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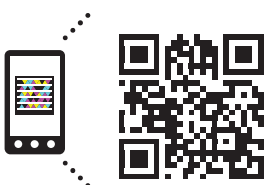
Members of the Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association carry the approximately 800 pound statue along Main Street in Fairhaven during the 93rd annual OLOA Feast on Monday, 9/4/23. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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What a cool and crazy story we have in these pages this week. A US Marine's diary from World War II has been returned to his family 81 years after it was lost. How cool is that?

See page 11 for the story of Leo McDermott's diary. Stories like this one remind me why this job is so cool. I get to meet and talk to all kinds of different and wonderful people. And then, I get to tell you all about it.

Our cover story is one of my favorites every year. The big feast in Fairhaven is always lots of fun. I have to admit that the heat sent me packing early this year. But I did manage to get some of the best malasadas on planet EARTH! See pages 12 & 13 for some fun pictures.

The fall events are coming up fast. This weekend it's Apple-Peach and the Conrad Roy Memorial 5K (see page 3). Get an early heads up on other events on the happenings pages on 5, 6, 7. Fall events are full of fun stuff for kids, and each weekend for a while looks like it will have something fun for the whole family. So, be sure to pick up your copy of the *Neighb News* every week so you don't miss anything fun.

On another note: It's unbelievably hot out there this week, yet the birds are still gathering and chattering and getting ready to go south. They know best. So weird for those two things to be happening at the same time.

I'm holding out hope, though, that I can get a few more fishing days in.

There's other stuff in here, of course. As you look through, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

*Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!*

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Apple Peach Fest, Conrad walk this weekend

## Conrad Roy Memorial 5K

The second annual Conrad Roy III Memorial 5K will be held on Sat., 9/9 at 9 a.m. at Fort Phoenix Beach in Fairhaven, rain or shine. Sponsored by the family of Conrad Henri Roy III. Register online at [www.racewire.com](http://www.racewire.com) or on site at 8:15 a.m. Begins and ends at Fort Phoenix.

Contact Kim Bozzi, 774-319-7347 for more details or to volunteer.

Find us on Facebook/Conrad's Law. It has been four years since Conrad's Law has been introduced, a law that would make suicide coercion illegal in Mass. and send a message to those who seek to hurt others that there will be consequences. Join us on remember Conrad, and to encourage Mass. legislators to pass the Law.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide or in emotional distress, call 988 or 911.

## Apple Peach Festival

The Acushnet Apple-Peach Festival, celebrating 42 years, on Sat. & Sun., 9/9 & 9/10, from 10 a.m. to 6

p.m., at Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St., Acushnet. Great entertainment, crafts, food and fun! Free parking and admission. Shuttle bus from Acushnet Middle School.

Parade on Sun., 9/10 at 10 a.m., starting at Pope Park, along Main Street to the fair grounds.

### Entertainment

Sat., 9/9

- 10-10:45: Sharons Student Showcase
- 11-11:45: Mark Thompson
- 12-12:45: Shane Fitzgerald
- 1-1:45: Extreme Acoustic
- 2-2:45: The Stumblurs
- 3-3:45: Buzzard Blue
- 4-6: Neal McCarthy Problem

Sun., 9/10

- 10-10:45: Gonsalves Tai Kwon Do
- 11-11:45: All Along
- 12-12:45: Stephanie Lamb with Last Call
- 1-1:45: Gary Langevin Ensemble
- 2-2:45: Temporary Phase
- 3-3:45: Dirty Sanchez Band
- 4-6: Matt Borrello Band

## Apple Peach Parade

The apple peach parade is back and we are looking to make it bigger

and better than it ever was. We are looking for anyone with old cars, tractors, horses, unique vehicles, local businesses to build floats and so on to enter. THERE WILL BE NO WALKERS.

The parade is going to kick off from Pope Park at 10am on Sun. 9/10 and will travel past the apple peach grounds down main St. Everyone that is entering, please be ready at Pope Park by 9:30 am on that Sunday so we can organize the parade.

## Lebanese Festival

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church presents our annual Lebanese Festival on Fri., 9/8, from 5–11 p.m.; and Sat., 9/9, from noon to 11 p.m., at our new home, 4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford (the former Our Lady of Fatima).

Featuring Lebanese food and entertainment with Mitchel Kaltsunas on Friday, and Rami Badr with Bashir El-Khoury band on Saturday. Food, bar, hookas, raffles, dancing. Free admission and entertainment; food available for purchase.

More events on pages 5, 6, 7



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# Veteran of Year nominations sought

Press Release

The Board of Directors of the Southeastern Mass. Veterans Housing Program, Inc., known as Veterans Transition House, is welcoming nominations for the 2023 Veteran of the Year Award sponsored by BankFive. The award is presented to a regional veteran in recognition of their outstanding contributions to veterans, veterans' issues, and the community as a whole. This year marks the 28th annual award.

Veterans Transition House seeks nominations from the public between now and September 30, 2023. The nomination form is available at <https://www.vetshouse.org/veteran-of-the-year-application/> and can be requested by emailing [info@vetshouse.org](mailto:info@vetshouse.org) or calling 508-992-5313 x 2. Completed forms can be emailed to [info@vetshouse.org](mailto:info@vetshouse.org) or mailed to Veterans Transition House, 1297 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. If you know a veteran who is deserving of special recognition, VTH encourages the submission of your nomination as soon as possible.

