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

## Rain does not stop Acushnet Fire Open House



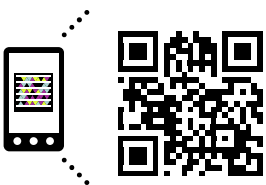
Glass shatters and falls to the ground after an Acushnet firefighter breaks the window of a car to remove a trapped driver, played by Fire Chief Thomas Farland, during a demonstration at the Acushnet Fire Department open house on Sunday, 10/29/23. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, the weekend weather the last few months has been horrendous, yes?

The Halloween Horribles parade was canceled due to rain. We had a lot of that going on all summer. Geesh.

And now, sniff sniff, summer is over. We turn back the clocks this weekend. Yes, BACK, so at least we gain an hour's sleep. But, it will get dark sooooo early. Ah well.

We have lots of good stuff in here this week.

Acushnet had its Fire Department open house (see page 12), even though the rain was off and on all day.

The Haunted Town Hall had hundreds of participants (page 13), and Engine 2 is in service (page 13).

We also have some meeting news. Acushnet will be holding its fall Town Meeting next week. See page 3 for a rundown on the articles they'll face.

And, there's a little more from last week's marathon Fairhaven Select Board meeting on page 4.

There's a couple of other fun things in here, of course. Thumb through to find it all. And while you're doing that, be sure to note who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

*Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!*



## Fall Back!

**Daylight Saving Time ENDS** this weeked. Set your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, 11/5. DST starts on March 10 of next year.



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Fairhaven Select Board story last week, we made mistake in explaining the alledged conflict of interest regarding Peter DeTerra. He is an abutter to the project. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Acushnet voters facing 18 articles at Special Town Meeting

By Beth David  
Editor

Acushnet voters will vote on 18 articles at a special Town Meeting next week, including a zoning bylaw that has stirred up a bit of controversy. The meeting will be held on Monday, 11/6,

Article 12 will allow 55+ housing in three districts using the special permit process. It is allowed now in two districts. The change would allow the denser zoning in all except the business village district and the industrial zone. It would also add design standards and other restrictions.

Town Administrator Jamie Kelley said the restrictions include the number of bedrooms and dwelling units per building.

The bylaw does not allow for large apartment complexes, contrary to the scuttlebutt around town.

"It can be either little houses or a building that can have four units in it," said Mr. Kelley, like townhouses.

The size of the developments would also be a maximum of 30 acres.

Mr. Kelley also noted that most of

Acushnet does not have sewer, so any development will need some sort of septic system, either individual ones or some sort of shared septic for the complex. So that will naturally affect the density of any project.

The use of the Special Permit process allows for further regulation,

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and requires advertised public hearings, and the input of multiple town boards, so residents will have a chance to influence proposed projects.

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The current bylaw allows for multi-

family housing for the elderly with no land use regulations, no design standards, lot size specifications, or occupancy restrictions. The changes would add all those regulations and more. The developments regulated in the bylaw are not public housing.

Article 13 would amend the sewer assessment bylaw. The current bylaw is confusing about how fees are assessed. The changes would clarify the fees to be fair to all property owners, developers, and the town.

A 2/3 vote is required for all bylaw changes.

Town Meeting will also be asked for an additional \$75,000 in Community Preservation Act Funds for the Lake Street project. The funds will be used to harvest the weeds from the pond.

Mr. Kelley said the improvements already finished include paving the parking lot, lighting, trail work and more to the recreation area. The original plan had been to use chemicals to control the weeds, but that process will do serious harm to the cranberry growers and wildlife,

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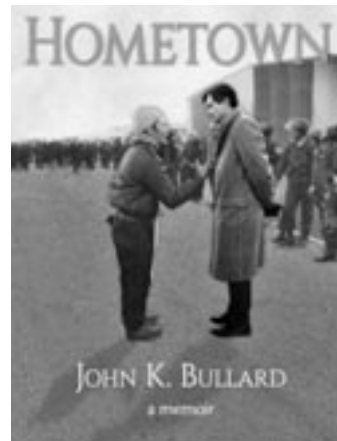
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## Meet the Author: John Bullard *Hometown*



In this deeply moving and thoughtful memoir, John K. Bullard weaves a tale of a family legacy intertwined with the pitfalls and promise of New Bedford, a storied seaport whose past and future can be found in every small American city struggling to survive and thrive.

Bullard explores the meaning of public service, greater good, personal responsibility, and the ties that bind people to their

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# Fairhaven Select Board holds off on Rasputin vote

By Beth David

Editor

At its meeting on 10/23/23, the Fairhaven Select Board discussed possible penalties to levy against Rasputin's Tavern after ascertaining that the bar had violated laws and/or regulations on six separate occasions from December of 2021 and as recently as June of this year.

The violations included serving alcohol after hours, serving an intoxicated person, disturbance of the peace. Not all the votes were unanimous.

The board unanimously voted "no" to an allegation of sales to an underage person. Rasputin's had claimed at an earlier meeting that the person was not drinking, that she worked for the bar.

The board then discussed possible penalties for the bar. Each violation could result in a suspension of the bar's license for two to 11 days.

SB member Bob Espindola said he wanted to learn more about the security plan, which clearly failed. He said he wanted to discuss possible amendments to the plan before issuing a penalty.

Several issues came to light at the 9/20 meeting when the alleged violations were discussed and the bar put on a defense. There was a problem getting surveillance camera footage; the ID scanner was not working; and there was no log to show how many security people were working at each shift.

