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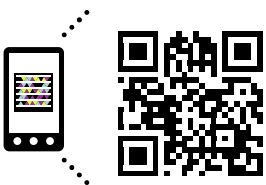
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Dancing in the streets in North Fairhaven



Jesse teaches his two daughters, Laurience (LEFT) and Carsie, some dance moves to the oldies of Eddie and the Exciters during the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Music Night on 7/19/26 in Benoit Square. 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.

We're baaacckk! Did you miss us?

I did my best to cram in all the stuff that happened while we were gone, but...alas...we might have missed a gig or two,

We have some meeting coverage for you. See page 4 for the Fairhaven Select Board.

Ah...just realized one of the things I missed was the creation of the budget working group. The board did create it, and they are looking for members, so...sign up.

And...we hired a town planner...I think. I didn't double check to make sure she actually got on board, but, I have no real reason to think she wouldn't (see page 4).

Acushnet had some excitement with some yahoo running around in people's yards. See page 3 for that.

Here's a cool thing. My cousin (okay, one generation younger) was in town for a bit and did a really cool concert at the RJD. He's a classically trained singer, and performed with another opera singer and a fabulous pianist...wow, that guy made that instrument sing and talk. So, imagine opera voices singing fun Americana songs. Yup...see page 19 for my take on it. (Yeah, yeah, a little nepotism is 100% called for.)

We also did a few quick hits on stuff that happened while we were gone: July 4 parade (page 7); Acushnet protest against the Big Buffoon (page 12); Acushnet River cleanup page 13); Fire Department fun (page 12); the tall ship Sagres in New Bedford (12). And, there really is more in here.

Speaking of the Big Buffoon, did you seem try to steal the spotlight from Spain after they won the World Cup. I mean, honestly. It's a good thing he has no shame because he would just DIE from embarrassment.

And three more innocent people killed by the Big Buffoon's thugs. How many will it take before enough people stand up and stop this guy?

There's other stuff in here, of course. Thumb through to find it all, and while you do that, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week... see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David...
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Acushnet PD arrest suspect after crash, firearm recovery

Press Release

The Acushnet Police Department arrested an 18-year-old New Bedford man following an early morning investigation into suspicious activity, a motor vehicle crash involving a stolen vehicle, and the recovery of a loaded stolen firearm.

At approximately 1:05 a.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, the Acushnet Police Department received a report of a male running through residential yards in the area of Slocum Street. The report came amid an ongoing investigation into a series of recent motor vehicle break-ins that have affected the center of Acushnet.

Officers searched the area but were initially unable to locate anyone acting suspiciously. Officer Colin Matton remained in the vicinity monitoring traffic near Slocum Street and South Main Street.

At approximately 1:46 a.m., Officer Matton heard a loud crash and responded to the intersection of South Main Street and Slocum Street, where he observed two heavily damaged vehicles. The preliminary

investigation determined that a silver Hyundai sedan traveling east on Slocum Street failed to stop at a stop sign before colliding with a vehicle traveling south on South Main Street.

Officer Matton observed three individuals exit the Hyundai and flee the scene on foot while dressed in black clothing and wearing face masks. After requesting additional officers, he remained at the crash scene to provide medical assistance to the occupants of the second vehicle, who were later transported to St. Luke's Hospital for evaluation.

With assistance from the Fairhaven Police Department and other surrounding agencies, officers established a perimeter in the area.

During the investigation, officers encountered Aaron Nunez, 18, of New Bedford, who matched the description of one of the individuals seen fleeing from the crash. Nunez told officers he had stopped running while heading toward New Bedford and returned to the scene.

During the perimeter search, officers recovered a bag containing a

loaded stolen firearm. Investigators also determined that the Hyundai involved in the crash had been reported stolen from New Bedford.

Further investigation identified Nunez as the driver of the stolen Hyundai at the time of the collision and the individual in possession of the stolen firearm. He was arrested on multiple motor vehicle and firearms-related charges and transported to Third District Court for arraignment. Additional charges against other involved individuals are anticipated as the investigation continues.

Credit to Officer Matton, Officer A. Fontes and Officer Matias for a job well done!

The Acushnet Police Department reminds residents that many recent vehicle break-ins involved unlocked vehicles. Residents are encouraged to lock their vehicles at all times and avoid leaving keys, firearms, or valuables inside.



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Fhvn SB hears plan for CPA funds for library; hires planner

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board heard a proposal at its 7/13/26 meeting to use Community Preservation Act funds to pay for a bond for the Millicent Library's HVAC project.

The plan would require the town to take out a loan (bond) for the \$1.748 million project to add dehumidification, fresh air, and cooling to the Millicent Library. The historic building has no air conditioning for patrons or employees, so the library closes on hot days. The Library trustees have embarked on a fund-raising campaign to raise the money.

CPA funds can be used for the historic building, but the available funds are not enough to fund the whole project. CPA funds average around \$500K per year, with a state match that varies. This year's appropriation totaled \$825,505; last year's was \$936,720. CPA funds are collected from a 2% surcharge on property taxes, with the first \$100K exempt.

Bob Kenworthy, Treasurer of the Millicent Library Board of Trustees, told the board at the meeting and in a letter, that the Millicent will file an application with the Community Preservation Committee in the current round.

He noted that the trustees have paid for a number of improvements that support the HVAC project, including the heating system that will integrate with the AC.

He noted that although Fairhaven has not used a bond for CPA funds, many towns do it. The trustees are

recommending a 12 to 15 year bond that would cost about \$150K per year.

Ann Richard, the chairperson of the CPC, also met with the board. She said that when they met with the Finance Committee during budget rounds, she gave them a heads up that the CPC bond is being considered.

"We have not met to discuss it this year," said Ms. Richard, adding she anticipated they would talk about it at their August meeting.

The bond would be taken out by

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the town and paid for with CPC funds. All borrowing requires a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting.

In another matter, the board voted to accept the recommendation of Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, to hire Down Quirk as Town Planner.

The town has been without a planner for more than a year. Mr. Hickey held off on posting the position because of turmoil on the Planning Board (PB).

Ms. Quirk told the board she felt "well positioned" to help with the potential bylaw changes that the PB has been talking about.

SB member Rick Trapilo said he had a concern with Ms. Quirk's lack of experience as a planner, as the department has "had some

challenges."

Ms. Quirk said she was confident in the role, noting that the town has a lot of planning expertise.

She said she has the ability to understand conflicts and regulations.

She said she excels in operational concepts and how things come to fruition. Maybe there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction.

"I think I might be the right person at this time," because the town is ready to "launch in a new direction."

She said she is "really good" on reporting out on things and keeping people abreast so there are never any surprises.

SB member, Natalie Mello, said she was on the screening committee and they asked the same questions.

"And we were very satisfied in her answers," said Ms. Mello, adding the committee had full confidence "in her ability."

The board voted unanimously to approve the appointment.

The board also approved the alcohol license and hours for the Our Lady of Angels Feast on September 5, 6, 7.

Police Chief, Daniel Dorgan, told the board that last year's security plan worked well.

Last year, the town beefed up security in and around the feast grounds because the year before there had been a couple of disturbances.

