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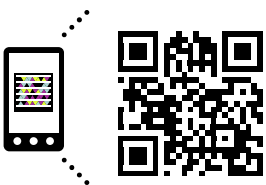
Fairhaven Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Amado demonstrates the proper way to use a fire extinguisher on a live fire during the Fire Department Open House for National Fire Prevention Week on 10/6/24. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Oh, no. It's Columbus Day already? I love this motorcycle weather, but this is one of those years when I just did not get enough summer. A couple more warm days would be nice. No complaining, though in these parts. People south of here are being devastated by crazy storms. One of the biggest ever recorded is barreling towards Florida as I type.

Now, I probably should know better than to argue with some people, but this conspiracy crap needs to stop. The notion that FEMA gave all its money to illegals is beyond bizarre. Will you stop listening to that guy? So you know someone who went down south and didn't see the government guys helping. That doesn't mean they're doing nothing. It just means they can't be everywhere all at once in two seconds. And these are the same people who are constantly screaming about big government.

I showed them articles from Forbes, don't believe it; Newsweek, don't believe it; the NC governors office, don't believe it. But the guy who says Democrats can control the weather? HIM, they believe.

They don't believe that humans can affect climate change, but they believe the Dems can whip up a storm of historic proportions because it's an election year.

L...can't....even. GAWD help us all.

Now, I do admit that humans have been trying to control the weather forever, from raindances to magic spells, to science trying to figure it all out.

But, I'm pretty sure if they had figured it out, we wouldn't have floods and droughts.

Well, except in election years, I guess.

[heavy sigh]

As my dear friend, Pam, likes to say...I'll just go back to my cave, now.

There's all kinds of fun stuff in here this week. The fall events are really kicking in. And the 40R hearing got continued, so we'll catch that next time.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Kids Fest kicks off fall events

Kids Fest and Halloween events spell the end of summer in these parts. This Saturday, Kids Fest kicks off the season, with lots of fun stuff. See more happenings on pages 5, 11, 14.

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. 141 Main Street at Route 6, Fairhaven

COME IN COSTUME and play Costume Bingo! Free Admission!

Craft vendors, children's activities, special guests, and entertainment are planned for this fun fall Saturday, outdoors on the lawns of Fairhaven

- High School and the Visitors Center.
 - Paint a pumpkin sponsored by Rockland Trust and the Friends of the Millicent Library
 - Pumpkin Bowling with the Fairhaven Recreation Department
 - Play Costume Bingo with Millicent Library Youth Services
 - Scale the Rock Climbing Tower from Carabiners
 - Visit the Antique Firetruck
 - Get a costume (or give one away!) at the Halloween Costume Swap from the Sustainability Committee
- Sponsored by the Millicent Library Youth Services and the Fairhaven Recreation Department

Halloween Swap: DL 10-12

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

Create a Halloween Costume

Halloween Costume Creation Night, Wed., 10/16, 5 - 7pm, UU Makerspace, 47 Center St, Fairhaven, across from the Millicent Library.

Join us for a Halloween Costume Creation Night, a collaborative event between Unitarian Universalist Youth Programming and Millicent Library!

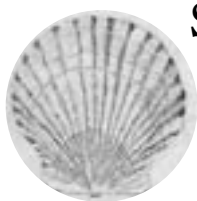
Get creative and craft your own Halloween costume this year, along with friends and family (and snacks!).

Bring your own materials to make your costume, and we'll provide some additional supplies. Take advantage of our makerspace tools, including sewing machines, to bring your ideas to life!

Register on our website: millicentlibrary.org/events to attend.

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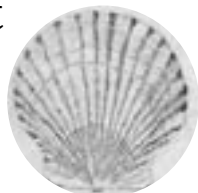
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Public can get food from local farms in one location

This week, Coastal Foodshed (CF) will officially open their new 5,500 square foot farmer food hub facility located at 127 W. Rodney French Blvd. at the Kilburn Mill in New Bedford, in suite S1-57. The new facility includes warehouse space, a 640 square foot cold storage unit, and retail shop. Coastal Foodshed's farmer food hub moves \$10,000-\$20,000 worth of local food each week from a network of 60 local farms out into the community.

What is a Food Hub?

Coastal Foodshed operates as a local food hub, which means they purchase local food from a variety of local farmers throughout the Southcoast and take it back into the new facility and store it before selling it through one of their retail programs, or they distribute it through their Farm to Food Relief program.

Local food hubs are beneficial to farmers because they are able to aggregate local food from a variety of farms and then distribute it and sell it into markets that the farmer may otherwise have a hard time reaching.

On the retail side, CF operates several programs: The New Bedford

Farmers Market, The Virtual Market, The HIP Delivery program, Pop-Up Markets.

The New Bedford Farmers Market which is held on a weekly basis all year long at Buttonwood Park and they also operate a HIP Delivery Program where they partner with community organizations to bring bags of local food to households and individuals who use SNAP benefits to purchase much of their food. The Virtual Market is their online market where customers can order local year-round for delivery or pick-up on Wednesdays and Fridays. CF delivers to 19 communities in the Southcoast.

In the new space, they have opened a Pop-Up retail store that is open Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., increasing access to local foods even more.

In Mass., the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) gives SNAP customers a \$1 for \$1 match when they purchase local fruits and vegetables from eligible HIP vendors (capped at \$40/\$60/\$80 depending on household size). CF is an eligible HIP vendor, so through this work they are trying to

make healthy local produce more accessible to SNAP customers, while also making it easier for them to earn additional SNAP dollars so they can purchase more food.

