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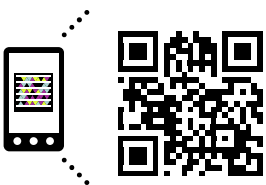
Children and their adults paint pumpkins at fourth annual Kids Fest held on the lawns of Fairhaven High School and the visitors center on 10/12/24. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Well, so much for the sanctity of Executive Session, huh? It seems everyone knows that the Fairhaven Select Board voted not to renew the TA's contract (see page 4). But, then again, who knows for sure? It all happened (or didn't) behind closed doors.

Hopefully, the exit negotiations won't go on much longer and we can get some corroboration. Meanwhile, the usual characters are providing the usual entertainment.

Mmm...let me change that. This was weird, even by Fairhaven standards. See page 4 for this week's Select Board story. And if you have the time, sit in your favorite spot, pour the wine, pop the popcorn and watch the show.

Draw your own conclusions.
Okay. LISTEN UP!!!
!!!!ATTENTION!!!

Next week is our Halloween Trail issue. I have only ONE entry so far. C'mon you guys. I know you're out there decorating. Send me some info: Where you are, what hours you're open for people, if you have goblins or just fairies. Deadline is this Friday so we can publish on 10/24.

There's other stuff in here, of course, including our cover story on page 12, and some pics of the Northern Lights. My readers are the BEST! I never did see the lights.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our letters section last week, the League of Women Voters accused State Rep. candidate Joe Pires of ignoring the invitation to a debate. Mr. Pires disputes this assertion, explaining he never got the emails. See page 21 for his letter.

Early voting starts in Massachusetts

By Beth David
Editor

Early voting for the presidential election on Tuesday, 11/5/24, begins on 10/19. Registered voters can vote at the designated times and the votes will be counted on election day.

The 11/5 ballot will include races for: president of the US, US Senator, US Congress, state senators and representatives.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. statewide.

Voter registration deadline is Saturday, 10/26. Town clerk's offices will be open until 5 p.m. that day.

Deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, 10/29.

View a sample ballot online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/WhereDoIVote>

There are also five ballot questions statewide. To learn more about ballot questions, visit <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/research-and-statistics/info-for-voters-2024.htm> or contact your town clerk's office for the 2024 ballot questions book.

Acushnet

In Acushnet, all precincts vote at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road, Acushnet, on 11/5.

For more information contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-998-0215

Early voting at Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St., Acushnet during the following hours.

- Sat. 10/19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 10/26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Mon., 10/21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mon. 10/28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Tues., 10/22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tues., 10/29, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Wed., 10/23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wed., 10/30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Thurs., 10/23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thurs., 10/31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fri, 10/25, 8 a.m.-noon; Fri., 11/1, 8 a.m.-noon

Fairhaven

In Fairhaven, all precincts vote at the Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven on 11/5.

For more information, call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-979-4023, Ext. 106.

Early Voting is at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, during the following hours:

- Saturday, October 19, 10am-4pm
- Monday, October 21-Friday, October 25, 8:30am-4:30pm
- Saturday, October 26, 10am-4pm
- Monday, October 28-Friday, November 1 - 8:30am-4:30pm

New Bedford

Residents in New Bedford and across Mass. can use the state's online tool at www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/ to check their registration status, party enrollment, and polling location. New Bedford residents can also call 508-979-1420, email (Elections@NewBedford-Ma.gov), or visit the Elections Office at City Hall (Room 114) to check voter status, find their polling location, or seek more information.

- In-person early voting will take place Oct. 19 to Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Downtown library, 613 Pleasant Street.



Deadline 10/18
Pub date: 10/24

Calling all Halloween Yards

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neigh News* and we'll share them with our readers. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture ourselves. Email: NeighbNews@comcast.net; USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.



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Fairhaven SB holds bizarre meeting with no TA

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held a meeting on 10/15/24 that can only be described as bizarre at times, even by Fairhaven standards, featuring the return of a former Select Board member to chastise the current board about a subject he voted on when he was on the board, and the total absence of the Town Administrator who was, reportedly, in the building the whole time. Throw in a couple of executive sessions, a colorful, quite possibly inebriated, frequent flyer for public comments, and the inevitable scolding by an aggrieved Planning Board member, and it is, simply put: popcorn worthy.

