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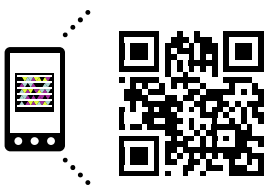
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Encampment showcases Revolution era



Members of the Fairhaven Village Militia fire their muskets during the Revolutionary War encampment at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 5/17/26. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

It's Memorial Day weekend, and there are lots of activities to choose from to commemorate the day. See page 3 for parades and other ceremonies to choose from in Acushnet, Fairhaven, and New Bedford.

If you live along the parade route, please take a minute to put a flag out. I encourage everyone to take the time to go and watch a parade, or attend one of the other events.

Fairhaven's election is just a couple of weeks away (6/9). Besides the races for the various offices, voters will vote on three ballot questions, including a Proposition 2 1/2 override (see page 4). Even if you have a strict no-new-taxes policy and knee-jerk reaction to paying for stuff, I encourage you to read the article or watch the video. At least you'll know what you're voting against. Really, we can only cut so much before there's nothing left.

And...speaking of elections. There is one more candidates night coming up (see page 5). Fairhaven Government Access TV needs your questions. C'mon... you know you have 'em.

There's other stuff in here, of course.

But it's time for nighty-night. I like to wait until I'm done with my work before I doze off. Just another difference between me and Dozy Don the Big Buffoon. Honestly, people, how can you trash Joe Biden with a straight face when your guy literally falls asleep in meetings...on camera?

And I don't want to hear another word about Hunter Biden and the one job he got that you think he wasn't qualified for. The Big Buffoon took the whole f'g Trump Corp. to China and you guys are okay with it. Insider stock trading? No biggie. Billions in crypto currency? Seems legit, right? And now he's giving payouts to convicted criminals. Don't argue, I saw the same January 6 footage you saw. I just let my brain proces it like a normal human, instead of listening to a guy telling me not to believe my own lying eyes.

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...
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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story about the League of Women Voters candiates night in last week's issue, we made two errors.

A quote by Ms. Cardoza was misattributed. She said, "Those are great answers. We are all trying to do the same thing." Not the other candidate.

We also left out a word when summarizing a statement by Kevin Grant. The sentence should have read: "He said it does not necessarily mean a bad impact."

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

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Memorial Day events include parades, ceremonies

Acushnet, Fairhaven, and New Bedford will all commemorate Memorial Day this weekend. The public is encouraged to attend one or all events, and line the streets of the parade routes to show support for our military members, and to honor those who are no longer with us.

Acushnet

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 9:30 a.m. 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

Fairhaven Parade and Ceremony

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.

The public is encouraged to line the route to show support for our military members and to honor those who have passed away. Property owners along the route are encouraged to place flags on their property to show support.

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, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

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

New Bedford

Several events are planned throughout the City this Memorial Day weekend to honor the courageous men and women who lost their lives serving the United States.

Saturday, May 23

9 a.m. at Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth St. The Greater New Bedford Civil War Roundtable will conduct its annual Remembrance Service in the Civil War section of the cemetery. Mayor Jon Mitchell will

deliver the keynote address, and Bob Bromley will offer a reflection on the history of the commemoration. The program will include Civil War-era music, participants in period dress and uniform, and appropriate military honors in remembrance of fallen Civil War heroes.

Sunday, May 24

10 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery, 1100 Ashley Blvd. New Bedford American Legion Post One will conduct a Memorial Day exercise at the Veterans' plot.

12 p.m. at City Hall, 133 William St. New Bedford American Legion Post One will conduct a Memorial Day exercise at the Vietnam Veterans' Honor Roll on the William Street side of the building.

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day)

8:15 a.m. at Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth St. New Bedford American Legion Post One will conduct a Memorial Day exercise at the Veterans' plot.

10 a.m. at Pier 3, 51 MacArthur Dr. The New Bedford Port Society's annual Fishermen's Memorial Day Service

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PAM Kuechler

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Pam's Current Roles		Pam's Previous Roles
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Vote for Pam June 9th!

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Fairhaven voters to face three ballot questions

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven voters will face three ballot questions* on Tuesday, 6/9/26, in addition to voting for candidates for town-wide office and Town Meeting members. Town officials held an informational meeting on Tuesday 5/19, to answer questions from the public about the ballot initiatives.

Question 1 would remove police officers and firefighters from Civil Service. Both unions voted to make the change with the last contract. A “yes” vote revokes Civil Service; a “no” vote means no change.

Question 2 asks voters to support a Proposition 2 1/2 override of \$649,178, which would be added to the tax levy (property taxes). Prop 2 1/2 limits the town to raising taxes at 2.5% each year. This leaves the town with a shortfall, despite cuts to across all departments. If passed, the override would provide \$15,561 in Fire Overtime; \$102,241 to the Tourism/Community Development Department which otherwise will be completely eliminated; \$50,000 to the Highway Department to restore a position; \$481,376 to the Fairhaven Public Schools.

A “yes” vote allows the town to assess the additional amount; a “no” vote means the town will use the budget passed in Article 8 at Town Meeting, and the loss of the Tourism Department.

The town has uploaded a “Tax Override Estimator” on its website. Property owners can enter the assessed value (not market value) of their homes and see how much the increase will be for them. Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/fy2027-budget-information/>

Question 3 asks voters to accept a

town Charter that was approved at the annual Town Meeting last year. The Charter consolidates and replaces the provisions of various special acts that currently establish the government structure of the town. Some bylaws have been replaced, but many remain.

Significant changes include clarifying the roles of Select Board and Town Administrator; the number of Planning Board members is changed from eight to nine; the number of School Committee members is changed from six to five.

A Charter is basically a constitution for the town, with the remaining bylaws functioning as rules under the Charter.

