thousands.

What will it take to get you Trumpers to realized that this is not what America is supposed to be? People come here because the "rule of law" offers protection. We all grew up believing in the "rule of law."

But, when it's your guy...it matters not, eh?

Two people died when ICE dumped them on the street. Daphy Michel had mental health issues and was dumped in a city, no one even knows where, probably a bus station in Pittsburgh. Her body was found five days later. She entered the country legally, by the way, but apparently that does not matter.

Nubul Amin Shah Alam was nearly blind and spoke no English. He was here seeking asylum. ICE dumped him in the doorway of a coffee shop that was closed in the middle of winter in Buffalo, NY. You don't have to be a genius to figure out he was found dead on the street a few days later.

ICE also grabbed a 14-year-old Mass. girl and took her out of state without her family. She is 14. FOURTEEN! She's a child.

At the same time, we are furiously trying to get World War III going. Thankfully, the NATO countries said no thanks USA, you are on your own.

So great...just so great.

There is actual local news in here somewhere. While you're looking for it, 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

A variety of scholarships still accepting applications

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>.

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

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 postsecondary education success for our students.

Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship

Calling all graduating high school seniors whose primary residence is in Fairhaven, Massachusetts!

The annual Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship is a \$1500 scholarship for a Fairhaven resident high school graduating senior interested in studying history.

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.

Deadline for all applicants is April 1, 2026

Please find all information regarding this scholarship on our application.

Azorean Maritime Heritage Society

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.

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Montigny's animal welfare bill advances

Press Release

The Massachusetts State Senate has advanced legislation filed by Senator Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) that seeks to significantly enhance animal welfare protections in the Commonwealth. The upper chamber intends to debate and vote on Montigny's legislation on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

S640, An Act promoting humane cosmetics and other household products by limiting the use of animal testing requires manufacturers and testing laboratories in Massachusetts to use modern, non-animal scientific methods when they are available and approved. This provision applies to the testing of consumer products such as cosmetics, household cleaners, and other chemical ingredients. It does not apply to medical research applications.

According to the Humane World for Animals, formerly known as the Humane Society of the United States, tens of thousands of animals are subjected to painful tests each year. Harsh chemicals are rubbed into animals' eyes and skin, forced down

their throats, and injected into their bodies. These barbaric methods often fail to adequately mimic human biology, leading to inaccurate results. Modern alternatives such as 3D modeling and human tissue assays are readily available, approved by regulatory agencies and often much cheaper and scientifically superior to animal testing methods. Several testing laboratories currently exist in Massachusetts. Major companies across the United States such as Unilever, L'Oréal, and Seventh Generation have already integrated non-animal-based testing methods for their products. California, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia have passed legislation similar to Montigny's bill.

S1190, An Act enhancing the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals was originally filed by Montigny in response to the horrific animal abuse and death discovered upon a Westport farm in 2016. In that case, approximately 1,400 animals were found in deplorable and dangerous conditions. The animals lacked adequate food, water and shelter while many also suffered

from severe health ailments. The case highlighted the need for greater oversight of conditions for animals.

Massachusetts is the only state that has just a single felony animal cruelty statute. Animal control and law enforcement need additional authority to intervene in animal neglect cases before they rise to the level of animal cruelty crime. S1190 provides this authority by giving ACOs and law enforcement the ability to issue civil citations for cruel conditions around domestic animals such as exposure to excessive waste, noxious odors, non-potable water or failure to provide adequate food, water, and protection from adverse weather conditions that threaten health and safety. The citation offers law enforcement the opportunity to intervene and educate owners about the dangers of these conditions and how to prevent future episodes. Multiple violations of the law carry up to a \$500 fine as well as the potential seizure of the animal by animal control or law enforcement.

"We will continue to protect

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Town Hall hours

Effective the week of 3/23/26, Fairhaven Town Hall will no longer be open on Friday afternoons. The new hours will result in town hall being open for 41.5 hours, instead of 40, but will also close on Friday afternoons. The new schedule adds an hour in the morning, opening at 7:30 instead of 8:30; and adds 1.5 hours on Monday nights, closing at 6 instead of 4:30. Fridays, the town hall will close at 11:30 a.m.

New hours are: Monday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Mr. Fairhaven

Fairhaven High School PTO presents Mr. Fairhaven, Sat., 3/21, 6 p.m., Hastings Middle School Auditorium. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 students.

For tickets contact Heidi, 508-965-2907; Deb, 508-525-7650; Rebecca, 508-826-7672; or email fairhavenhspto@gmail.com

For payments by Venmo, please put name and number of tickets. Tickets will be held at door.

