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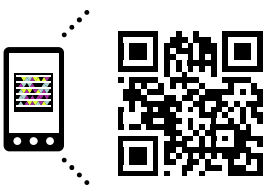
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Fire dept. open house educates and entertains



A small building is ablaze to show how quickly fire grows during a demonstration at the Fairhaven Fire Department's Open House on 10/15/23. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

## LAST CALL FOR HALLOWEEN YARDS!



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

This is it. One day left. I need your submissions by Friday. I'll be working on the Halloween trail issue starting on Saturday morning, so I need all the addresses to be here on Friday night. Got it?

It's one of our favorite issues, so be sure to get your yard in. See details on page 5.

This week's cover story is always lots of fun. I DO love flammage! (Yeah, yeah, that's not a word, but you know what I mean.) See page 12 for all the fun.

Kids Fest was also lots of fun (see page 13). It's a great way to get into the Halloween spirit.

The NFIA finally got that meeting with the public works people. See page 3 for details on the meeting, and how you can get involved to help out a bit.

The NFIA does all kinds of fun activities, including the Horribles Parade (see a pattern here). We DO love Halloween, right?

Acushnet has a Town Meeting coming up soon. See page 4 for a quick summary of what you can expect. We'll hopefully be doing something a little more in depth before the meeting in November.

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Until next week then, see ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In the caption on the photo of the NFIA meeting in last week's issue, 10/12/23, we gave Andrew Romano the wrong title. He is the President-elect of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. We apologize for any confusion our error may have cause.

# NFIA, neighbors meet with public works officials

By Beth David  
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held a meeting on 10/12/23 for neighbors to hear from public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado, and Highway Superintendent Joshua Crabb about the state's plans to improve traffic flow in Benoit Square. The Adams Street part of the square is a state road; the Main Street part is town owned up to the merger point, when it then becomes state.

Mr. Crabb summarized the plan by MassDOT (Department of Transportation) that includes making the merger point more of a regular right hand turn from Adams Street heading north (towards Acushnet); moving the crosswalk; and blocking off part of the road to make the crosswalk shorter. The plan uses flexposts and paint, not permanent structures.

Mr. Crabb said the plan is an attempt at "organizing the chaos," that is now Benoit Square traffic. It is hard to tell who has the right of way at the merger point. He said the state conducted a traffic study and came up with a couple of options. The Select Board voted on one and that is the one that will be implemented soon.

It is a temporary fix. If it works, then the flex posts will be replaced with more permanent fixtures.

"The first step is to deploy these improvements and see it how functions," said Mr. Crabb.

He also said there has been a delay in implementing the plan because someone at MassDOT retired. The town has been trying to figure out who is in charge now. He was still hopeful, he said, that the work could start in a couple of weeks. It will only take a day or two to construct.

"This is not what we were looking for," said Wayne Hayward, a long time former member of the Planning Board. "This is a stop gap."

He noted that the Oxford School building is an historic building.

He asked about the possibility of using Chapter 90 funds that the town gets and is in control of. But Mr. Furtado said it was not that simple.

"I think residents are going to be unimpressed when they see it," said Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Crabb said he agreed it was not the "right fix," but it is a first step.

He said the state wanted only to use paint to mark the road, but he insisted they use something more substantial.

Mr. Hayward said they can not wait for the state, noting he has been waiting for the swing bridge to be replaced his whole life.

He noted again that flex posts are not in keeping with the neighborhood's historic architecture.

Jessica Fidalgo asked if there is a way that residents can influence the state, with letters or emails or phone calls.

Mr. Furtado suggested people contact Rep. William Straus's office. He is the state rep and he is on the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Furtado noted that there was a public meeting when the Select Board discussed the project and only John Medeiros from the neighborhood commented.

"It's going to be better than now," said Mr. Furtado of the temporary fix.

Ed Rose said it would be safer because it was slowing down traffic and making the walk across the street shorter.

Mr. Medeiros noted that the square belongs to the town, not the state.

"We're going to try to make it better," said Mr. Furtado.

"You have to have eyes in the back of your head," to get across the street, said Roberta Tripp, who lives at the Oxford School Residences. "How do you get to those shops?"

Mr. Crabb agreed it was not safe now. Barry Parker asked if they could put a light at the crosswalk.

Mr. Crabb said it was "not a bad suggestion," and they could propose it to MassDOT.

He said the state will do another traffic study to see if the changes help.

NFIA President-elect Andrew Romano said the organization is forming a subcommittee for the Benoit Square project and encouraged residents to attend meetings.

The next public meeting is on Thursday, 11/2, at 6:30 p.m. The NFIA regularly meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at 267 Adams Street, Fairhaven, at Benoit Square.

To learn more, email [northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com](mailto:northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com) or visit <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com>, or find them on Facebook.

After the meeting Roberta Tripp and Carl Weatherspoon, who both live at the Oxford School Residences, said it was treacherous to try to cross the road to get to the businesses on Main Street.

Mr. Weatherspoon said a pedestrian has to watch in all directions at once to cross.

But they did not want to lose the green space of the square.

"Benoit Square has to stay," said Ms. Tripp. "We don't want to take from Benoit Square."

