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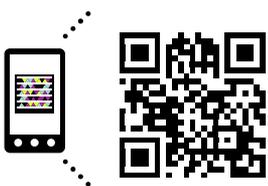
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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

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L-R: John Medeiros, Mike Lemaire, Dan Corcoran, and Joe Medeiros raise the United States Coast Guard flag under the US flag on Main Street at the 195 overpass in Fairhaven. The site is dedicated to Charles F. Albaugh, who made sure the US Flag was flying at the overpass after the 911 attacks in 2001. The North Fairhaven Improvement Association erected the flag pole. See page 13. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

We have some sad news this week. Shirley Hunter, a very active, long time resident of West Island died this week after a fierce battle with cancer (see obituary on page 18).

Shirley was involved in a whole bunch of stuff on the island and with the West Island Improvement Association.

I could list a bunch of stuff she and Herb did, or try to explain the impact she had on her part of the world. But, I think I'll keep it simple. One thing about Shirley, she was always ready to join the fun. Even in her 80s, she was quick to party at the little bar at the Marina just a hop and a skip from her house on West Island, or join whatever gathering that promised to be fun, even though, she may not have realized that she was a big part of why it would be fun in the first place.

She greeted everyone with a big smile.

Her obituary says her home was welcome to all, and I will attest to that. Their house was definitely a drop-in-whenever-you're-walking-by stop.

She will be missed.

Also in this issue (see page 6), the memorial bench for Matthew Lovegrove has been vandalized. Matthew's mother believes someone ripped off the back of it to use for firewood. Really, people...cut the crap, will ya? That bench memorializes a 21-year-old whose life was tragically cut short by a car accident. Lots of people, myself included, have sat on that bench for a moment of quiet solitude by the water. And you rip it up for firewood?

I think the person or persons who did that should have to rebuild it. Or, they should be forced to remove graffiti from somewhere, sandblast it or whitewash it, or whatever. They need to see how difficult it is to fix what they marred.

And last, but not least, tropical storm Isaias (eye-sa-EE-yas), packed a bit of a punch (see page 12), but not as bad as it could have been. And, as a bonus, we got to host the Mayflower II (see page 7) in the harbor.

Well, that's it for now.

Stay safe out there, stay cool.

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Until next week then...see ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# COVID-19 update: Rhode Island added to travel restrictions

By Beth David  
Editor

Rhode Island was taken off the list of states with no travel restrictions to Massachusetts on Tuesday. RI had previously been included in the rest of New England States, New York, New Jersey, and Hawaii as being exempt from travel restrictions in Mass. After an uptick in COVID-19 cases hit the state, RI was added to the list of states with travel restrictions into Mass.

The travel restrictions mean that anyone traveling to Massachusetts from Rhode Island must quarantine for 14 days; any Mass. resident who travels to RI, must also quarantine on return. Exemptions include people who commute to work or school regularly, going to a "fixed place" and then returning home.

Travelers are also exempt if they have a negative test result within 72 hours of reaching Mass.; patients seeking medical treatment are also exempt. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form> for the travel form with details on the travel restrictions, states, and

exemptions.

Anyone traveling to the state is required to fill out the form online.

Travelers who do not comply with the order could be fined \$500 per day.

The order came after Mass. Governor Charlie Baker gave a press briefing. The decision to add RI to the restrictions was made after the press conference on Tuesday, 8/4/20.

Gov. Baker said at the press conference that the state will roll back its reopening if cases continue to rise. So far, though the rate of new infections is still hovering around 2%.

Gov. Baker credited the residents of Mass. for slowing the spread of the virus by wearing masks, socially distancing when possible, and staying away from large gatherings.

He said if the trend continues upward, the restrictions may change, such as reducing allowed gathering sizes, which now stands at 25 people in an indoor space; and up to 100 people in outdoor spaces.

The governor told the public that he understood how the restrictions were getting more difficult with time, especially with a such a short

summer season in the state.

He said the "overwhelming majority" of Mass. residents have been wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands often, using hand sanitizer, etc.

He urged residents to continue with all the above.

"I mean, this stuff is like gold standard," said Gov. Baker. "But you have to be vigilant and you have to be disciplined and you have to do it over and over again."

The administration added more cities to its free testing initiative, in places that had higher than average positive cases. That also added to the increase in numbers, but Gov. Baker said it was a good thing to find the cases.

For a list of testing sites: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/ma-covid-19-testing-sites/download>

As of 8/4/20, Mass. had 111,033 confirmed cases and 8,436 deaths from COVID-19. For more information, visit <https://www.mass.gov>

As of 8/4/20, the US had 4,698,818 cases, and 155,204 deaths. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov> for more info.

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# Haworth voted in as new BOH member

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The vacant seat on the Fairhaven Board of Health was filled on 7/30 in a split vote during a joint meeting of the BOH and the Selectboard.

Among the five candidates, both BOH members picked Geoffrey Haworth, a home improvement and landscaping business owner, former Selectboard member and former Board of Public Works member currently serving on the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

Retired police officer Sheila Dolan, Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, former Board of Health member and mental health specialist Dr. Barbara Aksen, and former Selectboard member and chiropractor Dr. Brian Bowcock also interviewed for the seat.

Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas refrained from asking the candidates questions and later yielded his vote to support whomever the BOH members picked.

BOH Chairperson Peter DeTerra asked all the candidates about the expertise they would bring to the board, and Mr. Haworth said he has served on a variety of town boards, adding, "But I'm also with the Red Cross ... and I hold the title of captain for Barnstable County. I'm also the supervisor for Bristol and Plymouth County ... [with] probably about 35 certifications. But what I really bring to the board is the fact that I have the pandemic flu management course through FEMA."

Mr. Haworth said he is a COVID-19 safe work practice trainer, received COVID-19 shelter management training, and is a COVID-19 health screener for the Red Cross.

"I've taken all of the courses that are available right now to deal with the current pandemic," he said.

BOH member Michael Ristuccia asked Mr. Haworth why he took the COVID-related courses.

"I wanted to make sure that I had a complete understanding of the pandemic in the ways that the Red Cross and the community ... would be handling the pandemic, so I made sure that I took every single course that the Red Cross had available on training on COVID and made myself become certified as a trainer."

As he did for all the candidates, Selectboard member Bob Espindola asked Mr. Haworth why he was interested in the BOH now instead of during the

April annual election. Mr. Haworth said he had expressed interest in running but decided to wait when he learned that there were already two candidates running.

Mr. Espindola asked about the value in communication and collaboration between different town boards, committees, and departments.

"I think the more that these boards and committees work together the better it is for our town residents," said Mr. Haworth.

Selectboard member Keith Silvia's question for the candidates was on their familiarity with Robert's Rules of Order on parliamentary procedure, saying, "It seems like we're having problems with that..."

Mr. Haworth said he had committed it to memory.

Other candidates answered the same questions and occasionally some

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I made sure that I took every single course that the Red Cross had available on training on COVID [Geoffrey Haworth]

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additional ones pertaining to them personally.

Ms. Dolan said she would bring her experience from serving on the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and her long career as a police officer.

