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

## Rain doesn't dampen the big "kaBOOM"



Cannon 2 is fired as part of the activities of the Fairhaven Village Militia's encampment on Saturday, 9/25/21, at dusk at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. The five 1984 Civil War era cannons were used to defend the harbor entrance by firing a 24 pound ball and sometimes nails, chains and other debris that would tear or wrap around the sails of the ships as far as one mile out, using a 10 pound gunpowder charge. The modern firings use an approximately a one-pound charge. 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.

Lots of good stuff in here this week (as always, right?). Select Board had some entertaining moments (see page 4), but I kind of glossed over a bit of it because we just didn't have the space this week.

The police department gave awards to two members and we gave that a little more ink (see page 13). Congratulations to both of those guys.

While we're on the PD, the new K9 has a name. See page 18 to see what it is.

The town also held a tax possession auction this week (see page 19). The town managed to get more than \$1.7 million for 28 properties that had been taken for back taxes. It was a different kind of event, to be sure. But, of course, it was on deadline day, so here I am in the middle of the night...nay, at the crack of dawn finishing this up. Ah well.

Our cover story is one of my favorites. The rain almost wrecked it, but the militia guys are not easily daunted! They pulled it off and shook the earth. See page 12 for that. If you've never seen the (or heard) the cannons at the fort get fired, you really MUST get there the next time they do it. That should be in May, on Memorial Day weekend. So....pencil it in.

On Friday, the much anticipated free screening of "To Dust All Return," is happening (see page 3). This is Alyssa Botelho's second short film shown at town hall. Due to COVID, the audience will be capped at 100, so if you want to go, get there early.

There's other stuff in here, of course...don't want to give it all away, right?

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And, thank you for reading the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing this week? Really?  
Cool.

# Community Preservation Plan approved, applications available

## Press Release

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Plan has been reviewed and approved and is available on the CPC webpage. The Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 (FY23) CPC funding round. The deadline for full applications has been changed to October 13, 2021 at noon at the Planning and Economic Development Department

in Town Hall.

The FY23 Plan, Submission Guidelines and Application forms are available on the Town's Web Site on the Community Preservation Committee page: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

- Activities that can be funded are:
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Open Space.
  - Creation, preservation and support

of Community Housing.

- Acquisition, creation and preservation of Historic Resources.
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of land for Recreational Use.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department. For information or appointments call 508-979-4082, Ext. 122 or email [pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:pfoley@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Free Film Screening

Fairhaven TV is hosting a free short film screening with Fairhaven filmmaker Alyssa Botelho in the Town Hall auditorium on October 1st at 7pm. A Q&A with the writer/director, producer, costume designer, and director of photography will follow.

As Alyssa is a graduate of the Fairhaven High School Media Production program, she wishes to give the community a first, exclusive look at her latest project, *To Dust All Return.*, A great way to kick off the spooky Halloween season, it's a nine-

## Weekend happenings

minute piece set in early 1700s New England focusing on a girl with a secret who's interrogated by a powerful man who suspects her of witchcraft.

To ensure a safe event, the audience will be capped at 100 attendants and the mask mandate will be enforced.

## Japanese Noodles

*Whitfield-Manjiro Yaki Soba is back.*

On Sun., 10/3, we will be holding a Yakisoba Fundraiser at the entrance of 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven. Please note that your donation of \$10 per

servicing will help continue the operation of the museum during these trying times.

To order, choose either Ham or Vegetarian as well as a time for pick up. Please wear a mask and have your cash/check ready. We will not be giving out change. Ayako will be on the porch to hand out orders. Debbie and Gerry will be working the grills.

**Email your reservation to [debbie02719@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie02719@yahoo.com) by Friday Oct.1st.** (Name, choice of ham or veg.,time) Times: 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30



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**Calling all Halloween Yards**

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture ourselves. Email: [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net); USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

**Halloween Map**

Want to be on the Halloween map? Email Manny Souza, [oleoxfordhaunt@gmail.com](mailto:oleoxfordhaunt@gmail.com) and he'll include you in his map of spooky yards, which we will publish in our annual Halloween issue. Find the map at: [www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven](http://www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven)

# Select Board waits on Special TM; approves Vet parade

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board did not set a date for the a Special Town Meeting at its meeting on Monday, 9/27/21, due to complications with timing, the budget process, and a 61A land parcel.

The property at 372 Scoticut Neck Road, owned by David Hebert, has a purchase and sale agreement. The town has the Right of First Refusal to buy the land because it has been receiving a tax break for agricultural use. Town Meeting will have to vote on the acquisition, and the town must adhere to a timetable to comply with the statute.

However, Town Counsel Thomas Crotty said there were problems with the P&S. He said the purchase price is not clear due to a discount being offered if the property is cleaned up. In another spot, Mr. Crotty said he thought there was a typo. He also said he believed the pages got "mixed up."

He went through several possibilities on how to handle the problems.

He said the town's Conservation Agent has already expressed an interest in having the town buy the parcel.

Finance Director/Treasurer/ Collector and Interim Town Administrator Wendy

Graves advocated for a January or February STM, but that pushes the timeline out too far to acquire the parcel.

Mr. Crotty said, however, that the P&S is not correct, so it could reset the timeline to when the new P&S is completed.

The board decided to have Mr. Crotty send a letter to Mr. Hebert and his representatives explaining the P&S is not acceptable.

The board tabled a decision on buying the land and on setting a date for the STM until the next meeting.

The board also gave the nod to Veterans Agent Brad Fish, who asked permission to start planning for a Veterans Day parade. Mr. Fish said he would understand if the COVID situation changed and it had to be canceled, but it would be harder to try to plan the parade at the last minute, than possibly cancel it.

Because it is largely an outdoor event, the board voted to go ahead with the planning.

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola referred to Memorial Day when it was clear that it was not easy to "turn it on that quickly."

The board also had a lengthy discussion with Rogers Re-use Committee members Sue Loo, chairperson, and Doug

Brady.

The two advocated for the board to re-engage in talks with SMEC for use of the 1950s addition to the building. Mr. Brady said that Town Counsel had advised that SMEC is not subject to the RFP process because it is a public entity.

Mr. Espindola, however, said the decision was "murkier" than it seemed at first.

"It's less murky than what you're making it out to be," said Mr. Brady to Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Espindola insisted that SMEC speak with Paul Foley, Director of Planning and Economic Development, who is "point of contact."

Mr. Brady advocated hard for a meeting between the Select Board and SMEC but then pivoted and suggested the board send a letter to SMEC suggesting they meet with Mr. Foley.

"I think I just said that," said Mr. Espindola.

