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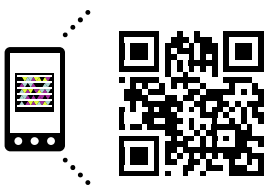
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Acushnet honors those who sacrificed



L-R: US Army Veteran, Laurie Rollins; and Mike Jenney, Commander of the Acushnet American Legion, lay the wreath at the base of the flagpole at Acushnet's Veterans Memorial park during a ceremony commemorating Memorial Day on Saturday, 4/23/26. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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### First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

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

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

# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Memorial Day got washed out, but not the sentiment. People crowded into the Senior Center (see page 13) to commemorate the day.

Acushnet had better luck (see page 12), they held their event on Saturday, so they missed the rain.

Memorial Day is a solemn event, but also filled with gratitude for the sacrifices of those who fought for this country. I hope you all had a chance to take some time to reflect on the ideals this country was founded on; to listen to the words of our Constitution and appreciate the wisdom and the idealism of the founders. And to listen to or read the words of those who fought so hard to advance the cause through the decades, centuries.

The idea that all people should be treated with respect was so new, so foreign, that even our idealistic founders had to leave room for slavery. It's the biggest black eye on this nation. One that may never heal completely. But it also shows how flawed we all are and how we can, as individuals and as a nation, rise up above our own low selves. We can live up to those ideals I heard about all weekend: freedom, justice, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

These should be for all people. All people. No one living or visiting in this country should ever have to be worried that government thugs are going to brutalize them for no reason and give them no recourse.

That happened to Blacks in this country forever, but we managed to climb up, not completely, maybe, but we were working on it.

We are being dragged back into a place that is not at all befitting of our ideals. Not one bit.

I hope you all take a little time to look back and study what this country was founded to try to be. We seem to have forgotten it.

There's other, fun stuff in here. The open air market at Livesey Park kicked off its season this weekend (see page 6). What fun! There are lots of happenings going on this weekend. See pages 5, 11, 21 for events all around the region.

The Select Board had a meeting (see page 3) and welcomed our new Deputy Fire Chief...yeah we know him, of course we do (see page 18).

Until next week then, see ya,

*Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David...  
VROOM VROOM!

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## **CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS**

# Artistic Auto expansion denied

By Beth David  
Editor

At their meeting on 5/26/26, the Fairhaven Select Board denied the application by Ruy daSilva to expand his car dealership license from two cars to 40 at his business at 98 and 99 Middle Street. The hearing had been continued twice (see 4/30/26 and 5/14/26 issues).

Town Counsel weighed in twice, both times saying that the application could not be granted.

The final sticking point is the part of the zoning bylaw that states that a non-conforming use may not be expanded.

Mr. daSilva had sought to expand his car dealership from two cars to 40. The initial question was whether or not the expansion would be "substantially more detrimental" to the neighborhood,

Mr. daSilva has a tow license for one property and a car repair shop with a two-car used car dealership on the other. There was also some question about which property would have the cars and what would happen

if the new owners sold them separately.

At the last meeting, the prospective new owners said they were flexible on the number of cars to expand to.

Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, noted that the property had sold

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since the last meeting, so there was some confusion as to who would be running the business. The new owners have applied for a license, he said, but it has not been granted yet. Mr. daSilva was supposed to be at the meeting on Monday, but he was not

there.

Mr. Hickey said if Mr. daSilva could prove that he was still running the business, maybe with some sort of lease, then he could continue to advocate for the expanded use.

The board discussed possible votes with fewer cars, and what next steps would be. But it still all came back to the expanded non-conforming use being prohibited.

Mr. Hickey explained that the current non-conforming use is grandfathered in, so the next owners can still run the same kind of business. But the proposal is an expanded use.

SB member Andrew Saunders said he does not see how they can get over the preexisting non-conforming use.

In his letter to the board, Town Counsel, Michael Terry, cited Section 128.21 of the town bylaws that states "No increase in the area or extent of the nonconforming use of a structure or land may be made."

In the end the board voted to deny the expansion.

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**PAM Kuechler**  
**SELECT BOARD**

“ Thank you Pam for wanting to take on a new role. I have known Pam for decades and she has always been a proven leader with a true love for her Fairhaven community. I admire her dedication and her research into making the best decision she can for her entire community.  
**Charles Murphy**

“ It is because of Pam’s attributes of bravery, integrity, kindness and her goal to work towards the greater good that I wholeheartedly support her for Selectboard.  
**Mark Badwey**

“ Leadership must be honest and realistic about these issues, committed to collaboration, and focused on maintaining quality services in Fairhaven. We will vote for Pam Keuchler.  
**Bob and Ann Espindola**

“ At a time when Fairhaven faces important decisions about its future, we need someone who listens, understands all sides, and remains committed to the people of this town.  
**Anne Morton Smith**

**Vote for Pam June 9th!**  
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## From our readers

### **Voters should look for realistic leaders**

Nobody wants higher taxes. We can all agree on that. But the Town Administration has told us Fairhaven will likely face a \$3.5 million budget shortfall next year.

Some people suggest we can close that gap without raising taxes and without major cuts to services. Don't be sold a bill of goods, think about what those promises are based on.