As for the crosswalk, "They don't even pay attention to it," said Mr. Weatherspoon about drivers.



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# Acushnet Selectboard finalizes STM warrant

By Jared Melanson  
Neighb News Correspondent  
and Beth David  
Editor

At its meetings on Tuesday, 10/10/23 the Acushnet Selectboard discussed changes to dog kennel licensing and fees, and voted on articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. STM will be held on Monday, 11/6, at Ford Middle School, at 7 p.m.

Town Clerk Pam Labonte discussed a change in state law requiring additional inspections to dog kennels. She suggested changing the size and fee structure. The new sizes and rates will be \$75 for a 5–10 dog kennel; \$125 for 11–19 dogs; \$200 for 19 dogs. The SB voted unanimously to adopt the changes.

The board also discussed and voted on STM articles, including capital expenditures and bylaw changes.

Town Meeting will be asked to appropriate nearly \$1 million in capital spending, including a new ambulance, vehicles for the Fire Chief and Council on Aging, and closing out the leases on two electric vehicles. TM will also be asked to appropriate

\$80K for cardiac monitors for the ambulances.

Other spending articles include funds for the Lake Street project, and equipment, repairs and maintenance for the golf course.

The SB is seeking \$75,000 in additional funding for Lake Street from Community Preservation Act Funds.

The additional funds will allow the town to use a different method for weed control than chemicals.

In a phone interview, Town Administrator Jamie Kelley said the nearby cranberry growers would not be able to sell their cranberries to certain buyers if chemicals were used in the lake. He said the town will do what Lakeville does and use a weed harvester machine.

“Every spring you have to do it,” said Mr. Kelley. “Or it just builds up and you’ve got a swamp, not a lake.”

Town Meeting will also be asked to transfer \$125K from the Golf Course fund for cart path repair, course design, turf repair, equipment replacement, and other maintenance costs.

Zoning articles created some discussion around a residential

development for elderly, 55+.

The board held the article on 10/10 to clarify some language with the Planning Board. The SB voted to approve the article at its 10/16 meeting. The Planning Board will need to hold a public hearing on the changes before Town Meeting (see legal ad on page 17).

The 55+ housing bylaw will allow development of a type of housing that aims to reduce the burdens of maintenance for older residents.

It will allow Over-55-only developments in all areas of town except the Business Village and Industrial Zones. The developments will require a special permit, giving the town more control over how the developments are built, and will require public hearings and input from abutters.

Town Meeting will also be asked to give the SB authority to sell or authorize reuse of the Russell Memorial Library through the RFP (Request for Proposal) process; and to authorize the SB to sell town lots under 20,000 square feet.

The full warrant will be posted on the town’s website later this week.

## First They Came...

First they came for the Socialists,  
and I did not speak out —  
Because I was not a Socialist.  
Then they came for the Trade Unionists,  
and I did not speak out —  
Because I was not a Trade  
Unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews,  
and I did not speak out —  
Because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for me —  
and there was no one left  
to speak for me.

*Pastor Martin Niemöller*



### The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of  
Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride  
from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset  
gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch,  
whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and  
her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her  
beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her  
mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin  
cities frame.  
“Keep, ancient lands, your  
storied pomp!” cries she  
With silent lips. “Give me your  
tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to  
breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your  
teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless,  
tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden  
door!”

*Emma Lazarus, Nov. 2, 1883*

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Calling all Halloween Yards



Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers in our annual Halloween Trail issue on 10/26. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture. Email: to [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net); USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. **Deadline: Friday, 10/20.**

**YAHAAAAAAAAAAAA  
HAHAHAHA**

## Open House Masonic Lodge

All are welcome to join the George H. Tabor Masonic Lodge for our annual free open house on Sat., 10/21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our historic building, 20 Center St., Fairhaven. Come learn the history of one of Fairhaven's hidden gems.

## GOP Meeting

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye!

All persons having anything to do, as members or guest of the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee, draw near, give your attendance and ye shall be heard.

Thurs., 10/26 at 6 pm, 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven, 02719

## Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner by the Fairhaven Lions Club, Wed., 10/25, 5-7 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. Includes: spaghetti, bread, salad, beverage, dessert.

For tickets, call Bill, 508-996-3420.

## Craft Fair

West Island Improvement Association is having a craft fair on Sun 11/5, at the WIIA Community House 41 Causeway Rd, West Island from 12pm to 5pm. Contact: Lisa Esten, [westisland2019@gmail.com](mailto:westisland2019@gmail.com) if you have any questions, or would like to be a vendor.

## Crafters Needed

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School PTO presents a winter craft & vendor market, on Sat., 12/2, at EHMS, 30 School St., Fairhaven, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To benefit all middle school students' enrichment programs. New vendors welcome. Sections are \$40 for 8 feet. Contact Liz, [CCMBusiness@yahoo.com](mailto:CCMBusiness@yahoo.com)

## Annual Breakfast

Join St Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven for their annual Parish Family Breakfast, Raffle & Bake Sale on Sun., 10/22, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. 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.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Haunted Shelter

Join us at Fearhaven'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.)