The board had a full agenda, but most of the night was spent listening to cryptic, vague, and impossible-to-corroborate accusations and innuendo about the Town Administrator's contract.

The weirdness began within seconds of the meeting convening, with SB member Keith Silvia saying that Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison was not in her seat, but she was in the building, and suggested that someone get her. SB Chairperson, Stasia Powers, said she believed Ms. Ellison was not attending the meeting, saying it was "fine."

"I don't think it's fine," said Mr. Silvia. "She's the Town Administrator."

Ms. Powers noted that they were going to hold an executive session in a few minutes to talk about the TA.

When it was time for the board member items/liason reports. Mr. Silvia yielded his time to former Select Board member, Leon Correy; and to Planning Board member Patrick Carr.

Ms. Powers noted they have a public comment period on the agenda, but Mr. Silvia said they did not want to be limited to two minutes. Ms. Powers relented and let the two men speak.

Mr. Correy started by saying it upset him to have to be there, but he was there to "protect the town,;

He said the last two performance reviews of the TA had high scores. The lower scores were from people not on the board anymore. He said he was concerned about the change that had taken place. He noted that the firm of Clifford and Kenny has been "very involved."

He said they made a mistake on the civil service hiring of the police chief and Ms. Ellison took the brunt of that.

Mr. Correy said he had records of everything he was saying from information he got through records requests. He noted, though, he was not able to get the minutes to two

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executive sessions because the board denied the request.

He accused Clifford & Kenny of double dipping and overcharging the town. He said he did not understand how they are in a position to tell Ms. Ellison she should not be at the meeting.

Ms. Powers interjected calling it a "charge," but Mr. Correy drowned her out saying, "these are real facts."

He said he was speaking "strictly on facts" and that he has not participated in a "single second of meetings" since he left the board.

He added that the fact he had to be there was "somewhat insulting."

Mr. Correy said he remembered a meeting in January that the board voted to appoint SB member Charles Murphy as the negotiator with Ms. Ellison on her contract renewal.

Mr. Correy said he found no motion to reconsider so that vote is still valid. He said if there was no motion to reconsider then they have to start over.

It is unclear what Mr. Correy was alluding to. After the meeting, Mr. Silvia said he believed that Mr. Murphy was not negotiating with Ms. Ellison, that other members were, but he would not be specific.

Mr. Correy also criticized some answers he got to his questions, such as "if you knew what I knew," although he did not name anyone.

He said as Ms. Ellison's employer, the board is required to provide her with a safe, productive environment to do her job.

He said they are potentially putting the town in jeopardy of facing a "major lawsuit."

Mr. Correy told the board they have an obligation to the town, not their friends when they sit on "that side of the table."

Mr. Carr also went through Ms. Ellison's public evaluations, and noted she received a \$10,000 increase. He said Ms. Ellison helped mitigate the \$450K deficit the town faced.

"Ms. Ellison did her job," said Mr. Carr.

He said five candidates ran for two seats and only one was calling for the removal of Ms. Ellison (he did not win). All the other candidates vowed to work with the TA.

That was six months ago, said Mr. Carr, and now there's a decision to terminate her contract.

Mr. Carr said he knows as an employer that he cannot just terminate someone without just cause.

He asked if anyone on the board has taken into consideration legal actions that might be taken against the town. Does the town have the extra funds to buy out her contract, which would be "hundreds of thousands of dollars," he asked.

He asked why they would choose that. Besides a minority of citizens with red signs in their yards, the majority do not have signs.

Mr. Carr said they need to inform the public with transparency.

Mr. Correy and Mr. Carr were most

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Senate Debates

US Senator Elizabeth Warren (D) Mass. and challenger John Deaton (R) faced off in a debate on Tuesday, 10/15/24, hosted by WBZ-TV and moderated by WBZ political analyst Jon Keller, and Victoria McGrane, Politics Editor of the Boston Globe.