First, there is the idea that economic development will quickly generate enough new revenue to solve the problem. Economic development is important, and everyone wants to see it succeed. But this is not a new strategy, and meaningful growth takes time. We still need key planning and development capacity in place, starting with a Town Planner. It is unrealistic to expect economic development to move the needle on a multi-million-dollar gap within a year.

Second, some propose appealing to the state for help from its Rainy Day, or stabilization, fund. But stabilization funds are not intended to support recurring operating expenses. Both the Governor and our State Representative have made that clear. We can advocate for additional aid, but relying on a state bailout to solve next year's budget problem is not a responsible financial plan.

Third, there are calls to create a citizen committee to identify waste in town government. Fairhaven already underwent Financial Management Reviews by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue in 2012 and 2022. The DOR works with all 351 Massachusetts communities and specializes in municipal efficiency and best practices. Most obvious savings opportunities have already been identified. Residents may still uncover small inefficiencies, but let's be realistic — this effort will not erase a \$3.5 million deficit.

Most municipal spending is made up of wages and essential services, not administrative overhead. We'll need to reach far beyond the smaller reductions that caused grave concern this year to close the gap. Blaming the School department is senseless when net school spending limits how deeply schools can be cut and smaller departments are too small to generate significant savings. Without an

immediate revenue boost, substantial cuts will certainly need to come from some combination of Police, Fire, and Public Works next year.

Finally, some speak of "Free Cash" remaining at year end as wasteful, but the Town's own financial policy recommends generating free cash at 5% of operating budget to ensure financial stability and allow for investment in our assets and infrastructure. This policy safeguards against the temptation to perpetually push off capital expenditure, avoiding higher future costs.

Voters should look for realistic leaders who will quell divisiveness. Given the size and legal requirements of the school budget (Net School Spending) it is critical that the Select Board set the tone for inter-department collaboration, especially with the School District, in order to face the challenges of the year ahead while working toward long-term solutions. Leadership must be honest and realistic about these issues, committed to collaboration, and focused on maintaining quality services in Fairhaven.

We will vote for Pam Keuchler and Miles Grant for Select Board.

*Bob & Ann Espindola, Fairhaven*

### **Trapilo Embodies the Right Leadership Qualities**

I am a lifelong resident of Fairhaven, managed cross-functional teams responsible for providing good quality service, and have volunteered in various capacities across our town over the years. What I look for in a town leader is someone who listens, works collaboratively with the diverse groups in our community, and strives to achieve common goals without pitting anyone against each other.

Rick Trapilo embodies all of these leadership qualities. I have seen firsthand his dedication, common sense approach, and commitment to our community. He brings a strong business background and a practical solution based mindset. He will work proactively and collaboratively to ensure Fairhaven becomes more resilient, balancing affordability with the services we all rely on.

Rick has already done crucial work with SRPEDD and has been a strong advocate for safer, cleaner waters in our coastal community. His willingness to work on issues that directly

impact the future and safety of Fairhaven shows his commitment to protecting and improving the town we all care deeply about.

If you want a Select Board member who will listen to the taxpayers, bring people together, and thoughtfully manage our town's future, Rick is the clear choice.

I encourage my fellow residents to join me in supporting Rick Trapilo for Select Board.

*Daniel Lopes, Fairhaven*

### **Darmofal Supports Trapilo**

As we approach another important season, it's time for all of us to thoughtfully ponder who we might vote for to represent our town and its residents.

We should look for a person who as Judge Judy says, uses their two ears more than their one mouth — someone willing to listen before speaking. A candidate with common sense. Integrity, business experience and a genuine commitment to serving the best interest of everyone in the community.

We need someone who understands the demographics of our town, including the various age groups and income levels that make up our population. A Select Board member who recognizes that our town is unique and that many residents would like to preserve the character and values that make it special.

At the same time, we need leadership that understands the financial challenges facing the town and the importance of addressing them responsibly. That includes not only managing local financial concerns, but also understanding how state financial decisions can impact our community.

After looking carefully at each candidate, exercise your right to vote for the person you believe best meets your expectations as a Select Board member of the town and ALL of its residents.

As a seasoned resident of Fairhaven who has had the pleasure of living here for 50 plus years and raising a family, I have decided to cast my vote for Rick Trapilo. He will work hard to preserve our town for future residents so they, too, can enjoy what we have.

*Dave Darmofal, Fairhaven*

**LETTERS: cont'd on page 15**

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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 TV Candidate Statements

Fairhaven Cable TV (FairhavenTV.com) has released a video of candidate statements. Each candidate was allowed a few minutes to give a message to the voters.

Candidates included the three Select Board candidates vying for two seats: Miles Grant, Pam Kuechler, Rick Trapilo; two of the three Planning Board candidates vying for two full term seats: Kevin Grant, Mona Phillips (incumbent, Sharon Simmons did not participate); the two Planning Board candidates vying for an unexpired term: Jennifer Cardoza, Andrew Panek; uncontested School Committee candidate, Michael Sherman, who is running to fill an unexpired term.

Find the link at [FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com) or <https://tinyurl.com/4x2ef4rh>

## Pickleball Opening

The Public is invited to the Fairhaven Pickleball Association Opening Day at the Livesey Pickleball Courts on Sat., 5/30, at 10:00 AM. (rain date 5/31 at 10). There will be food, sign-ups for clinics, registration, sign up for our Mixer, door prizes, music, pickleball, awarding of scholarships, and lots more.

