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# Apple-Peach Fest sneaks in after the rain

A bird's eye view shows the crowds, bandstand and booths at the 40th Apple-Peach Festival in Acushnet on Sunday, 9/8/19. The event was largely free of the rain and bad weather from the weekend, because that mostly cleared up by Saturday afternoon. Vendors said they did get a little rain Saturday morning and crowds were kind of light in the first half of the weekend. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*


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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Beth David, Publisher

I have been trying to figure out how to address an issue that has been playing out on Facebook. Part of me wants to keep it on Facebook and not bother my print and email readers with it. But, I have always been honest with my readers, so I am deciding to address it here.

A few vocal people have demanded that I take down last week's editorial and story about the firefighter who died, issue a retraction, and issue an apology.

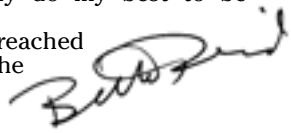
First, we do not retract the truth. I have a certified death certificate with manner of death clearly stated. That is a matter of public record, it is not the family's personal information. It is a public document.

Second, there is a storyline out there that says I promised someone I would not state manner of death and then betrayed that trust. Never have I ever wished so hard that I had recorded a conversation. I would never have made such a promise. No self-respecting journalist would tie her own hands that way. That's just not how reporting works. What happened was an honest misunderstanding. He was talking about one thing, I was talking about another. I did not print the information that I believed we were both talking about. My assurance to him was based on journalistic standards that I would apply in any situation involving the same type of information.

As for the pain and suffering that people say I have caused the firefighter's ex-wife and daughter, I am truly sorry if I added to their pain. That was never, ever my intention. But, this is a newspaper. We report factual information, and sometimes it upsets people.

I have been called every name in the book over this. It's shocking, and, I admit, at times it's been scary. I am neither easily shocked, nor easily rattled. But I will not be intimidated. I will not take down a story I know is accurate. As for the editorial, I admit, I could have handled that better. But that's my questionable judgement, out there for all the world to see. I will live with it and take my lumps for it. Being in a position that puts all my missteps out there for the world to see is hard sometimes. But, that's what I signed up for, and I will continue doing this job as well as I can.

I know this may not satisfy everyone whose demands and insults have arrived by Facebook, email, and phone. All I can say is that I am truly sad if my story caused the kind of distress that some say it caused. But I cannot control how other people digest the information I impart. I can only do my best to be accurate, and not disparage anyone.



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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Weekend and week ahead

## Boat Poker Run

First annual West Island Poker Run, sponsored by West Island Marina, 56 Goulart Memorial Drive, Fairhaven. Proceeds to benefit the Matty Oliveira Memorial Fund. $350 donation includes transit dockage for Fri. & Sat., one poker hand, one t-shirt and four dinner tickets. Additional crew members, $50 pp; additional dinner tickets, $25; additional poker hands, $100 each. **Sat., 9/14, check in 9–11 a.m. at WI Marina. Captains meeting at 11 a.m., start your engines at NOON.** Final stop, West Island Marina. Dinner, 6–7 p.m.; awards and raffles at 8 p.m. First place, $1,000; 2nd place, $500. Open to the public, all boaters welcome. Live entertainment. The four first stops to be announced. Contact Rob Sullivan, 508-509-3793.

## Mattress Fund-raiser

St. Joseph School, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven, will host a one-day Mattress Fundraiser on **Sunday, September 15th, from 10am–5pm.** The gym will be transformed into a mattress showroom. For information about the sale, go to bit.ly/beds4stjoseph19.

There will be 25 different mattress styles on display in all sizes and styles, priced below retail. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, bed frames, and mattress protectors will be available as well. Brands like Simmons Beautyrest, come with full factory warranties, are made to order, and will be available 2-3 weeks after the fundraiser. Delivery is available. Best of all, the St. Joseph School benefits from every purchase.

## Health Summit

BayCoast Bank presents a Wealth and Wellness Summit on **Fri., 9/13 from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.** The full-day event will focus on financial wellness and well-being, with particular emphasis on gender trends in the marketplace and resources for women in business leadership posts. The conference will feature guest speakers and information designed to inspire and educate entrepreneurs, business leaders, investors and women from all walks of life. **Admission is $100 per person,** with all proceeds to benefit early educational programs in New Bedford and Fall River. Continental breakfast, a seated lunch and afternoon snacks provided by Chartwells Catering are included with the price of admission. To register, visit www.baycoastbank.com.

## Annual Plant Sale

Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, is excited to sponsor our Third Annual Plant Sale on **Sat., 9/14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Join us on the lawn of the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow St., for great deals on perennials, houseplants and small trees! Don't miss out on this year's new Raffle.

## Touch-A-Truck

Join the Dighton Fire Department at its third annual touch-a-truck event on Sat., 9/14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Manheim New England, 123 William St., North Dighton.

Public safety and construction vehicles will be featured at the event, giving children the opportunity to see and sit inside firetrucks, ambulances, police cruisers and other vehicles. The touch-a-truck event is free to attend. However, the Dighton Fire Department will be collecting donations for two local children with congenital heart defects.

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# Selectboard hears from Hacker Street residents about parking

*By Beth David*
**Editor**

The Fairhaven Selectboard made it through a very long agenda at their meeting on Monday, 9/9, and heard from residents on a number of issues.

Residents of Hacker Street had previously asked for no parking signs, and due to some sort of "communication problem," as described by Town Administrator Mark Rees, the matter did not go back to the Selectboard before the signs were erected.

Neighbors are complaining that the public works department placed the signs in spots that are not helpful, including one property that has three or four signs.

Neighbors described a dangerous situation near the top fo the street at the corner of Sconticut Neck Road, where cars have a tendency to go too fast and have trouble taking the turn.

"You can see now where they clip it with their tires," said one man, adding that he cannot park in front of his house, he has to park on his grass to avoid getting hit.

The board decided to have Mr. Rees schedule a community meeting with the police department to decide the exact location of the signs.

After the meeting the matter will go before the Selectboard again and they will decide how to proceed. The public works department is responsible for erecting the signs.