"I'm used to helping people and being there when needed and I was familiar with the septic and everything from conservation, but I'm sure the codes have changed by now," said Ms. Dolan, adding she would need to take classes, but education is important for boards and the public.

Mr. Gallagher said he was interested in the appointment because of COVID-19, which did not become a national issue until after nomination papers were due in February. He said that after 34 years with the Acushnet Fire Department he is familiar with day-to-day regional public safety communication, and cited several regional efforts.

Having joined the Finance Committee this winter, he agreed that collaboration

among town boards is essential, especially during the pandemic as boards are forced to conduct business remotely.

"I've been a municipal employee for 34 years in the same community. I've seen boards change hands more times than I can count. I've seen boards hold grudges for way too long. I've seen boards be cooperative to the extent of really good things happening — and it can happen," said Mr. Gallagher. "And it's based on ... three core principles ... and that is respect, communication, and consistency. And if you can nail all three of those then you're in a pretty good place for advancing the public interest."

Mr. Gallagher said he leaned heavily on his current studies with its interactions and networking and it has been "immediately beneficial."

"Morals and Ethics was an amazing class," said Mr. Gallagher. "That just reminds you, even when you're 58 years old and have been in the same job for 34 years that a moral compass is probably the most important thing any human being can have and that dictates every aspect of your life, both public and private."

Mr. Espindola also mentioned Mr. Gallagher's experience from his role in the opioid crisis.

Both agreed that the opioid crisis is still a concern, with Mr. Gallagher noting that there was a spike in overdoses in April and May.

"The pressures of living in the world of COVID for those who are afflicted with addiction can be too much at times," said Mr. Gallagher. "They cannot be forgotten. We have to be able to maintain our focus on a bunch of different issues."

Mr. Gallagher would end up as Mr. Espindola's pick for the appointment later in the meeting.

Dr. Aksen said that her 50 years of background in health, health research, and teaching as a professor would benefit the BOH, including her experience developing policies and procedures.

"I'm also very aware of the upcoming crisis that we are actually going to have in mental health that's been predicted..." said Dr. Aksen. "I also am very active at being a chair of the Greater New Bedford Alliance, which is your community health network association that deals with 738 members who are all different organizations, all the boards of health throughout the nine-town area ... and I am working with people on this coalition in daily COVID phone calls where groups

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Free Trees

Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Norway spruce trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between October 15 and December 10, depending on the right time for planting in each member's area. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Norway spruce trees truly provide year-round beauty for any landscape," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "White flowering dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter."

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the free trees, join online at [arborday.org/august](http://arborday.org/august) or send a \$10 membership contribution by August 31 to: Ten Free Norway Spruces OR Ten Free White Dogwood, Arbor Day Foundation, 211 N 12th St, Lincoln, NE 68508

## RMV Drop Off

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has begun to pilot drop-off registration and title services at the Braintree Service Center, with additional locations to follow beginning Monday, 8/10. These Registration Drop Off Centers will be dedicated to performing a number of vehicle-based registration and title services for both commercial and individual customer transactions on a drop-off only basis. Customers choosing this option will be able to drop-off appropriate paperwork for processing within a few business days.

"The RMV is excited to pilot and offer this new drop-off service to all of its customers for certain vehicle-based transactions," said RMV

Registrar Jamey Tesler. "Customers in need of one of these vehicle-based transactions can drop-off their paperwork and return to pick it up in just a few business days. This alternative service channel will help meet increased RMV service demands during a time when services are limited by appointment only due to the need to enforce social-distancing to keep our customers and employees safe."

Registration renewals will still be conducted exclusively online or by mail for individual customers. Customers will continue to be able to make appointments for certain vehicle-based registration and title services up to 14 days in advance.

The RMV is introducing this service channel alternative in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency to encourage 'social-distancing' in its Service Centers and prioritize other essential in-person needs by appointment-only. All RMV customers are encouraged to visit [www.Mass.Gov/RMV](http://www.Mass.Gov/RMV) to complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

For additional information on RMV service offerings during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit [www.mass.gov/rmv](http://www.mass.gov/rmv) or <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

## Farmers Markets

**Fairhaven Farmers Market** the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven (next to National Bleach). Sundays through 10/25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring beef, chicken, produce farms, honey, eggs, herbs, jams, organic soaps and bath salts. Accepts senior and WIC Farmers Market Coupons, SNAP.

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## Huttleston Marketplace

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An outdoor bazaar featuring vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is a MDAR certified farmers market, allowing certified farm vendors to accept WIC and Senior FMNP coupons. It is held rain or shine. COVID-19 precautions, such as social distancing and mask wearing are required.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace-weekly/> for vendor information.

For further information, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov) or by calling 508-979-4085; on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/HuttlestonMkt> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/>.

## Pirates & Privateers

Pirates & Privateers Presentation, **Friday mornings, 10 a.m., through September. Next date: 6/19**, Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort flagpole. WEATHER PERMITTING

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This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more.

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You may visit Greybeard & Companie's Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/GreybeardCompanie/>

## Mosquito Control

The Fairhaven Health Department reminds all residents to contact Bristol County Mosquito Control to ensure all properties have been properly sprayed for mosquitos.

Residents can find information at [www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcounty/mosquitocontrol](http://www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcounty/mosquitocontrol) including a tentative spray schedule for which towns are done each day. Also daily, an updated list of street names will be posted for residents to see if their location is on the schedule for the next spray day.

# Matthew Lovegrove memorial bench vandalized

By Beth David  
Editor

"I've never been there when somebody wasn't sitting there," said Darlene Lovegrove, Matthew Lovegrove's mother, about the memorial bench for him at the little fishing pier off the Little Bay extension to the bike path in Fairhaven.

She said the bench was destroyed

last Wednesday, 7/29, and used the back of it for firewood.

Her son Matthew was only 21 when he was killed in a car crash in 2004. The public works department installed the bench not long after. The driver of the other car paid for it.

"It's been 15 years," said Ms. Lovegrove.

She goes to the bench every week, once a month in the winter.

It's a quiet, peaceful place, and the bench gives people a place to sit, relax, and look out over the water.

Her hope is that someone will come forward.

"It's a place that everyone in town knows," said Ms. Lovegrove.

If you have any information about the damage to the bench, please call the Fairhaven Police Department, 508-997-7421



LEFT: The Matthew Lovegrove memorial bench near the fish pier along the Little Bay extension to the bike path is vandalized. Photo by Glenn C. Silva. RIGHT: In this file photo from August 2018, the bench is intact. If you have any information, call the Fairhaven Police, 508-997-7421. *Neighb News file photo by Berh David.*



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## Mayflower II riding out storm in the harbor

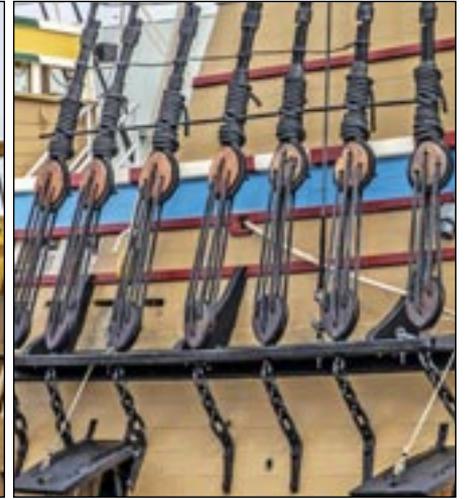


Locals got a nice surprise this week when the Mayflower II stopped by for a visit. The replica of the famous ship that brought European settlers to the new land docked at State Pier in New Bedford harbor to ride out tropical storm Isaias on Tuesday, 8/4/20. A few people

got up close and were able to board it and take a few pics.