For more information on Fairhaven Pickleball Association go to <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com> or email us at [fairhavenpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenpickleball@gmail.com)

## Fire Pump Test

On Fri., 6/5,, Dartmouth Fire Protection will be conducting a Fire Pump Test at 333 Bridge Street, Fairhaven. This test may temporarily cause discolored water and/or low pressure in areas adjacent to the test location as well as areas serviced by the same water distribution mains. Every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience to the consumers. On the test day, consumers should check the water prior to use.

If you would like any additional information, please call the Fairhaven Water Dept. at 508-979-4032. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Business Mixer

The Fairhaven Economic Development Committee invites all Fairhaven Businesses to attend the next Fairhaven & Friends Business Mixer on Thurs., 6/4, at 5:30 PM at SoCo Tavern, 136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.

This month's mixer will feature special guest Mark Sylvia and is a great opportunity to connect with fellow local business owners, professionals, and community members in a casual setting.

We hope to see you there!

## St. Joseph Sch. 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.drcs.org](mailto:info@sjsf.drcs.org)

## SAVE THE DATES: 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](mailto:acesarinirachel@gmail.com), call 508-992-7081, or visit [uufairhaven.org](http://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

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# Open air market at Livesey Park opens up for season

By Beth David  
Editor

Livesey Park in North Fairhaven was hopping busy on Saturday, 5/23/26, with the opening day of the Open Air Market drawing hundreds of people to the park, along with the regular crowd enjoying all the park has to offer.

"It's a really good turnout," said organizer, Myles Romano, adding they had more vendors than expected, with a quite a few signing up the day before.

In addition to many of the same vendors as last year, the event has added a few new ones.

The market features handmade crafts, antiques, local produce, local honey, locally produced food products, art, etc.

Brewie, the mascot enticing people to go to Book 'n Brew, said it was only their second year. They offer deals on used books, and fresh brewed coffee. The line at the books did not stop all day. According to their Facebook post they sold 202 books.

Joe Rebelo, and Donna and Dan Pacheco, were relaxing on a bench after doing some shopping.

Mr. Rebelo said he liked the craft vendors best and bought some horseshoe art from a friend who had a booth.

"It runs the gamut," he said about the marketplace's choices.



"I love these kinds of fairs," said Ms. Pacheco. "It's amazing what people can make out of what we consider junk."

Not that she bought any of that, instead, she opted for some sweets.

Sisters, Crystal and Rebecca, were pretty busy making custom photo magnets at Sister's Magnetic Bond. Customers could upload a photo from their phones, and in just a couple of minutes that photo was on a key chain, refrigerator magnet, and other fun stuff.

Jen Paulino was out and about finding a Father's Day gift for her husband (shhh...it's a surprise).

"This is great," said Ms. Paulino. "It's the best deals in town."

The marketplace runs every Saturday through September under the trees at Livesey Park in Fairhaven, corner of Glenhaven and Parker, except for 6/27 & 7/4. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To reach market manager Email North FairhavenMarket@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.



TOP: People browse books and line up for coffee at the Book n Brew booth at the North Fairhaven Open Air Market on Saturday, 5/23/26, at Livesey Park in Fairhaven. ABOVE LEFT: Linda gets a two-dollar smooch from Zoe Summertime, who gives all her earnings to the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Joe Rebelo, and Donna and Dan Pacheco take a break from shopping. *Photos by Beth David.*

# Fire damages Palace Pizza in Fairhaven

*Press Release*

On May 21, 2026, the Fairhaven Fire Department received a dispatch from Holbrook Regional Communications for a commercial fire alarm activation at 142 Huttleston Ave., Palace Pizza.

Engine 4 and Ladder 1 responded to the alarm. Upon arrival, crews encountered smoke coming from the structure and requested an additional tone to bring our second due engine to the scene and recall off-duty personnel.

Chief Correia requested a working fire assignment to bring in mutual aid companies to the scene from New Bedford Fire and Mattapoisett Fire.

Acushnet Fire responded to cover the station. The fire was extinguished within approximately fifteen minutes of the initial fire attack. The cause is under investigation at this time and is not considered suspicious.

The building inspector and electrical inspector were also requested to the scene. No injuries were reported. Thank you to our mutual aid partners.



Palace Pizza, 142 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, sustained damage to the building after a fire on 5/21/26, with no cause identified and no injuries reported. Photo from Fairhaven Fire Department Facebook page.

## Delano Cemetery gets new sign



The Fairhaven Historical Commission recently installed a new sign at the Delano Cemetery, 898 Scoticut Neck Road, Fairhaven. Select Board member, Keith Silvia, and Historical Commission members, Doug Brady and Brian Messier installed the new sign last week. ABOVE: L-R: Fairhaven Select Board member, Keith Silvia, and Historical Commission members, Brian Messier and Doug Brady, pose for a photo by the new sign they recently installed at the Delano Cemetery on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. RIGHT: Mr. Messier looks at the old, battered sign, after the new sign is installed. Submitted photos by Danny Silvia courtesy of the Fairhaven Historical Commission.



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## Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 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 chance). 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](mailto:JBowers@Fairhaven-ma.gov).