Beginning in 2023, CF also received two grants from the Commonwealth to purchase just over \$1 million worth of local food from their farmer network to be distributed to a network of food pantries and organizations working in hunger relief so that people in need of emergency food relief can still access fresh, healthy local produce and foods — while also investing in local farms. To date, CF has moved about \$600,000 worth of food with that grant funding, and it will continue until May 2025.

CF is also working to grow its wholesale channels, particularly through school meal programs.

Overall, CF works to increase access to local foods for low-income and historically marginalized community members, while also supporting local farmers and working to help them grow their sales and operations.

Since opening in 2017, Coastal

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UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

10 a.m. Oct. 13: "Indigenous Peoples' Day," Elizabeth Murphy in the pulpit

Nursery care for ages 0-6 provided in Harrop Center, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children welcome at service.

UUSF offers Faith Formation activities for youngsters and adults

The Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe

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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.

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.

Cultural Council Apps

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is seeking proposals for projects that will enrich the cultural lives of Fairhavenites. The council annually awards grants to successful applicants. Individuals and organizations can apply.

Projects should promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. Their final form can include, but are not limited to events, performances, art pieces, education sessions, and publications.

Applications are open now and close on Wednesday, October 16. To learn more or to apply, visit our page: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven>

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. This session will offer a behind-the-scenes

look at how the film was brought to life. Whether you're new to filmmaking or a seasoned pro, you'll leave with valuable takeaways to apply to your own creative journey.

40R Meeting Link

The special precinct meeting that the town held for Town Meeting members to learn more about the 40R zoning proposal is now available on demand at <https://vimeo.com/1015287782>

It is also available through a link on FairhavenTV.com and is running on Government Access Channel 18.

Wreaths Across America

The Town of Fairhaven Veterans' Services Office presents Wreaths Across American. We will place wreaths at all Fairhaven cemeteries in honor of our veterans.

To contribute to help us pay for the wreaths, please mail check or money order payable to Town of Fairhaven, memo "Wreaths Across Fairhaven," Veterans Services Office, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Donation accepted in person, Mon.–Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To learn more or to volunteer, call VSO at 508-979-4029.

Progressive Voices

On Wed., 10/16, at 7:00 pm, South Coast Progressive Voices (SCPV) will host Observations and Stories from the Border: Takeaways from an April 2024 trip to witness U.S. response to migrants at the Arizona/Mexico border, presented by UUSF member Kelly Ochoa, co-founder of South-coast Welcome Corps.

The presentation will take place in the auditorium of Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. The venue is wheelchair accessible through a driveway located on Center Street.

South Coast Progressive Voices, an occasional speaker series sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, features experts in fields of broad public interest locally, regionally, and nationally.

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (<https://uufairhaven.org/>) is committed to the pursuit of religious freedom and to building a

world that is just, peaceable and sustainable.

SCPV presentations are free and open to the public. We will serve light refreshments.

Free Gov't Class

The Millicent Library is pleased to announce new dates for this free class, "Understanding American Government." This class is designed to provide citizens with a comprehensive understanding of State and Federal Governments and how they interact with one another. This informative and engaging course will cover fundamental topics including separation of powers, political parties, electoral process, and more.

This course will be led by local attorney and Fairhaven resident, Ellen Nelson. The course will be held on Saturdays, 1:30 to 2:30 from October 19 through November 2, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (Use Walnut St. entrance).

Free, but registration is strongly recommended. To register go to MillicentLibrary.Org/Registration, Email Millicent@SailsInc.Org or call 508-992-5342.

SAVE THE DATES:

Blood Drive

Sun., 10/20, at St. Mary's Parish, 440 Main St., Fairhaven Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. In the Parish Hall. Give a pint/Save a life. Register online at the Red Cross donor site: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>. or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Refreshments provided.

Family Fun Day

Community Connections will be holding its 17th Annual Family Fun Day & Walk at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Sun., 10/20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the community.

Join us for a day of Halloween-inspired fun. This event not only features our signature fundraising walk on the beautiful Fairhaven bike path but also includes games & activities, a Trunk or Treat, Raffle baskets and delicious fun! Prizes, candy and fun for children and adults of all ages!

Visit ccimass.org/walk or contact

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Acushnet holds flu clinic



The Southeastern Mass. Public Health Collaborative held a flu clinic at the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center on 10/1/24. Free flu shots were available on a walk-in basis. In home flu vaccinations are available to residents of Acushnet, Fairhaven, and New Bedford who are 18+ and may have difficulty getting to a vaccine site. Call 508-991-6199 to schedule an appointment or learn more. ABOVE LEFT: Acushnet Town Administrator, Jamie Kelley, looks positively proud of himself as he gets his flu shot from a member of the Southeastern Mass. Public Health Collaborative at the Acushnet COA/Senior Center on 10/1/24. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the Southeastern Mass. Public Health Collaborative pose for a picture during the flu clinic. *Submitted photos.*



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Lloyd Center cuts ribbon on new Welcome Center

From Press Release Materials

The Lloyd Center for the Environment held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Welcome Center on 9/20/24. The new structure, has been constructed to greet, orient, and introduce students and visitors to the Lloyd Center for the Environment.

Housing a bus drop-off shelter, interior and exterior meeting and teaching space, information displays, grey water and rain gardens and composting restrooms, this Living Building Challenge™ (LBC™) 960-square-foot building is a state-of-the-art, net energy and net water positive structure. LBC™ is an international certification program of the International Living Future Institute™ (<http://living-future.org/>), the building industry's most ambitious sustainable construction performance standards. The Welcome Center is the only public LBC™ building in Southcoast Massachusetts, and the only one in the world constructed by students (over 1,000 students have worked on this building).



