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L-R: Coastline Elderly's Nutrition Program worker, Susan Ouimet, fills cups of fruit cocktail so Ed Sojka, also from Coastline, can vacuum seal them and include them in the meals delivered on 3/30/20, from the Fairhaven Senior Center. See page 12. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*



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From The Editor

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We have had to adjust our distribution quite a bit. We were in more than 200 places in the area, but now we are down to about half that, because so many places are closed.

We are still going to be at the big stops, like Stop & Shop, Trucci's, and the restaurants that are still open for take-out.

We will also be there for our older readers who do not have computers or smart phones. We will continue to put paper copies in the assisted living facilities, long term care facilities, and elderly housing complexes.

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Meanwhile, as we're all cooped up in our homes learning to appreciate how important good hygiene and housekeeping are, the world does sort of spin. The towns are figuring out how to run meetings and allow public participation remotely, and we will do our best to cover those meetings.

We also have a fun piece from a Fairhaven newcomer, Bryon Knight, who owns Fairhaven Frets, the strings shop on the neck. He got in touch with some of our local musicians and asked them how the big shutdown has affected them. See page 18 for that.

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



Beth David, Publisher

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update: restrictions in place to 5/4

By Beth David
Editor

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has extended COVID-19 restrictions on non-essential businesses throughout the state to May 4. The Department of Health's Stay-At-Home Advisory remains in effect; schools remain closed.

Residents are asked to stay at home, not gather in groups, and stay at least six feet away from each other when venturing out. Grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, liquor stores, restaurants (for take-out only), and other essential businesses are open. Residents are allowed to go to those stores for essentials. People are also encouraged to get outside and go for a walk, but please keep your distance from each other (at least six feet).

COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus, meaning that humans do not have a natural immunity to it. It is highly contagious and more lethal than the seasonal flu. Older individuals, and people with underlying conditions have a difficult time fighting the virus, often require ventilators in an

Intensive Care Unit, and a large percentage do not survive the virus.

The best defense is to avoid being exposed to it. Although the overwhelming majority of those who get it do survive, the highly contagious nature of the disease has experts alarmed that the hospital systems will be overwhelmed. There are not enough ICU beds with ventilators if the patients arrive too quickly.

States across the nation, including Mass., have been scrambling to add beds, and especially ICU beds. Individual hospitals are increasing capacity and the state has taken over at least one nursing home to be used for hospital beds. All elective surgeries have been canceled as hospitals get ready for virus patients.

In Mass., the surge of patients expected to need hospitalization is estimated to be between April 7 and 14. The stay at home order is meant to slow the spread of the virus so the peak of cases requiring hospitalization will be lessened. Scientists call it "flattening the curve," referring to the graph line that curves up sharply as cases mount. The idea is to lower the

spread enough for hospitals to be able to meet the demand.

According to reports, there are seven people with the virus hospitalized in South Coast Hospital system that includes St. Luke's, Tobey, and Charlton.

As of press time there were 6,620 confirmed cases in Mass.; 306 in Bristol County, including at least one each in Fairhaven and Acushnet; 89 total deaths in Mass.; 46,935 people have been tested in the state.

The short version is: **STAY HOME** unless you need something. Then, keep your distance from other people. Wash your hands with lots of soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer, especially at the store or if you venture out.

President Trump also signed the COVID-19 relief bill passed by the house and senate. The package will send \$1200 to each person who made less than \$75,000 last year and \$500 for each dependent child; expands unemployment benefits to nearly everyone, including freelancers/gig

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BPW discusses multiple Recycling Center issues

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Wednesday, 3/25 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with the landfill engineer about the new recycling center location, and also discussed recycling center hours during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the state mandated restrictions the meeting was held at Town Hall and was broadcast on Fairhaven TV, as well as on Zoom which is a meeting application that allows residents to video or call in to give public comments.

Public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado introduced landfill engineer Sam Chapin to the board, noting that he has done work for the town since the late 1980's.

Mr. Furtado explained that the town recycling center is used for people to dispose of yard waste, and is currently located behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street. He said that due to the WWTP needing a complete renovation, it is very likely that the recycling center will need to be moved.

Mr. Furtado said that they have looked at many locations for the recycling center, but the only location that seems to be

available is the old landfill on Bridge Street.

He said the board had questions about the process that would need to be followed to use that area, and a how much clean-up would be needed and how much it may cost.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton asked Mr. Chapin if the landfill was suitable for the plans, of if something needed to be done to it that was not done when it was closed.

Mr. Chapin explained that he has been involved with the Bridge Street landfill for many years. The area has waste disposed in it that is underneath the ground, which is what makes the area a problem.

He explained that the landfill started in the 1930's from the debris of the 1935 hurricane and was then turned into a dump, then later became a sanitary landfill.

In the 1990's a third party wanted to excavate and sort the waste and take out the decades worth of waste, which was a very big project. The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) did not want that to be done and since the 2000's there has been no more talk with the state about using the property.

Mr. Chapin said that right now there would need to be an assessment done of the land and a year of ground water monitoring, as well a quantitative and qualitative risk assessment, and then clean up and close the landfill with a cap.

Mr. Chapin also noted that there have been many changes since the 1990's on how the state handles these situations. He said it would be worthwhile to go to the state and ask what it would take to be able to put the recycling center there.

Mr. Wotton explained that no buildings would need to be put on the land. They would just like to clear a portion of the land for residents to dump brush and leaves and a couple of dumpsters for TVs, refrigerators, and other recyclables. There would be no need for digging or excavating, they would just want to scrape the land that is there currently and build up on top of it.

Mr. Chapin suggested installing pavement there to separate from the waste because the old waste can create poor air quality.

Board member Robert "Hoppy: Hobson said that the current recycling center is only about one acre and everything would

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Fishing is OPEN

The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has become aware of rumors and a fabricated Facebook post, appearing to come from DMF, that state commercial and recreational fishing have been closed due to the Covid-19 public emergency. This is not true! Commercial and recreational fishing remain open in Massachusetts.

Visit DMF's verified Facebook page or website at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/dmf> for accurate information.

Please maintain a safe distance from other people fishing and maintain other guidelines of the pandemic.

Teddy Bear Hunt

Residents of Fairhaven have started to participate in the Teddy Bear hunt. They have placed Teddy Bears in their windows and strategic places in their yards. Parents trying to find ways to get the kids out of the house, but still maintain social

distancing, will especially enjoy this fun and harmless pastime. HINT: Start on John Street off Sconticut Neck Road (pictures next week).