In the end the board voted to send a letter to SMEC inviting them to speak with Mr. Foley, and outlining the town's concerns about a pending legal action involving the property, and also informing them of grants Mr. Foley is pursuing for the property.

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## Blessing of the Animals

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven  
Sunday, October 3rd – 12:30 PM



Bring your dogs and cats and bunnies and gerbils — whatever animal you love — to be blessed. This is a joint service of First Congregational Church of Fairhaven and Trinity Lutheran Church.

We will gather on the lawn, have some brief prayers and individually bless each animal. If your pet has crossed the Rainbow Bridge feel free to bring a picture for blessing.



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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Boil Order Lifted

The Boil Water Order for Fairhaven was lifted on 9/22. The results yielded from the numerous confirmatory results of samples taken throughout Town determined that there is no E. coli present in the water system.

Please see the Town's Website for more details: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/boil-water-order-lifted>

## Old Time Holiday Canceled

After consulting with some of the key organizers of the major Old-Time Holiday events, it has been decided that the Old-Time Holiday, usually held on the second full weekend of December, will not be held in 2021. The ongoing situation with COVID including relatively low vaccination rates, crowded gatherings in small indoor spaces, and the participation by many older, at-risk residents are the reasons for this cancellation.

Be aware that any group that still plans to hold some kind of holiday event may certainly do so and if I am provided with information about the event, it will be promoted by the Office of Tourism. (This applies to things like the sing-alongs, Santa Claus appearances, etc.)

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, [fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov), 5089-979-4085.

## Yaki Soba Sale

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is holding a Japanese noodle sale. Deadline for registering is 10/1. See page 3 for details.

## Halloween Swap

Halloween Sustainability Swap

Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 8.

On October 9 at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. A large bin is located in the entrance.

Contact Whitney McClees, Sustainability Coordinator, with questions: [sustainability@Fairhaven-MA.gov](mailto:sustainability@Fairhaven-MA.gov)

## Rogers School tours

The Rogers Re-Use Committee will be hosting a walk through tour of Rogers School on Thurs., 9/30, from 11-2 & 4-6 and Sat., 10/2 from 11-2.

For questions contact: [Rogerscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Rogerscommittee@gmail.com)

Please note: anyone under the age of 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Masks are required for everyone entering the building.

## Free Film Screening

Alyssa Botelho's latest short film, "To Dust All Return," will be screened for free on Fri., 10/1, at 7 p.m. in the Fairhaven town hall auditorium. See page 3 for details.

## Blessing of the Pets

Sixth annual Blessing of the Pets at St. Mary's Church 440 Main Street, Fairhaven, on Sunday, 10/3 at 12 noon in front of the Church.

All pets must be leashed or in carriers. You can also bring a photo of your pet to be blessed.

## Blessing of the Pets

Sun., 10/3, at 12:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church. See ad on page 3.

## Book Raffle

In preparation for October's Fire Safety Week, Fairhaven Firefighters Association Local 1555, is holding a book raffle.

Two of the Sprinkles the Fire Dog books will be raffled off at the end of Fire Safety Week! Sunday, October 10th @ 10 A.M. (pending emergencies)

How to enter: This is a FREE raffle for ANY child up to and including Grade 5. All you have to do is submit your own drawing of Sprinkles the Fire Dog! Here's your chance to be creative! Use your imagination!

Please make sure your name is clearly written on the back of the drawing and a means to contact you! ALL names will be entered into the

drawing.

Please drop off OR mail in your drawing to 146 Washington St. Fairhaven, MA 02719 **NO later than 10/09/2021**. Find them on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing all of your art work!

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Hazardous Waste Day

Hazardous Waste Day for the Town of Fairhaven will be on Saturday, October 23 from 8AM to 12PM at the BPW Building. This day is open to Fairhaven residents only; proof of residency is REQUIRED.

For a complete list of materials that are acceptable, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/fairhaven-hazardous-waste-day>

### Fall Kids Fest

### DATE & TIME CORRECTION

Sat., 10/9, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the lawn of the Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School, 141 Main Street at Route 6, Fairhaven

Many activities for children, including a costume parade at contest at 2 p.m.; live music; pirates, crafts; food vendor.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and Millicent Library Youth Services

### NFIA Halloween Horribles Parade

Sun., 10/24, 2021, 5 p.m. Parade starts at Benoit Square, intersection of Adams Street & Howland Road

Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, this Halloween costume parade has been held every year since 1950. Children and adults in costume walk from Benoit Square north on Main Street to St. Mary's Church.

In the parking lot behind the church, costumes are judged in different categories and age groups with prizes awarded. There are also bags of Halloween treats and hot chocolate. Free.

For more information email, visit <http://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com/> or email [northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com](mailto:northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com)

### Fire Dept. Open House

Sun., 10/10, 1-3 p.m. at Fairhaven Fire Station, 146 Washington St. See fire and safety demonstrations. Free event includes free pizza and giveaways.

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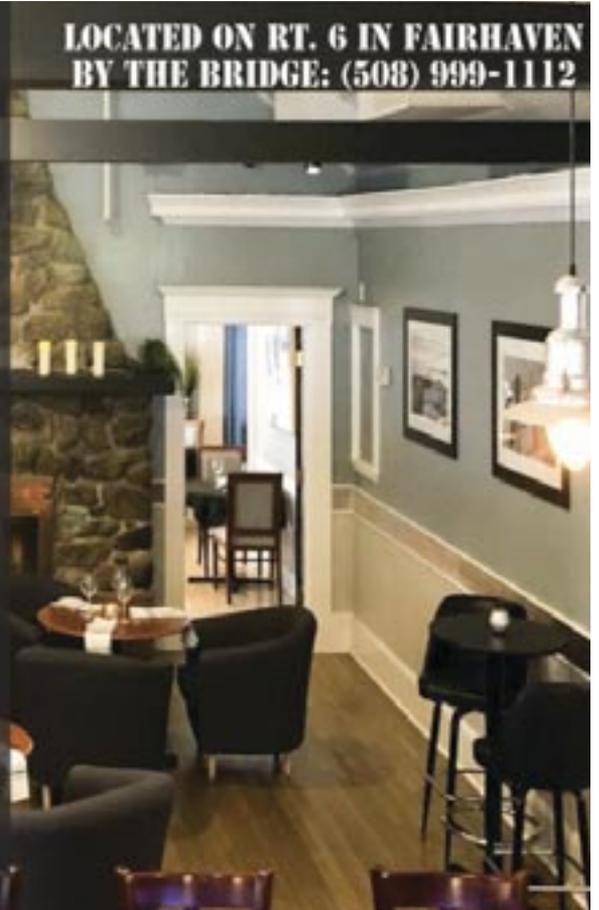
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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Miss NB Contest

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Watch this year's candidates competing for the titles of Miss New Bedford and Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen!

