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## Winter finally sends snow and poof! It's gone.



James Mahaney captured this image of a woman walking in the snow in the center of Fairhaven on 2/1/21 and decided to experiment with "digital art," processing the photo to look like a painting.

The region saw a whopper of a storm on Monday with high winds, snow, sleet and rain.

Along the coast, the snow disappeared overnight when mostly rain fell. Inland, snowfalls ranged from a couple of inches to a foot, while the western part of the state got up to 15 inches in some places, and the northern part of the state got closer to 20 inches.

Lowell recorded the highest at 24 inches, then East Action at 21.8 inches, Hudson at 20.9 inches, Littleton at 20.4 inches, and Wilmington at 20 inches (totals from channel 10 Boston, nbcoboston.com)

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, that snowstorm fizzled for us, but it was a doozy for anyone not on the coast. We had some pretty respectable wind and wind gusts, too. Trash day got pushed out one day, so everyone had their bins out. They got knocked over, covers got blown open, stuff was flying everywhere.

But, we didn't have to shovel.

On the other hand, we didn't get to have any snow fun, either.

Don't worry. There's still plenty of winter left.

The Rogers School reuse project has a serious bidder. A local developer wants to build housing there. See page 12 for details. The project still has a lot of steps to go through, but this developer is starting to work his way through the process.

Meanwhile, the Oxford School project, that's supposed to break ground in the spring, has suddenly come forth with a significant design change. We don't have that yet. They were slated to in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals this week, too late for press time. We'll have that for you next week.

On a sadder note, former New Bedford mayor Fred Kalisz died this week from COVID-19 complications. He was 63. Freddie and I were in grammar school and high school. We were in a few classes together, and we always maintained a friendly relationship. It's heartbreaking what this virus is doing to our communities. Fred was taken way too young from his family, and especially his son. See the statement from NB Mayor Jon Mitchell on page 8.

Fred left his mark on the city, and by extension, all of us. He did his best, and that's all we can ask of anyone. My heartfelt condolences go to this family and his entire Polish community in New Bedford, to which he was very devoted.

On a lighter note, "The Magazine," a relatively new community access show, interviewed me for their latest episode. Apparently, I'm an interesting character. Who knew? See page 5 for how to access that.

There's lots of other good stuff in here, of course. Please take a look at each page and be sure to note who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then...see ya  
(from a distance),



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

## COVID-19 update:

By Beth David  
Editor

Massachusetts has still not set up a phone line/hotline for people to make appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at two mass vaccination sites set up by the state.

The storm disrupted the opening of a vaccination site in Roxbury, and the storm caused scheduling changes at the mass vaccination sites at Gillette Stadium and Fenway Park.

Mass. residents over the age of 75 are now eligible to receive the vaccine.

The next group to be available will be individuals 65+, and people who have two or more of certain medical conditions. This group is not yet able to get vaccinated. Also in this group are residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing.

To see details on the phases, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-phases#phase-2>

The vaccine is free, but people are still asked to take your ID and insurance card, although they are not required to receive the shot.

To find vaccine sites, visit <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

You must make the appointment online and fill out the attestation form.

### Acushnet Numbers

According to the state's website, as of 1/26/21, Acushnet had 973 cases, 154 in the last 14 days, and positivity rate of 9.23%.

### Fairhaven Numbers

According to the state's website, as of 1/26/21, Fairhaven had 1529 total cases, 186 in the last 14 days (active cases), and a positivity rate of 6.90%.

### Statewide

On 2/2/21, according to the state's website, Massachusetts reported 1,962 new, confirmed cases, bringing the total to 502,378. There are an estimated 67,650 currently active COVID-19 cases in Mass.

There were 45 new, confirmed deaths reported, bringing the total to 14,362 in Mass.

As of 2/2/21, there were 1,631 patients hospitalized with COVID-19; 353 patients in Intensive Care Units,

and 224 patients intubated.

The statewide percent positivity rate was 3.44%.

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# BPW discusses roadwork budget

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 1/25 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed articles for Town Meeting and Special Town meeting such as roadwork for fiscal year 2022, and roadwork for fiscal year 2021. The board also discussed town beach regulations and the Sewer Superintendent Job description in anticipation of the retirement of Linda Schick this summer.

The board started the meeting with approving articles for the upcoming Town Meeting, including roadwork for fiscal year 2022.

Board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado to explain what happened with the 2021 roadwork and if they should even pick 2022 roadwork if the 2021 roads haven't even been approved yet.

Mr. Furtado said that the 2021 roadwork discussion was on the agenda for later in that meeting under the Special Town Meeting articles.

He said that all the money for the 2021 roadwork was still there waiting to be used and all the roads were approved. The reason the article did not go through originally was because of a typo in the warrant.

Mr. Furtado said the roads that were approved for 2021 roadwork were Chase Road, Bellevue Street, Massasoit Street, and Fisherman Road. Mr. Furtado said Chase Road was able to go through, but the other three roads were not because of a typo.

Mr. Furtado said the board will be asking for those three roads to get done for 2021 with the \$375,000 that is left from the 2021 roadwork money and then the board will be asking for

more roadwork from the 2022 budget.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said there should be no problems and all the roads should be accepted.

"Mark my words we are going to get screwed," Mr. Hobson said.

Mr. Furtado said that they'd better not.

"If it doesn't get approved there will be an uproar in town," Mr. Wotton said.

Mr. Wotton said no matter what, the three streets from the 2021 budget will get done first.

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Mr. Furtado suggested that the board discuss possible streets for the 2022 budget which will hopefully be about \$400,000.

Mr. Wotton said he agreed and the board should just discuss options, and then again at the next BPW meeting in two weeks. It will give town residents a chance to comment/petition for the roads they would like to be fixed.

Mr. Furtado said that Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau suggested Littleneck Road and Pleasant Street be considered for roadwork. Mr. Furtado also suggested Eden Road because some town

residents have addressed the board and explained the drainage issues they have on that street.

Mr. Hobson agreed that Eden Road needs to be looked, and said he got two calls this about it.

Town resident David Rebello of Hathaway Street in Fairhaven attended the BPW meeting to express his concerns with Cove Street which is right near Hathaway Street.

He said when there is a rainstorm the street is horrible, telling the board they would have to see it to believe it. He called the street an embarrassment to the town and to the residents who live on that street.

Mr. Rebello said he feels like it is the most neglected street in Fairhaven. In the springtime the town puts more dirt on the road and in the summer it is like a dust bowl and residents cannot open their windows. In the winter time it is like a mud pit.

Mr. Rebello explained that he is not exaggerating, and he is sorry that the town allowed him to build a home there. He said everyone in Fairhaven gets charged the same tax whether they live in the perfect areas of Fairhaven or on a terrible road like Cove Street.

Mr. Rebello told the board he has started a petition to fix the street and it has about 15 signatures.

Mr. Wotton said to pave and do drainage from Cove Street to Beachwood Street would be \$93,600. He said it is not that Cove Street has been neglected, it is that it takes time to pave every dirt road in Fairhaven and it is very expensive.

He noted that the BPW only gets \$350,000 to \$400,000 a year for roadwork.

Mr. Wotton said now that the street

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## Youth Baseball Reg.

Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball registration is open. Players signing up for the Majors please keep in mind we are moving to a 50/70 format. This means in summary the mound will be 50 ft and bases 70 ft along with a few additional rule changes.

Also if you are interested in coaching please make note of this in the comments section of the registration process.

Please visit <https://www.fayb.org>

## Snow Park Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1st to March 31st from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and also at the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east\* side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

## Light-A-Light Success

The FHS Alumni Association Board of Directors is very appreciative for the generous donations that were made by our alumni and friends of Fairhaven High School that made our 36th annual fundraiser a great success. We received \$25,851 from 500 donors which was the second best year that we have had. The average donation from our generous donors was \$51.70 which is the highest that we have had in 36 years.