The Veteran of the Year Award will be announced in October and pre-

sent at a special event sponsored by BankFive, Profishant, Inc., Vantage in Philanthropy and other sponsors on 11/8, at Rachel's Lakeside in Dartmouth in recognition of Veterans Day. For table sponsorship and ticket information, please contact Deven Robitaille at [drobes109@gmail.com](mailto:drobes109@gmail.com). This event is a fundraiser to support veterans housing, outreach services, and the meals program delivered by Veterans Transition House.

The 27th Veteran of the Year Award (2022) was presented to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rachel Mann, USA (Ret). Ms. Mann deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2013. While serving with the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, she sustained an injury to her right foot which resulted in an amputation. Ms. Mann retired after 11 years of service. Due to a microvascular condition, Ms. Mann courageously had her left foot amputated in 2020 and turned her experience into a way to serve disabled veterans, youth and adults. She serves as vice president of Mission Working Dogs and performs outreach with the Spaulding Adaptive Sports Center.

The 26th Veteran of the Year Award (2021) was presented to Dean Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence served 21 years in the U.S. Army. He served in Operation Desert Shield from 1990 to 1991, a peace-keeping mission in Bosnia from 2000 to 2001, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004. Mr. Lawrence has served the community as a New Bedford police officer for over 20 years.

Founded in 1990 VTH has provided more than 3,000 SE Mass. homeless veterans with transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive supportive services. VTH owns seven properties across New Bedford with the capacity to house 85 homeless veterans. An additional 90 veterans and their families are served within a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. Opened in 2021, the new Anthony C. and Salvatore H. Alfiero Outreach Center is staffed with licensed clinicians and outreach staff to serve more than 1,500 veterans in our community who are in need of human services.

Visit [www.vetshouse.org](http://www.vetshouse.org) to learn more or to make a tax-deductible donation.

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Thurs.: 7 a.m.–7 p.m. • Fri.–Sat: 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Eve at the Fort

Evening at Fort Phoenix with Fairhaven Village Militia, Wed., 9/13, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven

The Fairhaven Village Militia, the town's Revolutionary War era reenacting group, will be on hand at historical Fort Phoenix in period dress to talk to the public about the fort's history. Learn about the cannons and musket firing, see the inside of the gun powder magazine, and hear about the events that took place during the Revolutionary War.

Free. Disabled accessible except for the powder magazine.

For more information visit <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com/>

## Pickleball Clinic

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association will be holding a beginners clinic on Saturday, 9/16 and Saturday 9/23 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Both sessions will be held at Cushman Park. To sign up email Fairhaven pickleball@gmail.com. The clinic cost is \$30 which includes both sessions. Enrollment is limited.

For more information on the Fairhaven Pickleball Association go to our website: <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com/>

## Boating Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will be starting its 2023 FALL SEMESTER 13-week Boating Skills & Seamanship Course (BS&S) on Monday, September 18, 2023 through December 11, 2023, from 7-9 pm, at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC) on 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This 13-week comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. It is taught by experienced Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with years of experience on local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals, such as: boating terminology, boat equipment/handling, boat trailering, lake boating, handling a small to midsize boat, rules of the road, navigation, medical/safety awareness, understanding weather, engines, radios and how to read a nautical chart and chart

plotter, buy a boat, tie a knot, handle emergencies, and call in a Mayday.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course. Individuals who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates and cards.

The \$55 fee includes the textbook, chart and all course material. Family discounts are available for shared materials.

To register online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hd3ck3j>

Contact MaryBeth Soares, Flotilla Staff Officer - Public Education at 508-493-5531 or via email: [mbsoares11@verizon.net](mailto:mbsoares11@verizon.net)

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Fairhaven Town Auction

The annual Town of Fairhaven auction is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Cash Only: No Credit or Debit accepted

Items are from a variety of departments in Fairhaven, including Schools, Fire, Harbormaster. Items include office equipment, tools, furniture, and more.

### Encampment

Saturday and Sunday, 9/30 & 10/1, 10:00 a.m. to sunset Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Sunday. Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA

## Fairhaven CPC Accepting Apps

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY25 funding round. The FY25 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage - <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

The public hearing for the FY25 Community Preservation Plan will be held on Wednesday 9/20/23. Since 2006, the Fairhaven CPC has appropriated over \$8,400,000 that have created 126 affordable housing units, supported another 362 affordable housing units, protected over 750 acres, created and maintained several recreation facilities, and restored 60 historic

preservation projects.

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.

The Deadline for CPC applications is Friday, 9/29/23 by 12:00 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 9109 or email recording [secretary@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:secretary@fairhaven-ma.gov).

## Old Stone Schoolhouse

After a brief hiatus, The Old Stone Schoolhouse, located at 40 North Street in Fairhaven, MA, will reopen to the public on select Saturdays through the rest of 2023. Opening hours will be 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following dates: September 16th, and 30th; October 21st, November 4th & 18th, and December 2nd, 2023.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to once again open The Old Stone Schoolhouse to the public," said Michael Kelly, a member of the Fairhaven Historical Commission. "This is a hidden gem that made a remarkable contribution to the history of the region, and we look forward to welcoming visitors from near and far."

The Old Stone Schoolhouse is a one-room schoolhouse built in 1828 at a cost of \$520.01, and served as the first public School in Fairhaven, operating until 1896 when the nearby, and much larger, Oxford School opened.

Manjiro Nakahama, a fourteen-year-old Japanese boy who was rescued by a New Bedford whaleship after being shipwrecked on a small island in the Pacific Ocean, attended classes at the Old Stone Schoolhouse. Upon returning to Japan many years later, Manjiro Nakahama would play a role in the negotiations between Commodore Matthew Perry and the Empire of Japan.