The plan calls for increased police on site, metal detectors at the gate, bags checked at the gate, only one entrance, and ID checks and wrist bands for alcohol use.

Fhvn SB presents proclamation to Brian Riggs on retirement

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board presented a proclamation to Fire Department Lt. Brian Riggs on 7/13/26.

Lt. Riggs is retiring this month after 30 years with the town.

Lt. Riggs also served as a Captain in the US Army Reserve, completing an 18-month deployment to Iraq from 2006 to 2008 as a Registered Nurse assigned to a Combat Support Hospital, "demonstrating extraordinary dedication to both his nation and his community," reads the proclamation.

Lt. Riggs also played a pivotal role

in the department's upgrade to Paramedic level pre-hospital EMS service in 2000.

"Throughout his distinguished career, Lieutenant Riggs exemplified professionalism, leadership, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to public service, leaving a lasting impact on the Fairhaven Fire Department, his fellow firefighters, and the citizens he proudly served," reads the proclamation.

Fire Chief Todd Correia told the board that Lt. Riggs "set the gold standard for patient care in Fairhaven," making the town "second to none."

Chief Correia also said that Lt. Riggs has been a mentor and a friend and served the town with great pride.

Lt. Riggs said he wanted to thank everybody, and thank the town.

"It's a great town," he said, with a great fire department.

He said they have made strides over the years with the ambulance service.

He noted that he was the young guy, and "now I'm the old man at work."

The department is in great hands as he leaves, he said.

"There's a great group of people coming up," said Lt. Riggs.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Concerts in Center

Concerts Under the Stars at Town Hall is back! Spend your Thursday nights this summer enjoying live music beneath the evening sky! Bring your blanket or lawn chair and gather with friends and neighbors on the lawn outside Fairhaven Town Hall (40 Center Street) for this beloved free concert series. All shows begin at 7 PM, weather permitting.

- July 23 – Butch McCarthy & The Gentlemen of Leisure
- July 30 – Last Day O. Earth
- August 6 – G and Friends

This community program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Come enjoy the music and make the most of summer nights in Fairhaven!

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](https://www.facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket).

Cultural Council Survey

The Fairhaven Cultural Council's 2026 Community Survey is open! Here is your chance to share your opinions, needs, and ideas about Fairhaven's cultural scene. Your feedback helps the Council better understand how to serve our community. We want our funding decisions and the resulting programs to reflect what matters most to you.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council supports and promotes cultural activities that enrich our town. Annually we award grants to cultural project proposals that best demonstrate a clear benefit to Fairhaven's residents. By state mandate, we fund programs within the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences that have a public benefit. The majority of our funding comes from the Mass Cultural Council, and the Town of Fairhaven provides additional funding.

Our community survey will remain open through Saturday, August 1, 2026. To access the survey, please visit this link: <https://forms.gle/z92mV9ugDQttfBpP6>

If you have questions about the survey or the Fairhaven Cultural Council, please email Chair Beth Ann Gallagher at: culturalcouncil@fairhaven-ma.gov

WIIA Breakfasts

Join the West Island Improvement Association for a buffet breakfast on Sun., 8/2, 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 Date (Last one): 9/6

Millicent Library HVAC FR

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

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

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

Thank you for supporting the Millicent Library.

SAVE THE DATES:

Inclusive Beach Day

Come join the Fairhaven Commission on Disability for our Second Annual Inclusive Beach Day, Fri., 8/7, Noon–3 p.m., at West Island Town Beach, Fir St., Fairhaven. (Rain date,

8/21.) Beach passes are available through the Fairhaven Recreation Center.

We look forward to bringing our community together for a fun, accessible, and inclusive day at the beach for individuals of all abilities and their families.

Join us for an afternoon of beach fun and community connection. Good vibes in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Accessible beach mats and facilities will be available.

All are welcome: come celebrate Disability Pride with us!

Teddy Bear Parade

Celebrate 41 years of teddy bear fun at the Millicent Library's annual Teddy Bear Parade! Sat., 8/15, 10 a.m. to noon, corner of William and Walnut Street, Fairhaven (45 Center St.).

Bring your favorite stuffed friend, enjoy face painting, clowning with Daisy D. Dots & the Smile Factory! Meet on the Unitarian Church Lawn for this beloved tradition.

Evenings at the Fort

Step back in time this season with the Fairhaven Village Militia during their "Evenings at the Fort" series at historic Fort Phoenix! Held on select Wednesday evenings, these free, family-friendly events offer a unique opportunity to learn about the rich history of the Fort and view the bunker alongside guided militia men and learn about the role Fairhaven played in the revolutionary war.

The events are weather-permitting and handicap accessible. Mark your calendars for this season's schedule:

August 19: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

September 16: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

October 14: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Outdoor Movie

Join us for a magical outdoor movie night under the stars as we celebrate the 55th anniversary showing of "Willy Wonka & 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, 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 movie will be shown in the gym

New practitioner opens business in Fairhaven

Press Release

Has life pulled the rug out from under you? Are you looking for some guidance on your journey? If so, you may want to reach out for help.

Lifelong South Coast resident Lori Richard, can offer support through her new business: Radiant Light Connection. Her passion has always



Lifelong South Coast resident, Lori Richard, provides support for people to explore and grow more fully into their happiest potential through her business: Radiant Light Connection. Submitted photo.

been to serve as a mentor and teacher, and this venture allows her to use her unique skills and life experiences to provide a nurturing space in which her clients can explore and grow more fully into their happiest potential.

With all the turbulence and confusion in the world these days, more and more people are struggling to keep their balance in life. During her career paths as a journalist, teacher, and community volunteer, Lori has spent many years working with people from all walks of life in support of their personal journeys. Her own spiritual path has challenged her in ways she never imagined and has given her first-hand knowledge of the courage it takes to stay centered amid life's storms.

Radiant Light Connection's website (www.radiantlightconnection.com) is



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the business' home base and mentoring services are available through Zoom, but Lori can also meet clients locally at mutually agreed upon locations. Besides one-on-one mentoring sessions, Lori offers online self-paced courses, special workshops, free blogs on Substack, and monthly spiritual meetings at the Millicent Library.

To contact Radiant Light Connection directly, email loririchard@radiantlightconnection.com.

Visit www.radiantlightconnection.com to learn about upcoming events, online courses, and in person sessions.

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Fairhaven celebrates America's 250th with parade, cannon fire

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven held a parade, classic car cruise, and ceremony, complete with cannon fire, to celebrate America's 250th birthday on July 4,

2026. The parade traveled from the center of town along Green Street to Fort Phoenix for the ceremony.

Activities included the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the fired the fort's five large Civil War

era cannons. (See letter on page 8 form the parade committee.)

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6ahBGW3mtA> for a video by Fairhaven TV including the car cruise, parade and ceremony.



ABOVE: The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club participates in Fairhaven's July 4 parade on 7/4/26 celebrating America's 250th birthday, with decorated whaleboat as their float. TOP RIGHT: Fairhaven Village Militia Commander, Wayne Oliveira (RIGHT), uses his sword to point as he explains that the cannon is pointed out towards the Butler Flats Lighthouse during the ceremony at Fort Phoenix. BELOW RIGHT: Fairhaven Select Board chairperson, Andrew Romano, reads from the Declaration of Independence during the ceremony at Fort Phoenix. Screenshots from FairhavenTV video.



