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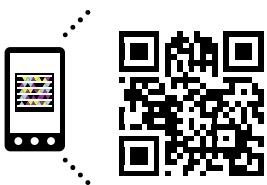
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Acushnet Grange Fair showcases hand crafts



Bright skies greet attendees of the Acushnet Grange Fair on Sunday, 10/1/23, which was postponed from the day before due to rainy weather. See page 12. Photo by Jared Melanson.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Okay, Everyone, calm down. If you've been paying attention at all, you knew it would happen here soon. Fairhaven is a shelter community. The state has booked rooms at the Seaport Inn for migrants who have been transported here from southern states. In Mass., we take care of them. We don't throw them into the streets...well, at least not right away, I guess. I'll be doing some follow-up reporting on this to be sure.

Meanwhile, see page 4 for details.

I'm happy to say that most of the chatter I saw revolved around how to help these poor families. A few brought out the proverbial pitchforks and torches, of course, but they were shut down pretty quickly.

There's a rally to show support for the families on Saturday. Let's hope the hateful ones stay home or, at least, are very, very, very outnumbered.

There's other stuff in here, of course: Grange Fair (yes, we still have those, see page 12); a Ghost Bike dedication (see page 13); and details on the Manjiro Festival on Saturday (see page 3).

The Manjiro Festival alternates each year between us and Japan, so make sure you get this fun event. It won't be back for a bit.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Manjiro Festival in Fairhaven this weekend

Press Release

*Manjiro Nakahama's story to be celebrated at Japanese festival in Fairhaven on October 7*

In 1843, Fairhaven, MA, became the home of the first Japanese person to live in America. The ties of friendship, first formed when a Fairhaven whaling captain rescued fourteen year old Manjiro Nakahama from a small island in the Pacific Ocean, have endured to this day and make Fairhaven a popular spot for visitors from Japan.

On Saturday, October 7, the 18th Manjiro Festival will be held to celebrate the historical ties with Japan and the 36th anniversary of the signing of a Sister City agreement between Fairhaven and Tosashimizu, Japan, the hometown of Manjiro.

The festival will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Center Street between the Town Hall, 40 Center St., and the Millicent Library, 45 Center St. There will be Japanese and American music and food, martial arts demonstrations, taiko drummers, flower arranging, raffles, food and craft booths, a tea ceremony, and much

more! Visitors and special guests from Japan will be in attendance. Admission to the festival is free.

## Manjiro Festival schedule

- 10-10:30 a.m., classic flute by Takao Shinzawa in town hall, first floor
- 10:30-11 a.m., ukelele by Carolyn Wingate, town hall entrance
- 11-11:30 a.m., official opening with dignitaries, town hall entrance
- 11:30-noon, tea ceremony by Anthony Crasso, town hall, first floor
- 11:30 a.m.-noon, martial arts by Bristol County Aikido, Unitarian church lawn
- Noon-1 p.m. Taiko drumming by Mark H. Taiko, town hall, 2nd floor
- 1-2 p.m. musical band "Interlude, town hall entrance
- 1-1:30 p.m. tea ceremony by Anthony Crasso, town hall, first floor
- 2-3 p.m. flower arranging by Ellen Flynn, town hall, first floor
- 3-4 p.m. Taiko drumming by Mark H. Taiko, town hall, 2nd floor
- 4:30-5 p.m. closing and Tosa dance on Center Street in front of town hall

During the time of the festival the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House, 11 Cherry St., will be open to the public, as will the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 40 North Street, where Manjiro attended school when he first arrived in America.

The Manjiro Festival is sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc. For more information email [Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org](mailto:Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org) or call 508-858-5303. Additional details are posted at <http://Whitfield-Manjiro.org>.

## Manjiro's Story

Manjiro Nakahama was born in a fishing village in what is now Tosashimizu in 1827. From a poor family, he became a fisherman at the age of thirteen. In early 1841, he and four companions were caught in a storm at sea and shipwrecked on the uninhabited island of Tori Shima (Hurricane Island) in the Pacific. Nearly six months after they had been stranded, the young men were rescued by Fairhaven whaling captain William H. Whitfield aboard the ship John Howland. Manjiro's four ship-

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## Meet the Author: Joan Livingston Former Fairhaven Resident



Joan Livingston, a former Fairhaven resident and Fairhaven High School Graduate, is an international best selling author of novels for adult and young readers, including the *Isabel Long Mystery Series*.

She has completed the seventh in this series, in which Isabel Long uses the skills she obtained as a former journalist to solve cold

cases in the fictional hilltowns of Western Massachusetts. Her "Watson" is her 93-year-old mother, Maria.

Livingston grew up in North Fairhaven and is the daughter of Algerina and Antone "Hawk" Medeiros.

She will read from her books and give a sneak peek of Book 7 in the *Isabel Long Series*, *Missing the Deadline*. She will also read from other works and share stories of her childhood in Fairhaven.