The board also discussed the Phase V dredging plan in the harbor and came up with more questions to ask the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Rees told the board that the project will include air monitoring for PCBs, but then there was some question as to the timing of the monitoring as outlined in the letter, compared to when the actual dredging would take place. There was also some discussion about which agency, the DEP or the EPA would be conducting the monitoring and when.

Karen Vilandry of the Hands Across the River Coalition, told the board that the state historically did not do air monitoring. She said the EPA did, but it was not at the same level that HARC did.

"We have the largest continuous source of PCBs in our air in all of North America, including Canada," said Ms. Vilandry. "So we already have an overexposed population."

Mr. Rees will reach out to the appropriate agencies to clarify when and where the air monitoring will be and which agency will be doing it. He will update the board at its next meeting.

In another matter the board also approved a manager change for Rasputin's, which was one of the conditions from the licensing hearing.

Frank Gracie IV, who is also the cook at Rasputin's, was not present, but a representative of the Rasputin's was available. The board expressed several concerns about the choice, including that Mr. Gracie would be too busy cooking to manage; that he was present during all the past problems, so they were skeptical that he could control them now; and he was not TIPS certified.

The board decided to approve the change, contingent on Mr. Gracie's getting TIPS certified. The name must

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## Huttleston Mktplace LAST ONE

**Saturdays through Sept. 14 10 a.m.–3 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE), Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/ Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main St.,** at Rte. 6, Fairhaven. An outdoor bazaar featuring vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. Rain or shine.

During the marketplace, the Fairhaven Historical Society's museum is open in the Academy Building. Each week there are live music performances in the early afternoon.

For more info, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism: FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov; 508-979-4085; https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/

### Fairhaven Historical Society open During Huttleston MP

**There's a Map for that!**

Come visit the Museum of Fairhaven History at the Academy Building during the Huttleston Marketplace this Saturday, June 22, 10am-4pm. Maps and so many other interesting items relating to our town's history are on exhibit.

## Millicent Book Club

"Into The Raging Sea" written by Rachel Slade has been chosen for September's discussion.

The selection is a true story of the container ship ElFaro that sunk with all hands during a hurricane in October, 2015. The sinking was "the worst American ship disaster in thirty-five years." The author, journalist Rachel Slade, "using the words of the crew members captured by the ship's recovered data recorder unravels the mystery of the sinking of the ElFaro as she recounts the final twenty-four hours onboard."

The book will be discussed at Fairhaven's **Millicent Library, 45 Center St. Fairhaven, on Thurs., 9/19 at 10 a.m.,** in the library's meeting room, accessible through the Walnut Street entrance.

The discussion is free and open to the public. The book is available at the library or through the library's website, www.millicentlibrary. For more information, call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## Photo Contest

See page 6 for details.

## Fill A Bag

The First Congregation Church, Heavenly Treasures Thrift Shop in Fairhaven is having a Fill A Bag for $5.00 sale Wednesday and Saturdays, from 10–1 **until Sept. 14.** Please use the William Street Entrance.

## Farmer's Markets

### Fairhaven Farmer's Market

**Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through October 27, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven.** This privately operated farmers market has locally grown edibles, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, meat, herbs, honey, jams, eggs, plants, homemade soaps, fresh squeezed lemonade and much more. Parking is available in the lot of National Bleach, directly next door to the market. For more information, email Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net or visit the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Fairhaven-Farmers-Market-172437426741689/

### Roxann's Farmers Market

Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 189 Alden Road, Fairhaven.

## Indie Writers Conf.

On Sat., 10/2, Authors Without Borders is pairing with the national *Indie Author Day* to present a one-day conference for aspiring, published, and unpublished writers. Here is your chance to listen to and speak with multi-award-winning authors and a New York book publisher open to new clients.

The program will be held in the function room of the Atria Senior Living facility, at 389 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, MA, from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost to attend is **$20 for AWB members and $30 for non-members.** Light luncheon refreshments will be served.

**Register by Mon., 9/23.** Make check or money order payable to AWB. Mail check to Alberta Sequeira, 11 Midway Park Drive, Apt 316, N. Dartmouth, MA 02747. Email questions to authorswb6@gmail.com.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Harvest Fun Day

Sat., 9/21, 10–4; Fairhaven Visitors Ctr., 141 Main St. Call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov for more info.

### Fall Historical Encampment

Sat. & Sun., 9/28 & 29, Fort Phoenix, Fort St., Fairhaven. Cannon firing approx. 6:30 p.m. on Sat., Call 508-979-4085 or visit https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com

### Beach Cleanup

Join us for a beach cleanup at Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, Sat., 9/21, 9 a.m.–noon. Everyone is welcome to join us!! We provide bags gloves and tools. Please bring reusable water bottle. Wear closed-toe shoes. By the Fairhaven Sustainability Committe and Be the Solution to Polution.

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### Manjiro Festival

Sat., 10/5, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., in the historic center of Fairhaven, Center and Walnut Streets.

A Japanese-American festival commemorating Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America, and the town's Sister City connection with Tosashimizu, Japan, established in 1987.

There will be Japanese and American music and food, martial arts demonstrations, taiko drummers, flower arranging, raffles, food and craft booths, a tea ceremony, and much more! There is free admission to the festival, the bus tour of the Manjiro Trail, Captain Whitfield's house, and the Old Stone School House.

Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. Free. For more information email Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call 508-858-5303. Vendor applications and updated details are posted at http://Whitfield-Manjiro.org.

## Unclaimed Property List

The Mass. Treasurer's office has released the new unclaimed property list. Check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www.findmassmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

# Fairhaven TV photo contest winner, week four

Fairhaven TV's summer photo contest will continue through the end of September.
Deadline is every Friday at 9 a.m. for the week's winning entry. How to Enter: Follow our Facebook page and/or Instagram @fairhaven_tv (we check!); Post and hashtag your photo #FairhavenTV (we won't see it otherwise!)
Here is the contest schedule.