The ship is home ported in Plymouth, Mass.

To learn more about the Mayflower visit <https://www.plimoth.org/what-see-do/mayflower>, to learn about the restoration, visit <https://mayflower.plimoth.org>



LEFT: The Mayflower II, a full-scale replica of the ship that brought European settlers to Plymouth in 1620, takes refuge at State Pier in New Bedford Harbor to ride out tropical storm Isaias on Tuesday, 8/4/20. *Photo courtesy of Bob Joseph.* RIGHT: Some of the restored areas on board, including the ship's bell and the rigging. *Photos courtesy of Margie Joseph.*

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The Art Museum will open its doors to all visitors starting Saturday, August 15th with restrictions in place to maintain the health and safety of our visitors and staff.

Our reopening will be on a reduced schedule (Thursday - Sunday, 10 AM - 4 AM) with a maximum capacity of twelve (12) guests allowed in the Art Museum galleries every 60 minutes. NBAM will continue to monitor federal and state guidance and adjustments issued to the phased plan.

Steps have been taken to provide a safe environment for our employees, visitors, and volunteers. In addition to increased cleaning and disinfecting protocols, we are investing in facility changes. Updates include a timed ticket entrance model, a clearly marked directional flow of the galleries, white-gloved shopping, and extensive signage to help visitors experience our spaces safely.

The reopening of NBAM also marks the debut of a new summer exhibit, Pastoral Light, Presented in collaboration with DATMA's Light 2020 and curated by New Bedford Free Public Library's Art Curator Allie Copeland, this exhibition is on view from August 6, 2020 - January 10, 2021. The exhibition will feature 19th-century landscapes from the New Bedford Free Public Library's collection. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

For now, all visits are by advanced timed ticketing, and you must have a ticket to enter NBAM. Tickets are available online, if you'd like to call to purchase or reserve a ticket, please call (508) 961-3072. Same-day tickets may be purchased online or by phone during gallery hours up to thirty minutes before the Art Museum closes.

## Artmobile

New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks! is excited to provide the artMOBILE for its 25th summer! The artMOBILE vans will be rolling around New Bedford through August 21.

Operating much like a bookmobile, the two purple vans, each with two experienced art educators, engage children with fun educational art activities at community sites across New Bedford.

- Mondays: Riverside Park and Keith Middle School, 11-11:45 a.m.; Carney and Lincoln schools, 12:30-1:15 p.m.
- Tuesdays: Clasky Common Park, 10 a.m.-noon.; Fort Tabor, 1-3 p.m.
- Wednesdays: Ruth Street Common 10 a.m.-noon.; Ashley Park, 11-11:45 a.m.; Hayden-McFadden and Campbell schools, 2-2:45 p.m.
- Thursdays: Eddie James Park and Hazelwood Park, 10 a.m.-noon.; Harrington Park, 1-3 p.m.
- Fridays: Buttonwood Park, 10 a.m.-noon.; Roosevelt Middle School, 12:30-1:15 p.m.; Gomes Elementary School, 2-2:45 p.m.

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org/artmobile/> for the schedule as it is subject to change.

## AHA Online

Connect from your couch! Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/connect-from-your-couch/> to enjoy a curated list of on-line resources and virtual programming from local artists, businesses, and organizations that will keep you creative and connected 24-7. Featuring virtual tours, including the Nathan & Polly Johnson House, Howland Mills, First Baptist Church, and the Strand Theater; virtual art exhibits; virtual variety shows; virtual concerts; kids activities and more.

## Historic Women

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will officially unveil a work of public art honoring two historic SouthCoast women who were chosen by the community, during a virtual event on Thursday, August 13 from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Local artist Alyn Carlson created the artwork featuring educator Marial Harper (1934-2016) and community leader Jennie Horne (1920-1998). The artwork will appear on the side of the Whaling Museum's Sundial Building at the corner of Johnny Cake Hill and Union Street in New Bedford, Mass. The Lighting the Way for All online unveiling event is free and takes place during AHA! New Bedford. The event live stream link will be posted on

[www.LightingTheWayforAll.com](http://www.LightingTheWayforAll.com).

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution recognizing some women's right to vote. The public art project Lighting the Way for All commemorates the centennial, honors the unfinished legacy of the women's suffrage movement, and celebrates historic women who forged the path and lit the way for us all. Thousands of people participated in a selection process online by watching videos narrated by local students about 10 civically engaged women from the Whaling Museum's project Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast. Online voting winnowed that list down to Marial Harper and Jennie Horne.

All 10 videos can be viewed at [www.historicwomensouthcoast.org](http://www.historicwomensouthcoast.org).

During the August 13 unveiling, Whaling Museum President and CEO Amanda McMullen and Director of Education Christina Turner will be joined online by Lee Blake, President of New Bedford Historical Society; Lighting the Way for All artist Alyn Carlson; and Aurienne Dembitzki and Carol Heath, descendants of the women being honored.

Launched in 2018, Lighting the Way: Historic Women of SouthCoast unearths hidden histories of remarkable women from the Southcoast of Massachusetts who have made an extraordinary impact on their community and beyond. Visit [www.historicwomensouthcoast.org](http://www.historicwomensouthcoast.org) to learn more.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum ignites learning through explorations of art, history, science and culture rooted in the stories of people, the region and an international seaport. The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. The Museum is operating on reduced hours due to the corona virus pandemic. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is temporarily on a pay-what-you-can basis. Regular admission is free for Museum members and children ages three and under; adults \$19, seniors (65+) \$17, students (19+) \$12, child and youth \$9. For more information visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

## Women Trailblazers

Rhode Island's own Sissieretta Jones is this week's featured American trailblazer on #UNLADYLIKE2020 — the acclaimed series of 10-minute animated documentaries by PBS's flagship biography series American Masters. The Sissieretta Jones short is narrated by Emmy, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award-winner Julianna Margulies (The Good Wife; ER; Billions), and the words of Madame Jones are delivered by Screen Actors Guild and Critics Choice Award-winner Lorraine Toussaint (Selma; Orange is the New Black; The Glorias).

Watch here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEe58ODVOJA&list=PLH8F0Cu5Vx8IAgcXvi90\\_hCJH7aUFNT1k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEe58ODVOJA&list=PLH8F0Cu5Vx8IAgcXvi90_hCJH7aUFNT1k)

## I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

Watch "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" for free at <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/forum/youth-teens/watch-i-know-why-the-caged-bird-sings>

From 1979 featuring Diahann Carroll in this film adaptation of Maya Angelou's autobiography, focusing on when she was a young child.

## Visit Rocky Neck Art Colony

Situated on a small peninsula in Smith Cove, the Rocky Neck Art Colony in Gloucester is known for its rustic charm and eclectic works of art in a laid-back authentic setting.