ABOVE: Lloyd Center for the Environment staff members pose for a photo during the ribbon cutting for the new Welcome Center on 9/20/24, L-R: Rachel Stronach, Shannon Ewell, Dr Hamza Malik, Fern Allen, Bruce Traban, Gaelen Canning, Ashley Gesner, Liz Moniz; Amanda Nowicki (kneeling). TOP: Kathryn Duff, an architect with the Living Building Challenge, addresses the crowd. Submitted photos.

Students from the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Tech-

nical High School (GNB-Voc-Tech) constructed the Welcome Center and additional components. GNB-Voc-Tech welcomed this unprecedented opportunity to teach students about the highest level of green construction, and the Lloyd Center is excited by the opportunity to expand its experiential environmental education programs.

This building provides an opportunity, for students and community members alike, to learn about both environmental issues and what is possible in green construction. The Welcome Center stands as a building that encapsulates the Lloyd Center's mission and welcomes all to the 82-acre campus at 430 Potomska Road, Dartmouth.

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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
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Friday, Oct. 11th

Phoenix on the Fly
Food Truck

from 3-7

Saturday, October 12th from 1-8

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Supportive Social Day Program

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: 10/16 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.

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.

LGBTQ Supper Club

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

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 Clinic

Nov. 1st 10am-1pm. Must bring ID and Insurance Card.

Free Monday Movie

Oct. 21, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *The Addams Family*. When a man (Christopher Lloyd) claiming to be Fester, the missing brother of Gomez Addams (Raul Julia), arrives at the Addams home, the family is thrilled. However, Morticia (Angelica Huston) begins to suspect the man is a fraud, since he cannot recall details of Fester's life. With the help of lawyer Tully Alford (Dan Hedaya), Fester manages to get the Addams clan evicted from their home. Gomez realizes the two men are conspiring to swindle the Addams fortune and that he must challenge Fester.

Please call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

Open Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.–8 p.m.; Fri., 6 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227 Huttleston Ave, 508-993-9269 <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/recreation-department>

Babysitting Workshop

Get ready for a fun babysitting adventure! This course covers everything from creative routines to first aid, diapering and discipline.

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

Learn the basics of play through fun drills! Familiarize yourself with the rules and terms of pickleball while also learning how to avoid injury and improve coordination.

This clinic offers a structured progressive approach to mastering the fundamentals and refining techniques. Bring a paddle and a water bottle.

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

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

Recipe of the Week

Lazy Autumn Stew

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound beef stew meat, cubed
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 3 carrots, sliced into thick rounds
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 (14-ounce) can diced fire-roasted tomatoes
- 6 cups beef broth
- 1/3 cup pearl barley
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- baguette, optional, to taste, sliced, for serving

In a large skillet or sauté pan over medium heat, add the oil.

Pat the beef cubes dry.

Season the beef cubes generously with the salt and the black pepper.

Add the beef to the hot oil and cook, while turning the cubes occasionally, until they are browned on all sides, about 2-3 minutes per side.

In a slow cooker, add the beef cubes, the onions, the celery, the carrots, the garlic, the tomato paste, the fire-roasted tomatoes and their juices, the broth, the barley, the Italian seasoning, and the bay leaves.

Cover and cook on low until the beef is extremely tender, about 7-8 hours. Remove and discard the bay leaves.

Add the parsley and the lemon juice to the beef mixture and stir to combine.

Taste the soup for seasoning and add spices as needed.

Serve with the sliced baguette.



Dear Frankie

Three's a Crowd

Dear Frankie,
When my friend Tracey moved away, I thought I would never see her again. Earlier this year, she and her mom started coming to town for four days every couple

of weeks to care for her grandma.

Whenever Tracey was in town, I invited her to play at my house for as many days as she had time. I know she has other friends in town she wants to see, so I didn't expect her to spend all of her time with me. Tracey likes coming to my house and visited several times on each trip.

The problem is she always asked if she could bring a friend. I didn't mind most of the time, but I did want to spend time just the two of us.

When I talked to Tracey about some one-on-one time, she said she would love to, but there was only so much time she had to socialize, and she didn't want to hurt her other friends' feelings.

I don't know what else I can say.

Nest

Dear Nest,

Interesting name, by the way. You could propose to Tracey

that she invite several friends to play at your house one day a week, see you one day alone, and see her friends at whatever location they decide to meet the other days.

Instead of seeing one another every time she visits town, you could suggest the two of you get together one-on-one when she can make time during some of her visits to town.

If she can't do this, it's up to you to decide how important it is to see her alone. If it's a deal breaker, then you always have the option to end the friendship.

Best, Frankie

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STILL IN TOWN

Adrienne Baumann at abaumann@ccimass.org.

Free Movie

It's creepy, and it's campy, mysterious, and spooky. It's the "House on Haunted Hill" (1959)!

Vincent Price plays an eccentric millionaire daring his guests to stay overnight in his house of horrors. The one who lasts through the night will win \$10,000, but is risking one's life worth the prize?

The program screens on Monday, October 21 at 5:30 PM at the Millicent Library on 45 Center St., Fairhaven. All are welcome, and the event is free! Use the Walnut St. entrance to access the auditorium.