In this pandemic year of 2020 we really weren't sure what to expect, but our loyal alumni base came through once again. To view the complete List of Donors by visit [http://fairhavenalumni.org/assets/articles/2020-DONORS-LIST\\_by\\_YOG.pdf](http://fairhavenalumni.org/assets/articles/2020-DONORS-LIST_by_YOG.pdf)

The Board of Directors pledge that they will invest all of your donations back into Fairhaven High School in the form of restoration projects, scholarships to deserving college bound seniors, as well as programs for students and staff that will enhance classroom instruction and benefit the largest amount of students.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and loyalty to Fairhaven High School.

## Battle of the Classes

The Class of 1966 won the "Battle of the Classes" with a total of 59 donations having been made, and they will have a \$1,000 Scholarship awarded in the name of their class at the 2021 FHS graduation exercises in June. The Class of 1964 finished in second place with 24 donations and they will have a \$500 Scholarship awarded in their name at graduation in June 2021. The remaining classes in the top ten were: '76 with 19, '65 had 18, '61 and '62 had 17 each, '67 had 16, '68 and '71 had 15 and '58 had 13 donations made by their class.

Visit <http://fairhavenalumni.org> for more information.

## "The Magazine" Features FNN Editor

"The Magazine," a public access video magazine that runs on Fairhaven Community Media, features *Neighb News* editor Beth David in its latest episode.

Description: In This episode we visit Beth David, publisher/editor of *The Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. Beth talks about her long journey in the world of journalism. For more info Contact Producer David Fauteux at [davidfauteux27@gmail.com](mailto:davidfauteux27@gmail.com)

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## Scholarships Available

The SouthCoast Community Foundation, one of the largest aggregators of scholarships in the Southeastern Massachusetts region, opened its 2021 application process and will be **accepting applications until March 1st**. Approximately 60 scholarship funds will collectively award more than \$500K to eligible high school seniors and current college students. This disbursement represents more than a 35% increase over the past two years and includes four inaugural, endowed funds:

- George E. Keeler Scholarship Fund – Honors the founder of Tech-Etch, Inc. and is for Plymouth and Bristol County seniors to pursue an undergraduate engineering degree and career in manufacturing.
- John A. Conway MD Scholarship Fund – STEM-focused for Wareham and Old Rochester High School seniors.
- Leo R. and Muriel A. Lanouette Fund – Electrical engineering, computer science, or nursing focused for existing UMass Dartmouth students.
- Van Sloun Foundation Scholarship Fund – Single year scholarship for Westport or Dartmouth High School seniors.

The SouthCoast Community Foundation will manage the application process and ultimately facilitate the award announcements and distribution later this spring. Among the resources it will provide applicants is the uAspire Financial Aid Help Desk. It assists students and their families in navigating the financial aid process, such as completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, locating affordable college options, and paying tuition, room, and board.

The Foundation is a public, grant-making nonprofit serving those residing throughout Southeastern Massachusetts who share a common goal of improving the quality of life through philanthropy. Since 1995, the Community Foundation has distributed over \$39 million from more than 200 funds to humanitarian, educational, and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Community Foundation, visit [www.southcoastcf.org](http://www.southcoastcf.org).

## Student Art Contest

The Bow Seat 2021 Ocean Awareness Contest invites students ages 11-18 to create visual art, writing, films, music, or multimedia that explores their connection to water and the need to protect this vital resource. In addition to the general awards of up to \$1,500, Bow Seat will be granting South Coast, Cape & Island Awards to recognize eligible Contest participants from the South Coast of Mass., Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, or Nantucket. Winners will each receive a \$250 cash prize.

Visit [www.bowseat.org/contest](http://www.bowseat.org/contest).

# Acushnet Fire Dept. receives 70K drug deactivation pouches

*Press Release*

During the summer of 2018, the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department received a donation of 20,000 prescription drug deactivation pouches which were shared with the greater New Bedford community. The pouches, provided free of charge by Mallin-crodt Pharmaceuticals, were locally distributed by public safety agencies, human service providers, Councils on Aging and local churches.

Each pouch contains a substance that, when water is added, deactivates the medications placed inside. The pouch can then be safely placed in the household trash.

In the fall of 2018, the department received an additional 22,000 pouches which were provided to Southcoast Hospitals for local distribution by their visiting nurse program.

Recently, the Acushnet department received a third donation of pouches, 70,000 in total.

"We were asked if we were interested in some more," stated Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher. "I never hesitated and asked that we be sent what they could spare. I never thought we would be shipped 70,000 pouches!"

Similar to their efforts of two years ago, Acushnet fire officials are reaching out to a local network of services and providers in order to get the pouches into the homes of those who want to safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired medication.

"The pandemic has kept so many adults and children home that it is more important now than ever to rid your home of unnecessary medications," said Chief Gallagher. "Accidents happen. Addiction happens. These free pouches are the best way to rid your home of these hazards."

With such a large number of pouches currently stored at a local warehouse, Chief Gallagher is planning on enlarging the scope of this initiative.

"We hope to have one third of our inventory

supplied to the greater Fall River area, one third to Cape Cod and one third in greater New Bedford," he said.

The pouches are available now at the Acushnet Fire Department at Parting Ways. Chief Gallagher said he will be networking with local fire, police departments, Health Departments, Councils on Aging and churches to distribute the pouches.



L-R: Acushnet Paramedic Jacob Hughes and Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher stand in front of boxes containing 70,000 drug deactivation pouches in December, 2020, that will be available to the public through a variety of channels. Submitted photo courtesy of the Acushnet Fire Department.

## Fairhaven resident is NAVSEA award winner

*From press release materials*

Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport's Corporate Operations Department employees Albert Haughton, Brent Hedden, Laura McAlister, Janet Igo and Kevin Murphy, recently won Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Human Resources (HR) Community Awards.

Haughton, a resident of Gales Ferry, Connecticut, won in the Exceptional Customer Service category, which recognizes those who have made a sustained or significant impact to a customer or customer service delivery. As a technical expert for Labor and Employee Relations Branch, Haughton is known for his ability to address customer needs and ensure that they have a positive experience every time.

Hedden, a resident of Middletown, Rhode Island, won in the Collaboration category, which recognizes those who have fostered cooperation, collaboration, and open communication. He is an administrative technical

specialist in the Workforce Development Branch and the lead point of contact for the command supervisor and leadership development training programs. In the last year, Hedden has planned multiple quarterly commanding officer/technical director

supervisor trainings for over 200 supervisors. In response to COVID-19 travel limitations, Hedden was instrumental in launching a highly regarded virtual Propel course for newly appointed supervisors.

Along with Haughton, McAlister of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, Igo of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, and Murphy of Tiverton, Rhode Island, won in the Collaboration Team category. Responsible for the Division's awards, telework, leave, policy, and Human Resources Management System, the team worked closely with members of the Information Systems Branch to design and implement an automated tool to streamline the end-to-end processing of Time-Off Awards (TOA). The solution has saved more than 286 work hours in fiscal year 2019 within HR, as well as approximately 50 percent of work hours spent on TOA processing across Division Newport.

All of the winners will be honored in a future ceremony.

NUWC Division Newport is a shore

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Laura McAlister of Fairhaven was part of a team that recently won a Naval Sea Systems Command Human Resources Community Award in the Collaboration Team category. U.S. Navy photo by Rich Allen.

# Special Winter Places pop up in New Bedford

*Press Release*

The New Bedford arts community and creative businesses, along with a host of others, have big plans to put some sizzle into your winter this year.