### Haunted Halloween Party

Fairhaven TV's 6th annual Haunted Halloween Party will be held on Thurs., 10/26, from 5-8 p.m., at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. FREE. A safe and fun environment to trick-or-treat plus a big party.

Featuring trick-or-treat tables, refreshments, with allergy-friendly and gluten-free options; Halloween movies; live entertainment; freaky photo booth; costume contest; ghoulish games; spooky arts and crafts; scavenger hunt, and more.

Visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com/hauntedhalloweenparty> (see ad on page 20)

## Horribles Parade

Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association for the annual Halloween Horribles parade on Sun., 10/29, 5 p.m., starting at Benoit Square, along Main Street to St. Mary's Church. Prizes for Most Horrible, Most Original, Most Beautiful for toddler to 4 yrs, 5-8 yrs., 9-12 yrs., 13-16 yrs., adults. Free treats and hot chocolate. FREE and open to everyone.

## Hazardous Waste Day

Fairhaven's Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Sat., 10/28, at public works, 5 Arsene Street, from 8:00am until noon. Fairhaven residents only. See ad on page 19 for materials accepted.

## Farmer's Market

Open 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)

## Help the Families

Southcoast Welcome Corps is a group of private individuals who are working to create an immigrant support network for the Greater New Bedford area. We are currently supporting a group of unsheltered families who are living in a hotel in Fairhaven.

The town is collecting donations at the fire station, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven, any day between 8 AM and 4 PM. Donations that we are currently seeking are snacks, diapers (all sizes), wipes and gently used fall and winter clothing in a variety of sizes. Any clothing that we can not use will be donated to Gifts to Give. We know that we will be needing shoes and boots soon. Check back frequently as we expect to have more specifics about sizes soon.

If you wish to volunteer to offer

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## STILL AROUND TOWN

rides or make a meal to share with the families, please sign up on our volunteer list at <https://sites.google.com/view/scwelcomecorps/home>

Currently we are also collecting money to help purchase meals for the families for the first few weeks.

Please use this link: <https://givebutter.com/UCQWK0> to donate.

### Basic American Gov't Course/FREE

Millicent Library is pleased to announce a free class, "Stuff You Should Know: Basic American Government." This class is designed to provide citizens with a comprehensive understanding of the United States' government and its foundations. This informative and engaging

course will cover essential topics related to American government, its history, structure, and functions.

A limited number of copies of the book, *The Everything American Government Book* by Nick Ragon will be provided free to those who register on a first come first serve basis. The book is being provided courtesy of the Friends of the Millicent Library.

This course will be taught by local attorney and Fairhaven resident, Ellen Nelson. Ellen was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1985 and practiced law as a courtroom litigator for 25-years mainly as a solo practitioner working in the Probate and Family Courts with an emphasis on child protective work and rights of the disabled. Her work consisted of

day to day litigation including two cases before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Ellen has a Bachelors of Arts degree in History and Political Science from the University of Massachusetts and a Juris Doctor from the Cardozo School of Law in New York. She has taught classes on government and introduction to law at community colleges and privately.

The course will be held on Wednesdays at 4:30 from November 1 through November 29 (no class will be held on Nov. 22).

Registration for the course is recommended. To register go to <https://millicentlibrary.org/registration>, email [Kdecicco-Carey@SailsInc.Org](mailto:Kdecicco-Carey@SailsInc.Org) or call 508-992-5342.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### Fall Fest

Join us for dNB FallFest! Saturday, October 21, 12-5! Fall fun & trick or treating in Downtown New Bedford! Featuring: Classic Car Trunk or Treat, Halloween Costume Parade, 3rd Eye Unlimited Dance Party with DJ Mikey Life, Wicker & Flame Selfie Station, Salted Silver Permanent Jewelry Bar, Soil and Sun Plant Truck, Henna Bar & Face Painting, Fall Beer & Cocktail Stands outside No Problemo, DNB Craft Kitchen, and Pour Farm Tavern, Sorbae Frozen Treats Truck, Dorothy Cox Chocolates Truck, Cafe Arpeggio Waffle Pop Stand, Scuttlebutt Apple Cider Donut Stand, ew Bedford Performing Arts Center Dance Performance, and SO much more!

### Dock-u-mentary

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's free Dock-u-mentary series, hosted in partnership with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, has returned! On October 20 at 7:00pm, FHC will be featuring *The Fish on My Plate*, an insightful film that explores fisherman and author Paul Greenberg's journey to eat only fish for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for a whole year. Runtime: 1:24:46. At National Park auditorium, 33 Williams Street, downtown New Bedford. Doors open at 6:30. If the park is closed due to a government shut down, the film will be at the FHC, 38 Bethel St., NB.

Email [programs@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:programs@fishingheritagecenter.org) or call (508) 993-8894

### Evening of Mystery

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) presents *Mystery at the Mansion: The Curse* on Thurs. & Fri., 10/19 & 20, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. under the heated tent in the Museum garden, 396 County St., NB.

The Museum has planned a playful evening of participatory historic fiction where party guests follow clues to solve a mystery. A curse has been cast on the house, garden, and all who have entered the property, and attendees must break the spell before they can leave. A voice from the past is the only hope of solving this year's mystery! Local actor Ian Vincent from The Collective will emcee the evening.

