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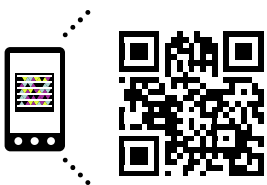
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Huttleston Marketplace wraps up for season



Barbara and Doug Bingham of B&B Originals staff their booth at the last Huttleston Marketplace of the season on 9/28/24. Photo by Beth David. The marketplace runs from mid-May to the end of September and features only original crafters.



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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Well, one sign of fall is here: the annual Fire Department Open House, coming up this Sunday (see page 3).

It's lots of fun, with free pizza and really cool demonstrations. If it's not too windy, they'll even burn a little building. Now, who doesn't love that?

And it's all completely free, and you don't even have to take a kid with you to go.

There are a lots of other events in the next few days, too. See pages 3 5, 6, 7 for both indoor and outdoor stuff all happening in the whole area.

Acushnet held a special Town Meeting this week. See page 12 for the hot topics that came up. Mostly, it was a quick work, but it did have its moments.

The Fairhaven Select Board held an extra meeting this week, too (see page 4).

They revamped the Planning, Conservation, and Tree Departments, creating a Director of Land Use position. That was basically it. The rest was all executive session stuff.

Have I mentioned lately how much I hate executive session?

There's a Bald Eagle in Acushnet. I hear one has been spotted in Fairhaven, too. I haven't seen one yet. Considering they can fly 800 miles in a day, it's possible everyone is seeing the same bird. Or, maybe there are a couple of them. All I know for sure is that Mike Ouimette of Acushnet got a fabulous shot of one. See page 13 for that. And, if you spot on in these parts and get a picture, please send it in.

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

Until next week then, see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Upcoming events include Fire Department open house



Fairhaven Fire Department Open House

Join the Fairhaven Fire Department on Sun., 10/6 from 1-3 p.m. for an open house with lots of demonstrations and giveaways, 144 Washington St., Fairhaven, 508-994-1428.

Featuring: vehicle extrication, live fire demo (weather dependent), fire

extinguisher demo, free pizza, Sparky the Fire Dog, and more!



Communication Board Unveiling

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability will hold an unveiling ceremony of the new communication board at the playground at Livesey Park, Glenhaven Street, on Mon., 10/7, at 5 p.m.

Library Strategic Planning – Community Focus Groups

The Millicent Library is thrilled to announce the launch of a series of community focus groups as part of its strategic planning process. This initiative offers an exciting opportunity

to shape the future of library services for the Fairhaven community.

The first of two in person focus groups will be held on Monday, October 7, at 6:30 PM in the Rita E. Steele Auditorium at the library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, Mass. (use Walnut St. entrance).

All community members are invited to participate and share their thoughts on how the library can evolve to better meet the needs of the community.

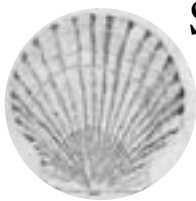
This is your chance to help identify opportunities and challenges as the library works to strengthen services and best support the informational, cultural, recreational and educational needs of the community.

Whether you're a frequent library user or a first-time visitor, your input is invaluable in helping the library create a roadmap for future growth and service improvements.

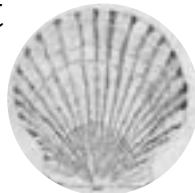
A second in person and a separate Zoom focus group will be announced soon. Additionally, the library will be releasing a survey in the coming weeks to gather even more community feedback.

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Fairhaven restructures planning/conservation/tree depts.

By Beth David
Editor

After a lengthy discussion at the 9/23/24 Fairhaven Select Board meeting, members voted to approve the restructuring of the Planning Department, Conservation Department, and Tree Department, essentially appointing Bruce Webb to run all three departments.

Mr. Webb is the town's Conservation Agent, but he has been acting as the town's Director of Planning and Economic Development, and the Tree Warden while those positions are unfilled.

The changes create the position of Director of Land Use (Planning/Conservation & Sustainability, CPA: Community Preservation Act); creates the position of Assistant Conservation Agent; and makes the Administrative Assistant Planning/Conservation a full time position.

The result would be a \$22,080 reduction in salary costs for the town.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison told the board that it has been difficult to fill some positions, most

notably the Planner position.

She said support staff is only part time now, so increasing those hours will help to make the restructure work.

SB member Andrew Romano said he read all the job descriptions and was concerned that they were putting too much on one person. Although Mr. Webb is capable of doing all the jobs, Mr. Romano said he was concerned with what would happen if Mr. Webb left.

Mr. Romano said the planning director position has a "pretty hefty job description."

He said he did not know if it would be in the best interest of the town in the long run to abandon the search for a planning director. He said he felt it was a great temporary solution.

SB member Andrew Saunders said the concept of bigger government did not sit well with him. He liked the idea of combining two positions.

SB member Charles Murphy said it was time to think outside the box.