- Week five: Food in Fairhaven, deadline 9/13, 9 a.m.
- Week six: Favorite summer activity, deadline 9/20, 9 a.m.
- Week seven: Your fav thing about Fairhaven,D/L 9/27

Post photos at https://www.facebook.com/ fairhaventv/
All nominees have been posted to Fairhaven TV's website at: https:// www.fairhaventv.com/photo-contest

ABOVE: Our week 4: Sunrise/Sunset Photography winneris Adam Katz (Instagram handle: @stuntkatz), with this shot of the Fairhaven Village Militia preparing the cannons at Fort Phoenix for firing at dusk. Adam says, "I'm a lover of photography and Fairhaven's waterfront. I've also been a firefighter for 15 years in town as well."

# FHS senior wins Bruins puck

*Press Release*

The Boston Bruins' Torey Krug signed puck was part of the 2019 Millicent Library's Summer Program. The puck is one of a series of prizes that the Boston Bruins offered during its When You Read, You Score program. The summer of 2019 marks the tenth anniversary of the program and the team's partnership with Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), and the Massachusetts Library System to encourage children and teens to read over the summer months.

This year's winner was Gabrielle Heroux, 17, a senior at Fairhaven High School and a dedicated member of the library's Teen Group.

"Summer reading is fun, but it's also an important part of students' academic success because it helps them avoid the summer slide," said James Lonergan, MBLC Director.

Kids who read just four books over the summer do better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer. Over three million children, teens, and adults have participated in summer reading as part of the When You Read, You Score program.

Tuukka Rask, Zdeno Chara, Brad Marchand and other Bruins players also helped libraries develop Favorite Books of the Boston Bruins (available on mass.gov/libraries), a recommended reads list that includes librarians' picks for the best hockey books.

"The kids really enjoy picking up a book and seeing that it was recommended by one of the Bruins players. It inspires them to want to read it themselves," said Jane Murphy, Youth Services Librarian at the Millicent Library.

The statewide summer library program is made free to all public libraries and residents in the Commonwealth thanks to support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Boston Bruins. This year's statewide theme was "A Universe of Stories."

Gabrielle Heroux, 17, a senior at Fairhaven High School, shows off the Bruins puck, and its certificate of authenticity, that she won in the Millicent Library's 2019 summer reading program. *Submitted photo.*

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Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdspantry.org

# Storm capsizes the Compass Rose, bogs down others

The remnants of Hurricane Dorian came our way in the form of a nor'easter, bringing wind gusts of 37 MPH over the weekend, and more than two inches of rain. Two boats sank at their moorings in Round Cove in Fairhaven and the Compass Rose (above) capsized in North Cove on Saturday 9/7. The Fairhaven Harbormaster and his staff were pretty busy running from one sunken vessel to the next. ABOVE: The TowboatUS/New Bedford crew and the Fairhaven Harbormaster crew work together to get the Compass Rose upright and pump out the water. Then the boat was lashed to the TowboatUS vessel, towed to a ramp, and hauled from the water. *Photos by Beth David.*

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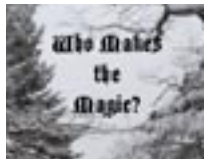


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- **Sept. 12, 6–7pm** AHA! Night. Whaling Museum's Captain Paul Cuffe Park, Corner of Johnny Cake Hill and Union Street, New Bedford
- **Sept. 20, 5:30-6:30pm,** Buttonwood Park Zoo (outside Zoo entrance), 425 Hawthorn St, New Bedford

For updates and details: Email us at info@nbsymphony.org; Facebook: New Bedford Symphony Orchestra; Twitter: @NBSO_orchestra; Instagram: newbedfordsymphonyorchestra

Music in the City is funded by the Creative Commonwealth Initiative of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.

# YTI production

## "The 39 Steps"

Your Theatre, Inc. director Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. of New Bedford has cast several Southcoast area actors in the comedic spoof of Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 thriller *The 39 Steps* by John Buchan and adapted by Patrick Barlow, the opening major attraction of YTI's 73rd season.

**Madcap spoof of Hitchcock's 1935 thriller!** The play is presented with only four actors portraying more than 150 characters, sometimes changing roles in the blink of an eye! We follow the bored Richard Hannay, on holiday in London, who meets a mysterious woman who says she's a spy. When she is murdered in his flat and he is accused, Hannay sets out to uncover the meaning of the "39 Steps," a secret she spoke of with her dying breath. Hannay, unsure of whom he can trust, crisscrosses England and Scotland on a thrilling adventure involving "train chases, plane crashes, shadowy murders, beautiful spies, trilbied heavies, dastardly villains" and of course love, as he races against time to save England and the world.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 73rd Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their eighth year of strong support for the arts.

**The play opens on September 12,** and runs for two Thursdays through Sundays. Performance dates are September 12, 13, 14. 15, and 19, 20, 21, 22. Curtain time is 7:30 PM for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees. Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are $18 general admission, $13 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and $15 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

# Ballet Open House

New Bedford Ballet, 2343 Purchase St., invites the community to join them for their Fall Open House on Sat., 9/14, from 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Parents and prospective students are welcome to come and observe a class and tour the school. Free classes will also be offered for those who would like to participate in a class. Child care will be provided.

For over 30 years New Bedford Ballet, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has continued its mission of performing ballets, providing classical ballet training to children and adults, ensuring access to ballet instruction for all by granting scholarships, and educating the community in the value of the performing arts.

New Bedford Ballet has a reputation for high-level dance training and offers a complete and structured program of training in ballet for students ages three through adult. We hope you will join us for this special event!

For more info, visit https://www.newbedfordballet.org/

# Sunset Cruise FR

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Sunset Harbor Cruise, Sat., 9/14, 5–7 p.m., M/V Cuttyhunk, 66B State Pier, New Bedford, MA. Passengers will enjoy live music, a cash bar, and light refreshments. Musical entertainment will be provided by David Conlon.

Tickets are $40 for adults and $20 for children 12 and under. Purchase tickets at the Center gift shop, by calling 508-993-8894, or by visiting https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4315152. All proceeds will benefit the Center's exhibits, programs, and daily operations.

The cruise departs from the Cuttyhunk Ferry Company dock on State Pier. Parking is in the southwest corner near Cuttyhunk Ferry office.