South Coast Cinemaniacs meets the second Monday of the month, excluding holidays, to watch and discuss classic movies. For more information, email club president Beth Ann Gallagher at: southcoastcinemaniacs@gmail.com

Benefit for Veteran

Benefit for Veteran Jeff Cardoza, to help pay for medical bills. Sun., 10/27, Noon to 10 p.m., VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Featuring food buffet, 50/50 raffle, caravan auction and four bands (React, Moxie, Hanksters Gangsters, Swamp Yankee Revival). Suggested donation: \$20.

Haunted Halloween Party

Fri., 10/25, 5-8 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St.

You are invited to Fairhaven TV's 7th Annual Haunted Halloween Party! A FREE event for kids of all ages, our Halloween Party has quickly become Fairhaven's most anticipated spooky event of the year, and we are thrilled to level it up once again.

Attractions: trick-or-treating, costume contest, green screen photos, spooky TV studio, Halloween trivia, magic show, arts & crafts,

spooky movies, and MUCH more!

For more info and up to date schedule visit www.fairhaventv.com/hauntedhalloweenparty.

Check out last year's highlights here! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKm9vJRD1Mc>

Event by Fairhaven TV, Fairhaven, MA, Visitors Center and Todd Migliacci

FHS Theatre

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the production of this year's fall play, *Murder on the Orient Express!* Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. Ken Ludwig's clever adaptation of the Agatha Christie classic boasts all the glamour, intrigue, and suspense of Dame Agatha's celebrated novel, with a healthy dose of humor to quicken the pace.

Murder on the Orient Express will be performed at Fairhaven High School on November 8th and 9th at 7PM, with a matinee on November 10th at 2PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for FHS students and staff (ID required at the door). Tickets are general admission and can be purchased at the link below as well as in person at each performance. For more information, please email mrebello@fairhavenps.net.

Tickets: https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183_1

HazMat Day

Fairhaven is holding Hazardous Household on Sat., 10/26, at public works, 5 Arsene Street, from 8:00am until noon. Fairhaven residents only. Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/household-hazardous-waste-day> for materials accepted.

Horribles Parade

Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association for our annual Halloween Horribles Parade and costume contest on Sat., 10/26, at 5 p.m. NEW this year: Parade and contest at Livesey Park, Glenhaven/Park Street, Fairhaven. First, second and third place prizes for Most Horrible, Most Original, Most Beautiful in age groups toddler to 4; 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, adults. Free treat bags and hot chocolate. Rain date 10/27.

Run to Remember

The LCPI Matthew Rodriguez Run to Remember is back! Sun., 10/27, Fort Phoenix State Reservation, Fairhaven, MA, 9 a.m. Sing up NOW.

First 150 registrations by 9/30 receive a FREE race t-shirt. Register at www.TeamSmilingWarrior.org; \$40 all runners/walkers/virtuat; Same day reg +\$5. All proceeds benefit The LCPI Matthew Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information, call 508-733-3269, or email lisa@thesmilingwarrior.org. Visit <https://thesmilingwarrior.org/> to learn more about Matthew's story.

Farmer's Markets

- Fairhaven Farmer's Market: Every Sunday through Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 151 Alden Road. Parking available on premises, 508-496-9209, Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net
- Roxann's: Every Sunday, 10-3, 189 Alden Road. Parking on premises.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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

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Fire Open House educates and entertains

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire Department held its annual open house on Sunday, 10/6/24, in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week. The day featured a variety of demonstrations, including a fire demonstration and how to use a fire extinguisher; obstacle course; smoke house; and car extrication using the giant cutters and spreaders known as the Jaws of Life. The public got to ride on an antique fire engine, and climb into and around a variety of fire and police vehicles.

Public Information Officer, Maggie Rocha, explained to a small but enthusiastic crowd the various steps for removing someone who is trapped in a car.

She told the crowd that a newer challenge is the large lithium batteries for electric vehicles. She said if the battery is too big to submerge completely in a bucket of water, they mostly have to let them burn out. They also have a blanket to put around the whole car to prevent flare-ups while the car is being towed. Then the car is completely submerged in water and has to stay there.

So, it is not just putting out the fire, she said. It requires several more steps for an EV.

Car manufacturers also put a small fire hat symbol to let firefighters know where it is safe to cut.

One young boy asked about air bags.

Ms. Rocha said the best way firefighters protect themselves from air bags going off is to disconnect the

battery.

Ms. Rocha also explained how we put out different kinds of fires. Chemical/grease fires need a chemical fire extinguisher because water will make it worse. She also explained the correct way to use a fire extinguisher while Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Amado demonstrated PASS: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep.

Children and their adults could also crawl around inside a smoke house and crawl out the window and down the ladder to experience the lowered visibility a smokey house would have.

Mr. Amado and newbie Wilson Smith raced to see who could gear up first. Ms. Rocha explained how important it is for firefighters to get their protective gear on quickly. The veteran FF won the contest, but Ms. Rocha gave Mr. Smith some cover, saying his gear is still kind of stiff because of how new it is. The gear weighs 50-70 pounds depending on the number of tools they add to their belts.

The two firefighters in full gear then walked about the crowd so children could see what they would look like if they entered the house.

The look and sound "a little scary," said Ms. Rocha, so it helps if children know what they look like so they



don't have to be scared.

The public was also treated to free pizza, juice, and candy, along with other giveaways, such as plastic firefighter hats.

Young Sophia could not name a favorite part. She said she liked "all of it."

Young Logan tried to pick up the cutters used to cut the car. He managed to lift it, but with great difficulty.

"It was really heavy," said Logan, adding he thought the way they took apart the car was "cool," but he liked it the most when they took off the windshields.

"It was very heavy," said young Anthony Byrne, who was just barely able to lift it up a few inches.

