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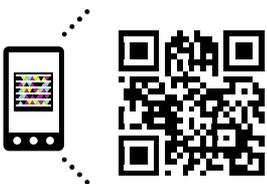
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Huttleston Marketplace opens for the season



The Huttleston Marketplace opens for the season on 5/22/21 on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School and the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center, and features 68 vendors on opening day. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

YIKES! It's almost June already. This cold weather makes that seem impossible. But, they tell me that this week we'll have some super hot weather...for a day? That's how it's been going, one day hot, one day cold.



Beth David, Publisher

It also means the high school graduation is coming up in a couple of weeks. This week, THIS Friday, TOMORROW, is the deadline if you want to get an ad in the special graduation issue. We published one last year to give the graduating seniors something special in such a crazy year. The school sponsored the issue so it could include the pictures of all the seniors and other special content. It was quite the keepsake issue...if I do say so, myself (ahem).

They decided to do the same thing this year and I hope it will be as great as last year. One of the things that made last year's issue so good was the support from the parents and community. So many people ran ads in it.

So, let's see if we can show this year's class some community support. See details on page 3.

Speaking of page 3, this will be our last weekly COVID update. The state of emergency is ending on 6/15, so I think the weekly accounts are no longer necessary. We will still report on any significant changes, though.

Meanwhile, it's Memorial Day weekend. We have no parade, but there are a few events that people may want to attend, and the cable access crew has created a video to commemorate the day. See page 5 for those.

We also have a town meeting coming up (see page 4) and it looks like it's going to be a long one. I love town meeting, but not if it becomes a week long event. And I'm not particularly fond of the remote/Zoom thing either. Sitting at home has its advantages, but there's no substitute for being in the room. And it's way more fun in person. Let's hope this is the last one that's forced Zoom. I think it would be great if some people could still participate remotely, just not everyone, okay?

There's other stuff in here, of course. But you'll have to turn the pages. While you do that, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really? Cool.

# COVID update: Fully remote meetings to end on June 15

By Beth David  
Editor

Massachusetts has fully vaccinated more than three million residents, and is on track to have four million fully vaccinated by early June.

Active cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19 are down dramatically.

All seven state-run mass vaccination clinics do not require an appointment. The nearest mass vaccination site is in Dartmouth at the former Circuit City, 456 Faunce Corner Road. Call 888-702-9042 for more information. Visit <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov> for other vaccination sites, including individual pharmacies.

Stop & Shop has announced that its pharmacies in the area also have the vaccine and will administer the shot by appointment or for walk-ins. Call your local S&S for details.

Anyone aged 12 and older is now eligible to be vaccinated, although all three vaccines are not approved for the younger age group. Call to find out which vaccine is being administered at the site you are using.

The governor's new order removes the mask mandate as of 5/29 in most situations.

"Most restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, will be rescinded effective May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents," said the governor's office in a press release on 5/25/21.

Effective June 15, the state of emergency will end in Massachusetts. The state of emergency included measures that allowed temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and billing protections for COVID-19 patients.

A bill filed by Governor Baker on 5/25 will extend these provisions related to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law until September 1, 2021, which will allow additional time to consider possible permanent changes to the open meeting law to provide for greater flexibility in conducting open meetings through reliance on electronic streaming and similar measures.

The bill will also grant municipalities authority to extend special permits for restaurants offering outdoor dining issued under the State of Emergency through November 29, 2021.

Last week, Governor Baker announced that on May 29, all industries will be permitted to open.

With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

The Fairhaven Selectboard voted on 5/25 to have all employees return to work in Town Hall beginning 6/1, instead of working remotely. Masks will still be required in Town Hall until further notice. The board will revisit the requirement in about a month. Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves made the recommendation citing that New Bedford is a high risk area and there is no way to know if people entering the building have been vaccinated.

## CONGRATULATE FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

The community is invited to join in the fun of giving the class of 2021 a special send-off into the world. They have not had a traditional senior year due to COVID-19 restrictions, so the school is sponsoring a special issue of the *Neighb News* on 6/10/21. The public is invited to purchase ads at a special rate to congratulate seniors.

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# Fairhaven Town Meeting facing 61 articles

Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The 2021 Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting Warrant was closed and signed during a short meeting of the Selectboard on May 14 when the board wrapped up its recommendations for the remaining few articles totaling 61 altogether.

The meeting is set to begin on Saturday, 6/12, at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves asked the board to approve continuing Town Meeting into Monday, June 14, and possibly Tuesday, June 15 as she anticipates it could likely spill into two more evenings. If it does, Town Meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

The board will be recommending the Indefinite postponement of article 19, which was to transfer a sum of free cash to the capital stabilization fund. Ms. Graves said it would not be funded this year, and the board made the recommendation.

During its May 10 meeting, the board held off on making a recommendation on part C of Article 23, the Community Preservation Program

appropriations, where it would appropriate \$80,000 to fund the Academy Building "front door."

On 5/10, Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas wanted to find out what the Town would be getting for \$80,000, an amount he thought seemed high for a door. On 5/14, he read an email explaining that in addition to a custom solid oak door and solid wood exterior storm door, the sidewalk would be upgraded, the entrance improved to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications, custom trim, wiring, decorative lighting for nighttime safety, and new uniform steps.

The board voted to recommend adoption.

At Ms. Graves's advice, the board will make its recommendation for Article 33 at Town Meeting, which is for the land acquisition and engineering design services for a public safety facility at 172 Bridge Street through a land swap of the pier, formerly a public landing, boat ramp, and 49 rods at the west end of Bridge Street.

Ms. Graves said the deal is still in the preliminary stages of negotiation,

and the board may have further information at its next meeting on June 1 if the other party's attorney responds to town counsel before then.

Ms. Graves also advised the board to wait until Town Meeting for its recommendation on Article 45 to transfer money from surplus revenue for the reduction of the tax levy. She said, at this time, the town does not have any surplus revenue.

The board then voted to make its recommendation at Town Meeting on Article 57, which would address funding for rehabilitation of the newer wing of Rogers School to lease the space to the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC). Right now, the article serves as a placeholder until reliable financial data can be obtained.

The board will also hold off until Town Meeting for its recommendation on Article 58 to purchase or take via eminent domain property referred to as 0 North Street to address drainage. Ms. Graves said the years-long process still has some steps to complete before the board can make

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Gift Memorial Tree Project

The Town of Fairhaven's Tree Department is kick starting a new initiative to make Fairhaven an even greener and more beautiful place with "The Gift Memorial Tree Project". With this program any resident, former resident, or Fairhaven or Tree fan can have a tree planted in honor of someone's passing, a birthday, a graduation, or any life event one feels memorable. Or maybe just because you just like trees.