#NBfestive Winter Places will pop-up at various hot spots throughout downtown New Bedford's Seaport Cultural District: places where residents and visitors can "warm up, chill out, shop small and eat local," beginning on Thursday, 2/11/21.

#NBfestive Winter Places partners the City of New Bedford with Destination New Bedford, New Bedford Creative, UMass Dartmouth CVPA and the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park every Thursday through Saturday through the winter months. On those days artists, performers and downtown businesses will offer a variety of special events and programming in the city that are safe and fun for all ages.

"The City of New Bedford is pleased to have received a Winter Placemaking grant through Bench Consulting's 'Winter Places' program, with funding support from the Barr Foundation, to implement program-

ming and placemaking within the downtown's public spaces," explains Anne Louro, Preservation Planner. "Our goal is to have people rethink the frosty season, lure them outside and make our downtown safe, active and inviting during the winter months while following COVID-19 guidelines."

Additional funding was provided by Bristol County Savings Bank and the Southeastern Massachusetts Visitors Bureau.

The series kicks off on AHA! New Bedford Night, Thursday February 11 and continues each week after with the following line-up of free activities:

Each Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. from February through April, UMass Dartmouth's CVPA \* Series will showcase a variety of dynamic performances and visual arts inside their Union and Purchase Streets corner Star Store gallery, viewable from their street-level windows.

Wing's Court will host fire pits and curling games on Fridays 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00-8:00 p.m. all winter long. Between getting hot and heavy in this winter space, you can enjoy the plethora of small

businesses and eateries which circle Wing's Court and radiate out for blocks around.

Also on Fridays and Saturdays over in Custom House Square, a snow-making machine will lend a hand to Mother Nature so that you can take advantage of some sledding on the rolling landscape.

The New Bedford Art Museum/ Artworks! famous purple artMOBILE van will be parked between Custom House Square and Wing's Court for youth to engage in artistic and inventive instruction with quality art supplies from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 2/13, 2/20, 3/6, 3/13 and 3/20.

At all times throughout the winter months enjoy the following: special lights installed in Wing's Court and Custom House Square and public art displays, including a large five-foot snowflake by city artist Jessica Bregoli, a six-foot lantern by Tim Catz, three 5-8 foot tall trees and an 18-foot selfie-ready scallop boat made by John Kumor, John Pereira, Jack Sylvia and Rick Fournier, and painted by Mandy Fraser.

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## Kalisz Death

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell released the following statement on 1/27/21, on the death of former NB Mayor Fred Kalisz, who died from complications of COVID-19. He was 63 years old.

"I was saddened to learn this morning of the sudden passing of former Mayor Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr., a dedicated public servant and a steadfast friend. Mayor Kalisz served as City Councilor for Ward 2 before his election as Mayor in 1997, eventually becoming New Bedford's third-longest serving mayor.

"Mayor Kalisz's tenure was marked by an unwavering devotion to the City and its residents. He worked tirelessly to improve every city neighborhood, and strove over his four terms to activate the city's potential. Among his many accomplishments, he established the New Bedford Economic Development Council in its current form, oversaw the construction of three state-of-the-art middle schools, created a new permanent home for SeaLab, renovated the Buttonwood Park Zoo, and led the resumption of ferry service to Martha's Vineyard. All of these efforts paved the way for more progress thereafter. Mayor Kalisz poured his heart into the job, and New Bedford is the better for it.

"After leaving office in 2006, he continued to serve others — earning a doctorate, leading the Parents Alliance for Catholic Education, and serving as Register of Deeds for Bristol County's southern district since 2017. He also continued his lifelong commitment to volunteering at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the city's only remaining ethnically Polish Catholic church.

"I will miss Fred's encouragement and support over the years, and I will miss our friendship. Ann and I offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife Pat, his son Ricky, and his many friends and family.

"In observance of Mayor Kalisz's passing, I have ordered the flags at all City buildings be flown at half-staff."—Mayor Jon Mitchell

## Chamber Music

"From Russia With Love," **Release Date: February 13, 4 p.m.** What better way to celebrate winter than a

troika of Russian beauties? Shostakovich hits a playfully tart bull's-eye with his first String Quartet (1938), composed after the huge success of his Fifth Symphony reinstated the composer in official favor. Rachmaninoff's beloved Vocalise, arranged for viola and piano, weaves its melancholy magic, after which the C Minor Piano Trio by Rimsky-Korsakov brings our Russian ride to a fittingly colorful end.

### PROGRAM

Dimitri Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 1, Op. 49. Sergei Rachmaninoff: Vocalise Op. 34. Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov: Piano Trio in C Minor. Musicians: Jesse Holstein, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Leo Eguchi, cello; Janice Weber, piano

**Tickets: \$20 per household.** All ticketed patrons will receive an email on the day of the concert containing instructions and a private link for access on YouTube. The concert will premiere at 4pm but you can watch the concert any time (and as many times as) you like for 30 days. We recommend linking your phone, tablet, or computer to your TV to enjoy the full visual-audio quality of the performance! Recorded at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Dartmouth, MA. Video and audio production provided by Soundmirror, Inc.

For tickets, visit <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2020-2021/>

## Free Arts Series

UMass Dartmouth's College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) is launching a 13-week performing and visual arts series at the Star Store, its campus in Downtown New Bedford. The CVPA ★ Series will present free public programs every Thursday evening, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, in its Swain Studio space at the corner of Union and Purchase Streets. Dynamic live performances, video projections and installations will be inside but viewable from the sidewalks outside this corner gallery.

The CVPA ★ Series kicks off on Thursday, February 4, featuring live spoken word, with projected video images filling the backdrop. Poetry or spoken word will be the running theme for the first Thursday of each month, followed by a visual arts

component during the AHA! Nights on the second Thursdays, live music on third Thursdays, and fourth Thursdays are dedicated to performing arts – all with site-specific projections that will bring the walls of the space to life. A full schedule with artists' names will be published soon on the CVPA's website [www.umassd.edu/cvpa/galleries](http://www.umassd.edu/cvpa/galleries).

## Fishing Heritage Ctr

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center remains closed to the public this month while we work on the installation of our new, permanent exhibit, *More than a Job: Work and Community in New Bedford's Fishing Industry*. This exhibit will feature a replica working deck, scallop dredge, galley table, bunks, historic images and footage, and more than sixty audio clips sharing the many voices of the fishing community. The new exhibit will provide visitors with an introduction to the workings of the fishing industry as well as explore themes including labor history, immigration, sustainability, and the changing nature of work and community.

**Join us on Thurs., 2/11, at 7 p.m. for a virtual sneak peek** of this brand new, permanent exhibit! Learn about what goes on behind the scenes when planning an exhibit and see previews of some of the new exhibit elements. Tune in to the Exhibit Preview on ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81116053482#success>. Free and open to the public.

To schedule a private visit during this month, please email [info@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@fishingheritagecenter.org)

Explore our online digital exhibits at <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/digital-exhibits/>

Please contact Hannah at [programs@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:programs@fishingheritagecenter.org).

## Call For Artists

### Deadline February 5

#NBfestive will launch on AHA! Night February 11. For six weeks, residents and visitors will be encouraged to "warm up, chill out, shop small and eat local," with outdoor activities in downtown NB.

If you are an artist or performer interested in participating, please email Margo Saulnier at [artsnewbedford@gmail.com](mailto:artsnewbedford@gmail.com).

## Acushnet COVID testing

We are very pleased to announce a regular schedule of Covid testing in Acushnet.