Fill-A-Bag

Heavenly Treasures thrift store, at First Congregational Church, 34 Center St. (use William St. entrance), Fairhaven. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fill-A-Bag: \$5/bag (we supply the bags), all clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, coats. Wed. & Sat., 3/25 & 3/28, and Wed. & Sat., 4/1 & 4/4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Book Folding Workshop

The Friends of the Library present: a Book Folding Workshop at Millicent Library! Learn the art of book folding in an afternoon of relaxing crafting. Our instructor will have a number of patterns & styles to choose from. All materials provided, but feel free to bring a special book if you have one in mind. For Adults and Teens, ages 13+. Spaces limited to 20 participants, registration required!

Sat., 3/21. 1–1:45 p.m. Auditorium, Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven

To register, sign up on our website:

<https://millicentlibrary.assabetintereactive.com/calendar/book-folding-workshop/>

Soup Night

Please join the St. Mary's Parish Faith Formation Classes for a great community event. We will have Soup, Salad, Refreshments & Desserts. We will also have a Raffle Table with many different baskets created by each class. All proceeds will go towards a year-end event for our students.

Sat., 3/28, 5:30 p.m. after Mass, downstairs in the parish hall, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Tickets are \$5 per person and available for purchase after Masses, during classes or reserve tickets by calling Liz Medeiros, 508-726-3817, or emailing her at bizliz1196@gmail.com

OLOA 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.

Herring Run Talk

In observance of the spring equinox kicking off the fish moon, join the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust Land Manager Waban Webquish (Marcus) for a presentation on the annual herring run in nearby Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Monday, March 30, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM, UU Auditorium, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycx5c88t>

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.

For more information, please visit

our website.

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.

Mariner Soccer Annual Meeting

The Mariner Youth Soccer Club's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

The meeting will include elections for board positions and committee updates and appointments. Please address questions or interest to: info@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com

Romano Accident Fundraiser

Select Board member Andrew Romano's sister, Ashley, has created a GoFunMe page to help Andrew in his recover after a bad car accident a few weeks ago. Andrew broke his femur, and suffered other injuries. His ability to work is severely limited.

Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/6upk37df>

Boat America Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will run its 2026 SPRING SEMESTER 2-week Boat America course (BA) for 4 evenings – Mondays and Thursdays, March 23, 26, 30 and April 2 – from 7-9 pm at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSB), 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

The \$25 fee includes the textbook and all course material. Class size is limited, register early at <https://tinyurl.com/wf6s72ca>

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Flotilla Commander via email: schae5900@gmail.com.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Volunteers Needed

The Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum is looking for volunteers.

If you would like to be involved in celebrating the veterans and military history of New Bedford, MA, and surrounding area.

Please think about volunteering a few hours of your time each week at the museum. Please consider coming by the museum and filling out a volunteer application form.

The museum is located at 1000c Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA; 508-994-3938; Wednesday through Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

OLOP Fish Fry

Please join us on March 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

SAVE THE DATES:

No Kings 3

March for the people, downtown New Bedford, Sat., 3/28, 3 p.m. Gather at the District Courthouse, corner of 6th and Kempton Streets.

Grant Applications

Applications are available for Women's Fund SouthCoast.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through April 1st. Grant awards will be announced in May 2026 and funding for projects will begin in July 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Straw at astraw@womensfundsouthcoast.org.

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.

Stop the War

Stand-out against the Israel-USA genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank, Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Route 6 and Route 140, near Buttonwood Park. Honk for peace.

YTI Production

Your Theatre Inc. presents "The Best We Could" (a family tragedy) by Emily Feldman. A stunningly hilarious and tragic tale of a modern father and daughter.

In this 2023 debut play from Emily Feldman, follow Ella and her father, Lou, on a surprise road trip to adopt a rescue dog. Guided by the fourth wall-breaking narrator, named Maps, the duo crosses state lines, family history, and more.

From the insistent phone calls with Peg, Ella's mother, to the oddball characters along the way, this modern theatrical experience is funny, wise, and heartbreaking in every breath.

Performances at the Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St. New Bedford, MA 02740; 508-993-0772. Fri. & Sat., 3/20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3/22, at 2 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., 3/27 & 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 3/28 & 29 at 2 p.m.

Join us for a special talkback with the cast and director on opening night, March 20, immediately after the show!

For tickets, visit <https://yourtheatre.org/>. Tickets are also available at the door, 30 minutes before curtain time.

Adult, \$27; Senior, Military, Student, \$22; MCC Card to Culture \$5. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Auditions

Audition with Your Theatre Inc. Visit <https://yourtheatre.org/> Auditions for "Memories of a New Home." one-weekend special production

A one-act show about a young couple moving into their newly purchased home. On move-in day, they meet the previous owner, who shares memories of his family's time in the house. A fun show with a surprising twist! Directed by Nicole Perullo.

Now Casting

- Chuck: Male 45-75, previous owner of the house.

- Benny: Male 25-45, newlywed, and new owner of the house.
- Moxie: Female 25-45, newlywed, and new owner of the house.
- Marlene: Female 30-65, real estate agent

Auditions on Tues., 3/24, and Thurs., 3/26, at p.m. Performances June 12-14..