At the beginning of the summer the galleries on Rocky Neck could not open due to the Pandemic, but many opened their doors in July, either in person or online.

Come visit Rocky Neck in Gloucester — a great place to stroll on a summer day, peruse the shops and galleries, and enjoy a memorable meal. More than a dozen Rocky Neck galleries, shops and restaurants are now open:

Visit <https://www.discovergloucester.com> for more information or to get a Gloucester visitor guide.

## Aretha, Queen of

## Soul

Jazz is a Rainbow, Stages of Freedom and the Cabaret Consortium present a virtual concert, with youthful voices, on Fri., 8/14, at 6 p.m. Live on YouTube and Facebook. Visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/jar> to register for free.

## Children's Museum at Home

Boston Children's Museum has lots of ideas on its website to keep kids playing and learning at home, including Do-It-Yourself projects, educational projects, sing-alongs and more. Visit <https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/learning-resources>

### We are open

The Museum is open Wednesday-Sunday in two time slots 10:00am-12:30pm and 2:00-4:30pm with limited capacity and only by advance ticketing at <https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/reopening>. Museum staff and any visitors age two and over will be required to wear masks that cover their mouths and noses.

There are some changes, but the Museum you know is alive and well! Click here to find out more information for your visit!

## Local Photo Contest

Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust is pleased to announce its first annual greeting card photo contest! While DNRT has previously offered a calendar contest, this year's challenge will be a little bit different. Twelve winning photographs will be chosen to adorn the faces of a set of greeting cards, which DNRT will sell. The cards will be published in September of 2020. Proceeds from the sale will benefit land conservation.

**Entrants may submit up to 8 photos to DNRT by Sunday, August 16, 2020.** Photographs must be taken on or of a DNRT property and can feature agricultural lands, forests, lakes and rivers, coastal dunes, salt marshes, recreation trails, historic sites, wildlife, and people enjoying or using the land. Images from all seasons are welcome.

**High-resolution photographs can be emailed to [kendra@dnrt.org](mailto:kendra@dnrt.org) with**

the subject DNRT Photo Contest. Please include the photographer's name, address, phone number, where the photos were taken, and any comments the entrant would like to share about the photo. The entrant must be the sole author and owner of the copyright in all photos entered. Although photographers retain complete copyright over their image, they grant DNRT a royalty-free right to use, display, and reproduce the image for publication in all media.

## Free REAL ID

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is encouraging all eligible customers to renew their standard Mass. driver's license or Mass. ID card online at [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/RMV) any time **between now and August 12, 2020, in order to qualify for a free upgrade to a REAL ID credential in 2021.** This one-time, time limited offer is available to most customers who have an expired or expiring license or ID card dated between June 23, 2018 and August 2021, as customers are eligible to renew up to a year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, or up to two years after their expiration.

Qualifying customers who complete their renewal online prior to August 12th and wish to upgrade to a REAL ID for free, will have to wait until at least February 2021 to visit an RMV Service Center. At this time, customers will not need a federally-compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights prior to October 1, 2021 because the federal government delayed the compliance effective date by one-year. The fee for obtaining a standard or REAL ID license is \$50, while the fee for obtaining a standard or REAL ID card is \$25. The typical \$25 upgrade / amendment fee will be waived under these qualifying circumstances.

To learn more visit <https://youtu.be/B3NuHgTwa3Q>

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# Recipe of the Week

## Scup Ceviche

- 2 tablespoons chopped jalapeno peppers (no seeds!)
- 1 tablespoon good olive oil
- 1 teaspoon chopped wild chives (or buy from grocery store, but the wild are easy to find)
- 2 pinches sea salt
- Segments and juice of 3 limes (no peel!)
- 2 fresh scup (porgy) fillets, sliced into strips
- Segments and juice of 1 grapefruit (no peel!)
- Cold beer, for serving, optional
- Crackers, for serving, optional

Mix together the jalapenos, olive oil, chives, sea salt, lime segments and juice, fish fillets and grapefruit segments and juice in a medium bowl. Let sit in the fridge for at least an hour, although longer is better to marinate the fish.

Serve cold, preferably on a hot summer day with cold beers and maybe some crackers as a vehicle to get the fish into your mouth. Enjoy!

*From cookingchanneltv.com*

# Zeiterion: Behind the renovations

*From Press Release Materials*

While the theater is dark, we are planning for our future and preserving our past.

When the Zeitz brothers built the theater in the 1920s, they wanted to create "a palace for the people" filled with grandeur. Their vision led them to commission a cut-glass Czechoslovakian chandelier at a cost of \$7000, an impressive amount at the time. Almost 100 years later, this chandelier still inspires awe.

While the Zeiterion is dark during this Covid-19 closure, we've been taking care of New Bedford's beloved theater in lots of ways. In these photos you'll see skilled stagehands carefully lowering the chandelier from the ceiling to inspect wiring, wash thousands of prisms, and replace light bulbs.

See the full photo album on our Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/zeiterion/media\\_set?set=a.10213663718746004&type=3](https://www.facebook.com/zeiterion/media_set?set=a.10213663718746004&type=3)

## A brief building history

1923: The Zeiterion opened as a vaudeville theater and soon tran-

sitioned to become The State, a silent movie house.

1971: The State was modernized.

1981: Private owners donated the theater to New Bedford's Waterfront Area Historic League (WHALE), a non-profit historic preservation organization that led the efforts to save and restore the theater.

1982: The Zeiterion reopened as the non-profit performing arts center we know and love today.

2014: The Z's \$1.1 million dollar exterior restoration project repointed the brick façade, restored the original white terra cotta trim, and installed beautifully milled wood doors and transoms.

Read the full history here: <https://zeiterion.org/history/>

Help ensure the show will go on with a donation to The Z's Resiliency Fund. All gifts before August 31 will be matched. Donate at <https://zeiteriontheatre.secure.force.com/donate/?dfid=a0nf400000SPzYTAA1>

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## BOH: cont'd from page 4

are coming together to share the kind of information that people need.”

She said her ability to educate would also benefit the BOH, saying, “We need to be keeping the public educated on what’s going on because people don’t know, and we need to do it in a way that invites compliance, that people’s concerns are acknowledged, and also that our message is clear and make it kind of cool in some ways for kids, maybe, to participate and wear masks and do social distancing, things that probably are not that attractive to people.”

Dr. Acksen said she has run for a seat on the BOH many times and is interested in being on the board now because “this is what I do for my life. This is very important to me.”

Dr. Bowcock cited his experience on building committees, four terms on the Selectboard, 13 years on the Finance Committee, time as tree warden, town moderator, and knowledge of town government as beneficial to the BOH.

“My whole career as a professional I’ve been in the health field and I think it would be very welcome on the Board of Health to have a health care provider,” said Dr. Bowcock.

Mr. Ristuccia asked him what had motivated him to apply.

Dr. Bowcock replied, “The motivation is the fact that there is an opening and certainly the town needs to have a Board of Health that is active, knowledgeable, and can deal with many of the complex issues that we have.”

He said he did not run during the Annual Election because Mr. Ristuccia ran for the seat and Michael Silvia is a close friend.

