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

Fhvn Town Meeting supports override vote



Fairhaven Town Meeting members, on 5/2/26, stand to be counted as yes votes to call the question and stop discussion so they can vote on Article 9, to put an override question on the ballot. See page 12. 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.

There's no question about it, hell froze over on Saturday. Or am I just in an alternate universe? JOHN ROD WHERE ARE YOU???

Alas, only a handful of us old timers know what I'm talking about: Jeff Osuch suggested using Free Cash to balance the budget (see page 12). That is like...sacrilege, breaking Rule #1, going down the wrong track, stepping into the abyss, pick your metaphor for doom and gloom. I mean, he's the original doom and gloom guy!

I could hardly contain myself. I half expected someone to jump up and ask, "Who are you and what did you do with Jeff Osuch?" (Okay, I almost did that.)

Did I mention that I LOVE Town Meeting? This is why. You just never know what a person will say. I wish I had four pages to write about it, to give you all a little more "flavor" of the day, but...I just don't have the space or the time. I'm pushing deadline as it is.

Hmm....maybe it's time to start that Substack, huh?

I don't expect anyone to watch a seven-hour meeting, that's why I'm here...I go so you don't have to.

But, honestly, just scroll through till you find Patrick Carr...hee hee. The guy can twist himself into a pretzel to make his case if it's for himself. He never, ever, ever, did not recuse himself, right? He "challenges" us to dispute that. GEEESHUS! Can you say 40R? Yeah, okay, in the end he didn't vote, but he never recused, and even then it was after the whole thing had gone before Town Meeting once and failed.

FHS shed anyone? He tried twice (or was it three times, Erin, you'll check that for me, right?) to get the Select Board to exempt him from the conflict of interest which he insisted was not a real conflict. GEEESHUS!

We have two candidates nights coming up (see page 3), and Select Board candidate statements on page 18, and lots of other fun stuff in here. But, I'm running out of space.

Be sure to put some non perishable food out by your mailbox this Saturday for the National Association of Letter Carriers' food drive (see letter on page 14).

There's plenty of other stuff in here. 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...
VROOM VROOM!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Select Board story last week we made an error in how members voted on the issue of leasing the Rogers school. The board voted 2-3 against it with Mr. Murphy and Ms. Mello supporting it, Mr. Romano, Mr. Silvia, and Mr. Saunders against. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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Two candidates' nights coming up for Fairhaven hopefuls

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of SouthCoast is hosting a Candidates' Night Forum 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, MA. The community and candidates are invited.

Candidates running unopposed will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves, give a brief overview of their qualifications, why they would be a "good fit" for the position, and their understanding of the scope of the office they are seeking.

Candidates running in contested races will have 2 minutes to introduce themselves and explain their qualifications, laying out their understanding of the scope of the office

they are seeking. In addition, candidates will have 1 minute and 30 seconds to answer questions posed by the moderator and have a 1-minute closing statement.

The Forum will be in accordance with the League of Women Voters' guidelines, e.g., "no empty chair" or proxy for a candidate, and no personal references about other candidates. No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed during the Forum.

If you are interested in participating in the May 7th Candidates' Night, please respond to Eileen Marum at u_emarum@umassd.edu or by phone message (508-748-1282) by May 1, 2026.

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you on May 7, 2026.

Fairhaven Cable Candidates Night

Town of Fairhaven Government Access TV will host a candidates night on Thurs., 5/28, at 6 p.m., in the Town Hall auditorium, 40 Center St. Fairhaven. It will run live on Channel 97 and livestream on FairhavenTV.com

Submit Questions

Please submit your questions to FairhavenTV@gmail.com by May 24. Please specify which position the question is intended for.

Residents are asked to submit questions in advance to be asked anonymously to candidates. Each candidate for a particular seat will have an opportunity to answer the same question, with a rotation of who answers first.

Fairhaven voters will face three ballot questions on June 9

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven voters go to the polls on June 9 for local elections. In addition to voting on candidates for all town-wide offices and Town Meeting members, voters will also decide three ballot

questions: one to adopt a town Charter, one to approve a Proposition 2 1/2 override, and one to remove police and firefighters from Civil Service (CS).

The union members for fire and police were subject to Civil Service rules after a ballot question passed in

1953. Town Meeting voted to remove them from CS, and town officials believed they had been removed. But they can only be removed with a town-wide vote, the same way CS was adopted. A few years ago the unions

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Acushnet Town Clerk addresses polling hours criticism

Public Statement Regarding Town of Acushnet Annual Town Election Hours from Pamela A. Labonte, CMMC Acushnet Town Clerk

I wish to address the concerns expressed by members of our community regarding the reduction in hours for this year's Annual Town Election held April 28th and to offer my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this decision may have caused.

The adjustment to polling hours was made after careful consideration as part of an effort to responsibly manage municipal resources. This year's ballot included no contested races, five open seats, and only one known write-in candidate. Based on these factors, voter turnout was anticipated to be limited, and the decision was made to align election operations accordingly.

The Board of Selectmen's decision was based on my recommendation, and my 18 years of experience administering local elections and evaluating voter participation trends.

To ensure continued access to the

voting process, early voting by mail was available for a full month prior to Election Day. In addition, absentee voting remained available until noon on the day before the election, providing residents with multiple opportunities to participate.

The Town Clerk's office undertook multiple efforts to communicate the adjusted election hours and related information. These included discussion at a public Board of Selectmen's meeting; postings on Facebook; notices on the Town's website and on the calendar pages of all Boards and Commissions; direct notifications to subscribers of the Town's alert system; messaging on six digital signs located throughout the community; and the posting of the warrant and sample ballot in 13 public locations.

I recognize, however, that changes to established voting hours may present challenges and may not have met the needs or expectations of all voters. I regret any frustration this may have caused and take these concerns seriously.

I, also, wish to clarify that it

appears there was some confusion regarding the Old Colony District ballot question related to the proposed new school building project. This question was not included on this election's ballot. The Old Colony District School Committee voted at its March 26th meeting to place this question on a separate election scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 20th, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please note, absentee voting will be allowed, however, early voting will not be available for this election.

If there is a positive outcome from this situation, it is the level of community engagement it has generated. I am encouraged by the increased public interest and hope it will inspire broader participation in local government.

Resident feedback remains essential as I evaluate this experience and work to ensure that future elections balance accessibility with responsible stewardship of public resources. I appreciate the community's engagement and continued participation in the democratic process.



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Candidates' Nights

See page 3 for details.

Roundtable Disc

Roundtable discussion about the exorbitant amounts of money in our elections. See page 14 for letter with details.

NALC Food Drive

Stamp Out Hunger Food drive, Sat., 5/9. See letter on page 14 for details.

Safety Storytime

Join local author Ashley Bendiksen for a special safety-themed storytime featuring a reading of her new book *A Kids Book About Boundaries!* Children and families will also have the opportunity to meet a local School Resource Officer and build confidence in recognizing trusted adults and staying safe in their communities, plus: Activities & Crafts, Book Sale & Signing.

Date: Sat., 5/9, 11 a.m. to noon., Auditorium, Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Sign up on our website: <https://millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar>

Millicent Library HVAC FR

We're working to improve comfort, accessibility, and preservation at the Millicent Library with a much-needed HVAC upgrade. We need your help to make it happen.

Your support will help protect our historic building, safeguard our historical collections, and create a more welcoming space for everyone in our community.

Every donation makes a difference. Please consider contributing at <https://givebutter.com/MillicentLibrary>

Thank you for supporting the Millicent Library.

Garden Beds Avail

Have you ever wanted to try gardening but didn't know where to start? Perhaps you're interested in saving money by growing your own organic vegetables? Maybe your yard is too small or too shady for a garden? Or maybe, you just want to be part of a "growing green" community?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you're in luck. The

Fairhaven Community Garden has garden beds available at three locations in town: East Fairhaven Elementary School, Hastings Middle School and Wood Elementary School. The annual fee is \$10 per 4x8 foot bed. All gardeners agree to use organic practices only.