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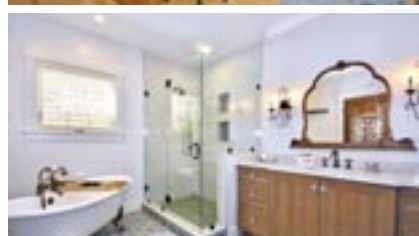
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July 4 Committee Says "Thank You"

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals, organizations, volunteers, and participants who made Fairhaven's July 4th Celebration such a tremendous success.

Community events like this don't happen without people who are willing to give their time, talents, and energy. Even on one of the hottest days of the year, so many of you came together to help us celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and community spirit made the day one that will be remembered for years to come.

We extend our sincere thanks to Veterans Service Agent Mike Jenney; Betsey Bonds and her staff from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation; Lt. Kevin Swain and the Fairhaven Police Department; Alyssa Botelho of Discover Fairhaven; Derek Frates and the staff at FairhavenTV; and the Fairhaven Emergency Management Agency. Their professionalism, and support were instrumental in ensuring a safe

and successful celebration.

Special recognition goes to the members of the Fairhaven Village Militia, who were up with the sunrise cleaning the cannons, preparing Fort Phoenix, and making sure everything was ready for the day's events. Their commitment to preserving our history and bringing it to life for the community is truly appreciated.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Bryon Knight and the Shepherd Center for Performing Arts for sharing their exceptional musical talents, adding a memorable soundtrack to the day's festivities.

We would also like to recognize John Medeiros, whose hard work organizing the annual Car Cruise once again made it one of the highlights of the celebration. The beautiful collection of classic and specialty vehicles drew visitors of all ages and added another special tradition to an already memorable day.

To our incredible volunteers — some of whom didn't even realize they were volunteering until they were handed a clipboard that morning — thank you for stepping up

without hesitation. Bob Quirk, Wayne Perry, Jeff Dupuis, Frank Fostin, Nils Isaksen, Nick and Lisa Oliveira, Gregg Kohler, and many others gave their time and effort wherever it was needed, and we are deeply grateful.

We also thank all of the parade participants who brought their creativity, patriotism, and community pride to the streets of Fairhaven. Your enthusiasm helped create a parade that truly reflected the spirit of our town.

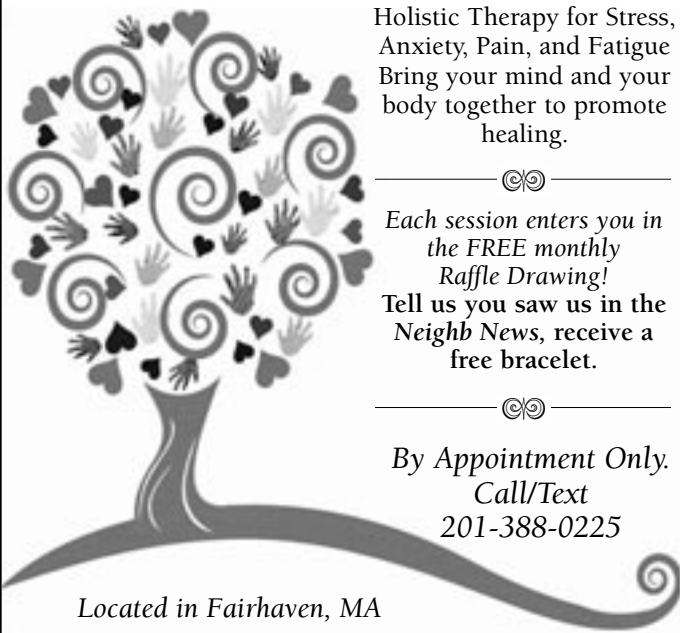
Finally, to the hundreds of residents and visitors who lined the parade route, waved their flags, applauded the participants, attended the ceremony at Fort Phoenix, enjoyed the Car Cruise, and celebrated with us throughout the morning — thank you. Seeing our community come together to honor our nation's 250th birthday was both inspiring and heartwarming.

It is a privilege to be part of a community where so many people are willing to work together to create traditions that bring us all closer. Whether you helped behind the

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

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

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

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

Deadline is September 25th.

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: 7/29, Mashpee Commons; 8/5, Twin River Casino; 8/12, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 8/19, Wrentham Outlets; 8/26, Thsmes St., Newport, RI.

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.

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.

July 27, *Thirteen Going on Thirty* Comedy/Romance. Unpopular school-girl Jenna Rink makes an unusual wish on her birthday. Miraculously, her wish comes true and the 13-year-old Jenna wakes up the next day as a 30-year-old woman.

Swim with the YMCA!

Join the Fairhaven Council on Aging on Fridays, through August 14th for private water aerobics at the New Bedford YMCA.

\$5 per class, includes transportation from the Fairhaven COA. Bus departs at 8 a.m. Call 508-979-4023 to sign up and discuss options if you have a financial hardship.

Office Hour With State Rep. Mark Sylvia

State Rep. Mark Sylvia will hold an office hour at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, on Mon., 8/17 from 9–10 a.m. If you need to speak with him before then, call 617-722-2400.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

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

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

Open Gym

Open Gym Times for Summer: June 29th-August 21st

Mon-Thursday 4pm-5pm; Friday 4-6pm; Saturday 10am-2pm; Sunday Closed

Recipe of the Week

Turtle Cookies

2 1/4 cups flour, unsifted
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
12 ounces chocolate chips, semi-sweet
3/4 cup pecans, chopped into bite-sized pieces
3/4 cup bite-size soft caramels
Milk, optional, for serving

Preheat the oven to 375°. In a medium-sized bowl stir together the flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl beat the butter, sugar, and brown sugar with an electric mixer until creamy and lightened in color.

Add the eggs and vanilla to the butter mixture, adding the eggs one at a time and mixing between each addition.

Mix on low speed until everything is incorporated.

Gradually add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture, blending slowly and being careful not to over-mix.

Fold in the chocolate chips, pecans, and caramel.

Using a tablespoon, drop the batter onto an ungreased cookie sheet, leaving about 1 inch of space between the drops of dough so the cookies have room to grow

Bake until lightly browned, about 9-11 minutes.

Let cool slightly and serve with glasses of cold milk!

From cookingprofessionally.com

I cook with wine,
sometimes
I even add it
to the food.

W. C. Fields

Dear Frankie



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

Retirement

Dear Frankie, My dad has talked for years about spending time with me

after he retired.

In his first year of retirement, he was gone a lot, visiting retirement communities in the south to find the perfect one. After we moved, he spent another year shopping (my mom hates shopping) for the perfect furnishings for our house and garden.

When the house and garden were finished, I thought he was in the home stretch and would be around more.

When he announced he was taking up golf and had booked lessons and time on the green 7 days a week, I gave up.

When I complained to my mom, she laughed and said, "You can't change a leopard's spots," whatever that means.

I feel gypped.

Stanley

Dear Stanley,

I see why you feel let down. But what humans say they are going to do and what they do are two different things.