“And I didn’t want to have a conflict where our friendship and our professional dealings on the Board of Health would be an issue so I decided that I wouldn’t run,” said Dr. Bowcock.

Dr. Bowcock said he is familiar with Robert’s Rule of Order and is also a 25-year member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, “Which, um, probably qualifies me to be called a geek, but I actually have studied, been tested on Robert’s Rules, I moderate meetings ... when [professional organizations] need a referee and I’ve professionally served as the moderator because of my extensive knowledge of Robert’s Rules.”

At the conclusion, Mr. Espindola encouraged the candidates to run for the seat in April. Selectboard member Keith Silvia mentioned an email he received from the health agent in favor of

appointing “someone with a medical background” that “would be instrumental in the placement.”

“Most of the time ... there’s one person that stands way, way out above the rest,” said Mr. Ristuccia. “...It’ll be a tough decision.”

“This is not a board I serve on,” said Mr. Freitas, “I’m going to listen to who the two board members go with ... and think of my vote from there....”

“I want to state this publicly: Right now we have some issues with our health department,” said Mr. Freitas and mentioned a woman who has been unable to get in touch with the health office about COVID-19 since March as an example.

“What we need to happen over there is we need whoever comes on board to understand that people need to be answered.... You have a lot of people who are dying. These are people who are—

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their lives are in jeopardy.... I think that we need to do a better job of having people get the answers that they need from our town officials ... and employees.”

Mr. Freitas continued, “If that’s not what they want to do, if somebody decides that they don’t want to answer questions or ... answer the telephone, please, allow somebody else to do the job. I don’t enjoy getting calls, and this is not the first one ... or the second one nor the third, nor the fifth, nor the tenth. I have a record of taking these and sending them off to you gentlemen. I want it to stop. So, whoever gets on this position, that is where I am coming from.... I want their questions answered, I don’t care if they all call in one day. A simple ‘I’ll get back to you’ and then go down the list is what’s needed.... It’s not hard....”

Mr. Espindola pushed for anyone making a nomination to state their reason so it could be discussed.

“You can say why you’re voting for

someone, and that’s fine,” said Mr. Freitas. “I’ve never stopped anyone from talking.”

“I would like to nominate Geoff Haworth to the position,” stated Mr. Ristuccia.

“I would like to nominate Geoff Haworth,” stated Mr. DeTerra.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that a second had not yet been made, and Mr. Freitas said there hadn’t yet been a motion, preferring a list of nominations first before a motion.

“I would like to nominate Chief Gallagher,” said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock.

“Gentlemen, I’ll go with ... Mr. Haworth if you guys want to work with him under those circumstances,” said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Espindola referred to Mr. Ristuccia’s prior comment on one candidate standing out above the rest, saying, “I felt very strongly that Mr. Gallagher, his education, his commitment, his leadership, honestly, when you look at his resume, the leadership that he would bring, and I think that’s critically important to have good leadership and communication skills and I just feel like he would be a tremendous benefit to this board right now.... To me, he stood far, far above.”

Mr. DeTerra motioned for Mr. Haworth, Mr. Ristuccia seconded it, and Mr. Freitas voted in favor. Mr. Espindola and Mr. Silvia both opposed.

Haworth’s term will expire on the next annual election scheduled for 4/5/21. He said he would run for re-election. His appointment was to fill the seat vacated by Michael Silvia after he suddenly resigned from the BOH after being passed over as chair.

In another BOH matter, the board held a meeting on 7/28, with two members, and hired Sarah Dupont to serve as interim Health Agent while Mary Freire-Kellogg is on medical leave.

That meeting is the subject of an Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Andrew Jones with the Board of Health, the Town Clerk, and the Mass. Attorney General. Mr. Jones charges that the meeting was not properly noticed, no agenda was posted, and that the board failed to state the emergency that would have allowed for not posting the meeting.

He also notes in his complaint that in the very short, two-minute meeting, the board did not state the need, title and responsibilities of the position.

# Tropical Storm Isaias blew by quickly, but still caused damage

Tropical Storm Isaias moved quickly through town in one day on Tuesday 8/4/20, bringing wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour in parts of Massachusetts, including at the Fairhaven Town Beach. Some rain

accompanied the storm, but not the torrential downpours that other areas saw. At least one boat broke from its mooring in Fairhaven. Some scattered power outages were reported on the Eversource website.

Other parts of the country saw widespread outages and tornadoes causing massive damage. Western Massachusetts was under a tornado warning or watch most of the day on Tuesday.



A very large limb of this tree on Laurel Street near Our Lady's Haven fell during tropical storm Isaias on Tuesday, 8/4/20, taking town power lines. It is unclear if it caused any power outages. *Photos courtesy of James Mahaney.*

## New sign greets boaters into Fairhaven harbor



Boaters entering the Fairhaven-New Bedford Harbor by the hurricane barrier are now greeted by a new sign from the Fairhaven Marine Resources Department/Harbormaster. Members of the department installed the sign last week, which welcomes boaters to Fairhaven, reminds them they are in a no-wake zone, and directs them to channels 9 and 16 for contacting the harbormaster. *Photos from Fairhaven Marine Resources Department Facebook page.*

# Overpass flag will honor all branches

*Submitted*

The Charles F. Albaugh Memorial American Flag remains proudly displayed on Main Street in Fairhaven at the I-195 overpass and will now include periodic displays of other branches of the military.

Sponsored and erected by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association through the efforts of then president Bob Cormier, this flag pole and site were dedicated to U.S. Marine veteran Charles Albaugh almost twenty years ago for his tireless placing of American Flags on the fence of the overpass following the attack of 9/11.

The area has been maintained through those years by John Medeiros and Roland Lavallee, and currently by Michael Lemaire and Michael Manley. Mr. Lemaire, who retired from the Army in 2011, is now expanding this tribute to include all branches of the military service.

During the year each organization, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marines, will have their own flags waving directly below the American flag for a two-week period, starting on the date of inception of that branch of service.

On Tuesday, August 4th at 8:00 a.m. a small group of veterans from the Coast Guard began this new tradition by raising their flag as a salute. They were joined by veterans of other branches.

Present at this event were John Medeiros, Paul Wesley, Dan Corcoran, Joe Medeiros and Mike Lemaire as well as several spectators. They were also invited to sign a book that will keep a record of who attends the flag raisings.

The flag will remain displayed directly under the American flag for a two-week period, then replaced again by Albaugh's Marine Corps flag.

On September 18th the ceremony will continue as the flag of the Air Force is shown for a two-week period, followed on October 13th by the Navy flag, November 10th by the Marine Corps flag, May 22nd by the Merchant Marine flag, June 14th with the Army flag, and again on August 4th with the Coast Guard.

Mr. Lemaire commented that they were simply "trying to get people involved that were in that branch of the service."

The organizers are now establishing a Facebook page for "The

Charles Albaugh Memorial Flag." When it is completed anyone will be able to see and participate in the events as they are scheduled.



L-R: Paul Wesley, Joe Medeiros, and John Medeiros pause for a photo with the memorial to Charles F. Albaugh on Main Street at the 195 overpass in Fairhaven on 8/4/20, after raising the United States Coast Guard flag under the US flag. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.