If you are interested or have a question, visit our website at fairhavencommunitygarden.org where you'll find more information and the 2026 gardening application, or you can email the site coordinator at sitecoordinator@fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

Marsh Island Cleanup

Join the Marsh Island cleanup effort, Sat., 5/16, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.. Marsh Island, now a peninsula, is the largest remaining stretch of undeveloped land along the Fairhaven/New Bedford Inner Harbor. Nearly 25,000 pounds of trash and debris were removed along its shoreline last fall with a tremendous group of volunteers!

Join us for spring cleaning after the impressive fall cleanup.

Wear close-toed shoes.

Contact Operation Clean Sweep: newbedfordclean@gmail.com; operationcleansweep.net

Memorial day Parade

Fairhaven will hold its annual Memorial Day parade on Mon. 5/25. Marchers will meet at the back of the High School, corner of Main and Route 6, at 8:30 with the parade stepping off at 9:00. They will march to Riverside Cemetery where there will be a ceremony. If the weather does not cooperate we will have a service at the senior center at 11:00. Regardless of the weather there will be a gathering at the senior center following the ceremony.

If you are unable to walk and would like to ride in the parade, contact the COA/Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

Suddenly in Command

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 is offering the two sessions of the Suddenly In Command boating class in May. Each class is 2 1/2 hours long and is designed to instruct those not generally at the vessel helm in the critical basics in case of an emergency. Would you know what to do if

the Captain of the boat became ill? What if a passenger falls over board or the boat runs aground? When bad things happen you may be "Suddenly In Command".

The classes are FREE but are expected to fill up quickly. Register on-line for either May 28, 7 to 9:30pm at <https://tinyurl.com/7p7us9nf> or May 30, 9 to 11:30am at <https://tinyurl.com/2ppz8atj>

Both classes will be held at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC) on 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Public Education Staff Officer at (781)422-9746 or via email: schae5900@gmail.com

WIIA Plant Sale

Indoor/Outdoor Yard and Plant Sale, Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, West Island Association Bldg, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven.

July 4 Parade: Register NOW

Registration is officially open for "MA250: A Revolutionary Fourth." This landmark parade and ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2026, represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to honor Fairhaven's unique Revolutionary War heritage alongside the 250th anniversary of American independence.

From the roar of vintage engines to the thunderous boom of Fort Phoenix's Large cannons, the town has curated a schedule that leans heavily into its deep historical roots.

In honor of the Nation's 250th birthday, the Town is seeking participants of all sizes — from neighborhood blocks and solo marchers to local businesses and large-scale floats — with the Fairhaven July 4th Celebration Team encouraging the community to put their "creativity and pride on full display" to help make the event truly legendary. Visit DiscoverFairhaven.org to sign up

Volunteers Needed

The Fairhaven Veterans Services Office will be placing the flags at the cemeteries on May 16th at 9:00 am with a rain date of the 17th same time.

We welcome all volunteers, we will meet at Riverside cemetery for 9:00. Any questions, call Jane or Mike at the Veteran office 508-202-4603.

Fire destroys Nice Cuts, damages Rivers End Cafe

Acushnet Fire Department
Press Release

At approximately 4:10 am on Saturday, May 2nd, multiple 911 calls were received simultaneously by both New Bedford Police Communications and Acushnet Police Communications reporting a structure fire in the area of 7 Tarkiln Hill Rd, which lies on the Town line between Acushnet and New Bedford. Both communities activated a full response of Police, Fire, EMS and EMA.

First arriving fire crews encountered heavy fire throughout 7 Tarkiln Hill Rd, which houses a hair salon and a small apartment in the rear, with fire beginning to spread to the River's End Bar next door at 7 1/2 Tarkiln Hill Road A second alarm was called on arrival and brought in additional Acushnet and New Bedford Fire apparatus and personnel to the scene. Fairhaven Fire responded to the Acushnet Fire Station to provide coverage to the Town.

The bulk of the heavy fire was extinguished within thirty minutes. Crews then spent the next hour and a half or so to overhaul and wet-down

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

The Salon and apartment are total losses and the River's End Bar suffered significant heat, fire and water damage. There was minor exterior heat damage to the multi-family house next door on the west side of the salon building.

No injuries to civilians or any emergency responders were reported. All crews were fully returned to service by 7:15am. The American Red Cross is assisting the lone individual displaced from the apartment.

"I would like to thank the hard-working men and women of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, Acushnet Police Department and Emergency Management staff that assisted the owners. This has been an extremely busy few months, between all of the snow and the increase in fire activity (both in town and assisting our mutual aid partners) and the staff has gone above and beyond to perform their jobs and provide a valuable service to the community. I



Firefighters battle a blaze that destroyed Nice Cuts at 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, on the line of Acushnet and New Bedford, and next door to the River's End Cafe, which was also damaged on 5/2/26. Photo courtesy of the Acushnet Fire Department.

could not be more proud of the men and women of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department," said Acushnet Fire Chief, Thomas Farland. "I would also

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Fairhaven Baseball defeats Nauset Regional 3-15

By Caden Lisa

Neighb News Correspondent

The (10-2) Fairhaven Blue Devils hosted the (4-8) Nauset Regional Warriors on 5/4/26 in a non-league match at the Joe Jason Senior Champions Field at Pope Park in Acushnet.

Fairhaven played its season opener on the road against the warriors, resulting in their first win of the season, 7-2.

Nauset Regional started the

rematch ready to take a stab at it with three runs recorded in the top of the first inning. The Warriors, however, were held scoreless for the remainder of the game and the Blue Devils fired back quickly, taking the lead in the second inning and scoring six more to extend their lead in the third.

After shutting down the opposition again, the Blue Devils scored five more runs and held the Warriors scoreless to bring the four and a half

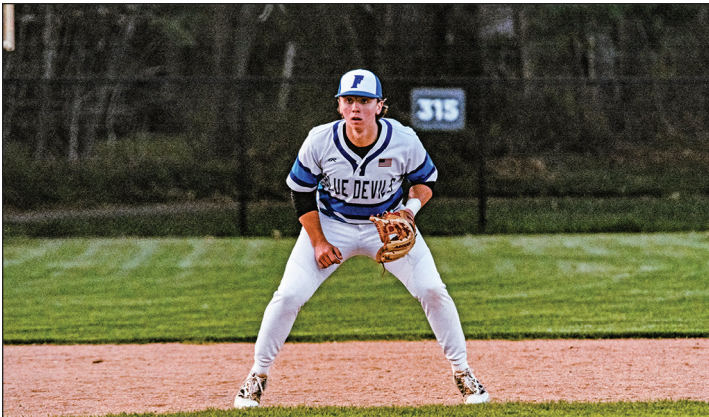
innings of baseball to an end.

With the win in the books, the Blue Devils move to 11-2 on the season. Fairhaven has won nine-consecutive games. FHS Baseball closes out the season on the road against Apponequet Regional (5/8), Seekonk (5/13) and St. John Paul II (5/19).

For more Fairhaven High sports photography, follow @cadens.camera.content on Instagram.



ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Ryan Pires, wisely holds his bat back on 5/4/26 when Fairhaven beat Nauset Regional 15-3 at home. ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Jackson Williams, slides safely into second BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Kyle Soars, prepares to make a putout BELOW RIGHT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Aiden Smith, rotates on defense. Photos by Caden Lisa for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.



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Memorial Day Cookout

Join us on Friday, 5/22, at 11:30 a.m. for our annual Memorial Day Cookout, serving hot dog, hamburger, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, watermelon.

Please call to sign up by 5/18, 508-979-4029. Graciously sponsored by Coastline. Suggested donation of \$3 to Coastline for the meal.

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: 5/13, Mashpee Commons; 5/20, Wrentham Villaget Outlets; 5/27, So. Shore Plaza; 6/3, Tiverton Casino; 6/10, Newport, RI, Thames Street.

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.

May 11. *Miss Willoughby and the Haunted Bookshop.* Crime. Mystery. A university professor with an insatiable appetite for investigation is asked by some old family friends to investigate a series of hauntings at their antique bookstore.

May 18. *Green Dolphin Street.* Adventure, Drama, Romance. A young man loved by two sisters becomes a naval officer and sails to New Zealand where he drunkenly writes a marriage proposal to the wrong sister, profoundly affecting the life of the other.

