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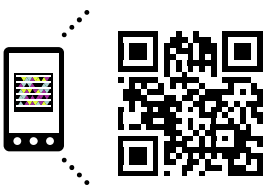
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Protesters gather for No Kings rally



The Big Flag flies in front of Fairhaven High School on flag day, 6/14/26, while protesters gather to oppose the authoritarian tactics of the Trump Administration on 6/14/26 as part of a nationwide mobilization. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Elections have consequences. She page 3 for the just one of the repercussions of the override vote.

We have a jam-packed issue this week. Summer stuff is really heating up (hahaha). Yeah, I know, it's late Okay?

We have a heartbreaking story about a four-year-old Acushnet boy who was hit by a car and killed. I can't even imagine the pain the family must feel. See page 14 to learn about young Liam and his short life.

We also have meeting coverage for you, with Select Board on page 4.

The seniors at the senior housing complex had a Senior Prom...no kidding. And 106-year-old Louise Sylvia made sure she did not miss it. As she tried to leave, we had to stop her because she was chosen as one of the princesses. She stayed but only if it was quick, she said, because she was expecting company at 8 p.m. No kidding, 106 years old and expecting company at 8 p.m. I want to be Louise when I grow up. See more on page 13.

There was a No Kings protest this weekend, too, and Fairhaven did its part to protest the Big Buffoon's continued destruction of our once-great democracy. See page 12 for that. I'm going to try to add some pictures when I upload to the website (if I can stay awake). Speaking of staying awake, have you seen the stable genius (NOT!) dozing off lately?

Pathetic. And so is the constant grift of this guy. Our taxpayer dollars just flowing to him, his companies. They're so blatant, while the cronies in Congress take their naps. We need new blood, eh?

Thumb through to find all the other great stuff in here. 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,
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Glory to the Heroes!




Publisher Beth David...
VROOM VROOM!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the election last week, we made a doozy of an error in reporting the numbers for the three ballot questions. We accidentally posted numbers for precinct one, not all precincts. Correct numbers are: Q1/No, 1911-1273; Q2/No, 1882-1399; Q3/Yes, 1826-1223.

We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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Election results finalized; Tourism Office to close on 6/30

By Beth David
Editor

The results of the Fairhaven election, in addition to choosing elected officials, include the outcome of three ballot questions.

Three candidates competed for two seats on the Select Board. Pam Kuechler took the top spot with 1785 votes; Rick Trapilo got 143; Miles Grant received 1562.

Planning Board also had two contested races. Four candidates vied for three full term seats: Incumbent Kevin Grant (1734); newcomer Mona Phillips (1341); incumbent Sharon Simmons (1237) lost her seat.

Planning Board also had an unexpired term to fill, with two people vying for that spot: Jennifer Cardoza (1648), and Andrew Panek (1148).

Uncontested races included, School Committee, with two candidates running to fill two full term seats, and one person running to fill an unexpired term. Donna McKenna (1949) and Erik Baumann (1614) won the full term slots; Michael Sherman (1866) was elected to fill the unexpired term.

Other uncontested races were: Board of Public Works, incumbent Brian Wotton (1844); Marcus Ferro, (1645); Board of Health, incumbent Justine Frezza (2034); Commissioner of Trust Funds, incumbent Louis

Ponte (1961); Housing Authority, Jacob Galary, 2030.

Question one would have removed the fire and police departments from Civil Service. It failed 1936 to 1291. The departments will continue to be in Civil Service.

Question two would have authorized a Proposition 2 1/2 override that would have allowed the town to assess an additional \$649,178 in real estate taxes for fire department overtime, tourism department, highway department, school department. It failed to pass 1906 to 1416.

Question three passed, accepting a town charter for the first time, 1850 to 1240.

With the failure of Question 2, the Office of Tourism is completely eliminated and Alyssa Botelho's job as director no longer exists after 6/30.

In a post on Facebook, Ms. Botelho thanked the residents who supported the office and the work they did. As a result of the vote, she said the following events are canceled: the Food Truck Flavor Fest, Swords & Sails, Olde-Tyme Holiday town hall events (separate events at the nonprofits may continue), free historical walking tours. The website will remain live until December, but no new events will be posted. The office also was responsible for keeping the town's social media sites updated.

"We also ask for patience during this transition," she wrote. "The Office of Tourism, Community, and Economic Development has managed social media across more than 30 Town of Fairhaven pages. As responsibilities are redistributed across departments, there may be delays or gaps in how information is posted. Town staff will be working to ensure continuity of communication."

Ms. Botelho noted that the department started as the Office of Tourism 30 years ago. In 2024 it was changed to the Office of Tourism, Community & Economic Development, branded as Discover Fairhaven, expanding its focus to include community programming, business support, and economic development initiatives.

"We are deeply grateful to the many residents, volunteers, local businesses, artists, vendors, performers, and visitors who have supported this work over the years," wrote Ms. Botelho. "Together, these initiatives have brought thousands of people into Fairhaven and strengthened community engagement and local economic activity. Thank you for being part of this work."

At its 6/15 meeting, the Select Board discussed options to keep the office running, or at least continue to offer the public events. See page 4 for story.

The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations.

Jack Lew

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Select Board trying to get creative to fund tourism

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 6/15/26, the Fairhaven Select Board discussed the possibility of trying to fund the tourism department through donations or grants. The department will be eliminated after 6/30 due to budget cuts. The Proposition 2 1/2 override vote would have saved the department, but the override failed (see page 3). SB member Andrew Saunders was absent from the meeting.

The department is responsible for organizing a number of events during the year, including outdoor festivals and the Old Tyme Holiday.

Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, told the board that he had asked director Alyssa Botelho if she would be willing to continue in the role if the department was funded by grants or donations, and she declined.

SB Vice Chair, Andrew Romano, said he felt the public has a mistrust of gift accounts and how the funds get used. He said the biggest expense of the department is the one salary, and without anyone in the position, he felt it would not help public trust to collect funds, and put them in an account to just sit there.

SB member, Natalie Mello, read a letter from Ms. Botelho elaborating more on her reasons. She said that a municipal department needs stable funding, clear oversight, and long-term planning.

In the letter, Ms. Botelho said she appreciated the enthusiasm and generosity of residents, but she was not willing to continue in the role. As a Fairhaven resident, she said, it has been "an honor" to serve the town for over 10 years. Ms. Botelho also worked in the Government Cable TV department.

"I respect the decision made by voters and leave this role with gratitude," said Ms. Botelho.

She also said she spoke with Todd Migliacci, who works in the Cable TV department, and took over many administrative duties while Ms. Botelho was away on a Fulbright Scholarship for eight months. He indicated he would be interested in the role if stable funding could be arranged.

Mr. Migliacci just happened to be in the room covering the meeting so he answered the board's questions.

He said once they figure out how they want to fund the department, he would be happy to talk about taking on the role or some aspect of it.

SB member Rick Trapilo asked about the increased state aid that had been announced. Mr. Hickey explained that the state budget is still not finalized. Only Town Meeting can appropriate the funds, so it would have to wait until the next Town Meeting or Special TM.

Cathy Melanson, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee; and Erin Carr both spoke in favor of funding the department with donations.