Local home owners are encouraged to join the fun by displaying a Teddy Bear in the window.

New Election Date

The Fairhaven election, originally set for 4/6, has been changed to 5/18, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schools grab n go

With schools closed, many students will lose out on the meals they get. Fairhaven students who qualify, many go to the front entrance of Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Each "Grab and Go" meal contains one lunch and one breakfast for the next morning.

Use this link for all updates by the Fairhaven School system regarding COVID-19: <https://bit.ly/3d9rNZN>

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Vendors Invited

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The Mariner Youth Soccer Association, which has provided soccer instruction, skills clinics and both recreational and competitive soccer opportunities to children 4-18 in the communities of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Acushnet for over 25 years, is pleased offer a scholarship opportunity to Mariner Youth Soccer Alumni this Spring. Criteria are at a minimum: must be a high school senior living in one of the above listed communities and must have played for Mariner Youth Soccer for a minimum of 4 years. **Scholarship deadline is April 11, 2020.**

Applications can be requested by emailing: marinerscholarship@gmail.com or on our website: www.mariner-youthsoccer.com

Learn at Home

Here are some fun and FREE ways to learn from home.

- **Math:** Prodigy at play.prodigygame.com; Khan Academy at www.khanacademy.org
- **Reading:** Squiggle Park at www.squigglepark.com; Storyline at www.storylineonline.net/
- **Science:** Mystery Doug at mysterydoug.com; National Geographic at kids.nationalgeographic.com
- **Writing:** Typing Club at www.typingclub.com
- **Social Studies:** History for kids at www.historyforkids.net

Senior Talent Show

The Fairhaven Rotary Club's Senior Talent Showcase, originally scheduled for 5/3, has been canceled due to the COVID-19 threat. The new date has yet to be determined.

SAVE THE DATES

Think Summer

Registration is open for the Buzzards Bay Swim, an exciting outdoor experience that welcomes swimmers of all abilities. Have a great time for a good cause at the 27th anniversary Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 27! Sign up at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

Empty Boston, eerie Boston



With a statewide stay-at-home directive in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the streets and parks of Boston, usually bustling with people, were eerily empty and quiet. Our fearless photographer, Glenn C. Silva, ventured up to the big city on Tuesday, 3/24/20, to

capture some scenes of the empty streets. ABOVE LEFT: The Mallard family must be quite lonely as the usually bustling walkway in the Boston Public Garden is deserted on 3/24/20, while Mrs. Mallard's open mouth is covered up with a mask, her ducklings still sporting the green of St. Patrick's Day. The ducks in the beloved sculpture are often dressed in seasonal attire or sports jerseys of Boston teams. ABOVE RIGHT: Boston's Beacon Street is deserted on 3/24/20, due to the stay-at-home advisory that Massachusetts is under because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The street is usually jammed with cars, and the sidewalks are usually filled with pedestrians. BELOW LEFT: The gateway to Boston's Chinatown, usually a bustling place packed with cars and pedestrians, has only a single person on the street on 3/24/20, during the statewide stay-at-home advisory issued by the governor because of the COVID-19 pandemic. BELOW RIGHT: Police and fire personnel respond when multiple water/sewer access hole covers blow 30 feet into the air buckling the streets near Mass. General Hospital on 3/24/20, during the statewide stay-at-home advisory that created quieter streets, making it easier for first responders to get there quickly. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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West Island woman makes masks for healthcare workers

By Beth David
Editor

They say it takes a village, but Marianne Brodo usually says it takes an island. When the West Island woman saw that healthcare workers were having trouble getting masks, Ms. Brodo put her sewing talents to work. She found a pattern and started sewing, making masks that even have a pocket for a disposable layer.

Mr. Brodo has donate more than 200 masks to people she knows who

are in the healthcare profession, and they are using them.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a shortage of personnel protection equipment (PPE), such as masks, shields, and disposable suits, nation wide. Many healthcare professionals, especially those not giving direct care to COVID-19 patients, are using home-made masks.

Ms. Brodo said she used a pattern she found on <https://www.makershabitat.com/> and made some of her

own adjustments to the pattern. She operates Radiant Mermaid Designs, which specializes in the creation of custom decals, clothing, and items.

Lauren Viera, who works in a chemistry lab, was happy to get some of the new masks.

"I think Marianne is awesome for what she does and I'm glad you are giving her a shout-out," said Ms. Viera in a message. "Let's focus on what people are doing to help in this crisis!"



LEFT: A selection of masks made by Marianne Brodo of Radiant Mermaid Designs that she will donate to healthcare workers who are having trouble finding personal protection equipment at work. The masks have a pocket for a disposable layer.

Photo courtesy of Marianne Brodo. RIGHT: Lauren Viera (middle) and her coworkers in a local hospital chemistry lab wear the masks made and donated by Marianne Brodo of Radiant Mermaid Designs. "We truly appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the cause... plus we look smashing," wrote Ms. Viera on Facebook. Photo courtesy of Lauren Viera.



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With the uncertainty of the weeks to come, residents of Fairhaven have the choice to vote by absentee ballot rather than voting at the polls on May 18th. For information on how to apply for an absentee ballot, call the Town Clerk at 508-979-4023 ext. #3 or visit <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleabsentee/absidx.htm>.

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NBPS free lunches

Ne Bedford Public Schools Food Services is providing "Grab and Go" meals during district closure and until further notice. Pre-packed school breakfasts and lunches will be available FREE to all students k12 in the city of New Bedford.

Students 18 years and younger may take one (1) lunch and one (1) breakfast for the next day. Meals will be available 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following serving locations:

Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School, Campbell Elementary School, Carney Academy Elementary School, Hayden-McFadden Elementary School, Keith Middle School, Lincoln Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School. All meals must be taken and consumed offsite. Acushnet students may also use this service.

WHALE Virtual Tours

WHALE (Waterfront Historic Area League) is excited to launch a new live virtual tour series on our Instagram throughout the month of April. We hope these weekly tours help us stay connected to our historic past and exciting future. The schedule for virtual tours is:

- **Friday, April 3 at 10:00: 1060 Pleasant Street** Take a tour of this historic property which will serve 20 Veterans and add 10 units of Veterans transitional housing to New Bedford.
- **Friday, April 10 at 10:00: Strand Theater** Learn about two transformative North End projects, the Cape Verdean Cultural Center & Island Park, which will become the

grand entrance to the International Marketplace along Acushnet Avenue.

