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## Winter finally makes an appearance



The frozen marsh on Goulart Memorial Drive on 1/18/20 proves that winter has finally arrived. This marsh almost thawed out, however, but then refroze all in a matter of a few days. Temperatures have been in the teens, with wind chill factors taking them close to zero in the area. Weather forecasters expect a warming trend for the next few days, with temperatures in the 40's for the next couple of days. Expect some rain or snow on Saturday, and then a return to mild temperatures on Sunday, with a dip back into the 30s on Monday. The days are slowly getting longer, now, with the sunset on 1/23 at 4:47 p.m. Mark your calendar: 44 days till Daylight Saving Time on 3/8. Photo by Beth David.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Brrr...it's cold out there. But it's supposed to warm up this weekend for a bit. Pretty soon, all eyes will be on the groundhog... hoping to find any excuse to believe that winter will not go on forever.

**COUNTDOWN TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: 44 days**

We have some great stuff in there this week. A few mid-winter events are going on to get you out of the house. And then there are the plans for events in the spring and summer. Can't go to them yet, but the planning might warm your thoughts, if not your bones.

We have some meeting coverage for you. Looks like Acushnet has another new Town Administrator. See page 16 for that.

West Island is going to get its long-coveted stop signs, thanks to the Board of Public Works. See page 4 for how that happened. Honestly, this was such foolishness. There were provisions in the law and guidelines all along that would have allowed for the installation of stop signs. But everyone is so ridiculously stuck on procedure and liability and foolishness that it took years to get it done. In the end, the engineers made a common sense recommendation, using the language of the bureaucrats to say, basically... it'll be safer because most people can't figure out that a major intersection is coming up until they're halfway through it if they are not familiar with the roads around here. And in the summer, we have a lot of people driving on West Island who are not familiar with the roads.

Geesh. They literally were waiting for someone to get killed in order for it to be considered dangerous enough for stop signs.

Yes, we did not have as many accidents and close calls in previous years. My theory on that is quite simple: We didn't have paved roads then. When you're driving on a dirt road and you approach a paved road, it's pretty obvious that you're approaching a main road. But when you're going from one paved road to another, you really don't know that it is even there if you are not familiar with the streets. Hopefully, this will help.

There's more stuff in here of course. Until next week then...see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Carter SC appeal rejected, scheduled to be released on 1/23

By Beth David  
Editor

Michelle Carter, the Plainville woman convicted of manslaughter in the suicide death of Conrad Roy III, is scheduled to be released from jail on 1/23/20, just days after her appeal was rejected by the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Roy's body was found in the cab of his pickup truck in the Kmart parking lot in Fairhaven on 7/13/14, with a spent gas-powered water pump in the vehicle. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning. He was 18 years old.

Fairhaven detectives found a slew of text messages Ms. Carter had sent encouraging Mr. Roy to kill himself and helping him figure out how to do it. The controversial case received international attention.

The case was heard in Taunton Juvenile Court because Ms. Carter was one month shy of her eighteenth birthday at the time of Mr. Roy's death. She was tried as a juvenile offender, which means she was tried as an adult, so the proceedings were

open to the public.

On August 3, 2017, Ms. Carter was sentenced to 2.5 years in the Bristol County House of Correction, with 15 months to be served and the balance suspended with probation for five years (ending 8/1/22). The sentence was stayed pending state appeals.

After losing an appeal to the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court, Ms. Carter began serving her sentence in the Bristol County House of Correction in February, 2019. She has earned early release due to good behavior, and programs she participated in. She tried to get early parole in September of 2019, but was denied.

On Monday, 1/13/20, the Supreme Court denied the petition to review the case. Defense attorneys argued that her texts were speech protected under the First Amendment.

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas Quinn II issued statement after the petition was denied: "I am very pleased that the US Supreme Court has denied Michelle Carter's petition for further review of her conviction. This, once again, justifies

the decision to charge the defendant with manslaughter based on existing Massachusetts law, which is well-established. The validity of charging her has been vindicated by numerous judges at every step of the criminal justice process — including twice by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, which voted unanimously to uphold the conviction. The US Supreme Court's decision today brings closure to the family of Conrad Roy for his tragic death. I hope that the finality of this decision brings some solace to them. I thank the prosecution team of Maryclare Flynn and Katie Rayburn for their tireless efforts on behalf of our office and the Roy family. I would like to also thank all the investigators, including Fairhaven Police, for their significant efforts in bringing about justice for Conrad Roy and his family. I am very pleased that the legal chapter of this tragic case is finally closed."

Defense attorney Joseph Cataldo told various news outlets that they are weighing their next steps, and called the case an "injustice."

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*"I treat them like  
my own."*

*"I'm the last resort  
before the vet"*

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# BPW: Stop signs on WI; curbside organic recovery program

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 1/13 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with the Board of Health to discuss several programs, and to announce that stop and yield signs would be installed on West Island streets.

Fairhaven Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg discussed a curbside organic recovery program with the board. The company will give each house a Rubbermaid bin filled with compostable materials that can be put out on the curb weekly or biweekly. For each bin they collect a new bin will put in its place for next time.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said that the bin can hold compostable materials such as food and paper towels. Ms. Freire-Kellogg said it will save the town money that they pay in trash tonnage because a lot of the trash residents put out is compostable goods and with this program it will help reduce trash that the town pays for.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg explained that the program is free and the company uses the compostable goods to create soil that can be sold.

BPW member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked if the program was only for residents who wanted to do the program or for all residents.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said that she would suggest they start the program in one target area and see how the program works out and then go from there.

Mr. Hobson explained that he is worried about the amount of bins on the curb.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said that they can choose any day for the bin to be picked up and it could even be on alternating weeks of the recycling, that way there are only two bins out

on the curbs every week.

BPW member Keith Silvia said he was concerned about the bins not having wheels because it might make it hard for senior citizens to put the bin out.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said the town does not have to use the company's bins and that the town could opt to apply for a DEP grant to by better bins with wheels.

BPW member Frank Coelho said he felt like all the recycling is going to become more expensive because there are so many restrictions, such as having to wash the cans before recycling. He added that will eventually cause higher water and sewer bills.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said as recycling becomes more important, more and more restrictions will be made to help recycle more items.

Mr. Hobson said he felt like the compost bins will smell.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said that the things in the bin are already things people are throwing out anyway, so it will not smell anymore than it already does. She also said the bins are replaced every time they are picked up so that will also help prevent odors.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton suggested Ms. Freire-Kellogg get in contact with the company and plan a time for the BPW to meet with them to discuss the program more and look into a target area in town to try the program on.