In the end the board voted to table the matter until the next meeting to give Mr. Hickey and Mr. Migliacci time to look at alternatives.

In another matter, the board voted to authorize the Town Administrator to spend up to \$50,000 for legal, appraisal, design and engineering services for the police department to move into the old Citizens Bank building at 4 Plaza Way.

Fire Chief Todd Correia and Police Chief Dan Dorgan told the board that the committee had spoken to the owner, and they had toured the

building.

Mr. Correia told the board that the building would work well for the police department.

The plan they are exploring is to move the police department to the Citizens building; knock down the police side of the current building on Washington Street, leaving the Fire Department side intact to be able to operate; and reconstructing that building to modernize the Fire Department. He said the estimated savings between that plan and building a new, combined safety complex is about \$25 million.

The board also held a public hearing to transfer the aquaculture license and acreage from Stephen Doonan to Matthew Loo.

Harbormaster Tim Cox said that Mr. Doonan started out with a partner, but that person has moved on, so he wanted to give up the license.

The board voted unanimously in favor.

In other business the board:

- Voted not to extend hours of liquor license during summer, a proposal the state has allowed due to the FIFA matches;
- Approved the procession routes and plan with accompanying road closures for the Our Lady of Angels feast on Sept. 5 and 7.
- Appointed Council on Aging Director, Martha Reed, to be ADA Coordinator (Americans with Disabilities Act);

Although it was the first meeting after the election, the board did not reorganize. Mr. Romano said he wanted to wait until SB member Andrew Saunders could be present in case he would be interested in any of the positions to be voted on. The board's next meeting is Monday, 6/22.

Deadline approaching to join July 4 parade: USA's 250th

Press Release

Registration is still open for this year's monumental milestone — the Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) of the United States! To celebrate this historic occasion, the July 4th Celebration Team is planning an unforgettable day of patriotism, pageantry, and community pride. If you have already signed up, Thank you! If not, secure your spot by June 26.

We are also thrilled to announce

that the Fairhaven Veterans Services Office is proudly sponsoring this year's landmark event!

Our goal for *MA250: Fairhaven's Revolutionary Fourth* is to host a record-breaking number of marchers, floats, and vintage vehicles. Whether you represent a local business, a neighborhood, a non-profit, a youth sports team, or just want to march with your family, we want you to be a major part of it!

Official Schedule of Events (July 4th)

- **8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Flag Raising Ceremony** Kick off Independence Day with the traditional raising of the "Big Flag" at Fairhaven High School.
- **8:45 a.m. Antique Car Cruise** Vintage vehicles will depart from the high school, cruising through

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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!

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. Cash prizes top three male and female. Learn more, register at <https://www.fairhavenroadrace.org>

WIIA Breakfast

Join the West Island Improvement Association for a buffet breakfast on Sun., 6/21, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven. Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. \$10/adults, \$5/children under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

Next Dates: 7/5, 8/2, 9/6

Buzzards Bay Swim

A one-of-a-kind, scenic, point-to-point open water swim across outer New Bedford Harbor, benefiting the Buzzards Bay Coalition!

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Your \$25 registration fee and \$300 fundraising minimum also includes shuttle service, swim cap, event tee,

and a locally custom-made finisher's medal. Special rates available for youth and lifeguard participants.

Outdoor Markets

Fairhaven Farmers Market At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Rd, Fairhaven, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through Oct. Visit www.fairhavenfarmersmarket.com or email allnaturalbeef@comcast.net.

Farmers Market/Roxann's Garden Center 189 Alden Rd, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local produce, baked goods, crafters, organic soap, and more.

North Fairhaven Open Air Market Weekly on Saturdays through September from 10 AM to 3 PM at Livesey Park, corner Glenhaven and Parker, under the trees. This vibrant market features arts, crafts, farmers, antiques vendors, and food. The Open Air Market does not accept vendors of brand name, commercially made direct sales products.

To learn more, email market manager Myles, NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com. Visit Facebook. com/NorthFairhavenMarket.

Free Pollinator Workshop

The Green Lanterns are holding a free workshop on Saturday, June 20th at 2pm on the Bridge Street Side of Cushman Park.

This workshop will provide the public with information about how to plant a small drought tolerant pollinator garden at home. This garden at Cushman Park will be a model for residents to see the plants and techniques needed to create the garden at home. Jennifer Anderson of Tree Talk Natives will provide expert advice and run the workshop. Free plants will be given out to attendees to take home.

This program is funded by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information or questions please contact ann.richard@gmail.com

Blessing of the Cars

Sat., 6/20, 9 a.m.–noon, St. Joseph Church Parking lot, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven (rain date 6/27). \$10 donation per car. Proceeds benefit

Veterans Transition House. Featuring coffee, music, raffles. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Sacred Hearts Council #17998.

Touch a Truck

Fun for the whole family. Touch a Truck: climb in, explore, honk, smile! Featuring police vehicles, fire boat, harbormater boat, Sheriff K9 unit, state police.

Fri., 6/19, at Off the Hook, 56 Goulart Memorial Drive (across from Hoppy's Landing), 11:30 am. to 2 p.m.

Summer Art Gallery

The Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery will open on June 19, 2026, with the exhibition, *Provenance: Classics to Contemporary*, bringing together a dynamic range of historic and contemporary artists working across painting, sculpture, and mixed media. The exhibition highlights a dialogue between past and present, featuring works by a variety of artists.

The gallery's summer program will extend beyond the opening exhibition to include plein air events, studio tours, and curated experiences within Fairhaven's historic architecture.

Opening Reception: Fri., 6/19, 5–7 p.m., Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery, 29 Center St., Fairhaven. Visit www.FairhavenSummerArtGallery.com

Fairhaven Summer Art Gallery is a seasonal exhibition space dedicated to presenting both historic and contemporary artists in a focused and accessible setting. The gallery emphasizes strong visual work, a clear curatorial approach, and meaningful connections between artists, collectors, and a wider arts community.

Porch/Door Contest


Hosted by the Fairhaven Improvement Association and Fairhaven Historical Society, this community decorating contest encourages residents and businesses to celebrate America's 250th anniversary through patriotic porch and door displays throughout Fairhaven.

Three awards will be presented for outstanding residential displays.

Businesses are encouraged to participate as part of the community celebration, but are not eligible for

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Goytizolo Scholarship

The Fairhaven Historical Society is pleased to announce the awarding of the Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship to Mr. Harrison Zheng of Fairhaven High School Class of 2026. He will continue his education at Harvard University in the Fall.



L-R: Enrique "Ricky" Goytizolo presents the Goytizolo Scholarship to Harrison Zheng of the Fairhaven High School Class of 2026. Submitted photo.



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Fire on Forestview Drive displaces four

Press Release

On June 10, 2026, at 12:02 p.m. the Fairhaven Fire Department department received a dispatch from Holbrook Regional Communications for a report of smoke in the basement of 2 Forestview Drive.

Group 1 responded in Engine 4, Ladder 1 and Engine 3. Car 1, Car 2 and Car 3 also responded. A box was struck for additional off duty personnel. Upon arrival, smoke was

showing from the 2 1/2 story wood frame home with solar panels.

The homeowner was on scene and stated that their animals, 1 dog and 2 cats were still inside. A fire was located and extinguished inside the rear corner of the walkout basement. Searches were conducted and the animals were removed and unharmed.