At the meeting on Tuesday, Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, gave a presentation, including an explanation of each question. School Superintendent, Tara Kohler; Public Works Superintendent, Vinnie Furtado; and Todd Migliacci for the Tourism Office joined him for the override question.

Question 1

For Question 1, removing firefighters and police officers from Civil Service, Mr. Hickey explained that the unions and the town had agreed to leave Civil Service(CS) in exchange for a 2.5% raise. He said the town has continued to fund that.

Then Town Meeting voted to adopt the changes.

However, there was a mistake in how the change was handled. Because the town entered into CS through a town-wide vote, the town can only leave CS through a town-wide vote. The two chief positions each need to be handled differently, too. The Fire Chief required a Town Meeting vote, which failed this

month. The Police Chief requires a ballot in a state election; it will be on the ballot in November.

For the rank and file, the vote will have to pass on 6/9.

Mr. Hickey said that CS is a cumbersome process that does not always allow the town to hire the best person. I can take more than a year to hire someone using the CS process. He said in his own experience, he has found that the point system, which gives points for residency and veteran status, can elevate a person who is not qualified.

He said both chiefs support leaving Civil Service, and that the union members agreed not to speak against leaving CS, so he did not understand where the lawn signs against it were coming from. He said they were definitely in support of it in 2022 and 2023. Of the 351 municipalities in Mass., only 95 remain in CS.

In answer to a resident’s question, Mr. Hickey confirmed that the ballot question needs to pass with a simple majority.

Question 2

Mr. Migliacci focused on the events that the tourism department has sponsored in the past year. Most have included vendors and food trucks that have paid a fee, adding to the town coffers. He said the events have brought lots of people into the town. Alyssa Botelho, the Tourism Director, is also the town’s media manager. She oversees 28 Facebook pages and 10 Instagram accounts for the town and individual departments.

Mr. Migliacci listed the events year round that the department has sponsored and explained how it has brought businesses and visitors to

BALLOT: cont’d on page 18



**UU Society of Fairhaven
welcomes all!**

**10 a.m. May 24:
Memory, Machines,
and the Wisdom of the Heart**

**Grand auction, 5-8 p.m. June 6!
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Submit Your Questions 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.

Mem. Day Parade

See page 3

Car Wash FR

Get your car sparkling clean while supporting a great cause! Our amazing 5th graders are hosting a car wash to raise funds for their end-of-year activities

Join us on Sat., 5/30, Wood School, 60 Scoticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., \$5 per car.

Get tickets in advance or donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/2su254hn> or pay at the car wash.

Stop by, show your support, and drive away shining—inside and out!

Open Air Market

In May, the tree-shaded corner of Livesey Park on Glenhaven Avenue will become the summertime home of the North Fairhaven Open Air Market, sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

The market will be held on Saturdays starting May 23, June, July, August, and September, except for 6/27 & 7/4. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A variety of local vendors will offer handmade crafts, art, photography, fresh farm produce, local honey, locally produced food products, antiques and vintage collectibles, and more. On some weeks we will be joined by Youth Vendors, ages 11-16,

selling items they have made themselves. The North Fairhaven Open Air Market does not accept vendors of brand name, commercially made direct sales products.

You can read more about the market, learn about becoming a vendor, and see the list of vendors who are signed up at this link: <https://northfairhavenmarket.substack.com/> or find us on Facebook

To reach market manager Myles, email NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES:

St. Joseph School Play

St. Joseph School Drama Club will be performing *Dear Edwina JR.*, featuring music by Zina Goldrich and book and lyrics by Marcy Heisler.

This heartwarming musical follows the adventures of a thirteen year old advice columnist and problem solver named Edwina, who dishes out advice and wisdom with the help of her friends and a little song and dance. The production features witty musical lessons exploring courtesy and politeness that will have you laughing out loud. At the heart of all this fun is a wonderful message about the importance of treating one another well.

The curtain goes up Friday, May 29 at 6:00 pm, Saturday, May 30 at 6:00 pm, and Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 pm. General admission tickets are priced at \$12.00 for adults, students, or seniors. You may purchase tickets at the door, call 508-996-1983 or email info@sjsf.dfrcs.org

UU Summer Camp

The campus of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven will be alive this summer with the sounds of youngsters playing, exploring, and building friendships.

The church is offering a three-session summer camp for children ages 5 to 12 beginning July 20. During the first week, the kids will learn about ecology. "Music Around the World" begins July 27, and the third session, starting Aug. 3, centers on mindfulness.

Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$300 per session, with a \$40 discount for a sibling to attend.

For more information, email Camp

Director Rachel Cesarini at acesarinirachel@gmail.com, call 508-992-7081, or visit uufairhaven.org.

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.

Pickleball Clinics

Monday and Tuesday June 8 and 9 Beginners Clinic 12:00 AM-2:00 PM at Livesey; Monday and Tuesday June 15 and 16 5:00-7:00 PM at Livesey

If you are interested, please send a check for \$30 payable Fairhaven Pickleball Association to Dan Ferreira at 12 Grant St. Acushnet, Ma. 02743. You can also use Venmo. Fairhaven Pickleball Association, if it is your first time phone code is 7190. You can call Dan at 508-728-7190.

UU Auction

Don't miss your opportunity to bid on exciting adventures and highly desirable goods at the grand benefit auction hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. The event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. June 6, in the UUSF Church Auditorium, 102 Green St., Fairhaven

Visit www.tinyurl.com/uusfauction to view auction items and purchase tickets. Admission, \$10, includes savory appetizers, petite sweets, and beverages. The auction will benefit the church's programs and facilities.

The church buildings are accessible to the handicapped via ramps off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, email office@uufairhaven.org, call 508-992-7081, or visit uufairhaven.org.