# Rollover crash on Green Street causes injury



Eva Barnes of New Bedford, driving a Hyundai Elantra, hit the parked car of Ezekiel Harris of Fairhaven at approximately 5:15 p.m. on Monday, 8/3/20, on Green Street near Bridge Street. Mr. Harris said he had just finished working out at Cushman park and was headed back to his car and saw the whole thing happen. When he got closer, he realized his car had gotten hit. LEFT: The Hyundai Elantra is on its roof on Green Street after the crash. RIGHT: MS. Barnes is treated by first responders before being transported to the hospital. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

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Kool Kid Summer Program Register Now! Due to the guidelines provided by MA.GOV our program will not include field trips or a water fun day. Before care and aftercare will not be available. We are only taking registrations one week at a time. You may register online at <https://fairhavenrecreation.activityreg.com/> or come in and register in person. Email [rmartin@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:rmartin@fairhaven-ma.gov) to have a Summer program packet emailed to you, or pick one up at the rec between 8-4:30pm M-F. Space is extremely limited due to MA.gov guidelines. \$125. a week for members 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

The Fairhaven Council on Aging Senior Center remains closed to the public until further notice. The staff is available to take phone calls and to assist you in any way possible.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We need volunteers to help keep the polling stations clean for the upcoming election. If you can help, please call Carolyn, the Town Clerk, directly at 979-4025, Ext. 3
- **Transportation** The COA vans will run Monday through Friday Beginning at 8:00 a.m. for in town shopping and errands as well as daily trips to Market Basket. All passengers will have their temperature taken before entering the van and all passengers must wear a mask while on the van. The van will be thoroughly sanitized after each use. Volunteer medical transportation has not yet been resumed.
- **Osteo Class** Osteo Class has resumed on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-9:45 a.m. weather permitting. The classes will take place outside near the Bocce Court under the shady trees. Please wear a mask. All chairs will be properly sanitized before and after use.
- **Chair Yoga**

Chair Yoga has resumed classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:15-11:15, weather permitting. Classes will be held outside under the shady trees near the Bocce Court. The \$3.00 donation can be given directly to the instructor. Please wear a mask. All chairs and mats will be properly sanitized before and after use.

- **The Dental Hygienist** will resume appointments at the Fairhaven Senior Center starting August 11, 2020. Please call her directly for an appointment at 774-766-7238. All proper sanitization will be utilized.
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# Acushnet Selectboard issues soil permit for P.J. Keating

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

On June 23, 2020 the Acushnet Selectboard approved the Soil Permit for P.J. Keating. Chairperson Roger Cabral was still at the helm at that meeting and offered the consensus that the Selectboard wanted to add restrictions on operations.

"The Soil Committee has been the front page when deciding the soil permit, however the Selectmen have the ultimate approval authority over the permit," Mr. Cabral said. "I would like to see us approve this soil permit with the Exhibit A that is attached."

Mr. Gaspar thanked the soil board for a good job with the document and Mr. Cabral for all his work on the project.

Mr. Cabral read "Exhibit A" for the soil removal permit in for the record.

Board member David Desroches stated it "gives us the opportunity to enforce compliance for the quarry. We have the power to hold P.J. Keating responsible for the health and well being of the Town. We are enforcing compliance tonight."

Mr. Cabral pointed out that as he was reading he wanted to bring attention in regards to the "street sweeper" section. He said that the street sweeping did not necessarily stop at the Acushnet line. He said it means that P.J. Keating must maintain all roadways whether they are in Acushnet or not. It is a broadened compliance meant for Fairhaven and Alden Road, and/or New Bedford.

Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher responded that those were the concerns brought up in Fairhaven at the North Fairhaven Improvement

Association meeting that Mr. Cabral and Mr. Desroches attended.

"They also travel on Tarkiln Hill Road in New Bedford and Acushnet Avenue, this would hold them to make them aware and responsible to anything that spills or trickles out of their trucks," he said.

Conditions include limited hours of operation from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; sound and visual barriers have to be installed where necessary; trucks must have their loads covered; air brakes are not allowed on local roads; they must use a fog or misting cannon system to control dust.

Asphalt plant operations are still suspended after the Department of Environmental Protection shut down the plant on April 28.



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# Obituary



## **Shirley A. Hunter**

Shirley A. Hunter, 84, of West Island in Fairhaven, formerly of Norton, passed away on Saturday, August 1,

2020 peacefully at her home with family close by after a long battle with cancer.

Shirley was born in Attleboro on April 30, 1936, the only child of John F. and Rose E. (McGann) Fitzgerald and was raised in Norton. She attended public schools in Norton and graduated from Norton High School in 1954 and was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Norton for most of her life.

She married Herbert H. Hunter on June 1, 1957 and together they shared 63 years of love and family life. Shirley worked for Metals and Controls Division of Texas Instruments, at St. Mary's Church office and rectory in Norton, and as a teacher's aide in Norton Public Schools. She finished her employment career as the postal supervisor at Balfour Hood

Post Office at Wheaton College until her retirement.

Shirley and Herbie bought their cottage on West Island in 1974 and enjoyed decades of friendship and adventure with their children and grandchildren. It became their year-round home and they attended St. Joseph Church in Fairhaven.

They were active members and officers of West Island Improvement Association and humbly dedicated themselves to keeping it a beautiful place for making memories. Shirley was a past president several times of WIIA and in 2019 became one of the three first annual wall of fame honorees of WIIA.

Shirley was also a member of the Red Hat Society.

In recent winters she and Herbie spent cherished time in Melbourne, Florida with snowbird friends from all over North America. Their family attended the Daytona 500 for most of the past 40 years as well.

Among Shirley's hobbies were sewing, playing cribbage and dancing. Her home was always welcoming to all. Shirley's spirit of joy and youthful energy impressed people of all ages and being in her presence was a blessing to all who had the chance to call her FRIEND. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, the family she has left and the friends fortunate to have known

her.

Peace and prayers to Shirley. It is difficult to capture her essence in mere words, this world is a better place because of her life being such a gift to us all.

All are welcome to share condolences and memories with her husband Herbie, her daughter Donna and her husband David Curelop, her son John and his wife Laurie Hebert-Hunter, her grandchildren Brady Curelop, Cody Curelop and his fiancée Leah Goulet, Christopher Hunter, Devan Hunter and Kaylin Hebert. Per Shirley's wishes, her burial is private.

Shirley's family thanks all the friends who cared through the past difficult two years and encourage all to celebrate Shirley's life and memory. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Shirley A. Hunter may be made to Community Nurse Home Care, 62 Center St. Fairhaven MA 02719 [www.communitynurse.com](http://www.communitynurse.com) in honor of the wonderful care Shirley was given in these past months, or to WIIA Inc., 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven MA 02719 in honor of her service to the organization.

Visit [www.waittfuneralhome.com](http://www.waittfuneralhome.com), <https://www.waittfuneralhome.com/obituary/Shirley-Hunter> to leave condolences or post photos on her tribute wall.

## **Statement by South Coast leaders of faith and social equality**

We, South Coast leaders of faith and leaders for social equality, come together to affirm the heart of our different traditions — we all are made equally in the image of the divine, all life is sacred, and every human being is our neighbor, worthy of love.