**Wed., 10/18 • 6:30-8 p.m.**

Millicent Library Auditorium  
45 Center St. • Fairhaven (Walnut Street Entrance)

Please RSVP for this FREE author talk  
at <https://www.friendsofmillicentlibrary.com>

# Fairhaven to be shelter community

By Beth David  
Editor

The state has rented 15 rooms at the Seaport Inn on Middle Street to house “unsheltered families.” According to Fairhaven officials, the town was notified late last week by the governor’s office, that the state has contracted to shelter people in Fairhaven, a practice that has been happening around Massachusetts.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison confirmed that the people are migrants, but she said the state would not specify which countries they are from or how many there are, or the makeup of the families.

Massachusetts has been receiving people from border states, and has been housing them in hotels in different communities.

In a letter to families, the Fairhaven school district confirmed that they were notified that they may have to accommodate new students.

“The Fairhaven Public School District is working collaboratively with state agencies and local departments to ensure a smooth transition for any newcomer students who will

be enrolled in our schools,” wrote Superintendent Tara Kohler and Assistant Superintendent Mark Balestracci. “As you know, the Fairhaven School District welcomes ALL students and works to support each child. As always, we are committed to supporting our students and families in need.”

The letter also states that people can drop off donations for the families at the Fairhaven Public Schools Family Center, located at Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, Monday–Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations may include backpacks, notebooks, writing utensils, other schools supplies, and personal care items.

Ms. Ellison said the contract with the state starts on October 7, but that does not mean the families will arrive then, or that they will even arrive all at once.

The people are displaced, she said, from southern states and, as such, are “unsheltered.”

“They are here legally looking for refuge,” said Ms. Ellison.

She cautioned against the term

“illegal aliens.”

“They are displaced people awaiting their status,” she said. “Illegal aliens would not be from this earth and would not be participating in the process. They have gained legal status because they were displaced by the southern states.”

Ms. Ellison said the town will work to make sure that the families have the resources they need when they get here, such as translators and access to services.

“I want to make sure we have the resources in place,” said Ms. Ellison, so they are not left “just high and dry and abandoned.”

Town officials met with local organizations, including churches, on Tuesday to make arrangements on how to assist the families when they get here.

Fairhaven Human Resources Director Cameron Durant said all churches in town where contacted, Catholic Social Services, PACE, and other groups.

He said residents are encouraged to take any items for the families to

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Rally at Seaport Inn

Show support for the homeless families that are being relocated to Fairhaven. Join us at a rally on Sat., 10/7, at 9 a.m., at the Seaport Inn, 100 Middle St. Fairhaven. (See page 4.)

## Car Seat Safety

Free car seat safety event. Have your car seat checked by trained child car seat technicians. Sat., 10/7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hastings Middle School Parking Lot, 30 School Street, Fairhaven.

For more information, contact Kristy MacMillen, [kristy.macmillen@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:kristy.macmillen@newbedford-ma.gov), 508-991-6199. A share services partnership with Town of Acushnet, Town of Fairhaven, New Bedford Health

## Shred Day F-R

Do you have boxes of old paperwork that you need to get rid of? Well, the Fairhaven High School class of 2025 has you covered. Join use on Sat., 10/7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Merrimack Valley Credit Union, 41 Fairhaven Commons Way, Fairhaven, for a shredding day, \$10 per box (up to 20 lbs., no paper clips or staples, please).

All proceeds benefit the FHS class of 2025. Cash or checks made payable to Fairhaven High School. Thank you to our generous sponsor and host, Merrimack Valley CU/Bridgewater CU.

## Book Cafe

St Mary's Church in Fairhaven, 440 Main St., is holding several events open to the public.

- **Sun., 10/8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Book Cafe.** Books for everyone. Hard cover books \$1.00 Paper backs .50 cents. Pastries & beverages available for purchase at \$1.00 each.
- **Sun., 10/22, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Annual Parish Family Breakfast, Raffle & Bake sale.** Our Menu: Eggs, potatoes, ham, sausage, pancakes, plain or blueberry, fruit cocktail, juice, water, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Tickets remain at \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children 5-10 Under 5 years old no charge. Tickets are available at all Masses and at the rectory during regular office hours. Limited tickets at door.

## Benoit Square Mtg

Thurs., 10/5, at 6 p.m., at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association building, 267 Adams St., Fairhaven. Meeting with the NFIA and Fairhaven BPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado to talk about the Benoit Square project. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more about the project's progress and how you can actively support it.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Kids Fest

Sat., 10/14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Lawn of Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School, 141 Main Street at Route 6, Fairhaven. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and Millicent Library Youth Services

All-ages can come in costume for photo opportunities and to play "Costume Bingo."

An outdoor bazaar featuring as many as 76 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. Rain or shine.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Learn more at <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>.

### Fire Dept. Open House

The Fairhaven Fire Department will sponsor an open house in conjunction with National Fire Prevention week on Sun., 10/15, from 1-3 p.m., 144 Washington St., Fairhaven, 508-994-1428.

The public is invited to enjoy: vehicle extrication demonstration, Live Fire Demo (weather permitting), fire extinguisher demo, free pizza, Sparky the Fire Dog, and more.