Deadline is September 25th.

## Supportive Social Day Program

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

## 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.

**June 1, 12:15 p.m.** *Remarkably Bright Creatures* Drama PG 13 Through unlikely bonds formed during night shifts at a local aquarium, Tova, an elderly widow, learns of a life-changing discovery that may bring her joy and wonder once again.

**June 8, 12:15 p.m.** *Going in Style* Comedy, Crime. PG 13. Desperate to pay their bills and support their loved ones, lifelong pals Willy Davis, Albert Gardner, and Joe Harding risk it all by robbing the bank that absconded with the pension money that they eared from working there for years.

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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.

## All-Abilities Fishing Derby

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## Qigong Class with Robin Fielding

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# Recipe of the Week

## Chicken Caesar Smash Tacos

(Makes 10 or more )

### Ingredients:

- 2 lbs Ground Chicken
- 10 Mini Tortillas
- Oil for Cooking
- Favorite Caesar Dressing
- Shredded Parmesan Cheese
- Romaine Lettuce
- Diced tomatoes (Optional)
- Caesar Croutons (Optional)
- Seasoning(s) of your choice

### Prepare the chicken tacos

Mince the ground chicken to a paste, mix in any seasoning(s) you prefer to season your chicken with.

Place 2-3 tablespoons of chicken on the tortilla and spread out the chicken gently pressing down to create a layer that covers most of the tortilla.

### Cook the Tacos

Heat a skillet over high heat with little oil

Place the tortilla chicken-side down into the hot pan. Cook until the chicken is golden brown, crispy, and fully cooked through.

Flip and briefly toast the tortilla side if desired, then remove from heat.

### Assemble the Tacos

Chop the romaine into bite size pieces, mix in your desired amount of shredded parmesan, tomatoes and desired amount of dressing. Top with croutons.

Fold into a taco and enjoy!



# Dear Frankie

## Absence Makes the Heart Beat Faster

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

Dear Frankie,

My parents have two worrisome habits: either they leave the house without telling me, or they tell me they are leaving and then don't come back when they said they would.

When they are away, I try not to worry that they might be murdered or assaulted, but I can't.

When they return, I can't believe how excited I am that they are home safe and sound.

I wish I could be more relaxed about their comings and goings, but I can't.

Arthur

Dear Arthur

Your reactions are perfectly natural. Dogs are pack animals. Packs provide one another with social connections and protection. When the leaders of the pack (your parents) go off on their own, they are vulnerable to danger without the pack's protection.

So, it's understandable that when your parents return, you feel a great sense of relief that they are okay and that life can get back to normal.

In short, Arthur, you are just acting like a dog.

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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Visit [www.tinyurl.com/uusfauction](http://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](mailto:office@uufairhaven.org), call 508-992-7081, or visit [uufairhaven.org](http://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.

Age groups: top three male and females in age groups; top father/daughter and father/son teams.

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Learn more, register at <https://www.fairhavenroadrace.org>

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### 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.

### Science Cafe

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

Our guest Dr. Marc Kuchner will discuss "Forty Ways You Can Do NASA Science –Or, How I Almost Went to Jail," about his quest to give everyone a chance to participate in scientific research. Marc is an astrophysicist and NASA's "citizen science" officer.

NASA now supports more than 40 different scientific teams that invite the public to take part in their research using the latest spacecraft data. Through these projects, volunteers have made countless

scientific discoveries, including most of the known comets, hundreds of exoplanets, and a new kind of aurora. But until recently, these citizen science projects were rare. Opening the doors of science has been a battle with skeptics, personal doubts, and pesky civil-war-era laws.

Marc will tell the story of his journey from solo scientist to NASA's chief participatory science evangelist—and help you find your new favorite way to Do NASA Science.

### 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](http://www.masskidsboatingday.org)

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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/>

### 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](http://smecollaborative.org).

# Acushnet honors the fallen with Memorial Day services

By Beth David  
Editor

The Town of Acushnet held a ceremony commemorating Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, 5/23/26, to honor the military service members who have given their lives in service to the nation. The ceremony included patriotic songs by the Ford Middle School Chorus; remarks by local officials; the laying of the wreath at the flag pole; an invocation by Pastor Lori Eldridge; and the reading of the honor roll by Lionel Demers.

Close to 100 people turned up on a day that saw the rain hold off, but had overcast skies.

Keynote speaker, Bill Kligel, Commander of the New Bedford Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), gave a brief history of Memorial Day. He reminded people that the day is set aside to honor veterans who have died in war.

Remember the meaning of the day before saying, "Happy Memorial Day," he said.

"Some think saying 'Happy Memorial Day' puts the holiday in a more cheerful light, as opposed to the day of honor and remembrance it is meant to be," said Sgt. Kligel. "Instead of saying 'Happy Memorial Day,' the Code of Support Foundation offers an alternative phrase: 'I wish you a meaningful Memorial Day.'"

He noted that many people wear a poppies to honor America's war dead on Memorial Day, a tradition that dates back to the poem "In Flanders Field," written in 1915 by John McCrae.

He also told the crowd that Presi-



dent Bill Clinton signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act," which encourages all Americans to observe a moment of silence at 3 p.m. local time.

We all remember someone who died due to military service and mostly those who died in combat, he said.