Fr. Day Road Race

Fairhaven Father's Day 5K Road Race, Sun., 6/21, Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven, 9 a.m. \$25 for adults (\$30 after June 1); \$10 children under 13 and adults 70+ (plus processing fees). No race day entry. Registration closes on Sat., 6/20, at 8 p.m.

USATF sanctioned course. All miles marked, numerous water stops.

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Candidate statement: School Committee



Erik Baumann

Members of the Fairhaven Community and Fellow Readers of the Fairhaven Neighborhood News,

My name is Erik Baumann and I am requesting your support to represent a seat on the Town of Fairhaven's School Committee. I am running because I want to serve the community that my family and I are so fortunate to be a part of and because ensuring access to a quality education is fundamental to our town, state, and country.

I have spent my career empowering students to define success and happiness on their terms. Education can change the world and my experiences working and collaborating with teachers, administrators, parents, and students to develop pathways to higher education have given me a

unique perspective. Now, with two children enrolled in the Fairhaven Public Schools, I want to serve and help ensure that all students in Fairhaven have access to a world-class education.

When I think about what makes any community great, it is my belief that it begins with its citizens and their commitment to education, formal and otherwise. When we learn, we become stronger. When we communicate and work together, we become more connected. And when we face challenges with facts, data, and good policy, we improve our community.

I am not running to attack, decry, criticize, or condemn. I want to bring my knowledge and experience to the table and help develop policies and procedures that will give every student in Fairhaven the education they deserve.

If elected I will endeavor to work in concert with school administration, teachers, fellow school committee members, and you, the Fairhaven community, to ensure:

- a fully funded school budget that

prioritizes students, faculty, and staff to have the tools and resources they need to succeed

- citizenship and community are cornerstones of a Fairhaven education
- barriers to student success are identified and addressed by the community
- a learning environment that helps students understand, ask questions, and think critically about the world around them

My family and I have been fortunate to build a life here in this amazing town. As Fairhaven faces the financial, social, and environmental challenges ahead of us, it is my hope that we can come together to use data driven policies to make Fairhaven, the place we all call home, better.

I look forward to meeting and discussing the issues with all of you because together we can build a brighter future for our children and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Baumann is unopposed on the ballot.

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Elder Law Program

Fairhaven Council on Aging will participate in the Mass. Bar Association's Elder Law Program, May 26, 10:30 a.m. Local seniors can learn about Elder Law issues at a free event at the Senior Center. The event is part of the statewide Elder Law Education Program presented by the Mass. Bar Association.

Among the topics discussed are Veterans Affairs Financial Benefits, how to protect your home and assets, power of attorney and health care proxies, reverse mortgages, Homestead and Life Estates, Medicare/Medicaid changes, and alternatives to nursing home care.

Brandon Walecka of Walecka Law will be the presenter. To sign up, please call 508-979-4029.

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: 5/27, So. Shore Plaza; 6/3, Tiverton Casino; 6/10, Newport, RI, Thames Street; 6/17, Garden City, Cranston; 6/24, 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 change). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

Be Part of Our Community Cookbook

We are creating a Community Cookbook filled with the delicious recipes that make your kitchen — and your heart — happy. From secret family desserts to comfort-food classics, there is nothing sweeter than passing your favorite recipes down for generations to come.

All submitted recipes will be lovingly gathered and turned into the very first Community Cookbook at the Fairhaven Council on Aging! Fresh off the press just in time for Christmas, these cookbooks will be available for purchase right here at the COA. Whether you share a recipe or take one home, you will be part of something warm, meaningful, and made with our wonderful community in mind.

Let's fill these pages — and our hearts — with something delicious!

You may drop off your recipes handwritten, or typed. You can also include a photo. To submit by email: JBowers@Fairhaven-ma.gov.

Deadline is September 25th.

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.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

Open Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.–8 p.m.; Fri., 6 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227 Huttleston Ave, 508-993-9269 <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/recreation-department>

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

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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

Tortellini Artichoke Salad

- 1 20-oz. package tri-color cheese tortellini (friesh or frozen)
- 1 6-oz. jar artichoke hearts (chopped)
- 2 Roma tomatoes (seeded & chopped)
- 1 cup white button mushrooms (chopped)
- 1 cup Italian salad dressing
- 1 tbsp. parsley (chopped)

Cook tortellini in boiling salted water according to package instructions (tender but firm). Strain, and rinse with cold water.

In a large bowl, combine pasta, artichoke hearts, tomatoes and mushrooms.

Pour dressing over the pasta salad, and toss to coat.

Add salt and pepper to taste and garnish with parsley



again. As soon as the weather warmed up, my mom took me to the park so I could do my usual three laps.

On the way home, she asked, "Are you OK?"

I wondered why, and she said, "Because you could hardly breathe when you left the track, and your timing was way off."

I told her I was just pacing myself, but honestly, it took a month of running three times a week and exercising before I could get back to my old speed.

Do you think spending the winter

Dear Frankie

Exercise

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

Dear Frankie, I couldn't wait to start running on the track

on the couch watching Lassie and Rin-Tin-Tin reruns is to blame?

Felix

Dear Felix,

Like they say, "Use it or lose it." It's surprising how fast you can lose your fitness.

I'm glad you stuck with it and got back into shape. Now the challenge is to keep it up during the winter.

Have you considered working as a mall security dog walker? I know someone who does that during the holidays, and she walks and runs miles every day. It's good exercise, plus you earn some extra money and get to meet interesting people and fellow canines.

Best, Frankie

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

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Mem. Day Parade

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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>

Kids Boat Week

The Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA) is happy to announce that "Massachusetts KIDS Boating & Fishing week" will take place from June 6 to 14, 2026. This important effort encourages and promotes youth boating and fishing events around the state. This will be the eighth year the MMTA has promoted events and timeframes. Currently there are 7 registered events participating in 2026.