### Flashlight Night

Fri & Sat., 10/ 13, 14, 7-9 p.m., \$10, at Blazing Saddles sanctuary farm, 263 Mill Rd., Fairhaven. See the farm in the dark! Reptile show, music, smores and treats.

Visit <https://www.blazingsaddlesponyparties.com> to learn about our animal sanctuary.

### Haunted Shelter

Join us at Fairhaven's Haunted Shelter on Sat., 10/28, 5-7 p.m., at Fairhaven Animal Shelter, 200 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Featuring friendly ghouls and monsters from 5-6 p.m.,

scary ghouls and monsters from 6-7 p.m. Costumes welcome, ghouls tolerated.

Walk through the chilling kennels. Candy, donuts, coffee, hot chocolate. Wheelchair accessible. FREE. Donations accepted and appreciated. (Parking across the street at Walmart.)

### Author Event

Best selling author and former Fairhaven resident Joan Livingston will be at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, on Wed., 10/18, at 6:30 p.m. to share her experiences writing, sign books, and read from most recent release, "Northern Comfort." Books will be for sale at a discount.

Ms. Livingston is the author of novels for adult and young readers, including the "Isabel Long Mystery Series." She grew up in North Fairhaven, the daughter of Algerina and Antone "Hawk" Medeiros, and graduated from Fairhaven High School. She lives in Western Mass.

## Farmer's Market

Opens for the season every Sunday through Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 151 Alden Road. Parking available on premises, 508-496-9209, [Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net](mailto:Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net)

## Halloween Swap

Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 13th.

On October 14th at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

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

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

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: [fairhavensustainability@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavensustainability@gmail.com)

## Manjiro Festival

Sat., 10/7. See page 3.

## Palmers Island Cleanup

Sat., 10/7, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Meet at bottom of Gifford St., New Bedford. Pre-register at [operationcleansweep.net](http://operationcleansweep.net) (not required). Gloves, pickers and bags provided. Wear close-toed shoes. Sponsored by Operation Cleansweep, Coast Sweep, World Oceans Day.

Six-acre Palmers Island, located on the Acushnet River on the west side of the entrance to New Bedford Harbor, has been the scene of great heroism and tragedy. The lighthouse was once considered one of New England's most picturesque.

Palmers Island is now home to a local park, and offers beach access in need of some TLC: Trash & Litter Control.

Many volunteers are needed to make Palmers Island the picturesque island nature intended it to be. This is our only cleanup of Palmers Island this year.

## Spooky Season at NBAM

Join us for Spooky Season at New Bedford Art Museum, for the whole month of October. Featuring pumpkin carvings, tarot readings & creating, fall glass-making and more.

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org>

## SAVE THE DATES Harvest Dinner

The First Congregational Church at Lund's Corner, 2195 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, is holding its Annual Harvest Dinner on Sat., 10/7, from 5-7 p.m. Convenient parking in the lot next to the church.

Join us for good food, good friends, good time!

Includes roast pork, locally grown roasted vegetables, roasted potatoes, colorful special holiday dessert, beverage (water, coffee, tea).

Tickets: \$12, four for \$40. Children under 5 are free.

There will also be homemade baked goods for sale, treasures and bargains at Grandma's Attic, raffle for a wonderful collection of gifts and

treasures, and an additional, very, very special raffle for one of Edna's one-of-a-kind, hand-made quilts.

So forget cooking that night....take the entire family and invite a friend for a delicious dinner and a great time. And if you can't stay and have your meal at church, you can pick up a dinner "packed to go."

Visit <https://www.firstcongnewbedford.org>, 508-995-3714, email Pastor Douglas Stivison, [stivison@earthlink.net](mailto:stivison@earthlink.net)

## Fishing Industry Open House

New Bedford Port Authority Open House for the fishing industry, Thurs., 10/19, 4-6 p.m., at NBPA, 123 MacArthur Dr., NB. Come speak with the port authority staff on all issues that affect the fishing industry in the Port of New Bedford, including: offshore wind, federal regulations, port infrastructure and improvements, state and local policy issues, vessel communications and policy.

The NB Port Authority will take this opportunity to hear your ideas and concerns about the industry to use our authority and platform to advocate for the New Bedford fishing industry with agencies and policymakers.

Please RSVP to John Regan, Dir. of Policy & External Affairs, [john.regan@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:john.regan@newbedford-ma.gov)

## Parade of Pumpkins

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) presents its annual family-friendly event, The Great Pumpkin Parade, in the Museum garden on Thursday, October 12, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., 396 County St., NB.

Visitors to the grounds will see a display of Jack-O-Lanterns and have an opportunity to play lawn games. Inside the mansion, children can participate in a scavenger hunt with prizes. At 5:30 p.m., local band Cool Banana Wig will perform, bringing kids up to play a variety of unique homemade instruments built by the musicians.

The event has a suggested donation of \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families. This event is also part of New Bedford's AHA night. For more information, contact the RJD at 508-997-1401, or visit the Museum's website: [rjdmuseum.org](http://rjdmuseum.org).