For example, humans often say they'll take it easy when they retire or cut out sugar when they go on a diet. But when faced with days without an activity or meals without dessert, they realize that they can't live that way.

Your father likes projects, so as appealing as hanging out at home seemed, it's not who he is.

What your mom meant when she said leopards don't change their spots was that people like leopards basically don't change who they are.

My advice is, if you can't change them, then join them. Have you thought about becoming a caddy?

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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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Concerts

The Summer Sound Series of weekly concerts returns to Downtown New Bedford on June 26, bringing crowds and free entertainment on Friday nights through the beginning of September.

All concerts run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. except July 3, which begins at 6 p.m. The 2026 Summer Sound Series Schedule is:

JULY 24: FUNKIE WHITE HONKIES

Location: Purchase Street. Genre: Funk. Note: The concert will start at 6 p.m. and finish at 8:30 p.m. in time for the fireworks over the harbor at 9 p.m.

AUG. 7: NEAL McCARTHY ELECTRIC 6-PIECE BAND

Location: Lower Union Street, Genre: Electric Blues. Note: Kicks off the NB Roots and Branches Festival

Jazz Fest

New Bedford JazzFest (NBJF) is proud to continue its JazzFest 2026: Acoustic Jazz Series, after last year's successful inauguration. These concerts feature local live acoustic jazz in an informal setting, ideal for questions and conversation. The next concert takes place on Sunday, July 26, from 4:00-6:00 PM, with the Tim Ray Trio featuring April Hall, at Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., NB. Doors will open at 3:30 PM. Acoustic Jazz concerts will feature concessions as well as a JazzFest merchandise table.

General admission tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors/students/military, and \$5 through Mass. Card to Culture. All tickets are available at SteeplePlayhouse.org. The festival takes place rain or shine, as it is indoors. The building is completely accessible to all, and there is free parking on the street, as well as in the adjacent parking lot and Elm Street Parking Garage.

Author Event

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum has been championing the new historical graphic novel *Quaker, Whaler, Traitor, Spy! The Trials of William Rotch* with events, lectures, and a full exhibition that is on display in the museum. On July 29th from 5:30pm to 7pm, the public is invited to the museum, 396 County St., to celebrate the release of the

novel with a book talk and signing with the author Dr. Sarah Crabtree and illustrator Melissa Philley. Crabtree and Philley will discuss the creation of the graphic novel, the history of William Rotch Sr., and will sign copies of the book. A limited number of books will be available to purchase that evening, and guests are encouraged to pre-purchase a copy at the Museum Shop or through our website to guarantee a copy is available that night.

Purchase online here: <https://rjdmuseumshop.square.site/>

The exhibition dedicated to this book, *The Revolutionary Journey of William Rotch Sr.*, will be on display at the RJD through August 2nd.

Visitors rjdmuseum.org

Bill Murray Movie Marathon

The Zeiterion launches its Bill Murray Movie Monday Marathon of five Murray classics this August, beginning with *What About Bob* on August 3. The marathon celebrates the comedy legend who is known to frequent the Southcoast. Tickets are \$12 per movie and can be purchased at zeiterion.org, in person at the box office, or by phone at 508-994-2900. Bundle all five movies to save \$10 with code MOVIE5 at checkout.

As one of summer's most legendary travelers through New Bedford, Murray has become something of a local folk hero — popping into restaurants, surprising locals, and posing for photos around town. The Z honors Murray's devotion to the area with a marathon of five of his most popular films. Stop by concessions for fresh popcorn and get ready, because this August, Mondays belong to Bill Murray.

The Z's Bill Murray Movie Monday Marathon includes:

- *What About Bob?* (1991) - Monday, August 3, 7:00 p.m.
- *Caddyshack* (1980) - Monday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.
- *Ghostbusters* (1984) - Monday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.
- *Stripes* (1981) - Monday, August 24, 7:00 p.m.
- *Groundhog Day* (1993) - Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.

The Zeiterion is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to

steward its historic theater as a gathering place for performing arts experiences where learning, connection, and creative expression thrive. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org and by phone at 508-994-2900 or in person at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and two hours before ticketed events and one hour before movies.

SAVE THE DATES:

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FREE Scallopalooza

Back by popular demand, the 2026 Scallopalooza Scallop Shucking Contest will be happening this summer on Thursday, August 13, from 5-8 PM at 38 Bethel Street in front of the Fishing Heritage Center. Scallopalooza is our nationally-recognized celebration of New Bedford's commercial scallop industry, bringing together local seafood lovers, fishing families, businesses, and community members for an evening of scallop shucking, live music, local vendors, and waterfront culture.

FREE. Watch local fishermen compete for the title of New Bedford's best shucker starting at 6:30pm! The event will also include live music

Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/scallopalooza/>

Margaritaville

New Bedford Festival Theatre presents Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville*. Just three shows left: 7/24, 7/25, 7/26.

This production marks the much-awaited return of NBFT summer musicals at The Z! And what better way to celebrate than with a big beach party of a musical?!

Ticket prices start at \$42. Group, senior, and student discounts are available. For tickets visit <https://www.zeiterion.org> or in person at The Zeiterion Box Office (684 Purchase St., New Bedford), or by calling The Zeiterion Box Office at 508-994-2900.

Music night features old cars, old tunes, and dancing

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held its annual Music Night, featuring Eddie and the Exciters playing all the oldies on Sunday, 7/19/26, in Benoit Square. Adams Street was blocked off from traffic to showcase some classic vehicles and let people literally dance in the street.

The NFIA volunteers cooked up some hot dogs and hamburgers, while a couple of hundred people enjoyed the music in the square.

Bob Santos of New Bedford, and Donna Bennett, a summer Fairhaven resident, took the street to show off some dance moves.

"It's a lot of fun," they each said in turn.

Meanwhile, Kristine Audette, showed her sweet 1968 Camaro that she has owned since she was 16.

"I loved it. I built it," she said, adding that a lot of people helped her along the way. "It's been a fun project."

Jesse took the opportunity to teach his two young daughters, Carsie and Laurie, some cool dance moves in the street.

Carsie said they were having a "great time."

"Lots of dancing," said dad.

The NFIA is a volunteer organization that organizes free events throughout the year. They are always looking for more volunteers. They



meet the third Thursday of the month at 267 Adams Street, Fairhaven. Email north_fairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.



TOP: Bob Santos and Donna Bennett make all the moves to the oldies of Eddie and the Exciters during the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Music Night on 7/19/26 in Benoit Square. ABOVE LEFT: Couples dance to a slow one by Eddie and the Exciters ABOVE RIGHT: Antique and classic cars line Adams Street. *Photos by Beth David.*

Acushnet Democratic Town Committee holds peaceful protest

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Democratic Town Committee held its first stand out in Acushnet on 7/18/26 at Pope Park to protest the Trump administration's

authoritarian tactics. More than 50 people attended the peaceful protest to "teach, reach, preach." The Committee posted a thank-you on Facebook to those who attended and to neighboring DTCs. "to have over 50

people bring "good trouble" to our deep red town means the world!" they wrote. To learn more about the committee, email them at acushnetdems@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.