In another matter the Board of Health also discussed the Waste Zero program with the BPW. The program is a curbside bag pick up for textiles and clothes.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said she has no problems with the program, but she just wants to make sure that the

program will still promote the clothes bins that are placed in areas around the town, as well as the curbside pick up. She said that clothes bins around town raised about \$1200 a year.

Mr. Wotton said he was not even aware of where the clothes bins are in town. He said his wife would use the curbside Waste Zero bag instead of driving to a clothes bin.

Mr. Coelho said that Rochester has adopted the Waste Zero program and they love it.

Mr. Hobson reiterated that he is just concerned about the amount of bins and bags curbside.

Mr. Wotton explained that residents would not be putting out clothes every week and that it would probably only be a dozen bags curbside per week.

"You don't know how many clothes my wife's got," Mr. Hobson joked.

Mr. Wotton said the program would not hurt the town and it will help in the long run because it costs nothing to use the program and it will help eliminate the weight of the town's trash, which saves the town money.

Mr. Furtado said the town will get \$20 per ton.

Mr. Wotton suggested the board contact Waste Zero and talk about signing a contract.

In another matter Mr. Coelho mentioned that they need to find a place for the new recycling center.

Mr. Furtado said the Bridge Street location is the perfect spot but it needs about \$1,000,000 worth of clean up.

BPW member Cameron Durant asked about possibly getting a DEP grant to fund the cleanup for the recycling center.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg said she is

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Youth Baseball Reg

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Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball had 500+ kids registered to play for the 2019 Baseball Season. As an organization, we offered baseball from T-Ball, Instructional, Minor, Major and two levels of Babe Ruth competition. All games are played at Pope Park (Acushnet, MA) and Shaw Road Baseball Complex (Fairhaven, MA).

Visit <https://www.fayb.org> for more information or to register. You may also email us at [fairhavenacushnetyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenacushnetyouthbaseball@gmail.com), or message us on Facebook!

## Beer Fest/Benefit

Join us for a Winter Beer Fest at the **Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven, on Sat., 1/25.** Sampling from 7-10; bar and music until 11:30. Sample seltzers, canned cocktails, ciders, craft beers, sangria, new light beers. Light appetizers. All proceeds go to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital and St. Mike's Soccer Program. Music donated by DJ Sounds 'n Motion, and local rock band Off Kilter. Tickets: \$35 at door, cash only.

## LGBTQ Youth Fashion Show

Dear LGBTQ Youth, We are very excited to announce NB-AGLY (New Bedford Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth) Ferosh Inaugural LGBTQ Youth Fashion Runway Show.

The South Coast LGBTQ Network will be hosting Ferosh an LGBTQ Youth Fashion Runway Show showcasing and supporting South Coast LGBTQ Youth. Ferosh stands for Fierce and Ferocious!

Spread the news! We are looking

for 30 LGBTQ Youth/Young Adults ages 14-24 to perform in our creative runway-styled fashion show on March 14, 2020 from 6pm-9pm at the Seaport Inn and Marina Fairhaven.

Entries must include a link to a 1-2 minute video telling us about you, your story, your age, sexual orientation, gender identity and why you should ROCK the RUNWAY!

Send your 1-2-minute video link to [traci@scglbtqnetwork.org](mailto:traci@scglbtqnetwork.org), mail flash drive entry to Traci at NB-AGLY, 484 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, or attend an NB-AGLY Thursday night group and bring your entry with you from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Participants chosen to perform at Ferosh will be asked to fill out permission slips to perform and videos will be property of the South Coast LGBTQ Network and may be used for marketing. **Performers chosen for Ferosh will be announced at NB-AGLY A Perfect Place Community Centers Open House on January 30th from 5-7.**

We welcome the Community to attend and support NB-AGLY.

Come by, see the center and programs provided for LGBTQ youth and what the needs of our youth in the South Coast are. The center is located at 484 Pleasant Street New Bedford, Ma. 02740.

For more information contact [traci@scglbtqnetwork.org](mailto:traci@scglbtqnetwork.org).

## Calling All Seniors

Calling All SENIORS... the Fairhaven Rotary is hosting their 5th year Senior Talent Showcase on Sunday, May, 3, 2020 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) from 2pm to 4pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall. This is a free event open to the public. If any senior would like to be in the talent showcase, please call MK at 508.330.4837 for an application. We are asking for donations/and or advertisers to get into our Program Book; please email [pmederios67@comcast.net](mailto:pmederios67@comcast.net) to inquire. It's going to be a great show!

## St. Jos. Open House

**Saint Joseph School will hold an open house on January 26, from noon to 2:00 p.m. to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week.** Come see for yourself the great benefits of our school and a Catholic

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The application for admission for the 2020-2021 school year is available on the school's website: [www.saintjosephschool.org](http://www.saintjosephschool.org) or can be accessed at the open house. Help will be available to guide you through the process and answer any questions!

**The open house will take place at the school on 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven.** Parking is available in the rear of the school. Please email [idadcosta@sjsf.dfrcs.org](mailto:idadcosta@sjsf.dfrcs.org) to reserve your space. For directions and further information, please call the school at 508-996-1983 or go to [www.saintjosephschool.org](http://www.saintjosephschool.org)

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## SAVE THE DATE

### FHS Has Got Talent

**"Fairhaven High's Got Talent" show is being on held Fri., 2/7, at 7 p.m. in the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center.**

Come and enjoy performances of the talented students of Fairhaven High School! **Tickets are \$5 and are being sold at the door.** Proceeds go to the Fairhaven High School PTO which provides scholarships as well as special programs and educational opportunities on topics critical to teens. Please come and show your support and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment!

# LGBTQ Winter Film Series launches 2020 season on 1/26

## Press Release

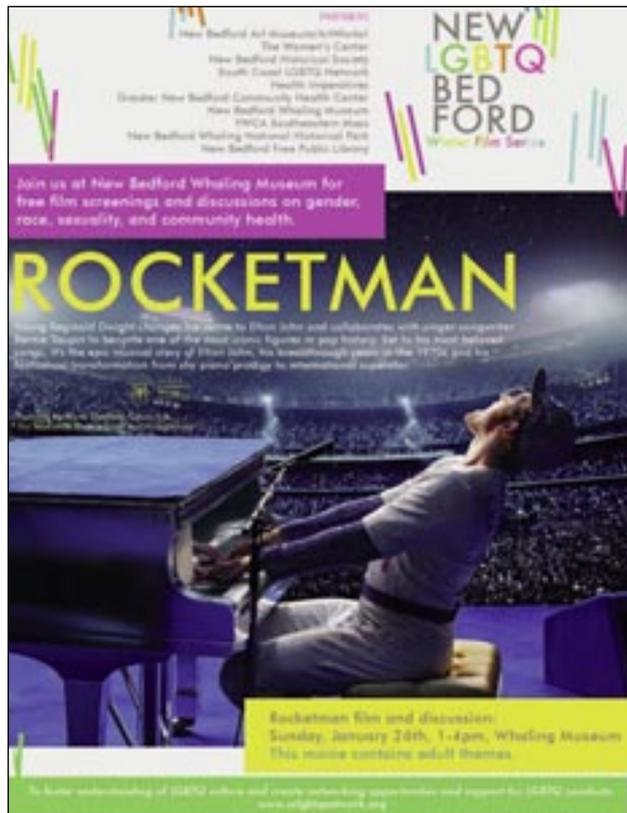
The 2020 Season of the New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series starts off with the powerful *Rocketman* on Sunday, January 26 from 1-4 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA. The public is invited for free film screenings and discussions on gender, race, sexuality, and community health.

