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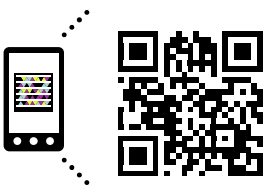
Painted pumpkins hang out a big to dry at Fairhaven Kids Fest on 10/9/21 on the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School. Photo by Beth David. Photo by Beth David. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

We've got another boil water order. Yup, this is a new one. Hopefully, it'll be over on Friday. Meanwhile, boil the water or get bottled water. See page 3 for details.

Okay, LISTEN UP!

We need Halloween yards. NO ONE contacted us... okay, one person did but I haven't called him back yet. I know you home haunters are out there. If you want people to see your creation, you have to tell them about it. So...SEND IT IN! See details in the ad on page 3.

So, the big controversy this week is the Street Lamp Project that the Historical Commission is trying to get done. They got shot down at town meeting, so they are fund-raising separately for it. There are some questions as to why, how, etc., and if it's all okay. Throw in a tourism director who thinks it's a bad project and you've got...well, Fairhaven politics, complete with a committee chair trying to get a guy in trouble at work.

Now, I'm not making a value judgement on the lights, or...even the process, though I have my doubts.

In this space, I just have one question for the people who are so outraged at Mr. Richard for saying the project is "cheesy" and comparing it to Disneyland, etc.

Where were you when a certain fire department employee called me a fu—ing liar on social media?

I don't recall the outrage then. No calls for a reprimand for him. Certainly no calls for an apology... oh, that's funny. I mean, how cute are you to demand an apology now?

Guess it doesn't violate the social media policy if it's against the press? Maybe? It only counts if it's against some people? Just asking.

We have a bunch of other stuff in here, of course, including BPW coverage on page 16, our fun cover story on page 12, and, well, you'll see the rest.

And while you're looking, be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Boil water order for Fairhaven, Mattapoissett, Marion, Rochester

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven is under a second boil water order, this time with Mattapoissett, Marion, and Rochester, the other towns that make up the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District. The water tested positive for *E. Coli* again, but this time 12 of the 20 random samples in Fairhaven came back as positive.

The DMRVWD met on Tuesday and discussed ways to disinfect the water to avoid a repeat of the problem. The

system has been chlorinated and the lines flushed.

The last round of testing showed there was still *E. Coli* in Fairhaven and Marion, but not Mattapoissett.

Fairhaven Superintendent Vinnie Furtado said that made sense because the plant is in Mattapoissett, so their lines would be clean first.

All three towns need three consecutive days of zero *E. Coli* before the boil order can be lifted.

Residents should boil water for one minute or drink bottled water.

The soonest the ban can be lifted is Friday, as sample results are returned the day after they are submitted.

The board also cautioned residents about a company trying to get into homes to test water. The board said the state testing lab is superior,

Mr. Furtado said the board is looking at upgrades to the plant that will include disinfecting the water with ultraviolet light, but that is years away. Meanwhile the water will be chlorinated.

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**Halloween Map**

Want to be on the Halloween map? Email Manny Souza, 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)



# Historical Commission explains fund-raising drive

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on Tuesday, 10/12/21, the Fairhaven Select Board met with Historical Commission members to discuss the controversy surrounding their plan to install decorative lighting around Town Hall. The six Victorian style lights will be placed on the sidewalks: Two each on Center, William and Walnut Streets.

HC chairperson Wayne Oliveira had submitted a formal complaint against Office of Tourism Director Chris Richard. Mr. Oliveira wanted to discuss Mr. Richard's posts that were "negative and disparaging," about the street lamp project.

Mr. Richard had also submitted a letter to the Select Board that he also posted on Facebook saying his office "strongly opposes" the project. He said in his letter that Henry Huttleston Rogers built the town hall and Millicent Library with "no concern for expense," and that the proposed lamps are "relatively cheap, modern, imitation 'Victorian' lamp posts."

He said the Historical Commission should not be doing that kind of project.

He also noted that Town Meeting voted down the project.

"The Commission is trying to circumvent that vote by raising the funds privately, when they should, in fact, be the ones advocating for more historical accuracy," wrote Mr. Richard, adding it will be step toward turning the "historical center into a fake Disneyland-like environment that is not true in spirit to anything that was there in the past."

Mr. Oliveira told the board that some of Mr. Richard's posts were "unacceptable behavior for a town department head."

He said Mr. Richard should "be ashamed of himself for attacking thea Town Committee on a page reserved for tourism for our town."

In addition to being "unprofessional," wrote Mr. Oliveira, it is a violation of the town's social media policy.

"Anything short of a formal reprimand would be misguided and I demand an apology be given to the Historical Commission," wrote Mr. Oliveira. "Further, he needs to cease his unprofessional and immature tactics on social media."

During the meeting Select Board chairperson Bob Espindola said they

would not discuss the dispute between Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Richard. He said Mr. Richard is supervised by interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves, so Mr. Oliveira needed to bring the matter to her attention.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty was also present at the meeting and cautioned that Mr. Richard was not present and had a right to be there with counsel if they were going to discuss that kind of issue about him.

Mr. Espindola did say, however, that there were several questions about the fund-raising efforts. The concern, he said is that town meeting had not approved the article and now the HC is using the fund-raising process to get the project done. He said it may not be that TM simply did not want to spend the money, but that TM maybe did not want the project.

There were also questions about the gift account, when and how it was set and who is authorized to spend the funds.

Ms. Graves said the commission already had the gift account set up and that the committee votes on how to

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## Book Group

Author Susan Orlean writes a "riveting" account of unsolved arson- the Los Angeles Public Library fire of 1986 called the "Library Book."

The fire raged for over 7 hours, reaching temperatures of 2,000 degrees and consuming over 4,000 books and damaging 7,000 more. The author hoped to discover the cause of the fire.

The book will be discussed at Fairhaven's Millicent Library, 45 Center St. Fairhaven, on Thursday, October 21 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.org](http://www.millicentlibrary.org). For more information call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## BPW Vacancy

The town of Fairhaven is seeking one Fairhaven resident to serve on the Fairhaven Board of Public Works to fill a vacancy. The Select Board will meet on October 25, 2021, to appoint one person to serve in this position until the next town election.