Watch the full one hour debate on CBS News Boston's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXzaJhEgGj0>

Their next debate is Thurs., 10/17, at 7 p.m. sponsored by New England Public Media and GBH News. You can watch at live on NEPM TV; 88.5 NEPM; GBH 2; GBH 89.7 FM; 90.1 CAI, the Cape and Islands Radio; and streaming at gbhnews.org and the YouTube channels of GBH News (<https://www.youtube.com/@GBHNews>) and NEPM (<https://www.youtube.com/@NewEnglandPublicMedia>).

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 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

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.

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.

Town Yard Sale

Old Town Fairhaven is happy to announce the 2024 Fall Town-Wide Sale! It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th.

Download/view the list of yards at <https://docs.google.com/.../1-8mxouHfczu3FwuITGy6QDV.../edit> and <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit...>

Library Focus Group

The Millicent Library is pleased to announce a community focus group as part of its strategic planning process on Saturday, October 19, at 10:00 AM in the Rita E. Steele Auditorium at the library, 45 Cener St.

(use Walnut St. entrance). This initiative offers an exciting opportunity to shape the future of library services for the Fairhaven community.

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.

At Shepherd Center

The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts presents Jordan Paiva's "Changing Colors" on Sat., 10/19, at 7 pm., 34 Center St, Fairhaven (Williams St entrance)

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For tickets and more information, visit <https://theshepherdcenter.org>

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Sun.. 10/20. 9-1:30 p.m; Red Cross Blood Drive in St. Mary's Parish Hall, 40 Main St., Fhvn.. Give a pint /Save a life. Register online at the Red Cross donor site. Refreshments provided.

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7 Scary ghosts and monsters. At 200 Bridge St., parking across the street at Walmart.

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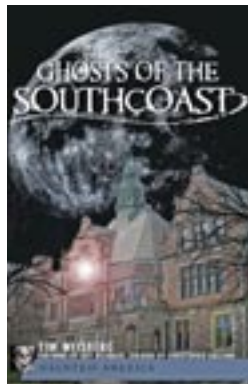
Wed., 10/23, 6:30-7:30pm, Millicent Library Auditorium, 45 Center St. (Use Walnut Street entrance).

From the spirits of British loyalists in Wareham's Fearing Tavern to the ghostly goings-on at the Lizzie Borden House in Fall River, Tim Wiesberg of Spooky Southcoast and WBSM Radio will examine some of the SouthCoast's most infamous ghost stories. It is also an in-depth look at the region's history and how it relates to its haunts. Our own Millicent Library will feature!

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

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>

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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: 10/23, Warwick Mall; 10/30, Kingston Collection Shopping Mall; 11/6, Twin River Casino; 11/13, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods.

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

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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.

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.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Medicare Open Enrollment is your chance to review your coverage for 2025. You can review changes to your current plan, check out new plan options for 2025, and learn if you qualify for programs to help with your out-of-pocket costs.

Call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to make a SHINE appointment for your free, confidential and unbiased assistance with your Medicare options.

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

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Pumpkin Painting/Carving

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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.

Nov 18-Dec 9th 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 No program Nov 5th

Recipe of the Week

Grilled Peach Chicken Salad

- 6 cups spring mix salad
- 2 chicken breasts (skinless & boneless)
- 2 large peaches (pitted & halved)
- 1/2 cup raspberries
- 1/2 cup walnuts (toasted)
- 1/4 cup goat cheese (cubed)

Dressing

- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp minced onion
- 1/2 tsp each salt & pepper
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- 5 tbsp olive oil

In a bowl, whisk together all the dressing ingredients. Brush 2-3 teaspoons of the dressing over the peaches and chicken. Marinate for 10 minutes.

Grill the chicken breasts on medium-high heat on each side for 5-7 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink.

Grill peaches flesh side down for 3-4 minutes to get grill marks.

In a large bowl, toss salad with dressing and top with sliced chicken, peaches, raspberries, walnuts, and goat cheese to serve.

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Dear Frankie



Three's a Crowd

Dear Frankie,

My mom is a big believer in choices. She knows that Halloween is not my favorite holiday. So, when she asked me how I would like to spend Halloween this year, I said in bed under the covers.