*Rocketman* is the story of young Reginald Dwight who changes his name to Elton John and collaborates with singer-songwriter Bernie Taupin to become one of the most iconic figures in pop history. Set to his most beloved songs, it's the epic musical story of Elton John, his breakthrough years in the 1970s and his fantastical transformation from shy piano prodigy to international superstar.

"2020 is the third Season for the highly successful New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series," said Dan Everton, Co-Chair, "This year the schedule has been compressed into a shorter season with two movies in February to stay within the winter months when people are looking for something to do on Sunday afternoons."

The full series includes: *Rocketman* on January 26; *Brother Outsider: the Bayard Rustin Story* on February 9; *Boy Erased* on February 23; and *Signature Move* on March 8.

All films start at 1:00 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford MA. Mark your calendar now so you don't



after the film until 4 p.m. This year, all activities will take place inside the Theater.

To keep up to date, we invite you to follow us on Facebook at @NBLGBTQWinterFilmSeries or at [www.sclgbtqnetwork.org](http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org).

The New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series is a collaboration of community partners that includes: Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Health Imperatives, New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, New Bedford Free Public Library; New Bedford Historical Society, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, South Coast LGBTQ Network, The Women's Center, UMass Dartmouth Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality, and YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts.

We are united by our desire to foster understanding of LGBTQ culture and create networking opportunities and support for LGBTQ residents. •••

miss out.

FREE screenings start at 1:00 p.m., followed by a panel discussion. Resource tables from our community partners provide information on local services and a networking opportunity for LGBTQ individuals and allies before and

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## LGBTQ Film Series

Begins this Sunday, 1/26. See page 6 for details

## Spaghetti Supper

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 635 Purchase St., New Bedford, is holding their annual Valentine's Day Spaghetti Supper, Sat., 2/8 at 6:00 p.m.** The meal includes homemade meat sauce, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. **Donation is \$10.00.** For reservations, call 508-636-9079 or 508-996-1498. This is a fundraiser for our Holiday Meals program which feeds the needy in our area.

## Blood Screenings

Local residents are invited to participate in the 5th annual Love Your Heart Day, happening on **Sunday, 2/9, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** Communities and neighborhoods throughout the City of New Bedford will once again join a growing, national movement to "Love Your Heart".

More than a dozen locations citywide will offer free blood pressure screenings. Individuals will have a chance to "know their numbers," learn of any potential risks for harm, and receive educational materials and guidance on what to do to both improve and/or maintain optimal heart health. Each site will be staffed with trained volunteers to administer the screenings.

Lead organizer Dr. Michael Rocha, cardiologist at Hawthorn Medical Associates and Director of the New Bedford Wellness Initiative says that 4 out of 5 heart attacks can be prevented through regular exercise, smoking cessation, stress reduction, and a healthy diet – all of which help to control blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol. Further, he adds that roughly 30% of adults have high blood pressure yet only about 50% have it under control. This can lead to heart attacks, strokes, heart failure and kidney disease. Love Your Heart Day aims to reduce and prevent these issues.

Love Your Heart NB engages various community partners in healthcare, the fire and police community, universities, city government, nonprofits, and the business community. For a list of participating sites

and locations, visit [www.nbewell.com](http://www.nbewell.com).

Love Your Heart is an initiative that was originally started by the County of San Diego in California. The event has expanded into communities across the West Coast and South into Mexico. New Bedford remains the first and only location in the East Coast to fully implement the initiative.

## At the Fishing Ctr

The following events take place at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 35 Bethel St., New Bedford. For more info visit: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/> or call 508-993-8894.

### Scanning Day & Immigration Stories

**Sat., 2/8, 10 a.m.–noon.** New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's upcoming gallery exhibits will tell stories of immigration and cultural heritage in New Bedford and the fishing industry. We are interested in photographs, objects, or documents that tell stories of what life and work was like in your country of origin, what brought you to New Bedford, and what it was like to immigrate to this area. Bring any photographs, documents, or objects related to these topics to be scanned and documented by Fishing Heritage Center staff and volunteers. These items will help us tell a more complete story of immigration and cultural heritage in New Bedford's working waterfront.

To learn more visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/community-documentation/>

## Business Workshop

The New Bedford Economic Development Council (NBEDC) would like to invite entrepreneurs in the greater New Bedford area to join them in their second floor conference room for the first of a series of six small business development workshops. This FREE "Is Entrepreneurship Right for You? Discover Successful Business Hacks." **from 2:30–5:00 p.m. at The Quest Center, 1213 Purchase St., 2nd Floor Conference Room, New Bedford. To reserve your seat, please register on-line at <https://www.msbdc.org/semass/training.html> BY FRI. 1/24.** Please call the MSBDC office at

508-673-9783 with questions.

So you want to be an entrepreneur, your own boss, a multimillionaire! Starting a business is a major undertaking, if you want to do it right, and maximize the likelihood of success. Join us for a fast paced, dynamic workshop which will take you from: feasibility analysis to licensing and permitting to business planning to financing criteria.

The event is sponsored and hosted by the New Bedford Economic Development Council (NBEDC), made possible from a grant from the Mass. Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC), and the Mass. Small Business Development Center (MSBDC). Space is limited so early on-line registration is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided by the NBEDC.

Cliff Robbins, Senior Business Advisor at MSBDC, will present this free workshop to anyone who is in the process or thinking about starting their own business or who is newly in business and wants to make sure that they have met all the necessary requirements.

## Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. for all roles in of *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. The performance has yet to be scheduled and this audition is to explore casting possibilities.

Director Margo Wilson-Ruggiero is looking at casting all roles. There are 10 people in the cast, 4 female and 6 male, with ages ranging from 18 to 68.