Letters of interest may be mailed to the Select Board Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 by October 21, 2021 at 4 p.m. or emailed to [Selectboard@Fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:Selectboard@Fairhaven-ma.gov).

## EFS Trail Cleanup

Join East Fairhaven Champions and East Fairhaven School as we clean and prune our community trail, Sat., 10/16, 9 a.m.-noon-ish, 2 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, behind the East Fairhaven School.

Please bring your own rakes, pruners, gloves and other yard/trail supplies. Treats will be provided. Contact Emily at 508-441-1778 or [CHOO1783@discoverchampions.com](mailto:CHOO1783@discoverchampions.com)

## Vaccine Clinic

Fairhaven vaccine clinic, Wed., 10/20, 2-6 p.m. at Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. Vaccines offered: Pfizer 1st dose (2nd does TBD), J&J/Janssen, FLU Vaccine.

Sponsored by Fairhaven Health Department and Southcoast Health. Health Office: 408-979-4023, Ext. 125. Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/>

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## Alerts sign up

Some people did not get notified of the boil water order. To sign up to receive alerts on your landline, cell phone and/or by email, visit the Fairhaven Fire Department's web page, [www.fairhavenfire.org](http://www.fairhavenfire.org) and click on "Fairhaven Emergency Alert" and follow the prompts. Or call the Fire Department at 508-004-1428, or call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask for Anne Silvia, 508-979-4029.

## Bird Talk

Slide show presentation, "Funny Bird Sex: Stories Birds Tell About Birds and People," 10/20, at the Millicent Library auditorium, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, 6:30 p.m. By John Nelson, noted author and birder. By the Friends of the Millicent Library. See ad on page 22

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Halloween Party

Fairhaven TV's 4th annual Virtual Haunted Halloween Party. Free online event. Fri., 10/22, 6 p.m. Featuring live entertainment, trivia, games, costume contest, spooky stories, and more. All ages welcome. Free virtual event. Visit [FairhavenTV.com/hauntedhalloweenparty](http://FairhavenTV.com/hauntedhalloweenparty)

### Turf Field Dedication

The new athletic field at Fairhaven High School will be officially dedicated with a ceremony before the football game that kicks off Homecoming Weekend on Friday, 10/22 at 6:00 PM.

### 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>

### 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://northfairhavenimprovementasoc.weebly.com/> or email [north fairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com](mailto:northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com)

## Light-A-Light FR

As we kickoff the 2021 Light-a-Light season, please help us light up the beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School. The generous donations from 501 donors last year totaled \$25,876, which is the second highest amount that we have raised in the 36 years of this fundraiser.

The funds that were raised helped the Fairhaven Alumni Association support FHS teachers with \$7,500 in mini-grants, \$25,000 to purchase a new multi-sport scoreboard at FHS Alumni Stadium which will host all the home games for boys and girls sports in the fall and spring seasons.

Your Alumni Association also distributed \$13,000 in scholarships to college bound seniors from the Class of 2021 with funds raised through the Light-a-Light project, as well as donations from some very generous alums.

Please help us as we strive to reach our goal of \$30,000. Donations can be made by writing a check to "FHS Alumni" and mailing it to: FHS Alumni, P.O. Box 6, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Also, this year donations can be made by using Venmo, PayPal or Zelle by using our email address: [FHSAlumni12@gmail.com](mailto:FHSAlumni12@gmail.com)

Visit <http://fairhavenalumni.org> for details, including last year's donors.

You can follow our weekly progress on our Fairhaven High School Alumni Association Face Book page.

## Farmers Market

At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Road, Fairhaven (next to National Bleach). Sundays through 10/31, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

# Fairhaven High School's new turf field seeing action

By Beth David  
Editor

Athletes have started playing on Fairhaven High School's new turf field. The project sparked controversy when Town Meeting voted to fund the project with money from the stabilization fund instead of borrowing. Borrowing requires a 2/3 vote,

and when it became obvious that vote would not pass, then-Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin amended the article to use \$1.2 million in stabilization funds.

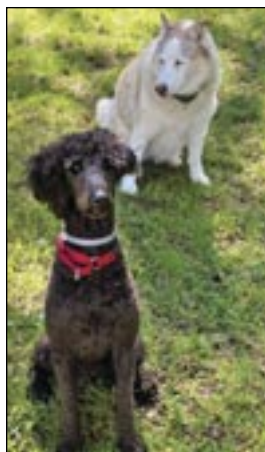
Further controversy following when the school department used an additional \$800,000 for enhancements to the project.

The project is now nearly complete, and athletes have been practicing and playing games on the new field since last week.

The new field will be officially dedicated with a ceremony before the football game that kicks off Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 22nd at 6:00 PM.



LEFT & ABOVE: The Fairhaven High School new turf athletic field is completed for the fall season, 2021. Submitted photos courtesy of Ed Pepin.



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The Fairhaven Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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# Two receive Carnegie Medal for saving Colin “Jack” Jackson

*Press Release*

In its third announcement of 2021, the Carnegie Hero Fund is proud to recognize 18 civilians who risked their lives for others. Each will receive the Carnegie Medal, North America’s highest honor for civilian heroism.

Among those to be awarded this quarter is John D. Colter, 66, who rushed into his daughter’s home after hearing gunshots and confronted her estranged husband, who had shot and wounded her. As he wrestled over control of the gun, Colter yelled for his daughter to go get help. Minutes later, the gunman shot and killed Colter, and fled.

Also awarded are five men who drowned attempting to save others.

The Carnegie Medal is given throughout the U.S. and Canada to those who enter extreme danger while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. With this announcement, a total of 10,256 Carnegie Medals have been awarded since the Pittsburgh-based Fund’s inception in 1904. Commission Chair Mark Laskow said each of the awardees or their survivors will also receive a financial grant. Throughout the more than 117 years since the Fund was established by industrialist-philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, more than \$43 million has been given in one-time grants, scholarship aid, death benefits, and continuing assistance.

## Ernest Beuparland and Ronald Rock

On the morning of Feb. 3, 2020, an 83-year-old man who used a wheelchair was trapped on the second story of a burning building after flames broke out on the third floor and the electricity turned off

making his motorized chairlift inoperable.