Young women from across Greater New Bedford have the chance to win not only the crown, but thousands of dollars in scholarship money, a year of service to the community, and a spot in both state competitions happening in 2022.

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and excitement — whether you're supporting a contestant or not! Be your own judge using the scoring section in our program book!

Candidates will compete in multiple phases of on-stage competition, ranging from talent to on-stage questions and evening wear. Prior to the competition, each candidate will also be scored in a private interview with the judges panel.

Special entertainment will also be provided by the Cheryl McCormack Academy of Dance, Miss New Bedford Troupe of former titleholders, and other special guests including Alyssa Maitoza, Miss New Bedford, and Ericka Correia, Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen.

*\*This year's program in memory of Frederick M. Kalisz*

## Reproductive Rights Rally

Join us in the fight for full reproductive rights!

In response to the recent passing of Texas law SB8, which effectively restricts access to abortions, the Womxn's Alliance, in collaboration with the Women's Fund and other community partners, will be hosting a Rally for Reproductive Rights SouthCoast on **Sat., 10/2, from 12-3 p.m. at Buttonwood Park, near the warming house, 425 Hawthorn St., New Bedford, MA 02740.**

Organizations will have tables at the event. A short **speaking program will begin at 1:30 p.m.**, immediately followed by march around Buttonwood Park.

Mark your calendars! To register:

<https://act.womensmarch.com/event>

If you are interested in helping to organize this event, please contact Bianca Suchite at [bsuchite@womensfundsouthcoast.org](mailto:bsuchite@womensfundsouthcoast.org).

*The emphasis must not be on the right to abortion but on the right to privacy and reproductive control [Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg]*

## COVID Testing

Project Beacon's appointment-based COVID-19 testing, part of the state's Stop the Spread program, is adjusting its schedule at New Bedford Regional Airport, at 1569 Airport Road. As of Oct. 3, Project Beacon will offer appointments for COVID-19 tests on Thursdays, rather than Wednesdays, while remaining open Sunday through Tuesday.

The updated hours for testing will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Appointments can be made at [beacontesting.com](http://beacontesting.com). Airport officials ask that people access the testing site via the airport's side entrance on Downey Street.

Other testing sites remain available in New Bedford and can be found on the state's Stop the Spread website, [www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test).

## Free Shred Day

A fall Paper Shredding Day will take place on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 9 a.m. to noon (or until the shred truck fills up) in New Bedford. It will be a contactless event to keep both participants and staff safe. All are welcome; there is no residency requirement.

The shredding event will be held at the New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford. The entrance will be on Parker Street and the traffic flow map will be available on the credit union website [nbcu4u.com](http://nbcu4u.com).

Individuals may bring up to two boxes of paper. The event will end when the shred truck is full; it is possible it may be before noon. Each box should weigh no more than 30 to 40 pounds. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders.

For more information, please visit [gnbrmdistrict.org](http://gnbrmdistrict.org), call the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District at (508) 979-1493, or email [Marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org](mailto:Marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org).

## Sea Scout Ship

Join our Sea Scouts division of the Boy Scouts of America that will be based around aquatics. Orientation meeting on **Sat., 10/2, from 1-4 p.m., at New Bedford Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000 S Rodney French Blvd. (Fort Taber/Rodman), New Bedford.**

Sea Scout Ship 1930 is open to all interested leaders and youth who would like to learn about knots, how to swim, sail, handle small boats (canoes, kayaks, sailboats). We will meet inside our facility throughout the winter, and hit the water next spring.

Contact Wyndell Waldon for more information at 803-683-2369, or [wyndell.waldon@scouting.org](mailto:wyndell.waldon@scouting.org)

## Blues Concert FR

A soulful blues affair on Sat., 10/10, Nightstage Performance Center at The Kilburn Mill, 127 W. Rodney French Blvd., NB; 978-337-1414; [john@yellowboxentertainment.com](mailto:john@yellowboxentertainment.com)

An evening with Blues Legend Saron Crenshaw Saron Crenshaw to support the Cape Verdean Recognition Parade in New Bedford. Sponsored by the Colonial South Auto Group and the Cape Verdean Recognition Committee. Special guest performance by The Authentics.

Sat., 10/10. Doors open 6 pm. Showtime 7 pm. Tickets \$35 at <https://nightstageperformancecenter.com> Full Menu. Cash Bar

## Chowderfest

16th Annual Blount Fine Foods New Bedford Seaport Chowderfest at Pier 3 New Bedford, Sat., 10/9, Noon-5 p.m. (VIP 11 a.m.-4 p.m.) Local restaurants, caterers and assisted living facilities will be competing for best clam/seafood chowder, best Portuguese specialty soup and best signature soup!

Advanced General Admission, \$15 per person; Day Of Event General Admission, \$18 per person; Children Ages 6-12, \$5; Children Under 5, Free VIP Tickets, \$35 per person.

For tickets: <https://members.onesouthcoast.com/events/>

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Pop-Up Shop/ Daffodils

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church St, Mattapoisett, will be hosting a Fall Pop-Up Shop! On Saturday, October 2nd, from 11 AM to 4 PM, nine vendors will be setting up outdoor booths on the museum's lawn fully intent on selling their products.

Alongside the Pop-Up Shop, the museum will be open to visitors free of charge, on the 2nd of October! Visitors can enjoy themselves while shopping for unique products and exploring any and all of the exhibits the museum currently has to offer.

Jessica DeCicco-Carey, a board member at the museum is, "really excited to have so many talented vendors participating for this pop-up". Alongside Jessica, other representatives of the Mattapoisett Museum are equally excited to be hosting an event which gives local businesses an outlet for increased success!

## Medicare 101

Every year, something may change with Medicare or with your needs. Learn more about Medicare and the programs that can help you with your out-of-pocket costs.

Join SHINE Regional Director, Christie Rexford, to learn about Medicare enrollment periods, benefits, coverage options and programs that can help you with your out-of-pocket costs.

SHINE stands for Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone. It is a federally funded program under the Administration for Community Living. SHINE Counselors provide free and unbiased health insurance information, counseling and assistance for people with Medicare.

Tues., 10/5, at 4 p.m., at Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow St.