New Bedford Launch Rides – June 6, 7, 13, & 14 – 10AM to 4PM – Pope's Island Marina

For more information on Mass KIDS Boating & Fishing week please visit: www.masskidsboatingday.org

SAVE THE DATES:

Star Kid Fund-raiser

New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program creates a cycle of empowerment through education for young people from families impacted by incarceration and substance abuse.

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potential, pursue their dreams, and build strong futures for themselves and their communities.

To learn more, visit newbedfordstarkids.org and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

Join us on June 18th at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, for a truly unique evening in support of New Bedford Star Kids. Guests will journey throughout the museum with interactive experiences, entertainment, food, and opportunities to connect with the mission and impact of Star Kids.

Early bird tickets are currently available for \$175 before pricing increases on 5/22. Tickets at: <https://newbedfordstarkids.org/starry-night-2026/>

Festa by the Sea

Water, Whaleboats, and Winners: A Festa by the Sea, a free waterfront celebration held in partnership with the Community Boating Center and the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society.

Sat., 5/30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1641 Padanaram Ave, New Bedford, MA, United States, Massachusetts 02740 by Community Boating Center, Explore New Bedford and Azorean Maritime Heritage Society

The event will feature the official crowning of this year's "Nata Champions", a high-energy pasteis da nata eating competition, and family-friendly waterfront activities. Attendees can get on the water by sailing with the Community Boating Center or rowing authentic Azorean whaleboats with the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society, along with paddleboarding, kayaking, food trucks, and activities for kids.

SMEC Students at NBAM

Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) student artwork is on display through June 14 at the New Bedford Art Museum. The 5th annual SMEC exhibition, "Learning for Life," features a mix of mediums, and was all produced in weekly art classes led by art educator Nicole Winning over the past year.

They put everything they had into each piece of art. Sea birds. Self-portraits, but as owls. A lone giraffe and a bumpy crocodile.

Each expressive piece is as unique as its creator. Some hang from the

ceiling. One white gull stands on a shelf looking up, a poignant reminder of its sculptor, who heartbreakingly passed away just weeks prior to the exhibit's opening day.

Visit smecollaborative.org.

Descendants of Whaling Masters

The public is cordially invited to attend the Descendants of Whaling Masters' 52nd Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at the James Arnold Mansion, 427 County Street, New Bedford, MA, from noon to 3 p.m. The event kicks-off with a social hour, followed by a brief business meeting, dinner, and a presentation: "Buzzards Bay Hypothesis" presented by Michael P. Dyer. Curator of Maritime History at Mystic Seaport Museum.

The public is welcome to attend this annual event and enjoy the luncheon and program. Luncheon menu choices are baked stuffed breast of chicken, baked scrod or Caesar salad with grilled chicken. Admission is \$46 per person (all inclusive). Please respond by June 8th with payment and menu selections to William H. Potter, Jr.; DWM Treasurer; 194 Main Street; Fairhaven, MA 02719. Checks should be made payable to: "Descendants of Whaling Masters, Inc."

Visit whalingmasters.org for more information

Douglass Readathon

Join us for a powerful multilingual reading of Frederick Douglass' iconic speech, *What to the Slave is Your Fourth of July?* Presented in Wōpanāak (indigenous Wampanoag language), Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole and English. Thurs., 6/18, 4:30–6:30 p.m., Bristol Community College, 800 Purchase St., New Bedford.

This free public event reflects the cultural richness of New Bedford today while calling us to consider the speech's enduring message of justice, equity, and freedom. Opening the event will be UMass Dartmouth Associate Dean/Director of the Frederick Douglass Unity House, Dr. Moise Saint Louis.

Refreshments will be provided by Café Arpeggio. This event is free but registration is encouraged at Bristolcc.edu/FrederickDouglass

Encampment showcases Fairhaven's Revolutionary role

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Village Militia (FVM) teamed up with seven other reenacting units for their annual spring encampment on Saturday and Sunday, 5/16/26 and 5/17. This year the FVM added some live action battle reenactment to commemorate the country's 250th anniversary, at its "MA250: Harbor of Courage" events. The first naval engagement of the Revolutionary War was fought in Fairhaven.

In addition to the "Battle on the Beach," featuring Patriots vs. British, the other side of the park was host to Harborfest at Grimshaw Park, with vendors and Revolutionary War period activities. Vendors sold a mix of contemporary and old time items.

On Saturday, the FVM shot the five big cannons at dusk. During both days, FVM members drilled and fired muskets. The militia cooked most of their meals on an open fire at the camp, which had lots of tents for sleeping, and lots of tents for demonstrations. The public could learn about tinsmithing, navigation methods used 250 years ago, cooking, making clothes, and children's games of the period.

The weather mostly cooperated, drawing large crowds to both venues, although Saturday got a little cold with the wind.

"We sold a lot of sweatshirts," said Matthew McDonald, Lt. Commander of the FVM.

He said the wind was a little challenging during the beach reenactment. Everyone pitched in to help, including hurricane barrier personnel. Two whaleboats rowed through the gate and landed on the beach where the battle ensued. Hundreds of people lined the Hurricane Barrier (HB) to watch the 65 reenactors.

"Tons of kids," said Mr. McDonald, adding he has never seen the HB filled with people, and noting how militia members love teaching both adults and children about how things were done 250 years ago.

He said lots of people asked lots of questions, and that's how they like it.

Harley Quinn took a stab at writing with a quill pen. The real turkey feather did not have a tip on it, said Cathy Potter. She said the turkeys that visit her yard have been very generous with their feather.

Emerson, 10, who is related to some of the participants, was dressed in full period gear, complete with musket. He said he really likes learning about history from his brother, a reenactor.