- Fridays from 10 a.m.–noon in the parking lot behind the Council on Aging (59 South Main Street) using our trailer (see page 12)
- Saturdays from 9 a.m.–noon at the elementary school gym

This schedule will be used through the end of February and may be delayed or cancelled due to possible snow/weather conditions. We will post updates during the week on our Facebook page/Acushnet Fire & EMS.

## Volunteers

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity needs lunch and coffee break volunteers for our Mattapoisett Home Build. Our volunteers are almost done with the Mattapoisett home. They will be working each Saturday through the end of February to finish.

Coffee Break: 9:00/9:30

Lunch Break: 12:00/12:30

Please email if you or your group will be available to volunteer for a time slot for any Saturday through the end of February.

If you are unable to come out to the build, please consider supporting a local restaurant and Habitat, by donating a gift card to supply coffee break or lunch. All volunteers will be required to bring and wear a face covering/ mask of some kind, and of course, if you are not feeling well, we ask you to please stay home.

Email Christine Lacourse at BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com or call 508.758.4517

## Snow Park Ban/ Acushnet

By vote of Town Meeting, parking is restricted as follows: in water district, parking allowed opposite side of hydrants, out of water district, parking allowed north side of street running east and west; and, parking allowed on west side of streets running north and south.

Violators subject to being towed away at owner's expense. (Authority, Article 17, March 11, 1970 Annual Town Meeting, which adopted Chapter 40, Section 22D of the General Laws.)

Parking restriction is from November 25, 2020 to April 15, 2021. *Acushnet Selectboard: Kevin Gaspar, Sr., David Desroches, David E. Wojnar*

## Black History Month

### Elizabeth Keckley

*Meet Elizabeth Keckley: Seamstress to Mary Todd Lincoln.* In 1868, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Hobbs Keckley published her memoir *Behind the Scenes or Thirty Years a Slave, and Four Years in the White House.*

This revealing narrative reflected on Elizabeth's fascinating story, detailing her life experiences from slavery to her successful career as First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln's dressmaker. Visit <https://www.whitehousehistory.org/from-slavery-to-the-white-house-the-extraordinary-life-of-elizabeth-keckley>

### Thomas Howland

Visit the Rhode Island Historical Society, <https://www.rihs.org/faith-freedom-friday-thomas-howland/> to learn about Thomas Howland, the first African American elected in Rhode Island.

### Free PBS Episode of "The Long Song"

For a limited time: Watch Episode 1 of PBS's Brilliant "The Long Song"

This three-part miniseries based on Andrea Levy's award-winning novel about the end of slavery in Jamaica follows July (Tamara Lawrance), an indomitable, young slave who works on a sugarcane plantation with her detestable mistress, Caroline Mortimer (Hayley Atwell). Their lives change with the arrival of a new overseer, Robert Goodwin (Jack Lowden) who sets out to improve life on the plantation. Visit <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/episodes/the-long-song-e1/#>

### MLK Videos

Listen to Our 2020 MLK Concert, Let Freedom Roll, Produced with The First Baptist Church in America and Wilson Consulting, LLC: <https://vimeo.com/399947978/bd821cde57>

### Gloucester Writers Center

Gloucester's Writers Center Celebrates Black History Month

Amiri Baraka would have a great deal to say about our country at this moment in time. He was a dramatist,

novelist, poet, activist and one of the most respected and widely published African-American writers.

The GWC was graced with his presence back in 2013 when he came to give the Charles Olson Lecture at the Cape Ann Museum. In tribute to the man and to Black History Month we are playing this 29 minute reading. Baraka which means "blessing" in Arabic starts reading from his Low Coup poems based on the Haiku form that his grandmother passed on to him. The poet transforms them into tiny piercing daggers that carry biting commentary.

I was stung by the dark irony listening to these poems in a largely white audience. It gave his performance an edge. Here are a couple. European Jews say the devil speaks perfect German. Black Americans on the other hand say, he speaks pretty good English too.

The Gloucester Writers Center was founded to celebrate, preserve, and promote Gloucester's rich literary legacy and to create space in the community for the voices of people of all ages and backgrounds to be heard through writing, dialogue, and the artistic process. As a working writers center in a working town, what we do is rooted in our belief that the word is not separate from the world. We encourage each other to write, speak, and learn about the world around us in order to participate.

Visit <https://gloucesterwriters.org>

## Ladies of the Lens

Cape Ann Museum presents Ladies of the Lens: Martha Hale Harvey and Eleanor Parke Custis, 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester, [www.capeannmuseum.org](http://www.capeannmuseum.org)

Focusing on photography in the Museum's collection offers the opportunity to look more closely at two women artists who explored that medium while working on Cape Ann. Although their lives overlapped in time, the rapid pace of technological developments in photography meant that Martha Hale Harvey (1863-1949) and Eleanor Parke Custis (1897-1983) each excelled in markedly different pictorial processes

Visit <https://www.capeannmuseum.org/collections/artists/martha-hale-harvey/> and <https://www.capeannmuseum.org/collections/artists/eleanor-parke-custis/>

## Recipe of the Week

### Slow-Roasted Salmon with Fennel, Citrus, and Chiles

- 1 med. fennel bulb, thinly sliced
- 1 blood or navel orange, very thinly sliced, seeds removed
- 1 Meyer or regular lemon, very thinly sliced, seeds removed
- 1 red Fresno chile or jalapeño, with seeds, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs dill, plus more for serving
- Kosher salt and coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 2-lb. skinless salmon fillet, preferably center-cut
- ¾ cup olive oil

Flaky sea salt (such as Maldon)

Preheat oven to 275°. Toss fennel, orange slices, lemon slices, chile, and 4 dill sprigs in a shallow 3-qt. baking dish; season with kosher salt and pepper. Season salmon with kosher salt and place on top of fennel mixture. Pour oil over.

Roast until salmon is just cooked through (the tip of a knife will slide through easily and flesh will be slightly opaque), 30–40 minutes for medium-rare.

Transfer salmon to a platter, breaking it into large pieces as you go. Spoon fennel mixture and oil from baking dish over; discard dill sprigs. Season with sea salt and pepper and top with fresh dill sprigs.

Try with cod, halibut, John Dory, or turbot fillets

From [bonappetit.com](http://bonappetit.com)

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and wide. Over the years they have encountered and befriended many dogs and owners, from all walks of life.

Frankie thought it would be a waste not to share the lessons of life that she has learned from her many adventures as well as from other dogs. She created *Dear Frankie* as an advice column for dogs who would like a canine perspective, on their questions and issues of concern.

She also welcomes the advice of other dogs to the letters she has responded to in her column.

Frankie can be contacted at [dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com), and welcomes your submissions.

Dear Frankie,

One of my siblings who got adopted yesterday called and told me she has to sleep in a wire cage with a lock. She said her family called it a crate. They told her it was her safe place. Do all families that adopt dogs have crates? I'm being adopted soon and want to know what to expect. Are crates as scary as I think they are?

Best Regards, Buster

Dear Buster,

These crates seem to be getting more popular, so chances are your new family will have one. What I'm

about to say will probably not be popular with most dog trainers and breeders.

Their opinions aside, what I provide for you is not what humans think, but rather a canine perspective. Personally, I don't like crates. I think they are the equivalent of an in-home, dog

## Dear Frankie

### Meet Frankie

Frankie is an eight-year-old schnauzer poodle and a rescue. She is a certified emotional support animal for a single retired educator. Together they have traveled and visited places far

prison. This is my opinion and I offer it to you: dog to dog.

If your new family does have a crate, as I suspect they might, I would urge you to do everything in your power to avoid it becoming your go-to place for rest. If you don't immediately resist being put in the crate, I fear it will be your slumber pad for life.

Your best shot for dumping the crate once and for all, is on the first night. Remember timing is everything.