**REGISTER by 10/4** by calling 508-758-4110 or email [coadirector@mattapoisett.net](mailto:coadirector@mattapoisett.net)

## Comedy Night

American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St. Acushnet, presents a Comedy Night on Sat., 10/9, featuring Pete Costello, Michael Petit, Grandma Martha. Showtime is 8 p.m., tickets are \$25. **RATED: Funny!** Get tickets from bartender at the Post.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Ham & Bean Dinner

Baked Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cold Slaw, Coffee, Corn Bread and Various Desserts. Sun., 10/17, 4-7 pm, Freetown VFW Hall, 89 Middleboro Road, East Freetown

Music by Johnny Angel

Tickets \$15.00. Call Susan 508-763-9245; Pat Wilbur 508-344-0566; VFW 508-763-2292

## Steel Magnolias

The Marion Art Center will reopen for its first indoor staged event since 2020, with the production of Robert Harling's *Steel Magnolias*, directed by Jennifer Palmer. The cast includes Kate Fishman, Zara Lemieux, Brianna Rosario, Margo Ruggiero, Susan Sullivan, and Elaine Vercellone, with Jade Beauregard as understudy. The Stage Manager is Andrea Cantin, Sound and Lighting is by Steven McManus, and Hair and Costume is by Seth Sweeney.

Show Dates are October 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24, with Friday & Saturday shows at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$18 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. Tickets will be available for online purchase starting on September 24 at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

This much beloved story about the bonds and strength through good times and not so good, is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, LA where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle, the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby, is about to marry a "good ole boy." As the story proceeds through comedy and tragedy we learn how these women have been each other's strength through friendship and love.

The MAC joins a number of performing arts venues and organizations in implementing a mask and vaccination policy to protect the health of its guests, cast, crew, staff, and volunteers. All theater guests must be fully vaccinated (at least 14 days have passed since the final

dose) against the COVID-19 virus, or guests may provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test. Accepted tests include a PCR test taken in the prior 72-hours, or antigen test taken in the prior 6 hours. Tests must be officially administered (no self-administered at-home tests will be accepted). All patrons regardless of vaccination status must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth at all times while inside the Marion Art Center. Anyone unable to meet these requirements will not be allowed entry into the MAC Theater. Volunteers and ticket takers will check for proof of vaccination or negative COVID test at the door. There will be no cabaret tables set up for this production, and seating is still first come, first serve. **Ticket sales are limited to forty guests per show.** Advanced purchase is strongly recommended. Visit [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org), email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org), or call 508-748-1266.

## Free Magic Show

The Prince of Mystery, magician Skip Daniels, performs at The Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, Acushnet, on Friday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m.

This is a free event but pre-registration is required, 508-998-0280.

## Free Art Exhibit

Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series 2020 - 2021: Nature Illustrations by George Emmons, October 15 - November 14 at the Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoisett.

For the past five years, nonagenarian Fairhaven resident George Emmons has been writing nature articles as well as illustrating them for the local newspaper The Wanderer. George's literary mission is to inform readers about the environment of wildlife, particularly birds and seasonal migration. He has been a valued regular patron of the Mattapoisett Library to research his topics. George's inspiration comes from a lifelong involvement with Native American culture as an integrated basis of the present-day deeply-ingrained inherited natural belief in the spirit of creation of planetary cycles on mother earth. Accessible.

# Recipe of the Week

## Grasshopper Pie

*Dairy-free, healthier version of a traditional Grasshopper Pie.*

- 1 cup coconut cream
- 1/2 cup coconut butter
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup cocoa butter
- 3/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1/4 teaspoon spirulina
- 1 premade chocolate pie crust

Blend together the coconut cream, coconut butter, sweetener, and peppermint extract in a blender. The mixture should be smooth and creamy. While blending, add the melted cocoa butter through the door in the lid. Finally, add the spirulina and blend until it is mixed in.

Pour the mixture into the prepared pie crust. Set the pie in the freezer for 1 hour, then transfer it to the fridge for 2 to 3 hours, until set through to the middle.

Garnish with whipped cream and pie crust crumbs. Store the leftover pie in the fridge, covered.

*From cookingprofessionally.com*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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deaf like she can't hear anything, but she does have a hard time hearing most voices and sounds.

Some of the services I provide are: alerting her to someone at the door, indicating a text has just pinged on her phone or motioning that someone is talking to her. I provide many more services, but you get the idea.

Here's my problem: I don't look like a service dog, and often people don't treat me like one.

Let me give you an example; yesterday we were in the grocery store. My mom was driving a shopping cart, and I was sitting on her lap. My mom is not crippled, but walking isn't easy for her. We were looking over the apples when a lady came over and started petting me, and before we knew it, she picked me up. My mom is very polite, so she quietly told the woman I was a service dog and asked her to put me down.

I wanted to bite her, but rule

# Dear Frankie

## I Get No Respect

Dear Frankie, I am a Chihuahua and a real working service dog. I'm not one of those make-believe emotional support dogs.

My mom has a hearing disability. She is not

number one in service work is to remain calm and collected.

The woman was mortified. They always are mortified when this happens.

Before you ask, yes, I do wear a service vest, but it doesn't always help. More than once, someone has asked my mom if it was an old Halloween costume. When I told my friends, they thought it was hilarious.

I wasn't amused.

If you have any suggestions on strategies to get the respect I am due, I would be very appreciative.

*Aggravated, Beth*

*Dear Beth,*

I'm so sorry that you have had to bear the consequences of insensitive and uninformed members of the public. This is just another example of stereotyping. If you don't look like a German Shepherd or a Golden Retriever, you couldn't possibly be a service dog.

They, of course, wouldn't be sitting on your mom's lap, so their working vest would be more noticeable and probably taken more seriously. Perhaps your mom could get you a brighter-colored vest printed in large letters, "Service Dog."

Another idea is she could hang a sign on the shopping cart, stating "Working Service Dog, Please Don't Pet." Or she could do both.

You could also bark the minute you saw anyone giving you that "isn't she

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# Encampment gets rained on, but still goes “kaBOOM”

By Beth David  
Editor

They got rained on, but not rained out.

The Fairhaven Village Militia braved the rain on Saturday, 9/25/21, and took advantage of a short window of clearer skies at around dusk to fire off the five 24-pound Seacoast Cannons. The annual Revolutionary War encampment was canceled last year due to COVID-19.

This year’s encampment was noticeably smaller, but was still jam-packed with demonstrations about life in the 1700’s, including leather work demonstrations, games for children, and camping equipment, practices, etc.

This year, cannon 1 was fired in honor of John Rogers, Jr., by his grandchildren, Alex and Alison Kuechler. Mr. Rogers passed away last week and his funeral was Saturday. Cannon 5 was fired in honor of former FVM commander Ellie Sylvaria, who died unexpectedly last year.