"No one is knocking down the doors to be the planning director," said Mr. Murphy.

SB member Keith Silvia said they should give Mr. Webb a shot.

SB chairperson Stasia Powers said she was also concerned about overwhelming one person.

Mr. Webb told the board he felt he could handle the responsibilities because things are running more smoothly with the Conservation Commission, and he was confident the increased hours for staff would make the difference. He said the Tree Warden position does not take much time because the public works department does the actual tree work.

"I can count the number of ours this position has required on one hand," said Mr. Webb.

In the end the board voted 4-1 to make the change with Mr. Romano voting "no."

The board met in executive session to "conduct strategy session in preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel: Town Administrator."

The board also met in executive session to review the minutes of the

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**UU Society of Fairhaven
welcomes all!**

**10 a.m. Oct. 6: 'Listen
to Your Body'**

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in Harrop Center, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Breakfast/Bake Sale Blessing of Pets

On Sun., 10/6, at St. Mary's Parish, 440 Main St., Fairhaven.

Breakfast/Raffle/Bake Sale

Annual Family Breakfast ~ Raffle ~ Bake Sale. 8:30 am to 11:30 am. In Parish Hall. Breakfast consists of Eggs, potatoes, ham, sausage, pancakes, plain or blueberry, fruit cup, juice, coffee or tea or hot chocolate. Still a bargain at \$10 for Adults \$5 for children 5 to 10 yrs old, under 5 no cost. Tickets available after Masses and at the rectory until Thurs., 10/3. Raffle items for everyone, including sets of 3 tickets to Providence Bruins, gift baskets, gift cards and so much more. Bake sale will have a delicious array of cakes, cookies, scones and more.

Blessing of the Pets

12 noon in front of the church. Remember all pets must be leashed or in pet carriers. You can even bring a photo of your pet to be blessed if he or she would rather stay home. Prayer cards and certificates, to be personalized by their human, will be available. Free will donation accepted.

FREE Budget Class

Ready to Save for the Holidays? Join Our FREE Workshop!

Christmas is coming—how are you saving? Join us for a fun and practical workshop where we'll dive into different Savings Challenges that will help you start saving now!

Plus, we'll discuss how to budget for your holiday meal so it doesn't break your wallet come Christmas.

Mondays, 5–6 p.m., at Fairhaven Rec Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (behind Stop & Shop).

Plan ahead, save smart, and enjoy a stress-free holiday season. Don't miss out—start preparing now!

Movie Making Class

Fri., 10/11, 6:30 p.m., The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts, 34 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Doors open at 6:00 pm, \$5 (additional donations are much appreciated!). Visit <https://theshepherdcenter.org/> for tickets.

Join us for an engaging and insightful master class that delves into the filmmaking process behind

Sweet Freedom, a 25-minute historical drama set in 1839 New Bedford. Led by writer/director Alyssa Botelho and featuring producer Carley Byers, cinematographer Sean Campbell, editor Nick Doyle, and costume designers Claudia Negalha & Debra Borges Roderick, this session will offer a behind-the-scenes look at how the film was brought to life.

Designed to be both informative and entertaining for people of all experience levels, the master class will combine practical advice with creative concepts. You'll see real examples from *Sweet Freedom*, including behind-the-scenes footage and clips from the film, as each member of the team shares their expertise—from crafting a compelling story and capturing stunning visuals to creating authentic period costumes and fine-tuning the final cut.

Whether you're new to filmmaking or a seasoned pro, you'll leave with valuable takeaways to apply to your own creative journey.

*This is a no alcohol, no smoking, no vaping, and no open flame facility.

Flu Clinic

Fairhaven Health Department Flu Vaccine Clinics Standard and High-Dose Flu Vaccines Available!

Walk-in Clinic – No Appointment Necessary

Tues., 10/8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA

Please bring your health insurance card. Vaccines available for all members of the public, ages 18 and older.

For more information, call us at 508-991-6199. Stay protected this flu season!

In-Home Flu Vaccinations Available!

Residents of Acushnet, Fairhaven, and New Bedford who are 18+ and have difficulty getting to a community vaccination site can now receive flu vaccinations in the comfort of their home.

Call 508-991-6199 to schedule an appointment or learn more.

Stay healthy and protect yourself this flu season!

Parish Bake Sale

St. Joseph Church, 74 Spring St.,

Fairhaven, side entrance.

Sat., 10/12, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sun., 10/13, 7 a.m. to noon

Sales & Donations are welcome before & after all Masses. We also have, great books for sale.

Halloween Swap

Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 11th.

On October 12th at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

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

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

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Kids Fest

Join us for Kids Fest, Sat., 10/12, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn,, 141 Main St. at Rte 6, Fairhaven. Featuring pumpkin painting, climbing wall, craft vendors, costume swap, come in costume and play costume bingo, and many other activities, special guests, entertainment.