In its fifth year now, *Mystery at the Mansion* is a social mixer with a game-like twist. The evening features a chance drawing, food and drink and plenty of time to socialize in between clue-finding. A portion of every ticket sold supports the Museum's preservation and outreach efforts.

A Tier One ticket includes a light dinner and cash bar for \$60. A Tier Two ticket includes a light dinner with a full bar for \$90. Sponsors are also sought to support the event. Tickets may be purchased at the Museum's website, [rjdmuseum.org](http://rjdmuseum.org), or by calling Hillary Fortin at the RJD, 508-997-1401.

### Art Exhibit

A remarkable display of artistic talent is set to captivate the community as student artists and their teachers from three area high schools are to be featured in the upcoming exhibition, High School Select Redux at Gallery X.

New Bedford, Dartmouth, and Fairhaven High Schools will be represented in this exhibition, which is being supported in part by New Bedford Creative's Art Is Everywhere! ARPA Grant. Offering a unique opportunity for the community to witness the talent and creativity of the next generation of creatives, the exhibition is scheduled to run from October 25 to November 26 at Gallery X, 169 William St., NB.

High School Select Redux is being curated by Zachary White of Gallery X, Rosannette Rivera and Lynne Laberge of New Bedford High School, Christine McFee of Dartmouth High School, and Christine Neville of Fairhaven High School.

Visit <https://www.galleryx.org>

### Moby-Dick Marathon Sign-up

From January 5 - 7, 2024, the New Bedford Whaling Museum will host one of the world's best known readings of Herman Melville's iconic American novel, *Moby-Dick*.

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The Moby-Dick Marathon features the main 25-hour read-a-thon from Saturday to Sunday, interspersed with fun Melville-inspired activities, including opportunities to chat with the scholars from the Melville Society Cultural Project (MSCP), a live performance of Chapter 40 by Culture\*Park, and much more.

Each year hundreds of people from across the country sign up for a chance to be one of our Moby-Dick Marathon readers.

Will YOU be one of them this year?

Whether you're a seasoned sailor of the literary seas or a first-time reader, the Moby-Dick Marathon offers a unique and inclusive

experience for all.

**Sign-up closes on November 1st.** Readers will be chosen at random and those selected or waitlisted will be notified by email on November 10.

Sign up at <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/program/moby-dick-marathon-2024/>

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

### Voter Reg./Acushnet

If you are not yet a registered voter in Acushnet and would like to participate in the upcoming Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, 11/6/23, you must register to vote by **5:00 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2023.**

The Town Clerk's Office is open everyday, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The office will also be open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023.

All new residents and residents who have changed their address within the town should register with the Town Clerk. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 998-0215, 130 Main St., Parting Ways Bldg.

### Bird Club

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Wed., 10/25, at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street. Free and open to the public. More bird info at the Nasketucket Bird Club website: <https://www.nbcbirdclub.com/> or on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/NasketucketBirdClub>

### MO LIFE Gala

On Friday, 10/27, M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. (Murphy and Others, Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors) is holding a Semi-Formal Gala Event at Century House from 6 p.m. to Midnight, brought to you by our bronze donors All Trust Credit Union and Bristol County Savings Bank.

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

fuller lives.

M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. services the vocational and community needs of individuals with disabilities in the Greater New Bedford area. ALL proceeds of this event will go toward supporting individuals with disabilities, support for the MO Food = LIFE Food Pantry located in downtown New Bedford and scholarships for local High School Seniors. Without fundraisers, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. would not be able to support people on a continuous basis or provide the means for additional basic needs.

Century House is located at 107 S. Main St. Acushnet, MA and is fully accessible. Tickets may be purchased at our Fairhaven location on 4 Lambeth Park Drive or visit our website at [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com). Tickets for the Gala Event are \$75.00 per person for adults, and \$40 for children 12 and under.

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

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Coin Show

Coin Show Sunday 10/29, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road, Westport, MA, Free Admission

#### Fire Open House

Acushnet Fire & EMS Open House, Sun., 10/29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 24 Russell St., Acushnet.

Station tours, vehicles and equipment on display, Jaws of Life demo at 1 p.m., goodies for the kids, fire prevention activities, free burgers, hot dogs, drinks. Meet your local firefighters.

#### Palmers Island Cleanup

Sat., 10/28, Noon to 4 p.m. 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 (and our third try, the other two got canceled due to the weather).

Contact: [newbedfordclean@gmail.com](mailto:newbedfordclean@gmail.com)

#### Car Seat Safety

Free car seat safety event. Have your car seat checked by trained child car seat technicians. Fri., 10/27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Acushnet Library Parking Lot, 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet. 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

#### Family Fun Fest

Join the Mattapoisett Lions Club for the 7th annual fall FREE Family Fun Festival, Sat., 10/28, noon to 4 p.m., Shipyard Park, 12 Water St., Mattapoisett.

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

### Memory Cafe

Oct. 26, 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 10/20.

A Memory Cafe is a gathering that individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

Entertainment will be Joe Mac. Lunch will be pork loin with cranberry apple gravy.

Space is limited. Please sign up at 508-979-4029.

