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Still some summer left to enjoy



Geese and ducks share a shrinking river at the The Sawmill in Acushnet on 9/8/20, a Buzzards Bay Coalition-owned park open to the public, where a fish die-off last week was probably caused by low water. After months of drought conditions and extra warm weather this year, the river is shallow, making it hard for wildlife to feed and herring to travel upstream to spawn. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh well, time marches on, huh?

Labor Day weekend pretty much signals the end of lazy days on the beach with no place else you have to be.

But, the weather is cooperating to give us a nice extended summer.

The kids will be back in school though, soon, sort of. They'll be in groups, some on site, some at home, swapping off days. Who wants to bet that some kids will end up going on the wrong days?

Start date is 9/15. That's next Tuesday. And so, the bus ad is in this week's issue (see pages 24, 25, 26).

Ah yes, time marches on.

People got a little worried when they saw some dead fish at the Sawmill this week (see page 16). Don't panic, it was a natural thing. Glenn took a ride to try and see them, but by the time we got wind of it, the little buggers were gone. Either floated downstream or got eaten up by other critters. But, he got some great shots while he was there.

Town Administrator Mark Rees has announced his retirement. We do not have a story yet. I never got around to talking to him and I wanted to do that before I wrote it up. But, Bob Espindola posted it on Facebook a few days ago, so I wanted to make sure my readers knew about it. Mr. Rees will retire in January. That's all I've got now, but we'll be writing a story soon with details. The Selectboard did not put it on the agenda for this week's meeting. I didn't watch it, Jean covered it, so I'm not 100% sure, but I think they did not address it yet. This should be fun, huh, those two guys choosing our next Town Administrator, the most important job in town government?

Heaven help us all.

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Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

COVID-19 update: No school sports in the fall season in SCC

*Press release from
South Coast Conference
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Dighton-Rehoboth – Fairhaven Gr.
New Bedford Reg. Voc. Tech. – Old
Rochester – Seekonk Somerset
Berkley – Wareham*

The Southcoast Conference Superintendents are all very strong proponents of Interscholastic Athletics. Sports are an integral component to the educational program and are an important outlet for the physical, social, and emotional health and well-being of our students.

On August 18, 2020, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) presented Joint Guidance on Modified Sports Seasons for the 2020–2021 school year. The interdependent nature of interscholastic athletics created the need for a joint discussion with the goal to create cohesion within the Southcoast Athletic Conference and ultimately the Southcoast region. A meeting of Southcoast Conference Superintendents was held on Monday August 31, 2020. All districts were involved in this conversation: Bourne, Dighton Rehoboth, Fairhaven, Freetown-Lakeville, Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School, Old Rochester, Somerset Berkley, Swansea, Seekonk, and Wareham. The following were discussed during this meeting:

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- Throughout the course of the summer, school superintendents have received hundreds of pages of guidance that has directed the school reopening process. We were strongly encouraged that courses such as physical education be held fully or partially online if possible. Social distancing recommendations and the removal of all non-essential equipment and materials from classrooms caused many schools to utilize cafeteria and gymnasium space for either classrooms and/or storage.
- Interscholastic competitions will not look the same and will need to be played under fairly stringent restrictions with modified rules. Currently, to be able to engage in

competitive play, modifications should include eliminating deliberate contact, modifying or eliminating intermittent contact, and increasing distancing.

- Consistent with the re-opening of our schools, the health, safety and wellness of our student-athletes, coaches, game officials, and others associated with our athletic programs remain a top priority. The establishment of clear guidelines for coaches about how often they can practice, the importance of keeping accurate records for contact tracing, protocols for bathroom/locker room use, and sanitization protocols for all equipment are logistical issues that still remain unanswered.
- For safety and operational reasons, districts may not be able to provide transportation to games. The fact that parents/caregivers may be responsible for all transportation to competitions would create immediate equity and access issues.
- Challenges related to crowd control and safety concerns would limit the

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Selectboard denise DOR report; town facing shortfall

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Selectboard members Daniel Freitas and Keith Silvia on 9/8 denied Selectboard member Bob Espindola's request for the Department of Revenue to conduct a COVID-19-related financial management study, calling it "something that can wait." Later, Finance Director/Treasurer Wendy Graves confirmed that the Town is facing a \$1 million shortfall in revenue as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town Administrator Mark Rees had instructed Ms. Graves to prepare three different fiscal year 2021 budgets adjusted around the \$927,572 revenue loss: one that would rely 100% on budget cuts, one that would use reserve funds to cover 100% of the shortfall, and one for 50% budget cut and 50% reserve fund spending to balance the budget.

Ms. Graves said the pandemic "made deep cuts to a lot of the revenue," later saying, "Most of the cuts are due to the COVID."

According to Ms. Graves, roughly 10% of motor vehicle excise taxes will remain uncollected for the fiscal year budget, and she estimates a roughly 40% drop in room and meal tax revenue, mostly due to restaurants either closing down during the pandemic or only offering takeout.

Ms. Graves said the Town has about \$12 million in reserve funds, including \$4 million in free cash, \$3 million in the Stabilization Fund, and \$5.6 million in the General Fund.

She recommended the 50-50 option for FY21, which cuts about \$450,000 from the operating budget, mostly in office supplies, association dues, conference line items that aren't needed due to the many cancellations, and mileage line items likely not needed due to a pandemic-induced decrease in employee travel.

Relying solely on budget cuts might have resulted in some town employee layoffs.

"Which we didn't feel like that would be good," she said, while relying on reserve funds to balance the budget would not be fiscally responsible.

Mr. Espindola asked about adding additional funding to the legal budget, which was level-funded from the prior year and likely in need of an increase.

The board looked to Town Counsel Thomas Crotty for input.

"The last few months have been fairly intensive in terms of legal time and billing and, I mean, we're only into the first part of the year," said Mr. Crotty. "If we could turn that around that would be great."

If not, though, he said the Town might need to add 25-50% more to the legal budget.

That could be about another \$135,000 Mr. Espindola commented.

Mr. Espindola pushed hard for his fellow Selectboard members to approve the DOR financial management study earlier in the meeting, which he said could provide the Town new ideas and updated best practices for managing town finances amidst and after the COVID-19 pandemic, and at no cost to the Town.

However, both Mr. Freitas and Mr.

We can do multiple things at the same time [Selectboard member Bob Espindola]

Silvia said there are issues more important than Mr. Espindola's concerns about the town's finances post-pandemic that need to be dealt with first, such as the matter of low morale among Town Hall employees.

Mr. Espindola insisted that COVID-19's impact on the budget is "very significant," especially as the Town faces two major capital projects in the near future: wastewater treatment plant upgrades and a new public safety facility, roughly \$30 million combined.

Like the 2012 DOR study, an updated study would identify ways the Town could increase efficiency and financial solvency, he said, and urged Mr. Freitas and Mr. Silvia to vote in favor of the study on behalf of Fairhaven taxpayers.

He asked them if they could honestly say to any given taxpayer "that you feel that the town cannot improve in any way [or] that we are absolutely as good as it's going to

get" in terms of how Town Hall operates.

"The question is, can you answer them by saying either 'Yes' ... or, 'No, we really don't have that capacity and I think having someone from outside look at our situation and make recommendations to us in a lot of different areas ... could be very, very helpful,' especially as we enter this time that we're entering now," said Mr. Espindola.

He said the DOR might have new best practices for cyber security, among other things, and the study should be done sooner rather than later.

Just as he was introducing a representative from the DOR to talk about the study, Mr. Freitas interrupted Mr. Espindola and said that there would be no public input on the matter.

Mr. Freitas said he had already gone through this with Mr. Espindola several times, he allowed him to make his pitch, already looked at the proposal, and not only once but twice decided against it.

"I feel absolutely this is the right thing to do and we should do this for this free study," said Mr. Espindola. He said any board member who votes against it should have to explain to the taxpayers why.

"There are more pressing matters that we have within the Town Hall right now that we have to get over before we start adding things to this," said Mr. Freitas, adding that perhaps Mr. Espindola's concerns could be addressed some time in the future, but "now is not the time."

"We got enough problems here," said Mr. Freitas. "This is something that can wait."

Mr. Silvia said Mr. Espindola had some good questions and concerns, "But I ran my campaign on I wanted to fix what was wrong right now," saying his "personal agenda" is what he needs to address first.

"In my mind, there can be a parallel process," said Mr. Espindola. "We don't have to stop everything else we're doing to look at the issues that we're concerned about at Town Hall.... This study would be done by the DOR; the three of us would not work on this study," and the engagement process for a Town Hall morale study would be done by a

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Dementia Webinars

Dementia Friendly in the Age of Social Distancing: Learn how to interact effectively with customers, colleagues, friends and family who live with memory loss or dementia. Thurs., 9/24, 2:30 p.m.

Trainings made possible by Title III Funding through Coastline Elderly Services and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Register online or for more information email mlp@communitynurse.com

Fund-raiser for Paul Starvish

Relatives have started a GoFundMe page to help the family of Paul Starvish, who suffered a fatal heart attack on 8/24. He leaves behind his wife Kath, and his children Makenna, 13, and Garrett, 11. Anyone who knew him, loved him. He was the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back. He was a very hard worker and loved his family and friends with all his heart. He made friends anywhere he went. And always had a great time.