They both said they knew they would grow up to be strong enough to lift if someday.

"It went well," said Fire Chief Todd Correia, adding it was Ms. Rocha's third year organizing the event and she was "getting better and better at it."



TOP: L-R: Fairhaven Call Firefighter G. Bourne Knowles and Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Amado remove the windshield of a car as part of a demonstration during the Fire Department Open House for National Fire Prevention Week on 10/6/24. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Call Firefighter G. Bourne Knowles, uses the big cutters that are part of the Jaws of Life, to take apart a car. RIGHT, L-R: Newbie Fairhaven Firefighter Wilson Smith and FF/Paramedic Ryan Amado race to see who can gear up faster. Photos by Beth David.

Communication board unveiled at Livesey Park

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability unveiled a communication board near the playground at Livesey Park on 1/7/24. The board uses pictures and simple words to help non-verbal and minimally speaking individuals get their point across and understand what others are trying to say to them.

COD chairperson Pamela Whynot said that East Fairhaven School principal, Wendy Weidenfeller asked the commission about the possibility of getting the board after a family asked about it.

Ms. Whynot said it was a “very exciting addition” to the park.

Part of the mission of the COD is to eliminate barriers to make Fairhaven more inclusive and equitable. The board is one step in making that happen.

When spoken language is not a person’s primary way to communicate, a communication board can help. They can point to the pictures in sequence to spell out concepts such as “I want to play on the swing.”

Select Board Chairperson Stasia Powers also spoke, calling the board an “important addition to the playground.”

She said the board makes the playground more inclusive for people who need the board, but it also promotes awareness for everyone else.

“It helps individuals develop in so many ways,” she said.

And it promotes empathy with the



other children. When they see others using the board, it helps them understand that not everybody communicates in the same way.

“I love the Commission on Disability for doing this,” said Ms. Powers.

Superintendent of Public Works, Vinnie Furtado, also spoke, noting that the Board of Public Works is in charge of the parks.

He said it was just another example of them doing their best with other town officials to make the town more accessible for people. He noted that last year they added beach mats for people in wheelchairs to be able to get to the water.

“We’re very happy about this,” said Mr. Furtado, adding they are open to suggestions on other things to do.

Ms. Whynot noted that the town also now owns an adaptive bicycle that the public can sign out from the Recreation Center. It is designed for children who cannot ride a traditional bike because of physical limitations.

“And we have the beautiful bike trail,” she said, which runs right behind the Rec Center building.

To learn more about the work of the Commission on Disability, find them on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenCOD> or email COD@Fairhaven-MA.gov



ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Commission on Disability get a little help unveiling the Communication Board at Livesey Park, near the playground, on 10/7/24. RIGHT: Members of the Fairhaven Commission on Disability and other town officials pose next to the board. TOP: Fairhaven Commission on Disability Chairperson Pamela Whynot helps young Grace Pacella learn about the new Communication Board. *Photos by Beth David.*

STILL OVERTOWN

- 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.

Chowder Fest

The 19th Annual Blount Fine Foods New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival is this 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 brings 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/>

NB Lighthouses

A speaker will shed light on the history of New Bedford's lighthouses at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. This will be the latest presentation of the historical lecture series at Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum and Veterans Memorial, 1000c Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford.

Douglas Bingham will take those in attendance back to the 1990s, when all three of New Bedford's historic lighthouses were dark and in dire need of maintenance and restoration.

After all three lights were placed on the doomsday list, Mr. Brightman and other lighthouse preservationists brought the issue to the Office of the Mayor. With assistance from the United States Coast Guard Aids to

Navigation Office and aid from the American Lighthouse Foundation and the New Bedford Water and Sewer Department, all three lighthouses received the attention they needed.

Mr. Brightman has been recognized and was honored by the United States Coast Guard Historians Office in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1999 for his development and assembly of a large archive of information on the history of the U.S. Lighthouse Service and the United States Coast Guard Lightships from 1819 to 1985, when the last three USCG lightships were decommissioned.

The talk is free and open to the public. There is ample free parking.

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

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-granddaughter of Rebecca Nurse, who was infamously executed for witchcraft in 1692 – but things have changed for women since then, haven't they?

Tickets, \$20/MAC members, \$23/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.

Welcome Center

Welcome Center Open to public, Sat., 10/12, 10 a.m.–noon, Lloyd Center Welcome Center, 430 Potomska Rd., Dartmouth, Shannon Ewell,

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Bird Walks

Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.. Meet at Lloyd Center, 430 Potomska Rd., Dartmouth, lower parking lot near stairs. \$5 nonmembers; free to members. Limit of 15 so register early at <https://lloydcenter.org/calendar/>

Haunted Salem

The City of Salem's free October weekend shuttle are running now. Visitors are strongly encouraged to utilize the free parking at the shuttle satellite lots and ride the free shuttle into downtown Salem.

Shuttles run October 12-14 (service provided on Indigenous

Peoples' Day), October 19-20, and October 26-27 from 10 am to 8 pm between three free satellite parking lots and Riley Plaza in downtown Salem.

FOR OCTOBER 31: Service will be provided from Salem High School ONLY to downtown from 2:00pm to 8:00pm.

NO OTHER SATELLITE LOTS WILL BE IN SERVICE ON OCTOBER 31.

Park for free at any one of the three free satellite parking lots – Salem State University's O'Keefe Center parking lot (225 Canal Street), Salem High School (77 Willson Street), and 108 Jefferson Avenue behind Salem Hospital.