Auditions will be cold readings from the script. To audition, simply arrive at Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, at one of the three audition times. Enter through the East door facing the city parking lot. Auditions are open to all!

Our mission is to create and celebrate the arts with the Southcoast community in an inclusive theatre environment.

Community Boating Center FR

Sponsorships Available

Supporters of youth programs across Greater New Bedford will gather this spring for Opening of the Bay, the Community Boating Center's annual fundraiser that helps hundreds of local young people connect with the city's waterfront through sailing, mentorship, and leadership development.

The event will take place May 9, 2026 from 6-10 PM at Kilburn Mill, overlooking Clarks Cove and the Community Boating Center's waterfront campus.

Opening of the Bay is CBC's signature annual fundraiser and supports scholarships for the organization's Summer Youth Sailing Program, which serves young people ages 5-24 throughout Greater New Bedford. In 2025, 88% of participating youth received financial assistance, helping ensure that young people throughout the community can access the New Bedford waterfront and the opportunities it offers.

Guests will enjoy dinner, dancing, and a silent auction while celebrating the start of the sailing season and supporting programs that use boating as a platform for youth development.

The Community Boating Center connects young people with mentors and hands-on experiences on the water, helping participants develop confidence, teamwork, sound

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Tour de Crème Ride

The Iconic Tour de Crème Bike Ride Returns for 2026!

Clear your schedule and mark your calendars: on Sunday May 31st, the Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 8th year. Cycle from Mattapoissett and surrounding towns stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries all along the routes. Register and choose between 9, 25 and 47-mile rides. Afterwards, riders join the post-ride party at Munro Park in Mattapoissett for even more ice cream, food, live music, and cold beverages. This is not a race and riders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open March 15th for both RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS. To stay up to date follow The Tour de Crème Facebook page and visit tourdecreme.org to learn more.

Not interested in riding? There are many different volunteer opportunities available. Fundraising is also encouraged for riders and non-riders alike! This fantastically fun event is a fundraiser for the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoissett.

Clothing & Toys

Gently used clothing for the entire family, toys & jigsaw puzzles. All at bargain prices.

Fri., March 20, 1-7 pm

Sat., March 21, 9 am-1 pm.

Sat. special fill a bag for \$5, Boutique items 50% off.

St. Julie Billiard Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth.

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild

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.

Photo Scan Day

Westport Historical Society Open House. View the History Center and Photo and Document Scanning Day

Sat., 3/21, 10 am - 1 pm, Bell School, 25 Drift Road, Westport MA
Seeking items from 1776 to 1976!

Explore the newly renovated Bell School and help to preserve the history of our community! Bring photos or documents; volunteers will scan them and return the originals to you immediately. All historical items are welcome but of special interest are materials from the 18th century (Revolutionary War era), photos from 1950-1980, and items from the 1970s are of particular interest too.

The Westport Historical Society is looking for a prom dress from the 1970s to display in an exhibition this summer.

Visit www.wpthistory.org; contact: westporthistory@westporthistory.net

Public Speaking

Master the Art of Public Speaking at the Mattapoissett Library. Join storytellers Karen Chace and Andrea Lovett at the library on Tuesday, March 24th, at 3:30 p.m. for "Polish Up Your Presentation." This charismatic duo will lead a 90-minute public speaking workshop that is both fun and friendly.

There will be interactive exercises, real talk, and skills you'll use immediately. Whether you're giving a class presentation, interviewing for a job, or have a desire to feel more confident speaking up, this workshop is for you! Stop dreading presentations. Start dominating them. Space is limited. Register online to save your spot.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at (508) 758-4171.

Report ICE Misconduct

Governor Maura Healey and Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell announced the launch of a new online portal that allows Massachusetts residents to report alleged misconduct by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents operating within the state. The portal is available at mass.gov/fedmisconduct.

The portal provides a centralized place for individuals, families, attorneys and community members to document incidents involving members of ICE, U.S. Customs and Border Protec-

tion (CBP), and other federal agencies that enforce civil immigration laws. The portal is designed to help the state identify patterns of potential misconduct, support affected residents, and inform possible legal or policy actions by the state.

The portal will allow members of the public to share information about incidents involving potentially unlawful activity by federal agents in Mass., including videos and photographs. Information submitted through the portal may help the state identify patterns of potential misconduct, and connect affected residents with legal advocacy organizations.

AG Campbell also released updated "Know Your Rights" guidance designed to help immigrants, families, and communities understand their rights and the basic legal framework for ICE actions. Notably, the updated guidance includes timely information about holding federal immigration officials accountable, the role of U.S. Customs and Border Protection given their increased activity in recent ICE surges, the rights of protestors, and new executive orders at the state and local level. The updated guidance can be found on the AGO's Immigrant Resources webpage and read in its entirety here: <https://tinyurl.com/2n9x6kfa>

Auditions

The Marion Art Center will be auditioning for roles in the theater standard *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. Pippa Asker is directing the production. Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 21, 10:00am-12:00pm and on Sunday, March 22, 5:30-7:30pm at the MAC, 80 Pleasant St. Marion.