He was also the primary source of income for the family. Any help with funeral expenses and life expenses while we figure out where to go from here, is greatly appreciated.

Please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/paul-starvish-funeral-expenses-and-family-support> to donate and to leave a Pauly memory.

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.

Please practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Contact: 508-496-9209; allnaturalbeef@comcast.net

Roxann's Farmers Market: Sundays, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., 189 Alden Road, Fairhaven.

Answer the Census

Time Is Running Out. Let's Do This!

We need your help to remind your

friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors to respond to the 2020 Census. Time is running out! Everyone who lived in the United States on April 1, 2020, is required to be counted — whether or not they are a U.S. citizen.

The time to act is now, at [2020census.gov!](https://2020census.gov)

Where there are more people, there are more needs — for schools, roads, and services for families, older adults, and children. Communities will miss out on funding for critical public services for the next 10 years unless everyone is counted. Every response matters!

Huttleston Marketplace

Second to last one. Don't miss it!

Saturdays, through Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

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 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.** Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Tour begins at fort flagpole. WEATHER PERMITTING

For Public Safety, all audience members must wear masks and maintain six feet of separation.

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Cultural Council

If you enjoy the arts and are interested in serving your community, the Fairhaven Cultural Council is seeking new members. New and prospective members who are residents of Fairhaven are invited to apply.

Council members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and oversee the awarding and distribution of grant monies from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and local funds for projects in the arts and humanities that directly benefit Fairhaven residents.

The council usually meets on Monday evenings for only three to four formal voting meetings throughout the year, and on an as-needed basis for other council business. Currently, the council meets remotely on Zoom, and will continue to do so until further notice. All parts of the grant application process are accessed on line as well. Members must have access to necessary computer technology and internet access to participate.

Any Fairhaven resident interested in joining the council, contact chairperson Bill Levasseur at wjlevasseur85@gmail.com for more information.

Library Curbside

The Millicent Library has started curbside pickup for library items. Please call the library at 508-992-5342 on Monday through Friday from 9 to 3 for more information on making an appointment or reserving items.

You may reserve items online... make sure your account has the correct telephone number. We may be changing the way we do this so please call ahead. You may also email illfhv@sailsinc.org.

At this time only items inside this library will be available until the statewide delivery resumes.

The library building itself is still closed to the public. We are not accepting returns at this time and have placed a moratorium on book donations for the foreseeable future.

For up-to-date information and changes, please check our website at millicentlibrary.org. You can also find lots of online resources there as well.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Cyber Security Webinar

Thurs., 9/17, from 1-2 p.m.

MSBDC, MGCC, and NBEDC are coming together to present you an interactive webinar on cybersecurity. John Danahey, owner of Patriot Seven Services, Inc. d/b/a NerdsToGo Taunton, and Co-Owner of techoDigital Tech Partners, will answer your concerns and discuss:

- Why small and medium sized businesses are at risk
- What to watch out for in selecting an information technology provider
- How to start the journey toward cybersecurity
- How to build a security plan

To register, https://www.msbdc.org/semass/training.html#cybersecurity_se Visit www.nbedc.org for additional information.

Concert

"Bach" to the concert hall for the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's season opening. Virtual Concert: **Sat 9/12, 7:30pm.** Yaniv Dinur: Conductor and Piano; Jesse Holstein: Violin. Featuring 24 musicians, 60 minutes, no intermission

PROGRAM: George Walker: Lyric for Strings; Johann Sebastian Bach: Concerto No. 1 in D Minor for piano and strings; Astor Piazzolla: "Winter" and "Spring" from The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires; Rodion Shchedrin: Excerpts from Carmen Suite

Tickets: \$10 per household, available on the Z website (<https://zeiterion.org/nbso-bach/>).

Subscribers who purchased regular concert tickets for September 12 will be contacted about converting tickets to virtual concert access.

This concert will be recorded at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center and presented through a password-protected webpage. A digital program book will be available to view before the concert airs. Contact Abby at asmith@nbsymphony.org or 508-999-6276 ext 222.

NBAM opens to visitors

On view now at New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, 608 Pleasant St., NB is the annual Members Exhibition 2020. Juried by Tufts University Art

Galleries Director and Chief Curator Dina Dietsch and curated by New Bedford Art Museum's Jamie Uretsky.

Each year New Bedford Art Museum puts out a call to our members inviting them to submit their artworks to be considered for the show, and each year we are thrilled to see what our community has been making.

The Museum presents a rotating schedule of exhibitions, studio classes, and experiences as a local cultural institution and is open Thursdays through Sundays 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission is \$5 for seniors students and \$8 for adults. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is proud to be a North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM). We offer free admission to EBT cardholders through Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture Program and Museums for All. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Museum offers free access to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families through Blue Star Museums.

Youth Art Exhibit

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is thrilled to host local artists whose work will be exhibited in their galleries in support of A's B4 youth mentoring programs. A's B4 nonprofit corporation is sponsoring an online auction to raise funds to be used to maintain programs geared to local youth and exact change in our community. Featured artists include Justin Botelho, Dave Guadalupe, Jacqueline Lesik, Alma Del Mar, Kate Frazer Rego, and Vanessa Irzyk, who had a solo exhibition at NBAM last year. Jeff Saint has donated an exquisite portrait of George Floyd, which is one of many highlights in this community exhibition. This exhibition will be on view at the Art Museum from August 15 - October 31, 2020.

A's B4 Nonprofit Corporation aids in the development of well-rounded individuals that will impact their community's future. For more information about A's B4 and the auction, please visit www.achievementsby4.org.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! is located in the heart of

New Bedford's Seaport Cultural District at 608 Pleasant Street. The Museum offers engaging exhibitions and outstanding educational programs for members and visitors of all ages. To see and learn more visit: www.newbedfordart.org

Walking Tours

Saturdays at 11:00am, by the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB

Learn about New Bedford's history and fishing industry while being outside and socially distanced by taking a walking tour! Tickets are \$5 each for the general public or free for members of the Fishing Heritage Center. Group size is limited and social distancing and masks are required. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/walkingtours/> to learn more and to purchase tickets.

Call (508) 993-8894 or email us at programs@fishingheritagecenter.org

Dock-Umentary

Fri. 9/18, 7 p.m. Join us on ZOOM for our September Dock-u-mentary, *A Sigh and A Wish: Helen Creighton's Maritimes*. Visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83923159558#success> to join the ZOOM Meeting.

Renowned folklorist Helen Creighton single-handedly compiled North America's largest collection of folklore and music, much of which would have disappeared forever if not for her tenacity, collecting stories and songs from the Gaelic singers of Cape Breton, French Acadians, the Mi'kmaw, and the Black communities of Nova Scotia. Her name became a household word throughout the fishing villages, towns, and farms. Ironically, in collecting legends, Creighton became one herself.

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SAVE THE DATE

Zeiterion Drive-In

The Zeiterion Drive-In Returns. Stay tuned for the release of more movies and live concerts in late September through October.

Whether you remember drive-ins fondly or if you've never been before,

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you're in for a real treat. We've assembled a fantastic line-up of live music and movies so we can safely gather to sing, laugh, and smile together again.

Performances inside the theater may be paused, but having fun is not. That's why we've created this drive-in, because we'll always do what it takes to safely come together to experience the power of the performing arts!

Location: Seastreak Ferry "Whale's Tooth" Parking Lot, 532 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford.

A special thank you to Mayor

Mitchell and the City of New Bedford, Seastreak and the New Bedford Port Authority.

Visit <https://zeiterion.org/drivein/> for dates and other important information.

Fishing Center FR

At Anchor: A Stay-at-Home Soirée A Benefit for New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Featuring an Online Auction & "Bounty of the SouthCoast" Coupon & Recipe Book

In light of the ongoing pandemic, we are forgoing our annual in-person fundraiser this year. Instead, the

Center will host an **online auction from 10/1 through 10/10**

Stop by the Fishing Heritage Center for our **Auction Kickoff Event on Thursday, 10/1 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Browse auction items in our parking lot and enjoy live music from Hot Club Cheese Roll. Masks will be required for entry to the parking lot and social distancing will be practiced throughout the space.

Please visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/soiree/> links to the Auction items

Call (508) 993-8894 or email us at programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Pedal for the Path

On Sun., 9/13, from 9 am to 3 pm.
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Yard Sale FR

Join Peace for Ponies for a yard sale fund-raiser, **Sat. & Sun., 9/12 & 13, at 12 Greatneck Road, Wareham, MA, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Proceeds benefit our animal rescue in Wareham.

Frederick Douglass Talks

Three virtual talks. Day one: "Frederick Douglass in Rhode Island. A talk with Pulitzer Prize Winner Dr. David Bligh With music by the Schiller Boston Community Chorus. Friday, Oct. 9 at 6PM, Providence Athenaeum

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/frederick-douglass>. Enter code STAGESOFFREEDOM at the top left of the registration page to register for free.