Crews remained on scene for 2 hours to overhaul and investigate the cause along with the wiring inspector.

The utilities were secured along with the solar panels. Eversource was requested to cut the service to the home from the pole.

Mattapoisett Fire Department responded to the scene and Acushnet Fire-EMS responded for station coverage. No injuries were



TOP: A firefighter rescues a cat from a fire at 2 Forestview Drive in Fairhaven on 6/10/26. ABOVE: Fairhaven's Ladder 1 responds Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.


reported.

Four occupants were displaced from the residence. The cause is still under investigation by the Fairhaven Fire Department.

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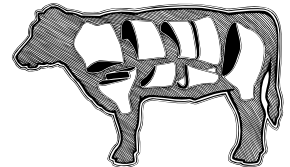
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Cutting the Cable

June 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Empowering Older Adults with Technology, call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

Tired of paying so much for cable TV from Verizon, Comcast, or RCN, which have dozens (or hundreds) of channels you don't watch? This practical workshop will show you how to save money while still getting to

watch what you need.

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 22, 12:15 p.m. Pollyanna. Comedy, Drama, and Family. A young girl comes to an embittered town and

confronts its attitude with her determination to see the best in life.

June 29, 12:15 p.m. The Last Word. Drama, Comedy/Dark Comedy, Quirky. Harriet is a retired businesswoman who tries to control everything around her. When she decides to write her own obituary, a young journalist takes up the task of finding out the truth, resulting in life-altering friendship.

Wellness Clinic & Blood Pressure Check

With Fairhaven Community Nurse. Every Wed., from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

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.

Legal Help

Free 15-minute consultation with Atty. Suzanne Seguin. Call the center for info, 508-979-4029.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, advocates for older adults, 508-979-7150.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

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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

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. Instructor: Robin Fielding. 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

Outdoor Movie

Willy Wonka Movie Under the Stars Join us for a magical outdoor movie night under the stars as we celebrate the 55th anniversary showing of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and friends at Fairhaven Recreation. The movie begins at 7:00 PM on August 28, 2026, and admission is just \$10 per family. Popcorn and a sweet treat will be provided, making this a deliciously fun night you will not want to miss. Register your family today!! In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown in the gym

Fairhaven Recreation Center/Back field Aug. 28, 7pm-9pm \$10 per family

Recipe of the Week

Chocolate Cherry Magic Cookie Bars

FOR THE CHOCOLATE-GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST

- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted, plus more for greasing the pan
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (from 12 full sheets)
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1/3 packed cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

FOR THE TOPPING

- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup weetened flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/2 cups bittersweet chocolate chips or chopped bittersweet chocolate
- 1 1/4 cups dried tart cherries
- Flaky salt, for sprinkling (optional)

Heat oven to 350°. Brush a 9-by-13-inch metal baking pan with butter, then line the pan with a piece of parchment paper that hangs over the two long sides.

In a medium bowl, combine the graham cracker crumbs, cocoa, brown sugar and salt. Add the melted butter and stir until evenly moistened. The mixture will be very buttery. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan and, using a rubber spatula, spread evenly and firmly into the pan. Bake until fragrant and set, 12 to 15 minutes.

While the crust is fresh out of the oven, gently spread the sweetened condensed milk evenly across the surface, being careful not to pull up the crust as you spread. Sprinkle the coconut, pecans and chocolate on top. Return the pan to the oven and bake until coconut begins to turn golden, about 20 minutes.

Immediately after the pan comes out of the oven, sprinkle the cherries over the top and press them in gently. Sprinkle with flaky salt, if using, and let cool completely (about 2 hours).

Using the parchment paper, lift the magic cookie out of the pan to slice into bars with a sharp, heavy knife. If the chocolate is tacky, firm it up in the fridge for a few minutes before slicing.

Dear Frankie



Annual Dog Park Dance

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

Dear Frankie, The dog park dance is coming up, and it's already a disaster.

Many of the boy dogs have boycotted the dance because of the dress code and the overkill in supervision. Some of the girls have decided to go as a couple.

Only a few girls and boys are planning to go.

But my problem is that no one has invited me. I'm beyond humiliated.

Gladys

Dear Gladys,

When did a dance turn into a committee meeting before it even started? Someone needs to call a meeting at the dog park — get the dress code sorted, ease up on the supervision, and make this dance something that the dogs will want to attend. More dogs, more invitations.

And if yours still doesn't come? Pick up the phone or paw a text and invite someone yourself.

Best, Frankie

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prize awards.

Judging will take place on Monday, June 29.

Winners will be announced Friday, July 3 on the Fairhaven Improvement Association and Fairhaven Historical Society Facebook pages.

Enter at <https://tinyurl.com/nhe6xhpz> or email fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com for link.

SAVE THE DATES:

FHS Tours

Fairhaven High School Alumni President Bob Foster '66 has been leading guided tours through the 1906 building since 2009. Normally six tours are offered from late June to mid-July. The tours are FREE and start in the Rotunda of the main entrance on the Huttleston Ave side of the building and last between 90 - 120 minutes. Admission is free and we ask that you arrive 10-15 minutes before the start time. The 2026 tours will be conducted on the following dates:

Sat June 27, 2026 10:00 am

Sat June 27, 2026 12:00 pm

Wed July 01, 2026 10:00 am

Thur July 09, 2026 10:00 am

Wed July 15, 2026 10:00 am

Tue July 21, 2026 10:00 am

Fairhaven's Got Pride

Celebrating love, unity, and community. Sun., 6/28, 11 am.-4 p.m.. Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St.

Featuring a full day of joy, connection, and celebration; live entertainment; music; beer garden; vendors.

Fairhaven's Got Pride is more than an event: It's a celebration of who we are, a day to stand together, honor our journey, and embrace the vibrant spirit of our LGBTQ+ community. Everyone is welcome. Everyone belongs.

Find Fairhaven's Got Pride on Facebook for updates.

Full Bloom Fest

Full Bloom Festival uplifts the community for the 6th year in a row with this music & arts Free Family event!

On June 28 at Cushman park in Fairhaven, MA. The day will kick off at 10:00 am with a Donation based Family Yoga class to benefit this year's charity, The Sound of a Smile.

There will be activities, vendors, and special events all day from 10 am to 8 pm. We have live music from several local bands including, Immuter, Spoiler Alert, Touch of Grey,

Brainwheel, and more!

As always there will be endless options for the kids at this event! Bring the family, bring a blanket and a picnic, and get ready to spend the day in community!

Homecoming Day Fair

The 48th Annual Homecoming Day Fair, proudly sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will be held in the heart of Fairhaven on Sat., 6/27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair, a cherished tradition with roots dating back to 1903, was envisioned in 1975 by a group inspired by the Fairhaven Colonial Fair. This vision led to our beloved event, named the Homecoming Day Fair.

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Visit <https://www.fairhavenimprovement.org/> or email: Fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Day of Portugal

Who's ready for bifanas, malasadas, and a cold Super Bock?

Enjoy delicious food, cold drinks, great entertainment, live music, and a weekend full of fun with family and friends. Celebrate our Portuguese culture and community together. June 18-21. Madeira Field, New Bedford, 50 Madeira Ave., New Bedford.