"So I like coming in person to live it," he said. "And have fun with other reenactors and learn from new people and just have fun doing stuff."

Skip Faulkner had a display of fishing gear, long before plastic fishing lines and fancy reels. He said fishermen would carry a small container with hooks, or a toggle hook if they had to make their own.



The toggle hook is a small piece of wood, about two inches long, pointed at both ends, with a depression in the middle for the line. The worm was stabbed with one end and then the other so it is parallel with the line. When the fish bite into it and the line gets pulled, the toggle hook turns sideways and the fish is hooked.

It is a simple device that anyone could make on his own with just his pocket knife (of course everyone had a pocket knife).

Malcolm Phinney, of the Wareham Minutemen and Militia, explained all about the differences between pirates (thieves on the water who killed

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TOP: Emerson is in character as he poses for the local free sheet during the Revolutionary War encampment at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 5/17/26. ABOVE LEFT: Harley Quinn tries her hand at writing with a turkey feather, with a little instruction from Cathy Potter, a member of the Thirteenth Continental Regiment from Rehoboth. ABOVE RIGHT: Skip Faulkner, a member of the Fairhaven Village Militia, explains how a toggle hook works. TOP: Emerson is in character as he poses for the local free sheet. Photos by Beth David.

Fairhaven High School Girls Lacrosse beats out ORR 6-5

By Caden Lisa

Neighb News Correspondent

The (12-3) Fairhaven High School Blue Devils Girls Lacrosse team hosted the (8-5) Old Rochester Regional Bulldogs on 5/18/26 on a sunny afternoon at Alumni Stadium.

The Bulldogs struck first less than two minutes into the opening period for the game's lone first-quarter

score.

The Blue Devils responded with a pair of goals to take a 2-1 lead into halftime.

ORR recorded a dominant three-goal third quarter performance and scored the first goal of the final frame. Everything snapped into place for the Blue Devils in the fourth quarter. Fairhaven faced a two-point deficit

with 10 minutes to go in the match but overcame adversity by ripping three-consecutive fourth quarter goals while holding the Bulldogs scoreless to complete the comeback victory, 6-5.

For more high school sports photography around Fairhaven, follow @cadens.camera.content on Instagram.

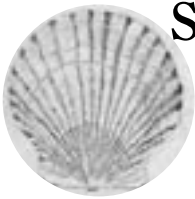


ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven High School Blue Devil, Morgan Vieira, bends through traffic to scoop up the ground ball on 5/18/26 when Fairhaven beat Old Rochester 6-5 at home. ABOVE RIGHT: FHS Blue Devil, Madison Lewis, swiftly carries the ball in stride. BELOW LEFT: FHS Blue Devil, Mischa Tomasia, makes the save during the free position attempt. BELOW RIGHT: FHS Blue Devil, Lauren Souza, gets away from a defender and looks downfield. BOTTOM LEFT: FHS Blue Devil, Meaghan Powers, charges through the midfield. BOTTOM RIGHT: FHS Blue Devil, Briarose Aspden, runs down the field. Photos by Caden Lisa.

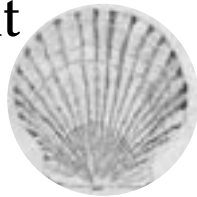


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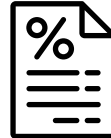
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From our readers

Monroe Ends Time on School Committee

After five terms and fifteen years on the Fairhaven School Committee, including service as Chair, I have decided not to seek reelection. Wednesday, May 20, was my final meeting.

Serving the students, families, educators, and taxpayers of Fairhaven has been a great honor. I first ran for this position because I believed in the importance of public education and the future of our town. Fifteen years later, I am proud of what we have accomplished together.

During my tenure, we successfully advocated for and secured approval for the new Leroy Wood Elementary School. The people of Fairhaven trusted us with that vision, and since opening in 2013, Wood School has provided students with a modern, safe, and inspiring place to learn.

We also completed Alumni Stadium, providing Fairhaven High School student-athletes with one of the finest athletic facilities on the South Coast. This is a source of pride for our students, families, and community.

I am proud that Fairhaven became the first school district in Massachusetts to receive district-wide accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Fairhaven High School has also been recognized on the Advanced Placement Honor Roll and received high marks from state and national organizations. These achievements reflect the dedication and professionalism of our teachers, administrators, support staff, students, and families.

Over the past fifteen years, I have had the privilege of working with outstanding colleagues. Together, we advanced Fairhaven Public Schools and achieved goals once thought unattainable.

While I am proud of our accomplishments, I must also acknowledge the difficult reality we now face.

Unfortunately, our schools now face significant financial challenges.

This year's budget funds our schools at the minimum required by state law. Financial constraints make it difficult to offer competitive salaries, limiting our ability to attract and retain staff. We lack sufficient support staff, and many dedicated

employees are experiencing exhaustion and burnout.

When the first Proposition 2½ override failed, our schools bore the impact. We had to eliminate elementary teaching positions and reduce services for our most vulnerable students.

We now face another proposed override. If it fails, our financial situation will worsen. Without change, our schools will face even greater challenges. I share this not to create fear, but because the people of Fairhaven deserve honesty.

Our schools are one of the foundations of this community. Strong schools protect property values, attract families, create opportunities for children, and shape our town's future. Investing in education is a responsibility, not a luxury.

Thank you to the citizens of Fairhaven for supporting me and our schools over the past fifteen years. I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me through five elections.

Today, I ask the community to come together and support this override. While it will not resolve every financial issue, it will help stabilize our schools and provide time to build a more sustainable future.

Fairhaven is worth fighting for. Our students are worth fighting for.

Thank you, Fairhaven.