Despite this common truth, we as a nation consciously or unconsciously deny that our society is structured in ways that gives privilege to people who are born white and disfavors those who are not.

The pain, anger, and heartbreak manifesting today in the United States of America started 400 years ago when human beings were first stolen from Africa and enslaved for forced labor. Fellow human beings, deprived of all rights, were considered property that could be treated brutally, raped, and disposed of at will by predominantly white owners.

White dominance continued after the Civil War as the North, imposing its own restrictions on newly emancipated people, was complicit with the failure of reconstruction in the South. The whole nation promulgated laws and practices that disenfranchised all African Americans.

Both northern and southern states deliberately created exclusive zoning and red lining, forcibly displacing African American lawful owners. Budgets for education, healthcare, housing, and social services in predominantly black neighborhoods were severely and deliberately curtailed. Suppression of the black vote, especially egregious in the Jim Crow South, was also practiced in the North.

Police forces, derived from posses to chase runaway slaves, were created largely to keep white neighborhoods "safe" from incursion

by non-whites. The use of force in enforcement is considered an acceptable norm. The selective application of laws by the criminal justice system promotes mass incarceration of the black community.

We also acknowledge that the violence against people of color harkens to the license white settlers took in the mass slaughter and dislocation of indigenous people while appropriating their lands. The disregard for basic human rights is part of our birthright as a nation.

Many of us do not even acknowledge or understand that we have subliminally accepted the structure of a society that gives privilege to those who are born white. We ignorantly proclaim innocence or reject responsibility — "I am not a racist," "I am color blind," "I have

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## From our readers

### First Amendment is being “ravaged”

*NeighbNews* prints the First Amendment to the US Constitution on its front page so, in light of all that’s going on, I’d like to offer some thoughts on how it’s being ravaged.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ...”

The Wuhan virus (aka: COVID-19) unleashed recently by the Peoples Republic of China, is being used by governments from municipalities up to the Federal level to interfere with the free exercise of religion. People of every faith should, regardless of the abrogation of responsibility by religious “leaders”, and local “guidelines” established by politicians, that prohibit the free exercise of their religion. Attendance caps are ridiculous. Church-goers should challenge, exercise their constitutional RIGHT to attend the church of your choice without restrictions.

“... or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press...”

I fully agree with this but the Federal government choses to take the coward’s way out and ignore what is happening today. The established news outlets opt to take sides and only report what fits their respective agendas. And organizations such as Google and Facebook have opted to delete whatever doesn’t fit the current “destroy the Constitution” agenda. Gone are the days of reporting on that silly little four-letter word FACT. The “free press” now generally reports what they choose, true or not. There used to be a principle of absence of malice that prevented false reporting. Now it’s a principle of Don’t cloud the issue with Facts. The FCC is nowhere to be found.

“... the right of the people peaceably to assemble ...”

Peaceful protests are, and should be encouraged. When bricks, frozen bottles of water, burning property and blinding police with lasers come into play it is assault. Too many politicians are saying that destruction of property that can be replaced doesn’t constitute a riot or a crime! And what is the political response? Take a knee, pander, defund the

police and erode people’s protection. Restrict the police from protecting themselves and you. Give in to anarchy. The ultimate goal — a centralized police force at the Federal level to control us unruly taxpayers with no local/independent input.

“No one is above the law,” A quote frequently used to pursue an agenda against an individual or group. Yet each of them, with a straight face, took the following oath. Disagree and you’re a racist.

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

There are elections coming up. Massachusetts is basically a one-party state with the Democrats in charge and a Republican in Name Only (RINO) in the Governor’s chair. Unemployment is 17% and our rights are being eroded by the day. Ask yourself if you’re happy with the situation and then ask yourself what you may be able to do about it. Are our so-called representatives living up to their oath of office? We must stop being “Sheeple” and go back to being “the people” this Republic was built on.

*Marsby Warters, Fairhaven, MA*

### Board of Health Needs to Get Its Act Together

On July 30th the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health met to decide who would be the interim member for the vacant BOH seat. As many of us know, there have been many concerning actions, decisions, and developments coming out of the BOH that have caused multiple residents to question the competency of its members to execute the necessary duties expected from the Health Department.

The hope was that the newest member appointed would help to bring not only stability in the department, but also the qualifications that would help decision making through this unprecedented time of Covid-19.

Thankfully, there was a very

reliable experienced group of individuals who felt the need to put their names forth and offer their perspectives and experience to the BOH. What started as a glimmer of hope for the BOH, in my opinion, showed that the BOH had no intentions of inviting the best candidate onto the board.

There was, in the words of Mr. Ristuccia, a clear candidate who stood out from the rest, but unfortunately did not say that the individual was [Acushnet Fire] Chief Kevin Gallagher or for that matter any candidate with direct healthcare knowledge.

It’s no secret that the current BOH members have little to no experience in matters pertaining to public health and an individual like Chief Gallagher would have brought the qualifications and experience needed to fill this extremely important void in the board.

To many, the candidate who was chosen, was just another move by the BOH to ensure that a familiar and known individual was sitting with them. I would like to say that this letter is in no way an insult or grievance to the candidate who was chosen. The individual is a well-known member of this town who volunteers his time to make Fairhaven a better place.

When watching Chief Gallagher it was clear that he had the experience, professionalism, knowledge, and competency to move the BOH from shambles to a functioning knowledgeable department equipped with the tools to battle this pandemic. Not only that, but Chief Gallagher, who daily makes life saving decisions and coordinates essential personnel to always be ready when needed, decided to give more of his time to public service and the safety of his community.

One of the questions asked to the candidates was about Robert’s Rules of Order, due to this being a problem at the BOH. I’m sorry but right now the BOH has much heftier issues than whether the new member is familiar with Robert’s Rule of Order. If this issue persists for the BOH, maybe it is time to do an internet search or buy a book instead of questioning candidates about it when the BOH is in

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## Fairhaven Planning Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, August 25, 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 Continued Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday August 25, 2020, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The public hearing was opened on January 28, 2020; continued to February 25, 2020; and continued again to March 24, 2020. The scheduled continued public hearing on March 24, 2020 could not take place as the Planning Board Meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation. The Public Hearing will be resumed on August 25, 2020. **The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted remotely for the public.**

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The purpose of the continued hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: 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 for a total of twelve (12) rental units, with 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.