- **Friday, April 17 at 10:00: 305-307 Pleasant St.** Join us in celebrating success in the South Central neighborhood with the restoration of an historic two-family house.

For those of you who missed the First Baptist Church tour, the video will be shared on Thursday, 4/9, for Virtual AHA! (<http://www.aha.newbedford.org/calendar.php>)

Now is a really tough time for the entire world including the non-profit community, but a great time for you to connect with WHALE and become a Member, Partner in Preservation, or Soiree Host.

For a how-to on watching a WHALE live Instagram video, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpL5ErgPhKw&feature=youtu.be>

Find us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/waterfrontleague/>

Mayor's Message to Summer Residents

"Thousands of summer houses dot the coastal areas of Greater New Bedford, including in the city itself. Under ordinary circumstances, their owners and renters alike can enjoy all that our region has to offer, including its public spaces, restaurants, and much more, and we welcome their presence and business. But in the midst of a global public health crisis, all of us must be mindful of the risks posed by infected individuals traveling here. For those summer residents from outside of South-eastern Massachusetts, we urge you upon arrival to remain on your property for fourteen days, and avail yourselves of delivery services for food and other essentials whenever possible. Thank you for your understanding." *Mayor Jon Mitchell*

Help Fund

United Way of Greater New Bedford is establishing the Help United Fund to be activated in times of crisis including the current COVID-19 pandemic. This fund is a dedicated resource for working families and organizations affected by COVID-19.

Mobilizing United Way's broad network of nonprofit agencies, the

Help United Fund will provide a flexible source of cash assistance to help families and organizations through this crisis.

"On the SouthCoast, many families are one paycheck away from severe hardship," said Michelle N. Hantman, President & CEO of United Way of Greater New Bedford. "We've been monitoring the COVID-19 situation and...we've seen the closures of schools and workplaces throughout the communities we serve. These closures carry with them an unprecedented financial hardship for hourly, low-wage workers. At United Way, we are preparing to help residents in any way we can."

In Massachusetts, 2 in 5 workers lack sufficient savings to withstand a sudden loss of wages. Additionally, many nonprofit agencies will face financial disruption. Postponed or canceled fundraising events lead to a loss of funding that community-based organizations depend on. This support is crucial to their regular program work and operations and will put serious pressure on nonprofit operating budgets. United Way has already postponed one fundraising event itself.

United Way is committed to serving the needs of Greater New Bedford through the Help United Fund. You can join United Way's efforts by making a donation by texting HELPUNITED to 313131 or visiting unitedwayofgnb.org.

During this uncertain time, United Way of Greater New Bedford's Hunger Commission will continue operations to ensure local pantries and shelters are receiving food for an uptick in client needs and Mass 211, a United Way program, is collaborating with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to provide consumer help during the COVID-19 public health emergency. This free, confidential hotline provides information on programs and services year-round, but will also now serve as a comprehensive source of information and referrals related to COVID-19 in the coming weeks. Anyone looking for information on prevention, symptoms, treatment, testing, or what to do if returning from travel should call Mass 211 by simply dialing 2-1-1 from a landline or cell phone.

For more information, visit unitedwayofgnb.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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Acush Rabies Shots

Due to the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency the Acushnet Rabies Clinic **is canceled**.

Dr. Gaumont from Acushnet Animal Hospital, 265 Main St., will offer rabies vaccinations for Acushnet Residents, by appointment only, beginning Monday - Thursday until April 16th from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Vaccinations cost: \$10.00 (cash only) per pet with NO office visit fees. Appointments can be made by contacting Acushnet Animal Hospital at (508) 998-3004

One (1) & three (3*) year rabies vaccines available. If your pet is currently vaccinated, bring the current vaccination documentation and a 3 year rabies vaccination will be issued.

In addition, the Town of Acushnet Annual Dog Licensing Deadline is extended until June 1, 2020. Dog Licenses can be obtained by mail by sending a check payable to the Town of Acushnet, for the appropriate fee: \$10, Altered; \$15.00 Unaltered; \$20.00, 3-4 Dog Kennel; \$50.00, 5-15 Dog Kennel; \$100.00, 15+ Dog Kennel

Please call the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 998-0215 or the Animal Control Officer, Rebekah Tomlinson at (508) 998-9040.

Grants for Artists

The Westport Cultural Council encourages all artists, writers, scientists, musicians, historians, creative people and organizations to apply for a Helen E Ellis Charitable Trust grant. This year the Council has an astonishing \$35,000 to distribute, and we are hoping for a record number of applicants. **You do not need to**

be a Westport resident to apply.

Applications and further information can be found at <https://westport-ma.com/westport-cultural-council-wcc>. Or email westportcc02790@gmail.com

Nine printed copies of the application are required. Applications can be left at the Council's mailbox on the 2d floor of Town Hall, 816 Main Road, or mailed to the Westport Cultural Council, P.O. Box 4089, Westport, MA 02790. **Deadline HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 3.**

The Westport Cultural Council strives to continue Miss Ellis's mission by awarding grants that support arts, music, crafts, conservation, wildlife, and history preservation projects and programs for children and adults.

Pet Food Delivered

Attention Dartmouth Senior Citizens! If you are unable to get to the store to obtain food for your pet, please call the Humane Society at 508-995-6661 and we will make arrangements to deliver it to your door! This program is a collaboration between Town of Dartmouth Animal Control and the Humane Society. The food was graciously donated by Stop and Shop and Dartmouth Towing supplied a flatbed truck and driver to pick up the donations from the warehouse and deliver them to the shelter for distribution! If you are a senior citizen that resides in New Bedford, please reach out to your local animal control officer as this is a collaboration between the Humane Society, NBP Animal Control, and the Coalition for Animals.

*If you would like to donate to this program reach out to any of the above organizations and they will direct you for further information.

Daffodil Field Closed

Due to the Governor's emergency order limiting gatherings, the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) has closed the Parsons Reserve and its daffodil field for the 2020 season.

The entire Parsons Reserve will be closed. DNRT has blocked trails and will be monitoring the property to enforce the closure. Police will also be patrolling the area.

The daffodil field typically attracts

8,000 to 10,000 people over a 3-week period. The other reserves are open, but patrons are asked to follow the appropriate social distancing guidelines, including not going within six feet of another person.