Sponsored by Millicent Library Youth Services and The Fairhaven Recreation Department.

GOP Meeting

Please consider attending the Fairhaven Republican town meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 6pm.

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 32 Abbey Street Fairhaven. We may have current candidates for Statewide office show up to speak, based on their campaign schedules. Get current relevant information on candidates, upcoming events, ballot questions, town issues and current petition initiatives. Meet new friends, get involved and most importantly have your voice heard by participation in good government.

Food Truck Beer Fest

Sat., 10/5, noon, Fort Taber, 1000 S Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744. Featuring some of the area's most popular food trucks dishing out fan favorites such as lobster and street food nachos, Portuguese/American Culinary Fusion, dessert pizzas, BBQ, fresh juice and smoothies and more!

Visit <https://www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com/new-bedford>

Black History

An afternoon of poetic pros and symphonic sounds will take over Abolition Row Park as the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, New Bedford Historical Society, and New Bedford Symphony Orchestra come together to present "Lift Us Up: An Afternoon Interlude."

Abolition Row Park will come alive at this free event from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, with the poetry and music of contemporary Black and Latino creatives Iva Brito, Hendrick Hernandez-Resto, and Maia Livramento in collaboration with musicians from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra.

Hetty's Here!

A little more than a century ago, Hetty Green, born in Bedford Village (New Bedford), was the wealthiest woman in America. Though she inherited a small amount of money from her whaling wealthy family, she earned financial fame as the first successful woman trading in Wall Street, but remembered by many as the "Witch of Wall Street." Brave and brilliant, Hetty left between \$100 million and \$200 million to her son, Colonel Ned and her daughter, Sylvia.

The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park at 33 William Street will offer an introduction to Hetty's life and legacy at 1 p.m. on the following Sundays. Free admission.

- 10/6 Hetty's Herstory: Her life in Bedford Village, her family, marriage and learning the men's world of finance.

- 11/3 Hetty and \$\$\$: Shrewd and determined, she had her own savings account at eight years old and grew into real estate, loaning, stocks and bonds. Yet she often offered low

interest loans, especially to churches.

- 12/1 When she died in 1916, her enormous wealth was inherited by her son and daughter, but the money disappeared in one generation.

Irene Duprey-Gutierrez, a 27-year National Park volunteer, portrays Mrs. Hetty Green.

Chowder Fest

One SouthCoast Chamber is thrilled to announce that tickets for the 19th Annual Blount Fine Foods New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival are now available for purchase. This highly anticipated event will take place on Sat., 10/12 at City Pier 3 in New Bedford, featuring a variety of chowders, soups, live entertainment, and activities for all ages.

The Chowder Festival has become a staple in the community, bringing together locals and visitors to celebrate New Bedford's rich maritime heritage. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample an array of chowders and soups from local chefs and restaurants, all competing for your vote.

In addition to the culinary tastings, the festival will offer live music by Be Kind Rewind, family-friendly activities, and opportunities to connect with local vendors and businesses. It's an event that promises to provide fun and flavor for everyone.

For more information about Chowderfest, please visit <https://onesouthcoast.com/chowderfest/>

Pumpkin Parade

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), 396 County St., New Bedford, presents its annual family-friendly event The Great Pumpkin Parade in the Museum's garden on Thurs., 10/10 from 4-7 p.m.

Visitors to the grounds can see a display of Jack-O-Lanterns carved by local school students and artists. At 5:30pm, Cool Banana Wig performs, bringing kids up to play a variety of unique homemade instruments built by the band. Inside the mansion, children can participate in a scavenger hunt with prizes. Costumes are welcome.

The event has a suggested donation of \$5 for individuals and \$10 per family. This event is also part of AHA

night. Should anyone want to contribute a carved pumpkin for display at the Parade, jack-o-lanterns should be dropped off Wednesday, October 9, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., or between 9 a.m. and noon, the day of the event, October 10. For more information, contact the RJD at 508-997-1401, or visit the Museum's web site: rjdmuseum.org.

AHA! Night

Music is at the heart of every AHA! Night, and so we're delighted to welcome you to AHA! Night: Art in Tune, on Thurs., 10/10, sponsored by BayCoast Bank. There is something for everyone at this free, family-friendly event, including art, crafts, demonstrations, and, of course, music! AHA! is a monthly FREE celebration of arts & culture in Downtown New Bedford. Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

- For this month's AHA! Seaport Sessions, enjoy Brazilian jazz courtesy of Lori Gomes and "Hercules" Tomar Lobo. Our host will be Lori's own Union Beauty.
- Listen to Debra Cowan's (traditional and sometimes bawdy!) maritime music at New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.
- Learn about cabinets of curiosities from Beth Jones, the newest Artist-in-Residence at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.
- Share your favorite fossil finds and learn from fellow fossil enthusiasts at the NB Whaling Museum.
- Learn about—and taste—plant-based recipes from award-winning cookbook author Terry Walters at The Drawing Room.
- See a live film set, learn about the set dressing process, and meet the cast and crew of the new series, "Davina, The Delivery Witch" at the CO+ Creative Center.
- Stop by museums, galleries, and shops open late.
- More being added every day.