The sponsor will be asked for input as to the general location of the tree and species which is location driven. The tree will be planted the next available planting season which runs late winter to mid spring. The sponsor will also receive notice in advance of the planting so they can attend the planting and say a few words in honor of the event.

The cost per tree is about \$300. Some trees are more but few are less. This pays for a 2" -2.5" caliper tree, usually 6-8 feet tall, the fertilizer, mulch, stakes, a water bag and any other planting supplies. The actual planting will be done by volunteers and the tree department. Any amount can be donated. Some is always more than none and all is appreciated.

Make checks out to "The Town of Fairhaven" and in the lower left area for description put "Gift Memorial Tree."

Please mail to Town of Fairhaven, Attention Tree Department, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. 02719. Please include a letter with the following: Your name and address; contact information, telephone number or email; who the tree is for and what's the occasion; some background on the person is nice but not mandatory; the general location of where you would like the tree planted. The tree department will get back to you on species selection and other details.

Once the tree is planted the sponsor will receive a certificate with the honoree's information on it as well as the location of the tree and species. The town's tree department will ensure care of the tree and should the planting fail it will be replaced the next planting season. Trees don't fail often but it's nice to know you have some kind of insurance that your tree will grow.

Thank you and be green, Don C. Collasius, Town of Fairhaven Tree warden

## Mem. Day Ceremony online

The town of Fairhaven Government/Community Access TV has prepared a video to commemorate Memorial Day in lieu of the parade that was canceled due to the pandemic.

The video features town officials and veterans and will be available starting on Memorial Day, Mon., 5/31.

Visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com>

## Mem. Day Events

While Covid 19 may have cancelled Memorial Day parades and tributes in Fairhaven and across the nation this year, the Fairhaven Lions Club has several events scheduled in town to remember our fallen soldiers and deceased residents.

The first event will occur at **8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31st** with a dedication to Angelo F. Puente who passed away on March 12, 2016. Angelo was a WWII army veteran serving with the 24th Coast Artillery Harbor Defense as well as an active member and past president of the Fairhaven Lions. His military flag will be raised at the "Highway Memorial" on Main Street and I-195 in a brief ceremony marking Angelo's commitment to his country and many civic organizations in town.

**At 9:00 a.m. we will be raising the "Giant Flag" at Fairhaven High School.** There will be a brief ceremony commemorating this day with guest speakers and a solo by Fairhaven's own Emma Whynacht. Immediately following the ceremony an antique car cruise will leave from the high school and travel through town escorted by the Fairhaven Police Dept.

**At 4:00 p.m.** we will return to the Highway Memorial site for a more involved affair retiring the flag of Angelo Puente in a formal flag service and final tribute to this army veteran and public servant.

The last event will be **returning to the high school at 6:00 p.m.** where the "Giant Flag" will be lowered and a beautiful new flag will be presented to the high school by the Fairhaven Lions Club in memory of Angelo

Puente. Guest speakers will include Bill Moniz, current president and Bill Kligel, incoming president.

The public is invited and we hope to have a large turnout at each location to pay our respects on this Memorial Day.

## Pickleball Workshops

Fairhaven residents, learn to play pickleball. FREE workshops, 4:30-6 p.m. at Cushman Park in Fairhaven: Wed., 6/2; Mon., 6/7; Wed., 6/9, Mon., 6/14; Wed., 6/16. Pickleballs provided; bring your own graphite paddle.

To register on our interactive player site and to sign up for the beginner clinics, visit <https://fairhavenpickleball.playerlineup.com> or call Ken Pottel, 508-280-3150.

Visit <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com>

## FHS Drama Club

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club presents *Ghost Light Theater*, a mosaic of 14 musical and monologue performances from 2020's canceled *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Ghost Light Theater releases on Fairhaven's Educational Access Channel 9 on Friday, May 28, at 7:00 pm. Viewers can also watch the performance on Fairhaven's Web streaming Website.

The Drama Club Company has also developed a website that offers viewers the opportunity to see all performances. Fairhaven Public Schools will share the website with the school community on May 28, 2021.

Ghost Light Theater releases on Fairhaven's Educational Access Channel 9 on Friday, May 28, at 7:00 pm. Find the link at <https://www.fhsart.net>. You may also view the performance on the Drama Club's website at <https://sites.google.com/fairhavenps.net/fhs-drama-club> (NOTE: The website will not be live until 5/28)

## Suddenly in command

Would you know what to do if the Captain of the boat became ill?

What if a passenger falls over

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*The Friends of the Millicent Library  
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# **2020/2021 Annual Meeting**

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*Elisabeth Botelho,  
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# Cooke Park project almost completed

*J.E. Ingoldsby, ASLA*

The Cooke Memorial Park Drainage Basin is both a functional and aesthetic fixture at the base of Cherry Street and Pilgrim Avenue in Fairhaven. Over the past three years the Drainage Basin is methodically being transformed with the assistance of J.E. Ingoldsby, ASLA, the Poverty Point neighbors, the town of Fairhaven DPW, and with Fairhaven Cultural Council grants. The basin and basin surround have been weeded and loamed and Japanese perennial plants and Japanese flowering cherry trees added to reflect the nearness of the Whitfield-Manjiro House on Cherry Street and Friendship Society — Crossing Oceans, Connecting Cultures.

The extended three-month drought of 2020 has shown the need for low maintenance, xeric plantings suitable for the location. In 2021, we supplemented the earlier earthwork with Fairhaven DPW screened loam and planting of sand plain plant materials suitable for sandy soil and coastal conditions in full sun.

Beach plums, bayberry bushes, dwarf beach roses, sweet fern, and

sea lavender were added to the plant palette. In autumn additional Narcissus and Scilla will be planted to brighten the park in April. A commitment from the town of Fairhaven and from the neighbors will allow this project to blossom to its full potential. This will take an investment of time and money. To fully fund this Poverty Point project tax deductible donations can be made to the: Town of Fairhaven — DPW Gift Account — Cooke Memorial Park Fund, and mailed to: Fairhaven Department of Public Works, 5 Arsene St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Further work in 2021, includes transforming the Cooke Memorial Basin interior into a Japanese style dry garden with beach stone edging and sea shell floor, which will reflect its coastal location, yet allow for full percolation of

flood waters.

There is a proposal in review to install a nineteenth century sailing ship anchor within the center of the basin. The anchor would reference Captain Whitfield with an interpretive plaque. Historical Commission member, Gary Lavalette is leading this effort .

The Cooke Memorial Park Basin, once neglected is being reclaimed and adopted by our Poverty Point friends and neighbors and the Town of Fairhaven DPW and Fairhaven Cultural Council.



The Cooke Memorial Park Drainage Basin is both a functional and aesthetic fixture at the base of Cherry Street and Pilgrim Avenue in Fairhaven, a transformation project that has been ongoing since 2019. Photo submitted by J. E. Ingoldsby, ASLA.