When they introduce you to the crate, and give you the safe place rap, don't fall for it. When they lock you in and leave you all by yourself, probably in the dark, you need to take a stand.

You must protest vehemently and give it everything you've got to communicate how upset and abandoned you feel. The goal here is to break their hearts when they hear your pleas. So, cry, whine, and bark. Do it on the very top of your lungs. You can also scratch the wire cage and bang your body against the sides. No matter how tired you are, you must persist.

If you do what I say, nine chances out of ten, your Mom or Dad will come, pick you up and take you to their bed. Once you get there, head for the pillows. Look for the softest one: when you find it, collapse on top of it. Then close your eyes and fall asleep. Even if you aren't asleep, pretend you are; you might give a little snore to be convincing. They won't dare take you back to the crate, because another strange idea humans have is they think you should always leave sleeping dogs lie. Don't ask, just use it to your advantage. I have recommended this strategy to other pups, and it hasn't failed yet. Let me know how you make out.

Best, Frankie

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# DaCunha's Dispatches



News from high school in the age of COVID

By Elizabeth DaCunha

## Special to the Neighb News

I know I've touched upon the topic of sports, but you're probably wondering how the winter season has been going, so here's what you need to know.

I've spoken with Fairhaven High School athletic director Christopher Carrig who has been very supportive of the athletic department, trying his best to get sports back up for Fairhaven athletes.

He shared the challenges he had to overcome explaining, "We ran into some restrictions from the MIAA and the Board of Health. We had a plan to do indoor track but weren't able to, which was a big step back for the athletic department, not being able to offer a sport."

Mr. Carrig felt it was his duty to push for the availability of sports this year knowing that his athletes rely on the athletics program to, "develop friendships, life long skills, and learn real world lessons while competing. Also, many of these athletes depend on the structure of sports to stay in shape and have a healthy, active lifestyle."

Ariana Bucha who has been playing for the Girls Varsity

Basketball team shared her thoughts while reminiscing on past seasons: "I miss hanging with my teammates in the locker room before games and practices, and bus rides sitting all together."

She also shared that besides not having jump balls, the sport itself has not changed, but it's the high energy around games and bonding with teammates that she seems to miss most.

Mr. Carrig also mentioned that he has seen "a different sense of purpose and intensity among athletes," showing their appreciation and gratitude for what FHS extracurriculars have to offer.

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Now, families, friends, and members of the community can watch games online through the Fairhaven Athletics website where links to games are provided.

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For example, Maya Medeiros expressed a positive attitude saying, "I try to make the best of it because us basketball players are lucky to even have a season this year. FHS has done a great job with athletics considering the restrictions!"

Mr. Carrig was also happy to mention that the senior athletes were able to end their season on a high note, having their Senior Night this past week!

Ally Gamache explained how these aforementioned restrictions on

sports have taken athletes for a loop.

"Running around with a mask on for over an hour each day the entire time gets us winded very easily. The restrictions have changed how we play basketball, with coin tosses to start the game and inbounding the ball from different places on the court."

Freshman Parker Herman also discussed the differences between a regular and COVID-modified basketball season: "We only have two practices a week rather than five, and the games have been cut short to about nine games total."

Another change made due to COVID is crowd restrictions.

Now, families, friends, and members of the community can watch games online through the Fairhaven Athletics website where links to games are provided. This is something that the high school plans on continuing to do past the pandemic, just recently pushing for permanently mounted cameras in the gym and on the field in order to provide the public with the opportunity to watch FHS sports at home or in the crowd.

The last few games for Junior Varsity and Varsity teams have already taken place, but stay on the lookout for Fall II sports including football, volleyball, and field hockey!

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# New proposal for Rogers School property to be discussed

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Developers Lanagan & Co. Inc. and Arch Communities LLC have submitted a second design for the Selectboard to consider, days after the Fairhaven Rogers School Re-Use Study Committee rejected the original proposal for a 62-unit affordable senior housing project at the former Rogers School.

The first proposal featured a four-story building with a north-south orientation that encroached the green space to the south of the old school, which advisory committee members and some residents met with opposition.

The second proposal has shifted the building 90 degrees to an east-west orientation on top of the existing footprint of the school's addition slated for demolition.

Jason Lanagan, Fairhaven resident and the president of New Bedford-based Lanagan & Co. Inc., conducted a site visit outside the old school on Monday morning, 2/1, just as the snow started to fall. According to Mr. Lanagan, he and Arch Communities intend to pursue the project in partnership with the community, relying on guidance from public comments and recommendations for the design of the development to ensure the project serves the neighborhood and enhances it as well.

"Almost every segment of the

community benefits from this project," Mr. Lanagan said.

Fairhaven residents would get 62 affordable opportunities to remain in their community, and children and their families would continue to enjoy the playground and park that Mr. Lanagan said would be upgraded and maintained, all within the surroundings of the historic Rogers School

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[Jason Lanagan]

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building that would be preserved as a part of Fairhaven's future, not just of its past.

"Knocking down Rogers School — it really shouldn't be an option," said Mr. Lanagan. "There are just some historic buildings that shouldn't be torn down. It's just extraordinary; you shouldn't knock this building down."

He said understands that the community wants to preserve the center's historical look and feel, and his New

Bedford-based real estate brokerage firm has experience in representing clients developing historical buildings.

Mr. Lanagan lives with his family just up the street from the old school. He often walks with his young children to the playground. This summer, he taught his daughter how to ride her bike sans training wheels on the pavement beside the field.

"I've always loved the center of Fairhaven," he said.

Although he grew up in Mattapoisett, Mr. Lanagan's family tree has roots in Fairhaven — a Selectboard member and a popular high school football coach, to name a couple.

"Housing is what works here," he said, but only a viable project that can accomplish all the goals: preservation of the historic building, housing that is both affordable and financially sustaining, and a development that fits in with its surroundings.

"We are using the [40C Massachusetts Historic Districts Act] guidelines to drive the building design," said Mr. Lanagan.

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40C focuses on preserving the historical characteristics of buildings, maintaining and improving the settings of historical buildings, and encouraging new building designs that are compatible with existing historical buildings.

"And that's what we are going to do," said Mr. Lanagan.

When he started exploring the feasibility of a proposal, the team determined that 62 units was the minimum to accomplish a viable professionally managed affordable housing development.

They later looked at the Town's own independent third-party market study of the Rogers School site from a few years ago, which concluded that 100 units would make a feasible project.

As he continued to dig into the data, he said, "Our strategies continued to line up and make sense."

When they submitted their RFP to the committee, the focus was more on the project's financial viability and less on the design of the project.

"That's the proper order," he said. "That has to be done before you start



In this revision of the proposed reuse of the Rogers School building in Fairhaven, the new apartments are situated in an east-west orientation to preserve more of the playground on the southern end of the property. The original proposal situated the apartment addition in a north-south position (90° from above). *Artist rendering from submitted plans.*

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talking about design, windows, color...”

Community concerns about the first proposal focused mainly on the building's size, the rendering's exterior façade, parking, and the future of the abutting green space.

Rogers School Re-Use Study Committee member Barbara Acksen on 1/19 called it a “mammoth-sized building.”

During that meeting, Gary Lavallette said it was “too big for the location” and wanted to see the units reduced from 62 to 40 to ease parking concerns.

Looking across at Our Lady's Haven, Mr. Lanagan pointed out how the scale of that addition was proportionate to the original historic building with a similar Tudor-style.

“It's hard to wrap your head around the scale when you're looking at an architectural rendering,” he said, adding that the proposed building would match the Rogers School in scale just as the addition does at Our Lady's Haven. The only difference is that Rogers School is four stories, not three.