After realizing the Fairhaven, Massachusetts, building was on fire, his daughter, who was on the first floor, and his granddaughter, who was on the second floor, went to Colin G. Jackson and moved him from his bed to the floor of his bedroom. They could not hoist him down the stairs however and yelled out for help.

Ernest “Butch” Beuparland, a 66-year-old retired laborer of New Bedford, Massachusetts, was driving nearby and saw flames. He stopped and ran up the stairway, along with a 58-year-old ferry boat captain of Fairhaven, Ronald Rock, who was also driving nearby and responded.

Beuparland and Rock grasped Jackson under the legs and, backing slowly down the stairs, carried him outside, as fire spread along the ceiling above them. Beuparland and Jackson inhaled smoke, but they recovered.

To nominate someone for the Carnegie Medal, complete a nomination form online or write to the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, 436 Seventh Ave., Suite 1101, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. More information on

the Carnegie Medal and the history of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission can be found at [carnegiehero.org](http://carnegiehero.org). Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/carnegiehero](https://facebook.com/carnegiehero) and Twitter: [@carnegie\\_hero](https://twitter.com/carnegie_hero).

The organization does not reveal who nominates individuals for the medal, or the amount of money medal recipients receive.

The *Neighb News* covered the story of the fire in our 2/6/20 issue; and a subsequent story on the rescuers being recognized by town officials in our 3/12/20 issue.

In addition to Mr. Beuparland and Mr. Rock, several other individuals helped get Mr. Jackson to safety, including Roberta Raymond, Dr. David Fall, and Anthony Cogswell.



Colin “Jack” Jackson (seated), who was saved from a fire at his home above Jackson’s Variety in Fairhaven on 2/3/20, is surrounded by his rescuers at a ceremony on 3/9/21 in Fairhaven town hall to recognize the citizen-heroes who saved him. FRONT, L-R: Ronald Rock, Mr. Jackson’s daughter Tina Jackson, Roberta Raymond, Earnest “Butch” Beuparland; BACK ROW: Dr. David Fall, Anthony Cogswell. *Neighb News* file photo by Beth David.



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## At RJD Garden

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### Mystery at the Mansion

*Mystery at the Mansion: Once Upon a Crime.* The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), together with The Collective NB, present *Mystery at the Mansion: Once Upon a Crime (M@M)* on **Fri., 10/15 from 6 to 9 p.m.** The mansion, formerly the home of whaling magnate William Rotch, Jr., will serve as the stage for a fictionalized crime drama: There has been a theft at the Rotch-Jones-Duff Mansion! A beloved artifact has been stolen. All signs point to it being an inside job. Is it the newly appointed Director? The surly groundskeeper? Or another of the many suspects? Detective Atwell Ryan is calling for help in finding the culprits.

Guests at the M@M party seek clues to the crime as they hear what the suspects have to say for themselves on a walk through the house and historic grounds. The 1834 Greek Revival mansion, with its dimly-lit parlors and winding staircase, is the perfect site for this mystery to unfold. Whodunit? One must attend to identify the criminal.

Now in its third iteration, M@M has become a fall favorite. Intended to raise funds to support Museum programs, the event on the historic site also features hors d'oeuvres, a drink ticket for the bar, game of chance, live music by Richie Oliver and spooky decor. Costume or cocktail attire are encouraged but not required. Cast members include: Kevin Mitchell as the Detective, Katie Gregory as the Event Coordinator, Joseph Mort as the Event Coordinator, Nathan Mello as Groundskeeper, Audrey Maigrett as the Director of Operations, Ian Vincent as the Director of Claremont Kent Museum and Garden,

Marissa Jesus as the Assistant Director of Operations, and Adriana Misteroni as Head of Social Media Marketing.

Tickets for this event are \$45 and available on [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or by calling the museum at (508) 997-1401. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, October 11. Proof of a valid

COVID19 vaccination, or negative test from within 48 hours of event, is required to enter. While inside, all attendees must wear a face-covering, no matter what their vaccination status. Outdoors, vaccinated individuals may unmask.

## Vax Clinics

Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not only about protecting yourself – it's also about protecting your family, friends, and community. For people who are unvaccinated and want to have a safe holiday season with loved ones, the coming week is a great time to get started, and be fully vaccinated by Thanksgiving.

City leaders and health officials are urging unvaccinated residents to get their first shot before Oct. 18, to have safe and healthy holidays. People who get their first shot of the Pfizer vaccine before Oct. 18 can be fully vaccinated by the week of Nov. 22, including three weeks between shots and two weeks after the second shot. Pfizer and the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine are commonly available at local clinics and vaccination sites.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics are planned for the next several days in New Bedford. No appointment is needed at these walk-up clinics. Available vaccines can change according to supplies.

### Friday, October 15:

- PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., J&J
- New Bedford High School (230 Hathaway Blvd.) – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+ (Minors need parental consent, provided either in advance online, or in-person at the school)

### Monday, October 18:

- Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

## Palmer Island Cleanup

Be the Solution to Pollution Palmer Island Cleanup, Sat. 10/16, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Meet near the parking lot at the end of Gifford Street at 10 am. They will have bags, tools, and gloves.

Please bring a reusable water bottle and closed-toe shoes. Children

must be accompanied by an adult. Bags will be picked up by the city truck at 1 pm. sharp. More info: [bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com](mailto:bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com)

## Women in Fishing

In conjunction with its latest gallery exhibit, *Women's Work: At Sea, On Shore, At Home, In the Community*, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will present a variety of programs highlighting women in commercial fishing communities. All programs are free and open to the public, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.

**Thurs., 10/14, 7 p.m. VIRTUAL TALK** *Commercial Fishing Women in Murals and Monuments*, a virtual program highlighting several projects that pay tribute to the important work of women in fishing communities. Ginok Song is an artist who recently created a mural depicting women in the fishing community of Petty Harbor, Newfoundland. Angela Sanfilippo, is president of Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association which created a quilt that chronicles the history of activism of the wives and developed a monument dedicated to the role of women in Gloucester's fishing community. The program will be presented using ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89441406587#success>

**Fri., 10/15, 7 p.m. VIRTUAL FILM SCREENING** *We Have Stories: Women in Fish* is a twenty-minute film about indigenous women, water, and fish inspired by Coast Salish/Sahtu Dene storyteller Rosemary Georgeson's experiences in the commercial fishing industry. A virtual discussion with the filmmaker will take place over ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83944165662#success>. This program is funded by a Bridge Street Sponsorship from Mass Humanities and is part of our year-long *Women's Work* project.