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TrueBounce Co-ed Basketball Clinic

Recreation Staff, Cushman Park. May 23–June 20th (5 sessions). Saturdays: Grades 4-5, 9am-10am; Grades 6-7, 10am-11am; Grades 8-9, 11am-12pm. Members: \$100. Non-Members: \$110 (6 sessions)

Fairhaven Recreation is partnering with TrueBounce Guardians to bring an exciting new Co-ed Basketball Clinic to Cushman Park this spring! This 5-week clinic will feature 3 on 3 skills & drills with league play, giving players the chance to build skills, gain confidence, compete, and have fun in a positive and energetic environment.

Se Jong Tae Kwon Do

Ages 18+ FREE. Fairhaven Recreation Center (8 sessions) Thursdays. May 5th-June 26th 5:30-6:30PM

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we accomplish each class. Led by Dr. William Langbauer with John Barreira, Stephanie Macomber, and Meg Hebert, this class offers a welcoming space to learn, move, and grow through martial arts. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. All experience levels are welcome.

All-Abilities Fishing Derby

Join us for a fun, inclusive All-Abilities Fishing Derby on Friday, June 19th, from 12:00–3:00 PM at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven, MA. This event is open to all ages and abilities, designed to be welcoming, supportive, and enjoyable for everyone — whether you're a seasoned angler or trying fishing for the first time. Participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles if available. A limited number of poles will be available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. Come enjoy a great afternoon by the water with family, friends, and

the community! This event is free!

Qigong Class with Robin Fielding

Fairhaven Rec ages 16+. Wednesday, 5 PM–6 PM: 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 without payment. The \$10 will be paid directly to the instructor.

Recipe of the Week

Cucumber Basil Martini

Mojito, Martini, or Gimlet?
This basil and ginger cocktail combines the best of each.

- 1 (3-inch) piece of cucumber, peeled, seeded, and diced
- 1 tsp fresh ginger, finely grated
- 3 basil leaves, 2 torn, 1 for garnish
- 1 ounce simple syrup
- 2 ounces gin
- 3/4 ounce fresh lime juice
- 1 cucumber ribbon, for garnish

In a cocktail shaker, muddle the diced cucumber, grated ginger, and 2 torn basil leaves.

Add the simple syrup, gin, and lime juice; fill the shaker with ice. Shake for 15 to 20 seconds, until well chilled.

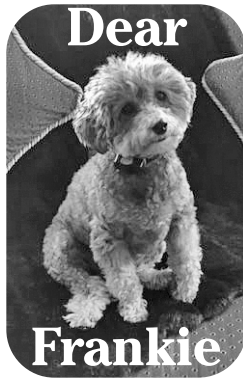
Double strain through a fine mesh strainer into a coupe or Martini glass.

Garnish with the cucumber ribbon and the remaining whole basil leaf.

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Dear Frankie

Custody

Dear Frankie has expanded to videos. Find her on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Search for *dearfrankie dogtodogadvice*.

Dear Frankie, My parents have been divorced for a

year. I'm the only dog, and the custody arrangement requires me to spend 50% of my time with each of them. They don't live near one another, so I spend the first two weeks of the month with mom and the last two with my dad.

This has really been hard because it prevents me from being on a team in either place or from accepting invitations to birthday parties, pajama parties, and playdates because I'm with my other parent.

Keeping track of my stuff is another problem. If I forget a book or jacket, I'm out of luck. Honestly, I

would be better off living alone with some daytime help and visits from my parents.

Tootsie

Dear Tootsie,

I'm not so sure your parents would support you living on your own.

If you are determined to go solo, you could run away and try your paw at being a street dog, or surrender yourself to a shelter and try your luck at finding an intact family. I'm not being serious; I'm just teasing you a bit.

The custody arrangement was made because your parents love you, want to be with you, and are involved in raising you. If you can come up with a schedule that would work better for you, propose it. If they are unwilling to change it, then you will need to live with it and make the best of it.

If the invitations come from close friends, you might ask them to consider your schedule when planning a party and make a checklist of items to pack for each move.

Best, Frankie

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Oars & Strikes Bowling FR

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club presents Oars & Strikes Bowling Fundraiser to fund the Heidi Hacking Memorial Scholarship, at Wonder Bowl, 66 Hathaway Rd., New Bedford, Sat., 5/9, 12:30pm Registration, 1:00pm-3:00pm Bowling. ALL ARE WELCOME! OPEN TO EVERYONE!

\$300 per team, Teams of up to 6 ppl. Team entry includes: 2 Hours of Bowling. Shoe Rental, Swag, 1 Pizza/team. Also featuring raffles, prizes, music. Teams encouraged to show Team Spirit, Team Costumes and/or Team Tees

Register at <https://givebutter.com/oars-strikes-bowling-fundraiser>. Interested but don't have a team? Email us at buzzardsbayrowing@gmail.com and we will match you with a team!

Community Boating Center FR

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

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

Open Studios

Spring Open Studios at Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch St., New Bedford, Sat., 5/9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Enjoy a day full of art, live music, delicious food, and an incredible lineup of local vendors and talented artists! Bring your friends, explore creative spaces, and soak up the vibrant community vibes. We can't wait to see you there!

Family Fun Fest

On Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., New Bedford, will transform into a vibrant hub of activity for the 5th

Annual Family Fest. This free community event invites families from across the Greater New Bedford area to enjoy a morning of play while connecting with vital local resources.

Admission and activities are FREE; food is available for purchase.

Beyond the games and crafts, Family Fest serves a deeper purpose: bridging the gap between families and the programs that support them. Representatives from cornerstone organizations, including the New Bedford Free Public Library, Little People's College, Community Boating Center, PACE, and many more, will be available to share information about their services, summer programs, and educational resources.

Family Fest is a collaborative effort by PACE Child Care Works, the New Bedford Birth to 3rd Partnership, New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches, and the Greater New Bedford Youth Alliance. Together, these organizations work to ensure that every child in New Bedford has the tools, resources, and community support needed to thrive.

YTI Production

A Few Good Men, By Aaron Sorkin, Directed by Eric R. Paradis

"You can't handle the truth!" Before the iconic film, there was Aaron Sorkin's electrifying play, *A Few Good Men*. When two U.S. Marines are accused of murder, a cocky lawyer and a determined investigator uncover a dangerous web of loyalty, honor, and the blurred lines of duty within the military. Prepare for a night of intense drama and thought-provoking questions during this gripping courtroom battle.

Fri., Sat., 5/8, 5/9, 5/15, 1/16 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Sun., 5/10, 5/16, 5/17 at 2.

Tickets: \$27, \$22/Seniors & Students; \$5 MCC Card to Culture. Open Seating at all performances. Visit <https://yourtheatre.org/wp/> Online ticketing closes two hours before curtain. Tickets may still be available for purchase at the box office. The box office will open about 45 minutes before curtain with the house opening a half hour before curtain.

Ample parking is available in the city lot at 6th and William Streets, and metered street parking is free evenings and weekends. Wheelchair accessible entrance is on the 6th St. side of the building, facing city hall.

New Exhibit

The Fishing Heritage Center's next gallery exhibit, *In History's Wake: The Magnuson-Stevens Act at 50*, explores the complicated history and legacy of the 1976 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The Act established the 200-mile limit and laid the groundwork for much of the governance and oversight that manages the commercial fishing industry today. An important piece of legislation, MSA continues to provoke strong reactions on New Bedford's waterfront.

In History's Wake examines the evolution of the industry and the often-challenging relationship between commercial fishermen, the state and federal government, environmentalists, and scientists.

We'll be hosting a free exhibit opening during the May AHA! Night on Thurs., 5/14, from 5:00pm until 7:30pm, at 38 Bethel St., New Bedford. The exhibit will remain on display through Spring 2027.

In History's Wake is funded with support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, an Eversource Community Impact Grant, the Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, and Westport Cultural Councils, and the Helen Ellis Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee.

SAVE THE DATES:

Blessing of the Fleet

The New Bedford Port Society invites the community to join us for our Annual Memorial Day Event on Mon., 5/25, with a procession starting at the historic Seamen's Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill, at 9:30am and moving down to the waterfront for 10:00am., at Pier 3, 51 MacArthur Drive. (In case of inclement weather the service will be in Seamen's Bethel. Free and open to the public.