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. Much of the file 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>

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board  
FNN: 8/6/20, 8/13/20

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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1. **Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard – re: 7 Union Street.** Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application attached) – *Continued from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, and July 7, 2020; Continued to September 1, 2020.*
2. **Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane – re:86-88 Middle Street.** Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the Mixed Use zoning regulations. *(continued per applicant's request to July 7, 2020 Meeting.) Continued per Applicant to September 1, 2020.*
3. **28 Holiday Drive.** Plotczyk, Carol A. 198-22 (A): Variance for 14' short of the 30' street setback

requirement to Holiday Drive and Sunrise Court (a paper street) for a 1-stall garage addition. **(as continued from July 7, 2020)**

4. **5.1 Smuggler's Road.** Decker, Keith & Kimberly. 198-22 (A): Variance for 3' over the 20' height maximum allowable for an accessory structure (detached garage). *(continued from July 7, 2020).*
5. **205 Farmfield Court.** 198-22 (A): Variance for 15' short of a front setback, of a 20' setback in a RA District for an addition.
6. **83 Mill Road.** Eleanor Charpentier. 198-22 (A): Variance needed for 11' short on south side where 20' is needed in a RR District for an addition and breezeway. *Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
FNN: 7/30/20, 8/6/20*

## Acushnet

### Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Acushnet Town Hall, 122 Main Street Acushnet. The following hearings will be conducted at this meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Case #2020.03.24C** A continuation of the case of Jennifer Melo, of 367 Middle Road, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Special Permit to convert a single family dwelling into a two-family dwelling. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (6).
2. **Case #2020.08.11B** A case of Nicholas Monticello, of 141 Nyes Lane, Acushnet who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit to construct an accessory apartment over an existing garage. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1).  
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disarray. I personally would be more than happy to order the book, and have it delivered to the BOH if this would prove to be beneficial for them.

I hope Chief Gallagher doesn't take this decision to heart and decides to run again when the seat becomes available. Fairhaven and the BOH need him and his expertise, he already has my vote.

I daily contemplate about getting involved in the town. I have lived here my whole life and am currently raising my children here. When I see decisions like this taking place it is

disheartening.

It shows new faces are automatically at a disadvantage, and those who have been in town politics for far too long, will side with the comfortable, knowable, and predictable face. Again, I do not want this to come off as an insult to the candidate who was chosen, but I couldn't sit silently when a huge disservice has taken place.

The BOH lost the opportunity to show it is serious about the duties it is called to execute.

There has been talk in the town of

trying to disband the BOH and I hope that changes can be made so that does not become a necessary move. For the sake of the health and safety of this town, I urge the BOH to get their act together and prove to residents they can be trusted.

*Seth Baumgartner, Fairhaven*

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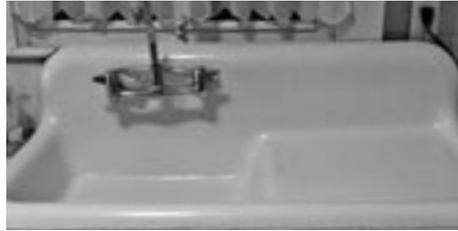
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Khalil Gibran

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### Board of Health

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

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Mon., 8/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Council on Aging

Mon., 8/10, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

### Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 8/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 8/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 8/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 8/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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### Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Thurs., 8/6, Ford MS, 6:30 p.m.

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Tues., 8/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	7	1116	2332	0423	1633
Saturday	8	----	1200	0450	1707
Sunday	9	0018	1248	0523	1747
Monday	10	0108	1339	0601	1837
Tuesday	11	0159	1428	0651	1941
Wednesday	12	0249	1518	0750	2045
Thursday	13	0342	1614	0847	2143
Friday	14	0444	1716	0941	2245
Saturday	15	0545	1810	1040	2345
Sunday	16	0634	1855	1139	----
Monday	17	0717	1937	0032	1231
Tuesday	18	0800	2021	0116	1322*
Wednesday	19	0847	2109	0202*	1415*
Thursday	20	0935	2157	0251*	1511*

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

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black friends,” and “All Lives Matter,” all the while benefiting from easy credit, easy hiring and promotions for work, forgiveness for minor infractions; all that are not afforded to people of color.

Structural injustices need to be dismantled piece by piece. Given the immense challenge of our past and our present, we affirm another core belief of our faith traditions — we are called to work for justice. We see hope in this moment, believing this time to be another turning point in true racial justice. Though the arc is long it bends towards justice.

We express our solidarity with and gratitude to activists and protestors in the South Coast and across our nation. We know that silence is complicity, and we are deeply grateful for your voice and witness.

Some of us have worked many years and some are just awakening, but now awake we vow to not go back to sleep. We are committed to work together for racial and social justice. Our specific commitments vary depending on our racial and institutional positions, yet we know that it requires listening and truth-telling, humility and urgency, sincerity and resolve.

We commit to honest, open, and challenging conversation, while we continue doing our homework, educating ourselves about the many ways that white favoritism and structural racism are woven into the history and fabric of our nation and our lives.

We will work with our faith communities and social networks to explicitly engage in public education and dialogue around the issues of white privilege, anti-blackness, and structural racism. Our work for social justice is inseparably tied to our faith traditions. Speaking in one voice against hatred and ignorance, our interfaith and inter-organizational cooperation is strong.

We call on others in our community, especially those in positions of leadership and law enforcement, to intentionally and critically review how we, as institutions and individuals, continue to perpetuate racism and white privilege in our laws and our practices.

Beyond examining our hearts and our relationships, our laws must also be revisited. We commit to being informed about, involved in, and acting on public policy and legislation that will address systemic issues.

As the headlines shift focus, we vow together to continue our focus on this sacred internal and external work. We call on all in our communities to look inward, confess those things that we have done, or have not done. We pledge to come to the table and collaborate together in the long, hard work of anti-racism and social justice.

Faithfully,  
*Reverend Darryl D. Malden, Pastor;  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal  
Church, Fall River*

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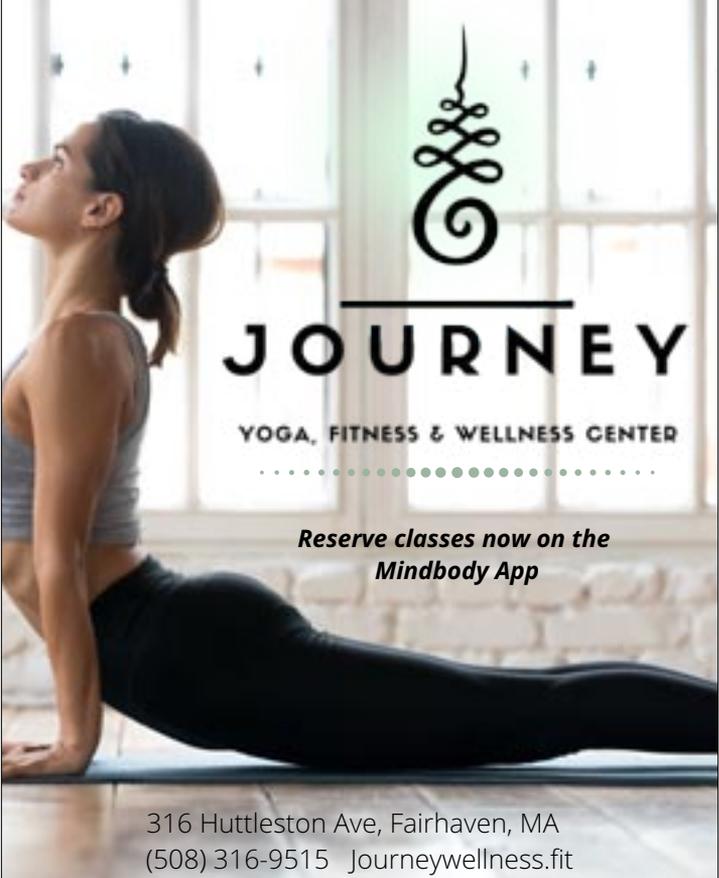
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