**Leon Correy for Fairhaven Selectman**

Fairhaven, I invite you to join me for "Coffee with the Candidate." As a candidate in the upcoming Special Election, I am eager to share my platform with you and hear all the questions and concerns of the people.

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Online Zoom class on Wed., 6/9, 7-9 p.m. Pre-register at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/publiced>

Class is FREE to all!!

Misfortune occurs in seconds, and you have the rest of your life to be grateful that you knew what to do because you were prepared.

Plan to attend this class and be more confident and prepared for the upcoming boating season!

### Huttleston Marketplace

The Huttleston Marketplace will begin be open on Saturdays through 9/18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on at the Fairhaven Visitors Center lawn/Fairhaven High School lawn, 141 Main St., Fairhaven. Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring more than 65 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is held rain or shine.

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov) or 508-979-4085.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/> or visit the website: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

### Nomination papers

Nomination papers are available for a single seat on the Fairhaven Selectboard for the special election on 7/26. Voters will be asked to vote yes or no on recalling Fairhaven Selectboard member Daneil Freitas, and then voters will be asked to vote for someone to fill the seat.

Candidates need to get 50 signatures of registered voters in Fairhaven to be on the ballot.

Contact the Town Clerk, 508-979-4023 ext. 3 for details.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### COVID Inter-Faith Service

An inter-faith service of remembrance. A service in memory of honor and of hope, **Sun., 5/30, 4-5 p.m., Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford.**

Streamed live on [www.whalingcitycatholics.org](http://www.whalingcitycatholics.org) click on livestream and Holy Name.

After a year of COVID-19 and what it's meant to an isolated community, we're coming together to remember those we've lost, to honor those who worked tirelessly on the frontlines to keep us safe and talking about the hope we have for the future. Vaccinations will be available on site in the community room from 3-5 p.m.

Face masks are still required.

Sponsored by the Inter-Church Council and the Greater Faith Community with deep gratitude to our host Fr. Michael Racine and the Holy Family of the Sacred Heart Church.

### Something Fishy

Something Fishy Summer Camp 2021 Applications are Open! Two one-week sessions of Something Fishy Summer Camp will be offered this summer for free! Campers will learn about the Port of New Bedford from whaling days to the present through hands-on activities in marine science

and the arts, daily field trips, and guest presenters.

All current New Bedford 3rd graders/rising 4th graders are welcome to apply. **Applications are due June 1st.** For applications visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/something-fishy-camp/>

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

Something Fishy Camp is produced by New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center in partnership with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Whaling History Alliance. Funding is provided by New Bedford Day Nursery, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, BayCoast Bank, and a Community Funding Grant from the Bristol County District Attorney.

### Science Cafe

Please join us for a VIRTUAL New Bedford Science Café on Tues., 6/1, at 7 p.m. Our guest Keith Lovett, Director of the Buttonwood Park Zoo and wildlife conservationist, will discuss "The Role of the Modern Zoo; Utilizing genetic science for the conservation of species." Gone is the menagerie style of public zoo animal displays. As Keith will tell us more about, given today's plight of many wildlife species becoming threatened or endangered, the modern zoo is working to maintain sustainable,

genetically diverse animal populations as well as conserve species in the wild.

Register in advance: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HsAnLJVqRjC\\_exOR8qvb5Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HsAnLJVqRjC_exOR8qvb5Q) After registering, you will receive information about joining our Zoom event. This Zoom presentation is made possible through a partnership with New Bedford Whaling Museum.

For recordings of previous events, visit: <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com>

### Walk-in Vax

To expand access and raise awareness of availability of vaccinations, walk-in appointments are now accepted to receive an immunization at more than than 250 of Stop & Shop's pharmacy locations across the Northeast, however customers can still schedule appointments on Stop & Shop's website. Customers can simply walk-in to their nearest pharmacy to receive either the Moderna and Pfizer series, or single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

### Nomination Papers

Nomination papers may now be obtained from the Election Commission Office in New Bedford City Hall, 133 William Street, Room 114. Under current office hours due to COVID-19,

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## STILL OVERTOWN

the Election Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. Nomination papers are available for the following offices: Assessor-at-Large, School Committee, Councillors-at-Large, and Ward Councillors.

Candidates must obtain 50 certified signatures in order to be eligible to appear on the Preliminary Municipal Election ballot, which New Bedford voters will consider on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. The final day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners for certifica-

tion of signatures is August 10, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. Nomination papers must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners by 5:00 p.m.

The Preliminary Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. The Final Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

### SAVE THE DATES

#### Open House

At Our Sisters School, Sat., 6/5, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 45 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, MA 02740. For

girls in grades 5-8.

#### Plays in the Garden

June 5th 4:30pm, June 6th 2:30 and 4:30pm All Performances Free; Donations Accepted.

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### Duck Race

Annual Acushnet Lions Club Duck Race The Ducks Are Back! The annual Acushnet Lions Rubber Duck race is finally here! We have 1000 ducks that need adopting, \$10 each. All money goes to eye research. The race will be held at the Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Sun., 6/20, at NOON. Buy tickets at practically anywhere in town, including Town Hall, River's End, or call Duckmaster Joe Costa, 508-971- 1859. Lots of fun, lots of great places to watch the ducks float down the river from the Sawmill to the finish line at River View Park in Acushnet. 1st Prize, \$1,000; 2nd Prize, \$500; 3rd Prize, \$250; Gift Certificates.

### Bird Club

Thurs., 5/27, 7:00 PM, Osprey on the Massachusetts South Coast

Did you know that Westport, MA is home to one of the densest Osprey populations in the world? Join us to learn all about these unique fish-eating raptors, from their nesting behavior and what makes a successful nest site, to the story of how community efforts in Westport brought Osprey from the brink of DDT-induced extirpation to the thriving population we see today.

Katelyn Depot holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology and has worked on Mass Audubon's South Coast Osprey Project for five years, first as an intern and then as the Osprey field technician at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. During the summer, she monitors about 100 Osprey nests in Westport. She also spent one summer working on an Osprey recovery project in Illinois.

Free. All are welcome. To find out more and to register email Justin Barrett at [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com) or visit [www.massbird.org/Nasketucket](http://www.massbird.org/Nasketucket)

### Harbor Days

Harbor Days kicks off on Saturday July 10 and culminates with our craft fair on Saturday July 17-18 with many great events during the week.

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### Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate DNRT's 50th Birthday by finding and photographing 50 items on DNRT Reserves from among the 70 items listed on the "Discover DNRT Scavenger Hunt" checklist. Each entrant will receive a DNRT Guide to Outdoor Recreation in Dartmouth (a \$15 value!), which contains over 70 full color pages featuring all of DNRT's reserves and trail maps, as well as other non-profit, state, and town lands. Those who successfully take and submit photos of 50 items will win an exclusive DNRT canvas boat tote bag (not available for sale elsewhere).