SAVE THE DATE:

Craft Fair

New Bedford's Whaling City Catholic Community Annual Vendor and Craft Harvest Fair, Holy Name Parish Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant Street, Sat., 10/19 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sun., 10/20, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Accessible.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Firelight Phantoms

Old Sturbridge Village will transform into a realm of haunted history and spellbinding performances this October with the opening of "Phantoms by Firelight" on October 4. Running every weekend until October 27, the spooktacular Halloween event brings twelve nights of enchanting entertainment, thrilling new attractions and a lineup of distinguished performers.

Guests can expect a stunning array of live performances, featuring hand balancing, fire breathing, breathtaking aerial acrobatics, and Cyr wheel acts. New attractions this year include a labyrinth winding through the dark countryside, eerie carnival games, and haunting tales of historical tragedies.

The event will be open from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on event nights. Discounted tickets are available for members (\$28 Adult / \$14 Youth) and the public (\$34 Adult / \$16 Youth) until October 3. After opening night, tickets will be available at the door for \$40 Adult / \$20 Youth or can be purchased online in advance for \$36 Adult / \$18 Youth.

For more details and to buy tickets, please visit <https://www.osv.org/event/phantoms-by-firelight/>.

At Mattapoissett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

Flu Clinic

Tues., 10/8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Public Health Nursing Office is hosting a Flu Vaccination Clinic. High and regular doses will be available. Please remember to wear a short-sleeved top and bring your insurance cards. Participants must pre-register before arriving at the clinic. To register, please visit <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/mattapoissett?site=mattapoissett-library>. If you have questions or need assistance with registration, contact the Public Health Nursing Office at 508-758-4118 or the COA at 508-758-4110.

Author Event

Tues., 10/8, 6 p.m. Our Purrington Fall Author Series continues with local author Ben Shattuck. Ben will discuss his new book of short stories,

"The History of Sound," on Tues., 10/8, at 6 PM. Shattuck, a former Teaching-Writing Fellow and graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop, is a recipient of several writing awards.

Copies of his new book will be available for purchase at the event.

Powwow

Wampanoag Experience Powwow Hosted at Round the Bend Farm (RTB) on the Southcoast on Oct. 5, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 92 Allens Neck Road, S. Dartmouth, MA 02748 S08.938.5127; roundthebendfarm.org

This powwow will be a reflection of the wonderful Native nation whose members are still living in the community where we farm and create community. It will highlight Native skills and practices, history, food, and arts & crafts. The wetu, a traditional home of the Wampanoag people, will be our central point, this one built at RTB in 2022 by Mashpee Wampanoag Annawon Weeden and RTB community members. Annawon, Eleanor "Toodie" Coombs and Gertrude "Kitty" Hendricks-Miller, both Mashpee Wampanoag women, and several, non-Native RTB teammates have joined forces in organizing this wonderful, bridge-building event.

This powwow will feature Native American demonstrations including: a Wampanoag cooking demo by Toodie Coombs; a Wampum demo by Darius Coombs; a milkweed spinning demo with Aquinnah Wampanoag artist Elizabeth James Perry; Storytelling by Mother Bear; Drumming by Wicozani, a performance by the Wampanoag Singers and Dancers; and beautiful craft vendors and Native American children's activities.

In addition, there will be a farmers market with local food and wares, local non-profits leading children's activities and an engagement area, and local non-profit organizations sharing their knowledge around environmental & social justice work, including the Native Conservancy Council. This group is a pillar in the Native community and RTB wants them to have space to educate, prosper, and share in our community!

We are very excited that Jade and her team from Sly Fox Den will be cooking up a storm, serving authentic Indigenous cuisine, while our own chef Shaun will be making a variety of farm-fresh lunch items for purchase.

Tickets on the Round the Bend Farm website, <https://roundthebendfarm.org>. General admission is \$5 and kids 10 years and younger are free.

Play

The MAC Theater is pleased to present Sarah Ruhl's *Becky Nurse of Salem*, a dark comedy, directed by Brie Riccio. Show dates are October 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 2024 in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, 80 Pleasant St., Marion. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30pm and Sunday shows start at 2:00pm.

Out of work and out of love, Becky Nurse is an ordinary but strong-willed grandmother just trying to get by in post-Obama America. She's also the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Rebecca Nurse, who was infamously executed for witchcraft in 1692 – but things have changed for women since then, haven't they? Desperate to raise her troubled teenaged granddaughter right (and hoping to hook up with an old flame), Becky visits a local witch for help. But those spells and potions don't work out exactly as planned.