More than 50 protesters gathered at Pope Park in Acushnet on 7/18/26 to peacefully protest against the Trump administration's authoritarian tactics in a stand out organized by the Acushnet Democratic Town Committee. *Photos courtesy of the Acushnet Democratic Town Committee.*

Fire Safety day includes cooling down



The Millicent Library in Fairhaven held its annual Fire Truck Day on 7/14/26, with the Fairhaven Fire Department giving a presentation on fire safety, and then letting the kids (of all ages) cool down under the fire hose on the lawn of the Unitarian Church. Visit <https://millicentlibrary.org> to learn more about the Millicent Library's programs. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Firefighters demonstrate using the gear they use to fight a fire. ABOVE RIGHT: Children cool off under the fire hose. *Photos courtesy of the Millicent Library.*

Land Trust organizes river cleanup in Acushnet



The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust organized a cleanup of the Acushnet River at Hamlin street on 7/11/26. The volunteers cleared pathways to support the herring's migration next season. Sixteen volunteers cleared 270 yards of river debris that will not only help the herring, but will also help kayakers and canoers. "The volunteers worked hard and deepened their connection with the Acushnet River," wrote Sienna Flynn for the FALPT. "The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Trust is grateful to all the volunteers that donated their time and energy to a great cause." The group will hold more cleanups in the future. Find them on Facebook to keep updated or contact the FALPT Land Manager, 774-521-8489. ABOVE LEFT: Volunteers clear a section river. ABOVE RIGHT: Volunteers pose for a photo after working to clear the river. *Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust.*

Sagres and Ernestina visit New Bedford



As part of the celebration of the nation's 250th birthday, the Tall Ship NRP (Navio da República Portuguesa, ship of the Portuguese Republic) Sagres visited New Bedford on Sunday, 7/19/26, and docked at Marine Commerce Terminal for tours through 7/22. The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey and a few of New Bedford's authentic Azorean Whaleboats escorted the Sagres into the harbor. The ship was scheduled to leave for Portugal on 7/23/26. LEFT: People gather at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven to watch the Tall Ship NRP (Navio da República Portuguesa, ship of the Portuguese Republic) Sagres enter New Bedford Harbor on 7/19/26.

Photo by Lori Richard.

New Bedford Art Walk is ready to stir up “good trouble”

Press Release

New Bedford Creative at the New Bedford Economic Development Council are proud to present the 2026 Seaport Art Walk. Now in its 14th year, the city’s premier outdoor public art exhibition brings striking temporary sculptures and installations to the working waterfront and Seaport Cultural District, running now through October 31, 2026.

This year’s exhibition centers on the theme “Good Trouble,” drawing inspiration from the late U.S. Representative and civil rights leader John Lewis. In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, artists were challenged to confront systems of power, celebrate cultural resistance, and explore themes of civil disobedience, community organizing, and social progress.

“When I founded Seaport Art Walk fourteen years ago, the core mission was simple yet vital: to activate our beautiful waterfront while creating a direct, meaningful way to pay local artists for their labor and vision,” says Jessica Bregoli-Sparling, founder

and curator. “This year’s theme, ‘Good Trouble,’ feels incredibly urgent. Our local creative community has met this call to action with profound, challenging works that prove that art is not just decorative — it is a catalyst for conversation, justice, and community resilience.”

To see the artwork, park at City Pier 3 and walk south (left out of the parking lot) along MacArthur Drive towards State Pier.

This year’s exhibition includes several powerful new featured sculptures positioned along the waterfront:

Eric Lintala honors the legacy of Everett Hoagland, New Bedford’s first Poet Laureate (1994–1998) who passed away in 2025, through *Good Trouble: Protest and Poetry*, celebrating Hoagland’s award-winning literary contributions to poetry. In a nearby installation, **Mandy Fraser** presents a silhouette of the Statue of Liberty and an American flag constructed from the text of Emma Lazarus’s poem “The New Colossus,” celebrating compassion, refuge, and opportunity for immigrants.

Timothy Goldkin presents *Where*

They Stood: Good Trouble, a free-standing, life-size sculptural portrait of Eulalia (Eula) Mendes (1910–2004). Mendes was a prominent Portuguese industrial migrant worker and labor activist who organized and led her peers during the historic 1928 Textile Workers Strike in New Bedford. Created from archival photography, the sculpture is paired with an immersive augmented reality (AR) experience accessed through a QR code. Further down the way, **Ed McAloon** shares a reflective piece depicting a hand holding a cell phone made of mirrored aluminum, highlighting the First Amendment right to peacefully protest, record the actions of lawless forces, and create the “good trouble” of documenting systemic crimes.

Craig Gray contributes *Novel Idea*, a concept sculpture constructed from stacked granite books. The piece was created in collaboration with over 100 New Bedford-based artists and cultural leaders, who provided input on books that either have been banned or could be banned in the

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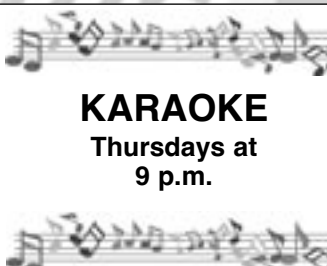


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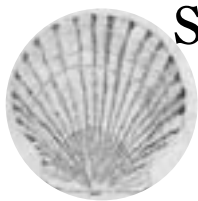
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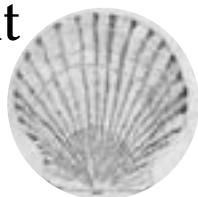
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e. **CON 023-588, SE 023-_____ : 54 Reservation Road, Map 29A, Lots 315 & 316** Notice of Intent filed by Sandeep Gupta & Elizabeth Faria to install break-away panels and to relocate the existing driveway to access the new garage space below; break-away panels will be installed around the perimeter of the house's concrete column foundation. The site falls within LSCSF, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (E1.16 & 20').
*Brandon J. Estrella, Chair,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 7/2/26*

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future. The final arrangement of fifteen books is comprised of the most popular suggestions from the community; it contains a mix of well-known challenged works including *The Color Purple*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, plus Andrea Davis Pinkney's *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* — which tells the story of the Greensboro Four and honors New Bedford's own local civil rights icon Dr. Jibreel Khazan — as well as uniquely local titles from authors Everett Hoagland, Linda Coombs (Aquinnah Wampanoag) and Russell M. "Fast Turtle" Peters (Mashpee Wampanoag).

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Seaport Art Walk in New Bedford is made possible through the generous support of the City of New Bedford's Arts, Culture, and Tourism Fund, with additional funding from Bristol County Savings Bank, Barr Foundation, and the Cultural District Initiative of Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Visit <https://newbedfordcreative.org/seaport-art-walk/>

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 7/29, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon. 8/3, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon. 7/20, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 8/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 7/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 7/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Board

Thurs., 8/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Wed., 8/5, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	July 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	23	0339	1613	0915 ---
Friday	24	0441	1716	0006 ---
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Saturday	25	0544	1809	0056 1211
Sunday	26	0633	1852	0141 1200
Monday	27	0714	1931	0225 1231
Tuesday	28	0753	2009	0300 1305
Wednesday	29	0832	2048	0208 1343
Thursday	30	0913	2129	0232 1427
Friday	31	0954	2209	0305 1513

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Acushnet students tour PJK

Building Connections Through Education: 4th Grade Quarry Experience

By Lily Marguy,

PJK Communications Specialist

This spring, P.J. Keating proudly partnered with Acushnet Public Schools to deliver an engaging, hands-on learning experience for local fourth grade students, bringing classroom concepts to life while making a lasting impact on the community.