## NB Festival Theatre

New Bedford Festival Theatre (NBFT) is thrilled to announce its upcoming fundraising event, "Oh, What A Night!" NBFT Celebrates Contemporary Broadway, starring Jesse Luttrell. This celebration of contemporary Broadway is set to take place on November 11 at White's of Westport. This special event will showcase the incredible talent of local performers alongside NBFT Fan Favorite, Jesse Luttrell. Audiences can expect a night filled with show-stopping performances from hit Broadway shows, featuring a repertoire of songs from contemporary Broadway productions such as "Dear Evan Hanse," "Wicked" and "Rent."

In addition to the hour-long performance, attendees can also enjoy a cocktail hour, buffet dinner and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the New Bedford Festival Theatre's programming during the 2023-2024 season.

Sat., 11/11, 6-10 p.m., White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport.

Tickets are available for purchase at Eventbrite (<https://tinyurl.com/chn7evf6>) or at [nbfestivaltheatre.com](http://nbfestivaltheatre.com)

Contact [newbedfordft@aol.com](mailto:newbedfordft@aol.com) for further inquiries.

## Art Reception

Amid the commemorative activities of Hispanic Heritage Month and as a cultural contribution to the community, a group of artists from Central and South America will showcase their art to share their life stories and experiences.

The exhibition will feature works such as paintings, photography, and leather craftsmanship, reflecting the cultural identity of each nation. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore how each artist strives to keep their culture alive and express the essence of their countries through their artwork.

The opening reception will take place on Thursday, October 12th, at 5:00 p.m. as part of the traditional "AHA! Night" program. 10/3 through 10/30. Opening Reception: October 12th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. AHA! Night. New Bedford Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, third floor. Free admission.

## ORR Family Fest

Old Colony Fall Family Festival, Sat., 10/14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Ave., Rochester.

Come and listen to music by The Concept. There will be food trucks, vendors, a caricature & henna artist, tarot card readings and reiki along with a bake sale and raffles. Free events include; giant inflatables, face painting, laser tag, photo booth, balloon animals, candy bingo and crafts. Mr Vinny the Bubble Guy will be there from 12 - 2 and some characters will be roaming around. There will be a corn hole tournament and more.

Special appearance by Bell, Cookie Monster, Bluey and more from the OC Drama Club. Suggested donation, \$10 per car.

## New Nature Preserve Walk

Please join us for a fall Welcome Walk at the new Alves-Bucciarelli Preserve! Mattapoissett Land Trust acquired this new preserve in 2022 and we have spent the last year cleaning up and reimagining this riverfront preserve. Come see how things have turned out and take a walk at the new Preserve!

Park on the wide shoulder of the road and meet at the trailhead on Mattapoissett Neck Road, between #3 and #7 Mattapoissett Neck Road at 10am on Monday October 9th. Long pants and walking/hiking shoes are recommended. We will take a short walk through the trails of the property, see the newly constructed kayak landing, view before photos of the property to talk about what MLT has done since acquiring the preserve, and enjoy a nice fall morning. Refreshments will be served. Email manager@mattlandtrust.org with any questions.

Please RSVP on the MLT Events Calendar ([mattlandtrust.org/events](http://mattlandtrust.org/events)) so we can get a headcount for refreshments.

## Music in the Woods

Join us on Sat., 10/7 (rain date 10/8), for the 3rd annual Music in the Woods event at the Lloyd Center, 430 Potomska Road, Dartmouth.

Enjoy live music along our trails with New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Spindle Rock River Rats, and Gropina recorder quintet, along with others.

Admission is free to Lloyd Center members; \$50 per car for Non-members. Pre-registration is required Sign up for either the 11:00am - 1:00pm, or the 1-3:00pm time slot.

For tickets: <https://lloydcenter.org/calendar/music-in-the-woods/>

The Oxcart will be on-site with their award-winning lobster rolls, burgers and more, to purchase between 11:00am - 3:00pm (cash only).

## Free Job Training

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering free job training under the Agency's Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI) program for people in New Bedford and the surrounding area. Graduates will be able to fill available jobs with environmental contractors after learning technical skills, as well as basic health and safety for construction job sites.

People interested in this job training opportunity must attend one 60-minute informational session, offered at the following times at the New Bedford Public Library Main Branch 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford MA 02740 (accessible by NB1, near the SRTA Terminal/134 Elm St. stop).

- Thurs., 10/5, 5-10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, 10/6, 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, 9/11, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., or 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 12-10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 4:30 p.m.

## Art Exhibit

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## SAVE THE DATES:

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The Mattapoissett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thurs., 10/19, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. This month's guest speaker you don't want to miss is Tom Hodgson, former sheriff of Bristol County MA. Hodgson once again named Trump's campaign chairman for the Bay State.

If interested, please attend or contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee, [PCMattyGOP@proton.me](mailto:PCMattyGOP@proton.me), County Road PMB #17, Mattapoissett, MA02739; [MattapoissettGOP.com](http://MattapoissettGOP.com); [Facebook.com/MattapoissettGOP](https://www.facebook.com/MattapoissettGOP); [Twitter, @MattyMAGOP](https://twitter.com/MattyMAGOP)

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Flu Clinic

Oct. 18, 11:15 a.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029. Please bring insurance and license/ID. Flu vaccine provided by Fairhaven Pharmacy.