Brian Monroe, Fairhaven

Trapilo Has Finger on Pulse of Fairhaven

I know everyone is well aware of Rick Trapilo's vast business experience, his MBA and his familiarity with balance sheets. I want to tell you about Rick Trapilo the man.

Every now and then you meet someone that immediately strikes you as unique. That happened to me a few years ago when I first met Rick Trapilo.

When we were introduced, Rick immediately extended his hand, looked me in the eye, smiled broadly and said, "Hi, I'm Rick Trapilo it's very nice to meet you!"

I knew then I had met someone with integrity, moral character and genuine politeness. Many people say their life is prioritized through faith, family and community. Rick never says that, he simply lives it.

I have watched him passionately advocate for the elimination of our

neighbor's dumping of untreated wastewater into our shared harbor and ultimately into Buzzards Bay. He understands that we need to protect our greatest natural resource not only for us, but for our children and their children. He knows the importance of protecting the waters of Buzzards Bay for swimming, boating, fishing and shellfishing.

I have been fortunate enough to serve on the Atlas Tack Working Group under Rick's chairmanship. He has a democratic style of management which encourages team engagement and fosters creativity, he leads with certainty, clarity of purpose and delegates thoughtfully always with success in mind. He is focused on finally completing the process started by others years ago to eliminate the stigma of having a Superfund Site in Fairhaven which casts a dark shadow over our beautiful town. With public input, he wants to ultimately bring the site back to life in a way that complements the neighborhood and its character.

Rick believes in smart controlled growth and strong economic development guided by trained professionals. He has said before, he will make hiring these positions a priority, positions that are needed to strengthen a community's chance of long term financial success.

Rick Trapilo has his finger on the pulse of Fairhaven and he is offering his most valuable asset, his time. He is willing and more than able to lend his business experience and his life experience to help the town he and Margaret have made their home.

A vote for Rick Trapilo is a vote for our future and our town.

Ken Blanchard, Fairhaven

I am a member of the Finance Committee however, my opinion is my own and not that of the Finance Committee

Choose Candidates Wisely

For years, the Fairhaven Select Board has largely operated with balance and focus on the broader needs of the community. With two current members choosing not to seek re-election, voters now face decisions that could significantly shape the town's direction moving forward.

One current Select Board member

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people and kept the cargo for themselves) and privateers (thieves on the water who did not kill people and were licensed by a government to seize cargo and split the profit with the country).

He also had the instruments of navigation of the period, and explained a bit about lines and how to use them.

Other reenacting units that participated last weekend included: The Thirteenth Continental Regiment out of Rehoboth MA; The Rhode Island United Train Artillery (UTA) of Providence RI; The Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia 1775 out of Lebanon CT; The Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies out of Wareham MA; The Dartmouth Militia out of Dartmouth MA; The Wedges of Time; Big Bear Trading Post.

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Belonging Committee

Wed., 5/27, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 5/28, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/1, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Candidates Night/ Fhvn TV

Thurs., 5/28, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Mon., 5/25, Main Street from High School to Riverside Cem., 9 a.m.

(see page 3)

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 6/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

Sustainability Comm

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

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

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

Select Board

Wed., 5/27, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Old Colony Building Vote

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

TOWN MEETING

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

TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2026	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	22	0105	1342	0657	1936
Saturday	23	0204	1439	0850	2143
Sunday	24	0300	1535	1000	2300
Monday	25	0357	1634	1106	---
Tuesday	26	0500	1732	0001	---
		---	---	1159	---
Wednesday	27	0557	1820	0051	1238
Thursday	28	0642	1900	0136	1258
Friday	29	0721	1937	0223	1253
Saturday	30	0759	2015	0307	1312
Sunday	31	0838	2055	0336	1343

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

BALLOT: cont'd from page 4

town.

He said future plans included focusing on more film production opportunities, since he and Ms. Botelho both have backgrounds in film making.

Another focus will be to break into the wedding market, to rent the town's beautiful historic properties as wedding venues.

Mr. Furtado said the \$50,000 will restore one of two truck driving positions in the highway department. He said however, that the residents should understand that the two positions come after getting cut \$400,000 "from our ask."

Mr. Furtado said they managed to restore the lifeguards, but they did it by cutting back on Recycle Center hours and seasonal employees for grass cuttings.

"So we're robbing Peter to pay Paul," said Mr. Furtado, adding in all the years he's worked in Fairhaven they have never added a highway position. The department currently has three vacancies.

He said grass cutting is the most obvious place to see the cuts, joking, "you can hide small children there."

He said they just do not have the staff.

He also listed some of the services that will be gone next year even if the override passes, including hazardous materials waste day, and tree work.

He said the town did its first tree assessment, and there are some they need to take down, but they do not have the money.

"I know that I was invited here to certainly answer questions and to speak about that one position, the truck driver," said Mr. Furtado. "But I think it needs to be said, honestly, this is where we are. And it's not going to get better next year."

Mr. Hickey said that the impacts of previous cuts are already being seen. He said the town is getting calls from residents asking when the parks will be mowed. He said they were not trying to startle or scare anyone.

"We're just trying to provide factual information, and everybody's going to have their own opinion on whether or now they support an override," said Mr. Hickey. "We just want to make sure people are informed and educated about what the override will provide and what services will be impacted if an override fails."

Ms. Kohler said that if the override passes, the schools will be able to restore two teaching positions and a Special Education (SPED) program for grades K-2. She said the district funded dangerously close to Net School Spending (NSS), which is the amount the state requires. Currently, the state has given Fairhaven a waiver for the SPED program, which they got when the last override attempt failed.

She explained some ways the district has saved money by cutting items that do not count to NSS, such as transportation. They combined the two preschool programs so they could save on the curriculum package, although studies have shown that young students perform better if the preschool is in the same building as

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their elementary schools.

"We have done fantastic, I think," with your tax dollars," said Ms. Kohler. "We've been really responsible."