## SAVE THE DATE: Halloween Event

All Treats, No Tricks! A free Halloween event in downtown New Bedford, Sat., 10/23, 2–5 p.m. Calling all kids! Put on your costume, grab an adult and head to downtown New Bedford for some all treats, no tricks trick-or-treating fun. (Rain date 10/30).



# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## 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.

## Acush Hist Soc

Carol Louro to speak at the Oct. 21 meeting of the Acushnet Historical Society. The meeting will take place at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St. The business meeting will take place at 5:00p.m. followed by refreshments at 5:30.

Enjoy refreshments while listening to Carol. She is a macrobiotic teacher of four decades and an Aveline Kushi Award recipient. She will share a bit of her story as told in her book, "Kale Soup: My Journey from Music to Macrobiotics." Carol is interesting, informative, funny and uplifting. Microbiotics has been known to transform lives, minds, hearts and diets.

Open to the public. Masks required.

## 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.

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 are online 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.

All theater guests must be fully vaccinated. Visit <https://www.marionartcenter.org/events/steel-magnolias/> for entrance restrictions due to COVID-19. **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.

## Family Fun Fest

The Mattapoisett Lions Club presents the 5th annual Fall FREE Family Fun Festival, Sat., 10/16, noon to 4 p.m., Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett. Featuring hay rides, pin on the nose on the pumpkin, pumpkin bowling, coloring station, corn hole toss, pumpkin patch (kids take home your own pumpkin), refreshments, goody bags, music. Kids: Wear your costumes. No registration required. Rain date, 10/23. Visit [www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org](http://www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org); [mattlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:mattlionsclub@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

### Lebanese Feast

Saint Anthony of the Desert Church of Fall River presents Founder's Day Annual Hafli, a feast featuring Lebanese food and music by Amin (Sultan) Khoury. Sat., 10/23, from 7 p.m.-midnight, at St. Sharbel Parish Center, 300 N. Eastern Ave., Fall River, MA 02723. Tickets: \$75/VIP; \$65 general admission. Ticket includes mezza and dessert. Cash bar. Reservation ONLY! Contact the rectory office, Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; 508-672-7653, [saotd@verizon.net](mailto:saotd@verizon.net). Additional contacts: Fadi Heneine, 774-526-9994; Tony Akouri, 401-241-1976. Donations to benefit parish.

### Halloween Parade Returns

Join us on Sunday, October 31st

beginning at 6pm for the return of the annual Halloween Parade (canceled last year). Please meet in front of the fire station on Russell Street in Acushnet.

The route: Russell St to John St, to Garfield St., to James St., to Wind Rd., to John St. back to Russell Street.

To keep everyone safe, the Fire Department will be distributing candy bags and apples outside the fire station. To keep our staff safe the station will be closed to the public.

## 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.

## MO LIFE Gala

On Friday, 10/22, M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. (Murphy and Others, Living Inter-dependently for Future Endeavors) is holding a Semi-Formal Gala Event at Century House from 6p.m. to Midnight, brought to you by our bronze donors AllTrust Credit Union and Baycoast Bank.

Join us for a night of dining, dancing and fun! There will be a Gift Card Wall and a Wine Wall game! This year we will be honoring program participant Kendal Hubert with the Katie Brienzo Personal Achievement Award. Help us to assist other members of our community to live fuller lives.

Century House is located at 107 S. Main St. Acushnet, MA and is fully accessible. Tickets may be purchased at our Fairhaven location on 4 Lambeth Park Drive or visit our website at [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com). Tickets for the Gala Event are \$60.00 per person for adults, and \$40 for children 12 and under.

M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. is a 501 (3) c recognized non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible.

## Spooky Trail

For the month of October, the Handy House Heritage Trail, 202 Hix Bridge Road, is transformed into a fun Halloween trail. Open dawn to dusk, seven days a week. The trail is 0.7 miles, entrance is off the Handy House visitor parking lot on Hix Bridge Road. The experience is free!

# Recipe of the Week

## Creamy White Chili

- 1 lb, boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 cans (15.5 ounces each) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chiles
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- Optional toppings: tortilla chips, shredded cheddar cheese, sliced seeded jalapeño pepper, green onions

In large saucepan, sauté chicken, garlic powder, and onion in oil until the chicken is no longer pink. Add in the broth, beans, chiles, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and allow to simmer for 30 mins, uncovered.

Remove from heat and stir in the heavy cream and sour cream.

Top with cheese, tortilla chips, jalapeños, and green onions before serving, if desired.

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net) (Email preferred)



# Dear Frankie

## Take the High Road

*Dear Frankie,*  
Yesterday the dog park was almost empty. I asked Rufus if he knew where the dogs were.

He said, "Maybe at Scooter's birthday party."

This was the first I had heard about a party.

When I asked Rufus, "Were you invited?" he said, "He thought so, but parties weren't 'his thing.'"

I'm not saying that Scooter and I are tail-wagging buddies. We have, however, known one another for years and co-chaired several fundraising events for the park.

I still can't get over that Rufus was invited, and I wasn't. Everyone knows Rufus has social anxiety and hates parties. Do you think I should tell Scooter how upset I am?

*Elaine*

*Dear Elaine,*

First off, it's unrealistic to expect that you will be invited to every party thrown by a dog from the park.

Also, why do you assume it was because Scooter didn't see you as a friend? Before you jump to any conclusions, perhaps you should consider what might be other

reasons for not receiving an invitation.

Just off the top of my head, here's what came to mind: Scooter's mom limited the guest list to five male friends or neighborhood pals or teammates from his agility class.

I'm sure there are a gazillion other possible reasons, none of which have anything to do with how Scooter feels about you.

When you see Scooter, how about wishing him a belated happy birthday? Why not take what the humans call the "high road."