“It (the second proposal) would be the same footprint (of the existing addition to the Rogers School), just higher,” he said, but not higher than the roof of the old school.

Although the committee rejected Lanagan and Arch Communities' first proposal, it did vote to encourage the

developer to propose alternative designs to the Selectboard, which has the ultimate authority on whether to allow the RFP to move forward.

Mr. Lanagan told the committee on 1/19, “I think your plan to allow us to go back to the drawing board based on all of the feedback ... is absolutely fair, and I think people will be pleased with the provisions that we come back with.”

Mr. Lanagan said he has already been consulting with members of the community on the updated design of the building to enhance the existing neighborhood, but the scale of the project has to be 62 units.

“But we're taking in everything that we're hearing, and I think we have some pretty good solutions,” he said.

“I think where [the developer] is going with it is the right thing to do,” said Selectboard member Keith Silvia, the board's representative on the committee. “This [was] just their first take at it.”

Committee member Doug Brady commented, “Through negotiations, I think this project will do very well in the future....”

The proposal for the \$21,370,000 age 55+ housing development, which would include \$550,000 in Community Preservation Act funds, features 56 one-bedroom units and six two-bedrooms — with six of those 62 units to be rented at market rate; the

rest of the apartments would be considered affordable housing units.

Arch Communities would purchase the property from the town for \$285,000. Most of the project's funding would be acquired from federal and state tax credits and through the Massachusetts Department of Community Development, MassHousing, and conventional financing.

A site like the Rogers School is rare, said Mr. Lanagan.

“I understand the process, and you take it one step at a time using a holistic point of view,” he said.

He stressed the importance of welcoming feedback from the folks who oppose the project because that input is often invaluable in putting together a project that the community can support.

So, when the time comes for the Selectboard to decide, said Mr. Lanagan, “Then they're deciding on something that's been shaped by the community.”

The new proposal is available on the town's website at [https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3131/f/uploads/rogers\\_school\\_-\\_relich\\_lanagan\\_revised\\_plans\\_2021-01-29.pdf](https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3131/f/uploads/rogers_school_-_relich_lanagan_revised_plans_2021-01-29.pdf)

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LEFT: This artist's rendering of the proposed reuse of the Rogers School building in Fairhaven shows the front view from Center Street, with the apartments situated in an east-west orientation. RIGHT: An aerial view from the west/Chestnut Street side of the property. Artist renderings from submitted plans.

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# Nomination papers available in Acushnet

Nomination papers are available for those wishing to run for office in Acushnet.

The annual election is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on election day.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Thursday, March 25, at 5 p.m.

Candidates must submit at least 42 signatures that will be certified as registered voters who have signed in person. The last day and hour to

submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures in Saturday, March 27, at 5 p.m.

The last day to register to vote in Acushnet is Saturday, April 24, at 8 p.m.

Offices that will be on the ballot, all for three year terms are: Selectboard, Kevin Gaspar, incumbent; Assessor, Matthew Lopes, incumbent; Board of Health, David Davignon, incumbent; School Committee, Craig Sumner, incumbent; Commissioner of Trust

Funds, Tommy Lipsett, incumbent; Cemetery Board, Paul Fortin, incumbent; Trustee of Library (two seats), Jennifer Alves and Diane Ferreira, incumbents; Park Commissioner, Chad Leclair, incumbent; Tree Warden, vacant.

Offices on the ballot for five year terms are: Planning Commissioner, Mark DeSilva, Sr., incumbent; Housing Authority, Rene Racine, incumbent.

For more information contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-998-0215.

# Time to renew dog licenses in Acushnet

It is time to renew dog licenses in Acushnet. Deadline is March 31, 2021. A \$15 late fee plus a \$50 citation per dog may be imposed after March 31.

Due to COVID-19, town hall buildings are closed to the public until further notice, however, the Town Clerk's office staff is still available to serve the public.

Please call the town clerk's office

at 508-998-0215 for assistance.

Dog licensing payments are accepted by

- Dropping them in the payment mail slot located on the Parting Ways building front door
- Mailing to Acushnet Town Clerk, 130 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Be sure to include updated proof of rabies vaccination.

Fees for individual dogs: \$10 for spayed/neutered; \$15 for unaltered.

Kennel license fees: \$20 for 3-4 dogs; \$50 for 5-15 dogs; \$100 for 15+ dogs.

NOTE: State law requires a valid rabies vaccination certificate of dogs six months and prior to licensing.

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## New Bedford Office of City Planning

The Office of City Planning is responsible for providing sound, unbiased planning practices, resulting in the implementation of short and long-term plans and policies for the City of New Bedford. The Office of City Planning administers the local and state regulations regarding land use and land reuse, oversees the site plan review process for construction projects and reviews proposed signage for compliance with the city's sign ordinance. The Office of City Planning also provides staff support to the Planning Board, Historical Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, the City Council, and other city departments, boards and commissions as needed. For more info, visit [newbedford-ma.gov/planning](http://newbedford-ma.gov/planning).

## Destination New Bedford

The City of New Bedford's tourism website offers information on events, tours, attractions, dining, shopping and entertainment to make your stay a memorable one. For more info, visit [destinationnewbedford.org](http://destinationnewbedford.org).

## New Bedford Creative Consortium

The New Bedford Creative Consortium is the leadership group whose purpose is overseeing the execution of the citywide strategic Arts and Culture Plan entitled *New Bedford Creative: our art, our culture, our future*. The Arts and Culture Plan is a huge step forward in building a thriving creative ecosystem in our city, and these are the people dedicated to implementing it. This volunteer group is facilitated by the Creative Strategist with additional staff support from the NBEDC and Offices of City Planning, Mayor's Office, and Tourism and Marketing.

For more info, visit [newbedfordcreative.org](http://newbedfordcreative.org).

## New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

New Bedford Whaling National

Historical Park (NBWNHP) is a United States National Historical Park in New Bedford, Mass., and is maintained by the National Park Service (NPS). The park commemorates the heritage of the world's preeminent whaling port during the nineteenth century, and is a historic district administered under a partnership between the NPS, the City of New Bedford and private building owners to preserve the historic landscapes, structures, and collections and promote research and educational programming associated with the history of whaling. For more info, visit [nps.gov/nebe](http://nps.gov/nebe).

## UMass Dartmouth College of Visual & Performing Arts

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## BPW: cont'd from page 4

is on the BPW's radar they can get someone out immediately to fix some problems and fill some holes until the road can be fixed permanently.

Board member Cameron Durant also suggested paving Fir Street in front of the treatment plant. Mr. Furtado said he would get the price to discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Wotton said if they do road-work for Littleneck Road, Pleasant Street, Eden Road, and Cove Street they would be short about \$59,000.

Mr. Furtado said they could use Chapter 90 money to cover the rest.

Mr. Wotton said at the next meeting they will be able to hear from residents and then decide on the roads for 2022.

In another matter the board briefly discussed hiring for the Sewer Department Superintendent position. Mr. Furtado said that the current Superintendent Linda Schick will be

retiring this June.

Mr. Furtado said the board needs to read through the job description and see if they want anything to be changed before they post the position.

Mr. Hobson suggested they advertise the position immediately.

Mr. Durant suggested putting a pay scale with steps.

The board agreed that the job description was satisfactory. Mr. Wotton told Mr. Furtado to update it and post it because the sooner the position is out the better.

Mr. Wotton said the new superintendent will have some huge shoes to fill.

In another matter Mr. Furtado suggested that they put Town Beach discussions on an upcoming meeting agenda that way they can start selling beach passes early.

Mr. Wotton said heard from a few

residents that they would like to attend and discuss town beach regulations. He suggested putting it on the agenda soon and posting it online so residents can voice their concerns.