She wasn't amused. She said I could participate in the Halloween Dog Parade or trick-or-treat with my brother Peter. Talk about being between a rock and a hard place.

If I choose the parade, it will be beyond humiliating to be seen by my friends from the park. If I decide to go with Peter, my chances for bodily harm are pretty high. Peter and his friends think beating up one another with water balloons and flour-filled socks is hilarious.

I don't know if you have ever been hit by one of those socks, but they can leave bruises for weeks. I don't know what I should do.

Clyde

Dear Clyde, Definitely, choose the parade. Getting your ego dented is a far better choice than getting your body bruised. I suggest you tell your

friends at the park why you will be in the parade and ask them to be sensitive to your feelings and not tease you.

As for your mother, it's unclear why she insists on asking you to do something you find distasteful and makes you feel uncomfortable. I believe her time would be better spent knowing what Peter is doing and providing him and his friends some supervision on Halloween Night.

Sorry, I have no suggestions for springing you from the parade. Perhaps if you consider it a couple of uncomfortable hours once a year to please your mom, it will make it more palatable.

Best, Frankie

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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.

Halloween 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.

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.

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.

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.

Veterans Day Parade

The Fairhaven Office of Veterans Services will hold a Veterans Day Parade on 11/11. Parade participants will assemble at Benoit Square at 8:30 AM and begin marching at 9:00 AM south on Main Street to Fairhaven High School. There will be a program at the High School with speakers and the Big Flag will be raised to honor our Veterans. In the event of inclement weather, a ceremony will be held at the Fairhaven Town Hall at 10 a.m.

The public is encouraged to line

the route and attend the ceremony at the high school to show support for those who have served in the military.

If you are a veteran or the loved one of a veteran, the Fairhaven Senior Center invites you to ride in the van in the parade. We will board the van at 8 a.m. Please call 508-979-4029 by November 7 to save your seat.

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.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Sinister Cinema

New Bedford Film Festival presents Sinister Cinema. A celebration of New England's most spine-chilling short films! Thurs., 10/24, 5-9 p.m., Gallery X, 169 William St., New Bedford. Featuring workshops, films and after party. Tickets are \$13 for the films; \$22 for the workshop. Visti <https://www.newbedfordfilmfestival.com/events/sinister-cinema> for tickets.

Welcome Reception, 5-6:30. We invite you to our opening reception! Light snacks and beverages will be available. Browse otherworldly artwork on display at Gallery X, take a photo at our custom backdrop, and chat with the featured filmmakers. A selection of local vendors and freebies from the films will be offered.

Visit <https://www.newbedfordfilmfestival.com/events> for the schedule of workshops and short films

Afterparty, 9:30-11 p.m., at PLAY Arcade, 34 Union St.

Craft Fair

New Bedford's Whaling City Catholic Community is again

sponsoring its Annual Vendor and Craft Harvest Fair at the 121 Mt. Pleasant Street, fully accessible, Holy Name Parish Center on 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.

The Fair will again offer more than 30 indoor and outdoor vendor booths, a huge 50-50 raffle, scratch ticket and gift card trees, used jewelry tables, the Chinese/Lucky Draw and basket raffles as well as activities for kids, and of course the always favorite Women's Guild Bake, take out and homemade candy tables.

The kitchen will offer everything from French Meat Pie dinners to sausage pepper and onion sandwiches and drinks.

Your Vote is Magic

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast is proud to present "Your Vote Is Magic" on Fri., 10/25, at 6:30 p.m., at New Bedford Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

The Award-winning illusionist Lyn Dillies is the creator of "Your Vote Is Magic." She seamlessly integrates breathtaking illusions with a

compelling educational message about the importance of voting.

This non-partisan presentation, offered at no cost, aims to inspire and empower students and citizens to vote. It explicitly emphasizes the significance of your vote as your voice and underscores the importance of exercising your right to vote. For further information, please visit lwvsouthcoast.org/events.