I understand it's not easy to be gracious when you feel overlooked, but most often, it's the wiser route to take.

*Best, Frankie*

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*Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at [dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com). The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net), request their name be added to the email list or visit [www.neighbnews.com](http://www.neighbnews.com) to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.*

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*Kyle Chandler*

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# Kids Fest attendance “crazy” “nuts”

By Beth David  
Editor

Crazy, insane, nuts: Those are just some of the words used to describe the turnout at Saturday’s Kids Fest sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Many vendors had sold out of some products, some were almost sold out of everything at about 1:30, which another hour and a half to go.

The Sustainability Committee had only a handful of items left for their Halloween swap, despite starting out with many bins and one whole car full of Halloween costumes and clothes suitable for such.

But that was free stuff. How about stuff that was for sale.

Cyd’s Creative Kitchen had very brisk sales of cookies and cookie-decorating kits.

“It was fantastic,” said owner Cyd Ryle. “This place was nuts. I’ve never seen it like this.”

She usually has a table at the Huttleston Marketplace held on Saturdays throughout the summer.

She said she had to put some

thought into what to take since the focus was on children. She usually sells home-made breads.

She had set up cookie decorating stations, but then it got too windy, so they just too them home.

“It has been a crazy day,” said Office of Tourism Director Chris Richard, adding that they sold out of pumpkins and ran out of treat bags. “We really didn’t know there would be this kind of crazy turnout.”

He said it was steady all day, even though it was very windy and the threat of rain was in the clouds. But the rain held off.

“It’s insane,” he said with a big smile.

“It’s a good crazy,” said Rosie of Rosie’s Sweets, who was almost sold out. “Just look at the kids,” who are having so much fun.

At the Fairhaven Cable TV booth, they ran out of the 200 special bags they were giving out and started giving out recycle bags.

They took more than 400 pictures and still had more than an hour to go.

The pictures, taken in a Halloween backdrop, will be available for download for free. It was also a chance for the department to hype its upcoming Virtual Halloween party on 10/22 (see page 5).

In the very extensive pirate section, Head Pirate Erin Hedges said they completely ran out of merchandise. They sold pirate flags, eye patches, swords, and “general tom-foolery.” People could also take a picture in pirate jail for free (or a donation).

Activities included a costumed entertainers, including a large pumpkin on stilts; lawn games; costume contest; musicians; real live mermaids; pumpkin decorating; and more. Lots of freebies, such as popcorn and candy from the Lions Club, made it an event families could enjoy without breaking the budget.

For more information on other Office of Tourism events, visit [www.fairhaventours.com](http://www.fairhaventours.com), call 508-979-4085, or email [fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov)



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Three brothers and their sister, Noah as the Fish from Fortnite, Brody as Venom of Marvel Comics fame, Liam as a scary scarecrow, and Isabella as a princess (I think...I can't read my writing), pose for the local free sheet at the Fairhaven Kids Fest on 10/9/21 on the lawn of the Fairhaven Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School. ABOVE RIGHT: Siblings and friends pose (sort of) for a photo by their adults to commemorate attendance at the first Fairhaven Kids Fest. FAR LEFT: A mermaid (man?) hangs out to meet festival goers. MIDDLE: A giant pumpkin wanders around the Fairhaven Kids Fest. LEFT: A scurvy pirate challenges anyone and everyone to a duel.  
*Photos by Beth David.*



# Animal shelter yard sale raises \$900.

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter held its annual yard sale on 10/9/21 and took in a healthy \$900.

“Our little community always supports their animal shelter,” said Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps in an email.

The yard sale included all manner

of items for pets, including crates, dog and cat beds, food bowls, clothing, etc. The money goes into the gift account and is used for a variety of projects at the shelter. Past projects include repairing the roof, painting lines in the parking lot, and renovations to the inside of the shelter.

Paris Lees was there on Saturday with her Great Dane “Bane.” Ms.

Lees said the rabbits that were on the lawn for adoption had come from her rabbit. She had adopted the rabbit from the shelter, and the day after she got it home, it had nine babies. The runt died, she said; three were adopted; so five are available.

For more information on the shelter, call 508-979-4028, visit [http://fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA\\_AnimalOfficer/index](http://fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_AnimalOfficer/index); or find them on Facebook



LEFT: L-R: Volunteers Anita, Linda and Kylie staff the raffle table while Stephanie stands by to help as needed during the Fairhaven Animal Shelter annual yard sale on 10/9/21. ABOVE: Charlie doesn't quite know what to make of the rabbits available for adoption. Photos by Beth David.

# Longworth Little Free Library dedicated to former library dir.

By Beth David  
Editor

On Sunday, 10/10/21, the Rotary Club of Fairhaven and the Millicent Library dedicated the Longworth “Little Free Library” on Shaw Road in Fairhaven, at the entrance to the Phoenix Bike Trail.

“With Carolyn Longworth, 40 years of being the Librarian at the Millicent

Library, and the first woman in the Fairhaven Rotary Club many moons ago, the Rotary Club decided the best retirement gift for her and others to enjoy for years to come was a Little Library,” wrote Pattie Pacella, Rotary president. “And what perfect spot would be better than where Carolyn goes bird watching (her favorite past-time) on the Shaw Road bike path?”



RIGHT: The Longworth Little Free Library, installed by the Rotary Club of Fairhaven and the Millicent Library, is on Shaw Road in Fairhaven near an entrance to the Phoenix Bike Trail, and was dedicated to Carolyn Longworth, the former director of the Millicent Library, on 10/10/21. ABOVE: L-R: Fairhaven Rotary Club member Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Rotary President Pattie Pacella (and Gracie), Carolyn Longworth, Rotary member Melissa Kucharski, at the dedication of the Longworth Little Free Library on 10/10/21 on Shaw Road in Fairhaven near the Phoenix Bike Trail entrance. TOP: Gracie checks out the plaque for the Longworth Free Little Library. Photos courtesy of David Fauteux.

Little Free Libraries are small kiosks scattered around neighborhoods around the world allowing people to give and take books for free.

With the new addition, Fairhaven now has at least 12 Free Little Libraries. Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/little-libraries/> to find their locations. Ten are registered/chartered with the international organization, [https:// littlefree.org](https://littlefree.org), and one is independent.