Day two: Frederick Douglass in Newport, a talk with John Rice. Thurs., 11/19, at 6 p.m. Frederick Douglass made his first stop on the road to freedom in Newport in 1838 before settling in nearby New Bedford. In this eye-opening talk, Dr. John Rice, the great-great grandson of Newport's Isaac Rice, a close friend, anti-slavery ally, and regular host of Frederick Douglass, will explore the important connections Douglass maintained in Newport, including that of the nation's foremost Black

caterer and activist, George T. Downing. The homestead at 23 Thomas Street has been continuously occupied by the Rice family for over 200 years.

Registration opening soon, visit <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/frederick-douglass>

Day three: Frederick Douglass Speaks, featuring actor Joe Wilson, Jr. Date to be determined.

Trinity actor, Joe Wilson, Jr. will portray Frederick Douglass delivering his famous speech, "What the Black Man Wants" in this special performance created just for Central Fall High School students.

March On Washington Video

On 8/28/20, millions participated in the 2020 Virtual March on Washington to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the landmark March on Washington. After two nights of impactful programming, one thing was clear: This is our voice, our movement, and we must use our power at the ballot box this November.

ICYMI, relive every moment of the 2020 March on Washington on <https://2020march.com/watch/>

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>

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Friends of Bike Path fund-raising for final stretch

Press Release

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path (the "Friends") announced that they have undertaken a concentrated effort to raise the last funds needed to complete the Marion Connector.

The Town of Mattapoissett was recently awarded a \$110,000 state MassTrails grant for construction of a section of the bike and pedestrian path between the eastern end of Industrial Park Drive and the Marion Town line, known as the "Marion Connector." (At the border, it will connect with a similar shared use path to be constructed in the future by the Town of Marion.)

While state funding for trail projects has been cut back by necessity, this grant gives us a great opportunity to continue building our community's shared use path. Since the Town hopes to combine the Connector project with its Industrial Drive reconstruction project (already funded from federal and Town money), it is looking to private sources to make up the remaining difference.

The budgeted construction cost for the Marion Connector is \$410,000. The Town is authorized to match any non-Town funds dollar for dollar. If the Friends can raise \$95,000 in commitments from private sources, the project will be fully funded and can be put out to bid this December with the other planned Industrial Drive improvements. Construction of the Marion Connector could then begin next year and open by the end of 2021.

The Board of the Friends has taken on this fundraising challenge, already raising more than \$50,000 in cash and

commitments for this project, so only \$45,000 remains to be raised.

"We are very excited that we are so close to making this piece of the bike path a reality," said Bonne DeSousa, President of the Friends. "This multi-use path will provide safe, off-road access for runners, walkers and cyclists, not only to Marion but also to trails leading to the Tinkham Forest, to the Old Rochester Regional High School campus, and to a host of beautiful wooded trails on Sippican Lands Trust Property.

When the Marion pathway is built, our "connector" will enable pedestrians and bicyclists to walk, run, or ride from the harbor in Fairhaven to Point Road in Marion on low traffic roads or paved trails away from heavily traveled roadways."

The Friends is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, so contributions to the Friends for the construction of the Marion Connector are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. The Friends will apply 100% of contributions toward the construction of the Marion Connector.

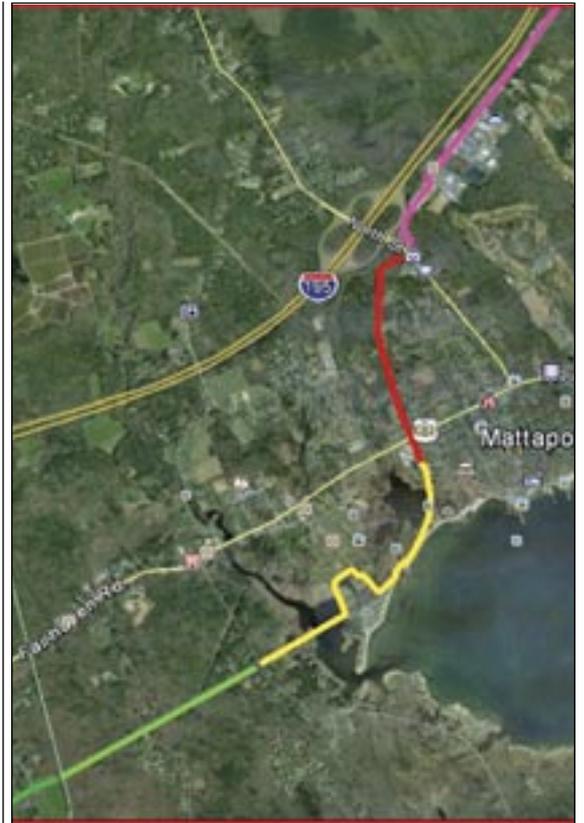
Commitments payable during 2020 or 2021 will count toward meeting the required funding.

Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path, PO Box 1336, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Contacts: Liz DiCarlo, 508-942-9343, lizdicarlo@comcast.net, and Bill Coquilllette, 216-789-2303,

william.coquilllette@gmail.com.

Visit <https://mattapoissettrailtrail.com/> for more information on the bike path.

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The four phases of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail are shown in this photo: Phase I, shown in green, from Fairhaven town line to Mattapoissett Neck Road, has been completed; Phase II (yellow) is currently under construction and might be ready for use by the end of year, it crosses the Mattapoissett River, salt marshes and town beach; Phase III is the Marion Connector (shown in pink, top) that the Friends of The Mattapoissett Bike Path are fund-raising for now; the final phase (in red) includes crosses Route 6 and ends at North Street. Photo from The Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle & Recreational Path at <https://mattapoissettrailtrail.com/>

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Pedal for the Path hosts free bike ride this Sunday

Press Release

Join us this Sunday, September 13, from 9 am to 3 pm

South Coast Bikeway Alliance members will be celebrating Bay State Bike Month and the South Coast Bikeway with our third annual Pedal for the Path Ride by bicycling from Westport, through Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven and Mattapoisett before returning back to the start.

Please join us! Ride the whole route or select a portion. The choice is yours. Just join us to show your support. Alliance representatives will be located along the route in each community to welcome you and share the news of the bikeway in their city or town.

We have a lot to celebrate!

We were recently awarded grants from MassTrails and BayCoast Bank to complete Phase 2 of a Feasibility Study to determine the best way to connect Fall River and New Bedford with pathways through Westport and Dartmouth.

Your input is needed!

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) has been implementing Phase 1 of the Feasibility Study. SRPEDD staff will be on hand during the ride to share preliminary findings and seek your feedback. You can also participate online. Visit: <https://scba-feasibility-study-srpedd.hub.arcgis.com/> and share your thoughts and comments.

The ride details!

This will be a socially distanced casual ride with no registration fee.

- Masks are required when we gather at stops and can't maintain six feet of separation.
- Helmets are mandatory.

- Bring water and snacks.

We will NOT be able to offer ride support, traffic controls, or pre- and post-gatherings.

Instead, we encourage people to ride on their own, with the opportunity to meet SCBA representatives at key intersections. We have lots of news to share!

Please register, at <https://www.facebook.com/events/846773802519550/> so we know how many to look for. Route and ride details can also be found at southcoastbikeway.com.

As always, you can donate here: <https://www.facebook.com/southcoastbikeway/> or mail a check to South Coast Bikeway Alliance % SRPEDD, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02870.

All donations will be used as matching funds in our efforts toward designing and building the SouthCoast Bikeway. We have been successful getting grants, but funders expect us to provide matching funds. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you can't join us on Sunday the 13th, ride the route any time during Bike Month (September). Be sure to send a photo to thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com or Facebook. We will share the photos on Facebook.

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sett: 16.8 (33.6 RT) miles. Starting at 10:30 a.m. Dartmouth and SRPEDD Representatives will be on site at 9:30 am

- NEW BEDFORD Pier 3 to Mattapoisett: 6.8 (13.4 RT) miles. Starting at noon. New Bedford Representatives will be on site from 11:00 a.m.
 - FAIRHAVEN Phoenix Bike Trail to Mattapoisett: 4 (8 RT) miles. Starting at 12:30 p.m. Fairhaven Representatives will be on site from 11:30 a.m. on the Phoenix Path at Main Street
 - MATTAPOISETT Mattapoisett Representatives will be on the Mattapoisett Rail Trail at Mattapoisett Neck Road to share the latest news of the progress of the Shining Tide portion of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail from 11:30 a.m. Marion and Wareham Representatives will also be on site from 11:30 a.m. at Mattapoisett Neck RD/MRT location.
 - RETURN ROUTE in reverse. Mattapoisett to Westport or your original starting point. 1:30 p.m. departure
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Recipe of the Week

Double Chocolate Granola Bars

1½ cups rolled oats
 1 cup slivered almonds
 2 cups pitted dates
 ¾ cup cocoa powder
 ¼ cup maple syrup
 ¼ cup almond butter
 ½ c semisweet chocolate chips

Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with parchment paper.

Spread oats and almonds evenly on a rimmed baking sheet and bake at 350° for 10 to 15 minutes, until mix begins to brown.

Soak dates in warm water for 10 minutes then drain. Process dates in a food processor for about a minute, or until they form a doughlike ball. Add cocoa powder to dates and continue to process until combined.