Dock-U-Mentary

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to announce the return of its free Dock-u-mentary series, hosted in partnership with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. Dock-u-mentaries is a free film series hosted at the National Park auditorium at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford on every third Friday at 7:00pm from October through April. These films explore a variety of themes and topics related to the commercial fishing industry and the working waterfront.

On October 18, FHC will be screening the documentary film

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Kids Fest keeps kids entertained

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's fourth annual Kids Fest got perfect weather on Saturday, 10/12/24, with light breezes, warm, but not hot, temperatures, and sunny skies. Children, many in costume, ran around taking in the sights, playing lawn games, and just enjoying the chance for an outdoor event.

The Carabiner's climbing wall was

a big hit, and pumpkin painting used up nearly all the free pumpkins donated by Barbosa's farm. The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee held its costume swap and ran out of costumes.

Booths included food and sweets, craft vendors, and wandering characters, such as Ezekiel, the Green Wizard of the North, and his pet dragon Balthazar, a big hit with the

kids.

The event was sponsored by the Millicent Library and the Fairhaven Recreation Department.

The Fairhaven Cable TV Department took photos of those willing and daring enough to pose with a life size skeleton.....oooooeeee... You can find them at www.FairhavenTV.com

See page 7 for info on their annual Haunted Halloween party at Town Hall.



ABOVE LEFT: Young Declyn cautiously pets Balthazar, the pet dragon of Ezekiel, the Green Wizard of the North, while Declyn's dad Josh provides encouragement during the fourth annual Kids Fest on the lawns of Fairhaven High School and the visitors center on 10/12/24. ABOVE RIGHT: Ezekiel and Balthazar with L-R, Jack, Emily, Evelyn. BELOW LEFT: Christin Ritz, a member of the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee releases some milkweed, which is the only food Monarch Butterflies eat, into the breeze during Kids Fest. BELOW MIDDLE: Niko poses for the local free sheet while wearing his police officer costume. BELOW RIGHT: Children make their way up and down the Carabiner's climbing wall, a very popular feature at the Kids Fest. *Photos by Beth David.*



Northern Lights make local appearance

Seeing the Northern Lights, aka, aurora borealis is a rare treat in these parts, but not unheard of.

A severe solar storm resulted in the spectacular colors of the

Northern Lights visible on October 10 & 11. This is the second time this year the lights have been visible in southern Mass. The last was in May, also because of a strong solar storm.

Learn more at <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/communities/aurora-dashboard-experimental> or <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/aurora-tutorial>



ABOVE and BELOW LEFT: A rare glimpse of the Northern Lights, aka aurora borealis, around 7:30 p.m. on 10/10/24 over West Island in Fairhaven, MA. *Photos courtesy of Brian Garceau.* BELOW RIGHT & BOTTOM From the Seaview Boat Ramp. *Photos courtesy of Ray Rock.*



STILL OVERTOWN

Saving the Ocean: Swordfish. The film follows host Carl Safina and the crew of the Four Ladies out of southern Nova Scotia as they hunt swordfish hundreds of miles offshore on Georges Bank. From *Saving the Ocean* with Carl Safina. Courtesy of The Chedd-Angier Production Company.

Free Open Rehearsal

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra

invites the public to a Free Open Rehearsal, Fri., 10/25, 4-6:30 p.m., Bronspiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA

Seating is general admission, and no tickets or RSVP are required. The rehearsal pieces will be Ravel, Bernstein, and Gershwin (rehearsal will include Newport Contemporary Ballet.). A 20-minute break usually occurs between 5 and 5:30. Come and go as you please! To prevent

disrupting the rehearsal process, we kindly ask that applause be reserved for the end of the session.

Plan to arrive early for an exciting performance by New Bedford Ballet students! You will find them to the left of the lobby from 6:15 - 6:45 PM. And join Yaniv in the auditorium for his pre-concert talk from 6:30 - 7:00 PM. He will welcome Newport Contemporary Ballet Executive Artistic Director Danielle Genest from 6:45 - 7:00 PM.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Salty's Soiree: FREE

Join us on Sat., 10/19, 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. Rain date is 10/20.

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.