For additional information, please contact The Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Azorean Regatta

Join us for the 12th International Azorean Whaleboat Regatta, Sept. 8-10, in New Bedford. Free for spectators. All at Clark's Cove, West Rodney French Blvd.

Fri., 9/8, 9 a.m.: Women and Men's rowing races.

Sat., 9/9, 9 a.m.: Women and Men's rowing races.

Sun., 9/10, 9 a.m.: Mixed boat rowing races.

Ticketed Events: \$35 pp

Fri., 9/8, 6 p.m., dinner and dancing, NB Sports Club

Sat., 9/9. Join us at the Food Truck Festa, Madeira Field

Sun., 9/10, 6 p.m. Awards Night, dinner and dancing, NB Sports Club.

Visit our website, [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org) for more information about events and regatta sponsors.

To purchase tickets the dinners, contact Lara Harrington, [laralu78@gmail.com](mailto:laralu78@gmail.com)

Azorean Maritime Heritage Society, Keeping our maritime heritage alive.

## NB Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 9/12, 6-8 p.m., at The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford

Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest Alison Smart, Executive Director of the climate literacy initiative Probable Futures, will discuss Climate Change; The Future of Heat around the World and Close to Home.

Of all climate change-related phenomena, none have more impact or are more widespread than heat. Alison will share what science tells us about the past, present and future of heat, as well as the frameworks that can help us adapt to a warmer world. Free parking in rear of building. Videos of recent events can be found on our website.

## Hip Hop

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), in partnership with 3rd Eye Unlimited & New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, presents the last of five monthly events exploring the Pillars of Hip Hop on Thursday, September 14, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Five Pillars

include emceeing, djing, breaking/dance, graffiti, and knowledge. The event in the garden includes live music, spoken word, and art. Attendees of the event will find out more about the Five Pillars and the origin of these traditions.

Young people who might be interested in participating in this event can drop a line to 3rd Eye at: [info@3rdEyeUnlimited.org](mailto:info@3rdEyeUnlimited.org). This event is free as part of AHA Night and is open to all ages. For more information, contact the RJD at 508-997-1401, or visit the Museum's website: [rjdmuseum.org](http://rjdmuseum.org).

## Tall Ship Tour

Destination New Bedford and Pope's Island Marina welcome Nao Trinidad, a replica of the 16th-century tall ship that sailed with Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan's fleet that circumnavigated the world. This year marks the 500th anniversary of Magellan's historic trip. Tours through 9/10.

Tickets for the tour are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages five to 12. Children under five are free. Family passes are available for \$35 and include admission for two adults and three children. Tickets may be purchased in person at Pope's Island Marina or online in advance. Purchasing in advance is strongly recommended, at <https://tickets.velacuadra.es/contentn>

Parking at Pope's Island Marina is limited, especially on weekends. Visitors are advised to park in New Bedford's historic downtown at the Elm Street Parking Garage. A short walk to New Bedford's waterfront Pier 3 will take you to the New Bedford Launch, an affordable boat ride for the whole family that connects you with attractions, restaurants, and more for only \$4.00 per person. Be sure to bring a camera - the launch will provide stunning views of the ship and New Bedford's waterfront from the harbor, allowing passengers the chance to capture photographs before arriving at Pope's Island Marina where the ship will be docked.

For more information, contact Destination New Bedford at [tourism@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:tourism@newbedford-ma.gov).

## Author Event

Join us for the launch of Dawn

Blake Souza's newest book, "With Little More Than Dreams," which traces the histories of four immigrant families in America and shares their intriguing stories in close personal way. Follow the immigrant journey of a German-Mexican family, an Azorean Portuguese family, an Austrian-Polish family, and a Cape Verdean family in this beautifully researched publication by Dawn Blake Souza.

Sat., 9/9, 1-4 p.m.; NB Downtown Library, 613 Pleasant St.

## Ballots Available

Absentee/mail-in ballots for the New Bedford preliminary Municipal Election are now available. Any voter can request to receive a ballot by mail, can vote absentee in the Election Office during regular business hours, or can Vote Early in person. The Election Office is located in City Hall, 133 William Street Room 114. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote is Friday, September 22nd by 5:00 p.m.

Voters can Vote Early at the following locations prior to the Election:

- Saturday, September 23rd - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Main Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street
- Wednesday, September 27th - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Taber Mill, 217 Deane Street (Coffin Ave. entrance)
- Thursday, September 28th - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Hazelwood Senior Center, 553 Brock Avenue

Parents or family members can apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of their children attending out-of-city or State Colleges and Universities. The deadline to apply for an Absentee/Mail-in ballot by mail is Tuesday, September 26th by 5:00 p.m. or in person in the Election office the day before the Election on Monday, October 2nd by 12:00 p.m. All Absentee/Mail-in ballots must be mailed out but can be mailed back, hand-delivered to the Election Office, or returned through the drop-off boxes outside of City Hall or on Elm Street outside of the bus terminal by 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd to be accepted. On Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Contact the Board of Election Commissioners at (508) 979-1420.

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## GOP Meeting

Mattapoisett Republican Party Monthly Town Meeting. Working Together to Build a Mattapoisett Majority

The Mattapoisett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thurs., 9/14, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. This month's guest speaker you don't want to miss is John Milligan, Executive Director MassGOP. Topic: Current State of the MassGOP

Other topics for discussion: Local initiatives; Upcoming events; Sharing ideas with like-minded neighbors Support of candidates in future elections

If interested, please attend or contact Bill Reidy, Chairperson, ChairMattGOP@gmail.com. Visit MattapoisettGOP.com

## Vendor Fair

The Fairhaven Rotary is holding a vendor fair on Sat., 9/23, at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road (Route 6), Mattapoisett, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Calling all vendors to join us, whether it's handmade, homemade, or something else. Cost: \$30 per 10x10 table space. Reservations with your payment will secure your spot.