NE Aquarium Free Online

The New England Aquarium in Boston is posting free educational videos and virtual tours every day at 11 a.m. Visit <https://www.neaq.org> for more information, or <https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandAquarium>

NOAA Art Contest

Contest for Kids K-12: Virtual Entries Due Friday, April 24

Due to the recent developments of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, we understand that several of the schools across the nation are currently closed. Our office in Gloucester also has restricted access to the general public. Because we are not in the building, and we do not know when we will return, we can no longer accept any physical art entries this year. However, to keep the contest going and to encourage students to learn about marine endangered species while they are home, we will gladly accept any electronic pictures or scans of the students' artwork for this year's contest!

All students have to do is take a picture or scan their artwork and email it to edith.carson-supino@noaa.gov **no later than April 24**. The revised art contest rules are located on our 2020 Marine Endangered Species Art Contest webpage (https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/2020-marine-endangered-species-art-contest?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Artwork should highlight one or more marine endangered or threatened species from the New England/Mid-Atlantic region. Text highlighting why the animals are important and what people can do to protect them may also be included. Younger students, in grades K-2, who may not understand the threats to endangered species (i.e., pollution, fishing, etc.) are encouraged to portray the animals in their natural habitat instead.

Recipe of the Week

Old Fashioned Cream Custard Pie

- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust
- 1 egg white
- 4 large eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, plus more for sprinkling

Preheat oven to 400°. Brush crust with beaten egg white and bake it for 7-8 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes.

3. In large bowl whisk together the remaining ingredients as well as any leftover beaten egg white. Pour egg mixture into the baked and cooled pie crust and sprinkle with nutmeg. Loosely wrap the edges of the pie to prevent them from burning. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until set.

Cool completely and store in the fridge. until ready to serve.

From <https://myincrediblerecipes.com>

TIPS: If you want to make it richer and really dress it up add an extra yolk. To prevent custard from going under the shell, be sure and poke holes with a fork all over the shell including the sides first to prevent bubbling. Make sure the pie is cool before placing in refrigerator

Food pantry still operating, but call first

By Beth David
Editor

The Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet has seen a significant drop in the number of people using the pantry on Saturday mornings.

Director Gary Payette said he believes it is because people are afraid of coming into close contact with other people as they try to adhere to the guidelines of social distancing that have been imposed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"I'd like to dispel any fears that the way we are handing out the food is safe," wrote Mr. Payette in an email.

The pantry usually serves about 100 individuals and families. The last couple of weeks have seen that number drop to less than half.

There has been a problem with volunteers, he said, as the churches usually direct people to help. Churches are prohibited from having in-person services in the state. But they have managed to stay open with a smaller group.

Because of the volunteer issue, Mr. Payette advised patrons to call the pantry on Friday to be sure that

someone will be there on Saturday at the regular time.

The pantry will institute protocols to keep people from getting too close, he said. Someone will be in the parking lot limiting the number of people who go into the building at any one time.

"We're making adjustments as we go, like you and everyone else," said Mr. Payette.

He said they had expected a big increase in the number of people in the last two weeks because of the number of people out of work, so they were surprised when the numbers actually dropped.

The Shepherd's Pantry distributes food on Saturdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet. Call 508-763-9289, or visit <http://www.shepherdspantry.org> for more information.

To donate money to the pantry, use the mailing address: PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Do donate food, find the bin at Stop & Shop in Fairhaven. Other bins are located at venues that are closed due to COVID-19.

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Meals on Wheels still rolls during pandemic

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Meals on Wheels program is still rolling. Anne Silvia, Fairhaven's Council on Aging Director, wants seniors to know that their meals are still being delivered during the pandemic restrictions.

She also said that any Fairhaven

senior who is not on the list but wants to have meals delivered, should call the senior center at 508-979-4029.

The program is part of Coastline Elderly's Nutrition Program, and is administered by local Councils on Aging. Seth Thomas of Coastline, said the program operates in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Matta-

poisett, New Bedford and Rochester. They were delivering approximately 1600 meals a day, before the COVID-19 crisis.

Local COAs also run lunches at a low cost, but those have been discontinued due to the crisis. Mr. Thomas said the Meals on Wheels program

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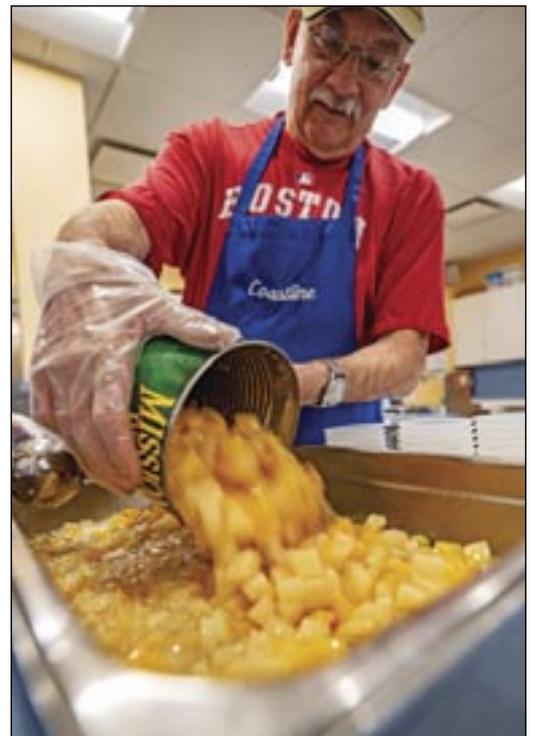
LEFT TOP: Susan Ouimet, a staff member of Coastline Elderly's Nutrition Program, fills cups with fruit cocktail at the Fairhaven Senior Center on 3/30/2020, to be included in meals for the Meals on

LEFT MIDDLE: Fairhaven Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia goes over the list of stops for the Meals on Wheels deliveries with volunteer driver Cameron Durant, while daughter Emilia gets camera shy.

LEFT BOTTOM: Mr. Durant and Ms. Anne Silvia load up Mr. Durant's vehicle. **RIGHT TOP, L-R** Susan Ouimet and Nancy Kleinowskis of Coastline Elderly's Nutrition Program, prepare the meals for delivery.

RIGHT BOTTOM: Ed Sojka of Coastline Elderly's Nutrition Program opens a can of fruit cocktail that will be packed up and delivered with the meals.

Photos by
Glen C. Silva.



Family members find a way to show their love

By Beth David
Editor

Armand Patnaude's family knows that he's aching to see them and touch them. They know they miss him dearly. The 69-year-old hospice patient is stuck inside at Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven. His 70th birthday party, originally scheduled for 4/28, had to be canceled, and it has been pretty hard on him to be isolated.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, no one is allowed to visit him, although his daughter works at OLH, so she sees him regularly.