For more information on the audition process and the roles/sides visit marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Our Town is a tender, poetic exploration of everyday life, love, and loss in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners. With minimal scenery and a focus on language and imagination, *Our Town* invites audiences to notice the beauty in ordinary moments—shared meals, childhood friendships, and small-town rituals—and to reflect on what it truly means to be alive. Simple in form but profound in impact, the play remains one of the most beloved works in American theater.

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The event has become one of the South Coast's most anticipated spring celebrations and typically sells out each year.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at: <https://www.communityboating.org/ootb-2026/>

Community members are also invited to contribute auction items or volunteer to support the event.

RJD Book Club

BYOBook Club is a pop-up reading community in New Bedford where people come together to share space, stories, and conversation. The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum will be hosting two gatherings of the book club this season, one on March 24 and the other on April 21. Both will be held from 6:30pm – 8:30pm inside the museum, 396 County St., NB

For the first hour, participants will read spread out in the museum parlors and hall. For the second hour, participants gather to chat about their readings. During the last half hour, there will be a guest author present to talk about their work. Watch the RJD socials (Facebook,

Instagram) for an announcement on who the author will be. This event is free, but registration is required due to capacity. Participants can register for the March event here: <https://app.dvforms.net/api/dv/e37876> and the April event here: <https://app.dvforms.net/api/dv/p693yj>. Please call the museum at (508)997-1401 or email Lauren at lpothier@rjdmuseum.org with any questions.

Dance Performance

World-Renowned Parsons Dance Coming to SoCo Movement Arts NEW BEDFORD — The internationally acclaimed Parsons Dance will appear at SoCo Movement Arts on Tuesday, April 1 for a special evening performance and audience Q&A.

Known for its athletic, joyful, and highly musical style, Parsons Dance has performed around the world and is considered one of the leading modern dance companies today. The performance offers South Coast audiences a rare opportunity to experience this celebrated company in an intimate setting.

Doors open at 5:00 PM, with the performance beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by a Q&A with the artists.

Tickets are \$50. The event will take place at SoCo Movement Arts, 201 Pope's Island, New Bedford, MA. Tickets are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/3n3y3zfd>

Women Authors

March is Women's History Month. To celebrate, we're offering 50% off select Spinner titles written by and about Women!

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State of the City Address

Mayor Jon Mitchell will deliver his annual State of the City address at the reimagined Zeiterion Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 8. Tickets are available on the Zeiterion's website. The event kicks off at 10 a.m.

Light refreshments will be provided in the Baker Family Lobby following Mayor Mitchell's address. Attendees are also invited to tour the renovated theater.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$250 for a group of 10. Tickets can be purchased on the Zeiterion's website, zeiterion.org/events/state-of-the-city, until 4/6.



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Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 3/25, Warwick Mall; 4/1, First Light Casino; 4/8, Prov. Place Mall; 4/15, Mashpee Commons; 4/22, Wrentham Village Outlets; 4/29, 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.

Easter Dinner

Join us for Easter Dinner, Sun., 4/5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at the Fairhaven COA/Senior Center. Ham, red bliss mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter, cookies & brownies.

Please call by Wed., 3/25 to sign up, 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 23. Green Book. Period Drama & Comedy. A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver for an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South.

March 30. Easter Sunday. Comedy. A man returns home to celebrate Easter with his riotous, bickering, eating, drinking, laughing, loving family.

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.

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Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt NOTE DATE CORRECTION

25th Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (pre registration is required) Join us for the annual flashlight egg hunt. Children will search for their eggs on the Recreation center grounds and return them to the Easter Bunny for a special treat. Don't forget to bring your flashlight & camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. In the event of Rain, the event will be held indoors at the Center. Date: **March 27** 7:15 PM; 11 and under \$7 per person

KoolKids April Vacation

Embark on a thrilling school vacation program tailored for grades K-7, packed with an array of activities! Dive into active games, team sports, captivating art projects, exhilarating science challenges, brain-teasing, team building and much more. Our program is designed to ignite creativity, teamwork and exploration while ensuring each

child has a blast in a dynamic and 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

A fun filled day program tailored for grades K-7, packed with an array of activities! Dive into active games, team sports, captivating art projects, exhilarating science challenges, brain-teasing, team building and much more. Our program is designed to ignite creativity, teamwork and exploration while ensuring each child has a blast in a dynamic and inclusive setting. Please ensure children wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. They should also bring a water bottle, a snack, and lunch for the day. Starts 1 hour before town meeting and ends 30 minutes after Town meeting concludes. Free for current Town

Meeting members. \$35.00 for non-voting Town meeting attendees.