The Civil War era cannons would fire a 24-pound ball a couple of centuries ago, using a 10-pound gunpowder charge. The cannonball could travel up to a mile, where the Butler Flats Lighthouse is now. Sometimes, chains, nails and other

debris would also be shot out of the cannon to destroy the sails of the oncoming ships. Then the disabled ship would be easier to hit with the cannonball.

Now, they do not fire projectiles, and the blast is produced with about a pound of gunpowder, which still packs a powerful punch.

Even with the rain, dozens of people showed up to see and hear the cannons go “kaBOOM.”

FVM Commander Wayne Oliveira narrated as cannon 1 was loaded, explaining each step in the process: clear the vent; worm the hole to clear out any debris; wet sponge, to make sure there are no wayward sparks from the last firing; dry sponge to make sure it will be dry enough to fire; ram the charge to get the gunpowder to the vent.

Then the charge is “picked,” getting hole poked in it for the fuse, and then the lighting.

The blast takes the crowd by surprise, no matter how hard they try to be ready for it.

Mr. Oliveira said the encampment had a good crowd during the day before the rain started. He said people have been “looking to get out” and do something different after the lockdowns and cancellations of the



last two years due to COVID-19.

He said they almost did not light the cannons, but then the sky cleared up at just the right time.

“We got a great crowd, even with the rain tonight,” said Mr. Oliveira.

The encampment started on Saturday at 9 a.m. and continued, with militia members sleeping in tents through Sunday at 3 p.m.

To learn more about the encampments, visit <https://fairhaventours.com/fort-phoenix-encampments/>

The militia generally holds encampments on Memorial Day Weekend and the last weekend in September annually. They fire the cannons on those Saturdays at dusk and also on July 4 during the day.



TOP: Peggy Rogers (middle), who was married to John Rogers, Jr. for 55 years, stops for a quick “hello” to the local free sheet with her daughters Pam Kuechler (left) and Martha Rogers, on 9/25/21 at the Fairhaven Villiage Militia’s REVOLUTIONARY War encampment at Fort Phoenix where cannon 1 was fired in honor of Mr. Rogers, who was buried that same day. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Villiage Militia Commander Wayne Oliveira explains the steps that FVM members are going through to load cannon 1 for firing on 9/25/21. ABOVE RIGHT: The kitchen area not only shows cookware similiar to that used during the Revolutionary War, but is also used to cook and feed members of the Fairhaven Villiage Militia during the encampment. *Photos by Beth David.*

# Fairhaven police present two service awards

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers presented the department's Service Award to Detective A. Glenn Cudmore and Lieutenant Kevin W. Kobza at Monday's Select Board meeting, 9/27/21. Chief Myers said it is the highest ranking award for acts that do not involve saving a life.

Det. Cudmore was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration office in New Bedford for 12 years as a task force officer. That is more than most task force agents spend there, said the Chief, and it is because of Det. Cudmore's work ethic and knowledge.

"He's a tremendous detective. It's great to have him back with us," said the chief, adding that they use his knowledge of "numerous things" on a daily basis.

According to the award, Det. Cudmore was responsible for investigations that led to numerous convictions of high-level drug dealers. His efforts helped topple several organizations involved in illicit drug sales.

His work resulted in the seizure of enormous amounts of heroin, cocaine and other drugs. It also brought about the seizure of millions of dollars in cash and assets with hundreds of thousands of dollars distributed directly back to the police department. The funds go into a trust fund for equipment and personnel, said the chief.

Det. Cudmore also received the "Most Outstanding Investigative Achievement Award" the US Department of Justice through the US Attorney's Office in Boston.

"This very prestigious award is presented to only those investigators who successfully prosecuted the most serious of cases within the United States Attorney's Office," reads the award.

Det. Cudmore said he was "humbled, but thank you very much."

He said it was a lot of work, and noted his wife was watching on TV.

"I can't thank her and the kids enough," said Det. Cudmore. "Through the years obviously there was dedication on my part, sacrifice on theirs as well."

He said it was a great experience and that the Fairhaven PD is the best police department to work for.

"I've seen a lot. I've been around the Commonwealth and other states



L-R: Fairhaven Police Department Captain Michael Botelho; Det. Glenn Cudmore holding his Service Award, Chief Michael Myers, Lt. Kevin Kobza holding his Service Award, stop for a quick photo after the presentation of the awards at the Select Board meeting on 9/27/21. Photo by Beth David.

everywhere else," said Det. Cudmore. "And this is the place to come back. Absolutely."

Board members thanked him for his service.

Select Board chairperson Bob Espindola noted that when someone saves a life from a car accident or other dangerous situation, they know it happened. But when pulling drugs off the street, you do not have any idea how many lives were saved. He said he was sure the numbers were "staggering."

Chief Myers also presented the Service Award to Lt. Kevin Kobza, who is the Accreditation Manager for the department, which received full accreditation in March. Only one-third of departments in the state are fully accredited.

"It means we adhere to the highest standards that the industry wants us to," said Chief Myers, adding that their policies are of the "utmost integrity" and industry standards.

He noted that the department had already had a head start due to the department's existing policies under former Chief Gary Souza.

With the most recent police reforms, said Chief Myers, "we're already there."

Lt. Kobza worked on the accreditation for seven years, completing 159 certification standards for initial certification, then 382 standards for full accreditation.

More importantly, said the chief, in addition to putting the policies in place, is making sure everyone is doing what they say they are doing.

For his years of service, getting the

department to accreditation, Lt. Kobza received the Service Award.

"It's by far one of our greatest achievements," said Chief Myers, noting that Lt. Kobza did all that while still performing all his other duties as a lieutenant.

Ms. Powers said she has been through a lot of accreditations in her career and knows, "it's a lot of work."

She marveled at the sheer number, 382 standards required.

"That is a lot and it's a huge undertaking," she said. "It increases the confidence in you in our community."

"Thank you for being on board in Fairhaven," said Select Board member Keith Silvia.

Mr. Espindola noted it was a continuous process, and the award was "well deserved."

Chief Myers also thanked the town, saying it required the support of the administration, the town administrator, including former TA Mark Rees.

Lt. Kobza said he was not expecting the award.

"I did not do this by myself," said Lt. Kobza. "This was a department wide effort and endeavor."

He said it would not have happened without the support of the chief, the entire command staff and town hall. He said he agreed with Det. Cudmore that Fairhaven's department is the best.

"I've worked with many [departments] at all levels of law enforcement," said Lt. Kobza. "This by far is the best and there's no other place in the world I'd rather work and...this is just amazing. Thank you all and thank you, Chief."