All are welcome to come. If you are coming from Jordan only, please do not arrive before noon. Performance begins at 12:15.

### Monday Movie Matinee

Oct. 30, 12:15 p.m. Featuring "Hocus Pocus." A teenage boy named Max and his little sister move to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century.

There is lunch available before the movie and will be served at 11:30. If you would like lunch before the movie, please mention it when you sign up. A \$2 donation towards your meal is greatly appreciated.

### 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. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 10/25, Warwick Mall; 11/1, Tiverton Casino; 11/8, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 11/15, Prov. Place Mall; 11/22, Warwick Mall; 11/29, So. Shore Plaza.

### 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.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Filet Mignon

- 2 tbsps extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 (6-ounce) filet mignon
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 tbsp roughly chopped rosemary

Preheat oven to 400°.

Allow steak to sit out on the counter for about 30 minutes, bringing it to room temperature. Place on a cutting board and season generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until just before the smoking point. Add the steak until very seared, about 5 minutes. Flip the steak over and add the butter and rosemary. Baste with butter and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes.

Transfer skillet to oven and cook to your liking, about 5 minutes for medium. Check every couple of minutes so you don't risk overcooking. Allow to rest for a few minutes before serving.

# Dear Frankie



## Misunderstood

*Dear Frankie,*  
My family expects me to listen to them and to understand what they say. On the other hand, they often don't listen to me or even try to understand what

I am saying.

Several neighborhood boys pulled a prank on my brother a couple of weeks ago. They rang our front doorbell and then ran and hid under our porch. When my brother discovered no one was at the door, he shrugged his shoulders. About 15 minutes later, the boys again rang the bell and hid.

I saw the boys this time and began barking to let my brother know they were there. When my brother went to the door and didn't see anyone, he told my dad that the doorbell was probably broken.

I tried to tell him about the boys. So, I ran to the window, stood on my hind legs, looked out, and started barking like I always do when someone is on our porch.

But instead of investigating why I was barking, my brother got mad at me and shouted, "Be

quiet."

He pulled me by my collar to the back door when I persisted and shoved me out into the back yard. While outside, I heard the boys ring our bell again.

This time, my brother didn't bother to go to the door. Instead, he called an electrician and scheduled an appointment to fix our doorbell. It felt terrible to be so misunderstood.

*Hank*

*Dear Hank,*

Talk about "shoot the messenger."

It does feel terrible to have your words and behavior misinterpreted. Dogs are limited in the way they can communicate with humans. No matter how hard we try, there will be times when we won't be able to share our thoughts with them.

Although humans treat us like their children and family members who are human, we aren't. It is best to keep that in mind and accept there is just so much we can do to get our point across.

You did your best, Hank. You tried to tell your brother about the prank. Unfortunately for you, your good deed didn't go unpunished.

*Best, Frankie*

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# EFS students hear about the importance of beach cleanup

By Beth David  
Editor

Mary Lou Nicholson of Be the Solution to Pollution, spoke to fifth grade students at East Fairhaven School on Thursday, 10/12/23, about her efforts to clean local beaches, reduce and eliminate plastic use and waste, and about her work for climate action.

The fifth grade classes have been

studying about pollution in teacher Jennifer Perrotti's Innovation class.

"Mary Lou was the perfect speaker," wrote Ms. Perrotti in an email. "She was able to tell them about what she has witnessed at clean-ups right here in their hometown."

Students prepared questions for her ahead of time and were very engaged and motivated by what they

heard, said Ms. Perrotti.

"The kids and I hope to organize a clean up that the whole school could have the opportunity to attend," wrote Ms. Perrotti.

Students had ideas for a school field trip to clean up in town, and some were thinking of inventions they could use to help with the plastics problem in the ocean.



LEFT: Mary Lou Nicholson of Be the Solution to Pollution gives a presentation to fifth graders at East Fairhaven School on 10/12/23. MIDDLE: Cecilia Bruke looks at some items collected at a beach cleanup. RIGHT: Ms. Nicholson shows students some items collected at a beach cleanup during the presentation. *Submitted photos*



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# Fire Dept. Open House demonstrates fire & rescue operations

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire Department held its annual open house on Sunday, 10/15/23, educating the public about fire safety, and demonstrating fire and rescue operations. The department set a small building ablaze to demonstrate how quickly, within a minute or two, a fire can engulf a room, to impress upon the public that they should leave immediately when there is a fire. Firefighters also demonstrated how they extricate someone from a car using spreaders and cutters, also known as the Jaws of Life. Other demonstrations included transporting a gurney from a rooftop keeping it level, a walk through the smoke house (stay low and go), and a chance to use the fire hose to knock down targets.

The public was also welcome to free pizza, soft drinks, and giveaways like coloring books and plastic firefighter hats.

Firefighter/Paramedic Maggie Rocha told the crowd, especially the children, how fire loves oxygen, so they should close doors behind them when leaving a scene, and keep their bedroom doors closed at night.

“It gives you more time to escape,” said Ms. Rocha.

She told them the family should have a meeting spot outside the home in case they all have to leave a burning house separately. That way they can know right away if someone is trapped in the house.