Together the three satellite lots offer more than 1,300 free parking spaces. The downtown pick-up/drop-off location is in Riley Plaza.

An accessible shuttle is available for those who require one – on Route A with service to/from Salem High School, 108 Jefferson Ave, and Riley Plaza.

Visit <https://www.hauntedhappenings.org/maps-info/parking-shuttle-information/>

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/21, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 10/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Bd 40R Hearing

Tues., 10/22, 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

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

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

Selectboard

Tues., 10/22, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Oct 2024	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
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*	
Saturday	19	0949 2216	0301* 1554*	
Sunday	20	1040 2307	0349* 1637*	
Monday	21	1132 ---	0433* 1719	
Tuesday	22	0002 1230	0516 1809	
Wednesday	23	0104 1331	0607 2055	
Thursday	24	0206 1430	0855 2207	
Friday	25	0303 1527	1031 2309	
Saturday	26	0402 1627	1136 2359	
Sunday	27	0504 1728	--- 1226	

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Watershed Ride raises money for Buzzards Bay Coalition

Press Release

On Sunday, October 6, 323 riders enjoyed the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride with perfect crisp and clear fall conditions. This annual fundraising event has become a cherished tradition, bringing together cyclists from all over Massachusetts, Rhode Island and beyond to raise over \$240,000 to advance the mission of the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Participants chose from 100, 75 or

35-mile course lengths that led them past coastal farmlands, windswept beaches, cranberry bogs, and scenic harbors between Rhode Island and Upper Cape Cod.

Riders from all three courses were met by cheering crowds at the finish line in Woods Hole, and enjoyed a vibrant finish celebration featuring delicious food, beer from Westport's Buzzards Bay Brewing, and live music provided by Falmouth favorite Puffy Elvis.

The top fundraisers were Geoff Sullivan of Fairhaven, who raised a total of \$23,255, Lizanne Campbell of Mattapoissett, who raised a total of \$10,950, followed by Will Saltonstall of Marion, who raised a total of \$10,575.

The top fundraising teams were the South

Coast Bikeway team, who raised \$42,516 and the Sippican Sailors, who raised \$73,900, including a very generous matching gift.

Donations are being accepted until October 20 and can be made at savebuzzardsbay.org/ride. The 2025 Watershed Ride will take place on October 5.

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride is one of two signature outdoor fundraising events hosted by the Coalition. The other is the Buzzards Bay Swim, a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water swim from New Bedford to Fairhaven set for June 2025.

For more information, please contact the Coalition at events@savebuzzardsbay.org or 508-999-6363.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The Coalition works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy, and is supported by over 12,000 members.



Riders make their way along East Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford during the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride on 10/6/24, one of two signature outdoor fundraising events benefitting the Coalition for Buzzards Bay. Submitted photo courtesy of James Mahaney.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.
Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:
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Passcode: 579710

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:
a. CON 023-467: 10 Littleneck Road, Map 43A, Lot 086 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Paul Federico to construct a cobblestone apron (no concrete). Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone AE (El. 14') at Assessor's Map 43A, Lot 086.

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

Karen Isherwood, Chair,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 10/10/24

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids marked for work listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., October 24, 2024. Bids will be publicly opened and read on October 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

FY25 On-Call Tree Services
The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.
FNN 10/10/24

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

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From our readers

Here we go again!

Fairhaven continues to be in a financial box and looks for inventive ways to raise revenue. Now they wish to create a new bureaucracy by offering winter boat storage at Hoppy's Landing.

Hoppy's Landing sits empty all winter. So what! It does not put any additional drain on scarce resources.

On the Harbormaster and Marine Resources Advisory Committee (MRAC) recommendation the Select Board voted to allow a commercial boat storage operation at Hoppy's Landing. Will this project pay for itself or will taxpayers be hit again?

What did they vote on? The June 6, 2024 MRAC meeting minutes received by the Town Clerk September 20, 2024 state that additional information on "Rules and Regulations, conservation requirements, map plan, and insurance" would be developed. The concern is that no additional information shows in the SB meeting agenda, packet, or minutes for the September 23 vote.

Was the vote based on anything more than the Harbormaster's June statement that "...Sandwich currently offers winter storage for vessels...".

When are town departments going to stop using "well, they do it!" and do what is best for Fairhaven?

What is involved in this boat storage facility?

ACCOUNTABILITY: Revenue and expenses should be within the Hoppy's Landing Revolving fund account? Based on MRAC notes, using 10-to-15-foot boats at an average of 25', revenue will be about \$6000-10,000. No related expenses are mentioned. What is the benefit?

ENVIRONMENT: Birds seen at Hoppy's and surrounding waters in late Spring and early Fall include Great Egrets, Great Blue Herons, Killdeer, Plovers, Sandpipers, Osprey and Barn Swallows. What impact will this have on these and other wildlife resident there? Have environmental agencies been consulted?

VOLUME: How many boats will be stored at Hoppy's? Initial plans indicate 10-15 boats but does not define size or storage type? Will they all be trailered? Will the fee be based on the length of trailers?

SECURITY: Who monitors security? Will more fencing will be needed? Is this in the storage fee?

INSURANCE. How much insurance will owners and the Town need to carry? Is this also in the fee? Will there be a waiver of responsibility for owners and the Town?

MAINTENANCE: Will maintenance be allowed and by whom? Several years ago, a Town board denied boat storage with maintenance at the former Park Motors property on Middle Street citing environmental concerns. Hoppy's is a more sensitive area than Middle Street. How will the Town justify allowing maintenance there after denying it on a less environmentally sensitive property?