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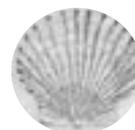
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# Acushnet news and events

## Vax Clinic

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## Comedy Night

American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St. Acushnet, presents a Comedy Night on Sat., 10/9, featuring Pete Costello, Michael Petit, Grandma Martha. Showtime is 8 p.m., tickets are \$25. RATED: Funny! Get tickets from bartender at the Post.

## Free Magic Show

The Prince of Mystery, magician Skip Daniels, performs at The Acushnet Senior Center/COA, 59 1/2 So. Main St., on Fri., 10/15 at 1:00 p.m. This is a free event but pre-registration is required, 508-998-0280.

## COVID Booster Information

From the Acushnet Senior Center/COA The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as well as the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) have

authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 Booster for individuals 65 years of age and older, individuals 18-64 years of age at risk for severe COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions, and individuals 18-64 years of age who are at increased risk for COVID-19 because of occupational or institutional settings who have previously received the Pfizer vaccine. These residents are eligible to receive their booster shot at least 6 months after their second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Massachusetts leads the nation in vaccine administration. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, including against the widely circulating Delta variant. The Administration has worked with health care providers, retail pharmacies and community partners to ensure the availability of hundreds of locations for eligible residents to receive the booster.

Massachusetts residents will have a range of options to receive booster doses, including more than 460 retail pharmacies. The Administration will continue to make vaccines widely

available. The first priority is to increase administration of first and second doses in residents not yet vaccinated. Getting vaccinated remains the most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves, their families, and their community. At this time, only the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized as a booster.

In order to locate a convenient location for getting a Pfizer COVID-19 Booster: Visit [vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://vaxfinder.mass.gov) for a full list of hundreds of locations. Select a location and schedule an appointment online

Individuals who are unable to use vaxfinder, or have difficulty accessing the internet, please contact the COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.) by calling 2-1-1 and following the prompts. Available in English and Spanish; translators available in approximately 100 additional languages.

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# BPW discusses moving the Recycling Center

By Mary Chasse

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 9/20/21, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed relocating the recycling center, the state maintaining the landscaping on Route 6, and scheduling a meeting with the Tree Warden.

The board met with state representative Bill Straus to discuss multiple topics. BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained that the main purpose of meeting with Mr. Straus was to hopefully get a plan in place and figure out a way to relocate the Recycling Center to the former Bridge Street Landfill.

Mr. Furtado explained that they need to move the recycling center to give more room for the expansion of the sewer treatment plant.

The issue with moving the Recycling Center to the landfill is that the proper cleanup was not done years ago. Mr. Furtado said they have met with the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection and a landfill engineer to see what they need to do to make the location usable for the new Recycling Center.

Mr. Furtado said he understood that they cannot ignore the cleanup of the property, but possibly just clean up above ground and not underground, because the Recycling Center has no need to go underground.

Mr. Straus said there was a lot to clean up underground and above ground, but they can see what exactly needs to be cleaned up in order for the Recycling Center to be moved there.

Mr. Straus told the board that he will need a project description, what specifically the board is trying to undertake, what the DEP exactly needs to approve of, and what the exact issue is with using the landfill as the new Recycling Center location. Mr. Straus said if he can get that information and discuss it with the DEP, hopefully they can get the project moving.

Board member Cameron Durant asked if Mr. Straus could try to get a speedy response from the state.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that the board needs to know if they can use the landfill location for the Recycling Center soon because if they cannot

use it then the board needs to find another location quickly.

In another matter BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton told Mr. Straus about all the landscaping and overgrown vegetation on Route 6.

Mr. Wotton explained that the bushes are so overgrown that people cannot even walk on the sidewalk. He said people have to step off the sidewalk and walk on Route 6 to avoid the overgrown bushes.

He told Rep. Straus that the state is responsible for trimming those bushes and landscaping, but they never do it. Mr. Wotton said that last summer they called the state multiple times about the issue; the calls were left unanswered and no one from the state ever came. Mr. Wotton said that he few other volunteers in town decided to clean up and trim the bushes themselves last year.

Mr. Straus said that next time the vegetation starts to get overgrown to call him directly. He said not to call MASSDOT, but call him and he will make sure someone comes to landscape.

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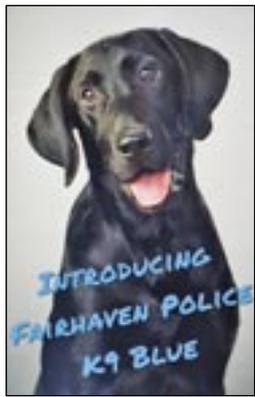
# Fairhaven K9 has a name, starts training

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven's new member of the Police Department, K9 "Blue" is officially named and in training.

The Fairhaven Police Department K9 Unit Facebook page has been posting updates on the progress of the unit.

K9-1, a Ford Explorer Police Interceptor, has been fully outfitted by Brian's Car Care with transport kennel, cool guard system to monitor hot and cold temperatures in the vehicle, wiring, lettering and complete detailing.

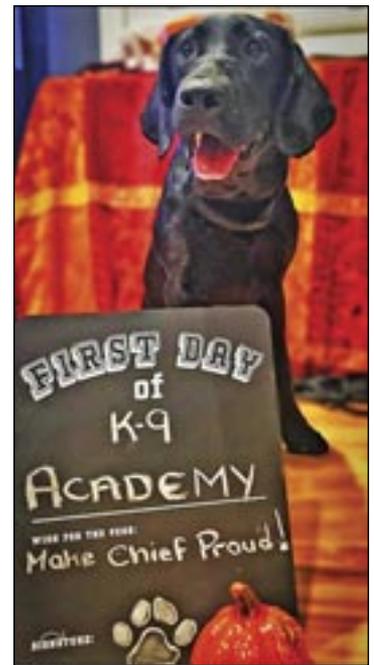


Fairhaven Police K9 "Blue" is introduced to the community on 9/24/21 via the Fairhaven Police Department K9 Unit Facebook page.



were "Blue," and "Phoenix." Blue signifies the Fairhaven Blue Devils, the Fairhaven High School mascot, noted the department on Facebook. Phoenix signifies Fairhaven's Fort Phoenix, the Revolutionary War era fort. The department asked for people to comment on Facebook, and "Blue" was chosen.

To keep up with Blue's progress and the activities of the K9 Unit, follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/fairhavenpdK9/>



LEFT: Fairhaven Police Officer Jillian Jodoin with "Blue," the department's new K9. The two started training on 9/27/21. ABOVE: Blue poses with the obligatory first-day-of-school board on 9/27/21. Photos from Fairhaven Police Department K9 Unit Facebook page.