The Rocks Build Our World program began last November to introduce students to the essential role aggregates and construction materials play in everyday life.

Students visited the Acushnet quarry last month where they toured the quarry and experienced the equipment, materials and processes up close. This field trip connected what the students had learned in the classroom to real-world applications, offering a deeper understanding of how infrastructure is built and

maintained.

After the quarry tour, students applied their knowledge through one of four science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-based, activity challenges designed to reinforce environmental awareness, teamwork and problem-solving:

- The "Environmental Response Challenge" encouraged students to explore environmental responsibility and land stewardship by participating in a fast-paced game.
- The "Build a Road" and "Build a Bridge" challenges encouraged students to think like engineers by using creativity and teamwork to design and construct roadways and stable structures while learning basic engineering principles.
- The "Cookie Mining" challenge

provided a fun and delicious lesson on resource extraction, environmental impact and reclamation practices.

These activities not only reinforced classroom concepts, but fostered collaboration, critical thinking, and an appreciation for the industry's role in shaping the world around them.



"It was clear how much work and thought went into planning this and please know that it is these types of experiences that our students often remember the most. You have made an impression and have exposed them to so many things beyond the content, delivering real world experience", said Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment to the Acushnet Public Schools Angela Ruggeri.

With summer underway, both Acushnet Public Schools and P.J. Keating are already looking ahead to the fall to continue to build upon their partnership with in-school activities and quarry tours, ensuring this impactful program remains a valued and lasting tradition.

"When we get these opportunities to let our passion shine through to engage and share with students, it is both rewarding for them as well as ourselves," said Patricia Lencki, Vice President of Business & Development for P.J. Keating.



TOP: Fourth grade students from Acushnet Elementary School learn the importance of resource extraction by mining for chocolate chips in cookies at P.J. Keating's Acushnet Quarry on 5/27/26, when students toured the facility and engaged in a variety of activities. ABOVE: Students pose for a photo in front of the quarry. Submitted photos.

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Traveling tenor, pianist, perform rare concert in NB

By Beth David
Editor

You've heard the songs before, but probably not like this. Imagine the big voice of an opera soloist singing "Oh Susanna," "I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," and other traditional and folk music Americana from a couple of centuries ago. Pair it up with a masterful pianist in an intimate setting, and you are experiencing "art song."

That is what Cooper Joseph Kendall and Semyon Berezin brought to the Rotch-Jones-Duff House on 7/17/26, performing a collection of songs aptly chosen for the 250th birthday of the United States.

Mr. Kendall, a classically trained tenor from Connecticut, has strong ties to New Bedford. His mother grew up here in a very well known family. Mr. Kendall's grandfather was Edward Coury, a long-time state representative. Cooper's grandmother, Theresa Coury, ran Call Me Ishmael restaurant in downtown New Bedford for many years.

Pianist Semyon Berezin, from Saratov, Russia, began working with Mr. Kendall a few years ago at the Musik-Akademie Basel in Switzerland, where they both live now.

The tour this summer, dubbed "Summer at Home," featured nine concerts in the US of pure Americana. In addition to the tenor and the pianist, the duo was joined by soprano, Jinni Shen, in New Bedford.

Mr. Kendall said the 250th birthday of the US is also the 200th birthday of Stephen Collins Foster (1826-1864).



ABOVE: L-R: Pianist, Semyon Berezin; Soprano, Jinni Shen; Tenor, Cooper Joseph Kendall, perform "Will Thou Be Gone, Love?", a duet by Stephen Collins Foster based on the balcony scene from Romeo & Juliet, at a concert in their "Summer at Home" tour on 7/17/26 at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House in New Bedford. TOP: Mr. Kendall performs "Jenny June," written by Stephen Collins Foster. Photos by Beth David.



Known as the "Father of American Music," he wrote many of the fun folk songs we all grew up with: *Oh Susanna*, *Swanee River*, *Beautiful Dreamer*, *Camptown Races*, and so many more.

Mr. Kendall said that in the US, his classical training limits him mostly to singing opera. So he and Mr. Berezin are trying something very different as they turn their classical training to this art form.

They have played in intimate settings, which is best suited for the music. The goal is to create a fan base in the US.

As for the performance, the listener needs to be prepared for the energetic playing of the pianist. The piano is an active participant in this gig, not a background player.

Mr. Kendall peppers his performances with tidbits and stories about Stephen Collins Foster: he loved summer, and he loved writing about summer and you can hear "wafting breezes" in the music and his lyrics.

Foster also had some fun with his music and lyrics, as shown with *Mr. & Mrs. Brown*, a comedic duet that Mr. Kendall performed with Ms. Shen.

After the performance at the RJD, Mr. Kendall said he likes the smaller venues, without a stage separating him from the audience. The intimate setting lets him feel what the audience is feeling. When he sees them react with warmth,

he said, he knows he has chosen the right songs.

The venues for parlor performances and house parties are much more limited than they were in Foster's days, said Mr. Kendall.

"It just does not exist anymore," he said. "So we have to try to find another way to connect."

People need to feel connected, he said.

"You have to make it meaningful for people, but also practical," he said. "You need the support of a lot of people."

Singing a solo is "very satisfying," he said, but there are simply not enough gigs. So this effort combines something different with the standard concert.

Ms. Shen and Mr. Berezin voiced similar sentiments about the audience.

Mr. Berezin, of course, has to play on a different piano at every venue. He said the instruments have been "very nice," at each place.

He could, of course, play piano solos. But, he said, his favorite thing to play is a duet with voice.

He likes the smaller settings, too.

"You're so close to the audience," said Mr. Berezin. "You get feedback with every note."

Summertime, he added, is about friendship, musicianship, love, and celebration, a perfect fit for the tour.

Ms. Shen a member of the Butler Opera Center at The University of Texas at Austin, said she, too, appreciates the intimate settings of places like the RJD.

"You can see their hands, how they look at you," she said, adding she gets "different vibes" from different communities.

"They are all super loving," said Ms. Shen. "They just want to hear you."

This was not her first time in New Bedford. During the pandemic, she performed outside for a group of Cooper's relatives when gatherings inside were discouraged.

"It was very special because it was the first time I got to see how powerful music and song could be with Cooper and his family," said Ms. Shen. "It feels like home."

Mr. Kendall's first CD with Mr. Berezin is a collection of German student songs. Their music is available on all streaming platforms. Visit cjktenor.com for more information, videos, and links to their music.

Editor's note: Mr. Kendall is the editor's cousin. (And she makes no apologies for showing wholehearted support of these young musicians and their ambitious goals.)

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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NOTICE TO FAIRHAVEN RESIDENTS FIRE FLOW TEST

On Monday July 27th, 2026 at 8:30pm, Dartmouth Fire Protection will be conducting a Fire Pump Test at 30 Beach Street. 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 our office at 508-979-4032. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

THE FAIRHAVEN WATER DEPARTMENT
FNN 7/23/26

TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold three public hearings at its meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the meeting room in Town Hall, located at 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA.