This is a great activity for individuals, families, and friends! Get

outdoors and enjoy the lovely spring weather while discovering new places and exploring old favorites.

**Registration is \$25 per entrant (can be individual or team)** and the contest will end on October 31, 2021.

### BBC Summer

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has announced a full schedule of FREE outdoor activities for the summer, resuming its Bay Adventure program, which aims to connect people to outdoor fun on Buzzards Bay and its watershed lands.

The nearly 30 activities planned for this summer range from stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, and fishing to trail running, cycling, and snorkeling, among other things. And the program offers opportunities for children, adults, and families in communities throughout the region, from Westport to Falmouth.

In most cases, the offerings provide an introduction to activities that may be new to the participants, such as the "learn to quahog" sessions that will be offered monthly during the summer. The programs are led by knowledgeable volunteer guides and include partnerships with a number of businesses, local municipalities, and other local conservation organizations.

Activities are free, but registration is required as space is limited. Visit <http://savebuzzardsbay.org/events>.

The schedule begins with kayaking on Agawam Mill Pond in Wareham on 6/2, and continues throughout the summer, ending with a bird-watching walk at Gooseberry Island in Westport on Sunday, Aug. 29.

# Recipe of the Week

## No Bake Peanut Butter Pie

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup milk
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crusts

Beat together cream cheese and confectioners' sugar. Mix in peanut butter and milk. Beat until smooth. Fold in whipped topping.

Spoon into two 9 inch graham cracker pie shells; cover, and freeze until firm.

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# Dear Frankie



## Spring Fashions & the Soaps

*Dear Frankie,*  
Moxie and Maude are my dog park friends. The other day we were looking through an old fashion magazine that someone left on a bench.

Maude asked, "What do you think the fashion trends will be for the spring?"

I said, "That's easy, all you have to do is watch the soaps to see what the leading ladies are wearing. They are known for wearing the most up-to-the-minute fashions."

Moxie tuned to me and asked in a haughty voice, "You watch the soaps?"

"Sure," I said. "Doesn't everyone?"

Maude said, "I can't speak for everyone, but my family only watches the evening news."

Moxie piped up and said her family only watched Masterpiece Theatre and PBS.

Why were they making such a big deal about the programs our families watch on TV?

*Perplexed, Jane*

*Dear Jane,*  
That's an excellent question, Jane,

and the plain and simple answer is Moxie and Maude were acting like snobs. They were implying that the programs their families watches were far more intellectual and cultured than the programs your family watches. Believe me; If these two were as bright as they profess to be, they wouldn't need to put you down over the TV programs your family watches, to make themselves look good. What they said to you was mean and rude. Unfortunately, teenage girls Moxie and Maude's age think it's cool to criticize other people.

As a columnist, I meet many intellectuals like myself. I know for a fact that when many of us go on vacation, we read trashy novels and the gossip papers sold at the grocery check-out line. And why do we do that? I'll tell you why: To relax and get away from our high-pressured lives and jobs. As far as I know, none of us have lost any IQ points because of our vacation reading habits. Definitely share my letter with Moxie and Maude. Jeez, the nerve of them.

*Best, Frankie*

PS My Mom likes General Hospital. My favorite is Young and Restless.

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# BPW chooses reps for Marine Resources, hires HMEO

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 5/17 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator, and discussed a water and sewer abatement with a town resident.

BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado announced to the board that the new Sewer Superintendent, Rene Robillard, was again not able to make the meeting because he is still ill.

Mr. Furtado suggested that the board still set Mr. Robillard's salary at the meeting even though Mr. Robillard was not able to make it.

Board member Cameron Durant asked if there was something else Mr. Robillard wanted to discuss with the board.

Mr. Furtado said that Mr. Robillard just wanted to introduce himself to the board and the town.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that Mr. Robillard has worked for the Sewer Department for 30 years and deserves to start as Superintendent on Step Four of the salary scale.

The board voted unanimously to set Mr. Robillard's salary at Grade 20, Step Four.

In another matter the board voted to keep Mr. Hobson as the BPW representative on the Marine Resources Committee. BPW Board member Frank Coelho said he was

not interested in being on the Marine Resources Committee anymore, because he had finished all his projects with them.

The board voted unanimously for Mr. Hobson to remain the Marine Resources Committee representative.

In another matter the board interviewed Jared Amaral for Heavy Motor Equipment Operator.

Mr. Furtado said he highly recommended Mr. Amaral and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau did, too.

Mr. Amaral said he had 18 years experience as a machinist, and has been working with trees the last few years.

Board member Marcus Ferro said he trusted the recommendations of Mr. Furtado and Mr. Charbonneau.

Mr. Hobson said he was very impressed by Mr. Amaral, and someone like him would be good for the department.

The board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Amaral as HMEO.

The board also met with resident Derek Camara about a water abatement on Sebec Street.

Mr. Furtado explained that Mr. Camara had an unusually high water bill due to a toilet leak recently. Mr. Furtado explained that water abatements are not allowed, but there could be a possibility of a sewer abatement.

Mr. Camara said he was just

looking for some help and that he had no idea there was a toilet leak until he got the high water bill from the town. When he saw the bill, he went looking for a leak and found one in his toilet.

Mr. Camara said that there has to be something the board can do and that he is just looking for some compassion. He also said if the town issued water bills more frequently he would have been able to catch the leak sooner.

Mr. Furtado explained that the new water meter system will be able to detect a leak much quicker.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton asked Mr. Camara if he has a bill from a licensed plumber that fixed the toilet to prove he had a leak,

Mr. Camara said he fixed the toilet himself but he has his bank statements that will show the parts he purchased to fix the toilet.

Mr. Wotton explained that if Mr. Camara brings in those documents and they can prove that it was leak and did not go through the sewer, Mr. Camara might be able to get an abatement for the sewer.

Mr. Wotton said abatements for water do not happen.

Mr. Durant explained that the water was used and was paid for by the town, so it does not matter that it was a leak; the water was still used, which is why they cannot give water abatements.

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# Huttleston Marketplace opens for the season

By Beth David  
Editor

The day was perfect for outdoor activities on Saturday as the Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven opened for the season, with lots of sun, warm, not too hot, and a bit of a breeze to keep things comfortable. And it seemed that everyone was definitely ready to enjoy a “normal” seasonal event. Masks were still required, and most people complied. But, this week, masks will be optional, as the Governor’s new guidelines do not require masks as of 5/29. The booths are still spaced seven feet apart, but that still means there’s room for 68 vendors.

Items for sale include hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods.

On Saturday, vendors said they were very pleased with the turnout and the crowd

“It was amazing,” said Doug Bingham, describing a two to three hour stretch when the sun came out and the place was packed on Saturday.