# SAVE THE DATES

## Poker Tourney

Play for our troops and local veterans, 11th annual poker tournament, **Sat., 9/21, Poirier Post, 281 Appleton St. (and Ashley Boulevard), New Bedford.** Doors open at 5 p.m. for food and raffles. Card fly at 6 p.m. Buy in $60. Advanced ticket purchase recommended. To secure a seat at the poker tables, contact Kellie Costa at sweetpeake@yahoo.com, or 774-400-7466.

The Greater New Bedford Marine Corps League wishes to thank Kellie Costa for supporting our military and veterans organizations.

## Chowder Fest

This year's "ChowderFest" will take place on Sunday, October 13th on Pier 3, New Bedford's historical waterfront.

Tickets are $15 per person; $5 agess 6–12; 5 and younger free. VIP tickets: $35, includes drink voucher, early entrance.

Visit https://southcoastchamber.com for tickets.

The event's main attraction is the 25 restaurants and caterers that will be serving up sample sized portions of their best clam and seafood chowders, signature soups, and stuffed quahogs.

## Ballet Auditions

Open auditions for the New Bedford Youth Ballet's production of *A New England Nutcracker* will be held on Sat., 9/21, at New Bedford Ballet, 2343 Purchase St., NB. Intermediate through advanced level ballet students, 11 to 18 years of age, are welcome to audition.

11–13 years: 12:00-1:30 pm

Mandatory Parent Meeting: 1:30-2:00 pm

14–18 years: 2:00-3:30 pm

For more information, call 508-993-1387 or visit our website: www.newbedfordballet.org.

# MV Craft Beer Fest

## Special Discount for Neighb News readers

Fourth annual Martha's Vineyard Craft Beer Festival, Sat., 9/21, 12:30–7 p.m., Waban Park, 29 Tuckernuck Ave., Oak Bluffs. Featuring 50 breweries, 150 brews, 1 island. For more info and to buy tickets, visit mvcraftbeer.com

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Visit https://mvcraftbeer.com/buy-beer-fest-tickets Special discount ends 9/19 at 11:45 p.m.

# The Memory Cafe

## has gone to the dogs!

Please join us on **Sat., 9/14, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59½ So. Main Street,** for lunch and a special visit with members of the Wampanoag Kennel Club. This is a free Memory Café event and open to all participants and their family, friends or caregivers. RSVP by September 11th to 508-998-0280. This is a rain or shine event.

Memory Cafés provide an inclusive, welcoming place for those living with Alzheimer's or other types of dementia and those who help care for them. This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from Southcoast Health System and Coastline Services

# Rainbow Camp

## For LGBTQ Youth

Sat., 9/14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at South Shore Beach, So. Shore Road, Little Compton, RI. Sponsored by Gnome Surf and the South Coast LGBTQ Network, (774) 775-2656. Free. Visit https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org or register at https://www.facebook.com/events/503037940463472

A surf therapy event for LGBTQ Youth and Adolescents, as well as those within an LGBTQ family.

Come celebrate pride and diversity. We at Gnome stand for true acceptance. In collaboration with the South Coast LGBTQ Network, Gnome Surf presents a day to delebrate your individuality and a place where you are free to be you. The Peyton Co. will be supporting our event with dedicated wellness and beauty services for our athletes, volunteers, and families.

We want to celebrate the LGBTQ youth and adolescents in our communities as well as children from same sex marriages or partnerships so we encourage all who can attend and STAND FOR ACCEPTANCE. We stand behind you and want to bring you confidence, happiness, and friendship through our surf, art, and yoga camp. Join us for what will be a magical morning celebrating you.

# Grief Support Group

Adult Grief Support Group, 5 Consecutive Wednesdays, Sept. 18 – Oct. 16, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Community Nurse Home Care, 41 State Road, Dartmouth. Contact: 508-992-6278, info@communitynurse.com

# Woman's Club Mtg

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will gather at **11:00 a.m. on Thurs., 9/19, for a Potluck Luncheon** and meeting in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, l27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Members bring their favorite dish; there is a brief meeting around 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon. For more information, visit our www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org. or call Christine Vose, 508-758-3348.

# Author Event

The Wareham Historical Society will host a program with author Beth Luey, author of *At Home: Historic Houses of Eastern Massachusetts,* on Mon., 9/16, at 7 p.m., Methodist Meeting House, 495 Main St., Wareham, MA 02571. Admission: Members free, Non-members $2.00

The Fairbanks House in Dedham is the oldest house in Massachusetts. It is plain — almost primitive. It has never had running water, electricity, or heat.

Architectural historians have learned a great deal about seventeenth-century construction techniques and materials from it. But what I'm interested in is the stories it has to tell, including eccentric ladies and a murder trial.

The Fairbanks family has owned the house continuously since 1637. Beth Luey will share the story of its restoration and opening to the public.

Beth Luey's most recent books are *At Home: Historic Houses of Eastern Massachusetts* and *At Home: Historic Houses of Western Massachusetts,* both published in 2019 by the University of Massachusetts Press.

Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information about this program or the Wareham Historical Society, please visit: warehamhistoricalsociety.com, Facebook: The Wareham Historical Society or call Angela M. Dunham, WHS President, at 508-295-8578.

# Cooking Demo

The Westport Historical Society celebrates local Native American heritage and traditional arts with a series of special events, including **Indigenous Cooking Demonstration** Sat., 9/14, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (rain date 9/15), Handy House, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport

A demonstration of Native American cooking techniques using clay pots, over an open fire. Learn about seasonal cuisine, feast celebrations, and Wampanoag recipes that have been adopted into modern New England foodways.

SAVE THE DATE: Artisan Fair at Handy House, 9/21, 10–3.

# Preschooler Concerts

Get your little ones dancing and singing to the sounds of Cool Banana Wig this fall! **Friends Academy will host a series of 10 free Cool Banana Wig concerts on Thursday mornings beginning Sept. 19 through Nov. 21,**

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All concerts will take place from 10–10:45 a.m. in the Commons at Friends Academy, 1088 Tucker Rd., North Dartmouth. Admission is free and open to the public. Bring a friend and get ready to have some fun!