Contact Jeannine, ruby0918@comcast.net; or Pattie, pmederios67@comcast.net

## Family Festival

Seventh annual Lakeville Fall Family Festival, Sat., 9/16 (rain date 9/17), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 170, Main St., Lakeville

Free admission. A fun time for all ages, featuring: craft beer by Berkley Beer, live music, face painting, small animal area, local craft vendors, dunk tank, free bounce house and games, food, soda, popcorn,

Sponsored by the Lakeville Lions Clubs.

## Acushnet Yard Sale

Thir Annual Acushnet Town-wide Yard Sale, Sat. & Sun., 9/9 & 9/10, rain or shine.

Most households will start at 9 a.m. and go until 2 p.m.

Find All Things Acushnet on Facebook for list of houses.

## Explore

### Mattapoisett Village

Are you curious about Mattapoisett Village's unique history? Please join Mattapoisett Museum Guides and tour the village to learn about its heyday as a shipbuilding center to the rise of summer recreation and the impact specific citizens had on the development of the town.

Tours begin and end at the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street. They follow Main Street to Shipyard Park and return via one of the historic side streets back to the Museum. The tour will last 45 minutes to an hour.

Remaining dates are:

- Thursday, 9/7 at 5:30pm with Jenn McIntyre and Carole Clifford
  - Saturday, September 16 at 10:30am with Curator Connor Gaudet
- Free and open to the public.

## Training Ship Applicants

Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps are welcoming new applicants to the training program at Mass. Maritime Academy. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17 who may be interested in nautical or military opportunities are encouraged to join.

Scheduled events include an annual Swim Meet, community service, parades, ceremonies, marksmanship training, skills competition weekend at Joint Base Cape Cod and many other activities, as well as annual summer training, nationwide.

Training is conducted on alternating Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Mass. Maritime Academy.

Interested applicants should contact Lt. Cdr. James McLoughlin at 508-759-8606. View us on Facebook at Gosnold Division.

## Author Talk

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The Handy House Artisan Fair, organized by the Westport Historical Society, showcases local craftspeople who specialize in skills and traditional crafts commonly practiced in the 18th and 19th century.

Artisans and crafts include: blacksmithing, rug braiding, pottery, woodworking, and scrimshaw. Meet some authors of local history books, enjoy tasty johnnycakes and traditional music, and chat with Ruth and Abby, the 1850s Ladies. New for this year is Collectors Corner, showcasing some unique local collections and collectors! And for families, the fair offers special crafts for kids!

Traditional craftsmanship is still very much alive in Westport. The Artisan Fair offers a rare opportunity to meet these craftspeople and learn about their skills through hands on demonstrations. Some artisans will have their work for sale, so it will also be a chance to get a jumpstart on holiday shopping!

## Auditions

The Marion Art Center announces open auditions for its December production of *Miracle on South Division Street*, written by Tom Dudzick and directed by Donn Tyler and Maura Van Voris. Auditions will take place on Saturday, September 16, 12:00-2:00pm and Sunday, September 17, 1:00-3:00pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. Performance dates are December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, and 16, 2023.

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Recreation Staff, Fairhaven Rec Center. Mon, Sept 11-Oct 2 (4 sessions) 10am-10:45am

Members: \$30/ Non-Members \$40.

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### Social Day Program

The Fairhaven Social Day Program provides a fun day of activities for seniors who are in need of supervision or just want to spend the day socializing with others. The program is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-3:00. Lunch is provided and transportation can be arranged at an additional fee.

For more information, please call 508-993-9455 and ask for Sally Bourke.

### Monday Movie Matinee

Setp. 11, 12:15 p.m. Featuring "A Perfect Pairing." To win over a major client, a go-getter LA wine exec signs on to work at an Australian sheep farm, where she sparks with a rugged and mysterious local.

Lunch available before the movie, served at 11:30. If you would like lunch before the movie, please mention you would like lunch when you sign up for the movie. A \$2.00 donation towards your meal is greatly appreciated.

### Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 9/13, Mashpee Commons; 9/20, Autumn Joy Flower Show/Special Trip, \$10.); 9/27, Wrentham Village; 10/4, Twin River Casino.

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Senior walking resumes on August 28th. Walk at the Rec Center next door from 12:30-1 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Peach Cobbler

For the filling:

- 4 cups peaches, ripe, peeled, pitted, and sliced
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- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

For the cobbler:

- 1/2 cup butter unsalted, cubed
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk

Ice cream, optional, for serving  
Preheat oven to 375°.

Add the peaches, 1/2 cup of the sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest, and the lemon juice to a medium-sized saucepan over medium heat.

Bring the mixture to a simmer for 5 minutes. Stir continuously until the peaches start to soften.

Remove from heat & set aside.

Place the cubed butter in a 9x9-inch baking dish and put in preheated oven until butter melts.

Add the flour, baking powder, salt, remaining sugar, egg, vanilla, and milk to a bowl, and whisk until the flour is just combined.

Pour the peaches into the baking dish over the melted butter. Pour batter evenly over peaches. Bake in oven until the cobbler is golden brown, about 40-45 minutes. Serve w/ice cream.



# Dear Frankie

## Love Takes All

Dear Frankie,  
My family is very fond of Sparkle. She is a perfect guest when she comes for the day or stays overnight. The problem is Marcy, Sparkle's mother.