He and his wife Barbara, of B&B Originals sell hand made fabric items, like tote bags and pouches, and wood crafts, such as decorative items and walking sticks. They have been at the marketplace for four seasons.

“We love being part of it,” said Mr. Bingham, adding they have met some “interesting folks,” including people from the neighborhood.

He said they see the same faces, but also new faces every year.

Oh, and they make sales, too.

Kari Miller of C h o o s e Happiness, which sells t-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts, said it was “fantastic.”

She said the crowd was steady all day, with people from all over, not just locals.

“Everybody’s happy they’re outside,” said Ms. Miller, adding that there seemed to be more people than in past years. This is her fourth season.

Chris Richard, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism Director, who organizes the event, said it was a “good opening day.”

“Just the fact that there was an



Doug Bingham relaxes in a chair next to the wooden walking sticks that he sells at his booth, B&B Originals, that he and his wife Barbara operate, at the first Huttleston Marketplace of the season on 5/22/21 on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School and the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center. Photo by Beth David.

opening day,” he said.

The Marketplace takes place rain or shine every Saturday through September 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

For more information, visit <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/> or call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085, or email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov)



LEFT: The Teal Farm sells vegetable seedlings and flowers at the first Huttleston Marketplace of the season on 5/22/21 on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School and the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center. RIGHT: Lisa Elliott staffs her booth, featuring handwoven wearables and home accessories. Photos by Beth David.

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a sound recommendation.

Before closing the warrant, Mr. Freitas motioned to reconsider the board's prior votes on Articles 49, 52, and 53, which in a 2-1 vote (Selectboard member Bob Espindola dissenting), the board recommended passing over the three citizens petitions.

Ms. Graves said Town Counsel Tom Crotty suggested the two boards change its recommendation to indefinite postponement instead. The night before, on 5/13, Finance Committee Chairperson Padraic Elliot questioned Ms. Graves about the Selectboard's recommendation to pass over the three articles, saying that he did not believe the board could do that.

As he recalled, Mr. Elliott said, whenever the town administrator said "pass over" at Town Meeting, there was no vote, and the article was simply skipped because it was the board petitioning the article. With a citizens petition, a resident is the petitioner.

Article 49, petitioned by former Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg, proposes establishing an ethics committee. Mr. Freitas commented on 5/14 that since the town already has "human resources," it does not need an ethics committee.

Article 52, also petitioned by Ms. Freire-Kellogg, proposed amending the town's recall election bylaw to reduce the required petition signatures from 20% to 10% of registered voters.

Article 53, petitioned by Planning Board member John Farrell, suggests the same but proposes increasing the allowed time to gather signatures

from 14 days to 30 days.

Mr. Espindola again voted against the recommendation favored by Mr. Freitas and Selectboard member Keith Silvia, saying he preferred to recommend yielding to the petitioner, given that they are citizens petitions and will still be heard at Town Meeting regardless of how the Selectboard votes.

He suggested the board simply allow the discussion to "play out" on the virtual Town Meeting floor instead of interfering and essentially recommending "that we don't want to hear that."

The Finance Committee on 5/13 saw several votes that were not unanimous on several articles, some as split as 5-3, which Mr. Elliot said is significant enough to warrant a minority report should the dissenting side so choose. One such article was number 28, proposing \$43,000 for two boat engines for the harbormaster, in favor of recommendation.

FinCom also saw 5-3 votes to recommend Articles 39 and 45, \$25,000 requested from the Historical Commission for historical street lamps in the center, and \$10,000 to fund a nine-member town charter study committee, respectively.

The FinCom held off on making a recommendation on item G of Article 14, the capital planning article that includes a \$20,000 plotter scanner. A plotter scanner is a large-format scanner suitable for scanning large documents such as blueprints; however, the FinCom's concern is that this would likely result in the need to hire contractors to help operate the scanner. Mr. Elliot said he

is reluctant to support purchasing a piece of equipment that current employees might not be able to operate and would result in more expenses. He suggested a proposed plan for its use should accompany a request such as that.

Ms. Graves said the scanner would help free up space used for storing years of blueprints.

"I do think we are owed some sort of a plan of how it's going to be used," said Mr. Elliot. He said a money request could even include training for staff if that were an option.

The committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

FinCom will also make its recommendation at Town Meeting for the following articles: Articles 33 and 45 (as did the Selectboard on 5/14 the following day), Article 55, a citizens petition from Board of Public Works member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson requesting two street lights on Saltmarsh Road (the numbering of the poles appears to be inaccurate), Article 57 about the Rogers School new wing renovation, and Article 58 about the North Street land acquisition.

The FinCom will be issuing a statement about Article 47, a citizens petition submitted by School Committee member Donna McKenna proposing to increase the Selectboard from three to five members. The statement will mention that the FinCom would support setting aside only \$25,000 for Selectboard salaries in future budgets, which would equal \$5,000 annually per board member. Selectboard members are currently paid \$6686 a year.

## Special election nomination papers available

The Fairhaven special town election is scheduled for Monday, 7/26, and nomination papers are available.

**Thursday, June 03, 2021 - 5:00 PM**  
Last day and hour for requesting nomination papers. Papers require 50 CERTIFIED SIGNATURES

**Monday, June 7, 2021, - 5:00 PM**  
Last day and hour for filing all nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters (Town Clerk's Office).

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021 - 5:00 PM**  
Last day and hour to withdraw or object to nomination papers.

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021** Last day to register voters for the Town Election.

The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM on this day.

**Tuesday, July 20, 2021** Last day to request a MAIL-IN absentee ballot for the Special Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on this day.

**Friday, July 23, 2021-12:00PM (noon)** Last day/time to request an IN-PERSON Absentee Ballot in the Town Clerk's office.

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday in the Town Clerk's Office, on-line or through a mail-in registration form.

### Mail-in/Absentee Ballots

As always, Mail-in/Absentee ballots must be requested in writing by either the voter or the voter's family member. If you would like to request an absentee ballot, you may submit an application or a signed letter to the Town Clerk's Office. You can find the application in our office, on our webpage, on the Mass.gov website, or you can request one to be mailed to you.

For regulations on mail-in/absentee ballots, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/recallspecial-town-election-july-26-2021> or call the town clerk's office, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Senior to Open on 6/1

As of June 1st the Fairhaven Senior Center will be open: Osteo Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30-9:45 a.m. Chair Yoga Monday and Thursday 10:15-11:15 a.m. Mah Jongg Tuesdays 10:00-2:00 p.m. Pitch on Thursdays only 12:30-3:00 p.m. Bingo on Fridays 1-3:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group 1st Wednesday of the month 1-2:00 p.m. LGBT Supper Club 4th Wednesday of the month 5-7:00 p.m. Fit Quest on Thursdays 9-10:00 a.m. Legal with Attorney Suzanne Sequin on Wednesdays please call the Senior Center 508-979-4029 for appointment. Wednesdays Mall Trips will start on July 7, 2021 please call Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up.

haven residents ages 14+ More information and registration: <http://bit.ly/fcwp2021> Questions? Please email Stephanie Trott at [fairhavenwriters@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenwriters@gmail.com)

### Fairhaven Council Music Series

1:00-2:00 p.m. Outdoors at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

Wednesday June 16th Jordan Paiva, Wednesday July 21st Jordan Paiva, Wednesday August 18th TBA and Wednesday September 15th TBA. Chairs will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Light refreshments will be provided by the Atria of Fairhaven, Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up.