Friends Academy is a co-educational independent day school. Learn more at friendsacademy1810.org.

# Recipe of the Week

## Caramel Apple Cheesecake

*Crust Ingredients*
1 1/2 c. crushed gingersnaps
1/4 c. granulated sugar
4 tbsp. melted butter
1/2 tsp. kosher salt

*Cheesecake Ingredients*
4 (8-oz.) blocks cream cheese, softened
3/4 c. granulated sugar
1/2 c. lightly packed brown sugar
3 large eggs
1/4 c. sour cream
2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
1 tbsp. pure vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. kosher salt

*Topping Ingredients*
3/4 c. apple cider
1/3 c. brown sugar
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tbsp. cold butter
2 apples, peeled and thinly sliced
Pinch salt
Toasted pecans, chopped
Caramel sauce, for drizzling

**Make the crust.**

Preheat oven to 325° and grease an 8" or 9" springform pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix together gingersnaps, sugar, butter, and salt. Press mixture into prepared pan and ⅓ up sides, packing tightly. (Option: Use graham crackers instead of gingersnaps.)

**Make The Cheesecake**

In a large bowl using a hand mixer beat cream cheese and sugars until no lumps remain. Add eggs, one at a time, then stir in sour cream and vanilla. Add flour and salt and beat until just combined, then pour mixture over crust.

Wrap bottom of pan in aluminum foil and place in a large roasting pan. Place in oven then pour boiling water in roasting pan about halfway up sides of springform pan. Bake until center of cheesecake only slightly jiggles, about 1 hour 30 minutes. Turn off heat, prop open oven door, and let cheesecake cool in oven, 1 hour.

Remove foil and refrigerate cheesecake for at least 5 hours and up to overnight.

**Make Topping**

In a large skillet over medium high heat, bring apple cider, brown sugar, and cinnamon to a boil. Cook until slightly thickened and reduced by almost half. Stir in butter, then add apples and salt cook, stirring occasionally, until soft and syrupy, about 5 minutes. Let cool slightly.

Spoon apple mixture over cooled cheesecake then drizzle caramel on top and sprinkle with chopped pecans.

*From Delish.com*

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# From our readers

## Town should not use Roundup

It has come to my attention recently that the BPW has been sending some of its employees out along Sconticut Neck, to spray noxious weeds growing along certain walls. All well and good

Unfortunately these employees have been given tanks of Roundup to accomplish their task. Monsanto, maker of Roundup has been fined billions of dollars, as Roundup has been shown to cause cancer.

Perhaps, both the BPW and the Board of Health might join forces and seek other alternatives.

As a gardener and a member of the town's Sustainability Committee, I would suggest mixtures of white vinegar, dish soap and water. No doubt other gardeners have additional suggestions as well.

There are enough toxins in our air, food and water. No need to further antagonize he situation.

*Susan Spooner, Fairhaven*


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# Apple-Peach Fest draws crowds despite threat of rain

Acushnet held its 40th annual Apple-Peach Festival this weekend at the Long Plain Museum on Main Street. The rain mostly held off for the event, but they did get a sprinkle on Saturday. Vendors said Saturday's crowd was kind of light, but Sunday was pretty crowded. The event features lots of interesting vendors, food booths, and entertainment. The history museum is also open during the festival. ABOVE LEFT: The McCarthy family (L-R) Caelyn, Molly and Tanya, enjoy some fresh apple-peach shortcake and cobblers at the 40th Apple Peach Festival in Acushnet on Sunday, 9/8/19. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Sofia Rodrigues and Josh Freitas get ready to dig into Blooming Onions. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Lorraine Lapointe and Roy Fernandes enjoy a laugh with the local free sheet. BELOW MIDDLE: Slim Bernier at says he's been most every year and likes the cobblers the best. BELOW RIGHT: Sam Nicolosi and his mother Marcelle take a moment from the festivities to pose for the local free sheet. BOTTOM LEFT: Jessie Milne is all business as she sprinkles confectioners sugar on her fried dough on Sunday. *Photos by Beth David.*

# More from the Apple-Peach Festival

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*Photos by Glenn C. Silva. See more of Glenn's photos of this event at https://photos.app.goo.gl/xZqcpVbmobs17Scq6*

# Oxford Terrace resident remembered

*By Linda Ferreira*
**Special to the Neighb News**

On September 6, 2019, the life my brother, Richard L. Ferreira, came to an end here on earth.

Raised in Acushnet and Fairhaven, he spent his adult years in Arizona and Nevada, then he chose to return home for retirement.

Rick was a very particular house painter, but for many of you residing at Oxford Terrce, he may have been your neighbor, your friend, the man you watched outside clearing snow off vehicles, assisting with shoveling or weeding the gardens.

Rick like to stay busy, helping with groceries, offering whenever he could be of use to the residents, or simply enjoying a walk to visit our late mother at Dana Court and through Riverside Cemetery.

In August, his days turne into needing the help of others. The stubbornness grew stronger with a desire to remain at home. I'd like to express a special thanks to all who made this possible.

Those of you who came to visit, share scriptures, assist with his care, the Housing Authority maintenance crew, Southcoast Health Hospice, the ambulance runs and the Fairahven Police Department's Officer Scott Coelho, who helped him out of the tub when he was so darned determined that he could do it, only to say after, "Yeah, guess I can't anymore!"

Please know that you are all very much appreciated.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my brother Michael, who, despite his own health, committed himself daily and stood by Rick's side through this transition to a life of no more suffering (Rev. 21:4)

Unfortunately, at this time, we will not be having the opportunity to gather in his memory. All I ask is that you reflect in a way Ricky may have touched your life. Remember his willingness, smile and chuckle, and do the same for another.