Ms. Kohler said that teachers and staff are very dedicated, but are the lowest paid in the area, and they are "hitting breaking point."

She said they have found people who are caring and have a purpose. They have set a high bar.

"But, honestly, we believe in every student having somebody they can go to at a school, and we try to hire people who are going to do that," said Ms. Kohler. "And we're hitting the point where we have educators leaving because they hear that there's a better class size or better supports or the SPED classroom I'm talking about, who have a resource for the kids that we're so passionate about."

She said it is a very challenging

time.

"We want to do what's right for all kids," said Ms. Kohler "We have the passion to do it. We need the money to match it."

She said it seems like it is a "significant ask" but it just keeps everything in place.

Ms. Kohler also said the district is very aggressive in getting grant money for programs.

Mr. Hickey said that communities all across the state are looking to reduce staffing in public safety and education, and many are requesting overrides.

"Our expenses are far outpacing our revenue sources," said Mr. Hickey, adding that Mr. Migliacci mentioned some ways that the tourism department is trying to increase revenues.

Mr. Hickey said the override is just a Band-aid for this year. There are some new growth projects in the pipeline, that hopefully will get approved quickly.

Question 3

Mr. Hickey said the Charter modernizes and updates a lot of the bylaws.

A charter is a "constitution for your town," said Mr. Hickey. "It clarifies town government and functions."

He briefly reviewed how the charter proposal came about, with a nine-member Charter Committee that conducted a study of the departments; made reports to the public; reviewed state law; and presented a final draft to town meeting last year.

It was approved by TM and the legislature, so now it has to pass a town-wide vote.

In response to a resident's question, Mr. Hickey confirmed that if the override passes, the money must be spent as specified in the ballot question and cannot be diverted.

The presentation is available on demand at FairhavenTV.com, an

The election is on Tuesday, 6/9. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop). Call the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions about your voting status, 508-979-4023.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday June 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.
 Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
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1. REF# ZBA-026-012: 31 Hedge Street, Map 15, Lot 096. Applicant Lindsay Taylor seeks a Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on property in a Single Residence (RA) district not to exceed 10 chickens, not to include roosters, for the coop to be at least 20 feet from any dwelling and at least 10 feet from the property line, and for the applicant to submit an operations and maintenance plan for manure, food and water to the Board of Health, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule and Chapter 405, Animals.
2. REF# ZBA-026-013: 101-103 Ashley Island Rd, Map

- 29, Lot15 & 16A, Book 4552, Page 32. Applicant Carlos A Pereira requests a variance from section 198-32.2 "dock and Piers" (9) Depth of water at mean low water. The depths are 10"-12" vs. 30" minimum.
3. REF# ZBA 026-014: 7 Sippican Street, Map 42A, Lot 257 & 259, Book 12244, Page 34. Applicant/Owner Frederick Miller requests a variance from Zoning By Laws 198-32.2 "Docks and Piers" (3) (a) & (5) to construct a pier longer than 75 ft and closer than 25 ft. from a property line.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
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Vandals damage historical woodwork at Fairhaven High School

Press Release from Fairhaven Police

The Fairhaven Police Department is actively investigating a break-in that occurred at Fairhaven High School on Saturday, May 16.

During the incident, which occurred at about 11:45 p.m., multiple individuals

broke into the school at 12 Huttleston Ave. through a window and vandalized historical woodwork on the wall within a classroom.

This investigation is being conducted by the Fairhaven Police Detective Division, in collaboration

with Fairhaven Public Schools officials. Detectives are reviewing surveillance footage and conducting interviews to identify suspects.

Charges are expected to be filed in Third District Court in New Bedford at the conclusion of the investigation.

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(likely the next Select Board chair), Andrew Romano, has publicly aligned himself with candidates who closely reflect his own views and approach to governance. Supporters may see this as building a unified vision; others may view it as a move away from balanced representation and bipartisan leadership.

At the same time, candidates with extensive experience serving on multiple town boards and committees are being portrayed as unqualified despite years of demonstrated public service and civic involvement. Experience matters, particularly during periods of financial strain and difficult budget decisions.

Fairhaven is currently facing financial challenges. Residents deserve thoughtful discussions about spending priorities, operational oversight, and long term fiscal responsibility. Many taxpayers are understandably concerned that raising taxes is being presented as the primary solution without considering inefficiencies or reducing unnecessary expenditures.

This election is not about personalities or political "cliques." It is about leadership style, experience, accountability, and ensuring that all residents feel represented by their local government.

Voters should carefully evaluate each candidate's background, qualifications, and approach to governance before heading to the polls. The future direction of Fairhaven will be determined by the choices residents make today.

Chris Costa, Fairhaven

Pond's Letter at Odds With Reality

I read with considerable interest the letter written by Mr. John Pond on the Islamic Republic of Iran (5/14/26 issue).

Although I do not consider myself an expert on the history of Iran, I have some familiarity with the general history of the Middle East. While I believe that everyone has the right to their own opinions, I also believe that no one has the right to their own facts, in consequence I found many of the statements in the published letter to be at odds with the reality of that country's historical development.

The writer creates the illusion that the late Shah was both a popular and

enlightened ruler, while the historical reality is at odds with that assumption. A brief history of the Shah's ascent to be head of state and his actions in that capacity belie the idea that he was a benevolent and popular ruler.

The reality is that he was placed on the throne by outside forces in direct opposition to the will of the population, replacing a popular nationalist and reform minded, democratically elected leader, Mohammed Mossadegh, who wanted to bring an end to foreign exploitation of Iran's resources. This brought him and his ideas into conflict with the British ownership and control of the country's oil industry. On a number of occasions the British government asked the Truman administration for assistance in removing Mossadegh from power. It wasn't until the Eisenhower Administration that the CIA was brought into play, and a coup d'etat was orchestrated bringing the Mossadegh government to an end and restoring the unpopular Pahlavi Dynasty which had previously been overthrown.