Transfer mixture to a large bowl and add in oats and almonds. This will be too hard to stir with a spoon, so you will need to knead the mix with your hands.

Heat maple syrup and almond butter together for 1 minute in a microwave-safe bowl or on the stovetop, stirring regularly until smooth. Pour liquid over date mixture and combine thoroughly with your hands.

Press mix into prepared pan and refrigerate for 1 hour to set. Remove from pan and cut into 12 bars.

Wrap each bar individually with plastic wrap for easy access on the trail.

From Appalachian Mountain Club, www.outdoors.com

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number of fans who could attend a competition. The athletic directors in our league were contemplating beginning the fall season without spectators.

- The health and safety of our school communities must remain the top priority, and we recognize that any plans for athletic opportunities must adapt to evolving public health metrics. The fact that any “unshaded” or “green” communities may be scheduled to compete against “yellow” or “red” communities based upon public health metrics will remain an extremely fluid issue.
- Currently, almost half of the districts in the Southcoast Conference will begin school in a remote learning setting. Offering athletics, while not offering in-person learning or hybrid learning, sends a mixed message regarding the term student-athlete. A School Committee vote is required for those districts who will start the year remotely based upon DESE Guidelines. This information serves to provide a clear and united recommendation for those communities that are required to take said action.

Recent guidance released by DESE in collaboration with the MIAA, has provided us with the option of moving our fall athletic season to a floating season

between the winter and spring. For these reasons, the Superintendents of the Southcoast Conference strongly support a joint recommendation.

SCC superintendents conducted a majority vote with 8 in favor and 2 in opposition, that all SCC schools collectively recommend beginning interscholastic athletics with the winter season, deferring the fall season and moving those sports to a later season or during the “floating” season (February 22nd-April 25th as defined by MIAA), and conducting a spring season. We will reconvene and meet to make a decision as a collaborative group on winter sports in early November.

We reiterate the need for all of our students to be provided with a “whole” educational experience. Interscholastic athletics and student activities are integral to a student’s complete educational program. We believe deferring to the later seasons provided by DESE and the MIAA gives us the opportunity for a better and more complete co-curricular experience than the current uncertain fall season has to offer them.



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consultant, he added, not affecting the Selectboard's workload.

"We can do multiple things at the same time," said Mr. Espindola.

He also pointed to the need to cut \$1 million from the FY21 budget, and said, "That's very substantial," and something to take into context.

Mr. Espindola made his motion for a DOR study, which was not seconded. Instead, Mr. Silvia formed his own motion in the negative to not undertake the study and perhaps revisit it again in the future.

"We just don't wanna talk about it now," said Mr. Freitas to Mr. Espindola, who pushed for a possible date when he could bring the subject up again.

Meanwhile, two residents attempted to speak on the matter, which Mr. Freitas at first refused, but resident Mary Lorenzo insisted.

"Mr. Espindola has had two issue on this agenda that seem to me would improve how the town is acting as far as boards are concerned and as far as budgets are concerned," said Ms. Lorenzo. The other matter, which was a discussion on providing training to

Zoning Board of Appeals members and the Selectboard, was tabled. "And this one, seems to me, everyone is dismissing it.

"I'm just getting a little bit upset about this," Ms. Lorenzo said. "[Mr. Espindola] is just trying to help..."

Mr. Freitas said the Selectboard could not just demand that ZBA members take classes, and wanted them in the room for the discussion.

The ZBA is a board appointed by the Selectboard.

In other matters, in a 2-1 vote with Mr. Freitas and Mr. Silvia in favor, the town will move forward with a 10% renewable energy consumption increase in the next electrical community aggregate agreement, but only if residents and business owners are properly informed about the change ahead of time.

Mr. Freitas tasked himself, Climate Reality Massachusetts SouthCoast chairperson and Fairhaven resident Laura Gardner, and resident John Methia to prepare educational material to be included in upcoming water bills.

Mr. Espindola vehemently opposed

the opt-out only option that would bring an average increase of \$2 to \$3 per household, but more to Fairhaven businesses that use more electricity. His concern was about financial hardship in the midst of the pandemic.

During his Marine Resources Committee update, Mr. Espindola stated that the harbormaster reported that the Labor Day weekend was "busy, but not in a good way," with a number of vessels that were sinking and a jet skier rescue Monday evening.

In other matters, a stop sign was approved for the intersection of Dudley Street and Glenhaven Avenue; the Metro Harvest, Inc. adult-use marijuana retail facility application was forwarded to the Planning & Economic Development Department for zoning compliance.

The board entered executive session to discuss strategy with respect to a pending legal claim. Mr. Freitas was ordered to recuse himself from participating in the executive session. The agenda item gave no indication of what the topic/issue is.

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Acushnet Selectboard continues PJK discussion, TH opening

By Pattie Pacella

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The Acushnet Selectboard held a meeting on Tuesday, 8/18/20 with continued discussions on the re-opening of Town Hall, and PJ Keating..

Fire Chief, Kevin Gallagher was in attendance to discuss a “free-standing kiosk’ that the Fire Department had purchased that takes temperatures with a pre-set trigger to allow admittance into the Fire Station. With the recent purchase, the Fire Department has been able to allow call firefighters back into the station as part of initial screenings due to COVID19.

Chief Gallagher has played an integral part with other Department Heads to assist in creating a Phase two opening Town Hall and other public buildings.

Town Administrator Julie Hebert reviewed the Phase 2 opening plan with the Selectboard. She stated that there is now a walk-up window for the collectors/treasurer’s office.

The window is open from 9 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Thursday and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday for payments. Ms. Hebert told the board it has been extremely successful for residents who like to pay their bills in person.

Ms. Hebert also said they have established a ring doorbell system at the front door for each pertinent office. She said they will, with the Selectboard’s permission, purchase temperature kiosks; then residents will be able to buzz the office they are looking for, get their temperature scanned and checked, and then will be able to enter the building.

“Of course, masks are required to enter,” Ms. Hebert added.

Ms. Hebert also stated that in this next phase all public meetings should continue to be virtual as the Governor has recently lowered the gathering amount. She explained they continuously are working with the cable staff to set up virtual public meetings so that residents can access and watch meetings remotely, and if they want to participate, they can.

Selectboard member David Desrochers asked how long the kiosk systems take to come in.

Chief Gallagher stated it was a quick turn-around and they could

order and get them in several business days.

Chief Gallagher said there are also a lot of “bells and whistles” with the kiosk that may be helpful in the future, including tracking with photos of Town Hall staff, and the kiosk could interact with the Town’s software.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar sent out a thank you to Ms. Hebert and Building Commissioner Jim Marot for all their efforts in putting together, with department heads, the different phases for opening Town Hall. Mr. Gaspar stated he has received nothing but positive feedback on the collector’s/treasurer’s walk-up window for payments.

Selectboard member David Wojnar agreed with the positive feedback. He stated that it was important to empower the department heads to be flexible to their employees, especially when the students are going back to school. He also said that the different offices need to provide coverage for

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their employees, and it shows a united front across the board.

Mr. Gaspar agreed and stated he believed they have been flexible with the staff.

Mr. Wojnar also commented on all meetings going virtual, saying that it was a great idea for perhaps residents to become more involved in different meetings.

“It might just be a great opportunity to get residents more involved or to join smaller profile meetings,” Mr. Wojnar stated.

The Selectboard voted unanimously to approve eight temperature kiosks through the CARES grant program. The cost is \$1700/each.

The board also briefly discussed the PJ Keating, Soil Permit Cease and Desist order. Mr. Gaspar read a letter that was addressed to the Selectboard from the employee workers

union from PJ Keating.

Mr. Gaspar stated that the Selectboard was not trying to put anyone who works for PJ Keating out of a job.

“It is not the fault of the employees,” Mr. Gaspar said. “The PJ Keating Management team has disrespected and has no [regard] for the Town of Acushnet’s officials and Selectboard. They are out of compliance and it seems they don’t care.”

Mr. Wojnar agreed, adding, “We have no intention of putting anyone out of business.”

Mr. Gaspar stated that PJ Keating has filed an appeal on the cease and desist that will be discussed at the Selectboard meeting on 8/27 and at the Board of Health meeting on the same date.*

Mr. Gaspar stated it would be a virtual public hearing and the public is encouraged to join in.*

In other business, Department of Public Works superintendent Dan Menard was present to review a few DPW projects. One project that the Selectboard needed to vote on was the 100’ brick wall that was on the right side of the Hamlin Street bridge.

Mr. Gaspar stated that he and Mr. Menard discussed the wall, as some say it is historic to the Town, and that a good use of the bricks may be for the Lake Street Improvement Association to use somewhere on their project. The Selectboard voted unanimously to remove the bricks and give them to the Lake Street Improvement Association.

Kathy Silva, of the DPW, was also present and stated that she was going to be sending a note in with residents’ water bills regarding the lack of plastics in recycling.

“We have failed miserably with plastics,” Ms. Silva said.’

She also spoke about a bulk item pickup happening possibly in October.