Each year, this service stands as a meaningful tribute to those who have served, those connected to the sea, and all who sacrificed in defense of freedom. The program will include musical tributes, readings of remembrance, and a moment of silence honoring all branches of our nation's armed forces and the maritime community whose lives have touched New Bedford's story.

Visit <https://nbportsociety.org>

Fairhaven Town Meeting passes budget, supports override

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting held an all-day meeting on Saturday, 5/2/26, but managed to get through all 29 articles, and passed a \$63 million budget. TM also voted to support a ballot question for a Proposition 2 1/2 override. Prop 2 1/2 is a state law that limits the amount municipalities can raise in property taxes.

In his opening remarks, Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, said the town managed to balance the budget, but there are real reductions in services. He noted, though, that the board of Public Works did restore the lifeguards at the town beach.

He said next year will be even more difficult. The curbside trash pickup contract will expire, and the tuition agreement with Acushnet is still not certain. He said the town will have to explore options, such as regionalization.

"The decisions ahead will not be easy," said Mr. Hickey.

After the warrant was printed, the House budget appropriated more money in unrestricted state aid to Fairhaven, so the numbers changed, with \$90,000 added to the budget.

The Town Administrator/Select Board and the Finance Committee differed in how they wanted to spend the money. Then to complicate matters more, the FinCom made an amendment at Town Meeting to change their new recommendation.

The SB had voted (see 4/30 issue) to use the \$90K to fund the animal shelter and restore the Animal Control Officer position to full time for a total of \$55,561 for that department; and the remaining \$34,439 to go to the School Department.

The FinCom voted to restore the ACO position and shelter, and to use \$25,000 to restore police overtime; and \$9,439 to partially restore fire department overtime.

In the end, the operating budget with no override, was amended to add the entire \$90K to public safety, fully funding the animal shelter and restoring the ACO to full time; and restoring all of the police overtime (\$25,000), and some of the fire department overtime (\$9,439).

The general fund operating budget grand total is \$63,025,726.

Because of the changes to Article 8 the override article (9) also had to be

changed.

Instead of asking for \$760,149 in an override question, the TA and SB asked TM to approve \$649,178. The changes included zero amounts for Animal Control and Police OT because those had been restored in Article 8; and reducing the Fire OT from \$25K to \$15,561. It left Tourism wages and operating expenses in place (\$102,244 total); left in the highway department position (\$50K), and left the school department at the original amount (\$481,376).

An amendment by the Finance



Jeffrey Osuch addresses Fairhaven Town Meeting on 5/2/26. Photo by Beth David.

Committee to give zero to the school department and zero to the Highway Department, would have resulted in an override amount of \$117,802, but that failed.

In the end, after a few motions to reallocate money, the recommendation of the Town Administrator prevailed, with the new override amount at \$649,178.

The question will appear on the ballot in the June 9 election (see page 3).

Many people spoke for and against the changes and where to put the money. Several commented on how it seemed that departments were being played against each other.

Fairhaven's former Executive Secretary, Jeffrey Osuch, said he did not like "the divisiveness of how this is being proposed."

He suggested taking the \$700,000 from the Capital Planning article allocated for the Tripp School roof and using it for the items in the override. That money, from Free Cash, with the additional \$90K from the state, would close the gap.

Mr. Osuch said it eliminates the

divisiveness and eliminates the need for an override. It would also give town officials time to review the issues with the Tripp School, which go beyond the roof.

"Using Free Cash to balance the budget I think is very dangerous," said Mr. Hickey, adding it is easy to use Free Cash, but it puts the budget behind before it even starts for next year.

Mr. Osuch, who, as Executive Secretary, was responsible for creating the town budget for 30 years, said, "I agree."

"If I was sitting in his seat, I would probably be saying the same thing," said Mr. Osuch, adding a but: that the town has some serious financial issues, including deficits of 3 or 4 million dollars.

All of the other budget items passed as written in the warrant, with little or no discussion.

A few TM members tried to get the Tourism Department funded (Article 8/Community Services), but TM voted it down.

Sharon Simmons proposed an amendment to add \$65K to salaries from Free Cash. Ms. Simmons said the Tourism Department was unique, like the animal shelter, and important to the community.

Wayne Hayward noted that Free Cash was never used to balance the budget and asked if it was even legal to do so. He was assured it is legal, but it is a "poor financial decision," said Mr. Hickey.

Eleanor Chew said the tourism office was "incredibly important," and thousands of people attended the events last year sponsored by the department. She noted the new tourism director had only been on the job for a year and had been working part time this year. Ms. Chew said they should give her one more year.

In the end, the amendment failed and the article passed as printed in the warrant.

If the override passes, the Tourism Department will be fully funded.

Several articles got "no" votes, including Article 23, which would have removed the Fire Chief from Civil Service. A few years ago the union voted for fire and police to be removed from Civil Service. At the time, town officials believed the

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union members and both the fire and police chiefs had been removed. But union members can only removed with a town-wide vote (see page 3). The Fire Chief was voted into CS at Town Meeting and so needs to be removed the same way.

There was lots of discussion on the pros and cons of Civil Service.

Mr. Hickey said Civil Service prevents the town from being able to hire the right person for the job. He said the way points are allocated, people can move to the top of the list even if they are not qualified.

"I'm not sure I would've given the guy a squirt gun, let alone a firearm," said Mr. Hickey.

The Firefighters union came out against the change. Union representative, Jonathan Cox, said the union did vote to change it, but that the fire chief is a separate entity.

He said there is no process in place to replace the assessment center Civil Service process.

Former police chief Gary Souza also spoke in favor of keeping CS. He said it uses objective criteria and uses an assessment center to assess the skills necessary to be chief.

He said relying on an informal assessment or exam is pretty easily subject to favoritism.

"And the most charming or articulate may not be the most qualified to be a commander," said Mr. Souza.

"The Civil Service exams are hard," said Linda Therrien. "They're made that way so only the best go to the top."

The article was defeated by a large margin. The Fire Chief will remain in Civil Service.

Two articles, submitted by citizen petitions, to change the bylaws to limit the number of boards/committees town officials can serve on, passed, despite opposition from the town officials serving on more than one board.

Article 27 limits elected officials to serving only on the board they are elected to, unless they are that board's liaison to another committee. Article 28 limits appointed officials to serving on two boards.

Both bylaws allow the appointing authority to override the limit for an individual with a "specific vote."

Petitioner, Miles Grant, said idea is to allow more people to get involved in town government.

Patrick Carr, who is on the Planning Board, an elected position; and also serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Capital Planning Committee, questioned the motives of the petitioners. He said people are not pounding the doors down to volunteer, and asked what part of the bylaw was not working.

Brian Monroe spoke in favor of the change, saying residents see the same officials if they need to go in front of different boards. Seeing the same person who may have voted against your project does not provide checks and balances.

Beth Luey spoke in favor of the change, saying the town is still run by a bunch of "good ole guys."

Barbara Acksen, who is on the Board of Health, an elected position, and also serves on the Cable Advisory Committee, asked how it would affect her.

Mr. Grant said officials can stay in their positions until their terms are

up.

During discussion of Article 28, Mr. Carr spoke again saying there are checks and balances.

He noted that he and Ruy DaSilva are on both the PB and the ZBA, and they went through Conflict of Interest training.

Mr. Carr said he was not a "good ole boy," and he has recused himself every time there was a conflict every single time.

"I challenge anyone here to say that did not happen," said Mr. Carr.

He added that it was "cancel culture," which made the room erupt in moans and groans and shouts.

Moderator, Mark Sylvia, interrupted and told Mr. Carr to keep his remarks about the merits of the article.

Mr. Carr said he knew he had "plenty of fans here today."

He said other PB members have served on more than one board, and specifically mentioned Wayne Hayward, but then said he was not directing his remarks to Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Hayward responded, saying his focus for 31 years was the Planning Board, and that he never served on two boards.

Mr. Carr continued to make his case, saying he was probably "talking into the wind," because nobody wanted to hear it.

Board of Public Works members are already limited by statute from serving on any other boards or committees except as a liaison for the BPW. All official town boards are open to the public.

TM members also voted to: indefinitely postpone both articles related to creating a Housing Trust

State Senate adds more state aid to cities and towns

By Beth David
Editor

State Sen. Mark Montigny has announced a proposed increase in local aid in the senate's version of the budget.