Volunteers took a hand at using the fire extinguisher to put out a small fire, and two volunteers put on all the fire gear to see how heavy it is.

“It’s amazing how heavy that is,” said Kevin Furtado, 25. “To think you have all that weight on you and have to run into a building. It’s insane. And these guys do it all the time.”

Young Brayden also tried on the gear, although it was a few sizes too big.

“It was very smelly and sweaty, and I could barely walk,” said Brayden. “It was heavy. I felt like a real firefighter. It was a really cool experience.”

Fairhaven Fire Chief Todd Correia said he was happy with the crowd, not as big as some years, but a very engaged crowd.

He said they have a whole new SAFE crew in charge of the event this year and they did a fine job.

“It was there first timen and it went without a hitch,” said Chief Correia. “I couldn’t be more proud of them.”



ABOVE LEFT: Isayah (CENTER) tries on some firefighter gear with the help of Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Maggie Rocha, while (LEFT) young Brayden feels the weight of the firefighter’s axe under the watchful eye of Fairhaven Call Firefighter Jake Gallagher during a demonstration at the Fairhaven Fire Department’s Open House on 10/15/23. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Call Firefighters Jake Gallagher and Jordan Cabral race to gear up during a demonstration. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Call Firefighter Jake Gallagher gives some instruction while Lylah tries her hand at the fire hose. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Maggie Rocha explains all the gear volunteer Kevin Furtado is wearing and carrying. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Kids Fest has fun for all ages

By Beth David  
Editor

The third annual Kids Fest organized by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism drew hundreds to the fair grounds on the lawn of the Visitors Center and Fairhaven High School on Saturday, 10/14/23, for fun activities, vendors and a little entertainment.

The Azorean Cultural Society sang

and played a few songs, while pirates duelled and threw people in the brig. There was food, and free pumpkin painting; and lots of fun toys to try out for kids of all ages.

The Halloween Swap by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee was a big success, with gently used costumes that had been donated over the course of the past few weeks

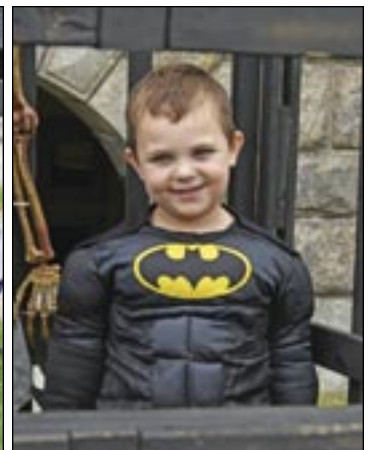
quickly disappearing on Saturday.

Vendors were happy with the turnout, said Tourism Director Chris Richard, pointing out that even Zoe, a dog getting \$2 for kisses to benefit the animal shelter, was all smooched out by 1:30 p.m.

The event was sponsored by the Office of Tourism and Millicent Library Youth Services.



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Quinn, Noah, Blake, and Daniel hold up the pumpkins they painted at the third annual Kids Fest sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism on 10/14/23 at the Fairhaven Visitors Center. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Brendan, Zoe, and Adela hold up the pumpkins they painted. BELOW LEFT L-R: Alyssa holds her own dueling with Richard the pirate. BELOW RIGHT: Josh referees while Oscar Acosta and Dallyana Lopez duel like vikings. BOTTOM LEFT: Members of the Azorean Heritage Society perform. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Brooklynn pleads to get out of the brig, part of the pirates display. BOTTOM RIGHT: Emmett, however, is not the least bit upset with being in the brig. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Pier collapses in New Bedford harbor

*New Bedford Fire Dept. Press Release*

Shortly after 2:00pm on 10/11/23, Communications received 911 calls reporting a pier collapse at the end of Hervey Tichon Avenue.

Command Unit 2 reported a large section of bulkhead under construction had collapsed into the water and four construction workers were injured. One worker was pulled from the water and placed on an adjacent barge. Marine 38 responded to the barge, provided emergency medical care, and moved him to Marine 38 via Stokes Basket. He was taken to Pier 3

and transported to St. Luke's Emergency Department by NBEMS.

One other worker was also transported from the scene by NBEMS. Two other workers were evaluated and did not require transport. All other personnel were accounted for.

A 225' by 36' section of bulkhead/pier collapsed. A construction lift and Bobcat loader were also involved in the collapse. The Fairhaven Fire Department Marine Unit, NBPD Marine Unit, MA Environmental Police, and Fairhaven Harbormaster assisted Marine 38 in deploying

containment boom to control any leaking fuel and hydraulic fluid along with floating debris.

The US Coast Guard and MA Department of Environmental Protection also responded. NBEMA, NB Port Authority, and the Providence Can- teen provided assistance on scene.

Several nearby fishing vessels were relocated to allow construction personnel and equipment to begin removing the collapse debris and shore up the remaining bulkhead. An Nbfd drone was deployed for damage and fuel spill assessment.