Mr. Espindola said that if the security plan had been in place it would have prevented the violations.

Town Counsel Christopher Petrini discussed with the board the possibility of giving the bar some time to comply, then returning to the board for the penalty phase. If they are not in compliance at that point, then further penalties could be assessed.

Ms. Espindola suggested the board vote on a penalty and possibly defer

it or be more lenient if the security plan is put in place quickly.

He made a motion for the minimum number of days, a total of 12, for the bar's license to be suspended, with the stipulation that the security plan be updated and that the police department would be notified whenever the ID scanner or security camera is not functioning.

Mr. Espindola said he felt that a 12 day suspension was "significant."

"I don't think 12 days is significant at all," said SB chair Leon Correy, adding that one of the incidents

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included an assault on a police officer.

"I'd like to hear an alternative then," said Mr. Espindola.

SB member Keith Silvia said he had a problem with the low number.

"I'm going for 56," he said.

SB member Stasia Powers said she there needed to be an incentive for the bar to make the changes.

"I would like to see some sort of carrot along with the stick," she said.

The incentive is being in business, said Mr. Correy. The incentive is just following the rules not to get a penalty.

SB member Charles Murphy said he would like to see the security plan in place before he vote on any

amount of days.

After a bit more back and forth, the board voted to hold off on issuing the penalties until the next meeting on 11/6. Before then, representatives from the bar will meet with Town Counsel to work on the security plan.

"We are open to working with the town to make sure we are more compliant," said Rasputin's attorney, Tyler Henseler.

At the next meeting, the board will vote on the security plan and the penalty.

In another matter, Ms. Ellison updated the board on the families staying at the Seaport Inn as part of the state's emergency shelter program.

She told the board there were 20 families at the inn. They are receiving assistance, she said, for a variety of services, including getting any children into school.

The community has responded positively, said Ms. Ellison with donations. They still need winter clothing, boots, shoes, socks.

"It's been a team effort," said Ms. Ellison.

"Kudos to all the staff members," she said who helped make it less impactful for the community and the families. It is traumatic for the families, she said.

Not all the families are recent migrants, she said. Some have been in the state for six or seven years. They have been in a variety of shelters. She said rumors have been that they are undocumented or "illegal aliens."

She said that would be ET.

"They're human beings," said Ms. Ellison. "And Fairhaven has been positive in responding to their needs."

Ms. Ellison also announced that Mike Jenney will be the new Veterans Services Officer, as Brad Fish is retiring.

Mr. Jenney is an Air Force veteran and the Commander of the Acushnet American Legion.

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## Help the families at the inn

The South Coast Welcome Corps is coordinating help for the families at the Seaport Inn, including donations of necessities, rides to appointments, etc. Right now, winter clothing is the

biggest need.

Sizes are available at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA4A823A6FAC34-45632268-winter/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA4A823A6FAC34-45632268-winter/)

Donations may be taken to the

Fairhaven Fire Station, 146 Washington Street, during the week; and to the EMA building, 150 Sconticut Neck Road, on Saturday, from 9 to noon.

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Ribbon Cutting

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association will be holding a ribbon cutting to open up the new pickleball courts at Livesey Park at 10:00 a.m. on Sat., 11/4. The public is welcome.

To learn more about the FPA, visit our website at <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com>

## Book Study Collaborative

You are Invited to a Book Study Collaborative: *Inhabiting Interdependence, being in the next economy.*

In this insightful book, John Bloom, author of *The Genius of Money*, explores approaches toward transforming the conventional habits of mind and practice that have led to today's imbalance in our economic life and in society as a whole.

Acknowledging that money has permeated almost every aspect of daily life—including our relationships to nature and to one another—Bloom asks: *How and why did we arrive at our current forms of social practice, including organizational life and governance?*

From this inquiry arises a major reconsideration of personal and cultural conditioning and our economic selves, as well as our systems of exchange, in order to understand how we can be in the next economy in a way that supports and celebrates our human capacities.

John Bloom offers an argument for returning natural resources, work, and forms of capital to their origins as gifts rather than as commodities. By adopting such a framework, we can find a deeper meaning and purpose for stewarding these economic gifts on behalf of a more livable and interdependent future.

Location will be at the Millicent Library in the auditorium located at the Walnut St. Entrance. Begin Date is November 15th, 2023, at 6:30 pm- End date to be decided by the attendees.

## Compost Pumpkins

*Compost and smash, not trash pumpkins.*

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee is pleased to announce that this year community members can compost their pumpkins instead of throwing them in the trash.

Starting on Saturday, November 4th residents can bring their pumpkins to one of the three community gardens for composting. The three gardens are at Wood, East and Hastings Middle School. Each garden will have a marked location for composting the pumpkins. Composting pumpkins not only helps reducing waste from the trash but also will create garden compost for our gardens next year.

If people are not able to bring their pumpkins to the community gardens, find a small spot in your yard and smash the pumpkin, next spring you may see a new plant growing in that spot, a complete pumpkin circle.

Please remove any candles or lights and do not include any pumpkins with glitter or paint. For any questions please contact Ann Richard at [ann.richard@gmail.com](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Veterans Day Parade

Sat., 11/11, meet at 9:30 a.m., step off at 10 a.m. Parade route: Start at Benoit square along Main Street to Fairhaven High School where the big flag will be raised. In case of inclement weather, people will gather at the VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven.

Proudly supported by Veterans of Foreign Affairs Post 2892, Fairhaven Lions Club, Veterans Service Office.