According to Sen. Montigny, Fairhaven will receive \$2,933,153 in unrestricted state aid, which is \$104,789 more than the House budget. The town set its own budget based on the House number. The increase is a 4.5% increase from last year.

The proposed budget gives Acushnet \$1,957,488, which is \$55,734 more than the house budget. The overall amount is also a 4.5% increase from last year.

It was not clear by press time if there were any changes in any other money, which could offset any increase, such as Chapter 70 for education, or Chapter 90 for roads, or an increase in state assessments (what towns pay to the state).

Fairhaven Town Administrator,

Keith Hickey, said he would have to dig into the details to see how much the proposed increase actually amounts to.

"I'll take everything we can get, and I appreciate it," said Mr. Hickey. "But until we get the full picture, it's tough to know where we fall."

The budget will now go to conference for the house and senate to reconcile the two numbers. Then it will go to the governor's desk to be signed.

From our readers

NALC/USPS Food Drive

It's that time of year when kind individuals, such as yourselves, can help the less fortunate in your area. How? By leaving non-perishable food by your mailbox or on your porch, to be picked up by your local letter carriers or their helpers by **8 AM on Saturday, May 9th.**

Each year, for the past 34 years, on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers from all 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, deliver mail and pick up non-perishable food left by their postal patrons.

This yearly venture, known as "Stamp Out Hunger," is the biggest one day food drive in this country. All the non-perishable food that will be picked up in each individual city or town, will be delivered, at the end of that day, to their local food pantries. For instance, in the Town of Fairhaven, the food will be gladly accepted at the Shepherd's Pantry, located in Acushnet, where we serve approximately 75 families each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 AM.

So you see, you can make a difference. All you need to do is to inspect your cupboards and donate non-perishable food that is NOT outdated. Or, purchase non-perishable food at your favorite grocery store and place it near your mailbox or on your porch by 8 AM on Saturday, May 9. Your postal carrier, or helper, will do the rest. Please make a note so you won't forget this very important day to help your area's needy.

Thank you and, together, we can make a difference in someone's life.

Gerry Payette, Director/Shepherd's Pantry, U.S.P.S. Letter Carrier/Retired

Who Really Loves Ya, Baby?

We all have a unique memory bank from which to withdraw. It's part of what makes us individuals. At the same time, these memories that we have as individuals apply in some way to all of us. It's part of what helps us better understand life as human beings. May I share a personal memory and move to a general conclusion that you can judge to be true or not?

Let me set the stage for an experience in the 1970's during my bartending days at an American Legion. There was an entertaining

investigative TV show at the time called *Kojak*. Telly Savalas was the star, and he wore a hat sometimes but most of the time you could see his bald head. He was so cool he could solve crimes and eat a lollipop at the same time. His famous line was, "Who loves ya, Baby?"

Well, there was a gentleman who was a regular at the Legion Post who shaved his head, always had a lollipop in his mouth and said without a prompt, "Who loves ya, Baby?"

As you can imagine, everyone fondly called him *Kojak*.

In Genesis 1:26, the Biblical memory says we are created in God's image and likeness. In other words, we have the capacity to look and act like God. The example above is a sad commentary on the result of our fallen nature. To choose to function as someone else (who, in fact is acting too) is not God's plan. We are not a clever mimic of someone else. Instead, we are to develop and act as the precious and unique YOU and me God intended.

There is a reality beyond the make-believe realm of *Kojak* and his lollipop. My conclusion agrees with Heaven's scriptural answer, even to Hollywood's clever scripted question of...."Who loves ya, Baby?"

The Bible says God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins so those who believed in Him would have everlasting life. In the divine "believe and make" realm as opposed to the make believe one, God says, He loves us; and that, friends, is as real and as sweet as it gets!

Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven

Roundtable Will Discuss "The Montana Plan"

Those who are concerned about the exorbitant amounts of money being spent in our elections, please join the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (UUSF) on Wednesday evening May 13th at 7:00 P.M. for a Zoom presentation of a special informational roundtable discussion about how the Montana-based Transparent Election Initiative can challenge corporate political power and bring us one step closer to reclaiming our Democracy by controlling corporate money.

Produced by national organization Move To Amend (MTA), author of and

strong advocate for the We the People Amendment (HJR-54) in Congress, this discussion centers around a new initiative by states, one of which is Montana, to regulate the use of money in our elections. MTA has been fighting to overcome the effects of the 2010 Citizens United Supreme Court decision which has opened the floodgates for the use of money in our elections through the difficult task of amending the U.S. Constitution. The Montana Plan is an attempt to control the use of corporate money in our elections via state chartering power.

The program will be held in the Tudor style Harrop Center building, located behind UUSF's Unitarian Memorial Church's main building at 102 Green Street in Fairhaven. Light refreshments will be provided. Please plan to join us for a viewing of this important topic as we continue to explore what actions we can take to help save our Democracy.

Jack Dean, Mattapoisett

Panek Regrets Scheduling Conflict

My name is Andrew Panek, and I am running for the Fairhaven Planning Board. Due to a work obligation, I unfortunately cannot attend the League of Women Voters Candidates Night (see page 3). I regret to miss this opportunity to connect with you.

So who am I and why am I running for Planning Board? Because I care deeply about the future of our town.

If elected, I will follow Fairhaven's bylaws to promote responsible development that benefits the community while preserving our natural resources. My goal is to help ensure a vibrant, sustainable, and secure future for Fairhaven and its residents.

I bring both professional experience and a strong commitment to public service. I hold a Massachusetts Unlimited Construction Supervisor License and I am a licensed Home Improvement Contractor. I currently serve as Director of Housing at PACE Inc. in New Bedford and teach construction and OSHA at YouthBuild New Bedford. With an engineering degree from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and a graduate degree in education, I am committed to both practicing and teaching industry best practices. I believe this background will allow me

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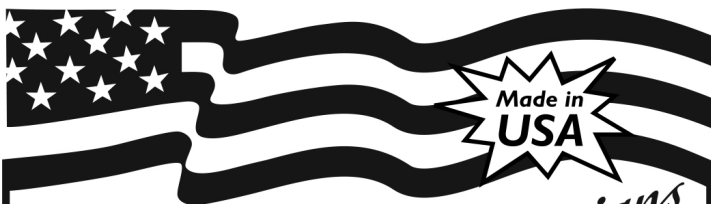
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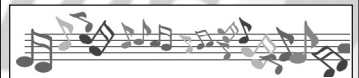
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like to thank our brothers and sisters from New Bedford Fire, Police and EMA for their joint response to this incident and their hard work to bring this incident to a conclusion with no injuries."

FRANKIE: cont'd from page 10

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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agreed to the change in exchange for a larger raise.

The override question will ask voters to allow the town to assess an additional \$649,178 in property taxes for public safety wages, Tourism/Community Service wages and operating expenses, public works/highway wages and education, and Fairhaven public schools (see page 12).

The town will also be asked to accept the Charter of the Town of Fairhaven, which was passed at last year's Annual Town Meeting in May.

The state approved the language on Monday, and the Select Board voted to have it on the ballot.

The Charter clarifies the roles of the SB and Town Administrator; changes the number of Planning Board members from 8 to 9; changes the number of School Committee members from 6 to 5.

The local town election will be on Tuesday, 6/9/26, with polls open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Last day to register to vote is Friday, 5/29, at 5 p.m. All precincts vote at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

Contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-979-4023, for more information. The office is located at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, and is open Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 a.m., until 6 p.m. on Mondays, until 4:30 p.m. Tues.-Thurs., and until 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, except on deadline days when they are open until 5.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Health

Mon., 5/11, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Candidates Night/League of Women Voters

Thurs., 5/7, Hastings MS, 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 5/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 5/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 5/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Open Space and Rec

Mon., 5/11, Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 5/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/20, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 5/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm

Tues., 5/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 5/13, Police Sta. 6 p.m.