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## Recreation Basketball Clinic

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Start Date: Saturday December 4th  
End Date: Saturday January 29th

Time: Grades 1 through 4, 8 a.m.-9 a.m. Grades 5 through 8, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

## 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, October 23rd, 2021 Cost \$60 per person **Deadline for registration is October 10th** to ensure trip runs or until full.

A champion is someone who gets up when he can't.

*Jack Dempsey*

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Flu Clinic

By Walgreens, October 19, 2021 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for Fairhaven Seniors, only 25 appointments available. To sign up. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center 508-979-4029.

### Veterans Day Luncheon

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will be hosting their Veterans Day Luncheon at the Fairhaven Senior Center on November 9th at 11:30 for Fairhaven Veterans and their spouses. Coastline will be providing a roast pork dinner. Alltrust Credit Union, (formerly Southern Mass Credit Union), has agreed to sponsor the event again this year. If you are a Fairhaven veteran and would like to attend, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 by

Thursday November 4th to sign up.

### Veterans Day Parade

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will have a COA van in the Veterans Day parade November 11th. The parade steps off from Benoit Square at 8:30 a.m. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to sign up if you wish to ride in the van.

### Fairhaven Emergency Alert System

The Fairhaven Fire Department has an Emergency Alert System which provides phone, cellphone and email alerts to the public. If you did not get a call about the boil water order, you need to sign up for alerts. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask for Anne Silvia at 508-979-4029. She will be happy to enroll you.

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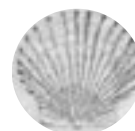
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# BPW, Tree Warden spar over tree department future

By Mary Chasse

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday 10/4/21 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with the Tree Warden about multiple issues.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton started the meeting with an announcement that board member Frank Coelho sent in his letter of resignation due to health reasons. Mr. Coelho was on the board for the last two and a half years but has served the town on various boards and committees for many years.

Mr. Wotton said in Mr. Coelho's letter he said he was grateful to have served on the BPW and sends his best wishes for continued success. He also thanked the BPW staff, employees, and union workers, as well as all the voters.

BPW Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that everything Mr. Coelho has done was beneficial to the town.

"He never gave up on anything he pursued," Mr. Hobson said. "I wish him luck!"

The board also met with Tree Warden Don Collasius via Zoom. Mr. Collasius said there were three trees at Livesey Park that are dead from the inside and are at risk of falling. He asked for a letter giving him permission to take down the trees.

After a bit of discussion, the topic switched to Mr. Collasius's change of heart on moving the tree department to the BPW.

Mr. Collasius said he did not mean to hurt any feelings when he changed his mind. He said he likes the idea of the Tree Warden and BPW merging and working

together, but the article at Town Meeting was not about that, it was about making the Tree Warden an appointed position.

He said BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado told him that the article was step one in merging the departments, but no one explained the other steps. He said he was not going to agree to something when he did know the whole plan.

"If you were confused and didn't know all the information why not go back to Vinnie and ask," board member Marcus Ferro asked.

Mr. Collasius said it is the board's job to inform the general public of the details of an article in Town Meeting and especially to inform the person in the Tree Warden position.

Mr. Ferro said if Mr. Collasius was running on the key issue of joining the BPW then he has a similar obligation to work with the BPW.

Mr. Collasius said he did not see that article as making the Tree Warden a position through the BPW. He saw it as being a non-elected position and an appointed position through the BPW instead.

Mr. Furtado explained that it was the first step towards forming a Tree Department, adding there was no way they could make the unelected position and then create a whole Tree Department with an arborist and their salary. That would be a \$200,000 article. He said he thought he explained that to Mr. Collasius.

Mr. Collasius said he is learning things on a daily basis and is networking with

people at Tree Warden school. He said in a lot of towns, the head of the BPW is the Tree Warden.

Mr. Furtado agreed that is how it is in New Bedford, but New Bedford has a whole Forestry Department.

Board member Cameron Durant said they need full time employees cutting trees, and he hoped the Tree Warden and BPW can work together.

Mr. Ferro asked Mr. Collasius where he would stand on a new article for Town Meeting.

Mr. Collasius said he did not know if he could support it. He is networking with 50 other towns and is seeing how it is done in other places. He noted he has never been involved in politics. He would like to wait until spring to do more research.

He also said he would present an idea of how they can work together in the spring and get something on the warrant that will work.

Mr. Wotton said that he appreciated what Mr. Collasius has been doing and that he is doing a good job and they were not there to debate that. They were there to discuss moving the Tree Department to the department that gets things done.

Mr. Wotton said he will personally run and campaign on why the Tree Department should be merged with the BPW.

"It has nothing to do with you, sir," Mr. Wotton said. "And don't take it offensively, it has to do with Fairhaven residents and they deserve more. Park Department has one employee and Tree

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spend the money.

Mr. Espindola also asked if donors to the fund must be identified, and Ms. Graves said that the identities of the donors and amounts are public information.

Mr. Espindola noted that the Rogers Re-Use Committee sent out a postcard not using town funds, but it is a town committee. They do not have a gift account, he said. The postcard was created with donations.

"We need to tighten up on how these gift accounts are managed," he said.

Ms. Graves said the Town Accountant, Anne Carreiro, makes sure all expenditures are lawful.

Select Board member Stasia Powers asked for clarification on who has authority to alter the town hall and grounds.

Mr. Crotty said that town hall is under the control of the SB, regardless of where the money comes from. He said just because they raise the money for a purpose, the SB does not have to approve that purpose.

The Historical Commission is advisory to the SB.

Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Espindola went back and forth a bit, with Mr. Oliveira trying to criticize Mr. Richard, and Mr. Espindola trying to stop him and direct him towards making his complaint directly to Ms. Graves.

Mr. Oliveira said social media just

gives "angry people a platform to spew their venom," and said Facebook has become a "very nasty platform," that people use to "attack, insult, and degrade people."

Liberal pepper his comments with complaints about negative comments and being "ridiculed by other departments, Mr. Oliveira clarified some points about the street lamp project.

He said the side streets around town hall are very dark for people leaving meetings at night. He said the Community Preservation Committee said the project was not eligible for funds, not that they were against the project. He said the project has been talked about for seven years, and the conduit was placed under the sidewalks years ago in case a light project came to fruition.