Fun for the whole family, authentic Portuguese food, cultural exhibits and vendors.

Our Day of Portugal raffle is packed with incredible prizes, including a \$1,000 voucher for a trip to Portugal! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held June 21.

June 18

6:30 p.m. Flag raising ceremony, New Bedford City Hall followed by reception at the Consulate of Portugal

June 19

6:00 p.m. Opening ceremony with Banda Senhor da Pedra, ribbon cutting at festival grounds

June 20

4 p.m: Luz Eterna

5:30 p.m. Tita

7 p.m. Arlindo Andrade

9:30 p.m. Moda Nova

June 21

4 p.m. Various Folklore Groups

6:30 p.m. Vava Brito

7 p.m. Carlos Pires

Roller Disco

New Moon Roller Disco returns to Buttonwood Park on Saturday, June 20, from 3-7 PM, bringing an afternoon of skating, dancing, music, and community celebration to one of New Bedford's most scenic public spaces.

The event will begin with a free skate lesson led by Amy Caracappa, followed by open skating. Music will be provided by New Moon resident DJs baye, Corey Jones, and Neil Matheson, who will keep the courts rolling with an eclectic mix of disco, funk, soul and house.

New Moon Roller Disco is made possible through support from the New Bedford Local Cultural Council and the New Bedford Parks & Recreation Department, whose

continued partnership helps make the event accessible to the entire community.

For those without skates, the Southcoast Shipwreckers Junior Roller Derby will once again provide its free Skate Library, offering loaner skates throughout the event. Attendees are also encouraged to donate gently used skates to help expand the program and increase access to the sport.

Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite disco-inspired attire, bring friends and family, and join the celebration on wheels.

Let's roll, New Bedford!

Find them on Facebook for updates

SAVE THE DATES:

Hetty Green

Hetty Green invites financial experts, neighbors, friends and enemies to speak with and listen to her Tea and Talk at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33

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No Kings rally draws hundreds in Fairhaven

By Beth David

Editor

Organizers held “No Kings” rallies across the country on 6/14/26, to protest the destructive, authoritarian tactics of the Trump Administration

“As America approaches its 250th anniversary, we have a choice about what story we tell.

“We can let strongman politics and corruption define the moment. Or we can make the story of America about people coming together — across race, background, identity, belief, and community — to defend our rights and build a future rooted in people power,” the website.

The 6/14 protest’s theme was “Rise up, sing out,” and featured a national concert held in Manhattan with watch parties across the country. More than 2100 locations held a protest with more than 200,000 on New York and more than 100,000 in Philadelphia.

In Fairhaven 200-250 people peacefully gathered near the high school with signs. A live band played, and protesters were mostly met with supportive honking and thumbs up gestures from cars

Local organizers, Ann Richard, said she was happy with the turnout on such a hot Sunday.

“I think it’s important to people,” she said.

Carol O’Brien, of Westport, said she attended for democracy.

“We don’t want a king,” said Ms.

O’Brien.

“We just can’t say quiet,” said Andrew Mazur of Tiverton, RI.

He and his wife, Shannon, said it was not that far away and they could not find a protest closer to them. And they visit Fairhaven often, even running in the Father’s Day Road Race.

Mr. Mazur said it was on Trump’s birthday so he wanted to “piss him off.”

“The world is burning down,” he said.

It was also Flag Day and the Fairhaven Alumni raised the “Big Flag” during the day.

“It stands for everything,” said Ms. Mazur.

Sandy Hall and Debbie Fisher said they were there for so many reasons including the Iran war.

“How long do you have?” asked Ms. Fisher.

Susan Aillery of New Bedford, and Robin Lopes of Fairhaven also had many reasons for being there.

“We hate what he’s doing,” said Ms. Lopes. “He’s destroying our country



L-R: Carol O'Brien, Andrew Mazur, Shannon Mazur, join the rally in front of Fairhaven High School on 6/14/26, to oppose the authoritarian tactics of the Trump Administration as part of a nationwide mobilization. Photo by Beth David.

for our kids.

They said they knew people who fought in WWII for our freedom.

“I believe in Freedom,” said Ms. Aillery. “We fought two hard and long to get it to let it go.”

Charlene from Mattapoisett ticked off a long list of reasons to protest from the war in Iran to the Epstein files, to the corruption that funnels taxpayer mone to billionaires.

Learn more about the No Kings movement at <https://www.nokings.org/>

To learn more about the Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee, which organized the event, find them on Facebook.

NFIA Open Air Market has something for everyone

By Beth David

Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association’s Open Air Market continues on Saturdays, along with other farmers markets starting to kick into high gear (see page 5 for details).

On Saturday, 6/13/26, the NFIA market at Livesey Park had a variety of vendors and a steady stream of visitors, despite the heat. Most vendors said the morning was brisk, but things slowed down a bit when the temperature got oppressive, despite the market being under the trees.

The Boy Scouts sold out of hot dogs, and Mrs. Jackson’s famous sourdough also sold out.

Nadine Coury was at the market for the first time selling her colorful handmade nylon wreaths, including some red, white & blue, just in time

for July 4. She said sales were kind of slow, but promising, so she planned to return.

Jason Roze of Rozeworks sold a variety jewelry and other wearable art using a variety of materials.

Steve Xavier, pushed granddaughter Amelia Leavitt along in her stroller, with grandmother Jen.

They said they live in the neighborhood and their son was working the Boy Scout booth as they enjoyed the

shade.

The market is open 10-3 every Saturday at Livesey Park under the trees, corner of Glenhaven and Parker.



Nadine Coury of Wreaths by Nadine gives a big smile to the local free sheet while staffing her table at the North Fairhaven Open Air Market on 6/13/26. Photo by Beth David.

Seniors at Oxford Residences enjoy prom

By Beth David
Editor

The residents of Oxford Residences, a 62+ community, enjoyed a “Blue Hawaii” themed prom on Friday, 6/12/26, complete with dancing, lots of good food, and a Prom Queen.

Louise Sylvia, 106, is the most mature resident of the complex, and she was enjoying the music, the company of her daughter Pat Sylvia (aging), and some sweet treats.

Louise said she would pass on the dancing, though.

Her secret to long life?

“Kale soup and olive oil,” she said. “I was brought up that way. We put olive oil on everything.”

She said it is part of her Portuguese heritage. She also laughed easily and quickly, but she had to leave early because she was expecting guests at 8 p.m.

A seamstress by trade, Ms. Sylvia was married for 30 years and has two sons, one daughter, two grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Andrew Romano, Select Board member and North Fairhaven Improve-

ment Association President, who was there to judge the contests, expressed surprise when he learned Ms. Sylvia was 106.

“My oldest son is 83,” she answered quickly. “So I’d better be up there.”

The events included a hula dancing contest, costume contest, and the choosing of a prom queen and two princesses.

Barbara Lanagan won a gift card to Blue Point Restaurant for winning the Hula Dance contest.

Joan Carlen won a gift card to Market Basket for the best costume.

Mr. Romano said it was the green that did it.

Shirley Lawton was named Prom Queen, and showed off her dance moves with organizer Chip Sylvia. Princesses were Louise Sylvia and Theresa.