Mr. Gaspar stated that he felt it was best not to give a particular date yet. He said as the fall approached, he would talk to the Board of Health along with Ms. Silva to get a date and they could then do a reverse 911 call to residents to make them aware of it.

**Both boards handled the matter in executive session*

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SHINE appointments for MEDICARE open enrollment will be available from October 15th to December 7th SHINE APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED BY THE FAIRHAVEN COUNCIL ON AGING ARE FOR FAIRHAVEN SENIORS ONLY. Seniors from surrounding communities can call the Council on Aging in their Town for SHINE information.

If you have a Medicare Prescription Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO or PPO), you should receive a notice from your plan by the end of September. This notice outlines changes to be made to your plan for 2021. During this open enrollment period, you will be able to make changes to this plan.

Due to social distancing guidelines set by the state, no appointments for SHINE will be held at the Fairhaven COA, however, SHINE counselors will be working from home in an effort to meet your Medicare informational needs.

All correspondence between the seniors and the SHINE counselor will be done over the phone and email, if possible. Exchange of paperwork can be done through the senior center by calling the senior center from the parking lot. Someone will come out to get, or give, you your paperwork, SHINE feels confident that they will continue to be able to provide their outstanding service to those seeking assistance during this crazy and unprecedented time.

Please call the Fairhaven Council on Aging at 508-979-4029, for an appointment to speak with a SHINE counselor.

EFS Student takes 3rd in Eversource Challenge

Press Release

Eversource recently honored East Fairhaven Elementary School student Sage Burlinson as a finalist in the 7th annual Eversource Student Challenge. The contest encourages Massachusetts K-12 students to develop projects, based on their grade-level, to highlight the importance of various energy-saving measures. Submissions range from designing billboards and writing news articles to creating superhero characters and showcasing persuasive images.

"These young students have tremendous ideas for saving energy and really show a passion for making this world a better place to live," said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "Eversource is proud to sponsor this educational opportunity, which aligns with our mission to build a clean energy future through energy-efficient innovation. We'd like to offer our

congratulations to all of the winners and our support as they continue practicing energy-saving measures."

For her poster on remembering to shut the lights off to save energy, Sage was awarded third place in the K-1st grade category.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Eversource updated the challenge this year to allow students to submit their projects through an online platform, and a congratulatory video was created to announce this year's winners. Eversource received 241 entries and selected 47 Massachusetts students as finalists. Amazon gift cards were awarded to the winners in each grade.

To view the congratulatory video, please visit <https://www.eversourceinschool.com/winners-east/>. For more information about the annual Student Challenge, visit the website at: eversourceinschool.com/challenge/.

From the website

The Eversource Challenge gives students grade-specific assignments that showcase their energy knowledge with a focus on four core values: *Energy Conservation*, Reducing or going without a service to save energy; *Energy-Efficient Technologies*, Technologies that have been developed to save energy; *Energy Efficiency*, Using less energy to provide the same service; *Sustainability*, Not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance.

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Fish die-off in Acushnet is natural

By Beth David
Editor

Visitors to The Sawmill in Acushnet last week noticed lots of fish that had died in the river.

According to Acushnet Animal Control Officer Rebekah Tomlinson, it happens every year. Because of a lack of oxygen in the water and the extremely dry summer we had this year, it happened earlier than usual.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition owns

the property, which is open to the public. Ms. Tomlinson posted on Facebook that the BBC was aware of the fish die-off and decided to leave them there to let other wildlife feed off them.

The *Neighb News's* intrepid photographer, Glenn C. Silva, ventured out on Monday, but the dead fish were already gone. However, he caught sight of loads of very alive menhaden, aka peanut bunker, a bait fish, as

identified by Allen Decker and Sara Quintal of the BBC.

The park is at 32 Mill Road in Acushnet at the site of the old Acushnet Sawmill. In addition to the Acushnet River flowing through it, the park features walking trails, wheelchair accessible trails, marshland, and lots of wildlife. The herring swim upstream at this spot, using a nature-life fishway to help them along their way.



ABOVE LEFT: sThe informational sign by the freshwater marsh on 9/8/20 at The Sawmill in Acushnet, a Buzzards Bay Coalition-owned park open to the public, invites people to leave the noises of the city behind them. and listen to the douns of nature. ABOVE RIGHT: The footbridge keeps watch over the fishway. BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: Menhaden, aka, peanut bunker, swarm in the Acushnet River. BOTTOM LEFT: The water at the northern end of the Acushnet River at The Sawmill. BELOW RIGHT: The stone fishway bereft of flowing water. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



OLOA feast cancelled, but statue still takes a walk

The annual Feast of Our Lady of Angels would normally have been held this weekend, with the procession of the large statue along Main Street on Monday. This year, due to COVID-19, the feast was cancelled. OLOA members were not completely deterred, however, and took the statue out for a short stroll on the grounds of St. Mary's Church.

The neighborhood is usually bustling this time of year, with thousands of people converging on the OLOA feast grounds for the "Biggest Little Feast," a traditional Portuguese "festa."

"It's not just quiet," wrote Christopher Richard on his Facebook page. "Usually in August excitement builds as the neighborhood prepares for the feast. There is activity at the club.

The poles go up, then the lights and flags. The decorations are hung on the church. The food deliveries and beer truck arrive. Then, during the week leading up to the feast, cooking begins. There is so much more to it than the three days when the feast actually takes place.

"August has not been the same at all."



LEFT: Members of Our Lady of Angels Catholic organization pose with the OLOA statue at St. Mary's Church in Fairhaven on 9/7/20, which should have been the day of the 90th annual feast and procession down Main Street, but the feast was cancelled due to COVID-19. RIGHT: Members of OLOA carry the statue around the grounds of St. Mary's Church in Fairhaven on 9/7/20. Photos courtesy of Joe Mello Jr.



Live events industry lights up

Press Release

Massachusetts went on "red alert" on 9/1/20, when local stagehands and event production companies illuminated more than 80 entertainment venues and other landmarks with red lights as part of a national call to action. The #RedAlertRESTART action took place in more than 50 cities across the country, to raise awareness for entertainment businesses

devastated by COVID-19 event cancellations, and for the workers behind the scenes, who have built their careers by going unnoticed.

"This difficult time has been extremely grim. Stagehands are used to being around a lot of people — our peers, our coworkers, everybody," said Shanna Banana, IATSE Local 11 stagehand. "We're used to being around each other in hard times, and

this is very different because in this hard time, we can't be around each other, we can't be around anybody, and that's been devastating financially, physically and emotionally to a lot of us. If legislators don't take action and provide relief to our industry, I don't know what I'm going to do. I don't know what any of us are going to do."

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LEFT: Stagehands perform a silent vigil at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center on 9/1/20, to raise awareness for the entertainment businesses devastated by COVID-19 event cancellations and for the workers behind the scenes, 77% of whom have lost 100% of their income. RIGHT: Shanna Banana performs in the silent vigil. Photos submitted.

LIVE: cont'd from previous page

Ken Casey, frontman of Boston's own Dropkick Murphys, made an appearance at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center site in the Seaport, to show his support for the people who over a long professional music career, he has come to consider his family.

"We need Congress to take notice of the shape the industry is in," said Casey. "Everyone who works in this industry — the people who make these events what we know and love, and who have come to be some of my closest friends and family — they had everything taken away from them overnight. Without them, there are no concerts, there is no theater. People need to realize what is at stake here."

The We Make Events Coalition is calling on Congress, which controversially remains on hiatus during the third most massive unemployment crisis in our nation's history, to:

- Pass the RESTART Act, to provide support and relief for venues and production companies of all sizes.
- Extend full Pandemic Unemployment Assistance — including the extra \$600 weekly, from the CARES ACT — which expired in August despite the Live Events industry remaining at 96% unemployment nationwide.

"While other parts of the economy have reopened, or have plans to reopen, there's no end in sight yet for our industry," said Colleen Glynn, business manager of IATSE Local 11, Boston's stagehands union. "Local 11 members, who still have their health benefits through our union hall, are struggling to pay for other necessities. Many, many industry workers are worse off. It's serious, and it's affecting 12 million families nationwide. The time to take action is long

overdue."

According to organizers, 77% of people in the live events industry have lost 100% of their income since March, 2020.

Joe Spaulding, president and CEO of the Boch Center, home of the Wang Theater and Shubert Theater, commented on the importance of arts institutions in our community.

"I believe that the arts keep us a civilized society. I believe that the arts heal," said Spaulding. "There will be no one in our seats until September 2021, or maybe even January 2022. We will have no earned income, not one penny, for a year and a half. So, how do organizations survive? That survival is up in the air, but you can't lose buildings like this [the Wang Theatre]. We're banding together as organizations, groups and individuals to make our point."

"I got COVID-19 and suffered for at least a month," added Spaulding, "during which time I had to let go of 275 of my family here at the center. The biggest personal obstacle was not getting COVID-19, it was the depression of the building sitting dark."

Locations ranging from TD Garden, Boch Center and Emerson's Colonial Theatre in Boston, to the City Halls of Worcester and Springfield all participated in the event across 26 total cities and towns in Massachusetts. At Boston's Convention and Exhibition Center in the Seaport, an additional light display was set up for a performative vigil by lighting companies JCALPRO and 4Wall.