*Heartfelt thanks from his family.*
*Linda Ferreira, West Island*

# Fairhaven Recreation Center

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## Shopping up North

Come with us as we head to Settlers Green in North Conway for a chance at filling your Christmas list. The bus will leave the Recreation Center at 6 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Light refreshments will be available in the morning. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Date: Saturday, November 2nd. Cost: $50 per person Must pre-register. **Deadline for registration is Oct. 26.**

## Salem MA trip

Just in time for Halloween! Come with us on a coach bus to Salem, MA. See all the haunted happenings and visit ghostly places on your own. Bus leaves the Recreation Center at 1:30 a.m., and returns to the Rec at 11:30 p.m. Must pre-register

Date: Sat., October 19. **Must register by October 12. Cost: $40**

## NYC on your own

Shopping and sightseeing in the Big Apple...why not? Enjoy a day in New York City as we travel in style in a luxury motor coach. The perfect opportunity to get that holiday shopping done early, visit local places of interest, check out a show, see the holiday decorations or just wine and dine. Drop off and Pick up at Bryant Park. Bus leaves from the Fairhaven Recreation Center where coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. We'll provide movies on the bus. To be sure that this trip can run pre-register is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Depart FHVN: 5:30 a.m. Arrive NYC: 10:30 a.m. Depart NYC: 5 p.m. Arrive FHVN: 10 p.m.

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## Special Activities

### Southcoast VNA & Hospice

Grief Support Group, 1st Tuesday of the month Widows and Widowers Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month General Loss Grief Support Group 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join Nancy Arnold as she provides the support you need to get through these difficult times.

### Sewing Circle

Starting in September the sewing Circle will meet on TUESDAY'S from 1-3:00 p.m.: Sept. 24. The group will still meet on THURSDAY Sept. 19, 26, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. Call 508-979-4029 for more dates.

### Memory Cafe

Coming to Fairhaven COA in June. Fairhaven Council on Aging Memory Cafe will meet every Tuesday 1-2:30 p.m. At The Fairhaven Council on Aging 229 Huttleston Ave. Call 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia if you have any questions.

### Attn. Knitters & Crocheters

Beacon Hospice is again asking for knitters and crocheters to make afghans for the veterans they provide hospice service to. Beacon will provide the red, white and blue yarn. They are looking for afghans about the size of the top of a twin bed or even a little smaller. Afghans can be dropped off at the Fairhaven Senior Center. In the past this has been an incredibly heartwarming project much appreciated by the veterans. Call the Senior Center, 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia for info.

### Computer Technology

Sept. 16, 18, 20 Introduction to internet Browsing; Sept. 23, 25, 27 Introduction to Word Processing .

### Fuel Assistance Recertifications:

Mailing for fuel recertifications begin in September. If you receive them and need help, please call Phyllis at 508-979-4029. Applications will begin in November.

### Grieving During the Holidays Workshop

Wed., 11/13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center Provided by Nancy Arnold Southcoast, VNA Supportive Care Service. The end -of the-year holidays can be some of the hardest days to go through during the early years after the death of a loved one. Balancing this already demanding time with the sadness we feel because of not being able to share this holiday time with our loved one, can feel overwhelming. The workshop is free of charge and open to anyone in the community.

## Ongoing Programs

### Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.

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# Acushnet Selectboard increases water/sewer rates

*By Pattie Pacella*
**Neighb News Correspondent**

The Acushnet Selectboard discussed the FY20 Water and Sewer rates at their meeting on 9/10. Kathy Silva of the DPW presented her recommendations to the board.

Ms. Silva stated that last year had no increase in water, and she recommended a first tier increase only of $.40 (forty cents).

Ms. Silva explained that he increase would cover those residents that use from zero to one thousand cubic feet of water per quarter. She used the example of a resident that using 1500 cubic feet of water, would be billed an additional $6.00 per quarter.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar stated he understood the need to have a surplus and was in favor of the increase.

The board voted unanimously to increase the water rate per the recommendation.

Ms. Silva also recommended an increase on the sewer rates to $1.00 per cubic foot for every tier unit, stating that the sewer undesignated fund balance is low at $200,000 and she would like to see at least half a million dollars in that account for infrastructure.

The board unanimously approved the $1.00 increase on each tier.

In other business, the Selectboard met with Attorney Darren Klein of Kopelman & Paige regarding the next step in the Police Chief hiring process.

Attorney Klein advised the Selectboard that the assessments have been completed and as soon as Acushnet calls for the list, they should get it in hand. Mr. Klein stated that the Selectboard would receive the names of the top three people, ranked accordingly.

He stated it would then be up to the Selectboard to interview the candidates. He suggested they ask the same questions and move forward from that point.

Mr. Klein also explained that the Selectboard would make the final decision and they usually ask for a recommendation from the current Police Chief.

Mr. Cabral asked if there was a way to interview the candidates without knowing their rank on the list so the board would not be biased.

Mr. Klein stated he would review their questions or topics of questions that they would like to ask the candidates and give them his feedback.

The Selectboard asked Ms. Hebert, the Interim Town Administrator to put in a request in to ask for the list of candidates.

In other business, the Selectboard voted unanimously in support of the remote participation policy for the Town as a whole as well as for their own board. Mr. Cabral reminded Town Boards and Committees that they would need to adopt the policy for themselves separately.

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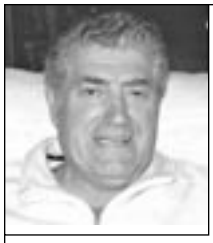

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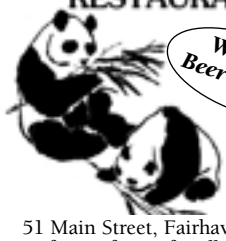


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# Last Ride Home: Stephen Almeida retires from Fairhaven FD

*By Beth David*
**Editor**

The word "overwhelming" came from the mouth of Stephen Almeida a lot on Friday, 9/6/19, as he looked out at the group of his fellow firefighters who gathered to wish him a happy retirement. Mr. Almeida's "Last Ride Home," took him from Fire Station 1 in Fairhaven to his home on Abbey Street in Fairhaven, where friends and family waited to greet him.

Firefighters in their dress uniforms, and town officials, lined the road in front of his house; family and friends huddled under canopies to dodge the rain; and the last announcement crackled over the pagers of the firefighters, giving the all clear for his shift to end.

"It's all so overwhelming," Mr. Almeida told the crowd. "It's very emotional."

He told the younger firefighters to carry on the traditions of the firefighting service, saying there are many great traditions that should be continued.