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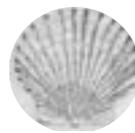
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# Acushnet Selectboard grants Class III License

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 5/17 the Acushnet Selectboard made a decision in regards to a Class III license for the Rep/Weld Corporation, discussed vacation carryovers for union members, and adding an additional employee to the Recycling Center.

First, the Selectboard reorganized due to the recent election. Board member David Wojnar said he has loved working with David Desroches and was excited to continue working with him.

Mr. Wojnar then nominated Mr. Desroches to be Chairperson, which Mr. Desroches agreed to, passing 2-0.

Mr. Desroches and Mr. Wojnar attended the meeting in person; board member Kevin Gaspar was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Desroches thanked Mr. Wojnar and said it was always a pleasure to work with him as well.

Mr. Wojnar also congratulated Mr. Gaspar on winning the election, and said he looked forward to working with Mr. Gaspar.

In another matter the board briefly discussed the updates on the Lake Street improvement project. Mr. Wojnar said the project is moving forward and the Lake Street Improvement Committee selected the company Solitude to do the work.

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Mr. Wojnar explained that New Bedford has ownership of the body of water and parking lot on Lake Street, so they also need to get an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) from the city of New Bedford. Mr. Wojnar said that the city of New Bedford said they would approve the

project as long as the proper paperwork is submitted.

Mr. Desroches thanked Mr. Wojnar and the Lake Street Improvement Committer for their great progress on the project. Mr. Desroches asked what the estimated schedule for the project is.

Mr. Wojnar said pending New Bedford's approval they are hoping to start in June or July.

The board voted to award the contract to Solitude for \$32,000.

In another matter the board discussed the Class III license renewal request for 734 Main Street/Rep/Weld Corporation.

Mr. Wojnar said that given the town's history with their "loosey goosey" record keeping, it seems that Rep/Weld had a Class III license for many years. Mr. Wojnar suggested that they grant the license, but put restrictions or accommodations with it to recognize the fact that it is now a residential area.

Mr. Desroches explained that they have been trying to find out if the property was labeled as a preexisting

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nonconforming lot. He said they found a letter from the town's building inspector from March 7, 1991 that states that the property has been a business since December 8, 1959 and that it is considered a preexisting nonconforming lot because the property was a business before the neighborhood existed.

Building Commissioner Jim Marot said that he viewed and measured the property, and there was a small change in the measurements. The board previously approved the property as 600 feet from the street, but Mr. Marot recommends they change it to 500 feet.

He also said that the parking spaces for the business's vehicles can hold 208 vehicles, but the applicant said he will keep the limit at 120 vehicles. Mr. Marot said the applicant agreed to both of his recommendations/restrictions.

The board voted to approve the Class III license for Rep/Weld Corporation with the recommended restrictions.

In another matter a few employees from the Acushnet public works

union asked to carry over vacation days to next year due to Covid.

Mr. Desroches said he feels like the employees had opportunities to take that vacation time because there are fewer DPW projects going on now. He said he would rather have four employees take days off now than when there are big projects going on.

He added that he is also hesitant to allow them to carry over the vacation days because the union agreement states that carrying over days is not allowed.

DPW Superintendent Dan Menard said that the DPW can work around any days that employees' take off. He said he could use the employees now to work on the streets using the Chapter 90 money.

Mr. Wojnar said he has no problem letting the DPW employees carry over their vacation days. He said he supports the DPW employees and loves seeing things moving in the right direction and would like to keep the employees happy.

Mr. Desroches said he respected Mr. Wojnar's comments even though he did not agree. Mr. Desroches

suggested that they continue the matter until another meeting when Mr. Gaspar is in attendance, that way he can be the tie breaker in the vote.

The board voted to table the item.

In another matter Mr. Menard explained that the Recycling Center has been very busy lately and it has been very hard for one employee to oversee it all. He suggested hiring someone part-time or even just to help on Saturdays.

Mr. Wojnar said he is all for hiring someone to help make things at the Recycling Center run smoothly.

Mr. Desroches asked if they want to use a current employee and offer it as overtime or hire someone part time from outside.

Mr. Menard said they would have to switch employees' schedules, and that hiring from outside would be better. Mr. Menard suggested the Senior Citizen work program. They would just need the extra help from now until Labor Day because that is the busiest time.

The board voted to add the part time position for the Recycling Center.

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# State breaks ground on pickleball courts at Fort Phoenix

By Beth David

Editor

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation broke ground on the state's first official pickleball court, and it's at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven.

On Monday, 5/24, DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery, Project Manager Sandra Libby, and Landscape Architect Danielle Mellette joined Mass. State Representative Bill Straus and a group of about 30 pickleball players to commemorate the occasion, as an excavator worked in the background, knocking down an old cement wall. The site is an abandoned hockey rink just a bit east of the tennis and basketball courts.

Rep. Straus recapped the history of the project, saying that while DCR was repairing and repainting the tennis courts, some local people suggested adding pickleball lines because, "People are really getting into that."

Pickleball is a cross between tennis and badminton. It uses a lighter racket than tennis, and a ball much like a whiffle ball. The courts are smaller than tennis courts and the games are shorter. All of that makes it an easier game for older people, but all ages like the sport.

Rep. Straus said they decided that just adding lines to the tennis courts could cause conflict, so they set about trying to find a spot for a separate pickleball court. They decided on the abandoned corner of Fort Phoenix for the first pickleball courts that will be part of a DCR property and maintained by DCR. There will be four courts in the space.

Mr. Montgomery said that when he got the call, he did not need any

convincing, as his mother fought her local park department to get a pickleball court in her state.

"I understand. I get it," he said, adding that other communities will soon follow. "What better use of an old space?"

He noted that DCR is the largest land owner in the state with 475,000 acres.

Ms. Libby said she is an avid pickleball player herself, playing three to four times a week. She said DCR will maintain the site, and noted that there is always a bit more to a project than may meet the eye.

This project has three pieces: drainage, the hard surface piece, and landscaping. Drainage was first, they are working on the asphalt now, and landscaping will finish it off.

Ms. Mellette said the landscaping will use a rain garden and meadow area, with a wildflower habitat.

The landscaping piece includes making the area accessible with pathways to the basketball courts.