RESTRICTIONS: What are storage terms? Who provides storage equipment? Will Fairhaven provide power and water?

This could become another cash cow like the illegitimate Waterway Use Fee and trash bin rental fee that prop up the budget? Remember: fees are intended for services to the fee payer, not the general fund.

The Select Board should immediately rescind the vote and hold public hearings on this before allowing storage at Hoppy's Landing.

Marsby Wartens, Fairhaven

Candidates Should respond to League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of South Coast, previously known as the League of Women Voters of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, has been organizing candidate debates, forums, and meet-and-greets for over 35 years. LWVSC has scheduled a candidates' event on October 17th at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Throughout all these years, we have never encountered a situation where a candidate running for a significant office failed to respond to our invitations to participate in an event.

LWVSC has made efforts to reach out to Mr. Joe Pires, sending a letter on September 12 and an email on October 3rd, inviting him to participate in the October 17th Candidates' Event. However, we have not yet received a response from Mr. Pires.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that operates at the national, state, and local levels. Its primary purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government which includes

hosting voter registrations and providing voter education on candidates that enables informed voter decision-making during elections.

The League of Women Voters faces challenges in its voter education initiatives when candidates lack interest in engaging with potential constituents. This absence of engagement impedes the LWVSC's ability to facilitate candidate introductions, provide summaries of their qualifications to voters and the general public, elucidate their suitability for the sought-after office, and offer insights into their comprehension of their role, the job's scope, and associated responsibilities.

*League of Women Voters
of South Coast Co-Chairs,*

Kris Eastman and Eileen J. Marum

40R: The Fall of the Democratic Process

The Town Administrator's opening statements and directives at the October 1st TM meeting on 40R were not upholding our constitutional rights and open meeting laws.

It appears the TA invented a new kind of info public meeting with her own rules. Asking the public to sit in the back at the meeting and not speak, and then telling TM members- no debates, or she will stop the meeting,

The TA has put the people in Fairhaven into classes of importance and has created division among the whole of the public body. Speaking out legitimate concerns along with a question, continued to be blocked/censored by the town administrator. To watch this amount of censoring and interruption to TM members was disgraceful.

There was one man who spoke about concerns with passion that they silenced at this meeting, so no one could hear him. This is not constitutional.

I now agree with the many red signs that are posted in Fairhaven. It was not until I watched the October 1st TM meeting on 40R Overlay, that I lost all confidence in our Town administration.

Any TA who tries to oppress the people's voice and public involvement, in this country, does not belong as a town administrator.

One lady who spoke at the meeting was concerned about new units on the waterfront being used as Short Term

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Rentals (STR's) and the TA finally acknowledged that we have STR bylaws, The TA knew for over a year that we are over our STR cap amount of 120. I strongly suggested at a meeting last year that we put a ban on STR's until we can level out our housing disparities. Families were becoming homeless and some moving out of town all together. Nothing was done.

Now they want to force feed and burden the people with dense housing in the name of affordable housing, on the waterfront, where per 40R consultant, said they could sell for as much as 1.2 million. GET REAL.

Let it be said here. This is about Money and Profit for a few who can monetize from it. But this development on the waterfront will not offer economic relief or benefit and fix our housing disparities for the majority of the residents and our families who live here in Fairhaven.

Also the waterfront was voted out of the 40R application and it ended up back on without public agreement.

Look it up. Chapter 40R states on the front page, the primary purpose of 40R is to decrease housing cost. That is the preamble. However the developer can make unlimited profits, per chapter 40R. And we have a proposal for the waterfront, the most primary location in Fairhaven is our waterfront.

This entire situation is an insult to the intelligence of Fairhaven residents. I truly understand why I see so many red signs on people's lawns saying vote no confidence in our town administration.

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven

The Choice is Clear

Our November elections give us clear differences that will determine the quality of our lives in our towns, region, state, country and world for generations to come.

The polarization of our two major political parties has turned off a lot of younger people. Yet they're inheriting many wars, climate driven destruction and other major challenges that impact their futures.

At 75, I worry about what's ahead for them.

So in November, I will vote to protect the Constitution. I will vote for honesty, decency and integrity and for loving our neighbors, regardless of their race, religion, or who they love. I

will vote for immigrants, like my family once was, who want to live and contribute to our country but who have been targets of political hate and violence. I will vote for all people, especially for women, to have the right to make decisions about our own bodies. I will vote for freedom.

But the other major political party thrives on sowing divisive seeds throughout our region by claiming to protect our children, mimicking national themes of erasing historical truths, consistently spreading disinformation and actually admitting to their own lies. Their frightening road map to limit our freedom is now in print. It's known as Project 2025. It outlines a conservative agenda and is considered a blueprint for a president with unprecedented authority including removing civil servants at will and replacing them with only loyalists to their conservative agenda.

I hope the choice is clear to you too. Please join me in voting for honest leadership by electing Kamala Harris as our President and Mark Sylvia as our State Representative.

Liz DiCarlo, Mattapoisett

40R Impact and Consequences

Let me say first of all I am mindful of the impact of changes and shifts in our population such as numbers, ages, and other factors. There are other factors that need to be taken into consideration when making changes in our zoning laws such as the economy, business, schools, etc., but I s day the most important factor is a well-informed, educated, motivated, concerned citizenry. I recognize the importance of a planning committee to have a comprehensive plan or plans to accommodate this.

What I object to is the heavy-handed way the bureaucrats of the state headed up by the socialist government presided by Governor Healey come into our down and try to impose their will and intentions on us. I heard one of the presenters at the precinct meeting held on 9/30/24 say that you have no choice, we are going to do it anyway.