The vigil featured 12 stagehands representing the 12 million unemployed live events workers nationwide. They stood in silence for 12 minutes, until the final minute where

they each raised one tool in the air in solidarity for the plight of the industry, followed by all lights going out with the same abruptness of event cancellations when COVID-19 struck.

The only light that remained on was the single bulb of the ghost light — which in the theater world, famously never goes dark — to symbolize the live events industry holding on until they can make a full return to the stages.

With the enduring ban on large public gatherings, people who work in all facets of the live events industry — including stagehands, truck drivers, hair and makeup artists, stitchers, audio engineers, caterers, and more — are left to wait with bated breath for some clarity on their future, and the future of the live events industry. Workers are waiting to hear if they will have venues to return to. Venues are hoping workers will be provided the relief necessary to sustain themselves, so they will be ready to return to work when the time comes.

Organizers are asking the public to call on Congress to pass the federal RESTART Act, which requests loan programs and other economic relief for shuttered businesses. Advocates also want to see an extension of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and an Emergency Temporary Standard to be mandated by OSHA to protect workers once they do go back to work.

We Make Events North America is a coalition of trade bodies, businesses, unions, and live events workers coming together to raise public awareness and advocate for the live events sector during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit WeMakeEvents.org.

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Acushnet Council on Aging is back with outdoor space

The Acushnet Council on Aging is resuming its classes in a new outdoor space at the Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, Acushnet, along with other activities.

All outdoor classes will be active Monday, 9/14, through Friday, 10/30, at which time the COA will reevaluate the weather, pandemic numbers, etc.

Here are some of the classes that are scheduled, but more are being added, so feel free to contact the center at 508-998-0280, or find them on Facebook.

Strong Women, Strong Bones with Karen. Join us Monday, Wednesday, Friday through October 30th at 9:00 a.m. for this one-hour, outdoor class. Upbeat, go at your own pace activity for those living with osteoporosis or osteoarthritis. All participants must pre-register, no walk-ins allowed. A Title III program.

Zumba and Toning with Pati. Join us on Wednesdays, through October 28th at 10:30 a.m. for this low impact, high energy outdoor class. All participants must pre-register, no walk-ins allowed. Call 508-998-0280 for

more information. This class is sponsored, in part, by the Southcoast Community Foundation.

Dance Fit with Ellie. Join us on Thursdays through October 29th at 9:00 a.m. for this high energy, fun exercise class. All activities take place under the covered patio located in the back-parking lot of the Senior Community Center. All participants must pre-register, no walk-ins allowed. Call 508-998-0280 for more information.

Strength and Conditioning with Larry. Fridays at 11:00 a.m. through October 30th. Grab your water bottle and weights and join us to strengthen your core under the COA's newly constructed covered patio. All participants must pre-register, no walk-ins allowed. Call 508-998-0280 for more information. This class is sponsored, in part, by the Southcoast Community Foundation.

Toe Nail Care with Lisa. Available on Fridays by appointment. 508-998-0280.

Dental Care and Cleaning with Andrea and Teresa. Available

monthly by appointment at the Senior Community Center. Please call 508-827-6725. A Title III program.

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Fairhaven Board of Selectmen, located at 40 Center Street in Fairhaven MA, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Entry Door Restoration, Entry, Parking Area and Walkway at the Fairhaven Visitor's Center Building at 141 Main Street, Fairhaven MA in accordance with the documents prepared by Clearwater Architects. The work is estimated to cost \$113,000.

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) c.30 §39M and M.G.L. c.149 §§44A through 44J. Bids are subject to prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. All requirements and conditions of employment pertaining to publicly funded projects in the Commonwealth shall be observed.

General Bids will be received at Projectdog, Inc. until 2 PM Thursday, September 24, 2020 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount (including all alternates) must accompany each General Bid.

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. Bid forms and contract documents will be available beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2020 after 2:00 p.m. at www.Projectdog.com or for pick-up at: Projectdog, Inc, 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA (978) 499-9014, M-F 8:30 AM-5 PM. Go to www.Projectdog.com and login with an existing account or click Sign Up to register for free. Enter Project Code 840007 in the project locator box. Select "Acquire Documents" to download documents, review a hard copy at Projectdog's physical location, or request a free project CD. All Addenda must be acquired electronically at www.Projectdog.com. Each individual or firm recorded as having requested a set of Contract Documents will be electronically notified via email when addenda are issued. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to review all ADDENDA prior to bid opening at www.Projectdog.com or at Projectdog's physical location. Bidders may obtain one full paper bid set from Projectdog for a refundable deposit of \$100.00 made payable to Projectdog in the form of certified check or money order. The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to all responsive bidders returning the Contract Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after date of general bid opening. Otherwise, the deposit will become the property of Projectdog, Inc. Bidders requesting their refundable paper set to be mailed must supply a non-refundable shipping and handling fee of \$50.00 payable to Projectdog.

The successful General Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials

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SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: During Bidding, the jobsite will be available for inspection by appointment only. Contact the Fairhaven Town Administrator to schedule an appointment. For an appointment call Mark Rees at (508) 979-4023.

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2. **Case#2020.09.24A** A case of Thomas Gonet, of 7 Haste Street, Fairhaven, who is petitioning for a Special Permit for an accessory apartment at 34 Porter Street, Acushnet, which is owned by the Estate of John Gonet, of 34 Porter Street, Acushnet. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" and 3.4 "B".

Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

FNN, 9/10/20, 9/17/20

Drought conditions persist

Press Release

Due to four months of below normal rainfall, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen Theoharides declared a Level 2 – Significant Drought in all seven regions of the Commonwealth – the Western, Connecticut River Valley, Central, Northeast, Southeast, Cape Cod, and Islands regions. The drought level remains unchanged from the previous month's declaration. At a Level 2 – Significant Drought, as outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, conditions are becoming significantly dry and warrant detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, emphasis on water conservation, more stringent

watering restrictions, and technical outreach and assistance for the affected municipalities.

Rainfall totals for August were below normal across the majority of the state. Rainfall was generally the lowest across southeastern Mass., the Cape and Islands, and the highest in the Berkshires and central Worcester County. Meanwhile, temperatures remained above normal, as August temperatures averaged 2 to 4 degrees above normal across much of Massachusetts.

Additionally, wildland fire risk continues across the state. Extended drought conditions have rendered grasses, shrubs and forest fuels very dry across most of the state, and extremely dry in areas of the Southeast, resulting in increased

wildfire risk and added challenges for firefighting agencies. Long term precipitation deficits have also led to extremely dry soil conditions, which results in fires burning deep into the ground, and taking multiple days to extinguish. These conditions exhaust local resources and increase risk to firefighter safety. Fire officials remind the public to be very aware of this situation, and to be careful with all open burning and disposal of combustible materials.

For further information on water conservation and what residents and communities can do, visit the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' drought page at <https://www.mass.gov/drought-assistance>.

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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Thurs., 9/10, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/10, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Thurs., 9/17, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 9/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 9/22, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 9/24, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 9/24, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/22, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept 2020	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	3	0923	2141	0320	1508
Friday	4	1002	2220	0320	1534
Saturday	5	1041	2259	0345	1605
Sunday	6	1121	2341	0415	1638
Monday	7	----	1205	0447	1714
Tuesday	8	0029	1256	0523	1756
Wednesday	9	0122	1349	0605	1851
Thursday	10	0215	1441	0702	2000
Friday	11	0308	1536	0809	2104
Saturday	12	0407	1638	0912	2207
Sunday	13	0512	1740	1015	2311
Monday	14	0607	1830	1120	----
Tuesday	15	0654	1915	0005	1218
Wednesday	16	0737	1959	0051*	1310*
Thursday	17	0823	2046	0136*	1403*
Friday	18	0911	2135	0225*	1458*
Saturday	19	1001	2225	0314*	1550*

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From our readers

We Cannot Wait To Support Local Renewable Energy

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee supports an initiative that would automatically enroll our town's residents and businesses in a program to purchase 10% of renewable energy.

If adopted, the program will only contribute to our community in positive ways. It will decrease our dependence on fossil fuels, a leading source of the world's air pollution. It will help make our region stronger and healthier — at a time when the triggers for respiratory ailments have never been more important to combat, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adopting the initiative will also increase the demand for local, renewable energy, which could create a demand for good local jobs.

This initiative is one of many popular programs the Sustainability Committee has supported, including the development of the Fairhaven community gardens, a decade of support for the Fairhaven farmers market. Taken together, all of these measures improved the well-being of our town, just like this current initiative before the Select Board.

Some have questioned the automatic renewal process that would potentially increase monthly electricity bills an average of only \$1.88 (see details at https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3131/f/pages/aggregation_-_src_calculations.pdf).

We believe this modest increase is a small price to pay for decades of inaction on climate change. We have not recognized the hidden costs associated with burning fossil fuels despite its serious, long-term impacts on our health and environment.