### Halloween Harvest Ghosts, Goblins & More

Oct. 12, 1 p.m. at Fairhaven Senior Center. A lively participatory program of songs and stories by Davis Bates, a Parents' Choice Award-winning singer and storyteller.

Celebrate the season and the diverse cultural heritage of New England. Funded, in part, by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency sponsored by the Mass. Cultural Council. Call 508-979-4029.

### Walking Trip

DW Field Park, Oct. 19. \$10 pp. Van leaves at 8:30 a.m. sharp from the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please wear proper outdoor attire for the weather as well as sneakers. Bring a bagged lunch. Patsy will be your guide for the day.

D.W. Field Park consists of 650 acres of fields, woodlands, and waterways in Brockton and Avon, Mass. The roadway loops around several lakes, waterfalls and ponds creating a scenic 6 mile route to enjoy by walking, biking or driving. DW Field Park Golf course is a n18-hole course within the park. Created in 1925 from Brockton businessman Daniel W. Field. The park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### 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.

### 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: 10/11, Prov. Place & Whole Foods; 10/18, So. Shore Plaza; 10/25, Warwick Mall; 11/1, Tiverton Casino; 11/8, Hyanis Mall, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods.

### Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$2. To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

### Technology Classes

Smartphone classes are limited to 4-6 participants.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Old Fashioned Bourbon Maple Popcorn with Pecans

Accented with warming flavors of bourbon, orange and bitters, this maple-glazed treat offers a fun, cocktail-inspired snack perfect for sharing.

- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1 tbsp bourbon
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp orange zest
- Dash bitter

Place popcorn and pecans in large bowl.

Combine maple syrup, bourbon and butter in a small saucepan set over medium-high heat; bring to a boil. Cook swirling pan for 3 to 5 minutes or thickens to corn syrup consistency. Stir in orange zest and bitters.

Drizzle maple syrup mixture over popcorn; toss to evenly coat. Cool completely and serve.

Tip: Substitute bourbon with rye or whiskey. For "mocktail" popcorn substitute with non-alcoholic bourbon or whiskey.

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took an aspirin until I had major dental surgery a couple of months ago. When the vet discharged me, she gave me a bottle of pain pills to use when needed.

Unfortunately, I experienced some complications post-op, so I thought I needed to take the medication to get me through a couple of rough weeks. However, twelve hours after I took the last pill, I began to pant, shiver, and itch, followed by nausea, body aches, and intense stomach pains. When my mom took me to the vet, she immediately recognized I was suffering from drug withdrawal and admitted me to a detox clinic.

I hope you will share my story with your readers to warn them about how easy it is to become addicted to drugs and what happens to you when the drugs are gone. My mom and I are still shocked about how our lives have been turned

# Dear Frankie

## Wake-up call

Dear Frankie, If anyone told me I would be a patient in a drug treatment program, I would have laughed in their muzzle.

I am an up-standing member of my community who never

upside down from one innocent mistake.

*Anonymous (I'm too ashamed and embarrassed to give my real name.)*

Dear A,

Thank you for writing in and asking that I make my readers aware of the dangers of misusing pain medication. I will publish your letter in my next column.

Don't be too hard on yourself. Everyone, including upstanding canines, make mistakes. Thankfully, you didn't OD.

On the bright side, look how you are putting your time at the clinic to good use by sharing your experience so that others can avoid the same mistake.

*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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# Fairhaven fire causes \$150K+ in damages

## Press Release

At 01:57 a.m. on Friday, 9/29/23, the Fairhaven Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 41 Adams Street.

Engine 3, Ladder 1, Medic 1, Chief 1, and Chief 2 responded. Upon arrival, heavy fire showed from the first floor, southeast corner of the

building. The fire had extended into the attic and was visible from the roof.

Firefighters remained on the scene for approximately two hours fighting the fire and prevented the extension to an adjacent residential structure that was exposed to heat.

The New Bedford Fire Department

provided mutual aid to the scene, and the Mattapoisett Fire Department provided station coverage.

The building was under construction and was unoccupied at the time.

There were no injuries reported, and estimated damage to the structure is over \$150,000. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



LEFT: Firefighters are on the roof of the house at 41 Adams Street in Fairhaven fighting a heavy fire on 9/29/23 that caused more than \$150,000 in damage. RIGHT: A firefighter is silhouetted fighting a fire. Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.



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# Grange Fair educates and showcases hand crafts



The Acushnet Grange held its annual fair on Sunday, 10/1, postponing from Saturday due to the rain. The event included booths with unique hand-crafted items, informational booths, educational programming, including a presentation on bees and pollinators; and children's story time and crafts. The Grange is located at 1121 Main St, Acushnet. To learn more, call Caroline at 508-763-2795. ABOVE ABOVE: Unique items for sale at the Acushnet Grange Fair on Sunday, 10/1/23, include decoupage shells (LEFT) and wooden hand carved pumpkins (RIGHT). BELOW LEFT: The poster explaining what the Grange is all about greets visitors while a woman staffs the table for the Mass. Department of Children and Families recruiting for foster parents at the Acushnet Grange Fair. A table for UMass Extension Nutrition Education Program provides information on local foods and resources;. BOTTOM LEFT: Homemade natural jams are part of the mix at the fair. BOTTOM RIGHT: What's a grange fair without a tractor? A tractor appropriately sits on display at the fair. Photos by Jared Melanson for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.