Tickets, just \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers, can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/events. The MAC is also a participant in Mass Cultural Council's card to culture program. Learn more on the online ticket page.

SAVE THE DATE:

Salty's Soiree

Join us on Saturday October 19th from 5:30 - 7:30pm for an evening of fun, family-friendly, fall activities! Salty's Soiree takes place at Dunseith Park on the corner of Rt. 6 and North St. in Mattapoissett (aka Salty the Seahorse Park). We will have storytelling by the wonderful Karen Chace, live music by Jeff Dunn, a toasty bonfire, and plenty of s'mores making materials!

Please park in the village and walk, do not drive, to the soiree; there will not be parking available at Dunseith. Bring a flashlight with you to find your way back to your car at the end of the night. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date for the event is Sund., 10/20, same time and place.

You won't want to miss this quintessential autumn evening. This is great for all ages (the stories aren't too spooky)! All are welcome!



COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

From Thursday through Monday we have a fun and wine-filled Columbus Day weekend lined up at the vineyard!

Thursday, Oct. 10th

Fall Painted Pumpkin
Maker Session

from 6-8

Tickets
Required

Friday, Oct. 11th

Phoenix on the Fly
Food Truck

from 3-7

Saturday, October 12th from 1-8

Local Vendor Market
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Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or for those who may have cognitive disabilities. Persons who are 60 and older, who are independent with eating, ambulation, medication administration, continent, are not an elopement risk, Please contact Sally Bourke or Debra Chmiel at 508-993-9455 for further information.

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: 10/9, Prov. Place Mall; 10/16 So. Shore Plaza; 10/23, Warwick Mall; 10/30, Kingston Collection Shopping Mall; 11/6, Twin River Casino

Breakfast & Cervellis

October 21, 2024 The van will leave the Fairhaven COA at 7:45am to go for Breakfast at the Rochester COA. After Breakfast at 9 am we will take a trip to Cervelli's Farm stand. Please bring Cash for both the Breakfast as well as the Farm stand. Must call to sign up

508.979.4029 (Cervellis is not wheel chair accessible)

Tech Cafe

Do you need help with your cellphone or computer? Stop by the Fairhaven Senior Center for FREE help at our Tech Cafe! Every Thursday from 3–4 p.m.

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.

Caregivers Support Group

The first Thursday of the month, from 1-2:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call 508-979-4029.

Single Senior Supper Club

If you are a Single Senior, like to socialize and have a great meal, please join us! Call the center to sign up, 508-979-4029. \$3. The third Tuesday of every month, 4–6 p.m. Call the Wednesday before to confirm. Time will be changing in Nov.

LGBTQ Supper Club

Fourth Wed. of the Month 5-7pm. Call to sign up.

Reassurance Program

A free service for elders wanting a daily telephone check-in with a responsible person ensuring all is well.

Legal Help

Free 15-minute consultation with Atty. Suzanne Seguin. Call the center for info, 508-979-4029.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, advocates for older adults, 508-979-7150.

Spooky Bingo

Oct. 25th, 1–3 p.m. Wear your best costume to win a prize. Light snacks and refreshments. Call 508-979-4029 to sign up

Flu Clinics

Oct 8th 10am-1pm & Nov. 1st 10am-1pm. Must bring ID and Insurance Card.

Free Monday Movies

Oct. 7, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *Love Again*. A young woman tries to ease the pain of her fiancé's death by sending texts to his old cell phone number, and forms a connection with the man the number has been reassigned to.

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Kids will also learn about contacts, ethics, safety and accident prevention. Designed for ages 10-13, this program is both educational and enjoyable.

Remember to bring a snack!

Instructor: Beth Oleson Oct 17th Thursday 5:30-7:30pm at Fairhaven Rec. Members \$40. Non-Members \$45.

Pint Sized Picassos

Join us for this messy, pre-k art program and watch your little artists

bloom as they paint, draw and sculpt their way to becoming creative and confident young individuals. Let the colors of imagination flourish in this enriching art adventure.

Oct 7-Oct 28 10am-10:45am Mondays Members \$35. Non-Members \$45

Tumble Time Pre-K Free Play All Ages

Come join us for a time of pre-k family free play! We will place mats, tunnels, playhouses, rockers, trikes, stilts and more out in the gym for families to enjoy. There is no instructional time, just free play. This program will not run during school vacation weeks.

This program is free No registration or membership required
Every Tuesday 10:30-12pm

Beginners Pickleball Clinics

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Thursdays Oct 31-Nov 21 10:30-11:30am. Location Livesey Park/Fairhaven Rec

Members \$75. Non-Member \$80.