"They all served for the value and belief of our country, our freedom and a way of life we will never allow anyone to take away," said Sgt. Kligel. "We remember so we never forget why they served and what we defend: The American way of life and all who gave to preserve our value."

"America is the home of freedom because of our brave," said Sgt. Kligel.

Selectboard member Bob Hinckley told the crowd they were there to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to the country.

"These heroes came from towns just like Acushnet, from families much like our own," said Mr. Hinckley. "Almost everyone here today has been directly impacted by someone who gave their life to protect yours."

He said many never got to see the freedoms they helped protect because they made the ultimate sacrifice. Freedom is not guaranteed, he said.

"Liberty has always come at a cost. All the freedoms you have today were paid for by others that willingly sacrificed their own," said Mr. Hinckley. "We own them more than words."

He said to keep the memory of the fallen alive in how we live, how we help others, and how we remain united as Americans.

State Representative, Mark Sylvia, told the crowd we enjoy the freedoms because of the courage of those who served, and we remember those who never came home.

"Our communities are strong,



ABOVE: Veterans salute facing the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance at Acushnet's Veterans Memorial park during a ceremony commemorating Memorial Day on Saturday, 4/23/26. BELOW: Veteran Army Corporal August "Gus" Cote is ready for the program to begin. Photos by Beth David.

made up of hard working deeply rooted people who understand commitment, duty and what it means to look out for one another," said Rep. Sylvia, adding it is that spirit that sent people to serve, in every generation, every time.

The community also remembers the families, and the Gold Star families, who also made the ultimate sacrifice, he said.

"Our entire community mourns with you, and we're here for you," he said.

And to active military and veterans he said, "We are deeply grateful for your service, for protecting us and ensuring we continue to enjoy what it means to be American: Freedom, liberty, and justice for all."

Mike Jenney, the Commander of the Acushnet American Legion, said as he looked out at the crowd, he was "at a loss."

"For such a small town, so many people have showed up to show their gratitude," said Cdr. Jenney, adding that we have lost a lot of people over the year. "Because of you folks, hey will be remembered."

"I love it," said US Army Veteran Laurie Rollins. "I think it's important to acknowledge veterans."

She said she comes from a long line of veterans, so she was there not only for herself, but for her grandfather, father, and son.

The entire service is available on demand on the town's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7knhDk9v0is>

# Fairhaven holds indoor Memorial Day service

By Beth David  
Editor

Rain canceled the parade and forced the ceremony inside, but that did not stop about 200 people from commemorating Memorial Day in Fairhaven on 5/25/26.

More than 200 people packed into the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center to join the ceremony, which included remarks by State Representative Mark Sylvia and Veterans Services Officer, Mike Jenney; an invocation by Deacon Doug Medeiros; the reading of the Gettysburg Address by Boy Scout, Travis Barreiros; the reading of the town's Honor Roll by Select Board member, Andrew Romano; the reading of the governor's proclamation by SB chair Charles Murphy; Taps; the Pledge of Allegiance; and several patriotic songs by the Greater

New Bedford Choral Society.

"Despite the rain there is an amazing turnout this year," said Rep. Sylvia. "Which is an absolute reflection of how much we all value the sacrifice of the men and women who have fought and not come home, and the veterans who are here who fought so that we can all be free."

Rep. Sylvia said we gather to remember and bear witness to make sure the names engraved on memorials "in our towns and in our hearts serve as a testimonial to selfless sacrifice, to love of community, of country."

Mr. Mike Jenney focused his remarks on the "what ifs" in the lives of those who did not return. For the families who lost loved ones, Memorial Day is about reflection and sorrow.

What would life be like for those who did not come home, he asked, for their children?



"One will never know," said Mr. Jenney.

They are questions too many parents have had to ask themselves.

"A parent should never have to bury their child but the reality is that millions have and will continue to do so in the name of freedom," said Mr. Jenney.

He asked that people reflect on the fact that millions of brave men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice, "so that we may enjoy that hot dog, that hamburger, or a cold beer. For without their sacrifice we would not be able to enjoy all the freedoms we hold so dear."

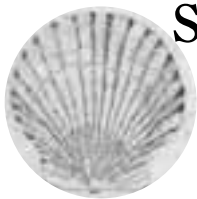
The ceremony will be available at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com) soon.



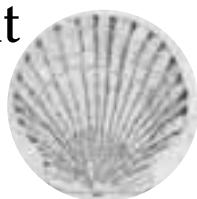
TOP: Veteran Chuck "Hell on Wheels" Cromwell enjoys some sweets with his wife, Elaine, after the Memorial Day Services at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center on 5/25/26. MIDDLE: Vietnam Era US Marine, Dan Morris, Jr., salutes the honor wall during Taps. ABOVE LEFT: Greater New Bedford Choral Society Director, Brian Sousa, leads the chorus. ABOVE RIGHT: Troop 52 Boy Scout Travis Barreiros reads the Gettysburg Address. Photos by Beth David.