“I was not expecting that, but it made me feel good,” said Ms. Lawton. “I love it. Thanks to Chip (for organizing it). He’s such a good guy.”



TOP: Prom Queen, Shirley Lawton, and Chip Sylvia show off some fancy dance moves to “Dancing Queen,” during the Senior Prom at the Oxford Residences in Fairhaven on 6/12/26. ABOVE LEFT: Chip Sylvia crowns the Prom Queen, Shirley Lawton, while princesses, Louise Sylvia (LEFT) and Theresa (RIGHT) look on. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Andrew Romano shares a laugh with Louise Sylvia, 106, and her daughter Pat Sylvia. RIGHT: Barbara Lanagan poses for the cameras after winning the hula dance contest.

Photos by Beth David.

Acushnet Preschooler killed by car in New Bedford

By Beth David
Editor

A four-year-old Acushnet boy was killed by a car on 6/10/26 in New Bedford, on Cherokee Street, near Sassaquin Pond. Young Liam Pinheiro was riding his tricycle while visiting family when he collided with a truck. The driver stayed on scene and cooperated with police.

“Our community has been devastated by this sudden and inconceivable tragedy,” said Acushnet Superintendent of Schools, Paula Bailey, in a letter to parents, and offering condolences to the family and the entire Acushnet community. “We expect our staff and students may experience overwhelming grief, and we pledge to offer support as we work through this together.”

She said they would have counselors from across the region available to students and families.

“Our top priority is the health, safety and well-being of our students, both physical and mental,” wrote Dr. Bailey. “We understand that this will be an incredibly difficult time for our entire school community, and we ask

both parents and students to please be open, talk about your feelings, and let us know if we can help in any way.”

In a post on Facebook, Acushnet Superintendent of Schools, Paula Bailey, thanked faculty, staff, and community partners for their help supporting and comforting students.

“Our Acushnet Public Schools community has experienced an unimaginable loss with the tragic passing of one of our youngest students, Liam,” wrote Dr. Bailey. “During this incredibly difficult time, my heart is with Liam’s family, his siblings, classmates, teachers, and all who knew and loved him. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and will continue to hold them close in our thoughts.”

Showing a photo of six K9 officers, Dr. Bailey thanked them and other partners for saying the “kindness shown through counseling support, comfort dogs, thoughtful planning, and generous donations of restaurant gift cards and monetary contributions for Liam’s family has been deeply moving.

“In moments of grief, we are re-

mindful of the strength of community. Thank you to everyone who has come together with compassion, love, and support for Liam’s family and for our school community.”

Several Acushnet restaurants have donated a portion of their profits on a rotating basis throughout the week, including: Blue Point, Acushnet Creamery, High Seas, Rochelle’s, Seafood Hut, Country Whip, The Mill, Captain’s Place, Kam’s Cuisine, Ponderosa. Blue Lantern and JT’s Pub also donated directly to the family.

“As our community mourns alongside the Pinheiro family, local businesses throughout Acushnet are coming together to help carry them through this difficult time. Every act of support is a reflection of the love this community has for one another,” reads the Facebook post by Acushnet Creamery. “We hope the Pinheiro family knows that they are surrounded by an entire town standing beside them with compassion, prayers, and unwavering support.”

Young Liam’s father works as a corrections officer for the Bristol

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Fairhaven
Atlas Tack Working Group
Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Finance Committee
Thurs., 7/9, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets
Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources
Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Open Space & Rec
Mon., 6/22, Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Planning Board
Tues., 6/30, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

Select Board
Mon., 6/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet
Board of Appeals
Thurs., 6/18, Police Station, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board
Thurs., 6/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

SPECIAL ELECTION
Old Colony Building Vote
Sat., 6/20, Acushnet Elem., 10-6
See page 19

TOWN MEETING
NOTE DATE CHANGE
Mon., 6/29, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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

	June 2026	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	18	1122	2343	0450*	1656
Friday	19	---	1218	0532*	1748
Saturday	20	0039	1316	0622	1908
Sunday	21	0136	1411	0739	2115
Monday	22	0230	1502	0858	2228
Tuesday	23	0322	1555	0959	2335
Wednesday	24	0419	1654	1114	---
Thursday	25	0521	1750	0029	1206
Friday	26	0614	1835	0117	1224
Saturday	27	0657	1915	0204	1221
Sunday	28	0736	1953	0252	1247
Monday	29	0816	2032	0330	1320
Tuesday	30	0857	2113	0243	1359

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

Obituary: Meredith A. Hathway



Meredith Ann Hathway

Meredith Ann (Richmond) Hathway, 86, of Lake Wales, FL, formerly of Fairhaven, MA, Bridgewater

Corners and Plymouth, VT, and Dundee, FL passed away peacefully on May 16, 2026 with family by her side. She was born in New Bedford, MA to the late Harold and Dorothy (Lambert) Richmond. She was married to the late Chester A. "Chet" Hathway for 67 years. Meredith was raised in Fairhaven and graduated from Fairhaven High School, Class of 1956.

Meredith was a stay-at-home Mom, sewing her children's clothes and doll clothes, while making sure there were freshly baked cookies for her girls and the neighborhood children after school, before entering the workforce in the late 1970s as a realtor for Savaria Realty. While her children were growing up, she was a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader during the school months and during the summer could be found on Cuttyhunk

Island supporting her commercial fisherman husband and sailing around the harbor with her girls. She worked at the Allen House on Cuttyhunk Island for many years and spent summers living on the boat with her family. She was an amazing mom who taught us much. While her children were growing up, she brought her love for music to life with her children every Sunday with "orchestra in the living room" with her mother and father joining in. Those were fun times.

After moving to Vermont, she owned and operated The Junction Country Store in Bridgewater Corners, VT with Chet, sharing her amazing cooking in the deli, which brought her much joy, and finished off her career as the Assistant Pastry Chef at the Woodstock Inn & Resort in Woodstock, VT. She loved baking with her grandchildren and left them with many wonderful memories of baking with their Gram. The last two years of her life were spent living in Lake Wales, FL where she was so happy. She loved going on outings and out for seafood. She found a wonderful church family and enjoyed worshipping every Sunday. She loved the Brown Bag lunches and Dr. Darr's fabulous piano playing. She really shined Jesus' love to those she met. She was ready to go meet her Savior.

Meredith is survived by her three

daughters: Debra-Ann Hathway of Fort Pierce, FL; Ruth Search and her husband, Robert, of Lake Wales, FL; and Lynne Gautreau and her husband, Roger, of Port Orange, FL; eight grandchildren: Nathan Anderson, Heather Anderson, Douglas Anderson, David Richardson, Joshua Lewis, Sarah Lewis, Mariatu Search, and Nicholas Gautreau; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was looking forward to her great-great-granddaughter arriving in July. She is also survived by her brother-in-law John Nelson; a niece, Dorothy O'Rourke; and nephews, John Nelson, Douglas Hathaway, and Stephen Hathaway.

She is predeceased by her husband and parents; sister, Barbara Nelson; sisters-in-law, Ann and M. Louise Hathaway; grandson, Christopher Gautreau; nephews, Leonard and Marc Hathaway; and niece, Hope Ann Pinard.