He also credited the late Earl Faunce with helping him along, especially at the beginning.

"If not for Earl Faunce, I would not have lasted 41 years," said Mr. Almeida, adding that he could not have done it without the help of his family.

Call firefighter David Dompierre who attends Mass. Maritime Academy, said he had only worked with Mr. Almeida a few times, but felt he was a "good guy."

Call firefighter Todd Cox called Mr. Almeida a "great guy."

Charlene Paulson said her father worked with Mr. Almeida at the Fire Department for "many years."

She said he was a "great person, an excellent firefighter."

Ms. Paulson said he went "above and beyond what he had to do."

"He was always willing to lend a helping hand and do anything for anybody that needed it," said Ms. Paulson. "I'm sure he still will be."

Chaplain Bob Langevin said he did not know Mr. Almeida that well, but knew him to be a dedicated person.

"I'm so honored to be able to serve with him for the time I had," said Chaplain Langevin. "I know he has done so much for the town of Fairhaven."

Mr. Almeida's wife Cheryl joked at first about having mixed feelings about the retirement.

"I'm happy for him," she said, stressing the word "him," with a chuckle. "It's going to be a life change for me, to get used to having him around 24/7."

"But we'll get used to it," she said.

And, of course, retired people always have lots of projects lined up, right?

"I'm sure I'll find some," she said.

Retired Deputy Chief Donn Fletcher was back in his dress uniform for the occasion. He said that he and Mr. Almeida were on the same shift for awhile.

"I have nothing but good to say about him," said Mr. Fletcher. "He's a hard worker, smart."

Does the veteran retired guy have any advice for the newbie retiree?

"Just do what you want to do when you want to do it and you'll enjoy your retirement."

Mr. Almeida started his career with the fire department as a call-firefighter in 1978. He served nine years as a call firefighter before being appointed full time in 1987, and served the town as a full time Firefighter for the next 32 years. He assumed various responsibilities in the department and in the firefighters union, including 20 years as union president.

TOP: \Retiring Fairhaven firefighter Stephen Almeida gets off the truck after his "Last Ride Home" to see the street in front of his house lined with Fairhaven firefighters waiting to wish him well on 9/6/19. ABOVE LEFT: Mr. Almeida greets Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy Francis, flanked by Deputy Chief Todd Correia (left) and retired Deputy Chief Donn Fletcher. ABOVE RIGHT: Olivia and Lucas display a sign for their family friend wishing him a happy retirement. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.* ABOVE/MIDDLE OF PAGE: Mr. Almeida gets a big hug from little arms as he greets people in front of his house. *Photo by Beth David.*

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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
## Fairhaven Recreation and Senior Center HVAC Improvements – Phase 1

The Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, Office of the Town Administrator, will receive sealed bids for Fairhaven Recreation and Senior Center HVAC Improvements – Phase 1 Project located at 227 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA.

**Sub-bids are due at 2:00PM on Wednesday October 9, 2019 at the Office of the Town Administrator, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven MA 02719 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Late bids and Email bids will not be accepted.**

**General bids are due at 2:00PM on Wednesday October 16, 2019 at the Office of the Town Administrator, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven MA 02719 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Late bids and Email bids will not be accepted.**

Interested contractors should contact Garcia, Galuska & DeSousa, Inc. jessica_fortin@g-g-d.com for more information. Plans and specifications will be available electronically and can be obtained from Garcia, Galuska & DeSousa Inc, 370 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747 after 8 AM on Wednesday September 18, 2019.

A pre-bid walk through will be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, September 25, 2019, at the Recreation and Senior Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA

DCAMM certification in the category of HVAC Prime is required for General Contractor. Filed Sub-Bid Category of Electrical DCAMM certification in the category of Electrical is required. The minimum wages to be paid for all labor on the project are established in a schedule issued by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries, in accordance with Section 26A–27D inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the M.G.L., as amended, said schedule being made a part of the Contract Documents and is included therein.

All workers employed on the project must provide proof of completion of an "OSHA-10" Construction Safety Course, as required under Chapter 30, Section 39S of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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All work associated with the HVAC equipment replacement shall be completed in a phased manner to limit the amount of required down time for the HVAC heating system.

Every Bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount, in the form of a certified check; or a treasurer's check; or a cashier's check; issued by a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to the Town of Fairhaven; or a bid bond in a form satisfactory to the Town of Fairhaven, with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All submitted bids are the property of the Town of Fairhaven and are public record. Any bidder may withdraw their bid prior to the bid opening.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part, and to make awards in a manner deemed in the best interest of the Town.

*FNN 9/12/19*

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**
**East Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street**
**Fairhaven, Massachusetts**

1. 12 Gilbert Street, Map 29A, Lot 221. Euncie Eble. 198-18: Variance request to allow a front setback of 8.8' and a side setback of 7.5' in a RA District.
2. 182 Sconticut Neck Road; Map 28B, Lot 33. Glen & Lynda Reeves. 198-18: Variance request 11.5' short on a front setback of 30' in RA District.
3. 184 Dogwood Street; Map 43B, Lots 190 & 192. James M. Hickox, Sr. 198-18:Variance request for 11% over the 25% allowable lot coverage in a RR District.
4. 9 Tanner Lane; Map 30, Lot 46B. Wayne & Michelle Bergeron. Special Permit request for an In-Law Apartment in a RA District.
5. 126 Cottonwood St., Map 43A, Lot 113. Steven Poftak. 198-18: Variance request for 5' short of the 20' side setback in a RR District
6. 68 Winsegansett Avenue, Map 42A, Lot 258. nBlack Rock Investment Trust. 198-21(c) Special Permit request to demolish and reconstruct a single family dwelling within 2 years. Variance request short 23.4' of front setback, short 26.6' of rear setback, short 9.5' of side setback, 16.3% over building coverage & 32% over lot coverage; in a RR District to build a single family dwelling & garage.
7. 72 Ocean Avenue, Map 29C, Lots 178-185 & 267-280. Corbina & Bruce Foucart. 198-21 (c) Variance request short 18' front setback that should be 30' front in a RR District.
8. 304 New Boston Road, Map 40, Lot 26. Jonathan Barboza. Special Permit request to build a leaching field in the Nasketucket River Basin.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*
*9/5/19 & 9/12/19*

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**
**Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street**
**Fairhaven, Massachusetts**

**1) DRAFT 2020 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN** The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing to receive information and public comment on the Draft 2020 Community Preservation Plan.