All veterans are invited to march. If you are unable to march, you may ride in the Council on Aging van. Be at the COA/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), by 9 a.m., or call 508-979-4029.

For further information, contact Mike or Jane at 508-658-3719 or 508-202-4603.

## Tour Guides Needed

If you are confident speaking to groups in public, are able to communicate clearly, and are interested in local history, you might be just who the Fairhaven Office of Tourism is

looking for. Tourism Director Chris Richard is looking for a few good people who could serve as volunteer guides or presenters for some of the walking tours and historical programs that his office provides to the public from spring through the fall. Don't worry about whether or not you know about Fairhaven history. That can be learned quite easily. More important is the ability to capture the attention of the audience and give them a fun and informative experience.

The Office of Tourism provides regularly scheduled public tours from late spring to early fall. Custom tours are also arranged throughout the year for groups including school classes, clubs, assisted living groups, scout troops and other organizations.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer tour guide for the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, you may email Chris Richard at [fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call him at 508-979-4085.

## At The Millicent

The following events will be held at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible.

### Author John Bullard

Meet John Bullard, author of "Hometown," on Mon., 11/6, at 6 p.m. See ad on page 3.

### Rare Book Specialist

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing section, will give an in-person presentation on Wed., 11/8, at 6:00 pm at Millicent Library. Ken will discuss the value of old and rare books.

Ken, a rare book specialist and appraiser who is frequently seen on national TV, will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop, which goes back to circa 1825. He is a second-generation owner. Ken will discuss growing up in the book business, show some of his favorite finds while enjoying "the joy of the hunt," and explain how he appraises books and manuscripts. He has many fascinating anecdotes to share about private and institutional collecting as well as guidelines for building and maintaining a significant collection.

There is also a Q&A session at the conclusion of his talk. Following the talk and question-and-answer

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## STILL IN TOWN

session, Ken will give verbal appraisals of books participants have on hand.

For further information about this talk and more about book-collecting, appraisals, and future free and open talks, call the store toll-free at 800-447-9595, or visit their website, [www.brattlebookshop.com](http://www.brattlebookshop.com). To learn of some of Ken's more fun and unique finds, listen to Brattlecast, his new podcast: <http://www.brattlebookshop.com/brattlecast> (also available on iTunes: .

### Christmas Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding its annual Christmas Fair on Sat., 11/18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop a variety of gift giving items

from handmade Christmas decorations to uniquely knitted hats, scarves, mittens, socks, sweaters of all sizes including infants and children.

Come and enjoy lunch featuring Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and pastries as well as fresh lobster rolls, local scallops and fried chicken. Located at 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA where there is handicapped parking and accessibility.

### 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)

### Leaf Pickup

This year's curbside leaf collection in Fairhaven will be from November 7 through December 1. Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.

Leaves will be picked up the day after your regular trash day. After a holiday, collection will be one day later. Place leaves in boxes, barrels or paper leaf bags.

NO PLASTIC BAGS. Limit of 25 per stop. Brush and vines are NOT accepted. Contact the Board of Public Works office, 508-979-4031, for further information.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### NB Festival Theatre

New Bedford Festival Theatre (NBFT) is thrilled to announce "Oh, What A Night!" 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. 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 at (<https://tinyurl.com/chn7evf6>) or at [nbfestivaltheatre.com](mailto:nbfestivaltheatre.com)  
Contact [newbedfordft@aol.com](mailto:newbedfordft@aol.com).

### Science Cafe

Please join us for a New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 11/7, from 6-8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest, Kate O'Connor-Giles, the Provost Associate Professor of Brain Science at Brown University, will discuss "Designer Fruit Flies: Using CRISPR to Study Brain Development and Genetic Brain Disorders."

Ten years ago, the adaptation of CRISPR (a genome editing system that occurs naturally in bacteria to kill invading viruses) took the world by storm by giving researchers a

simple tool for gene editing and exploring genomes. We're extremely fortunate to have Kate as our guest, given that she and her collaborators were the first to develop CRISPR approaches for gene editing in fruit flies, a popular organism for biological research. She'll tell us about her lab's work to identify genes involved in neurodevelopment and how CRISPR has changed what is possible in the lab. She'll also answer our questions about where CRISPR came from and how it works, and outlooks for the future of gene editing.

Free parking in rear of building.  
Visit <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com>

### AHA! Night

Our next AHA! event on November 9th promises to be a special one, and we'd love to have YOU participate in our Made in NB: Art Mart & Gallery night in Custom House Square!

Thurs., 11/9, from 4-8 p.m., Custom House Square, Downtown New Bedford.

Why Participate?

Showcase your unique artwork or crafts; Network with other talented artists and potential customers. An opportunity for direct sales and commissions; Be part of New Bedford's vibrant art scene

We are currently seeking makers and creators of any kind to participate and make this event truly magical. If you're an artist, crafts-

person, or creative entrepreneur, we invite you to apply.

### Turkey Shoot

Join us for a target shoot on Sun., 11/19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., NB. \$1/lucky targe/3 shots. All ages accepted, no license required. Door prices, auction, 50/50 raffle, food, fun prizes. All profits to be donated to local charities. Visit <https://www.nbrrc.com/>.

Shooting: 25 targets per relay, prizes awarded to the highest score per relay. So, there are prizes all day long. Children's sized rifles and ammunition supplied.