Auditions are held in the playhouse located in St. Martin's Church/Hall complex, 136 Rivet Street at Country Street, in New Bedford. Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script.

Experience is not necessary; just the desire to participate and share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

The play debuted on Broadway in 1959 and was inspired by the poem "Harlem" (also know as "A Dream Deferred") by Langston Hughes. It is a drama that focuses on a working-class African-American family living in Chicago in the 1950's.

For more info including all roles visit <http://yourtheatre.org/yti/index.php?page=event&evtid=373>

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Beethoven's B-day with NBSO

We celebrate Beethoven's 250th birthday year with a performance of his Second Symphony — for piano trio! With the G Major violin and piano sonata of 1803, dedicated to Tsar Alexander I, Beethoven honors the traditions of Mozart and Haydn while gently “rocking the boat.” His dramatic, theatrical C Minor Quartet, Op. 18, No 4, closes the program with a kaleidoscope of emotions that makes Beethoven truly immortal — and forever beloved.

This Gift of Music concert is sponsored by Patty Plum Wylde in memory of her brother Matt Plum.

**Sat., 1/25, 4 p.m., St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion**

**Sun., 1/26, 4 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth.**

**Program** Ludwig van Beethoven: Piano Trio No. 12, based on Symphony No. 2, Violin Sonata in G Major, Op. 30, No. 3, String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, No. 4. Chamber Musicians: Pianist Janice Weber is joined by Jesse Holstein, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; and Leo Eguchi, cello.

**Tickets: \$20 at the door, or online** at <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-season/>

## Concert

FirstWorks presents Aurea's “Of Nature Composed” on **Sun., 1/26, at 4 p.m. at The First Unitarian Church of Providence, 1 Benevolent Street, Providence.** Arranged by Aurea's Artistic Director Consuelo Sherba, “Of Nature Composed” features works by some of America's most eloquent composers, poets and writers. A FirstWorks Artist-Up-Close conversation will follow the performance from 5:15-5:45 p.m. **Tickets are \$30 advance, \$35 at the door,** and are available at the FirstWorks box office by phone at (401) 421-4278, or online at [firstworks.org](http://firstworks.org).

A performance collective with a superb string quartet at its core, Aurea Ensemble breaks the boundaries between words and music.

The artists of Aurea will offer a post-performance Artist-Up-Close conversation on “Of Nature Composed.” Moderated by Elizabeth Francis, Executive Director of RICH, the conversation will consider artistic explorations of human relationships with the environment.

For more information on FirstWorks' 2020 season, visit [firstworks.org](http://firstworks.org). Educator and student discounts are available by calling 401-421-4278.

## Auditions

Theatre By The Sea announces Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2020 Summer Season. Seeking strong actors, dancers and singers. We are especially seeking mature character actors for featured roles throughout the season. Performers must be available for all rehearsal and performance dates. Local talent is strongly encouraged to audition for the following productions:

*Mamma Mia!* to be presented at Theatre By The Sea from May 27 – June 6, then at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center from July 7 - 12, 2020

*Million Dollar Quartet* to be presented from June 10 – June 28

*Funny Girl* to be presented from July 1 – July 19

*Footloose* to be presented from July 22 – August 15

*Kinky Boots* to be presented from August 19 – September 13

**Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26, 2020 at: URI Fine Arts Building, 105 Upper College Rd, Kingston, RI 02881** Parking and entrance behind building.

Additional information and character breakdowns are available at [www.TheatreByTheSea.com](http://www.TheatreByTheSea.com). Please email Matthew Chappell, Casting Director, with any questions at [mchappell@smt.org](mailto:mchappell@smt.org)

Performers of all ethnicities and backgrounds are strongly encouraged to attend this audition.

## Fish Council Mtg

The New England Fishery Management Council will hold a three-day meeting from **Tuesday, January 28 through Thursday, January 30, 2020.** The public is

invited to listen live via webinar or telephone. Here are the details.

Meeting Location: Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference Center, 100 Deer Street at 22 Portwalk Place, Portsmouth, NH 03801; Portsmouth Harbor Events Center.

The webinar will be activated at 8:00 a.m. each day. However, please note that the meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tues., 1/28 and 8:30 a.m. on Wed. & Thurs., 1/29 & 1/30. The webinar will end at approximately 6:00 p.m. EST or shortly after the Council adjourns each day.

For webinar registration, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2368407823671072515>

To listen by telephone, dial +1 (562) 247-8422. The access code is 266-672-298. Please be aware that if you dial in, your regular phone charges will apply.

The agenda and meeting materials are available at <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/january-2020-council-meeting>

Anyone with questions prior to or during the Council meeting should contact Janice Plante at (607) 592-4817, [jplante@nefmc.org](mailto:jplante@nefmc.org).

## Owl Prowl

Are you fascinated by owls? Do you enjoy a good old-fashioned New England winter morning, especially before sunrise? If so, join Lloyd Center Research Associate Jamie Bogart on a Mid-Winter Owl Prowl on February 2nd, scheduled during hours of peak owl activity!

Lead by Jamie Bogart, the **Mid-Winter Owl Prowl will take place on Sun., 2/2, from 3:30 a.m.–8 a.m.** (willingness to carpool much appreciated). Inclement weather date is 2/9. Participants will meet in the lower parking lot of the Lloyd Center for the Environment's Hardscrabble Nature Preserve located at 430 Potomska Road in Dartmouth. **This event is \$15 for Lloyd Center members, \$20 for non-members.**

**Pre-registration for the Mid-Winter Owl Prowl is required by Fri., 1/31, at 3 p.m.** Space is limited to 20 participants. This event is suitable for ages 15 and older. For more information, contact Jamie Bogart at 508-990-0505 x 23 or [jbogart@lloydcenter.org](mailto:jbogart@lloydcenter.org).

# Recipe of the Week

## Venison Stew

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 pounds venison stew meat
- 3 onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 3 cups water
- 7 small potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 pound carrots, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup water

In a skillet, deeply brown the meat in oil. Add onions, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, bay leaf, oregano, salt, and water. Simmer, covered, for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, or until meat is tender.

Add potatoes and carrots; cook until tender.

Combine flour and water. Stir into the stew. Remove bay leaf before serving.

Tip: Serve over rice or large egg noodles.

*From AllRecipes.com*

# From our readers

## Amendment Will Change Citizens United Decision

January 21, 2020, is the tenth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Citizens United vs. FEC* ruling. Money is said to be the mother of politics. Perhaps as a requisite for running for public office, there should be a prequalification that candidates be pretested for lactose intolerance.

Since the Citizens case, the floodgates of money's influence have been unleashed so that the voice of the average citizen's concerns has been nearly drowned out.