Sparkle first stayed with us when Marcy was called out of town for a family emergency. When Marcy came back and picked up Sparkle, my mom told her what a great dog she was and if she ever needed to go out of town again, we would be happy to take care of her.

At first, Marcy asked us to take care of Sparkle every month or so. Recently, she has been asking us to take her every week because she has a new boyfriend who stays over and doesn't like dogs.

My parents feel they are being used, but they are afraid if they tell

Marcy that Sparkle can't stay with us as often, she might surrender her or make her sleep outside when the boyfriend is around. In the past, she has tied Sparkle to the fence overnight. My family would like to know how to deal with Marcy without causing Sparkle harm.

Debby

Dear Debby,

IT INFURIATES ME whenever I hear of a dog being surrendered or tossed aside because of a new heartthrob.

I'm equally delighted when I hear the relationship didn't work out, and the person who dumped their dog regrets their decision and is miserable and lonely. There's nothing like poetic justice.

Maybe this story has more of a silver lining than it appears. Responsible dog parents understand when they adopt a dog, it is a lifelong commitment. They don't pawn their dog off on other people, tie their dog up outside, or abandon their dog for someone else.

It sounds like Sparkle might be better off with a new family. Perhaps

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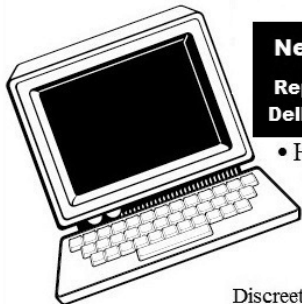
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# Marine's diary returns home to Fairhaven after 81 years

By Beth David  
Editor

At first, Patti Dorschied was skeptical. A man she never met was at her door telling her that someone had found her father's diary from World War II.

But she had his diary from WWII.

Yet, the man seemed professional, and had a business card identifying himself as Brad Fish, the Fairhaven Veterans Agent. He explained that Jane (Ryle) Bettencourt, who works in the Veterans Services Office, remembered the McDermott family and directed him to Patti.

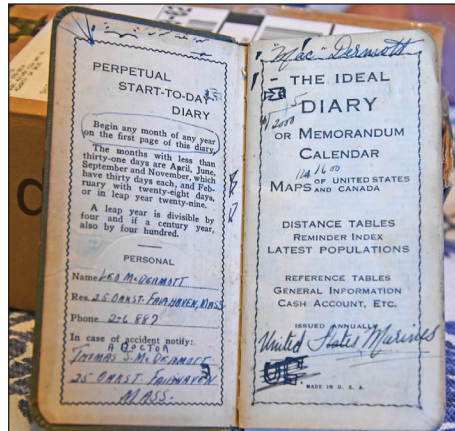
So, Patti let him tell her the story.

A little confused, Patti took the phone number of the man in Georgia who said he had the diary of US Marine Leo McDermott of Fairhaven, Mass. Mr. Fish left.

"I didn't do anything for awhile," said Ms. Dorschied. "I sat there looking at it."

She tried to get in touch with her sister, Michelle Amaral, but was unable to reach her.

So, she called one Charlie Kitts in Georgia.



The inside cover of US Marine Leo McDermott's diary from 1942 shows his sense of humor, where he wrote "A doctor" under who to notify in case of an accident. The diary was recently returned to his daughter after it went missing 81 years after the last entry while Leo served in WWII. Photo by Beth David.

He explained that he found the diary in the effects of his uncle Vincent Kitts, who served in the US Navy in WWII.

"This is really a story about Uncle Vincent and his family," said Ms. Dorschied, and the care they took to

protect the diary of a person they did not even know...for 81 years.

It turns out, she had her father's diary starting in August of 1942, but Uncle Vincent had Leo's diary from January to August of 1942.

The last entry in the earlier diary is on 8/7/42 and says, "Can't take my diary with me. If I don't get back, so long folks."

He was 19 years old.

The diary that Patti had starts with a sheet of paper a day later.

She received the diary from Georgia on 8/8/23, 81 years and one day after the last entry.

"This man, Uncle Vincent, he kept it protected, he kept it safe, it traveled all around the world with him," said Ms. Dorschied, amazed and grateful. "I still can't get over Uncle Vincent and Charlie."

Mr. Kitts said there was never a doubt that he would try to find the rightful owner.

"My first thought was that this belongs to the family," he said.

The diary came to him after his aunt died, after a time at his sister's,

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# OLOA Feast fills the grounds and the street

By Beth David  
Editor

The weekend's hot weather did not stop feast goers from enjoying the 93rd annual Our Lady of Angels Feast on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. It was possibly the best turnout ever, with packed crowds day and night, dancing to the music and enjoying Portuguese and American foods.

On Sunday night food items sold out, with pizza and hamburgers gone early, and the last batch of malasadas made at about 8:45 p.m.

The procession on Monday, when members of the OLOA Catholic Asso-

ciation carry the approximately 800-pound statue of Our Lady of Angels down Main Street, drew a large crowd along the whole route. The procession started at St. Mary's Church, which is across the street from the feast grounds, to Benoit Square and back.

Armando and Michelle were enjoying some fresh malasadas just before the procession started. They said they go to the feast every year, and wait in line for the malasadas, which are worth it.

Michelle said her favorite part of the feast is always the malasadas, while Armando said he liked the

procession best.

"I always come, and I love it," said Adelaide Ventura, adding that the procession is tradition.

"People are filled with religion," said Ms. Ventura, adding that she likes the procession best, and is always prepared with a water bottle on hot days.