Select Board

Wed., 5/13, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TOWN MEETING

Mon., 6/15, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

Old Colony Building Vote

Sat., 6/20, Acushnet Elem., 10-6

TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2026	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	7	0014 1249	0526 1731	
Friday	8	0109 1344	0613 1825	
Saturday	9	0203 1435	0714 1938	
Sunday	10	0254 1526	0817 2048	
Monday	11	0348 1622	0912 2149	
Tuesday	12	0448 1720	1004 2252	
Wednesday	13	0545 1811	1057 2350	
Thursday	14	0634 1856	1149* ---	
Friday	15	0719 1940	0041* 1237*	
Saturday	16	0805 2028	0130* 1326*	
Sunday	17	0855 2120	0224* 1420*	
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*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Candidate Statements: Fairhaven Select Board/2 seats



Miles Grant

My name is Miles Grant and I'm asking for your vote for Select Board on June 9. I'm running because I

want to help make sure the challenges we face are debated thoroughly, collaboratively, and civilly, and are guided by a vision for sustaining Fairhaven as a vibrant community and wonderful place to raise a family.

I believe in building a brighter future together, and I've worked to put those values into action, both as a citizen and as a candidate. As a Planning Board member, I'm working toward bylaw and zoning reform that could encourage growth while maintaining the charm of our historic neighborhoods. In my advocacy communications career with the Massachusetts-based nonprofit Partners In Democracy, I've spoken to both Democrats and Republicans to build support for statewide solutions to make our government more open and responsive.

Talking to Fairhaven residents all across town over the last few months, it's clear there's a lack of trust in what happens at Town Hall. My top priority is working to rebuild confidence in town government. No matter what you look at — our schools, safe streets, clean water, responsible growth, and on and on — we aren't going to solve our problems any other way than by working together.

We've made progress over the last year. I was honored to be among first-time candidates elected in 2025, all driven by genuine commitment to honesty, transparency, and accountability.

We must pair optimism with a clear-eyed view of the challenges we face. Our schools have long been a point of pride across our community, and our students, parents, teachers and staff are doing incredible work. But today we spend less on our schools than our neighbors — in some cases much less. Right now, we're at risk of falling below the state-mandated annual net school spending requirement, which

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Pam Kuechler

I am proud to be a life-long resident of Fairhaven, where I have raised my family and dedicated my career to

servicing our community. I am running for Select Board because I believe in Fairhaven's future and in our ability to work together to make it stronger. I currently serve as the Executive Director of PACE, Inc., our local Community Action Agency, where I am responsible for a 150 Million dollar budget and 10 distinct programs that address housing and heating needs, early childhood education, workforce development, and food insecurity. Each day, I work to support individuals and families in building stability and creating opportunity.

My candidacy is grounded in proven leadership and experience. I have served Fairhaven for nearly two decades as a Town Meeting Member. I spent 15 years on the School Committee, helping guide our district from a period of challenge and controversy to one recognized for excellence. As chair for more than half of my tenure, I worked closely with the superintendent, fellow committee members, town leadership, and department heads to align priorities and develop responsible budgets. Even when resources were limited, we built strong relationships that allowed us to find solutions supporting students while respecting the needs of other town services. That experience reinforced my belief that progress depends on communication, trust, and collaboration.

Today, we are at a critical turning point. We face a budget crisis that threatens to erode the progress we have made not only in our schools, but across all town services. The decisions before us will have lasting consequences. Meeting this moment will require creativity, shared responsibility, and willingness to work together.

Throughout my 35-year professional career, I have worked with federal, state, and local leaders to advocate for programs that support

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Richard "Rick" Trapilo

Why Vote for Rick Trapilo?

I am asking for your vote to serve on the Fairhaven Select Board. I will

bring independent, experienced leadership grounded in real-world business discipline.

I will be a business-trained professional on the Select Board who will not default to a Proposition 2½ override as the first solution to our financial challenges. Rather than ask our already overburdened residents to pay more through higher property taxes, fees, utilities, and insurance, I believe we must first fix what is clearly a broken municipal financial model.

I believe the Select Board functions best when its members work together, listen to one another, and partner with the Town Administrator, fellow board members, and residents to achieve practical, lasting solutions. Respectful collaboration and shared responsibility are essential to moving Fairhaven forward.

On day one, I will propose both short- and long-term actions.

First, I will propose an Efficiency Working Group made up of volunteer Fairhaven residents with strong financial and operational experience, reporting directly to the Town Administrator. Their mission will be to conduct a comprehensive review of all departments to identify cost savings, eliminate inefficiencies, and introduce innovative strategies. This includes evaluating regionalization, privatization, and consolidation where appropriate, always with the goal of maintaining or improving services.

Second, I will propose to continuously advocate beyond our town borders. I will work with like-minded municipalities to push our state leaders to return a greater share of the tax dollars we send to Boston. This is our money, and our communities need relief now. Increased state aid can provide critical short-term support.

Finally, we must build a long-term economic growth plan. With guidance from experienced professionals, we

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Cherry Blossom Festival honors Fairhaven-Japan connection

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society sponsored its annual Cherry Blossom Festival on 5/3/26, celebrating the special connection between Fairhaven and Japan.

In 1841, 14-year-old Manjiro was stranded on a deserted island in the Pacific with his fishing crewmates. They were rescued by Capt. William Whitfield of Fairhaven, aboard the John Howland whaling ship.

Manjiro returned to Fairhaven with the Captain and eventually went back to Japan, risking imprisonment and death, because Japan was a closed society. Instead, young Manjiro was instrumental in opening Japan to the west, earning the surname Nakahama.

He is still very famous in Japan, and the relationship between the Nakahama and Whitfield families endures to this day. Fairhaven has a sister-city relationship with Manjiro's home town of Tosashimizu.

Speakers on Sunday included Gerry Rooney, President/CEO of the WMFS; the Consul General, Seiichiro Takahashi, of the Consulate-General of Japan in Boston; State Rep. Mark Sylvia; Select Board Chairperson, Charles K Murphy; Select Board member Andrew Romano.

Activities included writing names in Japanese, folk singing, Kamishibai paper theater, origami, Taiko drummers, martial arts demonstration, Ikebana floral arranging, and tours of the museum. There was also a raffle, silent auction, and Japanese items for sale. On its Facebook page, the WMFS gave a big thanks to the Lions Club for helping to set up.

The WMFS museum is in the first house Manjiro lived in while in Fairhaven, at 11 Cherry Street. The town has a Manjiro Trail with other significant sites. Learn more about the WMFS at <https://whitfield-manjiro.org>.



TOP: Consul General, Seiichiro Takahashi, of the Consulate-General of Japan in Boston, speaks during Japanese Cherry Blossom (O-Hanami) Friendship Festival at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and Museum in Fairhaven on 5/3/26. *Photo by Caden Lisa courtesy of Fairhaven TV.* ABOVE LEFT: Taiko drummers entertain the crowd ABOVE RIGHT: A volunteer demonstrates origami, the Japanese art of folding paper into animals and other shapes. *Photos courtesy of Debra Almeida.*

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

• **Case #2026.03.24C (Continued from 4/21/26)** A Case of Noah Drew Gomes for property located at 0 Lambert Street, 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.

• **Case # 2026.05.19A** A Case of Adriano Vicente for property located at 619 Main Street, Map 21, Lot 16. The Applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1B (8) and (11) to allow Used Car Storage and Sales.

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

FNN, 5/7/26, 5/14/26

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Fairhaven invites sealed bids for miscellaneous annual services.

Interested parties may view the list of services by requesting the documents free of charge in Portable Document Format (PDF) by visiting the Town of Fairhaven website at the following link: <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/beacon/>

Sealed bids will be received in accordance with the instructions outlined in the bid documents. All bids must be submitted by the specified deadline and in the manner prescribed.