A celebration of life for both Meredith and Chet will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 2:00 pm at South Lake Wales Church of God, 210 Presidents Ave, Lake Wales, Florida with Pastor Chad Tingley presiding. Meredith was passionate about the ministry of her daughter Ruth and son-in-law Robert in Siera Leone, West Africa and has requested in lieu of flowers donations be made in her memory to Mariatu's Hope, Inc., PO Box 2846, Haines City, FL 33845.

Obituary: Jean Ann Warters



Jean Ann Warters

Jean Ann Warters passed unexpectedly June 4, 2026, in Naples, FL following a year of health challenges. Born Jean Ann

Silvestrone to Gismonde and Catherine (D'Amore) Silvestrone May 3, 1953 in Watertown, MA she lived most of her life in Fairhaven, MA.

She was a 1971 graduate of the former Southeastern Massachusetts University with a BS degree in Marine

Biology and later received her MS in Public Health at Harvard School of Public Health. She went on to a 38-year career with Massachusetts' Department of Environmental Protection as an Environmental Engineer. She served a number of years on the Fairhaven, MA Town Meeting and has been a member of the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club and US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 for 28 years. In Florida, she is a member of both the Naples and Bonita Springs Historical Societies.

Preceded in death by her parents, her brother Carl Silvestrone of Bedford and sister Donna Gandolfi of Marion, Jean is survived by her spouse of 47 years, Marsby Warters of Fairhaven and Naples, her sisters Paula Hull in Longmont, CO and Molly

Schaeffer and her spouse Steven, of Fairhaven, brother Daniel Silvestrone and his spouse, Marion, of Bedford, MA, her brother-in-law Joel Gandolfi of Marion, MA and sister-in-law Cathy Silvestrone Savioli of Billerica, MA. She was blessed with ten nieces and nephews and twelve grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services will be at Fairhaven Funeral Home, Main St., Fairhaven with burial at Riverside Cemetery on June 22, 2026. Visitation at 9 a.m., services at 10:30 and interment at 11:00. A celebration of her life will follow at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club on 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, at 12:00.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity or a personal charitable organization.

Old Colony redo vote is Saturday, 6/20

By Beth David

Editor

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School building project will get a re-vote this Saturday, 6/20/26. The five member communities voted on 11/10/25 to authorize funding of the \$288.7 million project, but the measure failed.

The numbers have not changed and the district will vote again.

With the Mass. School Building Association expected to reimburse the district for about 60.5% of the cost, in addition to other reimbursements, the member communities will need to fund about \$148 million from

taxpayers.

Acushnet's share will be \$55.4 million, but could go down to \$40 million with added incentives and other savings such as MassSave and other programs. Other communities are: Carver, \$26.2m; Lakeville, \$39.6m; Mattapoisett, \$8.8m; Rochester, \$28.8m.

The projected tax impact for individual residents in Acushnet is \$about \$630 per year, based on an average single family home assessed at \$470,00.

The vote will be decided by a majority of the aggregated votes of all five communities, not by individual

community votes. All communities will have to abide by the decision, whether or not their individual community supported it.

All Acushnet precincts vote at the Elementary School, 800 Middle Road. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visit the town website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/m/newsflash/home/detail/45> for details and links.

A tax calculator is available at <https://oldcolonybuildingproject.com/tax-impact-calculator/>

Contact the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions about your voting status, 508-998-0215

JULY 4: cont'd from page 4

the streets of Fairhaven to join the parade procession.

• **9:00 a.m. Independence Day Parade Steps Off** The main parade officially departs from the corner of Washington Street and Green Street, marching down Green Street toward historic Fort Phoenix.

• **10:00 a.m. Fort Phoenix Ceremony** The festivities conclude at Fort Phoenix with our annual ceremony, featuring special musical selections by the Shepherd Center for Performing Arts and the traditional cannon salute fired by the Fairhaven Village Militia.

How to Register & Participate

Registration is free and simple, but spaces are filling up! Secure your spot in this historic procession:

- **Parade Marchers, Groups, and Floats:** Sign up (<https://tinyurl.com/34pas3nj>) your business, group, or organization online via our official event page: Register Online for the July 4th Parade (<https://tinyurl.com/bdzm95vw>)
- **Antique Car Cruise Participants:** If you own a vintage vehicle and would like to roll or ride in the pre-parade car cruise, please contact coordinator John Medeiros directly

at (508) 990-0000 for registration and staging details.

Note on Logistics: Once your registration form (<https://tinyurl.com/34pas3nj>) is submitted, the event committee will contact you a few days prior to July 4th with your specific check-in times, line-up locations, and staging instructions.

Thank you for your continued support of Fairhaven's traditions. We cannot wait to celebrate 250 years of American independence with all of you!

Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/bdzm95vw>

LIAM: cont'd from page 14

County Sheriff's Office. Colleagues created a GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-anthony-pinheiros-family>). By press time it had reached \$121,029 of its \$140,000 goal.

In his obituary, young Liam is remembered as an energetic, fun child who made everyone laugh.

"His infectious personality and kind spirit made him impossible not

to love," reads the obituary.

"More than anything else, Liam was deeply loved," reads the obituary. "He brought immeasurable happiness to his parents, family, and everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. His bright smile, playful spirit, and loving heart leave behind a legacy far greater than his five years."

Liam's funeral services will be on 6/22 at St. Gabriel's Church, Tarkiln

Hill Road, New Bedford. Arrangements are by Rock Funeral Home. The obituary requests donations to Friends of Jack Foundation.

Liam is survived by his parents, Anthony and Megan; two brothers, Jacob and Alec; his grandparents, Dennis and Catherine Beaulieu of FL, and Antonio and Adelina of New Bedford; two aunts, five cousins and many extended family members.

HAPPS: cont'd from page 11

William Street, at 2:pm on Sunday, June 28. All programs offered at the NBWHP welcome the public and offer free admission.

Dr. Irene Duprey-Gutierrez, 30 year volunteer at the National Park, will discuss why Mrs. Green has been called the "witch" of Wall Street and

followed with a Q and A.

Hetty was an early financial investor, especially for a woman, in the 1900s of a wild period in history. She, born and raised in Bedford Village (New Bedford), was the richest American woman.

Hetty began buying Civil War

bonds which most others avoided but gained pay at 5 percent. Then she expanded with real estate, railroads and gold mines. When she died in 1916, her son and daughter inherited her \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000 inheritance (today equal \$3,055,229,357 - \$6,110,458,715).

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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

Attorney General's Notice

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32
 Town of Fairhaven -- Case No. 12005
 Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2025
 Article # 19

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Article failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the executive office of housing and livable communities, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town....In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defect: the first notice of the Planning Board hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation on April 3, 2025 for a hearing on April 15, 2025 which was only twelve days prior to the hearing, not fourteen days as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. For this reason, the 90-day period prescribed for the Attorney General's review of Article 19 is suspended in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice

in a conspicuous place in the Fairhaven Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Fairhaven.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Fairhaven, any resident of the Town of Fairhaven, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Fairhaven or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General
 By: Kelli E. Gunagan Assistant Attorney General
 Director, Municipal Law Unit
 cc: Heather C. White
 FNN 6/18/26

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

There will be an Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
 Robert Hinckley
 Ryan Rezendes
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 FNN, 6/11/26, 6/18/26

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A NOTICE OF INTENT

The Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Acushnet Police Station located at 64 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743 for a Notice of Intent submitted by Roman Catholic Bishop SFX School, 223 Main Street, Assessors Map 14, Lot 145A, Acushnet, MA. The applicant proposes to reconstruct the existing athletic field that services the school with a 170'x65' turf surface field with associated drainage improvements

within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.
 James Souza, Chair
 FNN, 6/18/26

TOWN OF ACUSHNET PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

The Acushnet Planning Board will hold a hearing on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to review a Special Permit as follows:

Submitted by: Frank and Karen Knox/Mendall Realty Trust

Property owner: Frank and Karen Knox/Mendall Realty Trust

Represented by: David Davignon/Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc.