Family members call and send notes, but, that's not the same as being in the same room.

So, on Saturday, a group of Mr. Patnaude's best supporters made signs and showed their love with a sidewalk visit. He was able to see them out the window and wave.

"It's been so hard on the family," said Mr. Patnaude's sister, Yvette Patnaude Randall. "I can't imagine all the other families not being able to visit."

She said other residents of OLH also saw them and waved to them.

"Their little hands were all coming out and thanking us and waving at us," she said. "It was cute. We raised a lot of spirits, and made a lot of people very happy."

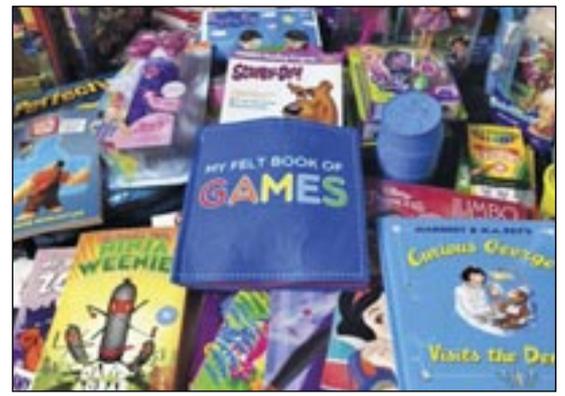
She said it is especially hard on her brother because he is so young

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LEFT: Family members of Armand Patnaude, 69, a resident of Our Lady's Haven Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fairhaven, including daughter Jamie Patnaude, grandson Julian Barboza, brother Rene Patnaude, sister Yvette Patnaude Randall and a few other family members, had to make alternate plans to bring some love and joy to Armand on 3/28/20 as residents cannot receive visitors due to the COVID-19 outbreak. RIGHT: Mr. Patnaude peeks out his second-floor window to see the special sidewalk visit from his family members. Photos courtesy of James Mahaney

Kindness Table helps those in need



Kassandra Gonsalves, owner of Supreme Perfection dance studio set up a "Kindness Table" a couple of weeks ago, to share some much needed items with people who were having trouble finding certain cleaning items, etc. "We set up the table open to the public for anyone to get items they need, whether it be household items or non perishable food," wrote Ms. Gonsalves in an email "We also had tons of items for children, games, toys, and educational tools to help keep them focused and engaged during this unknown time. Our goal was to help anyone who wasn't comfortable with going to bigger stores, anyone immunocompromised, families. We did have a great response of individuals who needed assistance and also a lot of donations! We have added clothing items, DVDs, more games." Visit Supreme Perfection on Facebook to find out when their next date will be, contingent on restrictions imposed due to the pandemic. Submitted photos.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging Closure

The Fairhaven Council on Aging Senior Center is closed until further notice. The Supportive Social Day Program, all trip and activities have been cancelled.

The COA has staff at the senior center available to take your phone calls.

Limited transportation is available from 8:30-10:30 for shopping, banking and pharmacy. Transportation is also available

for morning appointments to South Coast on Mill Rd.

Meals on Wheels deliveries will continue as usual. If you are in need of a meal, please call the senior center, 508-979-4029.

Senior Shopping Hours

Walmart: Tuesdays 6 a.m.-7 a.m.

Market Basket: Tues., Wed.,
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Easter Dinner: Delivery Only

The Easter Dinner at the COA has been canceled, however, we will be delivering an Easter dinner to FAIRHAVEN SENIORS 60 years old or older. We have a limited number of meals so please call the Fairhaven Senior center to request a dinner at 508-979-4029. If no one answers, please leave your name, address and phone number on the answering machine.

Pet Food Available

If any senior is having trouble getting pet food, call the Fairhaven Animal Shelter at 508-979-4028. Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps will deliver pet food to you.

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workers, and self employed people; and offers incentives to businesses to keep people on the payroll.

In Fairhaven, Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg has posted a 15-minute video on YouTube, with helpful information, links and phone numbers. Visit the health department's page on the town's website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health> for a link to the video.

In the presentation, Ms. Freire-Kellogg reminds adults that children hear the television, although they may not understand what is happening. Have a conversation with children and elderly people who may have dementia, she said. Their routines have changed.

"They may not understand, but they know people are dying," she said.

She also asks that people keep in touch by phone with anyone who may be isolated, getting lonely, and

may become depressed.

"Call," she said. "Keep their spirits up."

But most of all, take care of yourself. Go for a walk outside, do yoga online.

"We have to keep moving," she said.

Visit www.mass.gov/ for updates on the state's guidelines.

Sign up for message alerts by texting "COVIDMA" to 888-777, and you can also add an email account to receive alerts. You may also call 211 from a land line or a cell phone.

Visit <https://www.cdc.gov> for information from the Centers for Disease Control.

If you feel sick, or feel you should be tested for COVID-19, do NOT just show up at a doctor's office or even a testing site.

You MUST get an order from a doctor to get tested. Call your doctor. If you do not have a primary care

physician, call an urgent care center, or 211 to get instructions on where to go to get tested. Only people who meet certain criteria will get tested.

Go for a walk

The state's parks remain open, but some activities have been restricted. For guidelines on state parks visit: [https://www.mass.gov/info-
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Acushnet swears in two new police officers

By *Beth David*
Editor

Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte was sure to maintain a safe distance when she administered the oath of office to two new part time police officers.

Dominik Sullivan-Souza and

Nathaniel Turgeon took the oath on Friday, 3/27/19, at the Aucshnet Police Station, and should be starting their field training by now.

“Please join me in WELCOMING, our two newest Part-time officers, Officer Dominik Sullivan-Souza and Nathaniel Turgeon,” reads a post on

the Acushnet Police Department Facebook page on 3/27/20. “Keep an eye out for them as they will soon begin their Field Training!! Welcome to the force gentlemen!”

“It’s always a pleasure to swear or new officers in!” wrote Ms. Labonte in an email.



ABOVE: Dominik Sullivan-Souza raises his right hand to read his oath of office, administered by Acushnet Town Clerk Pamela Labonte, while Nathaniel Turgeon (LEFT) keeps his distance as required by the pandemic guidelines on 3/27/20, when both were sworn in as Acushnet police officers. RIGHT: L-R: Patrol Officer Sullivan-Souza and Patrol Officer Turgeon keep their distance, as required by the pandemic guidelines, after being sworn in. Photos from Acushnet Police Department Facebook page.