### NB Preservation 50

The New Bedford Preservation Society is turning 50 in 2024. In celebration of the Society's upcoming 50th Anniversary we are initiating a 50/50 Campaign. We ask our supporters to donate \$50 dollars each with the goal of \$5000.

The NBPS has actively worked to add programs that our membership and the public can enjoy. We need your help to continue our many affordable and free programs that highlight the rich architectural heritage of the city and its history. Donations are tax deductible.

Visit our website <https://nbpreservationsociety.org/> or mail check to : NBPS P.O. Box 1618 New Bedford, MA 0271

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## Craft Fair

Craft Fair by St. Julie's Ladies Guild, Sat., 11/11, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Bishop Stang High School Gymnasium, 500 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747. (Next Door to St. Julie's)

Featuring Homemade Creative Crafts, holiday items, Beautiful Unique Handcrafted Items, That Special Gift, Country Auction & Crafter Raffles, Food & Desserts. Something for Everyone!

## Women's Self Defense

Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli is pleased to share that the Marion Police Department is sponsoring a two-session women's self-defense program on Mon. & Wed., 11/6 & 8, at

Marion Music Hall, 164 Front St..

Through demonstrations and interactions, participants will learn quick, effective defenses to the most common attacks. The program aims to empower women by helping them learn the best techniques to protect themselves and build confidence in self-defense.

The cost for the program is \$35. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the New Bedford Women's Center.

The program is open to all women ages 15 and older. Participants do not need to be Marion residents. Download the registration form at <https://tinyurl.com/5ef9d3zv>

The registration form and a check, made payable to the Marion Police Department, can be dropped off at the police station, 550 Mill St., or

mailed to: Marion Police Department, Attn: Lauren Roberts, 550 Mill Street, P.O. Box 636, Marion, MA 02738

Questions regarding the program or registration can be directed to Lauren Roberts at 508-748-1212 ext. 3310 or [lroberts@marionma.gov](mailto:lroberts@marionma.gov).

Attendees are reminded to wear comfortable clothing.

## Toy Drive

On Sat., 11/4, from 10:00am-12:00pm My Brother's Keeper, 1015 Reed Road, Dartmouth, will be hosting a Pop Your Trunk Drive to collect new, unwrapped Christmas toys for local families in need.

To donate or learn more about getting involved with My Brother's Keeper, visit [www. MyBrothersKeeper.org](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org) or call 774-305-4577.

## Veteran of Year celebration is 11/8

The Board of Directors of the Southeastern Massachusetts Veterans Housing Program, Inc., known as the Veterans Transition House (VTH), is pleased to announce the selection of William "Bill" Comeau as the 2023 Southeastern Mass. Veteran of the Year. Mr. Comeau is the 28th recipient of this award.

Bill served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Bill was drafted at age 19 in 1965 and shipped out to Vietnam in 1966. Serving in Vietnam until 1967, the Battle of Suoi Tre is the keynote battle of Bill's military career. Bill and his fellow soldiers faced 2,800 members of the Viet Cong in the Vietnam jungle during the Battle of Suoi Tre. Bill and his battalion arrived at the battle just in time to save the defenders. As artillerymen fired smoke rounds at the enemy in a commendable effort after running out of their explosives, Bill's unit came to their aid. 56 veterans earned Purple Hearts as a result of the Battle of Suoi Tre, and Bill's unit was one of three to receive the Presidential Unit Citation for their heroic actions that day.

When Bill left Vietnam, he doubted the achievements of his unit, and doubted they accomplished anything. However, after many years of research driven by his powerful passion for history, Bill learned that his company not only wrote commendable history but triumphed

overseas; an accomplishment admired to this day by those who also served in his unit. Among their accomplishments, Bill's unit produced the first Medic to be awarded the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War.

Upon returning home, Bill sought out camaraderie in his local branches of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and he is still a member of both today. He pursued a career at a local book manufacturer, settled down with his family, and in 2000, Bill embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime journey. Bill dedicated his time to locating the men he served with in Vietnam and formed Alpha Association, an organization created specifically for A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry of the 4th Infantry Division veterans. The organization grew to over 200 members, and Bill took special pride in providing a space for his comrades to share stories and memories from their service together. Since the year 2000, Bill served as President, Historian, Locator, Newsletter Publisher, and annual Reunion Organizer for Alpha Association. At its height, the Alpha Association located and signed up 240 veterans of his unit from their earlier tour in Vietnam. This number included family members of those veterans who were killed while serving in his company

during that period.

A military historian in his own right, Bill pioneered research into the histories of local veterans in the New Bedford area and championed for the rededications of multiple VFW Chapters. Additionally, Bill published "Duel with the Dragon at the Battle of Suoi Tre" in 2022 which is the first complete account of the events that transpired during the Battle of Suoi Tre March 21, 1967, which otherwise would never have come to the attention of the public.

Bill has been honored with the following awards and recognitions: the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal, and the Unit Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Oak Leaf. Later in life he was also awarded the Order of St. Maurice Legionnaire Medal by the National Infantry Association for his dedication and promotion of the United States Infantry. Finally, Bill was designated the last Regional Franco-American Society Veteran of the Year in 2017.

Bill will receive the 2023 Southeastern Massachusetts Veteran of the Year Award at a celebratory event held at Rachel's Lakeside, 950 State Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747, on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Jim Reid at (508) 992-5313 or [jim@vetshouse.org](mailto:jim@vetshouse.org).

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Registration deadline is Nov 15th.