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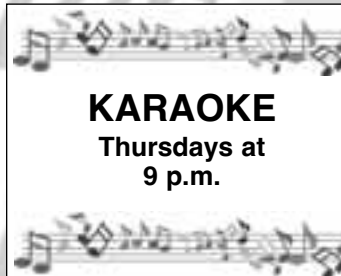
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## LETTERS: cont'd from page 4

### **Kuechler is Breath of Fresh Air**

My wife, Jeannette, and I wholeheartedly support Pam Kuechler as a candidate for Fairhaven Select Board. As a community, we have the chance to vote for someone who possesses the dedication, integrity, and civic responsibility that we hope for in a candidate. Pam is a breath of fresh air in a world that is so divided and we know she will have a profound impact on the credibility and viability of the Select Board. Credibility requires a combination of expertise, consistency, and ethical behavior. Viability is the ability to grow and develop. Pam possesses these qualities and practices them every day.

We have the unique opportunity to elect someone like Pam to the Fairhaven Select Board. My wife and I will be voting for Pam Kuechler on June 9th and encourage our fellow voters to join us in supporting her.

*Ray and Jeannette Sylvia, Fairhaven*

### **Kevin Grant Picks Four in Election**

I would like to take the time to endorse Miles Grant and Pam Kuechler to the Select Board, and Mona Phillips and Andrew Panek to the Planning Board.

I first met Miles when I heard he had taken out papers for the Planning Board. After speaking with him and getting to know him I was happy to endorse him last year and was very happy he was elected. He has served with clear focus, integrity and drive, and it has been a pleasure to serve with him. His contributions to the Planning Board over a short time will have a lasting effect.

As with Miles, I was introduced to Pam only after I had heard she was a candidate. Her past in education is obvious in her ability to explain complex issues with ease, making difficult concepts simple to understand. Her work with PACE informs her awareness of the social and economic challenges which we are not immune to in Fairhaven. I am grateful to have met her and am doubly grateful she is running.

Miles and Pam understand there is no easy solution or quick fix to the challenges facing Fairhaven, as they are challenges facing almost every town and city in the state, but they are willing to have those difficult

conversations and confront the difficult task.

As with our Select Board candidates, I was only introduced to Mona and Andrew when I had heard they would be running. I quickly realized how lucky we are as a town to have candidates cut from this cloth. Mona's experience on a ZBA in New Jersey coupled with her knowledge and advocacy for coastal climate change impact mitigation makes her a perfect addition to the Board. Likewise, Andrew's vast experience in the construction industry, combined with his work at PACE in affordable housing and teaching construction skills to underprivileged youth, are all pertinent skills for the Planning Board: he has his hand on the pulse of not only our housing crisis but on the struggles of the economically disadvantaged.

All four of these candidates bring a wide array of skills and experience to the table. I enthusiastically look forward to serving with each and every one of them and I believe they are more than deserving of my support and your votes.

*(These views are my own and in no way are meant to represent the views of the Planning Board on which I serve.)*

*Kevin Grant, Fairhaven*

### **Why Vote for Rick Trapilo?**

I will be casting my vote for Rick Trapilo because I believe he will be a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility and a common-sense advocate for us hard-pressed taxpayers of this town. In particular the working class and the US senior citizens who are dependent on Social Security and struggle to pay every day expenses together with the ever-increasing cost of utilities.

Rick Trapilo is I believe highly qualified for the position of selectman. He is very civic minded. He has a degree in business administration and has served on many committees one being the Planning Board of our town.

What I like and appreciate is his common-sense approach to economic development. He fully understands the fact that the government is dependent upon the private sector to fund it and in turn the role of business and services is to generate the tax dollars to fund it.

A case in point, Rick has taken up

the issues of Atlas Tack. I am glad he did. From my point of view this property should be utilized for manufacturing. The EPA spent millions to clean it up. I believe it would be great if some business or manufacturer of electronic components or solar panels or something similar came in there, thereby generating some tax dollars, and jobs for our students when they graduate.

Another point I would like to make is I do appreciate the role of the government. I would like to single out a few departments that deserve respect and appreciation. Starting with the police, they put their lives on the line when they put on a badge and strap on a gun and go out to serve us. The EMS workers and firemen and women, too.

A final point I would like to make is that if the Proposition 2 1/12 override passes it will prove to be Pandora's Box for ever increasing tax increases.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

### **Kuechler is Obviously Qualified**

I'm writing to enthusiastically endorse Pam Kuechler for Select Board in Fairhaven.

I have known Pam and her family for over 30 years. We have served together on various committees at the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven.

Pam is obviously qualified for the Selectboard position based on her experience with the School Committee and in the workforce. Her leadership and budgetary knowledge have been a huge benefit in her role as Executive Director of PACE as they continue to operate in difficult financial times.

The one thing I feel that I need to mention though is how I have witnessed Pam deal with difficult situations. Her first instinct is to examine the problem and to find a solution while listening to the concerns of all involved. Emotion does not enter the picture as I feel it does far too often in today's politics. Her ability to work with others and listen to others truly sets her apart.

In closing I hope you will consider casting one of your votes for Select Board in Fairhaven for Pam Kuechler.