The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the Town's best interest to do so

FNN 5/7/26, 5/14/26

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will conduct a Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands Bylaw. The meeting will be located at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. In-person attendance is permitted for the public and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 97 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the meeting remotely Log on to the following:

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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

Or call: 1-929-205-6099

The agenda will be posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website under current filings.

a. **CON 023-569, SE 023-___: 5 Lafayette Street, Map 13, Lot 048** Notice of Intent filed by Albert Santos to construct a proposed 6-foot wide by 90-foot-long fixed wooden pier supported by wood piles culminating in a 10-foot wide by 18-foot-long fixed deck area. A 20-foot-long gangway will extend from this fixed deck to an 8-foot wide by 75-foot-long float secured by wooden piles; proposed piles will disturb a total of 20.5 square feet.

b. **CON 023-570: 47 Bridge Street, Map 11, Lot 058** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Marc Dionne to construct a proposed shed 10ft x 12 ft on 6 helical piles with flood vents. Parcel within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone AE, elevation 6 ft.

c. **CON 023-571: 74 Nakata Avenue Map 43 Lot 166** Notice of Intent filed by Charles A. Early/Wilber Pointe Properties LLC to add stone to the base of the existing seawall for repair. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE, elevation 18 ft.

d. **CON 023-572: 22 Reservation Road, Map 29A, Lot 237** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Andrew Panek to remove vegetation for raised garden beds and a raised platform for a seasonal tent. Parcel located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE, elevation 16 ft.

Fairhaven Conservation Commission
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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Acushnet Police Station Conference Room located at 64 Middle Road, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Public Hearing Request for Amended Order of Conditions — Shane P. Tracy and Courtney E. Tracy — 185 Mattapoisett Road, Acushnet, MA — Assessor's Map 10 Lot 12A- MassDEP File #SE 001-0586

A Request for an Amended Order of Conditions was filed by Shane P. Tracy and Courtney E. Tracy for property located at 185 Mattapoisett Road, Acushnet, Massachusetts, Map 10, Lot 12A. The applicant proposes to amend the above referenced Order of Conditions issued by the Acushnet Conservation Commission on August 24, 2023, with a revised plan, which reflects minor grading adjustments, including a grassed drainage swale and rip rap area designed to manage existing runoff. Additionally, the plan proposes the installation of a six-foot wooden stockade fence along the northerly property line.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 5/7/26

"Harbor of Courage" encampment scheduled for 5/16

Press Release

The Fairhaven Village Militia will host its annual Spring Encampment, "Harbor of Courage," on Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17, 2026, at historic Fort Phoenix. This year's event is part of the national commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and marks the 251st anniversary of the First Naval Engagement of the American Revolutionary War, which occurred just off Fairhaven's coast.

The weekend event will bring the 1770s to life through living history demonstrations, colonial encampments, and military reenactments. Visitors will have the opportunity to experience Revolutionary-era camp life, watch militia drills with flintlock muskets, and witness artillery demonstrations with scheduled musket firings, including a special firing of the Fort's large cannons at dusk on Saturday. Additionally, a battle reenactment between the Tories and the Patriot militia is scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 PM.

Throughout the encampment, artisans will demonstrate traditional 18th-century trades such as tinsmithing, leather working, cooking, and historical fire-starting techniques. Reenactors in period clothing will also share insights into the daily life of soldiers and civilians during the early years of the American Revolution.

Schedule

- Bunker tours throughout the day
- Musket firing demonstrations every hour on the hour
- 2:00 PM – Battle on the Beach (Patriots vs. British, muskets) Located below the hurricane barrier — free public access with excellent viewing from the barrier
- Cannon firing planned for around sunset, around 7:00 PM
- Huttleston HarborFest Festival at Grimshaw Park (east side behind the tennis courts) from 11:30 AM–6:30 PM

The encampment will run Saturday from 10 a.m. to dusk and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fort Phoenix, Fort Street in Fairhaven. Admission is free

and open to the public. The event is handicap accessible and will be held weather permitting. Fairhaven Village Militia will be joined by several reenactor groups from across the region to bring this event to life.

The Fairhaven Village Militia is dedicated to preserving the town's colonial history through educational programming, reenactments, and community engagement. By recreating the experiences of the 18th century, the organization honors the citizen-soldiers who defended the South Coast during the nation's founding.

Co-hosted by the Fairhaven Village Militia and Discover Fairhaven with support from SRPEDD and BayCoast Bank, this event invites you to see history in action at the very spot where courage met the sea. The program is funded in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that works to promote the arts, humanities, and local heritage throughout the Commonwealth.

could have dire consequences.

We need a long-term solution. I would seek joint meetings between the Select Board and School Committee to make sure our values are aligned, our solutions are coordinated, and our communication to voters is loud, clear, and heard well before the budget is due. Any increase in revenue must be paired with raised expectations, and we must budget with transparency and accountability. And while I'm already lobbying for more much-needed local aid, waiting for the state to rescue us is not a plan.

I believe we don't have to consign ourselves to a future of less. Our police officers should not have to beg for a roof that doesn't leak onto their files. Our firefighters deserve better training facilities. And our animal shelter and its dedicated volunteers deserve our support.

To borrow a line from Teddy Roosevelt, we should strive to turn over Fairhaven to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value. It's time to turn the page on the politics of division and cronyism that have gripped Town Hall for too long. I hope to prove myself worthy of your trust.

seniors, strengthen families, and expand access to high-quality early education. This work requires collaboration, problem-solving, and the ability to turn ideas into action, all skills I will bring to the Select Board.

I believe there is no single solution to the challenges we face. Real progress depends on working together across departments, sectors, and neighboring communities to develop thoughtful, practical solutions. Our town administrator deserves strong, constructive support to build on what is working, improve what is not, and pursue new opportunities that strengthen our financial future.

Fairhaven is a remarkable community with tremendous assets, yet in recent years too much energy has been lost to division rather than progress. It is time to refocus on what is possible. By investing in thoughtful planning, strengthening regional partnerships, and using our Master Plan to guide decisions, we can move forward with clarity and purpose. Setting shared goals will help ensure we remain intentional about our direction.

Sustained success requires persistence. Challenges will arise, but strong leadership means staying focused, adapting when needed, and continuing to move forward. I am ready to hit the ground running on day one, bringing my experience and skills to help build a future that our community deserves. I respectfully ask for your vote on June 9.

can encourage smart residential and commercial development that reflects Fairhaven's coastal character while strengthening our tax base.

I hold a Master of Business Administration and have built successful small businesses while leading teams within international corporations. I have managed complex budgets, met payroll, and made difficult decisions to ensure long-term sustainability. I understand revenue strategy, cost control, and accountability, skills essential to guiding Fairhaven through ongoing financial challenges.

My commitment to Fairhaven is already proven. I have served on the Planning Board with professionalism and respect, contributed to regional economic development initiatives, and helped advance the Fairhaven Master Harbor Plan.

My responsibility as Chair of the Atlas Tack Working Group, has led efforts to address one of our most serious environmental challenges in the heart of our community. Spearheading data-driven collaboration with state and federal agencies, I have worked to protect public health while advancing solutions for long-term cleanup and redevelopment.

If elected, I will continue to be a strong advocate for protecting our harbor and bay, and for holding others accountable for actions that impact our shared natural resources.

Fairhaven needs leadership that listens, acts decisively, and makes fact-based decisions, not political ones. We need leadership that serves all residents.

I will bring to the team common sense, financial experience, and a relentless focus on doing what is right for our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

I am going to try to pay attention to the spring.
I am going to look around at all the flowers, and look up at the hectic trees.
I am going to close my eyes and listen.
Anne Lamott

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to bring consistency, informed decision-making, and confidence to the Planning Board.

I am looking forward to speaking with voters at the town-sponsored Meet the Candidates Night at the end of the month (see page 3) and welcome the opportunity to answer your questions in person.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Andrew Panek, M.Ed., Fairhaven

Glass on Bike Path is Both Dsgusting and Dangerous

On Friday, April 25, 2026, I went for my early morning walk which brings me to the dock on the bike trail in Fairhaven. It's wonderfully refreshing to watch the sun rise from there. Or just sit and relax and watch the marsh and bay and listen to the birds.

Unfortunately, as I approached the dock I noticed broken glass on the sidewalk. A glass bottle had been smashed. There were pieces on the sidewalk as well as in the grass. As I continued walking I realized there were at least 3-4 glass bottles that had been smashed, as well as cannabis paraphernalia lying in the grass, vape cartridges and joint plastic containers. Someone had a good ol time partying there. The glass was everywhere, including all over the dock, as well as four nip bottles thrown on the side of the dock.

I was pretty angry at seeing this misuse of nature's beauty. It not only spoils it for all of us, the glass can also cut dogs' and rabbits' paws and result in flats of bicycle tires. If we all do not work at keeping this place beautiful and clean, and picking up after ourselves, then soon we will be living in a trash heap and no longer will want to even go down that way. This world is already so full of trash that we must all work together to keep it clean.