"There's a lot of people," she said, pointing to the crowd waiting for the procession to start. "I love the food. The food is very good."

She said she had gotten her malasadas the night before and they did not disappoint.



ABOVE: Members of the Fairhaven Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee and guests line up behind the banner to march in the procession during the 93rd annual feast of Our Lady of Angels on Monday, 9/4/23. It was the first time the committee marched in the procession behind their own banner. The committee was created in 2017. BELOW LEFT: Karen Fostin takes tickets at the malasadas booth on Monday. BELOW RIGHT: This little guy is playing with the big guys as the bands file in before the procession on Monday. Photos by Beth David.



## More from the feast



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Delaney Vieira and Mac Shanbrun are prepared for the sunny weather with some cool shades to wear while marching in the procession, a right of passage, on Monday, 9/4/23, during the 93rd Our Lady of Angels Feast in Fairhaven. ABOVE RIGHT: Hardwire lead singer Cynthia Condez takes the microphone into the crowd and gets them to sing along on night two, Sunday, 9/3/23. BELOW LEFT: People of all ages dance the night away on Saturday, 9/2/23. BELOW RIGHT: 7 Day Weekend packs them in on Saturday, opening night. BOTTOM LEFT: John Medeiros starts a conga line with a celebratory chant on Monday night after the food started running out on the last day. BOTTOM RIGHT: People dance the night away on Sunday night two. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*



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he being keeper of the family history and artifacts.

He said he did not really look at the box of stuff for years. It traveled around with him as he moved from state to state. He knew that the military-issued diary was not his uncle's, that it belonged to a man he never heard of. But life got in the way and he did not have time to search for Leo's family.

"You know how it is with grandchildren," said Mr. Kitts. "It's just so busy."

Just a few weeks ago, he visited the town of Fairhaven's website and got a number for the Veterans agent.

While Mr. Fish was literally saying he needed a couple of days to track down the family, Ms. Bettencourt piped in and said she knew the family. It was only a matter of hours until Mr. Kitts got the first call from Ms. Dorschied. (They speak regularly now.)

Ms. Dorschied said she literally was shaking when the package got to her.

"I cried," she said. "I cry every time I look at it."

"I felt so elated to find her," said Mr. Kitts. "I'm not a private detective. I have no idea how to go about finding people."

Ms. Dorschied has read the diary over and over, deciphering every word. She is most amazed at how it is



in such good shape.

"It's just amazing. I couldn't believe it. He's 19 years old," she said. "It's hard to put into words."

He does not write about combat action, she said, but he does mention working in the mess hall, and "creeping and crawling," in boot camp.

The very first entry, from January 6, 1942 reads: "Left home to join Marines. Took oath Monday night. Slept in hotel Argulla. What a dump. Woke up at 6:30, ate breakfast and left Boston at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning."

He arrived at Parris Island on January 7.

One fun thing: He doodles a lot about Betty, apparently his heart-throb, who is not Patti's mother. She was Theresa.

And how do they feel now, now that it is in the hands of Leo's family?

"I've been excited for a whole month," said Mr. Kitts. "I don't know how to put it into words. My wife is having a hard time living with me."

"Very pleased, very thankful, very blessed," said Ms. Dorschied. "I still can't get over Uncle Vincent and Charlie. People don't do that today."

She said she feels "truly blessed" that she has so much of her father's life in the service in his own words.

Leo's two brothers also served during WWII and Patti has the flag with three stars that her grandmother put in the window, indicating that she had three sons in the military. Leo was in the Marines, Ed was in the Navy, and Carl was in the Army.

Ms. Dorschied said she learned a lesson from the whole episode.

"I learned that people are kind, thoughtful and caring," said Ms. Dorschied. "This is my father's life."

"It's crazy. It's like a movie," said Shealynn Dorschied, Patti's granddaughter. "Most people wouldn't take the time of day."

"I think it was meant to be that this came home," said Ms. Dorschied.



TOP: Patti (McDermott) Dorschied holds the diary that belonged to her father, US Marine Leo McDermott, when it was returned to her after it went missing 81 years after the last entry, while Leo served in WWII. LEFT: US Marine Leo McDermott's military photo when he was 19 in 1942. MIDDLE: Navy veteran Vincent Kitts served in WWII and somehow came to possess the diary belonging to Leo McDermott of Fairhaven, Mass., which was eventually returned to Leo's family by Vincent's nephew, Charlie Kitts, 81 years after the last entry in the diary. RIGHT: Patti (McDermott) Dorschied holds up the flag with three stars that her grandmother hung in the window during WWII indicating she had three sons in the military. Photos by Beth David.

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• **Public Hearing - NOI - Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC - Lambert Street, Map 17, Lot 13SE 001-0582.** A Notice of Intent was filed by Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC for property located at Lambert Street, Map 17, Lot 13. The applicant proposes development of an access road with proposed wetland impact and associated replication to access the Park Drive Solar project, this is an alternative access road. The applicant is represented by Robert Bukowski of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Plan name is "Proposed Lambert Street Access Road Site Plans" dated May 9, 2023.

• **Public Hearing - NOI - Paul B. Hipolito / 605 Main Street, Map 21 Lot 17 SE 001-0587.** A Notice of Intent was filed by Paul B. Hipolito for property located at 605 Main Street, Map 21, Lot 17. The applicant proposes to upgrade the existing septic system with the installation of a 4,000 gallon and a 2,000 gallon concrete septic tank, 1,000 gallon concrete grease trap, a 2,000 gallon concrete 2-compartment septic tank/pump chamber and concrete chamber type leaching area within 100 ft. to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System Repair Plan" dated August 18, 2023. Revised on August 29, 2023.