Copies of the Plan may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Town's website www.fairhaven-ma.gov

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then be submitted to the state regulatory agency and approved.

The board also heard from realtor Kerri McNamara, asking them not to exercise the town's right of first refusal for 732 Sconticut Neck Road, the old Beals property. Ms. McNamara told the board that a closing was scheduled for 9/27, so she was hoping the board would expedite the decision.

Past practice, explained Mr. Rees, was to circulate the information to all departments to give them a chance to express an interest in acquiring it. The 61A property has enjoyed a tax break for agricultural use. Now that it is being sold, the town has the right to buy it because of the past tax breaks.

The Selectboard makes the decision.

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas said he wanted to okay it because, "it looks like we hit everybody," as Ms. McNamara said she had receipts that the boards were notified.

Board member Bob Espindola, however, said there were other departments, and in the past the board had inadvertently overlooked departments, and it was "unfortunate."

The board decided to ask Mr. Rees to send out a memo to all departments and give them until Friday at noon to respond. If no one responds, then the board will not exercise its right to buy the land.

The board also addressed a number of vacancies on a variety of boards, and appointed Gary Lavalette to the Conservation Commission.

The town has vacancies on a number of volunteer committees. Anyone interested in learning about vacancies or volunteering, contact the Selectboard office at 508-979-4023 Ext. 2, or visit the town's website: https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov

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**Board of Public Works**
Tues., 9/16, 5 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

**Community Preservation**
Thurs., 9/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Conservation Commission**
Mon., 9/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Cultural Council**
Tues., 9/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Espindola Office Hour**
Mon., 9/16, Town Hall, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**
Tues., 9/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

**Sustainability Committee**
Tues., 9/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Town Auction**
Sat., 9/28, 5 Arsene St., 9 a.m.
Buy surplus town property

# Acushnet Meetings

**Board of Assessors**
Tues., 9/17, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**
Thurs., 9/26, Parting Ways., 6:30 p.m.

**Selectboard**
Wed., 9/25, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

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# BPW increases water & sewer rates, hires garage supervisor

*By Mary Macedo*
**Neighb News Correspondent**

At its meeting on Tuesday, 9/3, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works interviewed candidates for Highway Department Garage Supervisor, and voted to approve new Sewer and Water rates.

BPW Superintendent Vinny Furtado explained that he and BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau interviewed seven candidates for the position and selected the two most qualified for the board to meet.

Kevin McCarron introduced himself to the board stating that he was a hard worker and has had many years of experiences with all kinds of machines, from bikes to backhoes to large trucks. He also said that he has a lot of experience with electrical troubleshooting and computer diagnostics.

Mr. Furtado said Mr. McCarron had great experience.

Board member Keith Silvia agreed that Mr. McCarron covered exactly what the department needs.

Mr. Silvia explained that with Mr. McCarron's experience he can fix pretty much anything and if the garage gets all the right equipment they would not have to outsource repairs.

Mr. Wotton agreed stating that Mr. McCarron can fix anything from a weed whacker to big trucks.

The board than interviewed Derek Faulk, who told the board that he has worked as a scrap yard mechanic, in a garage, with forklifts, and for the last five years has run an automotive repair shop at a big car dealership.

Board member Robert "Hoppy' Hobson asked if Mr. Faulk had worked with diesel engines, as well as with backhoes, computer diagnostics, and hydraulic planes.

Mr. Faulk said at his current job he works with computer diagnostics all the time and that it is about 90% of his current job.

He also explained that when he worked at the scrap yard he worked with diesel and a lot of other types of engines, but said he might be a little rusty.

Mr. Faulk told the board he is a very hard work and that he is always the first one into work and the last one out.

Mr. Hobson said he was impressed by how much knowledge and experience Mr. Faulk had for his age.

After the two candidates left, the board discussed who they would like to hire. The entire board agreed that both candidates were great.

Board member Cameron Durant said he would recommendMr. McCarron because he had "stellar experience."

Mr. Hobson and Mr. Silvia agreed that Mr. McCarron's experience was outstanding.

Mr. Wotton said that the Mr. Charbonneau had also recommended Mr. McCarron for the position.

The board voted unanimously to Mr. McCarron as Garage Supervisor with a six month probation period.

In another matter the board voted to accept an increase in water and sewer rates. The board explained at their last meeting that for tier one residents, which are senior citizens and single resident households for water and sewer, the most the rates will go up is $5 per six month billing period.

The board also said tier two, which is the average family household for water and sewer the rates will go up a maximum of $20 per six months.

At the 9/3 meeting the board briefly recapped their discussions about the rates. The board then unanimously voted to raise the rates as discussed.

In another matter Mr. Hobson mentioned that 56 through 66 Green Street floods when it rains and they are not sure what the issue is.

Mr. Furtado said that he would look into it.

Mr. Hobson also mentioned that there is a drain clogged on Starboard Drive. He said he was concerned about the risk of mosquitoes due to the still water.

Mr. Wotton agreed and said that anything to do with mosquitoes is a priority and is not a laughing matter.

In other business, Mr. Wotton said that the state finally cleared up some of the brush and weeds on Route 6. He said he was not pleased at how long it took them to come and not pleased by the job they did, either.

Mr. Wotton said he no longer wants to deal with the state regarding the maintenance on Route 6, he would like to plan a preventive maintenance plan because he is dissatisfied by the lack of attention the state gives to the town.

Having six-foot tall weeds is unacceptable, he said, and he will no longer allow it to happen.

Mr. Wotton said the solution is to be more proactive and less reactive. He said he would like to invest some town money into getting a spray rig for the town trucks with weed killer and go in every six weeks or so and spray all the weeds along Route 6.

Mr. Wotton said over the winter he will be looking into it for next year.


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