- This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# 26808776 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVER-SOURCE ENERGY. Request permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways: South Main Street / Hope Street. To install approximately 40' (feet) of 1-4" PVC conduit from proposed Handhole 70/H12 at base of pole 70/12 to proposed Handhole 70/H12-A.
- This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# 26973732 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVER-SOURCE ENERGY AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. Request permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways: Gammons Road, Acushnet. To install 1 (one) new JO stub pole to be labeled 49/19-S in the Right of Way of Gammons Road.
- Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the MA General Laws to approve a Transfer of License for a liquor license application: Alcoholic Beverage Retail Package Store. The premises consists of three rooms of a one story building with stock in rear room at premises situated on the east side of Main Street and numbered 270 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

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Fairhaven Housing Authority INVITATION TO BID

The FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Window Replacement at State Aided Developments: **Anthony Haven (667-5)**, 227 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; **Ash Street (705-1)**, 32-42 Ash Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; in accordance with the documents prepared by **RGB ARCHITECTS**.

The Project consists of but not limited to: the removal of exterior windows and installation of tripe pane vinyl windows. Exterior trim removal and PVC trim installation. Interior wood trim removal and replacement. The work is estimated to cost **\$488,505.00**.

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 08/13/2026 at 5:00PM EDT for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **General Building Construction**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/

General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **19 August 2026 at 10:00AM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority, women and veteran-owned business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO). The participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 4.8% MBE, 11.3% WBE and 3% VBE for all state and state-assisted construction projects over \$150,000. **Request for waivers must be sent to EOHL (Chad. Howard@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

The Contractor and all subcontractors (collectively referred to as "the Contractor") agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at **6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities**. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a **statutory** requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled Date and Time: 08/05/2026 at 10:00AM EDT Address: 227 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 Instructions: Meet in the parking lot

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc., 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749; 978-568-1167

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Fairhaven Housing Authority INVITATION TO BID

The FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Sliding Glass Door Replacement at State Aided Development: Oxford Terrace (667-3) in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **RGB ARCHITECTS**.

The Project consists of but not limited to: the removal of existing balcony and community room aluminum slider doors and installation of new aluminum slider doors. Asbestos activities are required on this project for door caulking

The work is estimated to cost **\$623,910.00**.

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 08/13/2026 at 5:00PM EDT for filed sub-bids and by 08/27/2026 at 5:00PM EDT for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

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General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **General Building Construction**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **02 September 2026 at 10:00AM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until **19 August 2026 at 10:00AM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

TRADES

Glass and Glazing

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **FAIRHAVEN HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be

available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority, women and veteran-owned business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO). The participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 3.7% MBE, 11.7% WBE and 3% VBE for all state and state-assisted construction projects over \$150,000. **Request for waivers must be sent to EOHL (Chad. Howard@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

The Contractor and all subcontractors (collectively referred to as "the Contractor") agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at **6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities**. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a **statutory** requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled Date and Time: 08/05/2026 at 9:00AM EDT Address: 275 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 Instructions: Meet in the community room

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc., 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749; 978-568-1167.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, August 3, 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=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQktvVjV9XSGppZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

Or call: 1-929-205-6099

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

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

a. **CON 023-569, SE 023-1528: 5 Lafayette Street, Map 13, Lot 048** Notice of Intent (revised) filed by Albert Santos to construct a proposed 6'W x 90'L fixed wooden pier supported by wood piles culminating in a 10'W X 18'L fixed deck area. A 20'L gangway will extend from this fixed deck to an 8'W x 75'L float secured by wooden piles; proposed piles will disturb a total of 20.5 square feet. The applicant also proposes a 24'W x 29'L garage to be connected to the existing dwelling with a 7'W x 12.5'L breezeway. This site falls within Coastal Beach, Coastal Bank, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone AE, (EI.6').

b. **CON 023-586: 7 Windward Way, Map 29, Lot 002R** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Earl Maxfield to construct a 20' x 20' garage within LSCSF, FEMA Flood Zone, (AE 16').

c. **CON 023-587, SE 023-_____ : 162 Main Street, Map 12, Lot 8** Notice of Intent filed by Ray Charles Realty Trust to construct/install a private Boat Lift. System to require the installation of (4) 12" diameter timber piles using a crane resting on a barge. The site falls within LSCSF, FEMA Flood Zone AE (EI.6'), Salt Marsh, Coastal Bank, Coastal Beach, and work to take place within Land containing Shellfish.

d. **CON 023-404, SE 023-1445: 8 Starboard Drive, Map 42, 9P** Request for an Amended Order of Conditions filed by Teek Properties to modify the Sewer Disposal System and reduce the leaching area by 60%. The site falls within LSCSF, FEMA Flood Zones, VE (EI. 17 & 19').

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scenes, participated in the parade, entertained the crowd, or simply came out to celebrate, please know that your support was noticed and sincerely appreciated.

Thank you for helping make Fairhaven's July 4th Celebration one that our community will remember with pride for many years to come.

Wayne & Vicki Oliveira

Parade and Ceremony Coordinators

When Election Security Becomes Voter Suppression

The SAVE America Act should be defeated because it would make it harder for eligible Americans to vote while addressing a problem that evidence suggests is exceedingly rare. Election integrity is essential to democracy, but protecting elections should not come at the expense of eligible citizens' access to the ballot.

The bill would require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. While that may sound straightforward, millions of Americans lack immediate access to documents such as passports or certified birth certificates. Replacing lost records can be costly and time-consuming, creating unnecessary barriers for citizens who are legally entitled to vote.

These requirements could disproportionately affect married women who have changed their names, military personnel, students, older adults, tribal citizens, rural residents, and people with disabilities. For many, proving citizenship may involve gathering multiple documents simply because their current legal name does not match older records. No eligible voter should face unnecessary obstacles because of paperwork.

Supporters argue the legislation is needed to prevent noncitizens from voting. However, noncitizen voting is already illegal and carries serious criminal penalties. Election officials, researchers, and independent investigations have consistently found documented cases to be exceedingly rare. Rather than targeting widespread fraud, the bill would impose new requirements on every eligible voter.

The SAVE America Act would also place additional burdens on state and local election officials. Election offices would need to verify citizenship documents, revise registration procedures, train staff, and resolve more registration disputes, all requiring time and

resources that many jurisdictions already lack.

Americans should not have to overcome new bureaucratic hurdles to exercise one of our most fundamental constitutional rights. We can strengthen election security through accurate voter rolls, robust audits, modern election technology, and vigorous enforcement of existing laws without making it harder for eligible citizens to vote.

Our democracy is strongest when elections are both secure and accessible. Laws that risk disenfranchising eligible voters in response to a problem that evidence indicates is uncommon move us in the wrong direction. Congress should reject the SAVE America Act and instead pursue reforms that protect both the integrity of our elections and every eligible citizen's right to vote.

*Eileen J. Marum, Marion
Chair, League of Women Voters
SouthCoast*

More CPA Funds Should Go to Housing

I am writing to address the management, transparency, and statutory compliance regarding Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds in Fairhaven, with the goal of ensuring we optimize taxpayer dollars to fulfill the critical needs of our community.