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Grades K-6 Dates 12/26-12/29  
Time: 8am to 3pm. Instructors Fairhaven Rec staff Cost \$160  
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## **Fairhaven Council on Aging**

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

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### **Gobble On Over Happy Thanksgiving!**

Gobble on over to the Fairhaven COA for Thanksgiving Dinner, Thurs., 11/23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please call to reserve your seat by November 15. Call 508-979-4029.

### **Technology Classes**

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### **Memory Cafe**

Nov. 30, 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 11/27.

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 Tony & Pat. Lunch will be turkey with gravy.

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

### **Grieving During the Holidays Workshop**

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# Recipe of the Week

## Amish Breakfast Casserole

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- 1 pound bacon, diced
- 1 medium sweet onion, chopped
- 6 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 4 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
- 1 1/4 c Swiss cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

In a large skillet, cook the bacon and onion until the bacon is crisp.

In a large bowl, combine the eggs, hash browns, cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, and Swiss cheese. Stir in the bacon and onion mixture.

Pour the mixture into the baking dish.

Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean, about 35-40 minutes.

Remove the casserole from the oven and let it cool for 10 minutes.



# Dear Frankie

## Scared

Dear Frankie,  
My mom and I live alone. She has been sick for a couple of months and had to go to hospital three times in the middle of the night in an ambulance.

Before the ambulance arrived, she would try to reach a friend and ask if they would come and get me. But she wasn't always successful.

One time, a neighbor saw the ambulance and took me to her house; another time, I was left alone all night; the third time, a friend answered the phone and immediately came over.

But I never know where I will be staying or for how long. Worse yet, what will happen to me if she is too sick to return from the hospital and I never see her again? Besides having a broken heart, where will I go?

Dear Rags,

if she becomes too ill to care for you. She seems like a very responsible person. In the middle of a medical crisis, what is the first thing she thinks about after calling the ambulance? Finding someone to take care of you.

You need to stop fretting and share your concerns with her. If she hasn't made any arrangements for your future care, this would be the time for you to state what you would like to happen. Part of your conversation should also be about your mom's health.

Maybe this is just a tough medical time for her; months from now, she will return to her old self. You won't know until you ask.

Best, Frankie

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I suspect your mother has a plan

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# Old Norway Maple just had to come down

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Tree Warden Don Collasius said the town had to remove a 34 inch Norway Maple at 93 Fort Street that was dying.

Mr. Collasius said the crown had more than 50% dieback, a term that refers to the gradual deterioration of tree health. The tree was also dropping limbs and “flowering growth,” aka mushrooms growing on

the roots indicating below ground decay.

He said they tried pruning the deadwood out of the tree twice in the last two year to save it.



LEFT: This large Norway Maple on Fort Street in Fairhaven is about to be taken down on 10/26/23, due to decay that can be seen on a branch that is seven inches in diameter and the “flowering growth,” aka mushrooms, growing on the roots indicating below ground decay. MIDDLE: The decay can be seen on this branch that has very little foliage. RIGHT: Decay is obvious on the branches that dropped. Photos courtesy of Fairhaven Tree Warden.



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# Acushnet Fire Dept. holds open house despite the rain

By Beth David  
Editor

A little bit of rain did not stop the Acushnet Fire Department from holding its annual open house on Sunday, 10/29/23. Some of the activities moved inside the fire station, but the demonstrations still took place outside. Firefighters set up a few canopies so spectators could watch the car extraction, but Mother Nature also cooperated by sending a dry spell during the demonstration.

Dozens of people milled around the station, checked out the equipment on display in the parking lot, got treated to hamburgers and hot dogs, free drinks, and other activities for kids.

The equipment included a portable water tank for use where there are no hydrants close by. The tank is filled by the tanker and used by the pump truck, with the tankers on a constant loop run to the nearest hydrant to keep the tank filled.

Acushnet Scout Pack 51 showed kids how to make a bird feeder by smearing peanut butter on an ice cream cone and then rolling it in bird seed.

Young Stephen, whose father is a firefighter, watched the car extraction, not for the first time. He said the part when the glass shatters is his favorite part.

Youngsters also had a chance to operate the fire hose, with young

Bryce Silva giving it a thumbs up.

"It was super cool, and kind of hard," said Grayson Gildae.

He said he was able to aim at the cones, but it was a "little bit challenging" to hit them the way he wanted to.

Brody, who wants to be a firefighter, had a smile on his face as he operated the hose for the first time, and it was definitely fun, he said.

"Yeah, fun," said Bentley with great expression, who also operated the hose for the first time.

"We had a decent turnout in spite of the weather," said Chief Thomas Farland, who played the victim during the car crash demo, letting his guys haul him away on a gurney.



ABOVE LEFT: Kids have fun checking out the boat during the Acushnet Fire Department open house on Sunday, 10/29/23. ABOVE MIDDLE AND RIGHT: L-R: Maverick and his mom Tayla make a bird feeder by smearing peanut butter on an ice cream cone and then covering it with bird seed. BELOW LEFT: Acushnet firefighters remove the victim of a car crash who was trapped, played by Fire Chief Thomas Farland, during a demonstration. BELOW MIDDLE: It's hard to tell who's having more fun, Bentley or Acushnet Call Firefighter Zachary Stupalski, as they operate the fire hose. BELOW RIGHT: Bryce Silva mugs it up for the camera as he operates the hose. Photos by Beth David.