• **Public Hearing - NOI - Brett & Sarah Pelletier - Tripp's Way - Map 8, Portion of Lots 25 & 25D Subdivision Lot 1 SE 001-0588.** A Notice of Intent was filed by Brett & Sarah Pelletier for property located at Tripp's Way, Map 8, Portion of Lots 25 & 25D. The applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling, septic system, land clearing and fill and grading within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System - Site Plan" dated August 24, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076  
Passcode: 633695

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. CON 023-372: 29 Silver Shell Beach Drive, Map 41, Lot 53 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Joyce Lopes to install 120 feet of FEMA compliant shadow box fencing along the south property line, consisting of approximately 15 cemented posts and 6 inches off the ground. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Strom Flowage (LSCSF)

and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Coastal Dune at the property located at Assessor's Map 41, Lot 54.

2. CON 023-373: 481 Sciticut Neck Road, Map 29, Lot 27 Notice of Intent filed by Antone & Donna Arruda to construct a single-family dwelling, including a paved driveway, utilities, and grading. The wetland boundary was approved by the Conservation Commission under an Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD) issued July 26, 2023; much of the lot is located within the 100-foot wetland buffer at Assessor's Map 29, Lot 27.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website.

Karen F. Isherwood, Acting Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 9/7/23

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 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 September 26, 2023, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JTXEQ0T09or>  
call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -  
Passcode: 740257  
Live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and  
[fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com)

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications: 1) SD23-03 - Sharon Simmons, the owner of 5 Billy's Way, seeks to discontinue the area of a paper road, Torrington Road, that abuts the east side of her property. The property is located at Map 29A Lots 185 & 186. 2) SP23-06 - 54 Main Street. The applicant, Julio Barbosa, is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to renovate the existing building to include 12 single bedroom apartments. The proposal includes Fairhaven Map 9 Lot 78. 3) SP23-07 - 350 Main Street. The applicant, Julio Barbosa, is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to renovate the existing theater into a commercial space. The proposal includes Fairhaven Map 19 Lots 257 & 259.

Copies of the applications are 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) 979-4023, Ext. 8126 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board  
FNN: 9/7/23, 9/14/23

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room  
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTtVjZCQT09>  
or call 1-929-205-6099  
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Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-023-028: 137 Balsam Street, Map 43A, Lots 82 and 83. Applicant: Holly and Jean Lemieux Owner: Holly Tree Realty Trust c/o Jacqueline Hobson. Applicant seeks a Variance to build a 14 ft. x 26.3 ft addition attached to the existing dwelling 16.6 ft. from both the north and south side property lines

as compared to the minimum 20 ft. side setbacks, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

2. REF#: ZBA-023-029: 3 Birchfield Street, Map 24, Lot 280. Applicant: Brian Slowik Owner: Slowik Family Trust. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for storage of a mobile home and for occasional occupation longer than forty-eight (48) hours consecutively, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16 Use Regulation Schedule, footnote 8. In accordance with Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-8 Special Permit, A. this permit shall be subject to additional conditions, safeguards and limitations on time, space, and use as the board may reasonably require.

3. REF#: ZBA-023-030: Golf Street, Map 28B, Lots 335-340. Applicant and owner: Adam Oliveira. Applicant seeks a Variance to construct a 28 ft. x 25.6 ft. two story garage with 716.8 sq. ft. of floor space as compared to the maximum 700 sq. ft. of floor space allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and uses, A. (1).

4. REF#: ZBA-023-031: 26 Rodman Street, Map 10, Lots 28. Applicant and owner: Stephen A. Farrell. Applicant seeks a 15.2 ft. Variance to construct a 10 ft. x 6 ft. porch 4.8 ft. from the front property line as compared to the minimum 20 ft. front setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

5. REF#: ZBA-023-032: 21 Oliver Street, Map 37A, Lots 353-356. Applicant: Robert Rodrigues Owner: Muriel A. Roderiques Revocable Trust. Applicant seeks 1. A Variance to change the existing lot size and shape, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-17 Intensity of use regulations, B and 2. A Variance to reduce the overall lot area by 2606 sq. ft. from 12,800 sq. ft. to 10,194 sq. ft. as compared to the minimum 15,000 sq. ft. in the Single Residence District, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 8/24/23, 8/31/23

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

1. DRAFT FY25 FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing to receive information and public comment on the Draft FY25 Community Preservation Plan.

Copies of the Plan may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Fairhaven CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Jeff Lucas, Chair of the  
Community Preservation Commission  
FNN 8/31/23, 9/7/23

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Complete Street - Project 1, 2 and 17, Fairhaven  
Massachusetts

Location of Work: Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for construction of the Complete Streets - Project 1.2 and 17 Improvement Project will be received by the Public Works Department, 5 Arsene Street in Fairhaven, Massachusetts until 10:00 a.m., September 21, 2023 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. The work involves the following major item(s):

The Project consists Project 1: Alden Road Bicycle Mobility Project-Phase 1, Project 2: Main Street Pedestrian Crossing Safety & ADA Improvements (Fairhaven Village & Davis Farms) and Project 17: Orchard Street Enhanced Connection to Little Bay Bike Path, Alternate Project 1: Alden Road Bicycle Mobility Project-Phase 1.

Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge on or after Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at [www.accentblueprints.com](http://www.accentblueprints.com). Printed copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order online or

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calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Blueprints located at 99 Chelmsford Road, (Rear#13) North Billerica, Ma 01862 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Printed copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are non-refundable. To be added to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent Blueprints. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent Blueprints to access the documents.