Mr. Oliveira also clarified that nothing has been purchased yet, and the style has not been definitively decided. He said the HC will be looking for public input and will hold a public hearing.

He also said that if the project does not happen, donors will get their money back, that he is keeping careful track of all donations.

"I want to see people talking to each other, not attacking" said SB member Stasia Powers, noting it is why she ran for the seat on the board.

Mr. Oliveira also said he took issue with people saying they were trying to "circumvent" Town Meeting and CPC. He said they were just trying take the

taxpayers "off the hook," not circumvent anyone.

Ms. Powers and Mr. Espindola made sure it was clear that the project would have to be approved by the Select Board.

Mr. Oliveira agreed and asked for anyone with ideas to contact him directly through the town's website.

In another matter, the board discussed how to proceed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Public Works. Frank Coelho has resigned for health reasons. The Select Board chooses the replacement, but both boards want the BPW to have a say in the choice. The Select Board will invite the BPW to join them in the meeting where they will make the decision, and will encourage individual board members to make their choices known.

Anyone interested in the position should contact the Select Board by 10/21. See page 5 for details

The board also filled several vacancies on boards, including appointing Ron Fortier to the Cultural Council, despite his disclosure that he is applying for two grants from the council.

When Ms. Powers asked if it was a conflict of interest, Mr. Crotty said, "probably."

The board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Fortier.

The board met in executive session to discuss litigation regarding the Atlas Tack property, and to discuss 61A land purchase at 732 Scoticut Neck Road.

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Department has two part time employees. Tell me how merging those two departments to get two full-time employees does not make sense."

Mr. Wotton said hopefully they could get more money, so they could have a third employee. They could cut grass a few days for the Park Department and then do tree projects a few days a week. In the winter there is no grass maintenance so there would be more time for tree projects.

Mr. Wotton also noted that the problem has been going on for 50 years and no previous Tree Wardens have been able to fix it.

"Everything I've heard from you is you

don't have the money or resources and you're not responsible," Mr. Wotton said.

"That is untrue, sir," Mr. Collasius said. "I never said I wasn't responsible... that's an outright false statement."

Mr. Wotton said they have been told multiple time that Mr. Collasius is not responsible and it is all over his Facebook posts.

"You did, we all read and saw your statement in the *Neighborhood News*," Mr. Wotton said, telling Mr. Collasius not to take it personally and that he is not the issue...the issue is the role of the Tree Warden and it has been an issue for years.

"We wholeheartedly support you," Mr. Wotton told Mr. Collasius. "You can be a big part of this... don't leave... stay

involved and support us and let us do better for the town and come join us."

Mr. Wotton told Mr. Collasius to work together with the BPW and that the BPW will support him if he supports them.

"We can help move the town forward in a better way," Mr. Wotton said. "You cannot do it on your own."

Mr. Collasius thanked the board for having him.

"I respect your opinions and look forward to working together in the future with issues regarding this," Mr. Collasius said.

In another matter, the board hired Kyle Winderlick as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator.

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### Please Return What You Took

We would appreciate it if the

person who inadvertently took the milk crate that we use as a mail box from our front step at 71 Green Street this weekend would return it to us, no questions asked.

*Thank you,  
Christine Craig, Fairhaven*

## Reader Enjoys Frankie Column

I wanted to let you know that I very much enjoy reading the latest advice from Frankie.

It seems that Franki has some valuable incites into every day



# Kevin Gallagher receives Acushnet Grange award

By Beth David  
Editor

Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher received Community Citizenship Award on 10/7/21 from the Acushnet Grange for "outstanding service" to the community.

"Your dedication and personal involvement are gratefully and sincerely acknowledged by the members of Acushnet Grange No. 285," reads the award.

"The Grange has deep roots in Acushnet and a long and cherished history of community service. I am honored and humbled to received this award and know that it reflects the efforts of all those who I have had the honor to work with over the past 34 years," said Chief Gallagher in a statement. "I love Acushnet, its residents, and all the civic organizations that make up the fabric of this community. Serving you has been an honor."

Jo-Ann Silva recounted the Chief Gallagher's journey from volunteer firefighter in 1986 to chief in 2003.

She told the story of seeing him spraying weeds at on a traffic island

at the Fairhaven/Acushnet line, definitely not his job.;

He told her "This drives me crazy, I don't want this to be the first thing people see as they enter our town."

Ms. Silva said: "When I asked Chief Gallagher what his greatest legacy

was he thought hard and answered, 'in my time as chief I have never had to go visit one of our fellow firefighters in the hospital for a work injury and I hope to keep it that way.'"

She also spoke about his pursuit of grants, and the many programs he started, such as the drug disposal bags, Narcan for all EMTs to carry, COVID testing and vaccination clinics.

"Chief Kevin

Gallagher the town of Acushnet appreciates your hard work and dedication to our community," said Ms. Silva.

Chief Gallagher has announced that he will retire next September, after 35 years with the department.



L-R: Carl St. Don, Joshua Cunha, Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, Jo-Ann Silva pose for a picture after Chief Gallagher receives the Community Citizenship Award from the Acushnet Grange on Thursday, 10/7/21. Submitted photo.

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## Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday October 26, 2021 on SD 2021-01: Torrington-Reservation Road Unaccepted Street Discontinuance. The Planning Board Meeting and public hearing will be conducted remotely for the public and will be televised

on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and [fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com).  
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or Telephone 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 ; Password: 740257

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Street Discontinuance application: SD 2021-01 — Torrington-Reservation Road Unaccepted Street Discontinuance. The applicants, Maria Branco and Richard and Eunice

Eble, are requesting a Street Discontinuance for a portion of Torrington Road off Reservation Road between Lots 203 and 221 on Map 29A in Fairhaven.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board>

John Farrell Jr., Chairman of the Planning Board  
FNN: 10/7/21, 10/14/21

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### E. coli is present in Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Town Water BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

#### 10/9/21 SAMPLE UPDATE

Samples taken on 10/7/21 were found to have Total Coliform and E-coli in samples in the Towns of Fairhaven and Marion. The Town of Mattapoisett and the Treatment Facility were absent of both Total Coliform and E-coli.