Ghost Stories

For the fourth year, the South Coast will once again be haunted by Ghost Stories for an Autumn Night at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front St., Marion. This atmospheric event brings spine-chilling Victorian and Edwardian horror tales to life in the candlelit chapel.

Master storyteller Eric Fialho, who has been thrilling Boston-area audiences for over a decade, will deliver three eerie tales of suspense on Friday, October 25th at 7:00 PM. Accompanied by David Burnham on the organ, the night promises a haunting experience. Cheese, wine, and lively discussions will follow the performance.

This event is not suitable for children under 14, but childcare will be provided for younger attendees. Last year's event sold out, so be sure to purchase tickets through Eventbrite or at the church office. All proceeds support the parish's youth programs. Tickets: \$20

Call 508-748-507, or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ghost-stories-for-an-autumn-night-tickets-1041198481687?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Westport Halloween

You will have a "spooktacular" time at our Halloween Happening event!

Sun., 10/20, (Rain date 10/27), noon-2 p.m., Westport Woods, 573 Adamsville Rd., Westport. \$5 per child (parents/adults are free). Pre-registration is required. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/49f4tvay>

Dress up in a costume and enjoy the following: Walk our trick-or-treat trail where volunteers in family friendly costumes will hand out candy and treats; Enjoy outdoor games such as: bean bag toss, witch hat ring toss, carnival cans, egg & spoon race, potato sack race, pumpkin music walk, tug of war & more; Paint a pumpkin; Listen or dance to fun music; Interact with our local police & fire professionals who will be handing out treats; Purchase something to eat from one of our food

vendors. *Sponsored by Westport Recreation Department & Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT).

Author Event

As part of the Purrington Fall Author Series, Catherine Newman, author of the New York Times bestselling novel, "Sandwich," will read from her book, invite audience questions, and sign copies of the novel at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow St., on Tues., 10/22, at 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Newman has written numerous columns, articles, and canned-bean recipes for magazines and newspapers, and her essays have been widely anthologized. Newman has authored several books. Copies of her new novel will be available for purchase.

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 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 which offer more than 1,300 free parking spaces. The downtown pick-up/drop-off location is in Riley Plaza.

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



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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.

Economic Development

Thurs., 10/17, Town all, 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets Comm

Thurs., 10/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Bd 40R Hearing

Tues., 10/22, Town Hall, TBA

School Committee

Wed., 11/13, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 10/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Commission

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

Selectboard

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

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

	Oct 2024	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
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	
Monday	28	0557 1816	0038 1307	
Tuesday	29	0637 1855	0107 1343	
Wednesday	30	0712 1930	0101 1407	
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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 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- Public Hearing – NOI – Deep Brook Estates, LLC / Park Drive & Deep Brook Drive Map 17 & 18 – Lots 66, 68, 70, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84 and Lots 18, 18G, 12S & 12R – SE -001-XXXX A Notice of Intent was filed Deep Brook Estates, LLC by for property located at Park Drive & Deep Brook Drive Acushnet, MA (Deep Brook Estates). The applicant proposes to finish construction on two (2) subdivision roadways and drainage for the development of a (15)

lot single-family residential subdivision within the 100-foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland due to an expired Order of Conditions. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Deep Brook Estates a Definitive Subdivision Plan off Park Drive Acushnet, Massachusetts" dated October 24, 2017.

- Public Hearing RDA – Brookside Realty Trust c/o John P. Mathieu / 1094 Main Street, Map 7 Lot 15A Request for Determination was filed by Brookside Realty Trust c/o John P. Mathieu for property located at 1094 Main Street. The applicant requests that the Conservation Commission confirm that the stream at the site is Intermittent. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Plan to accompany RDA Application at 1094 Main Street in Acushnet, MA" dated October 3, 2024.