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/change/subtopics/fossil-fuels-health/#:~:text=Fossil%20fuel%20production%20and%20combustion,also%20directly%20affect%20our%20health.&text=But%20burning%20them%20creates%20climate,absenteeism%20at%20school%20and%20work.>

For many of our residents, making a significant investment in renewable energy (like installing solar panels on their home) is not an option. Our proposal means our town can act together to stop the devastating effects of climate change, at a low

cost to each of us.

Town members are still able to decline to participate in the program. We support those who need to opt-out of the program, and it will be easy to do so.

Furthermore, we congratulate the Southcoast Chapter of the Climate Reality Project for bringing this opportunity to our attention. We have evaluated this measure carefully for its local benefit. This group of volunteers, based here in town, have independently joined the International Climate Reality Project and moved this initiative forward. They understand the impact of the choices we make today on our future and have donated their time and energy for the benefit of all.

The Town of Fairhaven could invest in our children's health and the future of our planet. There's nothing more important to prioritize. We should do the right thing and work together to support a healthier, stronger future.

Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

Fall sports cancellation is hypocrisy and further divides the haves from have nots

It was with shock that our family read of the fall sports cancellation by the South Coast Conference. The hypocrisy of this cancellation is deafening. First, the decision ignores the health data. Second, at a time when schools are championing equality, the decision further divides the class structure in the United States over which so many riots and protests have erupted. This decision denies public school students the opportunity to participate in sports, while students whose parents have disposable income can pay for their students to play in private, fee-based leagues. The SCC fall sports cancellation is hypocrisy and further divides the haves from have nots.

This summer, we were excited to see coronavirus cases decreasing and a sense of life in the economy. We have been counting down the days to the September 15 start of public schools. We have read about summer private sports leagues successfully held such as Mariner Soccer players without masks, and the Massachusetts Golf Association Amateur Open held at the Kittansett Club in Marion

July 13-17, 2020, again without masks, and know individuals who have participated in private hockey and lacrosse leagues across the Commonwealth and New England. And, again, without masks. All participated without coronavirus infections. So, we had high hopes for a fall sports season.

But, the SCC, despite coronavirus data, despite MIAA recommendations, and despite success in private summer leagues, still chose to cancel the fall season. Why?

For some students, their parents may be able to afford the private league fees and continue to play the sports they love this fall. But, for many students this will not be an option. The public education system that is meant to support and uplift all students is letting these students down. The public education system is depriving them of opportunities to support their physical and mental states, and potentially depriving them of future opportunities.

Students on a path like David Abolarinwa (featured in the Standard Times, April 21, 2020) who cannot showcase their talents on the field will also not be able to train and develop as a student-athlete with hopes of a scholarship to college or a future career. If public schools keep the students off the field, no one will be able to see them.

In a Commonwealth that champions social justice and equality it is hypocrisy that we are not providing an equal playing field (pun intended) for all students. In a Commonwealth that has prided itself on "following the science" during coronavirus, it is hypocrisy that the SCC is ignoring the data that not only trends down but also states nearly no infection rates for healthy students and adults. Further, fall sports such as golf and cross country literally exemplify the tenets of social distancing.

While the SCC letter says "defer", in March the districts also sent out a letter which said schools would only be closed a week. So, no one can say with certainty that this deferral won't be a permanent cancellation of the 2020/21 season.

We still have some time to restore good judgment and reinstate the fall sports seasons for our students. I hope the Superintendents find some

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rational thought to do so. We commend New Bedford and Dartmouth for stepping up and doing the correct action for their students by joining another fall league. The rest of the towns including Fairhaven now owe all students the same opportunity for an equal playing field.

Kaisa Holloway Cripps, Fairhaven

The 2020 Election: Life and Liberty

Should the Democrats win and their radical policies be implemented, our economic system would be destroyed.

The words of Benjamin Franklin would be prophetic when he was asked about the outcome of the constitutional convention. He said yes, we have a constitutional republic, if you can keep it.

Let's be honest, we are not perfect, but in no nation have so many enjoyed the freedoms and opportunities so many people have and hopefully will continue to have.

Our freedoms have been secured at a heavy price. Thousands have fought and died to secure and protect it. From the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, first and second World Wars, all the way to Iraq and Afghanistan, many Americans have fought and died for our freedoms.

Slavery is a black mark in our history. I have the greatest respect for civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis and others who advocated through peaceful demonstrations for civil rights.

However, the blacks didn't free themselves. It took the efforts of abolitionist leaders both black and white and the death of 600,000-700,000 soldiers, both north and south, and the courage and leadership of president Abraham Lincoln to achieve.

Let's be honest, there is racial injustice. However, this country has made great strides to deal with it. One of the best examples to deal with it is the one made by the people of Charleston, SC, who instead of rioting and burning down their city, came together and prayed together after four black church members, including their pastor, were shot during a prayer meeting by white supremacists. I can't think of a better example of what this country needs.

Currently, the police in some of our

communities are under attack by Marxists and anarchists. Some have followed along and are being led and deceived by them.

For political expediency, many Democrats have exploited this. Yes, there are some who don't deserve to wear a badge, and there are unjustified shootings of both blacks and whites. However, the vast majority are hard working dedicated men and women who put their lives on the line every time they put on the uniform, badge, and strap on a gun to serve us.

In a few short weeks, we will have a presidential election which will decide the fate of our country.

The Democrats envision a society controlled by the government. They will tear up the Constitution, abolish the Bill of Rights. You will no longer have freedom of speech or religion or the right to lawfully possess guns. They'll decide who have these rights.

They make empty, impossible promises like free health care, free tuition, transform the transportation system, an economy that provides high wages and benefits for everyone, a guaranteed income whether you work or not, in other words Utopia on earth.

In truth, these self righteous hypocritical deceivers enrich themselves at our expense.

Here are some examples.

Joe Biden threatens the president of Ukraine if he doesn't fire the investigator who is investigating his son [1]. He takes his son on a flight to China, millions are pouring into a phony bank account of his son. His family profits millions through corrupt business deals.

The Clintons are just the same. They have one of the worst records in Haiti with no accountability [3].

Just look at many of our major cities which are run by Democratic mayors. Consider New York City [4], Prior to mayor DeBlasio, New York had a thriving economy. No longer so. Crime is running rampant, 300% increase, murder rate doubled. Under his no bail law, violent criminals are being released. The police force is being decimated.

Now contrast this to the Republicans under Trump's presidency. America enjoyed one of the greatest economic recoveries in history. The list of his accomplishments is

historic.

I will list just a few of his accomplishments: record low unemployment; the highest labor participation in history of blacks and hispanics; rebuilt the military; confronted North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un, missiles aren't flying over Japan heading toward Hawaii; Killed the second in command in Iran general Qasem Soliemani who was responsible for the death of thousands of Christians and hundreds of US Soldiers; imposed tariffs on China, established fairer trade agreements (under the Obama-Biden administration, none of this happened, China was ripping us off).

In conclusion, the choice couldn't be clearer. Keep Trump in office. Keep your freedom and prosperity.

Or, vote for Biden and Kamala Harris and go into a socialist, Marxist tyranny controlled by elitist hypocrites.

John Pond, Fairhaven

[1] *Editor's Note: Ukraine prosecutor Viktor Shokin was ousted for just the opposite reason than the Republican talking points say, he was ousted for NOT pursuing corruption cases. It had nothing to do with Biden's son.*

[2] *Editor's Note: Biden's son had an unpaid position on the board of a financial company in China. He acquired a minority stake in the company after his father left office (factcheck.org).*

[3] *Editor's note: Although many have criticized the Clinton Foundation's handling of relief efforts in Haiti after the earthquake in 2010, the foundation's role was not as direct as Republican talking points indicate; of the \$30 million that the foundation itself raised, 100% went to relief efforts, the foundation took no overhead costs. The Foundation is active in Haiti and there are many projects both praised and criticized. (BBC)*

[4] *Editor's note: Major crimes under Mayor Bill DiBlasio are actually down (via factcheck.org); and even counting a spike in murders this year, the murder rate is about "Half as high as it was in Guliani's best year." Bail reform did not eliminate bail, it restructured it, especially for misdemeanors and petty crimes (Washington Post).*

2020-21 BUS ROUTES

Leroy L. Wood Elementary School

60 Sconticut Neck Rd. | Fairhaven, MA 02719 | 508.979.4073

F-1: WOOD SCHOOL

TIME STOP

8:05	COTTONWOOD ST & GOULART MEMORIAL DR
8:13	SCONTICUT NECK RD & CAMEL ST
8:14	SCONTICUT NECK RD & OCEAN AVE
8:15	SCONTICUT NECK RD & CAPEVIEW ST
8:16	SCONTICUT NECK RD & WIGWAM BEACH RD
8:17	SCONTICUT NECK RD & DELMONT ST
8:18	SCONTICUT NECK RD & WAYNE ST
8:19	SCONTICUT NECK RD & DAY ST