Scope of Work: Proposed 16-foot-wide common driveway to service 3 lots

Location: Mendall Road and Perry Hill Road, Acushnet, MA. Map 9 Lots 18H, 18J, 18K

This meeting will be held at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743 and over Teams. See meeting notice to be posted by July 14, 2026, for Teams instructions.

All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board
 FNN, 6/18/26, 6/25/26

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6:00pm
 Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
 Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will conduct a Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands Bylaw. The meeting will be located at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In-person attendance is permitted for the public and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 97 and fairhaventv.com. To join the meeting remotely Log on to the following:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhtZDVRNzJlQktlVj9XSXGppZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

Or call: 1-929-205-6099

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

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

a. CON 023-490, SE 023-1496: 3 Earle Street (Formerly 0 Perry Street), Map 31A, Lot 434 Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Vermette Development to install a sewer forcemain within the Earle Street right-of-way and to connect to the existing forcemain within the Jenny Street right-of-way. Work to take place within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and MassWildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) Estimated Habitats of Rare Species.

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair,
 Fairhaven Conservation Commission
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From our readers

Watch for Trash Fee Increase

Now that the override has been defeated look for a sizeable increase in the trash fee. There was a move afoot prior to the actual vote for the town to get your money either through the override or a sizeable increase in the trash fee.

Watch for a trash fee increase in the days ahead. Maybe as early as the next meeting of the Board of Public Works.

Remember, we were told that the original trash fee was not to cover the cost of trash services, but that it was to offset some of the cost of trash services. Now our dear leaders are seemingly looking at it to offset some of the budget shortfall. I think it is unfair for the Town Administrator or the Select Board to place that burden on the Board of Public Works. However, because that board is responsible for trash services, it must bear responsibility. I do not envy them.

In America it has gotten to a point where the voter has NO role in the process. You see it at the national, state, and local level. Democracy is dead. As a town most voters said NO to the override.

If a significant trash fee increase is coming, the town elected officials along with the TA will have answered the majority of voters and said, "We don't care. We will do what we want. You do not matter. Your vote does not matter."

Everyone should be outraged. This should include those who voted for the override because one day you surely will be on the wrong side of what the oligarchs decide.

Adam F. Abelha, Fairhaven

The Job Will Simply Not Get Done

Those who voted against the override, when asked about the loss of the economic development office, like to say, "Oh, volunteers will do that."

Two problems: First, they're ignoring and devaluing the professionalism, expertise, and connections that Alyssa Botelho brought to the job.

Second, no one is saying, "Oh, I'll volunteer to do that."

They just figure someone else will do it. But every organization in town is losing membership and is desperate for volunteers. Those of us who

volunteer regularly are overcommitted already. So, no. Volunteers will not do that job. It simply won't get done.

Beth Luey, Fairhaven

Thank You to the Fairhaven Historical Commission

On behalf of the Delano Kindred, I thank the Town of Fairhaven, especially Doug Brady of the Historical Commission, who championed the effort to replace the deteriorating Delano Cemetery sign with a new bold one. (See FNN 5/28/26.) Thanks also to Brian Messier, Historical Commission member, and Keith Silvia, Select Board member, who, along with Doug did the physical labor of installing the new sign at the southern end of Sconitcut Neck Road.

For the last few Delano Reunions in Fairhaven many wondered about the three lonely headstones there with only death dates inscribed and names barely readable after more than 200 years. The Millicent Library website had photos only of the headstones but with no information about birthdates or anything more about these early settlers.

Now, because of Muriel Cushing's research, as a genealogist and historian for the Mayflower Society, we know the vital statistics of the first seven generations of Delanos in North America starting with Philippe De Lannoy (anglicized Philip Delano) who arrived at Plymouth Colony on the ship Fortune in 1621 following his uncle and cousin, Francis and John Cooke, who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. Philip was part of the Dartmouth land purchase from the Indian Sachems Wosamequrn and Wamsutta in 1652. Philip's grandson, Jonathan, and his descendants settled in what is now Fairhaven.

Captain Joshua, we now know, was Jonathan's grandson and it is his cemetery that is located at 898 Sconitcut Neck Road at Palmer Street near the southernmost part of the Neck. We learned that Captain Joshua Delano (b. 29 Jan. 1746 d. 20 May 1819) and his wife Patience Snow (b. 1751 d. 15 Oct. 1829) had 12 children. One of their youngest daughters, Silvia (b. 4 May 1792 d. 31 Oct. 1807), was the first headstone because, sadly, she died young, preceding her parents. We learned that Joshua was involved in farming, saltworks, whaling and had a warfe[sic]. We

learned that a large part of his property called "Angelico" was washed into the sea and destroyed by the "great gale" (hurricane) of 1815. We also learned what we now call Wilbur Point at the southern tip of the Neck was originally 90 acres sold by the Delano family to Edwin Wilbur in 1877 with the idea of building summer cottages.

But mostly, we now have a fuller appreciation of these early settlers who contributed to shaping our nation well before the founding of the republic. They lived through the American Revolution with their land rooted in the same place as the area evolved from being called Dartmouth to New Bedford to the formation of the Town of Fairhaven in 1812. We are inspired by all that they endured and accomplished through sheer force of will, persistence, and hard work.

And, as we celebrate our 250th anniversary as a nation, let us remember our forebears and contemplate the world we are leaving for future generations.

So, thank you to the Historical Commission for the signposts that give us pause, stimulate our curiosity, and cause us to recognize and value those that went before us.

Cathy Delano, Fairhaven

Silva Says Support Your Local Newspaper

The Fairhaven town election was Tuesday, June 9th and polls closed at 8:00 p.m. Election results were first available at the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* (on-line) Wednesday night and then printed copies Thursday morning. (Thanks Beth.)

There was no mention that I could find in The Standard Times about Fairhaven voting on Wednesday, or even Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Finally, the Sunday morning edition of the daily newspaper had our town election results on the front page. This is not to criticize the Standard Times, I have no idea what caused the delay. But, it does emphasize how valuable our own Fairhaven weekly is to us.

Beth and *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* are there for everything that's important. If you appreciate that as much as I do consider kicking in a donation every once in a while. The paper is free to us, but not to her. Let's continue to support it.

Ted Silva, Fairhaven

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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.

SUPERCARS

Needed

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On Saturday, June 20th at 9:00 AM, Dream Cars 4 Kids will be granting a special Supercar Wish for an 8-year-old boy with DMD whose dream is to experience Lamborghini, Ferrari, McLaren, Porsche, and other exotic cars.