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
FNN, 10/17/24

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids marked "CLEANING AND REDEVELOPMENT OF MUNICIPAL GRAVEL PACKED PITLESS WELL" will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m. November 7, 2024 E.S.T. and at 2:00 p.m. E.S.T. November 7, 2024 will be publicly opened and read. Specifications are available Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 at the BPW Office, 508-979-4030 or email bpw@fairhaven-ma.gov. The Board of Public Works 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 10/17/24

Fire at Sweet Ginger causes minimal damage

Fairhaven Fire Department
Press Release

On Wednesday, 10/9/24, at 12:48 a.m. the Fairhaven Fire Department responded to a commercial fire alarm with multiple dining room alarms activated at Sweet Ginger, 181 Huttleston Avenue

Engine 2, Ladder 1, and Engine 4 responded. The first engine company on scene noted a light smoke condition from a roof top vent, as well as a smoke condition inside the

dining room through the window.

Entry was gained through the kitchen door, and a small fire on the stove was located and extinguished immediately with a water extinguisher. Crews remained on scene until approximately 2:20 AM ventilating the structure in both Sweet Ginger and the adjacent restaurant, Domino's Pizza.

The fire was accidental, determined to be caused due to the stove having been left on unintentionally. A

pot melted, causing a small fire and smoke condition.

The business owners mitigated any issues and the Town of Fairhaven Board of Health approved the restaurant to be open for business.

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From our readers

Pires Explains Lack of Response

This letter was sent to the League of Women Voters (see 10/10/24 issue)

Dear Kristen,

Thank you for reaching out and for the opportunity to participate in the League of Women Voters of Southcoast's Candidates' Night. I truly appreciate the effort you and your organization put into facilitating these important discussions.

I would like to clarify the situation regarding the invitation. There seems to have been a mix-up with the email addresses used for communication. While I am sure a letter was sent inviting me to the debate, I never received it. Additionally, the initial invite was not sent to my official campaign email, which is the primary contact I monitor for event requests and communications.

By the time I realized the invite had been sent to my school committee email, a couple of days later, a story had already appeared in the local papers, which I perceived as an unfair criticism of my campaign.

This misunderstanding has led to

frustration, particularly with how my non-response was portrayed publicly.

I kindly request that the letter to the editor in the Sippican Weekly, the Wanderer, and Fairhaven Neighborhood News be retracted, as it does not accurately reflect my willingness to participate. Resolving this matter will help maintain the integrity and transparency that both our campaigns and the League value.

Given the recent developments and circumstances, I must respectfully decline the invitation to attend the event on October 17th. I appreciate your understanding and the work that goes into organizing such events.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Warm regards, Joe Pires, Candidate for Massachusetts State Representative

Undecided Voters, Stay Home

With all the chaos, outrageous rhetoric, and existential threats, any voter who remains undecided now should stay home on election day. Not having paid attention, or far

worse, not caring about the future of the United States, despite all the unequivocal warning signs, the undecided voter's apathy is a genuine threat to democracy.

Waiting until the last minute to decide indicates that the voter could be motivated by a completely inconsequential event, or their complacency indicates indifference to the right to vote.

Interestingly the right vote in a national election could become a mandatory obligation under an autocratic regime and in so many tyrannical nations voting is monitored, and choosing not to participate and be seen at polling venues is penalized officially or by employers or neighbors.

In view of each party's position that this election could be the death knell of democracy a large swath of undecided or indifferent voters who choose the most threatening candidate based on some undeliverable promise, irrational grievance or fear could truly be the end of secure and honest elections.

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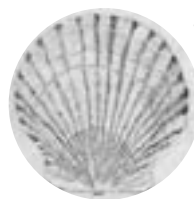
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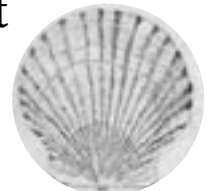
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likely referring to the rumors that the board had voted in executive session not to renew Ms. Ellison's contract, which expires in April of 2025. Executive Session proceedings are not open to the public and are supposed to be secret until the matter is resolved. After the matter is disposed of the minutes can be released to the public. A request for minutes from two executive sessions was denied at the last board meeting. Mr. Correy said at this week's meeting that he had made those requests.

Right around that point, well known activist/agitator, and frequent flyer in the public comment section, Diane Hahn, stumbled to the podium holding two of the previously mentioned red signs calling for the removal of the TA, and one campaign sign for Andrew Romano.