Recipe of the Week

Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Pie

For the Crust:

2 1/2 c chocolate cookie crumbs
6 tbs unsalted butter, melted

For the Peanut Butter Filling:

2 cups creamy peanut butter

1 cup powdered sugar

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the Chocolate Topping:

1 1/2 c semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup heavy cream

Mix chocolate cookie crumbs with melted butter until well combined. Press mixture firmly into the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch pie dish, creating a thick, even layer. Chill in the refrigerator while preparing the filling.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the peanut butter, powdered sugar, heavy cream, and vanilla extract until the mixture is light and fluffy. This can take about 3-5 minutes with an electric mixer on medium.

Spread the filling evenly over the chilled crust, smoothing out the top with a spatula.

Refrigerate for about 1 hour to set the peanut butter layer.

Heat the heavy cream in a small saucepan over medium heat until it begins to gently simmer. Do not let it boil.

Pour the hot cream over the chocolate chips in a bowl. Let it sit for 5 minutes without stirring.

Stir gently until the chocolate is completely melted and the mixture is smooth.

Pour the chocolate ganache over the peanut butter layer, spreading it out to cover the entire surface.

Chill the pie in the refrigerator for at least 2-3 hours, or until the ganache is set and the pie is firm.

Remove the pie from the refrigerator about 10-15 minutes before you plan to serve it. This will make slicing easier. Slice with a sharp knife, cleaning the blade between cuts for clean slices.



Dear Frankie

Are you Sure?

Dear Frankie, Lucy has been my best friend since we were puppies. We share a seat on the bus, do our homework together, and tell one another our secrets.

Lucy's mom has a tea party every summer for Lucy's close friends and their moms.

A couple of weeks ago, my mom asked me if I knew the date for the party. On the bus the next day, I asked Lucy, and she started to cough and said she'd better sit in another seat because she didn't want me to catch her cold.

Lucy made a beeline for the principal's office when we arrived. Later, I saw her leave the building with her mom, crying.

I asked George if he knew why Lucy was upset and he said she was afraid

when I found out I hadn't been invited to the party, I wouldn't want to be her friend. He said he often saw this h a p p e n i n g between friends and family members with different political views.

Do you think we weren't invited because my mom works

on the presidential campaign?

Flavia

Dear Flavia,

I would need more information to say that politics was why you and your mom weren't invited.

George is correct; the political climate is tense these days and is causing many problems and estrangements between friends and family members. You can only know why you weren't invited to the party by asking Lucy.

If she confirms that she was afraid you would dump her, assure her there is no reason to be upset, you value her as a friend, understand she is not responsible for her mother's decision, and don't want your parents' political views to stand in the way of your friendship.

Tell her if she's good, you're good.
Best, Frankie

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Acushnet Town Meeting approves bylaws changes, spending

By Beth David
Editor

With very little discussion on most articles, Acushnet Town Meeting approved all articles voted on at the Special Town Meeting on 9/30/24.

TM did not vote on the four articles requesting funding for renovations to the schools. Instead, TM voted to send the matter to the Finance Committee to get more information.

School Committee member Ron Houde told Town Meeting that the school buildings have had air quality issues for the last couple of years. The \$4.2 million requested in these articles would address those issues by retrofitting the HVAC system and renovating any other related areas.

After the meeting Town Administrator James Kelley said the School Department needed more information from the state before the articles can be voted on. He said there were four articles to be able to prepare for a debt exclusion and the contingency if the debt exclusion did not pass.

The matter will go to the annual Town Meeting in the spring.

Article #1, bills of prior years, got some discussion.

James Souza, a member of the Conservation Commission, questioned a \$6,090.00 payment to Coneco Engineers for peer review fees. He said the ConCom never voted on it, the conservation agent just got it done.

Mr Kelley explained that the work was done and needed to be paid. He said, although the department is



ABOVE L-R: Douglas Thomas and Cheryl Brine follow along in the warrant during Acushnet Special Town Meeting on 9/30/24. BELOW: James Souza addresses STM. Photos by Beth David.

listed as ConCom, the money will not come from the ConCom budget.

"We have a duty to pay our bills," said Mr. Kelley.

The article passed with the required 90%.

With very little discussion, TM voted to abolish the regulation in the Town Charter that prohibits elected and appointed town officials from taking a paid position with the town for two years after their term expires.

Select Board member David Wojnar said the town has had a difficult time filling some positions, such as town planner. He said the bylaw was passed a few years ago and "weaponized."

"It was done as more of a political ploy," said Mr. Wojnar.

He said the town is looking at regionalizing some positions. He said there is nothing better than someone who lives in town, is a taxpayer in town and has served the town, to be able to work for the town.

The regulation, "Just doesn't make sense," he said.

It passed with some opposition.

The article that got the most discussion was #7, to amend the Soil Conservation Bylaw, eliminating the

80,000 pound limit on vehicles for companies with soil removal permits. The weight limit was different than the regulations of the Mass. Department of Transportation.

Town Counsel recommended the change.

Mr. Souza asked if Lake Street still had a weight restriction.

SB chairperson Bob Hinckley said any weight limits on specific roads and bridges would still be in place.