Fairhaven resident Ken Pottel, who was instrumental in getting the courts, thanked fellow Fairhavenite Bob Foster for getting the idea going. They started with blended lines at Cushman Park. Mr. Pottel said they now have 70 people who regularly play pickleball in Fairhaven.

"Pickleball has been an exploding



L-R: Jim Montgomery, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, speaks as Mass. State Representative Bill Straus, Project Manager Sandra Libby and Landscape Architect Danielle Mellette listen while an excavator breaks ground on DCR's first official pickleball court at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on 5/24/21.

force here in Fairhaven," said Mr. Pottel, adding that in Naples, Florida, there are 70 courts and they are regularly filled.

He said the sport is good for all ability levels, all ages and, "it's so much fun."

Susan Aiello, 65, Donna Baldwin, 65, and Ginelle Aiello, 32, said pickleball saved them during the pandemic.

"We shoveled the courts, and played almost every day," said Susan, adding that they kept lowering the temperature on the limit to playing outside.

She said she hated playing tennis, so she was hesitant to try pickleball.

"We play every minute we get," said Ms. Baldwin. "It's really fun."

"It was sanity," said Ginelle.

"We need the courts" said Mr. Pottel, stressing it is for all abilities.

"It's so much fun," he said. "It's a social sport as much as a physical

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## Millicent announces new head of circulation



Press Release

The Millicent Library is excited to announce a new Head of Circulation Librarian. Elisabeth Botelho

joined the library on April 5 bringing a wealth of library circulation experience with her.

Elisabeth comes from the Acushnet Public Library where she had been

providing outstanding public service since 2017. During her time at Acushnet, she worked closely with patrons to help them with everything from finding great books to read to troubleshooting technology issues and more.

Prior to working at the Acushnet Public Library, Elisabeth held various positions at the Mildred F. Sawyer Library at Suffolk University mainly in circulation but also reference and interlibrary loan.

She has a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons University. In addition, she has a Bachelor's of Science in

Sociology and a Master's Certificate in Global Human Resources from Suffolk University. Elisabeth has been applying her talents and creativity to continue to provide library patrons with services and access to materials as the library prepares for reopening. She looks forward to meeting the wonderful patrons of Millicent.

Outside of work, Elisabeth is an avid cruiser, who loves to snorkel especially over shipwrecks. She can be found walking with her dog on local nature trails. Lastly, as a true librarian, she hopes to add to her current one-cat household.



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## Tree Removal Hearing

Tuesday June 1 5:00 PM  
Fairhaven Town Hall Banquet Room  
40 Center St, Fairhaven, MA. 02719  
In accordance with MGL Chapter 87, Section 3.  
Proposed removal of 8 trees at: 102 Laurel St.,  
55 Grove St., 38 Walnut St., 46 Center St., 105 Green  
St., 124 Washington St., across from 34 Adams St.,  
across from 49 Walnut St.  
Respectfully submitted Don C. Collasius  
Town of Fairhaven Tree Warden

FNN: 5/27/21

## Fairhaven Planning Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday June 8, 2021, remotely from Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted remotely for the public and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and [fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com).

To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:  
<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBmM2JPTXE0QT09>  
or Telephone 1-929-205-6099;  
Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 ; Password: 740257

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Special Permit application: 1) 2021-03: Lewis Landing. The applicant, Dana Lewis, represented by Richard Rheaume, 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: 5/20/21, 5/27/21

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
Public hearing via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting  
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Passcode: 361259

1. **Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard** – re: 7 Union Street. REF#: ZBA-AA 01: 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, and August 11, 2020, and September 2, 2020.) Asking for a continuance to **Previously continued. Continued to June 1, 2021.**

- Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane** – re: 86-88 Middle Street. REF#: ZBA-AA-02: 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. (see attached-Exhibit 3) (continued per applicant's request to September 2, 2020 Meeting, see attached.) **Previously continued. Continued to June 1, 2021.**
- 57 Nakata Ave.** Gallagher, Doris. REF #: ZBA-2021-023. 198-18: Special Permit to allow a travel trailer on property from May 1st to October 31, yearly (based on SP allowed in past on grandfathered lot due to Hurricane Bob, see previous ZBA Approval).
- 27 Silver Shell Beach Dr.** Blouin, Barry & Nancy. REF#: ZBA-2021-024. 198-16: Special Permit for an in-law/accessory apartment in a RR District; without kitchen facilities and with 1/2 bath with living and sleeping facilities for caregiver and guest.
- 21 Gull Island Rd.** Pink, Robert. REF #: ZBA-2021-025. 198-22(a): Variance for a building 260 square feet over the allotted 700 sq feet for a detached 24x40 detached unoccupied utility building for boat storage. (Letters submitted to READ for record)
- 11 Grape Street.** Downing, Morton. REF#: ZBA-2021-026. 198-16: Special Permit for an in-law/ accessory apartment in a RA District above garage.
- 82 Narragansett Blvd.** Chase, Joshua & Kathi. REF#: ZBA-2021-027. 198-16: Special Permit request for 24 Chickens in a B District.
- 7 Delano Street.** Leblanc, Karen. REF #: ZBA-2021-028. 198-16: Special Permit request for 5 chickens, not to exceed 6 chickens, in a RA District.
- 21 Winsor Street.** Belanger, Jay. REF #: ZBA-2021-029. 198-23: Special Permit request for a home occupation business for a landscaping business.
- 17 Huttleston Avenue.** Charron, Paul. REF #: ZBA-2021-030. 198-16: Special Permit for an in-law/ accessory apartment in a RA District.  
FNN: 5/20/21, 5/27/21

## Brush fire in Acushnet calls in a little help from "friends"

Acushnet-Fire Chief

Kevin Gallagher Facebook post

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Yesterday we got a little help from our friends!

At approximately 4:30 p.m. the department responded to a fire on a farm located on Perry Hill Road. Arriving personnel found large piles of logs and mulch burning in an area of approximately 200 feet by 120 feet. No structures or equipment were threatened. The fire spread from an agriculturally permitted fire.

Firefighter Andrew Corrigan established command then went to work.

He assumed the role of Incident Commander and realized that the biggest issue facing him was the establishment of a water supply as there are no hydrants in that part of town.

Corrigan asked and our neighbors responded. Tankers from Rochester (2), Freetown, Lakeville and Dartmouth District 3; Mattapoissett sent an engine to serve as a pump and Fairhaven covered our Station One. The Acushnet DPW provided scene lighting, Acushnet Water Department monitored our water system while Acushnet PD secured the roads so we

could work safely. The Providence Canteen arrived and provided much needed refreshments to the crews.

In total, 35 firefighters were kept busy for several hours. In addition, two ambulances were dispatched during this time for Acushnet residents experiencing medical emergencies. By the end of the incident, well over 100,000 gallons of water had been moved from hydrants via apparatus to the base of the fire. That is an incredible amount of good old Acushnet H2O.