The growth of PACs, Political Action Committees, who may make donations up to \$5000 per candidate, and the federal tax creation of 501(C)(4)'s have further undermined the democratic electoral process. 502(c)(4)'s in particular (Dark Money), are particularly toxic because they are allowed to raise unlimited amounts of money (mainly corporations and unions) and not divulge their sources.

State governments, which authorize and license corporations, have done so with the intent to better our society. Unfortunately, between legislation passed and Supreme Court decisions, corporations are now treated as people with full rights to free speech (First Amendment) and can now spend as much money as they want to buy, if you will, the media and ear of our Congress. We now have the best government

(oligarchy) money can buy!

At the present time, our only valid way to change the current trend is to overturn *Citizens United vs. FEC* with the creation/passage of the 28th Amendment. This would end the farce that corporations are like legal persons with the same rights as real people under the Constitution.

That being the case, why not it be required that corporation CEO's/admins be the first called up when, as I believe we should, go back to the universal military draft?

Right now we need people to call Rep. William J. Keating, and thank him for co-sponsoring "We the People Act" House bill, HJR48, which provides the remedy/language backing a 28th Amendment. His numbers are 508-999-6468 (New Bedford office), and 202-225-3111 (in DC). Going further, please call our U.S. Senators and strongly urge them to introduce or co-sponsor similar legislation to House Bill HJR48. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's office is 202-224-4543; Sen. Edward Markey's office is 202-224-2742.

Realizing that apathy in democracy is like a cancer to the human body and, going further, to paraphrase an adage: The World is a dangerous place, not because of bad people doing destructive things, but it is good people who sit by, watch, and DO NOTHING.

Please do make that call.

*Luther Damon Howard, Fairhaven*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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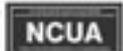


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# Bike path extension is making progress, seeks donations

*From Press Release Materials*

The bike path extension in Mattapoisett is well under way. Phase 1B is now finished, and Phase 2B

Without your generous donations, this construction would not be possible.

We're now working on Phase 2B: The Mattapoisett-Marion Connector

We are a 501c3 (tax deductible) organization!

Please visit our website at <http://www.mattapoisetttrailtrail.org> for more information.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward design and construction of a paved half mile (away from traffic!) that will run parallel to Industrial Drive and eventually connect to Marion's anticipated bike path.

## Background

In November 2019, the Friends Board of Directors committed funds already raised (\$50,000) to ensure we keep up design momentum and deliver the 75% design report and cost estimate in

time to include them in the 2020 round of grants. State grants typically include a local match, so your continued support directly helps us win grants.

We have set our total goal at \$100,000 in order to also help the Town with costs for a safe crossing at North Street and for trail amenities. The bike path design is at least 25% of

the design cost for the Town's entire Industrial Drive project.

Please visit our website at <http://www.mattapoisetttrailtrail.org/> for exciting updates on Phase 1B "Shining Tides" construction, and for more information about the Marion Connector.

The eastern end of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail connects to the Phoenix Bike Path in Fairhaven. Very soon, you will be able to use the bike paths to get from the harbor in Fairhaven to Marion Center, all off the road.



The first paved layer from along the Mattapoisett Rail Trail extension in Mattapoisett is from Mattapoisett Neck Road to the existing bridge over the Mattapoisett River. *Submitted photo.*

and are asking for donations to help us finish.

When writing out your seasonal charitable checks, please consider the "Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail" and mail it to P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Or you can make an online donation through our GoFundMe page: [www.gofundme.com/the-mattapoisettmarion-connection](http://www.gofundme.com/the-mattapoisettmarion-connection).



This map of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail shows the different phases of construction. The project just began Phase 2B. *Submitted graphic.*



LEFT: This view of pilings for a new bridge along the Mattapoisett Rail Trail extension in Mattapoisett is from Reservation Road, looking towards the village. RIGHT: A pile driver sits in the background in this view from Goodspeed Island along the Mattapoisett Rail Trail extension in Mattapoisett. *Submitted photos.*

# Quality vendors sought for Fairhaven's Huttleston Marketplace

## Press Release

If you are an artist, crafter, photographer, a vendor of antiques or vintage collectibles, or you sell fresh farm produce or locally made food products, please consider joining the Huttleston Marketplace on Saturdays this summer in Fairhaven, Mass.

The Huttleston Marketplace will start its third season on Saturday, June 6, 2020, following two successful summers. Application forms for vendors are now available at the marketplace page on the Fairhaven Office of Tourism website: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>.

The marketplace, operated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is held on Saturdays on the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street at the intersection of Route 6, next to Fairhaven High School. In 2020 it will run from June 6 through September 12, with the exception of June 27. On the Saturday following the end of the marketplace, September 19, the eighth annual Harvest Fun Day will be held at the same location. Huttleston Marketplace vendors have the option of adding Harvest Fun Day to their schedule.

In 2020, the Huttleston Marketplace will be a certified farmers market, allowing local farm vendors to accept coupons for WIC and Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program

recipients.

Also for 2020, there will be no booth space donation required for vendors preparing and/or serving food at the marketplace on-site. This includes hot foods, sandwiches, prepared salads, lemonade, ice cream and popcorn, if those are the primary products of the booth.

(A food permit from the Fairhaven Board of Health will still be required.) Additionally, Fairhaven non-profit groups may choose to set up a booth any one week at no charge.

Vendors may sign up for single Saturdays of their choice with a donation of \$20 for an 11'x11' space. There is a nine-week discount rate of \$100 for any nine weeks, and a full season discount of \$150 for the 14-week season. (Plus another \$20 can be tacked on for Harvest Fun Day.) Some vendors sign up for one or two Saturdays at the beginning of the season and then add on dates at \$20 each as the summer goes on. One does not need to choose all of the weeks at the beginning of the season.

Categories for Huttleston Marketplace vendors are:

- arts, crafts, photography (crafts must be handmade.)
- local authors



- antiques, vintage collectibles
- whole, fresh farm produce, related products, plants
- prepared food (requires food vendor permit from BOH)
- the Huttleston Marketplace does not accept representatives/consultants for commercially produced, direct sales products.

The cost of the space is a donation to the Tourism Gift Account and that money is used to promote the marketplace, purchase related supplies, and to hire local musicians to perform during the day.

Last season a total of 135 vendors participated during the course of the season. Each Saturday there were about 35 to 50 or more booths set up. Each afternoon there is live music by local performers.

If you have any other questions, you may call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Fhvn Hist. Society Scholarship deadline is around the corner

### Press Release

A \$1000 scholarship recognizing a graduating Fairhaven-resident high school senior planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution of higher learning will be awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society. The scholarship honors Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital and long-time leadership role with the Fairhaven Historical Society, a 501C3 organization.

The Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior whose primary residence is in Fairhaven, Mass. and plans to matriculate to an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of 2020. **Deadline for scholarship applications is January 31, 2020.**

To obtain an application form students can email [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com).

In addition to the application, students must submit an essay of no more than 400 words focusing on Fairhaven, what the town means to the applicant, and how that has impacted the applicant's interest in future studies. Three references as specified on the application are also required.

Applications and essays must be submitted via email to [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com). Recipient will be notified via email on or before April 1, 2019.

Recognition of receipt of the scholarship will be made at graduation and at the Annual Fairhaven Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner in June 2020. The

one-time award of \$1000 will be presented to the recipient will be provided to the recipient upon proof of successful matriculation at accredited institution.

A minimum of three hours of volunteer time at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification is required of each annual scholarship recipient.

For more information or a scholarship application contact [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com).

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Start Date: Jan 7 End Date: March 12 Instructor: Julie Baiardi

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2/12 South Shore Plaza

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## Special Activities

### Food Program

If you are a fairhaven Resident 60 or older you may qualify to receive FREE groceries from the Greater Boston Food Program commodity supplemental Food Program. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to find out if you qualify.

### Fuel Assistance and recertifications

The Fuel Assistance program started in November for the 2019-2020 season. If you need help filling out the recertification from or a new application, Call Phyllis at the Senior Center 508-979-4029 for an appointment.

### Foster Grandparents Program

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Help children who need it the most. The program is open to individuals age 55 and over who can serve between 15-40 hours a week and who meet eligibility requirements. For more information on volunteering, contact Jacqueline Medeiros at 508-742-9198.

### Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Space is limited to 15. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029

- **January 27, 29, 31:** How to use Google Photos on your phone, computer devices and on your laptop...(Participants will need to have a Google Gmail Account...)
- **February 3, 5, 7:** iCloud Storage
- **February 10, 12:** Windows 10
- **February 24, 26, 28:** How to keep your internet browser safe and secure

### Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle meets on TUESDAYS from 1-3:00 p.m.: Feb. 4, 11; and THURSDAYS, Feb. 6, 13, 20, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. Call 508-979-4029 for more dates.

### Presidential Primary Elections

Early voting for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primaries will be available to all Fairhaven voters February 24, 28 at Fairhaven Fire Station 146 Washington St. 8:30-4:30 p.m. Seniors that need transportation to Early Voting, call 508-979-4029 at least one day in advance.

## Ongoing Programs

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# Julie Hebert to be new Town Administrator in Acushnet

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

Although the Acushnet Selectboard previously announced Ron San Angelo as their choice for Town Administrator, he has withdrawn from consideration for the job. The board offered the position to interim TA Julie Hebert, who is also the town's Finance Director/Town Accountant. The announcement was made publicly two weeks ago. In a phone interview, Selectboard chairperson Roger Cabral confirmed that the town is having continuing conversations with Ms. Hebert about her contract. He confirmed the town could not agree on a contract for Mr. San Angelo.

At the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 1/21/20, the board began discussions on the budget process for FY21. Ms. Hebert presented the first draft of the FY21 budget with a tentative meeting schedule. The Selectboard reviewed the budget calendar making minor tweaks to it and discussed the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment).

Mr. Cabral stated last year they rounded the COLA up to 2%, and this year the national average was 2.3%. Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar stated he was comfortable leaving it at 2%. The Selectboard motioned to set the COLA for 2% for FY21.

Ms. Hebert also discussed the goal process for the wage classification document that the Selectboard voted on last year with a discussion from Board members. Mr. Gaspar stated they did not approve the document last year and felt there was a lot of problems with it. He said that he did not agree with more than 46% of the document and made that clear. Mr. Gaspar said he would be happy rescinding the vote that approved the

working document.

Mr. Cabral was of the opposite opinion, that in fact the Selectboard discussed the Wage Classification document in full and that it was much needed in their Town to support the employees and be comparable to other communities.

Board member David Desroches asked that the Board actually research if the board voted to adopt the Wage Classification study by researching the minutes. He said he remembered the conversation, but he did not remember what the actual vote was to accept the working document.

Related to the budget, the board also discussed indirect costs. Mr. Gaspar stated he felt that the board would be "fracturing the community" once they allowed indirect costs to go into effect. He said he did not like to add debt to the taxpayers.

Mr. Cabral stated in the same thought process, he did not like to see residents who do not have, and never will play golf, for example, have a golf tax fee on their tax bills. Mr. Cabral stated he would like to see the

departments absorb a part of their indirect cost, so they could unburden the taxpayer.

"Putting the cost where it belongs," Mr. Cabral stated, adding that he would like to see a decision made on the topic, whether it be a certain allocation or percentage of

the indirect cost, or if the Board saw fit to allocate zero indirect cost. Mr. Cabral asked the Board members to think about it and at their next meeting they would vote on how to handle indirect costs.

The Selectboard also heard from Wendy Graca and Tracy Wallace of the Southcoast Neighbors United Group regarding the expansion of Parallel Products in New Bedford, a half-mile from the Acushnet line. Parallel Products is currently on Shawmut Avenue, where it processes plastic and glass. Ms. Graca stated that the move would be a negative impact for surrounding communities, stating that the facility is moving from the Shawmut Street address to the Industrial Park area. They explained that the company solidifies solid waste to sell as fertilizer.

"In essence, it is human waste," Ms. Wallace said.

They asked that the Acushnet Selectboard submit a letter in writing by January 23, 2020 to express their concerns, which the Board agreed to do. Both Mr. Gaspar and Mr. Cabral

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# GNB Voc-Tech to use Force 911 emergency system

## Press Release

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School will soon have instantaneous, two-way access to local law enforcement thanks to the deployment of an advanced software tool that enables faculty, staff and administrators to communicate directly with the local police department in the event of an emergency or security breach.

By partnering with Massachusetts-based In Force Technology LLC, the high school and the New Bedford Police Department will soon be equipped with the IN FORCE911 desktop and mobile software application. The software is proven to significantly reduce police response time to buildings and specific locations inside buildings during a critical event at a school, while addressing the communications barrier that unfortunately exists during active shooter incidents.

It is a software tool that school officials, officers and the developers hope is never needed, however the leadership of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School believe that this level of preparation and sophistication could provide a vital link between those inside a school building and those rushing to help, when seconds count.

"Eliminating communication barriers between schools and local law enforcement is critical in the event of an emergency," said In Force Technology CEO Brandon Flanagan. "Our software provides an immediate link to law enforcement that allows educators to contact them in seconds. It also has the potential to provide police with invaluable information, from the location of a suspect to the origin of the reported threat."