My number one concern is who will occupy these buildings. I say that in all probability they will be undocumented illegal aliens who have no right to be here. We have no way of telling who they are, whether they're

gang members MS13 members, drug dealers, sex traffickers, rapists, you name it.

For the most part they have little in common with the majority of the citizens of this town who for the most part are hardworking respectful patriots who support their families, pay taxes, volunteer, serve as police and firemen, school teachers. I give special recognition to those who join our military and fight and die to protect our country,

There is another most impactful aspect I would like to make. My mother-in-law was an immigrant from Portugal. She had fallen on hard times, she lost her husband. Her sister was living here in the U.S. Her sister sponsored her, she was vetted, she worked, learned to speak English, studied for and passed her citizenship test.

I say, what right have these undocumented illegal aliens to live here and enjoy the rights and freedoms so many men and women have fought and died for. What really irritates and infuriates me are these socialist Marxists little Kamala Harris and Governor Healy who bring them into our country and state. For one reason only, to change the electorate of our country and secure their votes and thereby secure their quest for power and control.

I say take it from Trump. Fight, fight, fight. Both yours and your children's futures are on the line.

John Pond, Fairhaven

BBC Asks for Federal Help with NB Sewer Overflows

*The following letter was sent to
Senator Elizabeth Warren,
Senator Edward Markey and
Congressman William Keating:*

We, the undersigned 388 residents of Massachusetts and 16 other states, write to you today to urge you to secure new federal funding for the cleanup of City of New Bedford's sewer system. We are part of the 1,733 people who have put our own bodies and our desire for a cleaner urban environment into New Bedford Harbor as part of the Buzzards Bay SWIM since 1994.

The SWIM was started by City residents who wanted to draw attention to water quality issues in New Bedford Harbor and make a physical statement that everyone has

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a right to clean water in their community. Since then, the event has grown to become one of our region's largest outdoor events and raises critical funds to support the work of the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

That 29-year proud legacy was shattered this year when on June 21st the SWIM was canceled because of a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) from the New Bedford sewer system. The evening before our SWIM, 7.25 Million gallons of sewage contaminated water was released into the Harbor, 2.25 Million of it adjacent to the Swim Start Line and the City's popular swimming beaches.

It is entirely unacceptable that such an event still happens in our Bay in the year 2024.

Built in 1852, the City of New Bedford's sewer system includes 27 CSO pipes designed to release sewage and road runoff when it rains. They are connected to 254 miles of sewer lines beneath the city, representing an enormous infrastructure challenge for this community. Most rains these days

result in some amount of raw sewage discharge in the City, which are now regularly reported on a real-time city website (<https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/public-infrastructure/wastewater/new-bedford-cso-report/>)

This continues to happen in New Bedford despite decades of improvements to the wastewater system which have cost taxpayers \$602 million since 1990. These investments have produced a >90% reduction in CSO volumes and have led to visible improvements to Harbor water quality. We all have experienced these positive changes as swimmers each year.

Yet, unacceptable CSO discharges continue. Current City estimates suggest that another \$1.2 Billion is needed to eliminate this nineteenth-century problem from our waters. City residents who already pay high sewer rates cannot be expected to foot this bill. But it must be corrected. We all benefit from clean water in southeastern MA, not just swimmers, but our region's aquaculture and wild

shellfish industry, tourism base, and New Bedford's continued economic development demand it.

That's why we are reaching out to you to do much more to help the City of New Bedford fix this problem once and for all. We need \$1.2 Billion, a cost that no longer feels outlandish with the same amount recently being awarded for Phase I of the Cape Cod Canal bridges project. New Bedford and Buzzards Bay's future depends on clean and safe water, just as the Cape's economy depends on those bridges.

We stand ready to assist you in this appeal and advocate on behalf of this issue wherever needed. We are supported in this effort by the staff and volunteers of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and ask that you communicate with Mark Rasmussen (rasmussen@savebuzzardsbay.org) and Korrin Petersen (petersen@savebuzzardsbay.org) of the Coalition in response to this letter.

*Mark Rasmussen, President of
Buzzards Bay Coalition on behalf of
388 individual Signers*

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Salty's Soiree: FREE

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 Mattapoisett (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!

Comedy Night

Join us for our annual Funny 4 Funds 4 Veterans comedy fund-raiser, Sat., 10/19, Freetown VFW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown, MA 02717. 18+ event. Doors open at 6; show starts at 7. Tickets: \$20. Concession stand available, cash bar, raffles, 50/50 drawing, auctions.

For tickets, to donate or sponsor, please visit www.funny4funds.com/events. For more information, contact Nicole Pita, 774-503-0826.



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- **Seniors**- to sustain their standard of living without worry or sacrifice.
- **Veterans**- the support and benefits they have earned through their service.
- **Middle class**- to support their children, homes, and thrive economically.
- **Low income families**- to receive the support they need to improve their lives.
- **Young adults**- a secure future so they can attain the American Dream.
- **Youth & parents**- a quality education focused on the skills needed to reach their full potential.

→ Migrant Crisis

- Economic burden increases
- Housing availability decreases
- Education system strained
- Healthcare cost rise

→ Inflation

- Strain on household budgets
- Increased utility costs
- Escalating Tax burdens
- Difficulty affording essentials

If we fail to address these challenges, the costs will spiral, threatening our financial stability.
We must act now to reform our state's approach, particularly the right to shelter laws,
to prevent Massachusetts from being overwhelmed.

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