# Ghost Bike dedicated to rider who was killed by truck

By Beth David  
Editor

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance, MassBike, and the family and friends of James Leandre created a memorial to him with a “Ghost Bike” at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center on Friday, 9/29/23. Mr. Leandre was riding his bicycle on South Main Street last December when he was hit

by a large truck. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A ghost bike is a roadside memorial placed where a bicyclist has been killed or injured, like a cross on the road.

On Friday, Mr. Leandre’s mother Ruth Leandre, family, friends and organizers gathered to remember him and dedicate the memorial.

The ghost bike sculpture will be a reminder for drivers to look out for bicycle riders, and will remain a memorial to Mr. Leandre. On the grounds of the COA, the space will be a quiet place to reflect and remember Mr. Leandre.

The COA/Senior Center is located at 59 1/2 So. Main Street, Acushnet.



ABOVE: Sandra Medeiros of the South Coast Bikeway (FAR RIGHT) speaks on 9/29/23 at the dedication of the Ghost Bike memorial for James Leandre who was killed by a truck as he road his bike on South Main Street in Acushnet near the Council on Aging/Senior Center where the sculpture is installed, while friends and family, including Mr. Leandre’s mother Ruth (CENTER in wheelchair), listen. *Photo courtesy of Lori Bates.* BELOW LEFT: The sign on the top tube of the Ghost Bike dedicates the memorial to Mr. Leandre. BELOW RIGHT: A picture of Mr. Leandre is inside the spokes of the Ghost Bike. *Photos courtesy of Sandra Medeiros.*



# Acushnet honors WWII Vet

By Jared Melanson

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Tuesday, 9/26/23, the Acushnet Selectboard honored WWII veteran Robert S. Comeau, 96, in recognition of his civic service and lifelong achievements to the community.

Surrounded by family, friends and neighbors, Mr. Comeau stood as board members read a citation and commented on his service.

Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar said that Mr. Comeau served in the US Army from 1945 to 1947 and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

“Where at the time that was considered the center of turmoil,” said Mr. Gaspar.

He also noted that Mr. Comeau had just celebrated his 96th birthday and completed the New England Honor flight to Washington, D.C. to pay respect to soldiers who served, and flew back in one day.

After serving overseas, he settled in Acushnet, and served on the Acushnet Elementary School Building Committee.

The “monumental project” was completed in 1972, Mr. Gaspar told the crowd.

“Mr. Comeau, it is an absolute honor to be in your presence tonight,” said Mr. Gaspar.

Selectboard member David Wojnar



read from the citation, but started out by saying it was a “real honor” for him because he grew up on the same street as Mr. Comeau.

While presenting the citation, Mr. Wojnar recounted his memories growing up in the same neighborhood.

“As I understand it, you were a mason,” Mr. Wojnar said. “And had the absolute, most beautiful house on Ludlow Street.”

He said Mr. Comeau’s house always stood out and people could see the precision and amount of work and attention to detail.

“It’s an honor to be in your presence tonight,” said Mr. Wojnar, adding he remembers stories of Mr. Comeau and other town residents talking about their involvement in the elementary school building project.

Mr. Wojnar read from the citation: “Be it here known that the Acushnet Board of Selectmen hereby extends its sincerest appreciation to Robert S. Comeau, Second World War Army veteran.

“The Board of Selectmen acknowledges his civic engagement and the example he has consistently modeled to all our citizens by championing a better world for this country and his



World War II veteran Robert S. Comeau, 96, holds a citation he received from Acushnet Selectboard members on 9/26/23, L-R: Board members Robert Hinckley and Robert Gaspar, Mr. Comeau, Board member David Wojnar. Photo courtesy of the Acushnet Selectboard office. BELOW: Mr. Comeau stands among family, friends and neighbors as he listens to a citation. Screenshot photo from the Town of Acushnet YouTube channel.

community.

“Furthermore, our congratulations extend to completing the New England Honor Flight.

“Our appreciation extends to the contributions that you made by serving on the Acushnet Elementary School Building Committee.

He added: “Mr. Gaspar, Mr. Hinckley, and myself thank you, Mr. Comeau.”

Mr. Comeau did not speak to the crowd, but did share a word or two with each board member. Then they posed for photos with the citation.

“How cool is that, how often do we get to do that?” said Mr. Gaspar.