#### ALL COMMUNITIES NEED TO CONTINUE TO BOIL THEIR WATER

This includes Rochester Residents who receive water from the Town of Marion

The Towns of Fairhaven, Marion, and Mattapoisett will continue to sample on the following dates: 10/12/21, 10/13/21, and 10/14/21 and will update the communities with the results.

We collected routine samples on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. We were notified by the lab on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, that distribution samples were total coliform positive, f. coli positive. We notified MassDEP the same day we were notified by the lab of the sample results. We will be collecting repeat samples on Thursday, October 7, 2021, within 24 hours of notification by the lab, as required. These bacteria can make you sick and are especially a concern for people with weakened immune systems.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

#### What should I do? What does this mean?

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Food establishments must boil the water for 5 minutes; large volumes of water need 5 minutes!

Discard any ice, beverages, formula, and uncooked foods that were prepared with water from the public water system on or after October 5, 2021.

\*Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present.\*

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#### Charter Committee

Thurs., 10/14, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Conservation Committee

Mon., 10/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Marine Resources

Thurs., 10/14, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

#### Planning Board

Tues., 10/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

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

#### Select Board

Mon., 10/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Golf Committee

Thurs., 10/14, Town Hall, 4:00 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Tues. 10/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

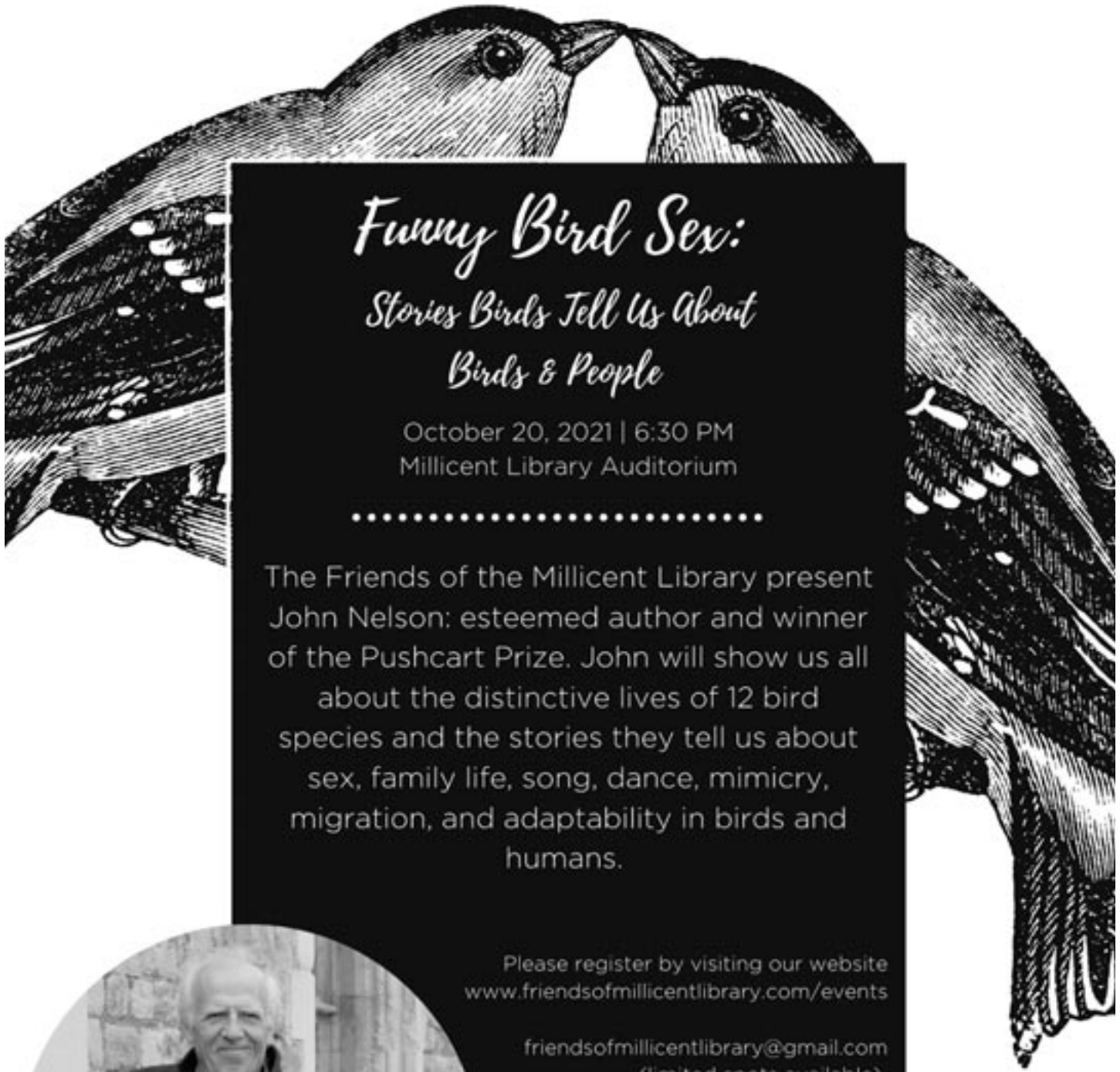
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Friday	15	0421	1651	1136	----
Saturday	16	0528	1753	0010	1234
Sunday	17	0621	1841	0056	1322
Monday	18	0703	1922	0135	1407
Tuesday	19	0741	2000	0208	1450
Wednesday	20	0819	2039	0209	1518
Thursday	21	0857	2118	0212	1506
Friday	22	0936	2158	0238	1522
Saturday	23	1015	2239	0311	1550
Sunday	24	1056	2321	0346	1622
Monday	25	1140	----	0422	1657
Tuesday	26	0010	1232	0459	1737
Wednesday	27	0106	1328	0542	1829
Thursday	28	0202	1423	0640	1939

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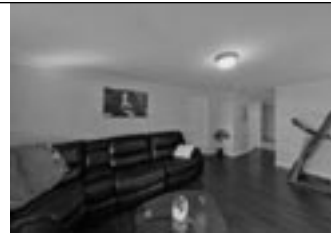
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