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The Music Will Not Be Muted, Part 1

By Bryon Knight

Special to the Neighbor News

I happen to be a Musician, a Guitar Technician and I own a little music shop... which is, by Governor's mandate, closed. I'm married to a Nurse (somebody had to make some money). She is my heroine. She leaves home and family every day to enter people's homes to make sure that their new babies are healthy and doing well.... At some personal risk, I might add. As you might expect, she is quite familiar with disease protocol so our family is mandated from within as well... and... she is still working.

I played music for a living for many years and have always taken comfort in knowing that if I can't get work anywhere else, I can always play music for a living.

A musician has been defined as: Someone who puts \$10,000 worth of equipment into a \$2,000 car and drives 100 miles to play gig for 50 Bucks!

While that may be cliché, It also points out that musicians LOVE to play. We need to play. It is a part of our very being. It's the lucky ones who get to play for a living... that is... until now.

There have been cancellations of concerts, festivals, weddings and private parties. Add in the closings of every club, pub, bar and coffee shop, and you have out-of-work-musicians.

No, they're not gonna run rampant through the streets looting and pillaging. (They're not that energetic)

But they have bills to pay and families to feed (and so many dogs and cats!). So do the music teachers who, due to social distancing, cannot hold classes or even one-to-one lessons. There are also innumerable "Garage Bands" who cannot assemble, therefore, possibly stifling the creation of the next BIG THING.

The current "Big Things," the national and international recording artists and entertainers are home-bound and not working.

Even at a local level, there are full-time musicians who are solely dependent upon these venues to make a living. There are many more part-timers who usually have "day jobs," and, thanks to COVID-19, some of these jobs are considered non-essential... you know... the barbers, department store clerks, salespeople and music store owners.

This compounds the impact for them as they suffer a "Double Whammy" to their financial stability.

In keeping with Social Distancing, I messaged a few of my musical customers and friends to see, specifically, how they are being impacted.



Giuliana Amaral

The youngest artist that I corresponded with was Giuliana Amaral. At age 17, she is the lead singer and Bassist for a Led Zepplin tribute group, "Band Inc."

She had this to say: "This has impacted, immensely, musicians all over. Including myself... All booked shows were canceled due to this and...hopefully when things get under control and back to normal people will go out and support them by attending their shows."

Dave Charnley is a friend and musician who performs with the band, "The True Neckers," at several venues including the Bayside Lounge where he heads up the open-mic night on Sunday evenings. He offers the stage to professionals and novices alike and had this to say: "My main concern is the economic impact on the entertainment scene as a whole. This quarantine is probably going to go longer than we think. Yes we are losing gigs but the clubs and restaurants are taking a huge hit. Live local venues may be so financially strapped that gigs already booked may get canceled even after the quarantine is lifted." Dave



Dave Charnley



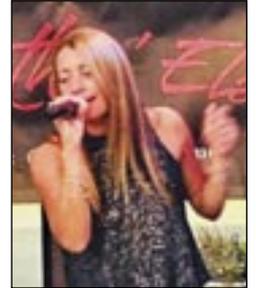
Kenny Motta

continued: "Even worse is the concern that some venues may go out of business as a result of loss of

earnings."

I texted Kenny Motta, a veteran musician: "The players that rely on the income are being hit hard right now and could really use that stimulus money as well the venues that support them." The money that Kenny referred to is the \$1200 per adult and \$500 per child that the government will be sending in the next few weeks or months. This is provisional upon the amount of income that was filed last year. Many musicians get paid in cash.

Susan Sylvia has been a featured performer for years. She's played most venues along the South Coast and beyond. Her thoughts: "My piano duo with Dave Grew, "Somethin' Else," normally performs 6 to 8 times per month. Due to the Corona virus, our last gig was on March 13. Currently we have had four gigs canceled but anticipate that additional cancellations are likely. I have to say that both Dave and I intensely miss performing at local venues. We miss our loyal following and meeting new people who love live music!... Since performing supplements both of our incomes, we are mindful of the financial impact that the ban is having on all musicians, bar/club owners and their employees. While we fully support the need to curtail the spread of the virus, we just miss music!!"



Susan Sylvia

Long time regional musician and band, Johnny Barnes and the NightCrawlers suffered the cancellation of 2 gigs with "Vanilla Fudge," an international Rock group: "Those kind of opportunities don't come along very often", says Barnes. "The Vault Music Hall (Show) has been moved to July 9th... The Reservation (Show) was canceled. We have dates still on for April 24th at



Johnny Barnes

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The Jetty in Marshfield and May 8th at The Glen Cove Hotel at Onset Beach that haven't been canceled... we have our fingers crossed."



Carolyn Wingate

Carolyn Wingate is a teacher, for over 30 years in public schools, and she teaches music to youngsters as well. Carolyn performs regionally and had this to say:

"I think part of the difficulty of dealing with COVID-19 has been in fully acknowledging that this is not as temporary as I might have thought. As a teacher, my lessons have gone online but I worry about my students' emotional struggles to deal with all the unknowns. Children can usually find comfort in the fact that adults at least appear to know what's going on and how to proceed — but regardless of age — we are all struggling to do the best we can in unprecedented times....it must be absolutely daunting for many of our children to be in a learning mode without their peers and teachers."

Another staple of the local music scene is James Gagne: "Yeah all of my gigs have been canceled which sucks and weddings are starting to cancel

too." Gagne counts himself lucky that he plays music part-time while providing IT and marketing services to local businesses: "But even that is taking a hit due to working with a lot of restaurants and whatnot and seafood places."



James Gagne

Most performers at the national and international level have a financial cushion... but the sound guys, the lighting folks, the numerous riggers and technicians, the ticket takers, the t-shirt hawkers and the concession workers are all at risk.

These folks are not the only ones experiencing difficulty throughout this crisis. There are countless members of our community and across the nation who are doing their best to make the ends of their finances, knowledge and sanity meet.

My ole' Pop used to tell me: "When you get to feelin' low... just look down. You'll probably see somebody lookin' back up." And I'll add: "Give 'em a hand!"

Yes, I'm southern... but what he was trying to say was: No matter how bad things get, there are others who may be dealing with worse.

With so many, world wide, who are sick and dying, we can say prayers, meditate or just show empathy for our fellow humans. We can do our best to not expose anyone to anyone else who might be in contact with someone who is vulnerable to this disease. Yea, it works like that!

We must, as a community, look for the good in this situation. It IS there...