Mr. Furtado said Administrative Assistant Becky Vento can post on the town website, but does not have access to the town Facebook page, and they have trouble getting things posted to the Facebook page.

Mr. Wotton said that whoever is running the Facebook page needs to do their job or give others access to do it for them. He said he has no problem calling someone out if they are not doing their job.

Mr. Wotton said whoever runs the Facebook page needs to start doing their job or he is going to call them out by name. Mr. Wotton told Mr. Furtado to find out the name of the person who runs the page.

## Public Input Sought on Recreational Black Sea Bass season

### Press Release

The Division of Marine Fisheries is seeking public input on two options to modify the dates of the 2021 recreational black sea bass season in Massachusetts. These alternatives are being proposed in order to open the fishery on a Saturday. The potential opening dates have different consequences for the closing date and overall season length.

Status quo and proposed regulations for the 2021 Massachusetts black sea bass recreational fishery.

- **Status quo:** Tuesday, May 18–Wednesday, September 8 (114 days); 5 fish bag limit; 15" minimum size.
- **Option A:** Saturday, May 15–Friday, September 3 (112 days); 5 fish bag limit; 15" minimum size.
- **Option B:** Saturday, May 22–Tuesday, September 14 (116 days); 5 fish bag limit; 15" minimum size.

All Atlantic coastal states are required to maintain their 2020 regulations for their 2021 recreational black sea bass fisheries with the exception of making minor adjustments to their seasons that are not projected to increase harvest. Massachusetts' existing season of May 18 through September 8 (for all recreational fishing modes: shore, private vessel, and for-hire vessel) would open on a Tuesday in 2021,

whereas a Saturday opening date for this fishery has routinely been adopted when possible.

Consequently, DMF has requested and been authorized by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to implement either of two seasons starting on the adjacent Saturday that have been deemed to be "conservationally equivalent" to the existing season. These alternatives take into consideration the different rates of harvest throughout the year, and thus have slight differences in the overall season length in terms of the number of open days.

Both of the possible options would open the season prior to Memorial Day weekend in 2021; however, Option A would result in the season being closed prior to Labor Day weekend. The springtime arrival of black sea bass in Massachusetts is temperature driven, with widespread inshore migration of the stock tending to occur in the 3rd or 4th week of May. Massachusetts is the only state to propose a change this year; other states' regulations can be found on the ASMFC webpage at: [www.asmfc.org/species/black-sea-bass](http://www.asmfc.org/species/black-sea-bass). One potential benefit to a season that is open longer into September is the collection of additional recreational catch and effort

data; our being able to demonstrate a reduction in harvest as effort and availability declines into the fall may help DMF argue for a permanently longer season in the future.

**Public input on these two options will be accepted through Friday, February 12.** Written comment may be submitted to Director Dan McKiernan by e-mail to [marine.fish@mass.gov](mailto:marine.fish@mass.gov) or by post sent to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission is expected to make its recommendation to the Director on February 18 for which option (including status quo) to adopt via Emergency Regulation, such that the season can be set as soon as possible. An official public comment period and final rulemaking will occur later in the year.

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# Ford Middle School alum shows set design at alma mater

From Acushnet Public Schools  
Facebook Page

So proud of our alumni and a big thank you for giving back!

On January 27th we had the first-ever Virtual Artist Visit attended by

Ford Middle School staff and students with Anthony Freitas, FMS alum and Broadway scenic designer.

He told us all about his career and how he makes the magic happen using art and digital technology.

In this picture, he is showing one of his digital set designs and a 3-D printed figure that would be used for the physical scale model.

A big thank you to FMS art teacher Ms. Daniels for sharing!



Students and staff attend a virtual artist visit by Ford Middle School alum Anthony Freitas, a Broadway scenic designer, who is showing a digital set design and a 3-D printed figure that would be used for the physical scale model.

Photo from Acushnet Public Schools Facebook Page.

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# Work begins on Fairhaven Academy Building/Visitors Center

By Beth David  
Editor

During the week of January 25, work began to build an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant wheelchair ramp and a new entrance at the Fairhaven Academy Building.

The building, built in 1798, is the home of the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and Visitors Center as well as the museum operated by the Fairhaven Historical Society. The project is being undertaken by the Fairhaven Historical Commission with funding provided through the Community Preservation Act.

A window on the north side of the building will be converted to a door, which will open into the Visitors Center. A ramp will run from the door to the high school parking lot, which currently has several spaces of dedicated parking for the Academy Building. Outdoor lights will be added to illuminate the ramp at night.

The ramp and rear entrance are phase one of a two part plan to make the building more accessible.

The Office of Tourism will remain open regular hours during most of the construction. The project will be completed before the busier season for the Visitors Center picks up in the spring.

A second phase addressing the steps and front door of the Academy will be undertaken separately with another round of funding once the

ramp is completed.

Wayne Oliveira, the chairperson of the Historical Commission, said the project had a few delays for a variety of reasons, mostly that the bids came in too high. He said the architect did not estimate the cost of the project high enough. Town Meeting had to approve the funds, but then the bids came in too high, so the commission and the Community Preservation Committee had to go back to town meeting to get more funding. The whole project is being funded with CPA money.

“There was a little anxiety trying to get the thing off the ground,” said Mr. Oliveira, adding that it is an all volunteer group of people who had to learn about procurement laws.

Kneeland Construction Corporation came in with a bid that fit the parameters, and started work last week.

The ramp is going in the back of the building to preserve the historical nature of the front.

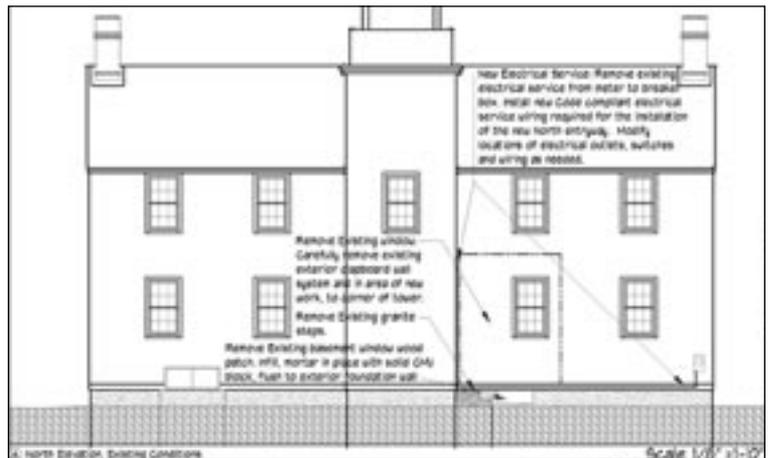
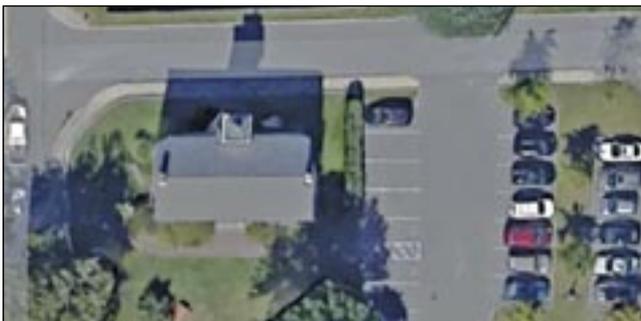


In this January 26, 2021 photo the excavation is mostly complete for the wheelchair ramp and entrance being constructed at the Fairhaven Academy Building, which is home to the visitors center and historical exhibits. Photo by Office of Tourism Director Chris Richard.

“Really, the front is the beauty of that building,” said Mr. Oliveira.