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

Homestyle Mac-n-Cheese

8 oz. dried penne pasta
 4 tbsp butter
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1 cup milk
 1 cup cream
 1 bay leaf
 pinch of nutmeg
 2 c shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Topping
 2 tbsp butter (melted)
 1 cup Panko bread crumbs
 1 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese

Cook pasta in lightly salted water until al dente. Rinse and drain.

In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in flour until blended. Add milk, cream, bay leaf, nutmeg, 1 tsp of salt, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat.

Slowly fold in 2 cups of cheese, stirring constantly until melted. Remove from heat.

Add pasta to the saucepan and toss to coat evenly. Transfer to a baking dish.

Topping. Cover pasta with remaining cheese. Mix bread crumbs with melted butter, and sprinkle over top.

Bake at 400° for 20 minutes until golden brown.



cleaning up after their paper-shredding sprees, their pablum footprints, or their little accidents. They were irresistibly cute, I adored them, and they made every day more fun.

But now, I'm not as spry or energetic as I once was, and they still leave messes everywhere.

When I ask my parents for help, my dad just says, "They are just kids, and families take care of one another."

But who is looking out for me?

Olivia

Dear Frankie

Oldest Sibling

Dear Frankie,
 I have two little brothers, Ritz (age 4) and Cracker (age 3). When they first joined our family at ten weeks old, I was thrilled to look after them. I didn't mind

Dear Olivia,

You are not the first oldest sister to become their sibling's caregiver.

It's easy for a family when one person does all the hard work for everyone else.

But that's not fair to you. I suggest you put your paw down and tell your parents and brothers that you won't help unless everyone pitches in.

When they see what the house looks like when you are not keeping it in order, they may come to their senses and agree to do their share.

If they don't do their part, whatever you do, don't be a martyr, and rescue them.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven High School to perform "Anastasia"

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the production of this year's spring musical, *Anastasia*.

Based on the 1997 animated film, *Anastasia* follows the story of a brave young woman as she sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure from Russia to Paris to help her find home, love and family.

Anastasia will be performed at

Fairhaven High School on March 26th, 27th and 28th at 7PM, with a matinee on March 29th at 2PM.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for FHS students and staff (ID required at the door).

Tickets are assigned seating and can be purchased online at https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183_1. Please note this production is expected to sell out, and tickets may not be available at the door. For more information, please email mrebello@fairhavenps.net.



Fairhaven High School students rehearse "Anastasia" for performances starting on 3/26/26. Submitted photo.

Shakespeare for Scaredy Cats

Eighteen Shakespeare for Scaredy Cats folks from the Mattapoissett Council on Aging attended an exceptional performance of *The Winter's Tale* on March 7 at Trinity Rep in Providence.

Over the years, members of this enthusiastic, very lively group have also seen other Shakespeare productions, such as *Hamlet* and *The Taming of the Shrew*.

The theatre venues have included the Gamm in Rhode Island, the Rotch-Jones Duff House in New Bedford, and the Kate Gould Park in Chatham.

Dr. Karrie Szatek teaches the no-

h o m e w o r k , seminar-style class on Thursdays at the COA. Currently being read is *Antony and Cleopatra*; next will be *Measure for Measure* in April and May.

For more information on giving the bard another try, call the Mattapoissett COA, 508-758-4110.



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Horse killed in Acushnet barn fire

Acushnet Fire Department Press Release

At 8:57 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026, the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department responded to 104 Wing Lane for a report of a structure fire.

On arrival, first responders located a three-stall, single story barn fully involved in fire. The homeowner was able to secure two horses and one pony safely; however, one horse was unable to escape from the barn and perished at the scene.

The fire took just under one hour to fully extinguish. Crews remained on scene for approximately thirty minutes to overhaul and extinguish hot spots.

Acushnet crews were assisted on scene by Acushnet Police Department, Providence Canteen, Acushnet Animal Control Officer and Rochester Animal Control Officer. Fairhaven Fire Department covered Fire Station #1.

Once the fire was fully extinguished, crews were able to locate the horse and turn over the scene to the ACO for follow up.

The incident is still under investigation, but the preliminary investigation reveals this to be an accidental fire.

One firefighter was treated for



Firefighters are still on scene after knocking down a barn fire that killed a horse at 104 Wing Lane in Acushnet on 3/13/26. Photo courtesy of Providence Canteen.

exhaustion but was not transported.

All crews were fully returned to service by 10:30pm.

"I would like to thank the hard-working men and women of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department,

Acushnet Police Department and Animal Control Officers from Acushnet and Rochester for their hard work and dedication," Acushnet Fire Chief, Thomas Farland stated.