The IN FORCE911 app empowers school staff with the ability to launch an alert in seconds from their desktop or mobile device, rather than minutes, with the current 911 system. Instead of waiting for calls to route through statewide or countywide

dispatch systems, IN FORCE911 sends alerts and messages directly to the terminals and mobile devices of police officers in a specified area.

"We hope we never need to deploy the IN FORCE911 system, however, we must be realistic about potential school threats in the 21st century," said James L. O'Brien, Supt./Director of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. "This system provides both GNBVT and the New Bedford Police with a valuable public safety tool that will connect our classroom teachers and staff directly with the police department, should the need ever arise."

During an emergency, the alert is sent directly to the dispatch center, police cruisers and cell phones of officers with specific information, including the room of origin. It also opens a two-way chat dialogue, in real-time, allowing staff to communicate details of a threat or description of a suspect to first responders. Additionally, first responders are provided access to floor plans, security camera feeds and other emergency information to help them plan the best response.

IN FORCE911's "Reverse Alert" feature also allows New Bedford law enforcement officials to immediately alert town and school officials of any imminent threats in their area, such as a police pursuit in progress, domestic custodial dispute, active robbery or severe weather alert. This eliminates the need for law enforcement to pick up the phone and call each building, in hopes they will lock down.

"IN FORCE911 is a mechanism that will expedite police response to a critical event, to maximize the opportunity to preserve life," said Chief of New Bedford Police, Joseph Cordeiro.

The software will be installed in all schools this winter, and educators will be trained accordingly. The software is also being installed at the New Bedford Police Department, where local police will also be trained

to handle the new technology.

IN FORCE911 is used by hundreds of communities nationwide, including deployment in dozens of communities in New England.

By implementing the IN FORCE911 school safety software throughout its school and local law enforcement, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School leadership hope to empower school faculty, staff and students, while working to save lives during an act of violence. Countless law enforcement training courses all teach the same lesson: time equals lives and every second counts during an emergency or active shooter incident.

## About In Force Technology

School safety is our mission. At In Force Technology, we enable faculty, staff and school administrators to communicate directly with police officers, dispatchers, sheriffs, and other first responders in real-time by removing technological and human barriers from the process of reporting an emergency. IN FORCE911, the company's flagship product, enables two-way communication between employees inside a school and the actual police officers responding to an intruder, act of violence, or active shooter incident. The software works on all computer and mobile platforms, is cloud-based and always-on, and requires no hardware on the client side. It even works during power outages by opening on an employee's smart phone or cellular-connected tablet. The software also allows police to send alerts about nearby emergencies or threats directly to school employees in real-time.

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# AAA: Owning electric vehicle is the cure for range anxiety

## Press Release

New research from AAA finds that over five years and 75,000 miles of driving, the annual cost of owning a new compact electric vehicle is only slightly more expensive — about \$600 annually — than its gas-powered counterpart. The study also revealed that the experience of owning an electric vehicle eases one of the biggest fears associated with these cars — range anxiety.

According to AAA's survey, prior to owning an electric vehicle, a majority of owners (91%) said that they had at least one concern — things like insufficient range, implications for long-distance travel and finding a place to charge. Post purchase, many of these worries disappeared. AAA believes that if consumers have a better understanding of the real cost and experience of owning an electric vehicle, then the gap between expressed interest and adoption will begin to close.

“Although 40 million Americans have shown interest in buying electric for their next car, actual adoption is happening at a much

slower rate,” said John Paul, Senior Manager of Traffic Safety and the AAA Northeast Car Doctor. “AAA wanted to understand what kind of impact the experience of owning an electric vehicle has on perception of these cars and maybe more importantly, if given the chance would consumers choose to go green again.”

AAA's survey of electric vehicle owners, 71% of whom had not previously owned an electric car, revealed some interesting results:

- The majority (96%) say they would buy or lease another electric vehicle the next time they were in the market for a new car.
- Two in five (43%) say they drive more now than when they owned a gas-powered car. On average, electric vehicle owners drive 39 miles per day.
- Three quarters (78%) also have a gas-powered car in the household, yet they report doing a majority of their driving (87%) in their electric vehicle.

Perhaps the most surprising result of the survey was the impact ownership has on commonly-held fears

about electric vehicles, particularly those that have deterred consumers from making the leap to green. Previous AAA research has found that the top two reasons why Americans shy away from electric vehicles are not enough places to charge (58%) and the fear that they will run out of charge while driving (57%). Almost all owners surveyed (95%) report never having run out of a charge while driving and on average, they do three fourths (75%) of their charging at home. Likely as a result, those who were originally concerned about insufficient range said they became less or no longer concerned post-purchase (77%).

“Range anxiety has been synonymous with electric vehicles from the beginning,” said Mr. Paul. “Hearing firsthand from owners that this is no longer a worry may change the mind of those who have otherwise been skeptical to the idea of owning an electric vehicle.”

Employing the same methodology used for its annual Your Driving Costs study, AAA calculated the costs for

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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

1. 10 Mayflower Street, Petitioner: Marc Raimondo. 198-23: Special Permit request for a home contracting business in a RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
1/23/20, 1/30/20

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: 1) **SP 2020-01- Ocean Breezes Condominiums.** The applicant, Brian Dupres, dba Shoreline Development (Property owned by Robert & Janet Tubbs), is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to construct a single four-unit multi-family residential building with two-bedrooms each (eight bedrooms total) on a vacant 0.64 acre piece of land on Huttleston Avenue that used to be a restaurant. The location is 294 Huttleston Avenue, Map 31B Lot 60B.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board  
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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN Fairhaven Recreation and Senior Center HVAC Improvements – Phase 2

The Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, Office of the Town Administrator, will receive sealed bids for Fairhaven Recreation and Senior Center HVAC Improvements – Phase 2 Project located at 227 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA.

Sub-bids are due at 2:00PM on Wednesday February 12, 2020 at the Office of the Town Administrator, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven MA 02719 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Late bids and Email bids will not be accepted.

General bids are due at 2:00PM on Wednesday February 26, 2020 at the Office of the Town Administrator, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven MA 02719 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Late bids and Email bids will not be accepted.

Interested contractors should contact Garcia, Galuska & DeSousa, Inc. [jessica.fortin@g-g-d.com](mailto:jessica.fortin@g-g-d.com) for more information. Plans and specifications will be available electronically and can be obtained from Garcia, Galuska & DeSousa Inc, 375 Faunce Corner Road, Suite D, Dartmouth, MA 02747 after 8 AM on Wednesday January 22, 2020.