# Haunted Town Hall has something for everyone



Fairhaven TV's 6th annual Haunted Halloween Party on 10/26/23, treated everyone to a free, safe and fun environment to trick-or treat. The event had something for everyone, including freaky photo booth, costume contest, Halloween movies, ghoulish games, community tables, and more, with more than 500 children, most in costume, enjoying the evening's festivities. ABOVE LEFT: The Volkswagen "Bug Attack" is on a display at Fairhaven TV's 6th Annual Haunted Halloween Party at Town Hall on 10/26/23. *Photo by Jared Melanson.* MIDDLE: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist Rona Trachtenberg, Flotilla 65 Staff Officer for Public Affairs, poses next to Skelly, the life-jacketed skeleton, and Wednesday, aka Alanah Murphy. *Submitted photo by Charlie Murphy.* RIGHT: The crowd is gathered in the town hall auditorium for the festivities. *Photo courtesy of Jessica Fidalgo.*

## Fairhaven's Fire Engine 2 is in service

### Press Release

The Fairhaven Fire Department announces our new Engine 2 has been delivered and officially placed into service. This new Engine will replace a 1983 Open Cab Ford 8000 Ranger.

Our department's apparatus working group, led by Lt. Josh Benoit, designed this American-made 2023 E-One Typhoon top-mount pumper. The apparatus has been custom-designed for the Town of Fairhaven to handle the many hazards we respond to daily.

The new Engine 2 is in the process of being certified as a Class V Ambulance. This certification will enable the crew to provide advanced life support to our citizens while awaiting a mutual-aid ambulance. In addition to fire suppression and



Advanced Life Support services, Engine 2 is equipped for hazardous materials, oil spills, technical rescue, and natural disaster responses.

The total cost of Engine 2 is

\$632,000.00. The Fairhaven Fire Department applied for and was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). This grant, funded by the Department of Homeland Security, covered 94% of the vehicle costs, relieving local taxpayers of the burden. We also would like to thank Congressman Bill Keating, who continues to fight annually for the FEMA/AFG grant and the needs of the fire service.

The Fairhaven Fire Department would like to thank Greenwood Emergency Vehicles out of North Attleboro, E-One Emergency Vehicles, the Town of Fairhaven administrators, the Finance Committee, and Town Meeting Members for their support during this endeavor.



TOP & ABOVE: Fairhaven Fire Department's Engine 2, a custom-designed 2023 E-One Typhoon top-mount pumper, is officially in service as of October, 2023, replacing a 1983 Ford 8000 Ranger. *Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.*

# Obituary



## Leonard F. Tchorz

Leonard F. Tchorz, 95, of Fairhaven died peacefully on October 20, 2023 at St. Luke's Hospital with his family by his side.

He was the husband of the late Diane M. (Heise) Tchorz.

Born and raised in New Bedford, he lived in Fairhaven most of his adult

life.

He was formerly employed as a commercial fisherman on several vessels in the New Bedford fleet and retired from the Steamship Authority.

Mr. Tchorz enjoyed recreational fishing, yardwork, cooking and camping.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his 4 sons, Steven "Skip" Tchorz and his wife Becky of Selmer, TN, John Tchorz and his wife Kimberly of Carlsbad, CA, Tom Tchorz and his wife Pamela of New Bedford and David Tchorz and his partner Kati Alley of Oak Bluffs; 2 daughters, Shelley Molnar of Warren, NJ and Susan Tchorz of Fairhaven; 2

sisters, Anne Barboza and Kathleen Castello, both of Florida; 9 grandchildren, Haylie, Brett, Kayla, Jared, Kristen, Andrew, Matthew, Steven, Jr. and Greg; 5 great-grandchildren, Katherine, Bonnie, Spencer, Sasha and Steven III and several nieces and nephews.

He was the father of the late Sandra King, the brother of the late Michael Almeida and Francis Almeida, great-grandfather of the late Aleksandr Pfersich and the father-in-law of the late Michael Molnar.

His visiting hours will be held on Friday, November 10th from 4-7 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford.

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so the town decided to use another method.

Article 4 asks Town Meeting to rescind the vote from the 5/22/23 annual TM that authorized borrowing \$610,000 for an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance. The town needed to show it had the funds to be able to order the ambulance. The plan all along had been to use free cash if possible. There is adequate free cash available, so the town will use that instead of borrowing.

Other capital expenses that will use free cash include \$63,000 for a new Dodge Durango or Chevrolet Tahoe for the Fire Chief; \$41,128 to close out the leases on two Chevrolet Bolts.

The town will also ask for \$15,721 for a Chrysler Voyager for the Council on Aging, purchased through the Mass. Department of Transportation Community Transit Grant Program. The town's share is 20% of the total.

Article 6 asks for \$92,000 from free cash and the ambulance fund for two Cardiac Monitors (AEDs) for the ambulances. The units also act as defibrillators, and will replace the current monitors which have reached the end of their useful life of 10 years.

Article 14 will authorize the Selectboard to sell the Russell Memorial Library building using the RFP (Request for Proposals) process. Using the RFP process will allow the board to impose any number of restrictions on the building, including historical restrictions, use restrictions, etc. The RFP process requires public evaluation of proposals.

Article 15 will authorize the Selectboard to sell or authorize reuse of town parcels under 20,000 square feet using the RFP process.

Town Meeting will also be asked to transfer \$100,000 from free cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund;

\$200,000 to the OPEB trust account (for retirees benefits);

The Golf Committee is asking for a transfer of \$125,000 for various capital repair and replacement projects at the Golf Course, including irrigation system repairs; cart path repairs; equipment replacement.