You can see the meeting on the town’s YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXTOfs\\_514A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXTOfs_514A)



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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## Notice of Public Hearings Acushnet Planning Board

Site Plan/Special Permit Modification for  
Alternative Access Road at Lambert Street,  
Acushnet MA for Large-Scale Ground-Mounted  
Solar Photovoltaic Installation at Park Drive

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on October 19, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet MA 02743. This will be a Hybrid meeting with a Zoom option:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82380160331?pwd=dGIJWGRVZmVLeTBIQkZhenZKcVlEQ09>

Meeting ID: 823 8016 0331

Passcode: 729428

This hybrid meeting is being held in accordance with Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Sections 3.4 and 3.5, Site Plan Review and Solar Special Permit Modification; Plan entitled Lambert Street Access Road, Issued June 6, 2023. To process a modification for a site plan review and a special permit for a 7.5 MW solar array proposed by Syncarpha Park Drive LLC. The engineer is Weston & Sampson. The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street 1st floor, during regular business hours.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board  
FNN 10/5/23, 10/12/23

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, October 24, 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 October 24, 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](http://fairhaventv.com). To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZ3lLK3drSVBMM2JPTXE0QT09> or  
call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -  
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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application: **SP23-08** – 88 Fort Street. The applicant, the Terje Tonnessen Revocable Trust – 2015, is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to build a private residential pier. The proposal includes Fairhaven Map 5 Lots 4 & 5.

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: 10/5/23, 10/12/23

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### WETLANDS PROGRAM

401 Water Quality Certification Application Public  
Notice

Application No. 23-WW08-0016-APP

Pursuant to 33.U.S.C.1341 and MGL c21 §43, notice is hereby given of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) application for 1 Bella Vista Island at Round Cove/Nasketucket Bay in Fairhaven, MA by Heiam Alsawalhi, 1249 Beacon Street #1, Brookline, MA on property owned by Anwar Faisal, 1249 Beacon Street #1, Brookline, MA for Minor Dredging (less than 5,000 cubic yards). Additional information may be obtained from Richard J. Rheume, Prime Engineering, 350 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA.

Written comments on this 401 WQC Application may be emailed to: Carlos T. B. Fragata ([Carlos.Fragata@mass.gov](mailto:Carlos.Fragata@mass.gov)), Department of Environmental Protection, Wetlands Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347, (617) 413-3768

Within 21 days of this notice. The Department will

consider all written comments on this 401 WQC Application received by the Public Comments Deadline.

Any group of ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any government body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

FNN: 10/5/23

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARING

Alves Way in Fairhaven Massachusetts as depicted on the plan entitled "THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN FOR ALVES WAY PREPARED FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, BRISTOL COUNTY." As prepared by Nesra Engineering, dated 8/30/23 and further described as follows.

Beginning at a concrete bound with drill hole on the Westerly Side of Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven Massachusetts at a corner of a property now or formerly of Avila Jules M. Jr and Loretta thence proceeding along Alves Way S50°41'45"W for a distance of 146.77' to a concrete bound with a drill hole, thence proceeding along the same road, with a radius of 669.52 degrees for a distance of 248.76 to another concrete bound with a drill hole, thence continuing along the 30.00' left radius of the cul-de-sac for a distance of 25.51' to another bound at the cul-de-sac reverse radius of 50.00' for a distance of 246.55 ft to another bound with drill hole and at the right radius of 30.00' for a distance of 28.39' to another bound with a drill hole, thence continuing along the roadway at a radius of 629.52' for a distance of 227.12' to a concrete bound with a drill hole, thence along the linear portion of the road S 50°41'45"W a distance of 144.99 ft to a bound on the westerly side of Scoticut Neck Road, then traveling S 38°41'10" E along the westerly line of Scoticut Neck Road to the point of beginning.

The Selectboard will have a hearing on October 23, 2023 at 6:50. It will be held at the Fairhaven Town Hall 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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## MANJIRO: cont'd from page 3

mates were set ashore at the Sandwich Islands, but the fourteen-year-old, known to the captain and crew as "John Mung," chose to return with Whitfield to America.

Manjiro arrived in Fairhaven with Whitfield in May, 1843, Because Whitfield was a widower at the time, he sent Manjiro to live for a short time with the Akin family who lived just down the road from Whitfield's house until the captain remarried later in the month. Manjiro was tutored by a neighbor, Miss Jane Allen, and he attended classes at the one room Stone Schoolhouse on North Street.

Whitfield bought land on Scoticut Neck and built a farmhouse which was Manjiro's American home until 1849. During his time in America, Manjiro attended school, studied navigation, and was a crewman on a voyage aboard the whaleship Franklin.

Manjiro left Fairhaven for California



Visitors from Japan lead the goodbye "Tosa" dance on Center Street in front of Fairhaven town hall, at the 17th Manjiro Festival on 10/5/19 in the center of Fairhaven. *Fairhaven Neighborhood News file photo by Beth David.*

during the California Gold Rush. In San Francisco he earned enough money to pay for passage across the Pacific to his homeland. Following his return to Japan, Manjiro became

prominent after helping Japanese authorities behind the scenes when Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Japan in 1853 to negotiate a treaty and trade agreement with Japan. Apparently helping convince the Japanese that a treaty with America would be beneficial, Manjiro later became known as "the man who opened Japan to the West."