A pre-bid walk through will be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 29, 2020, at the Recreation and Senior Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA.

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owning a new compact electric vehicle as compared to that of its gas-powered counterpart. Although the study found that overall cost of electric vehicle ownership is 8% more per year, individual categories such as fuel and maintenance/repair are lower.

- **Fuel:** The electricity required to drive 15,000 miles per year in a compact electric vehicle costs an average of \$546, while the amount of gas required to drive the same distance costs \$1,255 (or 130%) more.
- **Maintenance/Repair/Tires:** Electric

vehicles do not require as much maintenance as gas-powered ones since they don't need oil changes or air-filter replacements. If maintained according to the automakers' recommendations, electric vehicles cost \$330 less than a gas-powered car, a total of \$949/annually.

Vehicle ownership, whether electric or gas-powered, is a personal choice that should take many factors into consideration. For consumers who are interested in electric vehicles, AAA recommends visiting a dealership, test driving one and asking as many questions as possible to make an informed decision. •••

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### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Health

Thurs., 1/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 1/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Economic Development

Thurs., 1/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 1/30, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/6, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 1/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

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

### Selectboard

Wed., 1/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Town Meeting Review Com

Thurs., 1/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Agricultural Committee

Thurs., 1/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Golf Committee

Thurs., 1/23, Town Hall/2nd fl., 4:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 1/28, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Exec Session TA negotiations

Tues., 2/11, Ford Middle Sch., 6 p.m.

### Selectboard PJ Keating

### Public Hearing

### NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Tues., 2/11, Ford Middle Sch., 6 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

Jan. 2020	HIGH		LOW	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	23 0637	1900	0037	1404*
Friday	24 0719	1943	0114	1446*
Saturday	25 0802	2027	0135	1509*
Sunday	26 0844	2109	0203	1455*
Monday	27 0925	2150	0235	1506*
Tuesday	28 1005	2232	0308	1531*
Wednesday	29 1047	2317	0342	1601*
Thursday	30 1135	----	0418	1636*
Friday	31 0006	1225	0501	1718

Feb. 2020	HIGH		LOW	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Saturday	1 0056	1315	0557	1812
Sunday	2 0145	1405	0702	1911
Monday	3 0236	1502	0803	2006

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

## BPW: cont'd from page 4

meeting with a few DEP members soon and will try to find out if a grant for cleanup is possible.

In another BOH matter Ms. Freire-Kellogg handed out reusable straws to the BPW members. Ms. Freire-Kellogg said they used grant money to get reusable straws for the town and have attached them to recycling flyers.

"You think I'm going to go out to eat and bring a straw," Mr. Hobson laughed. "I'm too old for this."

BOH Chairperson Jeannine Lopes explained that some towns are starting to ban plastic straws.

The board also discussed progress on getting stop signs on West Island on the side streets where they intersect with Causeway Road.

Mr. Durant asked Mr. Furtado for an update regarding the engineer's recommendation for the signs =.

Mr. Furtado said they received the letter from the engineers, which did make the recommendation to install the signs. The Selectboard also has to approve the measure.

Mr. Wotton said they will put stop signs on every Causeway Road intersection that does not already have one.

Resident of West Island and former BPW Chairperson Michael Ristuccia thanked the board for getting the

approval for the signs.

Mr. Wotton said that they have been waiting a long time to get approval and they had to find alternate ways to make it happen.

According to the letter from GCG Consultants, although the signs may not be required by the state's criteria, the area would benefit from them for several reasons, including that the "guidelines rely on all drivers understanding and practicing the normal right of way rules at intersections without stop or yield signs. Confusion and accidents would most likely be reduced."

Another reason cited is the "seasonal nature of the area and unfamiliar drivers would benefit from the additional guidance and regulation."

Mr. Durant asked about signage on Balsam and Alder Streets, which is a merge point and not an intersection. Mr. Furtado said there would be a yield sign for those streets.

Mr. Wotton thanked all that were involved in this issue, adding that he thought everyone on West Island will be very appreciative.

In other business the board also approved two separate catch basin tie-ins. Frank Costa of 3 Fellsway Street received approval to tie in his

sump pump to a closer catch basin to avoid creating an icy puddle of water in front of nearby businesses. The board also approved Mary Anne DeMello on 171 Dogwood Street to tie in her sump pump to the nearest catch basin.

In another matter the board discussed a GCG Associates payment of \$18,155 for an engineering study for moving a pipe on Cooke Street that is on private property.

Mr. Furtado explained that the property owner has complained about the town's pipe being on his property and the town needs to look into moving the pipe. The first step is an engineering study.

Mr. Furtado said if they move the pipe there will be flooding in the area, which is why they need a study to find the best way to move and replace the pipe onto town property.

Mr. Hobson said he thought they should hire a lawyer to see if the town needs to remove the pipe.

Mr. Furtado explained that the town did not ask the property owner's permission to put the pipe there.

A motion was made to approve of the payment for the study. The motion passed with Mr. Hobson voting against it.

## ACUSH: cont'd from page 16

attended a community meeting in December and were concerned at the traffic and trucks that would be generated on Braley Road. Ms. Wallace stated that the company stated there would be approximately 400 trucks a day utilizing Rte. 140 and Braley Road exit to reach the plant daily from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On another topic, Building Commissioner James Marot spoke to the board about the temporary permitting of storage containers. Mr. Marot reminded the board that the town had adopted a by-law at the last Town Meeting to have residents permit their temporary storage containers and/or get a license under the Selectboard to have such containers for a year. He said although some residents have permitted their containers, there are at least 41 or more that have never come in to get that permit.

Mr. Cabral stated he was under the assumption that the storage container by-law was only for new

storage containers, not property owners that had them on their property for years. He thought they would be grandfathered.

Mr. Marot said the intent was to have fair equity to all. He said sheds are permitted and have to conform to zoning regulations. Mr. Marot said a lot of people are using a storage container in place of a shed and there is no way to regulate it.

In a follow-up interview, Mr. Marot confirmed that the Selectboard agreed to the \$50 licensing fee through them for a storage container up to a year, and \$80 for a permit fee through the Building Department for a temporary storage fee.

The board also announced a change of venue for the PJ Keating Public Hearing. It will be held at Ford Middle School, not the Council on Aging, and is still scheduled for February 11 at 6 p.m. The Selectboard will hold their regularly scheduled meeting that night as well, at an

earlier time to be announced.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Cabral announced that he will not be seeking re-election. In a follow-up interview, Mr. Cabral stated his current career obligations have become more demanding and if he cannot give his all to the Selectboard position than he does not want to do it half way.

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