Each bidder must be prequalified in accordance with 720 CMR 5.00, "Prequalification of Contractors" by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division (MassDOT Highway Division) with the class of work as "Highway Construction" prior to the award of the project with an estimated value of \$400,000 is required.

**BID SECURITIES** shall be in amount of 5% of the bid and in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Massachusetts or a bid bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Massachusetts, made payable to the **OWNER**.

The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE** and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within five (5) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all

bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M, and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149- Sections 26 to 27H inclusive. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded.

In accordance with Article 9 of the General Conditions, the work to be performed under this Contract shall be commenced on the date designated in the Notice to Proceed.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA  
FNN 9/7/23

## FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Fairhaven Public Schools, hereinafter called the "AWARDING AUTHORITY" invites sealed bids from Contractors for the "Playground Surface Replacement at LeRoy L. Wood Elementary School", located at 60 Scitout Neck Road, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, 02719.

The project consists in general removing the existing top playground rubber pour in-place surface layer and replacing with new poured in place rubber surface system. All work to be performed as indicated.

The Contract Documents may be downloaded on or

after Monday, September 11, 2023 at no charge at <http://www.rowsearchitects.com> by clicking on "Bidding" or at <http://www.questcdn.com> under "Login" using QuestCDN Project #8686931. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance with Quest CDN membership registration and downloading this digital project information. Notice is also posted on CommBuys, the Commonwealth's public procurement website ([www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com)); Bid BD-24-1267-1267C-1267L-92633, however the Bid Package can only be obtained from Rowse Architects as set forth above.

BIDS will be received electronically before 2:00 PM local time, Thursday, September 28, 2023. Submit Bids to Nicole V. Potter, School Business Manager, [npotter@fairhavenps.net](mailto:npotter@fairhavenps.net) with a copy to Ted Rowse, [trowse@rowsearchitects.com](mailto:trowse@rowsearchitects.com). Bids that are submitted after the scheduled due date and time shall be determined late and shall not be accepted. Bids mailed, hand-delivered or faxed shall not be accepted.

Bids must be submitted electronically. Results of the bid opening are public knowledge and will be posted [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) under Login using QuestCDN Project #8686931.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid conference shall take place at the Playground site on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 3:00 PM at LeRoy L. Wood Elementary School, 60 Scitout Neck Road, Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719.

FNN, 5/4/23

## From our readers

### The Role of Municipal Employees

In the heart of our little town's functionality, a pressing issue continues to challenge the town's economic well-being and the overall quality of life for its residents since the town overwhelming voted against a Proposition 2 1/2 override.

Fairhaven, like many other municipalities, is grappling with the delicate balance between attracting and sustaining a workforce and nurturing a thriving community. At the center of this dilemma lies a fundamental question: What should be the primary role of municipal employees — safeguarding the community or protecting their jobs, salaries, and pensions?

The essence of any local govern-

ment lies in its ability to serve and protect its community. This sacred duty transcends political boundaries, administrative hierarchies, and individual interests. Municipal employees are entrusted with the solemn responsibility of ensuring the well-being and safety of the citizens they serve. This is their true calling.

For many years, the role of municipal employees in Fairhaven and elsewhere was unambiguously defined by this principle. They were the public servants whose mission was to keep the town running smoothly, maintain infrastructure, ensure public safety, and provide essential services. Their job security, salaries, and pensions were important but secondary concerns in comparison to the welfare of the community they served. It hurts me to say, that

there seems to have been a shift in Fairhaven over the last decade or so.

Fairhaven, however, has been facing a unique challenge. As the town's third-largest employer, the municipality itself has become a significant source of employment — the best paying jobs in town, in fact. While this may seem beneficial on the surface, it has brought about a complex situation. The town's reliance on itself as a major employer raises concerns about sustainability and the potential misalignment of priorities.

To maintain its workforce and support municipal operations, town hall has decided to rely heavily on taxes, fees, and fines. While these revenue sources are essential for the

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Best, Frankie

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

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

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/11, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Conservation Comm

Mon., 9/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Economic Development**  
Thurs., 8/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Marine Resources

Thurs., 9/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 9/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 9/19, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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functioning of local government, an overreliance on them can place a heavy burden on residents and businesses, especially Fairhaven's aging population. High taxes, fees and more concerning, fines can stifle economic growth and lead to an exodus of businesses and residents, ultimately undermining the very community these funds are meant to protect.

In the quest to protect municipal jobs and secure salaries and pensions, there may be a risk of losing sight of the town's greater purpose: to create an environment where residents can prosper, businesses can thrive, and the community as a whole can flourish.

Fairhaven, like many municipalities, faces the challenging task of striking a balance between main-

taining a competent and dedicated municipal workforce and ensuring the economic vitality of the community. The true role of municipal employees, regardless of the town's circumstances, must always center on community protection and service.

To address these challenges, Fairhaven might be more open to explore avenues for diversifying its economic base, attracting new businesses, and fostering an environment that encourages innovation and growth. Simultaneously, it's crucial to scrutinize the allocation of resources, ensuring that tax dollars and fees collected are used efficiently and effectively to benefit the entire community.

While the municipal workforce is vital to the functioning of any town, Fairhaven and other communities

must recommit themselves to their core mission — protecting the citizens and its community above all else. By refocusing on the well-being of its residents and businesses, Fairhaven can find a way to thrive economically while still honoring the dedication and service of its municipal employees. In doing so, the town can achieve a delicate balance that ensures the prosperity of both its workforce and its community.

*Eric Dawicki, Fairhaven*

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