Planning Board Chairperson Cathy Melanson got up and tried to get Ms. Hahn to sit back down.

Throughout the meeting, Ms. Hahn had periodically called out asking if it was public comment time yet. The answer was still "no."

"You're going to ruin it," said Ms. Melanson.

"I won't ruin it," said Ms. Hahn.

"It's not your turn," said Ms. Melanson.

Ms. Hahn lamented the fact that everyone else had time.

Ms. Powers assured her she could speak during the public comment period.

When she got her chance, Ms. Hahn railed against people putting up signs on town property, saying she found all three signs on the sidewalk, as she threw them on the floor of the meeting room.

"Don't put your signs on public property," she said. "Thank you very much."

After the meeting the *Neighb News* tried to ask Mr. Carr if he was saying that the town was bound by law to renew the TA contract even if it expires.

"No comment for you," said Mr. Carr with a wave of his hand and walked away.

In another matter that can also fall into the category of bizarre, the board held a pole hearing for 16 poles on Sconticut Neck Road to be relocated. The thing is, the poles are already in place.

Monica Medeiros spoke to the

board saying she was not given notice about where the poles would be and one is right in front of her window and will block their efforts to widen their driveway.

Highway Superintendent Joshua Crabb said they sent three mailings, and home owners were compensated for the placement of the poles.

Ms. Medeiros said she never would have agreed to that spot and they only got one notice, the compensation notice, and it said nothing about placement.

Ms. Powers noted that the board was supposed to be approving the poles being installed, but it seemed they were already up.

"The poles are up," said Mr. Crabb, adding that he thought the hearing was for getting them "charged up."

After a little bit more back-and-forth, the board decided to continue the public hearing until they can get a representative from Eversource there to answer some questions.

In another matter, the board also

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approved use of the town hall by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, pending their payment of \$1,000 in outstanding bills.

The association will host the annual sing-a-long on 12/14/24 outside town hall and use the auditorium for refreshments after.

Eric Dawicki, who is on the FIA board, told the SB that he was shocked to hear that the town charges the FIA anything to use the town hall. He said the FIA was designed to be part of the fabric of town hall. He said he even believed the town was required to have a meeting room available to them.

SB member Andrew Romano noted that they have spent the last six

months discussing the use of the town hall auditorium, and the policy around it. He said the town should not charge any nonprofit, or charge them all.

Mr. Dawicki continued to make his case, saying the FIA goes back to Henry Huttleston Rogers and should be in a different category.

The board voted to waive the rental fee, but not the custodian, and still required payment of the outstanding bills. Mr. Silvia recused himself from the discussion and votes.

The board also approved and signed the warrant for the special town meeting on 11/19. They voted to hold their recommendation on the 40R bylaw changes because they did not have the final language. They will make their recommendation at Town Meeting.

Even that had a bit of drama, with former Select Board member Bob Espindola asking for some clarification on some concerns he had arising out of the informational meeting the town held on the 40R proposal. He said the money the town would be getting was one-time money and should not be used for staff or other ongoing expenses.

Ms. Melanson took issue with Mr. Espindola's bringing it up at the SB meeting, saying it was a matter for the Planning Board.

Mr. Espindola said the issues he raised were financial, whereas the PB public hearing was about the proposal, but he was happy to bring it up at the hearing on 10/22.

- In other business the board
- Appointed Alexandra Mitchell to the Cultural Council
 - Voted to support the Polar Plunge on January 1. This year's theme is your best disco attire
 - Voted to allow use of town hall auditorium by Off Broadway Dance Recital on 12/19, 20, 21.
 - Approved the Police Chief's contract.
 - Announced the annual Halloween event at town hall on 10/25 (see page 7)
 - Announced the Old-Time Holiday event will be on 12/14 in the center of town.
 - Approved the board's access to town counsel protocols, which lays out when and who can contact town counsel for an opinion.

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Murder on the Orient Express will be performed at Fairhaven High School on Nov. 8 & 9 at 7PM, with a matinee on 11/10 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 https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183_1 and in person at each performance.

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