Over the next 25 years The Shah's rule became increasingly repressive, made use of a secret police network, made use of torture, and summary arrest of dissidents.

It was these conditions that led to the exile and eventual return of Ayatollah Khomeini and the eventual establishment of the present theocratic government which rules Iran today.

There is some speculation that the seizure of the American Embassy and captivity of American diplomats was a result of the fear that America was planning, once again, to restore the Shah to power. That fear gained credence when President Carter allowed the Shah, prior to his death, to come to the United States for medical care

In the years since the hostage situation, the United States has looked upon the Iranian government as an undesirable entity. During the brutal Iran-Iraq War, which resulted in over a million dead, it not only assisted Iraq with weapons but with intelligence as well.

Given the history of America's involvement is it no wonder that the Iranian Government encourages the war cry "Death to America!"

Micheal P. Lombardo, Fairhaven

Kuechler Has Proven Track Record

I am writing to express my strong support for Pam Kuechler for Fairhaven Selectboard. I have known Pam for nearly all of the 25 years I have lived in Fairhaven. I first met her as a fellow parent at Rogers School, where both of our children attended elementary school. Even then, Pam was an active and dedicated member of the PTO.

In 2008, Pam joined the School Committee, where she served for 15 years. During her time on the committee, she was never afraid to make difficult decisions when they were necessary. One of the toughest was the decision to close the beloved elementary school in our neighborhood. While it was not an easy choice, it demonstrated Pam's willingness to put the long-term interests of the entire town first. She carefully considers all sides of an issue and makes thoughtful decisions based on what she believes is best for Fairhaven as a whole.

In addition to her extensive experience on the School Committee, Pam brings a deep understanding of both local and state government. Professionally, she leads the non-profit organization People Acting in Community Endeavors for Brighter Futures (PACE) in New Bedford.

PACE is dedicated to supporting individuals and families with low incomes by providing programs and services focused on education and training, health and wellness, and financial stability.

Pam has a proven track record of bringing people together to strengthen communities and improve lives. I am confident she will bring that same leadership, dedication, and thoughtful decision-making to the Fairhaven Selectboard.

Please join me in voting for Pam on June 9th.

Kelly Ochoa, Fairhaven

A people that values its
privileges above its
principles soon
loses both.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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follows a procession from Seamen's Bethel that begins at 9:30 a.m. The annual remembrance then begins at 10 a.m. at Pier 3 and honors the memory of those who served the United States, members of the maritime community, and all who sacrificed for others.

11:30 a.m. New Bedford Memorial Day Parade This year's parade is presented by the City of New Bedford, the Veterans' Services Department, the City Council, and the Veterans' Advisory Board.

The parade will form at the intersection of Hathaway Boulevard and Parker Street beginning around 10:30 a.m. before stepping off at 11:30 a.m.

The grand marshal of this year's parade is Jim Hartley.

The parade will march east on Parker Street to County Street, where it will turn left and head north on County Street. The parade will then turn right to head east on Pope Street, where it will make its final turn into Clasky Common Park.

There will be a Memorial Day

service at the reviewing stand at the conclusion of the parade. All participants are encouraged to stay and take part in the service, which includes the reading of the Gettysburg Address, Logan's Orders, and roll call of New Bedford veterans who have passed away.

Family and friends of veterans who have passed away are invited to bring a flower to the service and place it at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in remembrance.



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Acushnet Mem. Day

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Duck Race

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Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 774-849-2028. First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

Old Colony revote

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School district has voted to hold another vote on the building project in all the towns on Sat., 6/20, from 10-6.

The district is holding a series of virtual town halls to inform residents of the project. Remaining dates are

- May 26, 6 p.m.
- June 1, 7 p.m.
- June 10, 7 p.m.

Register at tinyurl.com/OCBUILDINGPROJECT.

Learn more at oldcolonybuildingproject.com

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Donate on her GoFundMePage: <https://tinyurl.com/5cc33k85>

Circus in Town

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Honeybees

The Fascinating World of Honeybees, Tues., 5/26, 6:30 p.m., Dartmouth Cultural Council, 404 Elm St., Dartmouth. Join us for an engaging evening exploring the fascinating world of honeybees with the Bristol County Beekeepers Association. Learn about hive life, pollination, and the vital role bees play in our environment while taking a closer look inside the hive.

Guests will also have the opportunity to make rolled beeswax candles to take home for an additional \$5.

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Join Tennis Assn.

The MCTA, Community Tennis Association which serves the towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion, Rochester, and Wareham is seeking adult men and women as new members to play in their Summer tennis drop-in league.

We currently have about 24 active participants and about 50 members in total. The drop-in begins at 8 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the summer at a central location on Rte 6.

New players should play at a level of 3.0 or higher. Please see our website at <https://mattapoisetttennis.com>. We welcome anyone who would both enjoy playing tennis with no promise of playing at Wimbledon and also having a good time with many sociable people as well.

For further information please call Mike at 781-888-1110 or Ellen at 978-844-1117

Fishing Tournament

FREE fishing tournament for kids (must be accompanied by parent or guardian), Sat., 6/6, 7 a.m. to noon, Lake Street Recreation Area, Acushnet. Featuring trophies, hot dogs.

Volunteers welcome. Bring your own poles, we will have bait.

SAVE THE DATE:

Comedy Fundraiser

SE Mass. Vets celebrate Independence, Sat., 7/18, Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m. Show to follow. Tickets: \$60, includes dinner by On the Go Catering, cash bar, raffles, 50/50 drawing, silent/live auctions. PG-13 18+

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