In October of 1870, Manjiro Nakahama revisited the Whitfield family in Fairhaven while on a diplomatic mission to America. The friendship between the two families has endured to this day.

Nearly a century after Manjiro's death in Japan, the future Emperor of Japan, Crown Prince Akihito, visited Fairhaven in October of 1987 with his wife Princess Michiko. Later in 1987, the Sister City agreement between Fairhaven, MA, and Tosashizu, Japan, was signed. Manjiro Festivals began the following year.

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**Board of Appeals**

Tues., 11/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Board of Public Works**

Mon., 10/16, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

**Charter Committee**

Fri., 10/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Community Preservation**

Wed., 10/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Conservation Comm**

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

**Select Board**

Mon., 10/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Special Town Meeting**

Tues., 11/5, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Planning Commission**

Thurs., 10/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Selectboard**

Tues., 10/10, Town Hall, noon

**Special Town Meeting**

Mon., 11/6, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point

	Oct. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	5	0053	1322	0550	1855
Friday	6	0153	1419	0646	2205
Saturday	7	0249	1514	1005	2311
Sunday	8	0347	1614	1125	----
Monday	9	0451	1717	0002	1216
Tuesday	10	0548	1808	0042	1255
Wednesday	11	0631	1848	0111	1324
Thursday	12	0707	1924	0107	1316
Friday	13	0742	1959	0057	1324
Saturday	14	0816	2036	0119	1352
Sunday	15	0853	2115	0150	1428
Monday	16	0932	2155	0227	1509
Tuesday	17	1014	2238	0309	1550
Wednesday	18	1058	2325	0351*	1630
Thursday	19	1148	----	0433*	1714
Friday	20	0020	1248	0519	1805
Saturday	21	0123	1351	0616	1916
Sunday	22	0225	1451	0734	2035
Monday	23	0326	1553	0858	2146
Tuesday	24	0431	1700	1019	2257

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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## SHELTER: cont'd from page 4

the Fairhaven Fire Department on Washington Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday–Friday. The items will then be moved to the EMS building on Scoticut Neck Road to be sorted and distributed.

Suggested items include feminine products, toiletries, food that does not have to be cooked. The families will have a refrigerator and a microwave, but will not have access to full kitchens.

People may also make monetary donations, with checks made out to the Town of Fairhaven, and “unsheltered families” in the subject line.

Other items include: car seats in good condition, clothing (but they do not know sizes yet), Uber gift cards, toys, coloring books/crayons.

The National Guard will sort items, and will also help with other logistics.

Mr. Durant said different churches will rotate helping the families with different needs; Walmart and Stop & Shop have agreed to donate gift cards.

“I think it’s been a team effort,” said Mr. Durant.

He also said he toured one of the rooms, which was a regular room with two double beds. He said he believed most of the rooms reserved by the state have a four-person maximum occupancy.

The town and the inn are prepared to receive some families on Saturday, said Mr. Durant, but he did not know if all of them would arrive at the same time.

In a phone interview, Fairhaven School Superintendent Tara Kohler said that the school department is estimating 10 to 15 new students, based on information from the state, and estimates from other districts that have had similar situations. She said they will also prepare for an increase in the future.

Ms. Kohler said she understood why people have a lot of questions and are afraid of the impact the influx will have on their own children.

She said the new students will be treated the same as any other student who is homeless and does not speak English.

“If the state says they belong here, we will educate them,” said Ms. Kohler.

She said they have also been “constantly going over the costs associated with this.”

The district may have to pay for translators, additional counselors, and other professionals to help the children.

money and make sure our kids are educated,” said Ms. Kohler.

She said donations to the family center should be new school supplies, such as backpacks, notebooks, folders, etc.

“Very simple stuff,” she said, and ideally new or almost new. “My goal is for the children to have the same setup,” such as a backpack full of the same school supplies.

It’s possible, she said, that some of the children have never been to school before, have had only a sporadic education, and have faced violence. And most have experienced food insecurity.

In other districts, she said, there has been more than one influx of migrants.

“They’ve been through it twice and it’s just working with each other, to talk with each other,” said. “We have to work together to do it right. And that’s what we’re trying to do.”

Around town, chatter has been mixed, with some people complaining about the situation and some simply asking how to help the families.

One Facebook post called for a protest at the Seaport, but that person was quickly criticized by other posters.

There will be a rally to welcome the families, organized by local residents.

Organizers will have a banner and signs that say “Fairhaven welcomes all families.”

The public is encouraged to attend.

The rally will be at 9 a.m. in front of the Seaport Inn, 110 Middle Street,



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Ms. Kohler said she has spoken to other districts who have had to accommodate migrants.

“I’m hearing they are coming in pretty traumatized,” she said. “We have kids on our doorstep and we have to have a good way to service them.”

She said it is understandable that parents are afraid their own children will lose out because of the influx. Keeping families informed will help them understand and not be worried, she said, so the district will update its website regularly and send notices.

She said the state has promised to provide some funds per student to help with additional costs, and the Department of Education has been “great” communicating with the district.

“My job is to protect the taxpayers’

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