Article 11 asks Town Meeting to change the Special Permit time limit back to two years. During the pandemic the state increased the limit to three years. The change also allows flexibility in granting extensions. The change will prohibit some projects from being "on the shelf" for too long.

Town Meeting will also be asked to approve changes to the collective bargaining agreements for three unions.

The TM warrant is available on the town's website at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/home/news/special-fall-town-meeting-warrant-11623>

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
and Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm  
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
To access remotely Log onto:  
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### REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR CPA FUNDING

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct two nights of Public Hearings to review twelve (12) applications for FY25 CPA funds that the CPC is reviewing for eligibility and whether to recommend to the Annual Town Meeting in 2024. The following applications will be reviewed on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023:**

1. BPW - Walnut Street Sidewalk - Remove and reinstall the historic brick sidewalk and remove trees (\$175,000 request);
2. BPW - Phoenix Rail Trail Handicapped Accessible Table - Add an accessible table at the Bike Path at the intersection of South and Main (\$5,000 request);
3. BPW - Macomber Park BMX Track - Create a new BMX bike track along the north side of Macomber Park (\$370,207 request);
4. Cushman Park Pathways - Extend the paved path that goes around the park to the north and east sides of the running track (\$36,000 request);
5. Fairhaven Tennis Association - Cushman Park Court Repair and Resurfacing - For the tennis courts at Cushman Park (\$80,000 request);
6. Fairhaven Tennis Association - Livesey Park Court Repair and Resurfacing - For the tennis and basketball courts, and the street hockey rink at Livesey Park (\$97,000 request);
7. Fairhaven Housing Authority - Window Replacement at Anthony Haven - Replace all 75 windows (\$100,000 request).

The following applications will be reviewed on **Thursday, November 16, 2023:**

8. Town Hall - Town Hall Repairs to the Retaining Wall, Stairs, Doors, and Exterior Caulking (\$370,000 request);
9. Fairhaven High School - Boiler Room Roof Replacement - Replace the boiler room's existing ballasted EPDM roof with a new PVC roof. (\$92,700 request);
10. Millicent Library - Electrical Upgrades - Upgrade to an 800 amp electrical system, create a new main electrical room, and replace and relocate the panels as necessary (\$385,672 request);
11. BBC - Carvalho Woods Conservation Project - To

purchase a conservation restriction on a 5.75 acre vacant lot at 144 Shaw Road (\$110,000 request);

12. Fairhaven Rec Center - Recreation Center Playground Rehabilitation - Address the issues with safety and drainage, establish better maintainability, and increase ADA compliance at the Rec Center playground (\$159,230 request).

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Town's CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee/pages/cpc-fy25-applications-received-102023>

Paul DiGiuseppe, Director  
Department of Planning & Economic Development  
FNN - 10/26/23, 11/2/23

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday November 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room  
or via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

1. REF#: ZBA-023-043: 4 David Drown Blvd, Map 28, Lot 22E. Applicant: Robert Ferreira. Owner: Ajar Holdings LLC. Applicant seeks a Variance from the maximum building coverage of 25% to a proposed 27.7% after constructing an 85 ft. by 145 ft. addition to the building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
2. REF#: ZBA-023-044: 11 Lawton Street, Map 6, Lots 52-53. Applicants and Owners: Brenda L & Nuno J Ferreira. Applicants seek a 3.4 ft. Variance to build a 10 ft. by 21.09 ft. master bath addition 6.6 ft. from the side property line as compared to the minimum 10 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
3. REF#: ZBA-023-045: 50 Rodman Street, Map 25, Lot 211. Applicant and Owner: Matthew Varao. Applicant seeks 1. A 10 in. Variance for a second story addition to an existing 20.2 ft. by 20.3 ft. garage to be 20 ft. 10 in. tall, as compared to the maximum 20 ft. height allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and uses, A. (2), and 2. a Variance for the proposed second story addition to be an Accessory Dwelling Unit on a 6,867 sq. ft. lot as compared to the

minimum 22,500 sq. ft. lot size requirement, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.1 Accessory Dwelling Units, A.

4. REF#: ZBA-023-046: 16 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 98A. Applicant: Jason Lanagan. Owner: Cullen North Walker Street LLC. Applicant seeks 1. A Variance to create a lot with 84.81 ft. of frontage from a non-conforming lot with a pre-existing restaurant building, as compared to the minimum 100 ft. of frontage, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-17 Intensity of Use Regulations, B. and Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule and 2. A Variance to create a lot with 41 ft. of frontage from a non-conforming lot with a pre-existing restaurant building as compared to the minimum 100 ft. of frontage, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-17 Intensity of Use Regulations, B. and Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 10/26/23, 11/2/23

## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.**

- **Public Hearing - NOI - Andrew & Aryana Gomes - Tripp's Way, Map 8, Portion of Lots 25, 25E & 25F. SE 001-XXXX.** A Notice of Intent was filed by Andrew & Aryana Gomes for property located at Tripp's Way, Map 8, Portion of Lots 25, 25E & 25F - Subdivision Lot 2. The applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling, in-ground swimming pool and driveway, installation of a well, septic system and underground utilities, fill and grading with the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System - Site Plan" dated October 24, 2023.