F-3: WOOD SCHOOL

TIME STOP

8:08	BOSTON HILL RD & ROSEANNE DR
8:10	ALDEN RD & LONG RD
8:13	SHIRLEY ST & LINCOLN DR
8:14	SCONTICUT NECK RD & HATHAWAY ST
8:16	SCONTICUT NECK RD & BONNEY ST
8:16	SCONTICUT NECK RD & SMITH ST
8:18	SCONTICUT NECK RD & BRIERCLIFF RD
8:19	SCONTICUT NECK RD & SUNSET BEACH RD
8:20	SCONTICUT NECK RD & CHAMBER ST
8:22	SCONTICUT NECK RD & WINSEGANSETT AVE
8:23	732 SCONTICUT NECK RD
8:26	SCONTICUT NECK RD & RUTH ST

F-6: WOOD SCHOOL

TIME STOP

8:06	ADAMS ST & SCHOOL ST
8:08	ADAMS ST & HEMLOCK ST
8:11	CENTURY DR & KACEY LN
8:13	MAIN ST & HEDGE ST
8:14	MAIN ST & TABER ST
8:16	BRIDGE ST & PARK AVE
8:17	BRIDGE ST & MULBERRY ST
8:18	BRIDGE ST & HOMESTEAD AVE
8:19	BRIDGE ST & ROGERS ST
8:20	BRIDGE ST & ROY ST

F-7: WOOD SCHOOL

TIME STOP

8:13	LINDEN AVE & FRANCIS ST
8:15	LINDEN AVE & CASTLE AVE
8:18	NORTH ST & CASTLE AVE

F-8: WOOD SCHOOL

TIME STOP

8:12	SOUTH ST & ROGERS SCHOOL
8:17	GREEN ST & FARMFIELD ST
8:19	GREEN ST & CEDAR ST
8:22	FARMFIELD ST & PLEASANT ST

F-9: WOOD SCHOOL

TIME STOP

8:11	WASHINGTON ST & ELIZABETH ST
8:12	WASHINGTON ST & BRYANT LANE
8:13	WASHINGTON ST & MCGANN TERR
8:14	WASHINGTON ST & ADAMS ST
8:15	WASHINGTON ST & CHESTNUT ST
8:17	MAIN ST & SPRING ST
8:18	SPRING ST & TERRY ST
8:18	SPRING ST & AUTUMN ST
8:22	SPRING ST & ROCHAMBEAU ST

Please note: Afternoon bus drop off times will reflect the NEW school hours for this year.

Leroy L. Wood Elementary 2020-21 school hours:

8:40AM - 1:54PM

Students should arrive to their stop FIVE minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time, and remain at the stop at least FIVE minutes after the scheduled pickup time.

www.FairhavenPS.Org/families_and_students/transportation

CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

East Fairhaven Elementary School

2 New Boston Rd. | Fairhaven, MA 02719 | 508.979.4058

F-2: EAST FAIRHAVEN

TIME STOP

7:55	NARRAGANSETT BLVD & ELMWOOD AVE
7:57	RT 6 & ARSENE ST
8:01	MILL RD & EDDY ST
8:03	MILL RD & MEADOW LANE
8:05	MILL RD & BRIDGE ST
8:07	MILL RD & ANTONE DR
8:09	MILL RD & HIDDEN DR
8:10	BRIDGE ST
8:11	BRIDGE ST & NEW BOSTON RD
8:13	NEW BOSTON RD & CHARITY STEVENS LN
8:14	NEW BOSTON RD

F-4: EAST FAIRHAVEN

TIME STOP

7:45	GELLETTE RD & JUDSON DR
7:45	SHAW RD & BERKLEY DR
7:48	SHAW RD & STONEYCOVE TERR
7:50	SHAW RD & FRUIT STREET
7:52	SHAW RD & FORESTVIEW DR
7:56	SHAW RD & RT 6
8:00	RT 6 & PERRY ST
8:06	RT 6 & JEANNETTE ST
8:09	RT 6 & AKIN ST
8:12	RT 6 & OCEAN MEADOWS
8:16	WEEDEN RD & DARTMOUTH ST
8:19	WEEDEN RD & SHAWMUT ST
8:24	MARK DR & WEEDEN RD

F-5: EAST FAIRHAVEN

TIME STOP

7:56	ALDEN RD & NICHOLAS ST
7:57	ALDEN RD & JESSE ST
7:58	ALDEN RD & DEERFIELD LN
8:01	HARDING RD & SARATOGA ST
8:02	HARDING RD & SYCAMORE ST
8:04	SYCAMORE ST & MAGNOLIA AVE
8:05	SYCAMORE ST & WINSOR ST
8:08	HOWLAND RD & OAK ST
8:11	HOWLAND RD & GARRISON ST

F-10: EAST FAIRHAVEN

TIME STOP

8:15	MAIN ST & ALPINE AVE
8:16	MAIN ST & DEANE ST
8:18	MAIN ST & WILDING ST
8:20	BROWN ST & HOULE ST
8:22	HOWLAND RD & HOPKINS ST

F-11: EAST FAIRHAVEN

TIME STOP

8:15	ALDEN RD & GLENHAVEN AVE
8:18	OLIVER ST & MINA ST
8:20	OLIVER ST & OLIVER ST
8:21	OLIVER ST & RIVARD ST
8:24	ALDEN RD & MANUEL ST

F-12: EAST FAIRHAVEN

TIME STOP

8:18	HUTTLESTON AVE & WEEDEN RD
8:20	BABBITT ST & STUDLEY ST
8:21	HILL ST & BROOK DR

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East Fairhaven Elementary 2020-21 school hours:
8:40AM - 1:54PM

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CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

Fairhaven High School

12 Huttleston Ave. | Fairhaven, MA 02719 | 508.979.4051

2020-21 BUS ROUTES

Elizabeth Hastings Middle

30 School St. | Fairhaven, MA 02719 | 508.979.4063

F-1: FHS/HMS

TIME	STOP
6:48	MISTY BAY RD & BALSAM ST
6:49	FISHERMAN RD & COTTONWOOD ST
6:52	COTTONWOOD ST & GOULART MEMORIAL DR
6:56	SCONTICUT NECK RD & CAMEL STREET
6:59	SCONTICUT NECK RD & GRANDVIEW AVE
7:02	SCONTICUT NECK RD & CAPEVIEW
7:04	SCONTICUT NECK RD & WIGWAM BEACH RD
7:06	SCONTICUT NECK RD & WAYNE ST
7:08	SCONTICUT NECK RD & DAY ST
7:10	SCONTICUT NECK RD & TIMOTHY ST

F-2: FHS/HMS

TIME	STOP
6:50	NEW BOSTON RD & ALEXANDER LN
6:52	NEW BOSTON RD
6:54	NEW BOSTON RD & CHARITY STEVENS LN
7:00	NEW BOSTON RD & BRIDGE ST
7:07	MILL RD & SHADY DR
7:09	MILL RD & HIDDEN DR
7:10	MILL RD & BRIDGE ST
7:12	MILL RD & MEADOW ST
7:15	MILL RD & EDDY ST

F-3: FHS/HMS

TIME	STOP
6:43	SCONTICUT NECK RD & JAMESON ST
6:46	SCONTICUT NECK RD & MANHATTAN AVE
6:48	SCONTICUT NECK RD & HATHAWAY ST
6:51	SCONTICUT NECK RD & BONNEY ST
6:55	SCONTICUT NECK RD & SMITH ST
6:58	SCONTICUT NECK RD & SUNSET BEACH RD
7:01	SCONTICUT NECK RD & BRIERCLIFF RD
7:03	SCONTICUT NECK RD & WINSEGANSETT AVE
7:04	SCONTICUT NECK RD & RUTH ST
7:07	SCONTICUT NECK RD & GOULART MEMORIAL DR

F-4: FHS/HMS

TIME	STOP
7:05	GELLETTE RD & JUDSON DR
7:09	SHAW RD & STONEY COVE TERR
7:10	SHAW RD & FORESTVIEW DR
7:12	RT 6 & SHAW RD
7:13	RT 6 & SYLVIA ST
7:14	RT 6 & JEANNETTE ST
7:16	RT 6 & NASKETUCKET WAY
7:18	RT 6 & OCEAN MEADOWS

F-5: FHS/HMS

TIME	STOP
7:00	ALDEN RD & TOOTLE LN
7:02	ALDEN RD & DEERFIELD LN
7:04	ALDEN RD & FAITH AVE
7:06	ALDEN RD & OLIVER ST
7:09	ALDEN RD & SHARON ST
7:12	STAFFON RD & LONG RD

F-6: FHS/HMS

TIME	STOP
7:00	HUTTLESTON AVE & ARSENE ST
7:04	WEEDEN RD & BABBITT ST
7:05	WEEDEN RD & MARK DR
7:07	BABBITT ST & STUDLEY ST
7:09	HILL ST & BROOK DR
7:12	RT 6 & GELLETTE RD

F-7: FHS/HMS

TIME	STOP
6:55	SHIRLEY ST & HAMPTON WAY
6:59	NARRAGANSETT BLVD & ELMWOOD AVE
7:05	ALDEN RD & LAURA LN
7:08	BOSTON HILL RD & ROSEANNE DR
7:14	OLIVER ST & OLIVER ST

Please note: Afternoon bus drop off times will reflect the NEW school hours for this year.

Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle 2020-21 school hours: 7:45AM-1:24PM

Fairhaven High 2020-21 school hours: 7:35AM-1:03PM

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