A sign of spring



Winter is trying to hang on but time marches on in March. The first day of spring is this weekend and the weather is supposed to warm up accordingly, with temperatures in the 50s over the weekend. Meanwhile, the wind chills are still making it feel like winter. But that is not stopping the crocuses from popping up everywhere. ABOVE: Purple and white crocuses pop through the leaves on 3/17/26 at a home on West Island in Fairhaven, defying the cold temperatures that feel below 20° with the wind chill. *Photo by Beth David.*

Acushnet swears in new police officer

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Police Department welcomed a new officer to the ranks when Justin Melo was officially sworn in on 3/22/26.

"Please join Chief Gary S. Coppa and the members of the Acushnet Police Department in welcoming our newest Full-time Patrol Officer, Justin Melo!!!" the Acushnet Police Department posted on its Facebook page.

"With family and members of the department present, Ofc. Melo was officially sworn in today by Acushnet Town Clerk Pam Labonte. Ofc. Melo comes to the APD as a much needed lateral transfer from the Rochester Police Department."

Officer Melo began a brief training program immediately.

"So be on the look-out and make sure to say Hi!!!!!" read the post. "Welcome Ofc. Melo!!!!"



LEFT: Acushnet police officer, Justin Melo (RIGHT listens as Chief Gary Coppa speaks during a ceremony swearing in Officer Melo on 3/12/26. RIGHT: Chief Coppa, shakes the hand of officer Melo after he is sworn in. TOP: Acushnet Town Clerk, Pamela Labonte, swears in Officer Melo. Photos from Acushnet Police Department Facebook page.

Meet Acushnet's new Police Chief

The Acushnet Police Department issued a statement on Facebook on 3/7/26 congratulating the new chief.

"It is with the upmost honor, to proudly announce and congratulate Gary S. Coppa on his promotion to Chief of the Acushnet Police Department," reads he statement. "Chief Coppa brings more than 30 years of dedicated public service to this role."

The statement notes that Chief Coppa started with the town as a call firefighter, then a part-time police officer in 1996, and a full-time officer in 1999.

"Throughout his career, he has served the community in many important roles including Patrol Officer, Detective, and Firearms Licensing Officer," reads the statement. "In April 2005, he was promoted to Sergeant, where he continued his leadership as both Patrol Sergeant and Detective

Sergeant, earning the respect of his colleagues and the community he serves.

"Chief Coppa is a proud lifelong resident of Acushnet. Chief Coppa understands the community deeply and carries a vision focused on protecting and strengthening the town he calls home. The department looks forward to his leadership, dedication, and continued commitment to serving the people of Acushnet.

"Congratulations Chief Coppa on this well-deserved promotion."

Chief Coppa was appointed by the Selectboard at their 2/27/26 meeting after interviews with three candidates. He has been serving as Provisional Poilce Chief.



Gary S. Coppa is Acushnet's new police chief, having been appointed by the Selectboard on 2/27/26. Photo from the Acushnet Police Department Facebook page.

Kevin Grant announces reelection bid for Fhvn Planning Bd



Press Release

I am announcing my candidacy for reelection to the Fairhaven Planning Board.

Over the next term, I intend to conduct myself in precisely the same

manner in which I have conducted myself during the previous four years.

I believe public service should not be a means to increase personal visibility or advance a political agenda. Rather, it should be a way to repay a community that has given me so much, and to which I feel deeply indebted.

I believe elected officials must be truthful at all times, and I will continue to speak out when that is not the case. I believe in pushing for

full transparency from elected officials whenever possible, and I believe backroom deals and closed-door decision-making must be avoided at all costs.

I believe every instance of real or perceived conflict of interest must be publicly identified and addressed directly.

I believe that the dignity and quality of life of our residents must take precedence over the profit of developers.

I believe we should help applicants interpret our bylaws rather than assist in their circumvention. I also believe that for every person inconvenienced by a bylaw, there are often ten, twenty, or a hundred people who are protected by it. When that is not the case, we must be willing to reject or amend bylaws as necessary. Our bylaws, like our town, are living entities that must evolve in order to serve the community effectively.

I believe the importance of the will of the voters does not end once the ballots are counted. I will continue to listen to and advocate for the residents of this town every day of my

term.

I believe the public must be able to address elected officials directly and publicly whenever possible and without unreasonable restrictions.

I refuse to compromise my principles when difficult decisions must be made.

I have never desired to be a salesman, and I will therefore keep my campaign to a minimum. I do not intend to make promises or change how I operate in order to secure more votes.

Lastly, I do not believe any of these statements should be controversial in a healthy, functioning government body. Yet I am aware they may be viewed as such. If that is the case, it only underscores how much work remains to restore the Planning Board to a level deserving of the trust and respect of this town.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve for the past four years, and I look forward to continuing that work.

Sincerely, Kevin Grant

Ryan Rezendes running unopposed for Acushnet Selectboard



My name is Ryan Rezendes. I am running for Acushnet Board of Selectmen. I am a married, father of three boys, Local 56 Piledriver, an avid hunter, outdoorsman and a

13-year resident of Acushnet.