Cheryl Brine said she was concerned that the heavier trucks would further damage South Main Street, which, she said is a "mess."

"It's crazy," said Ms. Brine, adding that there is a big truck on that road every minute and a half.

She said the state does not take care of South Main, which is a state road.

SB member Kevin Gaspar said the restriction was "discrimination on one company and not anyone else."

He said there are lots of trucks on the road and the town cannot regulate them. But they can regulate PJ Keating. He said other trucks can be up to 99,000 pounds, but PJK is limited to 80,000 because of the soil permit.

Ms Brine argued that PJK is part of the town. The other trucks are not going back and forth over the road all day she said. The heavier trucks will do more damage, shaking houses even more.

Mr. Gaspar said Town Counsel recommended the change.

"It's ridiculous," said Ms. Brine. "And now you want to increase the weight. The road can't take it."

She said there are already cracks in the road and the state does not care.

Mr. Gaspar reiterated that the town cannot regulate one company and let everyone else get away with it.

"Ma'am, I believe you've made your point," said Town Moderator Les Dakin.

The measure passed by the required 2/3 vote.

Town Meeting also approved \$550,000 from the Solar Tax Revenue fund to repair the school roof.

Mr. Wojnar said that the fund was created to pay for specific capital projects. He said they boxed off the tax revenue from the general fund because it is a "depreciating asset."

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The measure passed by the required 2/3 vote.

TM also approved \$49,999 to make repairs to Fire Station #3, on Middle Road, with money from the ambulance fund.

Mr. Rawcliffe asked by the amount stopped one dollar short of \$50K. Is 50K some kind of threshold?

"Is it a bidding process? I just want to know," said Mr. Rawcliffe.

"That is correct," said Mr. Gaspar.

TM voted to approve \$600,000 for a new ambulance from the ambulance fund. Mr. Gaspar said they needed to order it early because there is a two-year backlog. He said the town will try to come up with other funding sources.

Fire/EMS is about 55% self-sufficient, through the ambulance fund, said Mr. Gaspar: "Kudos to our guys."

Town Meeting also voted unanimously to transfer \$47,818 from the Stormwater Management (MS4) Stabilization Fund for compliance.

Mr. Souza asked where the public could access the report.

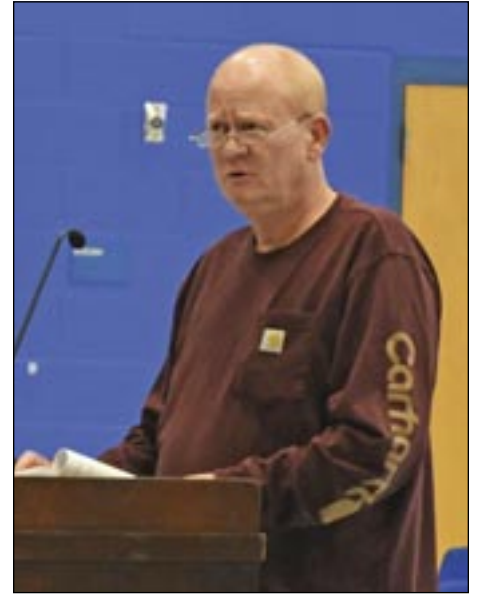
"I actually just signed the report today," said Mr. Kelley, adding that the schedule is on the federal fiscal year so it had to be filed that day.

He said Mr. Souza could go to the TA off to get a copy of it.

TM also voted to accept and expend "Fair Share Amendment" funds, aka the Millionaires' Tax, to be spent on road projects. In future years the item will be included in the Annual TM consent agenda.

- In other business, Town Meeting:
- Approved a transfer of \$9,500 from the Assessors Department to the Town Buildings Department;
 - Approved funding for DPW union contract;
 - Approved \$5,500 for a Fire Department study to improve operations and create a Capital Improvement and Staffing Program
 - Authorized the SB to negotiate a transportation contract
 - Approved transferring funds from

the School Special Education Reserve Fund to cover a deficit.



Garry Rawcliffe speaks during Acushnet Special Town Meeting on 9/30/24. Photo by Beth David.

Bald Eagle takes up residence in Acushnet

By Beth David
Editor

A Bald Eagle has been spotted for a few weeks now in Acushnet. The majestic looking bird is a sight to behold in flight. It is, however, more of a thief than a hunter.

According to AllAboutBirds.org: "Rather than do their own fishing, Bald Eagles often go after other creatures' catches. A Bald Eagle will harass a hunting Osprey until the smaller raptor drops its prey in midair, where the eagle swoops it up. A Bald Eagle may even snatch a fish directly out of an Osprey's talons. Fishing mammals (even people sometimes) can also lose prey to Bald Eagle piracy."

Benjamin Franklin famously did not want the Bald Eagle to be the symbol of the nation.