*Pete Braley, Fairhaven*

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Friday	29	0721 1937	0223 1253	
Saturday	30	0759 2015	0307 1312	
Sunday	31	0838 2055	0336 1343	
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Monday	1	0920 2136	0255 1422	
Tuesday	2	1003 2218	0322 1505	
Wednesday	3	1046 2300	0355 1549	
Thursday	4	1130 2345	0429 1630	
Friday	5	---	1219 0504 1712	
Saturday	6	0035 1311	0545 1802	
Sunday	7	0128 1402	0635 1906	
Monday	8	0219 1451	0734 2016	
Tuesday	9	0310 1543	0832 2118	
Wednesday	10	0406 1641	0925 2220	
Thursday	11	0509 1741	1020 2324	
Friday	12	0607 1833	1118* ---	

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### 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 Health

Wed., 6/3, Town Hall, 5 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.

#### Commission on Disability

Thurs., 6/11, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Council on Aging

Tues., 6/9, Sr. Ctr., 9 a.m.

#### Economic Development

Thurs., 6/4, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

#### ELECTION

Tues., 6/9, Rec Ctr (All precincts)  
Polls open 10-8

#### Historical Commission

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

#### Planning Board

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

#### School Committee

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

#### Select Board

Mon., 6/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Comm

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

### Acushnet

#### Beautification Comm

Thurs., 5/28, Town Hall, 5 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.

I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade...  
And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party.

Ron White

# Josh Benoit sworn in as Fairhaven Fire Dept. Deputy Chief

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Town Clerk, Elisabeth Horan swore in Josh Benoit as Deputy Fire Chief at the Select Board meeting on 5/26/26. Mr. Benoit has served the town through many appointments starting in 2002 as a Call Firefighter, Firefighter, Temporary Acting Lieutenant, Lieutenant, Temporary Deputy Chief.

Fire Chief Todd Correia told the board that Mr. Benoit is the seventh full time Deputy Chief for the town.

“Right from the start,” said Chief Correia, Mr. Benoit distinguished himself as a dedicated firefighter.

Chief Correia said that Mr. Benoit had consistently answered the call when the department needed him, and built an “impressive reputation” as an exceptional firefighter, who was always calm.

“In any role, Josh has led by example,” said Chief Correia, and has consistently demonstrated accountability and sound judgement.

“This promotion means a great deal to me,” said Dept. Chief Benoit.

He said he needed to thank a few

people, including his wife, Courtney.

“You have stood by me every step of the way,” he said, adding she has sacrificed and even put her own goals aside. “Your support made all this possible.”

He also thanked his children, Isaiah and Brooke, who also sacrificed he said, as he worked 24 hour shifts.

“You mean more to me than I can put into words,” said Mr. Benoit.

He also thanked his parents for their encouragement.

And he thanked former Fire Chief Tim Francis for believing in him from the beginning as a Call Firefighter, and helping to guide him.

“Those oppor-

tunities changed my life and the course of my career,” said Mr. Benoit.

He also thanked Chief Correia for being a role model, and thanked all his “brothers and sisters” past and present.

“I learned something from every one of you,” said Dep. Chief Benoit.



Newly minted Fairhaven Fire Department Deputy Chief, Josh Benoit, is pinned by his wife, Courtney, at a ceremony during the Fairhaven Select Board meeting on 5/26/26. Photo by Beth David.

## SELECT: cont'd from page 3

In another matter, the board was set to vote on releasing the covenant on the G. Bourne Knowles property. The covenant was placed on the property when a different development was proposed in 2006. It limits development to 50 “upscale” condos with only two bedrooms. In 2013 the developer tried to change it to three bedrooms but was unsuccessful. That development proposal eventually fell through.

Now a developer is proposing a “Friendly 4B” development with 224 units. The covenant would have to be removed for that to happen. Both the Select Board and the Planning Board would have to vote to remove the covenant.

However, before it even came up for a vote, Conservation Commission chairperson, Brandon Estrella notified the board that the ConCom holds three Conservation Restrictions (CR) on the property.

In light of the new information, SB member, Andrew Romano, asked if they could table the matter until the next meeting.

Mr. Hickey said he did not think that was unreasonable, but he did tell the board that the developer has put a hold on moving forward with any plans until they hear from the board.

He said they do not want to invest any more money until they know where they stand with the Select Board.

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Mr. Romano said he did not want to vote until he had time to digest the new information. He asked for a summary.

Conservation Agent, Kelly Camara, said the three CRs are marked, but

the developer’s initial design does not clearly state where the buildings will go. She was not sure, she said, if the CRs will interfere with the proposed buildings, but the CRs do restrict a lot of areas that cannot be developed.

But where they can build “is limited,” said Ms. Camara.

The Conservation Commission holds the Conservation Restrictions.

The board voted to table the matter until the next meeting.

The board also received an update from the Historical Commission on their pursuit of grants for historical markers for the Rogers School, the Academy Building and the Old Stone Schoolhouse.

The Commission also replaced the sign at the Delano Cemetery (see page 7).