For 5 years I served on the Conservation Commission as a member and chairman. Most recently, a member of the Town Administrator Search Committee and I am currently vice chairman of the Master Plan Committee. I love this town. That's why I'm running for Board of Selectmen.

Transparency and accountability are number one. Open dialogue. On the record. A solution to every

problem can be solved if we discuss the issue.

I don't claim to have all the answers. If we put our heads together and discuss the issue at hand, we can find common ground and a reasonable solution. I will work cooperatively with my colleagues and with other town boards to achieve our goals.

I think a Selectman should be accessible. I will make myself available via phone, email or in person. My decisions will be based on the voices of residents and the town's best interests. A leader should be available to listen to concerns, address them directly, and/or bring them before the board.

Our town's budget is tight. Minimal local aid from the state is a major contributor. I will be a mosquito in the ear of our state representatives to remind them of just that. The path we are on is not sustainable for our residents and raising taxes via a Proposition 2 1/2 override is not an option. We pay enough.

The state government needs to get their priorities straight and give back

to the people funding it.

Our bylaws are the law of the land and must be enforced. You cannot waive a bylaw, they apply to every resident. In the past, it seems, if you knew someone they could be circumvented. The playing field will be even under my leadership and the bylaws will apply to all. However, I feel some of our bylaws are antiquated and should be amended to benefit the town as a whole.

I am not a politician. I am just a man who will look out for the best interests of the town. I have thick skin. I will gladly discuss your opinions, advice, insights and criticisms.

We have to work together and I'm a team player. I am approachable, accessible and will be receptive to your issues. I respectfully ask for your vote on April 28th.

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innocent animals from abusive treatment, whether it is from a hoarding situation where an owner simply lost control over a situation or a more direct and callous form of cruelty," said Senator Montigny. "Such callousness warrants much tougher penalties including jail time. The Senate continues to lead on matters of animal welfare in Massachusetts, and I look forward to our upcoming debate."

This legislation would expand Senator Montigny's existing law prohibiting cruel conditions for dogs to include all domestic animals. In 2012, the legislature enacted An Act further regulating animal control, which established restrictions on how long a dog could be humanely tethered outdoors and further prohibited subjecting the animal to cruel conditions. Montigny further strengthened the law in 2016 via An Act preventing animal suffering and death, which further clarified when cruel conditions arise and prohibited the confinement of an animal in a motor vehicle during hot or cold temperatures that can threaten the animal's health and safety. The law expressly permits first responders and members of the general public to smash a car window open in order to save a distraught animal. Each of these laws as well as this latest legislation by Montigny has garnered strong support from animal advocates including the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals (MSPCA) and the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

The Senate will debate and vote upon both of Montigny's bills as part of the Senate's PETS Act.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Atlas Tack Working Group

Thurs., 3/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/7, Town Hal, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 3/25, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Economic Development Business Mixer

3/19, Traveler's Alehouse 5:30

Finance Committee/ Select Board/School Committee

Thurs., 3/19, Town Hall., 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets

Thurs., 3/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 3/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Thurs., 3/19 with FinCom 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 3/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 3/25, Police Station, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

Date, place, time

Planning Board

Thurs. 4/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Select Board

Tues., 3/31, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Mar. 2026	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	12	0313	1542	0848	2045
Friday	13	0414	1649	---	1207
		---	---	---	2149
Saturday	14	0519	1749	---	1231
		---	---	---	2259
Sunday	15	0611	1834	---	1201
		---	---	---	2357
Monday	16	0653	1914	---	1229
Tuesday	17	0732	1952	0042	1302
Wednesday	18	0811	2032	0125*	1340*
Thursday	19	0854	2116	0210*	1422*
Friday	20	0938	2202	0259*	1507*
Saturday	21	1025	2249	0346*	1552*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday April 7th, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
Public Hearing In-Person at Town Hall or
via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTfBEUmluT1pWScTiVzJkQ09>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513
7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-026-006 28 Ocean Ave, Map 29C, Lot 213. Applicant and Owner Gladys's Hom seeks variance for 30' rear set back, variance will be for 10'. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.
2. REF# ZBA-026-007: 286 Mill Rd. Map 39, Lot 029A, Book 93, Page 31. Applicant and Owner Steve and Mary Sturgeon seeks variance for an ADU max of 900 square feet Proposed ADU is 64 feet over. Pursuant to ADU bylaw 198.32.1.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 3/12/26, 3/19/26

ACUSHNET PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing.

The Acushnet Planning Board will hold a hearing on **Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, to review a **Special Permit** as follows:

Submitted by: MD Southcoast Properties, LLC
Property owner: MD Southcoast Properties, LLC
Represented by: David Davignon / Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc.