We're inviting supercar owners to come together for a morning meet followed by a group drive to help create an unforgettable experience for him and his family.

Meet at: Town Donut Shop, 864 State Rd North, Dartmouth, MA 02747

Find them on Facebook and DM @crankyanky or us if you would like to participate. Or just show up.

Young Women's Forum

Join the Women's Fund SouthCoast for the Young Women's Initiative (YWI) Celebration & Policy Forum on Thursday, June 25th from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at Woodland Commons at UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747. Reserve your FREE spot at <https://tinyurl.com/y5rd7kpb>

Doors open at 5:30; opening remarks at 6; panel discussion 6:10–6:30; Community Town Hall, 6:30–6:50; Closing Remarks, 6:50–7; Networking and Celebration, 7–7:30.

Guests may park in Lots 10 and 11, located less than a five-minute walk from the Woodland Commons. Guests requiring accessibility accommodations may park directly adjacent to the Woodland Commons patio.

Come join us to celebrate our second cohort of the Young Women's

Advisory Council and hear about the amazing work they have done!

Learn more about the Women's Fund SouthCoast at <https://womensfundsouthcoast.org/young-womens-initiative/>

SAVE THE DATES:

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+

Sponsors: Dr. D.E. Burt, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #7, New Bedford; American Legion Post 265 Acushnet; Thomas E. Tuttle VFW Post 7239, Acushnet.

For tickets, to donate or sponsor, please visit www.funny4funds.com/events. For more information, please contact Bill Comeau, 508-315-7139.

Encampment

The Rehoboth 13th Continental Regiment is coming to Westport! 10 AM – 3 PM, Sat., 6/27, Handy House, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport MA

A summer exploring Westport's Revolutionary Stories kicks off with a day-long encampment of the Rehoboth 13th Continental Regiment at the Handy House on Saturday June 27. This family-friendly and free event will allow visitors to explore the lifestyles, clothing, equipment of the men, women, and children of the original 1774 Company of Timothy Walker's 22nd Regiment, Rehoboth Minutemen.

Ramps Needed

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) is seeking metal wheelchair ramp donations for Ramp Donation Program. Ramp recipients have ranged in age from 17 to 95 years old.

Through ramp donations and purchases, BBAHFH has built an inventory that can be loaned out and installed by volunteers when needed by a family. BBAHFH is running this program throughout Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport.

BBAHFH is currently looking for ramps to help additional families, as well as low-income applicants in need of a ramp. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization; ramp donations are tax deductible per IRS code. In addition to tax deductions, donors benefit from the removal of unwanted ramps and can feel good about helping another in need.

For more information on donating or requesting ramps, email Christine Lacourse at BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com, or call (508) 758-4517.

Volunteers Needed

The Westport Historical Society will host the House Tour on Sunday July 26, 2026 – a self-guided look at five spectacular private homes located throughout the idyllic SouthCoast town.

The House Tour will be the Historical Society's biggest fundraiser of the year, and volunteers are an integral part of that!

Volunteers will receive one free ticket to the House Tour (and an invitation to our volunteer appreciation gathering later this year).

Volunteers "house sit" for a 2 1/2 hour shift. We have two shifts: 11 AM - 1.30 PM and 1.30 - 4 PM.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at <https://wphistory.org/our-events/house-tour/house-tour-volunteers/>

At Mattapoisett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible. All programs are free and open to the public.

A new Picnic Book Club will begin on June 26th at 10am on the library lawn. The group will enjoy a literary conversation, snacks, and beverages (feel free to bring your own snacks if you wish). Bring any book that you are currently reading, and come ready to discuss it! This group will meet monthly on the last Friday of the month, throughout summer. Please make sure to register to reserve your spot. Email bdumais@sailsinc.org with any questions, OR if you have any allergies/dietary restrictions!

For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at (508) 758-4171.

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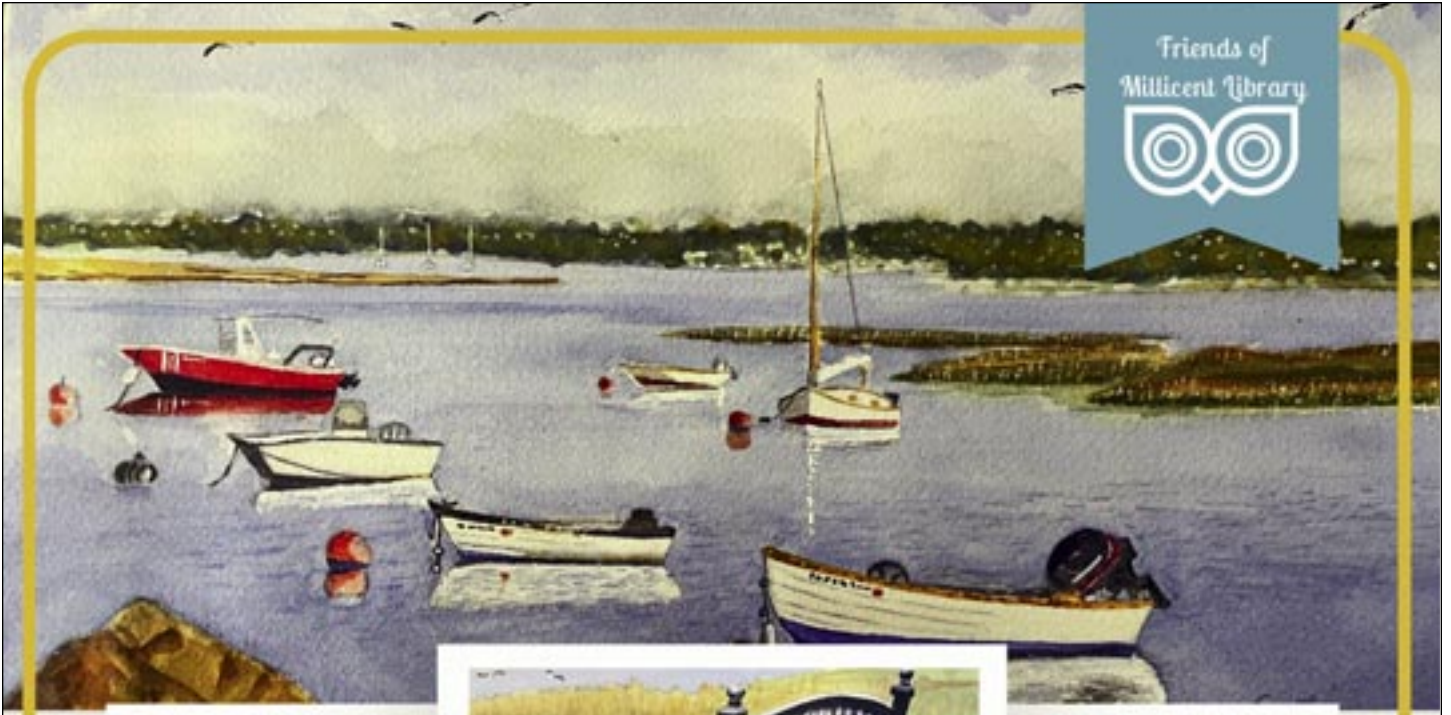
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