In other business the board:

- Appointed Stephen Silvia to the Council on Aging Board;
- Approved the use of town bathrooms, the closing of streets, and a one-day all alcohol license for the Belonging Committee for Fairhaven’s Got Pride on 6/28.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 26-WW01-0070-APP Kathryn Barnett, Trustee of the Kathryn Barnett Living Trust, and Bruce E. Kennedy, Trustee of the Bruce E. Kennedy Living Trust, Crow Island, Fairhaven, Bristol County

NOTIFICATION DATE: May 29, 2026

Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by Kathryn Barnett, Trustee of the Kathryn Barnett Living Trust, and Bruce E. Kennedy, Trustee of

the Bruce E. Kennedy Living Trust, to license and maintain the existing floats, float piles, ramp, pier, bulkhead, fill, stone revetment, boat house, and to construct and maintain two additional floats and install one float pile, at 1 Crow Island in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over waters of Fairhaven Harbor/ Acushnet River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within thirty (30) days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an

adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter "26-WW01-0070-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact [vin.manfredi@mass.gov](mailto:vin.manfredi@mass.gov) or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 283-5901 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Vin Manfredi, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 or [vin.manfredi@mass.gov](mailto:vin.manfredi@mass.gov).

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

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

## 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.

## 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, Mattapoisett, Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, Cash Bar, Raffles & Prizes

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## Free Concert

MAC Music presents the KabuJazz Ensemble feat. Candida Rose in a free, outdoor concert at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion, MA. The concert will take place on Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 pm. This family-friendly, all ages event is open to the public. Guests are invited to bring their own lawn chairs and refreshments. In case of foul weather, the concert will be moved indoors at the community center. Parking and bathrooms are available on site. Learn more at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events)

## 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

- June 1, 7 p.m.
- June 10, 7 p.m.
- June 18, 7 p.m.

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Learn more at [oldcolonybuildingproject.com](http://oldcolonybuildingproject.com)

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Southcoast in the Revolution

Join the Friends of the Dartmouth Libraries on Sat., 6/6 at 2:00 p.m. to hear Jane Dugan from Old Colony History Museum discuss the important role Bristol County played in the American Revolution. Ms. Dugan will draw on the Museum's collection, which includes original manuscripts, decorative arts, and militaria, for her presentation on the impact that individuals and groups from Southeastern Massachusetts had on the War of Independence.

The presentation is sponsored in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and will be held at Southworth Library, an accessible facility, 732 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth. For more

information, please e-mail [fodl.libraries@gmail.com](mailto:fodl.libraries@gmail.com).

## Duck Race

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sat., 6/20, at the Acushnet River ending at River's End Park, 194 River Road, at 3 p.m. Proceeds go to Lions Club charities.

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.

## Comedy Fundraiser

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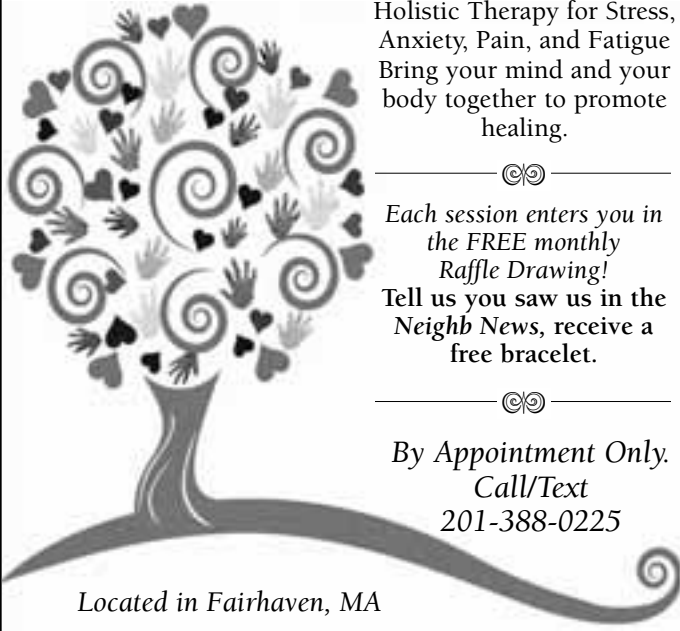
## Artist Reception

*Salt & Light*, the new show in the MAC Galleries, will open on Fri., 5/29 with an artists' reception from 5:00-7:00pm. The show runs through 7/3, with artists' talks in the galleries scheduled Thursday, June 25 at 5:00pm. All events are free and open to the public and will be held at the Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Learn more at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events)

*Salt & Light* brings together painters Kim Gatesman, Christy Gunnels, and Barbara Healy, whose work celebrates the distinctive landscapes of New England — rocky shorelines, salt marshes, cranberry bogs, and open coastlines. Though united by place, each artist brings a singular vision to the canvas, exploring light, color, and atmosphere in her own way. The result is a rich conversation between perspectives, inviting viewers to look slowly at the land, water, and sky that define our remarkable SouthCoast region.

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***- Andrew Romano, Select Board***

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***- Natalie Mello, Select Board***

**"Miles will bring a much-needed new perspective on the Select Board. He offers energy, independence & a commitment to community engagement, and is not afraid to ask difficult questions or challenge the status quo."**

***- Ann Espindola & Bob Espindola, former Select Board member***

**Miles has been invested in improving our town well before serving on the Planning Board. When he sees a problem, he researches it, learns the details, and takes action. We need thoughtful leaders willing to tackle difficult issues head-on with preparation, integrity, and real commitment to Fairhaven."**

***- Jessica Fidalgo, Planning Board***

**"I have watched Miles conduct himself with measured focus, professionalism and integrity over his past year on the Planning Board, and I have no reservations in giving him my fullest support and my highest endorsement."**

***- Kevin Grant, Planning Board***

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