"For my own part, I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country," he wrote in 1784. "He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his Living honestly. ... Besides he is a rank Coward: The little King Bird not bigger than a Sparrow attacks him boldly and drives him out of the District."

The Bald Eagle has been the

national emblem of the US since 1782. Native people have revered the bird as a spiritual symbol long before the Europeans arrived in North America.

Once almost extinct due to a variety of factors, Bald Eagles now number more than 316,000 according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Although they primarily eat fish and carrion, they will go after live mammals including pets and domestic livestock. Visit <https://www.fws.gov/species/bald-eagle-haliaeetus-leucocephalus> for more information.



This Bald Eagle, with a dead opossum in its talons, seems to spot the photographer while in a yard on Main Street in Acushnet, near Peters' Orchard, on 9/29/24. Photo courtesy of Mike Ouimette.

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Commission on Disability
Thurs., 10/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission
Mon., 10/7, Town Hall & Remote, 6 p.

Finance Committee
Thurs., 10/3, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm
Thurs., 10.3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Bd 40R Hearing
Tues., 10/8, Town Hall, TBA

School Committee
Wed., 10/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board
Tues., 10/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Selectboard
Tues., 10/8, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Oct 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	3	0851	2111	0159	1433
Friday	4	0929	2150	0227	1504
Saturday	5	1007	2228	0302	1538
Sunday	6	1046	2309	0338	1614
Monday	7	1129	2355	0415	1651
Tuesday	8	---	1220	0453	1732
Wednesday	9	0051	1318	0537	1826
Thursday	10	0151	1417	0636	1938
Friday	11	0249	1514	0754	2050
Saturday	12	0348	1617	0908	2154
Sunday	13	0453	1721	1020	2257
Monday	14	0552	1816	1132	2352*
Tuesday	15	0641	1903	---	1229*
Wednesday	16	0725	1948	0039*	1320*
Thursday	17	0811	2035	0124*	1412*
Friday	18	0859	2125	0211*	1505*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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executive sessions of 5/8/24 and 7/30/24 in response to a request for release.

The board returned to open session to announce that it would not be releasing the minutes because the topic is still the subject of negotiations. The topic for both those dates pertained to Town Administrator negotiations.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- **Public Hearing – RDA – AMN Estate Holdings, LLC / 39 Keene Road – Map 2, Lots 12G, 13B & 16** A Request for Determination was filed by AMN Estate Holdings, LLC for property located at 39 Keene Road, Map 2, Lots 12G, 13B & 16. The applicant proposes to construct a 6-lot residential subdivision & associated roadway & stormwater infrastructure, with all proposed work located greater than 100 feet from

wetland resource areas. The applicant is seeking determination that boundaries of resource areas are accurately delineated & whether the proposed activities are subject to Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is represented by John Marchand of Farland Corp. Plan name is "Angelo Drive Subdivision dated August 30, 2023, revised September 6, 2024.

- **Public Hearing – NOI & Stormwater – White's Farm Inc. / 211 Middle Road – Map 23, lots 29, 29A & 29B – SE 001-0596** A Notice of Intent and Stormwater application was filed by Zachary Farkes, Middle Road Acushnet Solar, LLC. for property located at 211 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a ground-mounted solar array on a portion of the open fields within the property located at 211 Middle Road in Acushnet. Work is limited to the 100-foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland and bank. The applicant is represented by Sarah

Stearns of Beals and Thomas, Inc. Plan name is "Middle Road PV Solar Development" dated September 10, 2024.

- **Public Hearing – NOI – Justin Lawrence / Lambert Street - Map 18, Lots 4G, 4H & 4K – SE 001-XXXX** A Notice of Intent was filed by Justin Lawrence for property located at Lambert Street, Map 18, Lots 4G, 4H & 4K. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and gravel driveway and the installation of underground utilities together with filling and grading within the 100-foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon, P.E. of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Site Plan for property located at the end of Lambert Street in Acushnet, MA" dated September 25, 2024.

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
FNN, 10/3/24

From our readers

Sylvia has proven record

I met Mark Sylvia when he was elected to the Fairhaven School Committee and as a fellow Fairhaven Town Meeting Member.

During his tenure as School Committee Chairperson and as Town Moderator, it became quite clear that Mark researches the issues and is well aware of the importance of having an organized process.

I believe most people would agree that in his role as Fairhaven School Committee Chairperson and Town

Moderator, Mark is knowledgeable, a good listener, fair and respectful to everyone.

Most importantly, Mark's professional career is well diversified with a background in both the private and public sectors. He was the Town Manager of Plymouth, Massachusetts and Chief of Staff for BlueWave Solar in the private sector.

In many elections I often find myself voting against a certain candidate and not for someone. But in this election it's completely the

opposite.

Because of Mark's proven record of getting things done and his willingness to work towards the greater good, I can say wholeheartedly and enthusiastically I will vote for a candidate, I will vote for Mark Sylvia for State Representative.

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