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# Fairhaven tax possession auction brings in \$1,796,500

By Beth David  
Editor

With a true auctioneer's chant, the cajoling of a true salesperson, and even a tap dance to beg a few more dollars for a sale, Paul Zekos of Zekos Group squeezed \$1,796,500 out of buyers that will go directly into the coffers of the town of Fairhaven.

The town held an auction for properties taken for nonpayment of taxes. The original 34 properties were pared down to 28, with the removed parcels to be transferred to the Conservation Commission for land preservation.

The town hall auditorium was filled to the brim, with non-bidders asked to go upstairs to the balcony to make room for the bidders, who needed to be on the main floor.

The two top-selling properties were no surprise, with the commercial property at 54 Main Street fetching \$275,000. The building was owned by the American Legion Post 166. It has four commercial storefronts and a function room on second floor. Julio Barbosa, who owns the Bijou building, bought 54 Main.

The next highest property was a sweet little house at 30 Ash Street that sold for \$167,500. The 910 square foot home has three bedrooms and one bathroom.

Many of the remaining land parcels were clearly in wetlands, but some abutters were willing to pay to expand their yards and have piece of mind that no one would build on them. One woman paid \$95,000 for a parcel next to her home and got a big hug from her son-in-law after an intense back-and-forth with another bidder.

Several other properties got some hot action, with several others hitting the \$100K mark, or close to it.

There were some deals, too. 0 Tripp Street, was the lowest sale at \$10,000, even though it had looked like 0 Abbey Street was not going to sell at all. When Mr. Zekos said they could not wait until the end of the auction, it had to go then or not on that day, the bidding got going again and it sold for \$25K.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition, the only nonprofit that the *Neighb News* recognized, picked up 0 Lincoln Street, on the Acushnet line, for \$47,500.

Martin and Janice Lomp, who live at 21 Buist Avenue, and had tried to get two adjacent parcels at 0 Buist Avenue taken off the list, bought the parcels for \$60,000. The couple had attended a Select Board meeting claiming that they were going to pursue an adverse possession claim. They had asked the town to either take it off the list,

or at least disclose that they were contemplating the pursuit of that claim. The town did neither and the bidding started at \$30,000. Several people clapped when the Lomps won the bid.

In the end, six properties sold for \$100,000 or more; five sold for \$50,000 to \$99,000; and three sold for less than \$20,000.

"This was an historic sale," said Mr. Zekos. "People want to invest in this community. The competition was intense. Twenty-eight of 28 properties sold."

He said it "exceeded all expectations," and it is unusual for all properties to sell. He said it shows a tremendous amount of interest in Fairhaven.

"It was open to the public and transparent and an even playing field for everyone," he said.

Fairhaven Finance Director/Treasurer/Collector and acting Town Administrator Wendy Graves said the auction will put \$1,796,500 into the town's coffers and will put the properties back on the tax rolls.

"I'm extremely happy," said Ms. Graves. "[The Zekos Group] did fabulous."

Mr. Zekos would not say if he was disappointed in the amount the commercial building sold for. He said the point is not just getting revenue for the town, but also to bring that part of Main Street alive again, and make it a "vibrant part of the community."

Ms. Graves said the storefronts do not need a lot of work to get tenants in.

"It needs someone with a vision," said Mr. Zekos.

Buyers also had to pay a \$1,000 special assessment fee, and a 5% buyer's premium, which goes to the auction house, so there is no cost to the town.

## On Display at the Museum of Fairhaven History

### *Architectural Elements from the Rogers Mansion*

In 1895 Henry Huttleston Rogers erected a mansion in Fairhaven to replace a former summer residence which had burned. Containing a massive 86 rooms, it only stood for 20 years. Rogers died in 1909 and his children had no use for it.

The mansion was offered to the town of Fairhaven for one dollar, but the town did not feel it had the resources to maintain it. Part of the home burned, and the remainder was auctioned

off: chandeliers and staircases, entire rooms being sold to be reconstructed elsewhere. The remains of the interior of the house can be found throughout Fairhaven and New England.



The Museum of Fairhaven History is located in the Academy Building at 141 Main Street. For membership information, please see [fairhavenhistory.org](http://fairhavenhistory.org)



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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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- 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, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021 per applicant's request. **Continued to October 5, 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 to October 5, 2021.**

- 123 Weeden Road. Applicant and Owner: Aguiar, Kyle J. REF# ZBA-2022-009** Requesting approval of a proposed 1,200 sq. foot addition to extend kitchen and living room. The applicant also seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include the side addition, front addition and rear setbacks; as well as the height to the maximum of 35' and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood, pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6. **Previously continued to October 5, 2021.**
- 5 Almond Street. Applicant: David Armstead; Owner: David M. and Sharon A. Armstead, Trustees. REF#: ZBA-2022-014.** 198-9: Applicant seeks a finding from the Board for construction of a 20'x11' enclosed three-season porch on top of the existing sun deck and that the proposed alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood in the RR District pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6.
- 8 Mill Road. Applicant: Scott Simpkin; Owner: Susan M. Bergeron, Trustee. REF #: ZBA-2022-015.** 198-9: Variance request area and frontage from the required square footage for a proposed

construction of a single-family home on the buildable lot in a RA District, which calls for a 100' frontage and lot frontage measures 68.34', and area calls for 15,000 sq. ft, wherein the lot contains 6,004 sq. ft.

- 43 Francis Street. Applicant: Geoffrey Haworth; Owner: Gary and Tammy Chan. REF #: ZBA-2022-016.** The applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a vertical addition of a second floor, and that the addition of 1,150 sq. ft. is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood, per MGL 40A, Section 6.
- 56 Balsam Street. Applicant: Edmund N. Lacombe; Owner: Edmund N. and Dawn E. Lacombe [formerly Tavares]. REF #: ZBA-2022-017.** Administrative Appeal request from the Zone Enforcement Officer not to enforce removal of discarded boat and trailer and empty trailer (non-useable) in front of 56 Balsam Street, on and in front of conservation land and water frontage, pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 7.
- 101 Ebony Street. Applicant: John M. Mota; Owner: John M. and Diane M. Mota. REF #: ZBA-2022-018.** Special Permit request to store a 28.5' mobile home on the premises pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-28..

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
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In another matter Mr. Furtado gave an update on the damage to the water main at Causeway Bridge that happened during the last storm.

Mr. Furtado said he had hoped to have the proposal and cost to repair it by that night's meeting but he did not. He expected it soon. He also said the repair needs to be done before the weather starts getting cold.

Mr. Wotton asked if the water would need to be shut off in the neighborhoods around that area when the repair is being done.