The outside work is ongoing now. In order to minimize any disruption to

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LEFT TOP & BOTTOM: The Academy Building, home of the Fairhaven Visitors Center, is undergoing renovations to make it more accessible to those in wheelchairs and those with limited mobility. A wheelchair ramp is being built in the back of the building shown here from above and from the north side. RIGHT: The sketch shows where the wheelchair ramp will be built in the back of the Fairhaven Academy Building, home of the Fairhaven Visitors Center. Photos and architectural renderings from proposal by Clearwater Architects.

# FBI warns of vaccine scams

Press Release

PORTLAND, Maine: U.S. Attorney Halsey Frank is cautioning the public to be extremely skeptical of unsolicited offers to purchase COVID-19 vaccines.

Federal, state and local agencies have received complaints about scammers capitalizing on demand for the vaccine to access individuals' personally identifiable information such as Social Security numbers, and money, using various schemes.

Among the tactics the scammers use are advertisements that promise early access to COVID-19 vaccines in exchange for a deposit or fee as well as

offers to be put on a vaccine waiting list, again in exchange for money.

"These scammers are ruthless and relentless, and everyone needs to have their guard up," said U.S. Attorney Frank. "People here in Maine, particularly the elderly, are desperate to get vaccinated as quickly as possible, and the con artists are exploiting that desperation to get access to their money and personal information."

The FBI recommends checking your state's health department website for accurate information on vaccine availability. The Maine CDC

website has up-to-date information on COVID-19 vaccine availability.

For more information on COVID-19 scams, visit [fbi.gov/coronavirus](https://fbi.gov/coronavirus). If you are the victim of a scam or attempted fraud involving COVID-19, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline at 866-720-5721, or online at [justice.gov/DisasterComplaintForm](https://justice.gov/DisasterComplaintForm).

Massachusetts residents should visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-locations> for information on vaccination sites. The state has not yet set up a phone hotline for vaccinations.

## Man charged with false distress call to USCG

ROCKLAND, MAINE — Nathan Libby, of Rockland, is charged with making a false distress call to the Coast Guard on December 3rd, 2020 via VHF-FM radio channel 16.

Based on the call, the Coast Guard initiated a search spanning more than five hours, which included the use of a local Coast Guard vessel, a Maine Marine Patrol vessel, and a helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod.

A criminal complaint was filed on January 27th in the U.S. District Court in Portland against Libby, who faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of the crime.

"Our Coast Guard rescue crews thrive on taking risks for the sake of helping others in trouble on the water," said Capt. Brian LeFebvre, commanding officer of Coast Guard

Sector Northern New England. "Calls like this hoax call unnecessarily put our rescue crews at risk, drain resources, and may limit our ability to respond to actual emergencies."

The success of this investigation is a result of the combined efforts of the Coast Guard Investigative Service, Department of Justice, Maine Marine Patrol, and Rockland Police Department.

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command of the U.S. Navy within the Naval Sea Systems Command, which engineers, builds and supports America's fleet of ships and combat systems. NUWC Newport provides research, development, test and evaluation, engineering and fleet support for submarines, autonomous underwater systems, undersea offensive and defensive weapons systems, and countermeasures associated with undersea warfare.

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### ACADEMY: cont'd from page 19

the office's work, the workers will break through the wall on a Wednesday, when the visitors center is closed.

"It just entails a little interior work to make it blend," he said, such as painting and trim work. "It should be a nice project."

Mr. Oliveira said the company is reputable and has been told that the building is a "real gem," and to treat it with "kid gloves."

He said the commission will do what it can to make the ramp in back blend in with the landscape. They will use shrubs and other plants to make it blend in.

The second phase of the project will be to reconstruct the front entrance to make it ADA "friendly," he said.

There will not be a ramp, but the steps will be rebuilt to be easier to navigate, according to the specifications in the ADA, and railings will be added.

He said they will be made "historically correct."

The commission will need to go back to the CPC to ask for more funds for the front of the building.

The project started a few years ago when David Despres was the chairperson of the commission. Each step takes time, said Mr. Oliveira, drawing plans, getting funding, getting bids.

"Time goes by and before you know it's one year after the next," he said.

But now they are finally breaking ground.

"People like to see things taken care of, getting fixed up," he said.

The new ramp and steps will make it easier for more people to access the building, "getting as many folks in there as possible," he said. "It definitely has to be done."

The museum, unfortunately, is on the second floor and will still not be wheelchair accessible. But a classroom on the first floor and other artifacts will be open to the public when the visitors center is open.

The building is located 141 Huttleston Avenue, adjacent to Fairhaven High School. To learn more about the building, visit <https://fairhaventours.com/fairhaven-visitor-centermuseum-of-fairhaven/>

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085, or visit <https://fairhaventours.com>

## Upcoming Meetings

*In-person attendance is restricted during the COVID-19 crisis. The information on how to join remotely is listed on the agendas. Most meetings also run live on the government access channels, and Fairhaven meetings are livestreamed at [FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com)*

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### Fairhaven

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Mon., 2/8, Arsene St. 6:15 p.m.

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/11, Remote, 7 p.m.

#### Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 2/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Planning Board

Tues., 2/9, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30 p

#### School Committee

Wed., 2/10, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Mon., 2/8, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

#### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 2/16, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

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#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/23, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Tues., 2/9, Town Hall/Remote, 4 p.m.

#### Selectboard/Delta Realty-Tony's Serv. Sta. Hearing

Tues., 2/23, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod  
Canal/Piney Point/Wing's Neck

	Feb. 2021	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	4	0052	1316	0624*	1836* (C)
Friday	5	0149	1414	0741	1944* (C)
Saturday	6	0249	1520	0907	2051* (C)
Sunday	7	0358	1631	1110	2216 (C)
Monday	8	0502	1730	----	1209* (C)
				----	2337*
Tuesday	9	0554	1819	----	1304* (C)
Wednesday	10	0640	1904	0035*	1356* (C)
Thursday	11	0725	1950	0135*	1437* (C)
Friday	12	0810	2035	0219*	1501* (C)

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

\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

# State opens portal for 10 grant programs

Press Release

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of the *Community One Stop for Growth*, a joint application process that will allow applicants — including municipalities, public entities, community non-profits, and private companies — to use a single portal to access ten different grant programs.

Part of the Administration's ongoing commitment to the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns, the One Stop will support strategic public investments in economic development projects in communities across the state. Lt. Governor Karyn Polito made the announcement during remarks at the Massachusetts Municipal Association's annual conference, and will join Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy for a

detailed presentation to mayors and managers later this month.

The new One Stop process includes a single application portal to multiple grant programs offered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED), the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and MassDevelopment. The One Stop also incorporates direct referrals to additional programs, offers tailored guidance, and features collaborative review, all organized around a single timeline. It also includes an optional, but highly recommended, Expression of Interest that allows an applicant to indicate economic development priorities and seek feedback from EOHED and its partner agencies prior to submitting a Full Application. To help guide applicants, the One Stop

reality within diverse communities.

This coordinated effort for accessing state grants and agencies originated out of a series of regional engagement sessions held in 2019 during the crafting of the Administration's economic development plan, Partnerships for Growth. During those sessions, leaders from municipal government and the community development sector routinely cited a number of long-standing challenges to securing state funding, including difficulty in identifying available funding sources, understanding the purpose and requirements necessary for successful access, and navigating a complex patchwork of different timelines, processes, and guidelines. The One Stop for Growth follows on the success of the Community Compact Connector, an online, centralized grant finder and calendar launched by Lt. Governor Polito and the Community Compact Cabinet to address concerns regarding access to funding and awareness of programs.

Details on the Community One Stop for Growth are available at [www.mass.gov/onestop](http://www.mass.gov/onestop).



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