LEFT: A wide gap, empty water, and some unattached pilings are all that remain after a pier collapsed on 10/11/23. RIGHT: Officials from a variety of agencies deploy containment boom to control any fluids and debris that may have gone into the water *Photos courtesy of the New Bedford Fire Department.*

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## TOWN OF ACUSHNET



There will be a Special Town Meeting held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman  
Robert Hinckley  
David Wojnar  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FNN: 10/19/23, 10/26/23

## Notice of Public Hearing Acushnet Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on **November 2, 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/82180404691?pwd=WGpIUjGxkZzNua2xla0g1Vk6dUTFYQT09>  
Meeting ID: 821 8040 4691  
Passcode: 074269

This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 5, to consider the following warrant article: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII, Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Acushnet, General Bylaws, by adding to Section 3 - Use Regulations, a new subsection 3.3.7 - Special Residential Development-Over 55 Housing. The purposes of the Special Residential Development Special Permit are to grant relief in the form of increased density to encourage housing needed in the Town of Acushnet such as providing alternative housing for a maturing population; providing a type of housing which reduces residents' burdens of property maintenance and which reduces demands on municipal services. For the purpose of this By-Law, the term Special Residential Development is defined as a residential development of multiple dwelling units configured as attached or detached single-family dwellings on a tract of land in single ownership. The accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor, during regular business hours.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board  
FNN 10/19/23, 10/26/23

## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Public Hearing - RDA - Acushnet Company / 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34. A Request for Determination was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34. The applicant proposes tree clearing adjacent to the test fairway within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by William Madden of G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. Plan name is "Site Plan Showing Proposed Tree Clearing Limits" dated October 10, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
FNN 10/19/23

## Fairhaven Board of Health Notice of Public Hearing

October 25, 2023 at 5:00pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Board of Health will conduct a Public Hearing at Fairhaven Town Hall to review and hear comments relative to the proposed Fee Schedule changes and modifications to be implemented in Chapter XIII of the Fairhaven Board of Health Regulations.

The Board of Health Meeting will be conducted both

live and remotely and will be televised on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and [Fairhaventv.com](http://Fairhaventv.com).

To join the meeting remotely log on to: Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95313326052?pwd=UEFvZVZKUDA5eExrTDN6RXBWZmZyVU09>  
Meeting ID: 953 1332 6052 Passcode: 118417

The proposed regulations for Fee Schedule changes are available to the public for review in the Board of Health Office Fairhaven Town Hall 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719.

FNN 10/12/23, 10/19/23

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. M.G.L. Ch. 30A, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting, either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

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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:

- SE 023-1389, CON 023-284: Ebony Street, Assessor's Map 43C, Lots 389-400 Request for Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Michael Ristuccia to delineate wetlands located at Ebony Street, Assessor's Map 43C, Lots 389-400.
- CON 023-376: 48-50 Fort Street, Map 5, Lot 16 Notice of Intent filed by Kevin McLaughlin to install (4) 4" electrical conduits encased in a concrete rack system and (1) 2" water pipe that will provide power and water to the existing fixed pier and floating docks. In order to install utilities, the contractor will need to excavate a 900 linear foot, 4-foot-wide trench to meet the requirements for the utility spacing. The proposed project will impact Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) and the 25', 50', and 100' Buffer Zones located at Assessor's Map 5, Lot 16.
- CON 023-377: 270 Scouticut Neck Road, Map 29A, Lot 101 & 96 Notice of Intent filed by Alexander & Jean Easterday to modify an elevated walkway over the Salt Marsh from house to Coastal Dune and beach, located within the 100-year flood plain at Assessor's Map 29A, Lot 101 & 96.

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.

Jay Simmons, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 10/19/23

## Proposed Park Drive Solar Photovoltaic Development

Notice of Community Meeting—MEPA  
Environmental Notification Form Application 14-47  
Park Drive, Acushnet, MA

Notice is hereby given that Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC (the Applicant) will hold an online public meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 PM to discuss their proposed solar photovoltaic development located at 14-47 Park Drive in Acushnet, MA. The online public meeting is being held in support of the Applicant's public

involvement efforts associated with the ongoing Environmental Notification Form (ENF) process of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The proposed development is a 7.5 mW DC ground-mounted solar photovoltaic development with an associated battery energy storage system and proposes to occupy approximately 34 acres of land. In addition to the ground-mounted solar panels, the development includes gravel access driveways, stormwater management features, equipment pads, and utility poles. Access to the development is proposed via a 320-foot gravel driveway extending north from the paved dead-end of Lambert Street.

Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. is the engineer for the proposed development and will be present during the online public meeting with the Applicant to listen to public feedback and respond to questions.

If you plan to attend the meeting and will require translation services to be provided during the meeting, please reach out to the Applicant at [parkdrivesolar@syncarpha.com](mailto:parkdrivesolar@syncarpha.com) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The public hearing will be held remotely via an online platform. Should you wish to attend the meeting, please email Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC at [parkdrivesolar@syncarpha.com](mailto:parkdrivesolar@syncarpha.com) for login details or should you wish to ask any other questions.

FNN 10/19/23

## Announcement:

The following bylaw changes, which were accepted at the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting which convened on May 6, 2023, have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, are published herewith in accordance with the current regulations. Claims of invalidity of any of the amendments to the bylaw by reason of any defect in the procedure of the adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of this announcement.