Mr. Furtado explained that he did

not know. He said it depends on how much damage they see when they get in there.

In another matter the board briefly discussed collaborating with the Tree Warden. Mr. Furtado said he had a nice conversation with the Tree Warden and that he is trying to make everything work the best he can.

Mr. Furtado said that it sounded like the Tree Warden did not know what he was getting himself into.

Mr. Durant said he understood that hiring and cost is a problem, but the BPW has the same problems.

Board member Marcus Ferro noted that people voted for this Tree

Warden because he kept saying he wanted to merge with BPW and work together. Mr. Ferro said the Tree Warden went back on his word, which is the main issue.

Mr. Ferro said it would be beneficial to have the Tree Warden at the next BPW meeting to discuss working together and collaborating to see if they can get on the same page.

Mr. Durant agreed and that the Tree Warden should meet with the board and fix this issue and fulfill his campaign promise.

Mr. Furtado said he would invite the Tree Warden to the next meeting.



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*Best, Frankie*

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#### Board of Health

Wed., 10/13, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/4, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

#### Conservation Committee

Mon., 10/4, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Council on Aging

Mon., 10/4, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

#### Rogers School Tours

Thurs., 9/30, Rogers School

Open House: 11-2 & 4-6

Sat., 10/2, Rogers Sch. 11-2

#### School Committee

Wed., 10/13, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Tues., 10/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Town Admin. Search Comm

Thurs., 10/4, Remote, 6 p.m.

Tues., 10/5, Remove, 5 p.m.

## Acushnet

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Tues./ 10/12, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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# New Bedford launches co-ed Sea Scout Ship

## Press Release

On Saturday, October 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. boys and girls, ages 14 to 21, and their parents, are invited to the Fort Rodman Marine Educational Association DBA Low Tide Yacht Club (1000 S Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744) for an Open House featuring informational Q&A, fun activities, and registration/application into the first Co-ed Sea Scout Ship #1930 on the South Coast.

"We are recruiting teens and adult leaders from Westport to Wareham," said Dennis Pacheco, who will be the Skipper (adult leader) of this newest Sea Scout Ship. "The next closest programs are in Westerly, Rhode Island and Falmouth, on the Cape. The time has come for local South Coast teens to learn about our maritime history, become better citizens, build character, improve boating skills, and gain experience of water safety through adventures on sea and land."

Sea Scouting is a Venturing Division of the Boy Scouts of America. Cub Scouts have packs, Boy Scouts have troops, and Sea Scouts have ships. The Scoutmaster is called the Skipper. His assistant is the Mate or XO. There also needs to be a youth committee consisting of a minimum of three people — a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer. At least two adults must supervise regularly scheduled meetings, which will be held twice a month, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Low Tide Yacht Club, in Fort Rodman, New Bedford.

Sea Scouts will become proficient in safety, swimming, boating, sailing, marlinspike, piloting, seamanship, signaling, cruising, galley preparations, first aid, lifesaving, navigation, boat and engine maintenance, sea history, equipment, forecasting weather, using a marine radio properly, ethics, customs, and ideals. Sea Scouts across the country hold jamborees, rendezvous, regattas, and even enter international competitions for trophies.

The scouts can work as a team or set personal advancement goals through ranks of Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster ... as explained in the Sea Scout Manual. More importantly, they will make long-lasting friendships while enjoying adventures on land and sea. Teens already participating in Girl and/or

Boy Scouts are welcome to join Sea Scouts also.

A Sea Scout ship chooses its program based on matching the interests of the members with skills, equipment, and resources available. Some plan their program around a nautical specialty such as sailing, scuba diving, aquatic sports, or maritime careers. Scouts in Ship #1930 will proudly wear uniforms, which they will purchase. There are national dues as well as Ship dues to be paid. Financial aid is available.

During the boating season, the Scouts will have the opportunity to practice the skills they have learned, on a real boat, provide by the sponsoring organization — The Fort Rodman Marine Educational Association DBA Low Tide Yacht Club.

The enthusiastic Commodore

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Joseph Pacheco]

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Joseph Pacheco, said, "We are thrilled to be spearheading this Sea Scout Ship #1930 because it fits right in with our club's mission — To educate others about marine activities such as boating, sailing, navigation and boating safety and to support other groups who promote and further maritime interest."

In addition to Skipper Dennis Pacheco and Commodore Joseph Pacheco (no relation to each other), the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 (New Bedford) is pleased to act as liaisons to this new venture; thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding.

According to Rick Washburn, National Coast Guard Auxiliary Commodore, "In August 2018, an agreement between United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Boy Scouts of America made Sea Scouts the official youth program of the Coast Guard Auxiliary...This partnership gives Sea Scouts an opportunity to benefit from Coast Guard seamanship and vocational training, while introducing Sea Scouts to the Coast Guard."

"The BSA is proud to continue our

partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as we continually strive to improve leadership development, real-life skill-building and unique STEM training through the Sea Scout program," added Mike Surbaugh, BSA Chief Scout Executive.

"This win-win partnership will thrive only with the inclusion of local volunteer adult leaders," added Jason Oliveira, who was chosen to spearhead the USCG Auxiliary's First Northern District as Liaison with the Sea Scout Program.

Jason's wife, April Oliveira, the Vice Commander of Flotilla 65, will also be volunteering. She explained, "Adult leaders must be over 21 years of age and can be male or female. The first requirement is to take the online Youth Protection Training course. There will also be a CORI background check on all leaders to give parents peace of mind. Future leaders can take online training seminars in Sea Scout leadership and get assistance from national staff at the Narragansett Council."

Sea Scouting started in U.S. in 1912 and has had a long and rich tradition. Massachusetts was the first state to have a ship. Arthur A. Carey, of Waltham, used his schooner Pioneer and was subsequently appointed Chairman of the National Council Committee on Sea Scouting. Over the past 109 years, thousands of young men and women have had the opportunity to follow the traditions of the sea, while having fun and developing critical skills.

Commodore Pacheco believes that, "This is a priceless experience that every teen deserves."

For more information about Sea Scouting in general, visit the website [www.seascouts.com](http://www.seascouts.com). If you are interested in assisting with the program and/or having your teen participate, please attend the October 2nd Open House.

In light of the upcoming Thanksgiving season, attendees to the Open House are encouraged to bring one non-perishable canned item for the New Bedford's Salvation Army Food Bank.

If you have further questions, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/SeaScoutsNewBedford> or contact Dennis Pacheco via email: [dennisisamason@comcast.net](mailto:dennisisamason@comcast.net) or phone (508) 933-7915.



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