- **Public Hearing - Stormwater - Robert Roderiques/Hayes & Garfield Street, Map 15, Lot 372.** A Stormwater Permit Application has been filed by Robert Roderiques for property located at Hayes & Garfield Street, Map 15 Lot 372. The applicant proposes to construct four (4) residential homes with driveways and stormwater management facilities. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is Site Plan Village Green at Hayes Street & Garfield Street dated July 28, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent  
FNN 11/2/23

## From our readers

### Freedom: Fight and Pray for It or Lose It

Words fail to describe the brutality unleashed on the Jewish nation. Some of the graphic pictures can only portray just come of the horror where little children and women were targeted, raped and killed.

This should serve as a wakeup call to us Americans. To the danger and threat of this radical set of jihadists who call for the destruction of Israel and the killing of Americans. They are funded by Iranian extremists whose goals is to eradicate Israel and kill Americans. The America equal to this is 911 when 3000 died. This, however, pales when compared to 911 and on an equal basis, 35,000 Americans would have died.

There are striking differences in

the methods used. The 911 attack required only a small group of radical fanatics. In contrast, this operation was planned and funded on a vastly larger scale. They had the funds and capability that was provided by Iran. Think about thousands of rockets being launched, police stations being overrun.

This shows the fanatical intent and the determination of these jihadists whose goal is to kill the infidels. This fanatical notion was instilled by a lifetime of indoctrination where Jews and Americans were portrayed as the enemy and their mission in life was to kill them.

Sadly, we see this happening on a similar basis in many of our schools and universities where America is being portrayed as a repressive

society. We are not perfect. Our treatment of the Indians was shameful and we had slavery. This can't be denied, however mindful of this no nation has our form of government where the rights of the individual are protected as enshrined in our constitution and bill of rights. We have this only because of the men and women who fought and died to protect them.

I believe unless we Americans wake up and take action it will happen here. In many respects Israel is our front line of defense. Much of Iran's attention and military hardware has been diverted to Hamas instead of us. They also supply many of the rockets to Russia which uses them against Ukraine.

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In large measure the Biden administration is responsible for this attack. His foreign policy has been weak and feckless. Starting with Afghanistan, the worst debacle in American history, this set in motion a chain of events that led up to the invasion of Ukraine, the aggression of Russia, and China the buildup of Iran. If we don't action soon they will have the atom bomb and the missiles to deliver them.

When president Trump was in office it was American first. He clearly understood that peace was never achieved through appeasement and concession, only when you enemy fears and respects you. He destroyed ISIS which killed thousands and repressed many in the middle east and was a great threat to us. Confronted Kim Jong Un of North Korea. He told him had a bigger

button and he put two aircraft carriers off his coast. He backed down. Most importantly, he crippled Iran's economy thereby crippling their development of the atomic bomb. Stopped most of their funding of terrorist operations. He rebuilt our military, America was respected and feared.

Do I need to go on? Iran is awash in funds and Biden has done nothing to enforce the restrictions on Iran to sell its oil. Thereby they have the funds to support their terrorist operations.

Biden made some speeches supporting Israel. I heard no real passion or resolve in them. Tony Blinken, Secretary of State, was asked about the six billion dollars that was released to Iran. he wavered on it saying it was their money. If this is an indication of what their policy is, we are in deep trouble.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

**Belonging Committee**  
Thurs., 11/2, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

**Bikeway Committee**  
Thurs., 11/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Board of Appeals**  
Tues., 11/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Board of Public Works**  
Mon., 11/13, Arsene St., 5:30 p.m.

**Conservation Comm**  
Mon., 11/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Marine Resources Comm.**  
Thurs., 11/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**School Committee**  
Wed., 12/13, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

**Select Board**  
Mon., 11/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Special Town Meeting**  
Tues., 11/14, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

### Acushnet

**Board of Assessors**  
Fri., 11/3, Town Hall, 4:15 p.m.

**Planning Board**  
Thurs., 11/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Special Town Meeting**  
Mon., 11/6, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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Thursday	2	1151	----	0440	1722
Friday	3	0023	1247	0518	1803
Saturday	4	0122	1344	0604	1912
Sunday	5	0118	1338	0618	2117
Monday	6	0211	1431	0942	2211
Tuesday	7	0307	1530	1041	2249
Wednesday	8	0405	1628	1122	2235
Thursday	9	0455	1715	1144	2242
Friday	10	0535	1754	1134	2310
Saturday	11	0611	1830	1154	2341
Sunday	12	0647	1907	----	1225
Monday	13	0724	1948	0017	1303
Tuesday	14	0806	2032	0057*	1348*
Wednesday	15	0852	2119	0143*	1434*
Thursday	16	0939	2209	0232*	1518*
Friday	17	1031	2304	0321*	1603*

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# Fairhaven ACO rescues raccoon caught in trap

By Beth David  
Editor

Most people know that some types of animal traps are not allowed in Massachusetts. But even those that are allowed can have unintended consequences.

Last week, a raccoon got a rat trap stuck on its paw and had to be

rescued by Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps.

"I never would have thought that I would be in a bucket truck 30 feet in the air when I started the shift this morning," wrote Mr. Cripps on Facebook last Tuesday, 10/24/23.

He said a local tree service discovered the raccoon in a tree with the

trap on its front paw.

"I was able to secure him on a pole and remove the trap from his paw," wrote Mr. Cripps. "He was released back into the wild. He didn't say thank you but I'm sure he appreciated it."

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/trapping-information> for information on traps.



LEFT: This little guy is trapped in a tree with a rat trap on its front paw, requiring a rescue by Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps on 10/24/23.

RIGHT: The rat trap that the little guy had stuck on his paw.

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