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Mr. Hobson said he sympathizes with Mr. Camara, but there is nothing they can do about the water.

Mr. Wotton said again that if Mr. Camara can bring in his bank statements showing he fixed a leak and that they can prove it did not go down the sewer then they can possibly give a sewer abatement. Mr. Camara said he would get the documents the board needs for the next meeting.

Mr. Furtado also announced that Town Beach stickers are officially on sale.

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from the surrounding communities for their assistance. We are thankful that this incident did not result in any injuries or damage beyond wood, mulch and agricultural debris.

I also want to commend the men and women of our department for their smarts, muscle, sweat and strain. Fires like these are labor intensive as the fire hides in all the little pockets of large piles of stuff.

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## Upcoming Meetings

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

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov> for remote access information

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Wed., 6/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Health

Wed., 6/9, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/7, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

#### Broadband Study Comm

Mon., 6/7, Remote, 5 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/14, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 5/27, Remote, 7 p.m.

#### Planning Board

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

#### School Committee

Wed., 6/9, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

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

### Acushnet

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2021	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	27	0918 2143	0257* 1450*
Friday	28	1012 2235	0351* 1545*
Saturday	29	1106 2329	0436* 1634*
Sunday	30	---- 1202	0520* 1721
Monday	31	0025 1302	0611 1818
	June 2021	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Tuesday	1	0125 1401	0817 2057
Wednesday	2	0221 1455	0933 2217
Thursday	3	0314 1549	1035 2324
Friday	4	0411 1647	1132 ----
Saturday	5	0512 1742	0018 1215
Sunday	6	0604 1827	0103 1244
Monday	7	0647 1905	0146 1226
Tuesday	8	0725 1941	0227 1240
Wednesday	9	0803 2019	0300 1308

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

## From our readers

### **We can make a difference with litter**

Dear Neighbors, I live off Sconticut Neck Road, and enjoy taking walks along our rocky shoreline year-round. Last summer during one of these walks I spotted a plastic bag blowing around, so I grabbed it to get it off the beach. As I continued along, I picked up a few more pieces of litter and threw them in the bag since I was stuck carrying it anyway. Before I knew it the bag was full!

After this, I began taking a bag or two with me whenever I walk. Often, the first is overflowing before I've gone half a mile and the second is full quickly thereafter. I'm doing this not only in effort to beautify our town, but also as a good deed to the birds and marine life that make Buzzards Bay their home.

Some of the litter I find is clearly coming from boats, but the majority is single-use food and drink containers like plastic cups, lids, and straws from coffee shops, drink bottles and bottle caps, and flimsy plastic packaging from snack food. Recently, balloons and ribbons have been a frequent find.

The thought of what an animal goes through after unknowingly ingesting one of these items is an awful one. We are all excited to resume summer parties, but please reconsider decorating with balloons as some inevitably "get away" and end up in our waterways.

Spots like Fort Phoenix receive more attention, and even have organized beach clean-ups, which is fantastic, but there are a lot of less popular waterfront areas in Fairhaven that go neglected.

Taking on the carelessness of litterbugs may seem futile, but I don't think so. I may not be able to change the thinking of those leaving trash behind, but when I leave the beach carrying two full bags I know that I, one person, just removed litter left by dozens of different people. That means that we each have the ability as individuals to change the outcome of the actions of the masses.

If a few more of us joined in, this

impact would multiply, so I encourage everyone to put a bag or two in their pocket before going out to enjoy our Fair-Haven.

Buzzards Bay belongs to all of us, let's take care of it!

*Christin Ritz, Fairhaven*

### **Republican states are free, Democratic states are not**

The Republican state of Florida vs. the Democratic states of NY and California.

The intent of this letter is to contrast the differences in the way the states are governed, their policies and the results of them.

Consider the state of Florida, Ron DeSantis is the governor. He is a graduate of both Yale and Harvard law schools, served in the US Navy from 04-10, obtained the rank of Lieutenant Commander, served in the Iraq War and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Under his leadership Florida leads the way. At the outset of the coronavirus outbreak Ron DeSantis closely observed its effect on people and age groups. He noticed its disproportionate effects on age groups and that it was particularly infectious on elderly people, and that young school age children were relatively not affected by it.

There is a very sinister and disturbing aspect in the way elderly in the state of New York under the leadership of Governor Andrew Cuomo treated them. He ordered all elderly patients who were being treated in hospitals back into nursing homes thereby infecting thousands more and causing the needless deaths of thousands. He didn't even use the Navy hospital ship and field hospitals set up by President Trump. In fact, trailers set up in NY were being filled with their bodies.

Not only this, he tried to suppress information of their death count. Only when I believe the Secretary of State exposed it, it became public.

In the state of Florida under Ron DeSantis's leadership, elderly patients who were infected with the coronavirus were not discharged into

nursing homes, thereby saving thousands.

Florida has become known as the education state for good reason. Its K-12 ranks third in the nation, its colleges are some of the best in the nation. After a brief shutdown during the height of the coronavirus outbreak, the schools reopened.

Florida is a state of school choice. Parents can send their child to any public school they choose or a private school if they choose.

Florida's schools were reopened last fall. Parents had the option of either in person or video instruction. Ron DeSantis closely monitored the effect of the coronavirus on young people who were in schools and noticed the virus had little effect on them and they didn't spread the virus.

Contrast this to the Democratic states of NY and CA where the teachers' unions have a stranglehold on schools, and to the detriment of the students they remained closed last fall and throughout most of the school year.

Crime is running rampant in the cities of NY and LA. Under their no bail laws violent criminals\* are being released back into the public, police funding is being cut. Citizens are afraid to walk the streets. Businesses and people are leaving, going to Republican states like Florida.

There is a dramatic difference between the states. In the state of Florida, people enjoy freedom and liberty. In the Democratic states of NY and CA, their freedoms are suppressed.

John Pond, Fairhaven.

*\* Neither New York nor California has "no bail" for violent criminals. It is a misnomer perpetuated by right wing media. In NY, judges are required to release people accused of misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies, but can also impose non-monetary conditions, such as electronic monitoring; in CA only those considered not a danger to the public are released without bail.*

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sport."

He said the smaller court size, and shorter games (15 minutes), give people more time to socialize on the sidelines; but they also plan on having social gatherings for players.

Mr. Foster said it was great that pickleball would have its own courts.

"This has been a dead area for years," he said. "It's the perfect space for it."

The new courts should be ready by mid summer. Meanwhile, anyone

interested can play the game with the Fairhaven Pickleball Association, at Cushman Park, where there are blended lines painted.

See page five for information on upcoming workshops.



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Between meetings, participants will visit accessible outdoor locations  
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**\*\*No writing experience required\*\***

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**Questions?** Please email Stephanie Trott at  
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