- Citizens in China can see blue sky above their large cities because of less smog.
- The waterways in Venice are clearer than they have been in decades because the Gondolas are not stirring up the silt.
- A necessary trip to Boston is easier and faster due to much traffic.
- We are spending quality time with our family and pets.
- I get to spend time writing, practicing and even learning a new instrument.

Next week we'll find out how these seven musicians are coping with the virus, the lack of work and quarantine.

Until then...Stay safe and stay healthy.

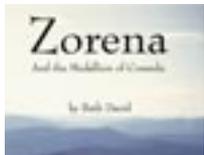
Where words fail,
music speaks.

Hans Christian Andersen

Support local businesses during this crisis

You can help local businesses get through this crisis: Get take-out or delivery from your favorite restaurant or bar; leave a tip as you would if you were eating in the dining room.; ask if there's anything you can do. We are all in this together. We want our favorite spots to be there when this is all over, for them, for their employees, for our community, for ourselves.

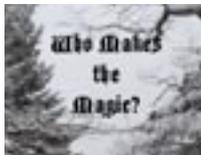
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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

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

The public is invited to participate remotely using one of the following methods.

- Join Zoom Meeting: Log onto <https://zoom.us/j/875346214> or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 875 346 214 #
- 166 Dogwood Street: Elizabeth David. 198-21 (C): Variance request to extend a non conforming structure, not 5' from property line.
 - 260 Main Street: Raymond J. Oliveira. 198-16: Special Permit for an in-law apartment above garage.
 - Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard, re: 7 Union Street. Seeking Reversal of Zoning Determination dated February 20, 2020.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
FNN: 3/19/20, 3/26/20, 4/2/20

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:30pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

To Access Meeting Remotely:
<https://zoom.us/j/258573970>
or CALL 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 258 573 970

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing pursuant to the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- CON 023-133: 130 Ebony Street Notice of Intent filed by John Hinds for the demolition of the existing cottage and construction of a new single-family home with rear deck and associated site work at the property located at 130 Ebony Street, Assessors Map 43A, Lots 235-237. Work to take place in buffer zone to Isolated Vegetated Wetland.

Public participation will be via virtual means only: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will be conducted

via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via remote participation. Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Jay Simmons, Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
Fairhaven Neighborhood News, 4/2/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Fairhaven Planning Board

Tuesday, April 14, 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 two continued public hearings and one new hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday April 14, 2020, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The scheduled public hearings on March 24, 2020 could not take place as the Planning Board Meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted remotely for the public.

To Join the Meeting from home, log on to:
<https://zoom.us/j/731182273>
or telephone 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 731 182 273 #

- NEW HEARING**
- RZ 2020-01: Crow Island Rezone to Mixed-Use.** The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Rezone application: **RZ 2020-01** — the applicant, Crow Island Realty Trust, is requesting approval through the Rezoning public hearing review process to rezone Crow Island in New Bedford/ Fairhaven Harbor from a Single Residence (RA) zoned district to the Mixed-Use District (MU). The location is Crow Island, Map 44 Lot 1 (2.29 acres).

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will also conduct two Continued Public Hearings on the same date. The scheduled continued public hearings on March 24, 2020 could not take place as the Planning Board Meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation. The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on

the following Special Permit applications

- 1) **2019-15: Bridge Street Mazda.** The applicant, Carapace LLC, represented by Richard Rheume, P.E. of Prime Engineering, Inc. is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to construct an approximately 14,000 square foot commercial building for an auto dealership with fifty-four (54) parking spaces and associated infrastructure, stormwater control and landscaping. The location is 250 Bridge Street, Map 36, Lot 15.
- 1) **2019-13: Lewis Landing.** The applicant, Dana Lewis, represented by Richard Rheume, P.E. of Prime Engineering, Inc. is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to develop a vacant 2.5-acre piece of land by constructing four (4) multi-unit residential buildings with three (3) two-bedroom units each plus two, twenty-eight (28) parking spaces and associated infrastructure, stormwater control and landscaping. The location is Huttleston Avenue (between 347 and 355), Map 31 Lots 115A and 117C.

Copies of the applications are on file at the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Town Hall. Due to the present coronavirus situation, visitors are not allowed at Town Hall. Call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9, to make arrangements to see the complete files.

Much of the files can be viewed at the Planning Board webpage on Current Projects Under Review: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

For information on RZ 2020-01/Crow Island, go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/rz-2020-01-crow-island-rezone-mixed-use>

For information on ways to participate in the public hearing process without physically being present due to the present situation, please visit the Fairhaven Planning Board webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board>

You can call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to discuss the applications and ongoing measures to adapt to the situation.

John Farrell, Chairman, Fairhaven Planning Board
FNN: 3/26/20, 4/2/20

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compared to the other residents, most of whom also have dementia. So he is lonely.

"It's been hard for us, it's been hard for him," she said.

Mr. Patnaude is on hospice, so he knows his days are numbered. But everyone is hoping he will make it to his 70th birthday, and that, when the time comes, family members will be allowed to be with him.

For now, though, "He's holding his own," said Ms. Randall.

Even though the party they envisioned had to get canceled, she hopes they can have a sidewalk/lawn party on 4/28 to celebrate with him. Meanwhile, family members will send messages, cards, notes and letters, and will call him, too.

"I think that would boost his spirits," she said. "Getting things in the mail."

She also plans to have more sidewalk visits because, she said: "It was just perfect. I left there with my heart feeling full."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Customarily, we would have called OLH to talk to Mr. Patnaude directly, but we decided it would be more fun to let him be surprised by the pictures in the Neighb News.

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has picked up approximately 150 more in the coverage area. He expects that more people who used to go to the lunches will want to sign up for the meal delivery service.

People get a noontime meal that is delivered between 10 a.m. and noon. The program is free, but there are eligibility requirements. Those who can afford to, are asked to donate \$2 per meal.

If anyone wants to sign up, call Coastline Elderly at 508-999-6400, or o your local Council on Aging/Senior Center.

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ALL IN PERSON MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED

We are continuing to list government meetings here because both towns are moving to remote meetings. The public will be invited to dial in to participate, with the information on how to do that included on the agenda. Please check the town's website or call the appropriate office to find out how you can join in.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

ELECTION

The town election has been postponed from 4/6 to 5/18

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/26, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 4/2, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 4/8, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Comm

Tues., 3/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Selectboard

TBA, until the town sets up remote participation

TIDE TABLE

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

	April 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	2	0325	1558	0857	2113
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Saturday	4	0535	1804	1108	2333*
Sunday	5	0629	1853	----	1206*
Monday	6	0716	1939	0034*	1255*
Tuesday	7	0803	2026	0127*	1343*
Wednesday	8	0851	2116	0223*	1433*
Thursday	9	0942	2206	0318*	1522*
Friday	10	1032	2256	0406*	1608*
Saturday	11	1123	2348	0448*	1649*
Sunday	12	----	1217	0530*	1732*
Monday	13	0045	1317	0622	1823

*= 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

be above ground.