Scope of Work: Proposed construction of a 12-dwelling unit (6 duplexes) over-55 complex

Location: 72 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA Map 24 Lot 35

This meeting will be held in the BOS Meeting

Room, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743 and over Teams. Please see virtual meeting information on the agenda to be posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board
FNN, 3/12/26, 3/19/26
FNN, 3/12/26

Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on **Tuesday March 24, 2026**, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com.

To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:
<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lKk3drSVBm2JPTXEQ0T09>
or call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -
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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Definitive Subdivision application: **DS25-02 at 0 Duchaine Street** - Potential Properties, LLC. Proposes to subdivide the property to create 2 building lots by creating the legal frontage along the street with a construction of a 20 foot wide gravel roadway and hammerhead turn around. The property is located 0 Duchaine Street Map 34A Lot #38.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8128 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Jessica Fidalgo, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 03/12/26, 03/19/26

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

- **Case #2026.03.24A** A case of Maurice A. Bergeron for property located at 11 Rogerson Avenue. The Petitioner seeks a Variance pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (3) (c), to construct a 22' X 24' Garage, 6 ft. from the side setback vs. the required 15 ft. setback.
- **Case #2026.03.24B** A case of Ryan Rego of Isaksen Solar for property located at 1046 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 24A. The Petitioner seeks a Variance pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (3) (c), to install a Ground Mounted Solar System 8 ft. from the side setback vs. the required 15 ft.
- **Case #2026.03.24C** A Case of Noah Drew Gomes for property located at 0 Lambert Street (NOTE STREET CORRECTION), Map 18, Lot 121. The Applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (1) (7), to build a Single-Family Dwelling located on this non-conforming lot with a non-conforming pre-existing garage.

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

FNN, 3/5/26, 3/12/26, 3/19/26

From our readers

Odor Complaint Form Available Online

Over the past year, residents living near the Town of Fairhaven's wastewater treatment plant have noticed a very significant increase in the frequency and intensity of very strong and unpleasant odors. Many neighbors have raised concerns with town officials about these conditions.

The Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has explained that the odors appear to be related to the ongoing wastewater treatment plant renovation project. Neighbors believe it may also have to do with clearcutting of many trees for a new housing development, where those trees formerly created a buffer from the plant odors.

The Superintendent stated, at a recent Board of Health meeting, that the DPW wants to act as a good neighbor and has offered to introduce a chemical treatment into the system to help mitigate odors during construction. However, the DPW has emphasized that it relies on feedback from nearby residents when odor conditions rise to the level of a nuisance.

In response to concerns about the nuisance of these odors, the Fairhaven Board of Health has created an online odor complaint form so residents can quickly report when they experience these conditions. This information will help town officials better understand when odors occur and evaluate whether additional

mitigation measures are needed.

If you are in the area of the treatment plant and notice strong odors, please consider taking a moment to file a report using the complaint form available on the Town of Fairhaven website at www.fairhaven-ma.gov (or <https://tinyurl.com/2jz2fuee>). If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the Health Department at (508) 979-4032. Consistent feedback from residents will help the town identify patterns and respond more effectively.

Working together, residents and town officials can help ensure that the renovation project moves forward while minimizing impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

Kellie McCarthy, Fairhaven

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Dartmouth High School to perform "Murder at the Bingo Hall"

Dartmouth, MA: Dartmouth High Theatre Company will be performing "Murder at the Bingo Hall" for a special one-night only performance on Saturday April 11 at 6pm in the High School cafeteria.

This is a unique interactive show which includes ten bingo games that are interwoven into the story. Bingo cards are included with the purchase of a ticket, but additional cards are also available for purchase on the night of the event.

The show is directed by Lily Duval, a senior, in her directorial debut. Written by Denis Lawrence, Jr., this is the second show that features three of his favorite things...murder mystery, dry wit and bingo! Mr.

Lawrence serves as executive producer of Southcoast Children's Theatre, which he co-founded nearly two decades ago and is also the co-director of over two dozen productions of the Dartmouth High Theatre Company (alongside his co-director Shirley Byers).

The production includes a cast of 13 talented Dartmouth High Theatre Company members both onstage and

backstage. Seniors Juliana Malloves, Sofia Faria and Marilyn Pepin are joined by the juniors, Noah C. Clark, Raquel Franco, Brady Jackson and Ava Hirschmann. Rounding out the cast are the sophomores, Scotty Scott and Lucy Langlois. And welcoming the newest members of our theatre company are Sonia Mballa, Kate Jagoda and Reagan Raposo (this year's freshman class).

This is guaranteed to be a fun night of singing, dancing, bingo, and comedy! Family friendly.

Tickets are available at the Dartmouth High Theatre Company website (<https://dhs theatreco. booktix.com>) and all tickets are \$20.00 each. You

can also call or text to reserve your ticket at 508-441-4602. Proceeds from the performance will be used for an upcoming Dartmouth High Theatre Company field trip.

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