Because these funds consist entirely of taxpayer contributions, it is vital that the town improves public awareness and conducts the community outreach and resident participation required by law. While past fiscal management has contributed to our current deficit, the recent leadership changes in Town Hall — including Rick Trapelo and key members of our Finance Committee — provide an important opportunity to better leverage our municipal assets and take corrective action.

A primary concern is the Community Preservation Committee's (CPC) reactive approach to funding, which consistently overlooks Fairhaven's primary need: Affordable Homeownership. Despite the goals outlined in the 2018 Master Plan, our town faces a critical shortage of affordable family homes. Families and vital service providers earning between \$68,000 and \$150,000 can no longer afford to live here, denying them the opportunity to build equity. Furthermore, the CPC needs assessment

study mandated under Chapter 44B, Section 5(b)(1) does not appear to have followed the required statutory process. Rather than proactively utilizing land to develop housing opportunities, the CPC has allocated funds to non-essential projects, such as historical restorations for funded religious institutions and antique vehicles.

Additionally, during the Select Board meeting on July 13, there was a proposal to use CPA funds over a 12-year period to pay a bond bill with a 4.5% interest rate for work on the Millicent Library. While the Millicent Library is entitled to receive its 10% statutory allocation of CPA funds for historical purposes, committing additional funds beyond that threshold should not be locked into a 12-year commitment. To cover costs exceeding this 10% allocation, the library should utilize annual fundraising efforts rather than relying further on tax dollars.

To ensure and rebuild public trust, the town must provide complete financial transparency. Every dollar spent and received should be clearly visible to the public, including full disclosure regarding the exact allocation and amounts of stipends provided to town officials and volunteers. Fairhaven must optimize its CPA funds to benefit our residents' primary needs and generate the revenue necessary to help move the town out of its current deficit.

I trust that our newly elected officials have the capability to lead this effort. I look forward to hearing how the town intends to address these statutory requirements and critical affordable homeownership needs moving forward.

Last but not least, I would like to mention here that The 21st Century ROAD to Affordable Homes Act passed on July 11, 2026. It was a bipartisan vote!

Local towns across the Nation truly do have an obligation to work on providing Affordable Home Ownership. And to bring back the American dream for our younger hard working generation. The people who went to school, got an education and did all the right things. They should have the same opportunities many of us had growing up. Right?

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Rivers End Open

The Rivers End in Acushnet is open for business! The popular local tavern at 7 1/2 Tarkiln Hill Road closed after a fire in May and reopened on July 9.

House Tour

The Westport Historical Society will host the House Tour on Sunday July 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a self-guided look at five spectacular private homes in Westport.

All proceeds benefit the Westport Historical Society.

Purchase your tickets in advance at <https://wpthistory.org>. General admission \$40. Limited number of tickets.

At Acushnet Library

The following events are at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road. Visit <https://acupl.org>

Summer Concert Series

Concerts are held rain or shine, 6-7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, join us under the pavilion or in the community room. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

July 29: G & Friends. Marie S. Howard School Alum George Piva returns to the Acushnet Public Library. G & Friends will perform contemporary adult music under the pavilion from 6 pm. This five-piece band features George Piva on Guitar, Marvin Perry on Vocals, Mike Moran on Bass, Rick Andre on Drums, and Dennis Cook on Sax.

Aug. 5 Dave Richardson Band. The Dave Richardson Band will be grooving on New Orleans Funk, Texas Blues, Classic Soul, and driving Rock & Roll. Dave is joined by Jan Schmidt on vocals, Nate Goncalo on drums, and Bret Carlson on bass.

Aug. 12 60s Thunder The Summer Concert Series wraps up with 60's Thunder!

Undoubtedly, the 1960s were the big bang of popular music. No other decade can touch the number of timeless songs we still cherish from the 60s. Take a step back in time with New England's premier 1960s tribute band, 60's Thunder. Be transported to

the "decade of change" with a diverse song selection delivered with youthful exuberance, authentic instruments, and sweet harmonies. Dance the night away to tracks by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Doors, Motown classics, and many more. Can you dig it?

The 60's Thunder are Ian Motha on bass and vocals, DJ Bean on rhythm guitar and vocals, Matt Borrello on lead guitar and vocals, and Liam Barry on drums and vocals. <https://60sthunder.com/>

Raffle

Support your local library and maybe win a cash prize this summer! Again this year, the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library will be holding a 50/50 raffle at each of the Acushnet library's Wednesday evening outdoor Summer Concert Series. A winner will be announced at the end of each concert. The winner of the raffle will receive half of the proceeds, with half retained by the Friends to fund future programs and services at the library.

Tickets are \$5 each (cash only) and can be purchased during the library's Wednesday evening Summer Concert Series (through 8/12), all concerts start at 6pm, 232 Middle Road in the outdoor pavilion. For a list of concerts, see the Library's Facebook page or website (<https://acupl.org>).

The Friends will also be accepting jewelry donations at the Wednesday concerts for their annual September jewelry sale fundraiser. Stop by the Friends Raffle table outside to donate new and gently-worn fine jewelry pieces and men's, women's and children's fashion jewelry. All items should be in saleable condition; no broken pieces please.

Art Drive

The Art Drive, a beloved open studio tour showcasing the work of Dartmouth and Westport artists, returns for its 18th year this summer with a program that includes an exhibition.

The annual Art Drive Open Studio Tour will take place August 7-9, inviting visitors to explore local artists' studios, meet the creators, and experience a wide range of artistic mediums throughout the region.

In addition, this year introduces an

exciting Auction and Exhibition, held at Anchor Rock Vineyards (205 Bakerville Rd, Dartmouth, MA) from July 25 through August 1.

An **Opening Reception** will be held on Saturday, July 25, from 5:00-7:00 PM, welcoming the public to view the exhibition, meet participating artists, and enjoy the vibrant vineyard setting. Anchor Rock Vineyards will be open to the public that evening, offering beverages for purchase along with a food truck, while The Art Drive will host a small refreshment stand.

This exhibition will function as an auction. Bidding will remain open throughout the exhibition period, with the auction concluding at 6:00 PM on August 1, the final day of the show. The auction can be accessed online at <https://www.32auctions.com/artdrive2026>. The event also supports an important environmental cause, proceeds will benefit the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

For a preview of the artists and artwork, demonstrations, and more information, please visit our website: the-art-drive.com.

SAVE THE DATES:

Free Outdoor Movies

Join Acushnet Local 3281 on Friday August 7th for Outdoor movie night! Grab your chairs, blankets, and the whole family for a night of family fun!

At the Firehouse: 24 Russell street, Acushnet.

5 p.m. Planes: Fire & Rescue

7 p.m. Playing with Fire

Exciting raffles. Concessions available with popcorn, cotton candy, beverages. All proceeds benefit Acushnet Local 3281,

Free Movie

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., is excited to announce a film screening of the award-winning movie, "In the Whale," on August 7th at 6pm! The film tells the true account of a local, Cape-Cod fisherman who was swallowed by a whale and survived to tell the tale. Watch the movie and then participate in a Q&A with the director, David Abel. Registration optional!

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

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