I went back home pretty disgusted and depressed. The fact that young people would seek out such a beautiful place, and then leave it so abused really bothered me. I grabbed some gloves, a dustpan and small

broom and a trash bag and headed back to the area. I began sweeping up all the glass I could. It took me nearly 40 minutes to get most of it. Though there is still some in the grass that I was unable to get.

Whoever you are that partied and then intentionally smashed glass all over the place, please STOP AND THINK OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING! AND HOW MANY PEOPLE AND ANIMALS YOU ARE AFFECTING!! PLEASE BE KIND. If you wish to continue this behavior then go party at the DUMP or in your own basement where you will be more comfortable!

Maybe the Police need to survey this area on weekend evenings!

Valerie Sullivan, Fairhaven

Pacheco Supports Kuechler

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse Pam Kuechler for Fairhaven Select Board. She has demonstrated leadership, integrity, and practical problem-solving that addresses our town's needs. She listens respectfully to all viewpoints, works collaboratively to find common-sense solutions, and follows through to get things done.

Pam began her civic journey on the PTO of Roger's School before running for school committee in 2008, where she remained for 15 years until her retirement in 2023. Her extensive experience overseeing major projects, including the rebuild of Leroy L. Wood School and the Fairhaven High School Alumni Stadium, demonstrates her capabilities. She also guided our district through an unprecedented pandemic and helped establish the Unified Sports Program in Fairhaven.

Pam has helped improve the lives of many Fairhaven families through her support in creating the Family Engagement Center. Located inside Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, it provides vital resources to any Fairhaven family in need, including access to after-school programs, counseling, mental health services, food pantries, and housing assistance. Her leadership in establishing this center directly supports the well-being of our families and strengthens our com-

munity. She has also served as the executive director of People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE) since 2018, further demonstrating her dedication to community support.

She balances a long-term vision for our town with attention to day-to-day concerns by prioritizing responsible budgets, effective public services, and transparent decision-making. This balanced approach reassures residents that she considers both immediate needs and future growth.

I am confident Pam will continue to represent our community with fairness, competence, and a deep commitment to the public good. I urge my fellow residents to support Pam for Fairhaven Select Board.

Nicole Pacheco, Fairhaven

Mrs. Pacheco is a member of the Fairhaven School Committee. Her opinion is her own and does not reflect the views of the School Committee.

Riley Supports Trapilo

To the voters of Fairhaven, please join me in support of Rick Trapilo to the Select Board. Rick is a self made person with vast business experience that is needed to guide Fairhaven now and in the future. During these difficult financial times the Town needs leaders who understand how to take a breath, digest and review all aspects of possible outcomes before making a decision on the course of action. Those are traits Rick has and we need on the Select Board.

I have been fortunate to have know Rick for two years. We have had many honest and open conversations about business and politics. We have agreed and disagreed during many of those conversations. But in the end was mutual respect!!

His concerns on clean waterways for the surrounding communities, balancing the budget and listening to people's ideas and visions are admirable and strengths we need to lead our Town.

Please join me in supporting Rick for Select Board.

Steve Riley, Fairhaven

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Mothers Day 5K

May 10, Cisco Brewers, New Bedford. Register now: \$35 for 5K walk & run. Price increases after 4/12. Kids Fun Run: Free. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/b4hv9snn>

Proceeds benefit the Women's Fund SouthCoast, advancing gender, racial, and economic justice through research, grantmaking, and advocacy across the SouthCoast region and beyond. Visit <https://womensfundsouthcoast.org>

Community Cleanup

Acushnet Community Cleanup, Sat., 5/9, 9 a.m., Acushnet Town Hall, 122 Main Street. Pre-registering helps us to plan for important volunteer services. You can pre-register online at <https://forms.gle/Hn2rEmbSAhmz1CQL9> or add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board inside the Town Hall and at the Parting Ways Building.

Walk-ins welcome, arrive by 8:30 a.m. to sign up at the table located outside of Town Hall. Parking will be available at the Parting Ways Building and Town Hall parking lots. Tools and bags will be provided, along with some light refreshments.

This event is in conjunction with Operation Clean Sweep

Target Protest

Join us on Saturday, May 9th at 1 p.m. on Rt. 6 in front of Target in North Dartmouth, MA when we stand out in support of a Mother's Day Weekend Target Boycott!

For too long, Target has been steadfast in its complicity in the Regime's violation of our Constitutional rights. The people have shown that our power is strong in efforts to demand change and to stop abuses of power. While many of us have been boycotting Target already, this action is important to build momentum, share new information, and include those who may not be able to participate in permanent boycotts.

*Bring your signs, your friends and family, and your positive and peaceful attitude! Festive attire, singing, music, bubbles, and flowers encouraged.

*We will be standing on the sidewalk on Rt. 6 in front of Target and on the sidewalk on the road

leading into the plaza.

*Please park in the lot in front of the TGI Fridays building for easy access.

Book Launch

The Mattapoissett Museum is excited to announce the launch of a new publication, *Mattapoissett Then and Now: A Coloring Book* on May 14th at 6:00 at 5 Church Street. The students who created the book and their work, will be celebrated in a "live" art exhibit with its artists and writers displaying their work. The coloring book will cost \$10 and be available for sale at the event. The funds generated from the sale of this coloring book will go towards developing and delivering educational programming at the Mattapoissett Museum.

One of the missions of the Mattapoissett Museum includes collaboration and partnership with others in order to develop a vibrant place of learning and community activities in Mattapoissett. Last fall and through this spring, the Mattapoissett Museum engaged students from Old Rochester Regional High School to design the art pages and generate the paragraphs to describe them. Students from Old Colony then produced and printed the book. The Mattapoissett Museum gives grateful thanks to all the students created the coloring book with their teachers.

New Play

The Marion Art Center is proud to announce that the year-long MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator (MTPI) will conclude with a performance of *The Attorney-in-Fact*, a new play by Philip Ardell. The play was honed over the course of the 2025-2026 season with the playwright and two mentors - Harvey Ussach & Tony Ferreira.

The Attorney-in-Fact will be performed with full staging on May 8, 9, 10 with curtain at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday and a 2:00 pm curtain on Sunday. There will be a talk back post-show with the playwright, creative team, and cast. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. More information and tickets at marionartcenter.org/events This is

an ArtWeek SouthCoast event.

SAVE THE DATES

Acushnet Memorial Day

Please join the Town of Acushnet and our Veterans in honoring those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. At Veterans Park on Sat., 5/23, at 930am for our ceremony. There will be refreshments served at Acushnet American Legion, 71 Hope Street, following the program. Inclement weather ceremony will be held indoors at Acushnet American Legion

FR for Genesis

Join Us in Supporting Genesis Ferreira. Our community is coming together for something truly important. Genesis is a brave 7-year-old fighting Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) for the second time. She is now preparing for a life-saving stem cell transplant, and she needs all of us behind her. Let's show what our community is made of.

Sat., 5/30, 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM, Columbus Hall, Mattapoissett, Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, Cash Bar, Raffles & Prizes

Tickets: \$20 per person/\$50 per family. Call or Text Karen Goodue, (508) 269-6955. Tickets available at Home Bound Realty, 922 Kempton St, New Bedford.

FR for ALS

An evening of friendship, food, drink, music, and love to benefit Compassionate Care ALS in honor of Dr. Nick Dagenais, May 28, 6-9 p.m., Century House, 107 So. Main St., Acushnet. Live Music y Last Day on Earth & Joy Pereira.

Tickets: \$100 pp, available at www.ccals.org. Featuring silent auction, open bar, food stations and passed hors d'oeuvres.

Contact SimplyTheBestCureForALS@gmail.com

We hope all our friends will support Compassionate Care ALS. They've been a Godsend for Dr. Nick, and we wanted to give back to them so they can continue their mission of helping families dealing with this horrible disease. They are committed to providing support, no red tape, no lengthy approval process; just providing what they can to help. We hope to see all our friends at the event.

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Fairhaven is a vibrant community & wonderful place to raise a family. By working together, we can build a bright future for generations to come.

I hope to earn your vote June 9 & bring a fresh voice to the Select Board.

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