Copies of the bylaw may be examined at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA

### ARTICLE 19: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 192 WETLANDS § 10.A

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Bylaws, Chapter 192 § 10.A by adding the following sentence in bold, underlined to the current language:

**1. With prior approval of the property owner or other legal authority as provided by law,** the Conservation Commission, its agents, officers and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this chapter and make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or samplings as the Commission deems necessary.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

### ARTICLE 20: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS § 1-6.D (10) (a) AND CHAPTER 192 WETLANDS § 10.B AND CHAPTER 192 WETLANDS § 10.C

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend Bylaws, Chapter 1 § 1-6.D (10) (a) by striking the existing language and replacing it with the following:

(a) Enforcing person(s): ~~the Chair of the Conservation Commission or the Commission's agent and/or as designated by the Conservation Commission.~~ Conservation Agent with a majority vote of the Conservation Commission. In the absence of a Conservation Agent, a majority vote of the Conservation Commission shall be the enforcing entity.

And, further to amend Bylaws Chapter 192 § 10.B and § 10.C as follows:

B. The Commission shall have authority to enforce this chapter, its regulations and permits issued thereunder by violation notices, and administrative orders ~~and civil and criminal court actions.~~

C. Upon request of the Commission, the Select Board and Town Counsel shall take legal action ~~as the Select Board determines to be necessary~~ for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the Chief of Police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

### ARTICLE 21: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 164 SOLID WASTE

By majority vote, the Town voted to amend The Town of Fairhaven General By-Laws Chapter 164 Solid Waste by adding a new section, § 11, **Single-Use Plastic Reduction** as follows, or to take any other action relative thereto effective January 1, 2024.

LEGALS: cont'd next page

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### LEGALS: cont'd from previous page

#### A. Purpose

The Town seeks to reduce and eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags, polystyrene and expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) disposable food containers, and to promote the use of reusable alternatives. This bylaw is enacted to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town by protecting the environment, advancing solid waste reduction, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and protecting waterways.

#### B. General Prohibition and Regulation.

No retail establishment, retail food establishment, nonprofit and/or Town facility food provider shall transfer merchandise to end consumers in a thin-film single-use plastic bag, and shall only use check-out bags that are:

- a. Reusable checkout bags
- b. Recyclable paper bags.

1. No retail establishment, or retail food establishment, nonprofit and/or Town facility food provider shall transfer prepared food to consumers in polystyrene or expanded polystyrene disposable food service ware. No retail establishment shall sell cups, coolers, ice chests, or similar containers made in whole or in any part with foam polystyrene that is not wholly encapsulated within a more durable material.

2. No retail establishment, or retail food establishment, nonprofit and/or Town facility food provider shall automatically provide single use plastics straws, stirrers, splash sticks, or cutlery to customers unless requested by the customer for health reasons or other.

#### C. Penalties and enforcement.

1. Any person, firm or corporation who violates or refuses to comply with any applicable provision of this bylaw shall be fined a sum not to exceed two-hundred dollars (\$200) for each such violation.

2. This bylaw may be enforced by the Town

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Administrator or his/her designee or the Health Agent by the noncriminal disposition method under MGL c. 40, § 21D, in which case the penalties shall be as follows: first violation – written warning, second violation fifty dollar (\$50), third one-hundred dollars (\$100), and subsequent violations two-hundred dollars (\$200) each day that any violation is permitted to exist after written notification thereof by the Town Administrator or his/her designee or Health Agent shall constitute a separate offense. The Town shall be the beneficiary of all fines and penalties paid, including the costs of prosecuting any legal action if allowable by law.

Exemptions. This bylaw shall not apply to the following items:

1. Flexible transparent covering (commonly referred to as "plastic wrap").
2. Thin-film plastic bags used to contain produce, dry cleaning, dog waste or newspapers.
3. Foods or merchandise prepared or packaged outside the Town of Fairhaven for transfer to consumers in the Town of Fairhaven.

#### ARTICLE 22: AMEND BYLAWS, CHAPTER 83 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS

By majority vote, the Town voted to adopt the following ban on the sale of miniature single use containers for alcoholic beverages as a general by-law and to add into the Fairhaven Town Bylaw Chapter 83 Alcohol Beverages and Drugs a new section, § 5, **Prohibit Sale of Alcohol "Nip" Bottles**. The sale of alcoholic beverages in containers less than or equal to 100 milliliters is prohibited within the Town of Fairhaven effective January 1, 2024 or to take any action relative there to.

*Elisabeth E. Horan, Interim Town Clerk, Fairhaven  
FNN, 10/19/23, 10/26/23*

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

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

#### Conservation Comm

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

#### Economic Develop.

Thurs., 10/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 10/25, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 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

#### Board of Assessors

Date, place, time

#### Planning Board

Thurs., 10/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Thurs., 11/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Tues., 10/24, Town Hall, Time TBA

#### Special Town Meeting

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

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Wednesday	25	0535 1800	1145 2356*	
Thursday	26	0627 1850 ----	1243*	
Friday	27	0713 1935	0040* 1331*	
Saturday	28	0757 2020	0120* 1420*	
Sunday	29	0842 2107	0201* 1508*	
Monday	30	0929 2155	0245* 1547*	
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