Mr. Chapin said he would be happy to give the board a written proposal to take to the state, including information about space needed, where cars would park and just a basic outline of what the area would look like.

Mr. Furtado explained that he contacted DEP employee Colleen Ferguson about how much the cost of cleaning up the landfill would be and she explained that the Fairhaven Police and Fire Departments inquired about building a safety complex on the landfill. That quote for cleanup was \$9 million.

However, Mr. Chapin explained that building a safety complex on the property would require a lot of digging and excavating, which is why they would need the full \$9 million.

The recycling center would probably not require any digging or excavating, so he did not think that the BPW would need to do a full clean up of the site.

The board voted to have Mr. Chapin put a proposal together, and the board will visit the site to decide how much space would be needed.

In another matter the board discussed keeping the recycling center open during the COVID-19 pandemic even though it is not considered an essential business.

Mr. Wotton said that the recycling center should stay open the half day on Wednesday for now and decide on it week to week.

Mr. Hobson explained that a lot of people have been asking to keep the recycling center open because a lot of residents are not working and are taking the time to clean their yards, garages etc. and they have things to take to the recycling center.

He said he was at the recycling center at 10 a.m. and there were 50-100 people lined up in their cars.

He the recycling center should stay on the same Wednesday and Saturday schedule that it is currently on. The employee stays in his car to practice social distancing and the residents dispose of their items one at a time and leave,

Mr. Wotton said that the virus is a very serious situation. He suggested staying open longer on Wednesday, that way they can eliminate asking an employee to work on a Saturday.

Mr. Hobson said about the people who work during the week and need to go on Saturdays.

"I can go to Stop & Shop, Wal-Mart, the package store....I hardly ever go," Mr. Hobson said laughing. "And you're trying

to tell me people can't go to the recycling center."

Mr. Coelho said he agreed with Mr. Hobson, that there are people that have their life on the line working all week, and the center should be open on Saturdays for those people.

Mr. Wotton said he agreed that they should be taking care of the people in the medical field and grocery store workers, but they work weekends too. He said he agreed the center should stay open, but the town wanted to close it completely.

Mr. Wotton said he would like it to stay open on its regular Wednesday and Saturday schedule. He explained that he was just trying to make a compromise and have it one day open to make the town happy and limit the center, rather than having the town close it.

Mr. Wotton also said he wanted to make sure the employee stays safe because he

Mr. Hobson said that half the employees are at home and we are paying them to sit at home.

does not want that employee to get sick because of the board's decision to keep the recycling center open. He said he wants the employee to stay in his car and point the resident to the correct pile. Residents must also keep a line of cars and only one car at the pile disposing at a time.

During the board's discussion a resident called in for public comment on Zoom. Resident Kathleen Isaksen explained that she called the BPW to get a permit for the recycling center and she was told to send a check and a copy of her registration in the mail and then the BPW will mail a permit.

Ms. Isaksen asked how she would be able to get the permit in time to go to the recycling center on Saturday.

Mr. Furtado explained that the office is closed and that public is not allowed in the building to protect the public and employees from the virus.

Mr. Wotton suggested that her name be put on a list at the recycling center so she will be allowed to dispose of her debris. Mr. Wotton told Ms. Isaksen to send out her mailed items like she was told to and then show up to the recycling center

Saturday and show the registration to the guard at a safe distance, and her name will be on a list to be allowed in.

Mr. Wotton said that if any other residents needs assistance with the same issue to call and give their name and mail in the necessary items.

Going back to the board's discussion about the recycling center hours, Mr. Durant said that the center cannot be compared to an essential business like a grocery store. He said you need food but you do not need to dump debris.

Mr. Hobson asked why half of the Highway, Sewer, and Water employees are not working if they are considered essential by the governor.

Mr. Furtado explained that they are following suit with other communities. Half of the employees work every other week and the other half are on call. It is done that way so the employees are separated into two different groups, so if one employee gets sick in one group and infects that group the town still has half the employees that can still work.

Mr. Hobson said that half the employees are at home and we are paying them to sit at home.

Mr. Furtado said either way we pay them or they get paid through unemployment. There are three choices, he said: All the employees come in and all get sick, no employees come in, or half the employees come every other week and one half of the employees get sick. Mr. Furtado said half is the smartest choice.

Mr. Hobson said the Water, Sewer, Highway employees are considered essential like Stop & Shop and they do not only have half their employees working.

Mr. Furtado countered that he is not in charge of Stop & Shop, and that the town is going to pay the employees no matter what. He noted that they would be violating the governor guidelines by leaving the recycling center open because it is not considered essential, although personally, he said, it did not bother him to keep the it open.

Mr. Wotton said the virus is only going to get worse with more things that are open. He said he agreed with what Mr. Furtado was doing with the employees.

Mr. Wotton also said he agreed with Mr. Hobson that the recycling center should stay open, but if the employee at the recycling center gets sick it is on the board. He said he did not think anyone wanted that on their shoulders.

The board voted 4-1 to keep the Wednesday and Saturday regular hours until further notice. Mr. Durant voted "no."



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For further information on this property or to schedule a showing, please contact our listing agent, Liz Moses.
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Jackson's fire fund-raiser has been postponed, NOT canceled

The fund-raiser for the Jackson family, which suffered a great loss after fire destroyed Jackson's Variety and the family home, has been POSTPONED. Organizers still hope to hold the event at a later date.

Meanwhile, we are still selling tickets to give the money to the Jackson family. The event will still be held at the **Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven, 508-997-1707**, and will include buffet dinner, music and dancing. **Tickets: \$20 per person.**

Get tickets at VFW, American Legion in Fairhaven, Bayside Lounge, Haircutters, Mac's Soda Bar.

A devastating fire ripped through Jackson's Variety on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven on 2/3/20, destroying the building that housed the business and was also the home of owner Colin "Jack" Jackson and his wife Peggy.

A GoFundMe page has also been set up to help the family, who had no insurance on the business or the building: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jackson039s-variety-fire-fund>



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