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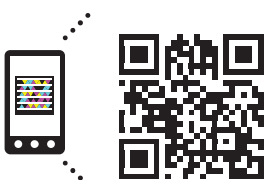
This toothy guy will greet you at 70 Oliver Street, Fairhaven, #1 on the Halloween Trail. See page 12. Submitted photo.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

OOOEEE...it's that time of year again. It's a whole week early for my favorite holiday, but next week would be too late. So, you have plenty of time to follow the trail. All the stops on our trail this year are up and running and will be lit up every night through Halloween.

See page 12 for the trail, and see page 6 for other fun Halloween happenings, like the Haunted Town Hall and the Horribles parade.

We've got some voting news in this week's issue. There are five ballot questions on the 11/5 ballot. See page 4 for a summary of each one and links to find out more. You can also look at a sample ballot online so you aren't surprised when you get into the voting booth.

And early voting is happening now. See page 3 for when and where you can vote.

Acushnet's elementary school principal was recognized. See page 18 for that.

There's other stuff in here, of course, including some fun letters to the editor on page 22.

The happenings pages have some other fun stuff to do, besides Halloween stuff (I mean, if you're so inclined). See 5, 11, 14 for that.

And take your time going through the pages, so you notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Alas, the winter wood has arrived, I guess it's time to put the storm window in the door and wrap up the boat for the season. Sniff, sniff.

Until next week then, see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Kids Fest last week, we made an error on the pumpkin donations. The pumpkins were available at no cost to the first 120 kids through the generous donations from Rockland Trust Bank in Fairhaven and The Friends of Millicent Library.

We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.



# Early voting is underway in Mass.

By Beth David  
Editor

Early voting for the presidential election on Tuesday, 11/5/24 is underway in Massachusetts. 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.

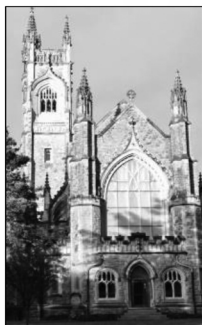
Early Voting is at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, during the following hours:

- 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/](http://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](mailto: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.



## UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

10 a.m. Oct. 27: "Honoring Our Beloved Dead"

(Please bring photos or mementos of your dear ones for a communal altar)

Nursery care for ages 0-6 provided in Harrop Center, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
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# Voters facing 5 ballot questions in Mass.

By Beth David  
Editor

In addition to voting for president of the United States, US Senator, and state offices, the voters of Mass. will face five ballot questions on November 5. Voters will vote on: giving the State Auditor the authority to audit the legislature; eliminating or keeping the MCAS as a high school graduation requirement; unionization for transportation network drivers (such as Uber and Lyft); limited legalization and regulation of certain natural psychedelic substances; minimum wage for tipped workers.

## Question 1: Auditing the Legislature

A “yes” vote will expressly authorize the State Auditor to audit the legislature; a “no” vote will leave the law unchanged.

Arguing for passage, the Committee for Transparent Democracy states that the State Auditor is independently elected to audit every state entity. It notes that the Mass. Legislature is continuously ranked as one of the least transparent legislatures in the US, and is one of only four legislatures that exempts itself from public records laws.

Those against passage lean heavily on the argument that the law would violate the separation of powers and legislative supremacy required by the Mass. Constitution.

A majority report by the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions (Committee) strongly argues against the change saying it violates the foundational constitutional principle of separation of powers.

For more on the yes side, visit <https://auditthelegislature.com>; for more on the no side, visit <https://www.masspoliticsprofs.org>

The Committee has presented a report on each question in the ballot questions booklet produced by the Secretary of State. All voters should have received a copy, and a link to the booklet online is provided at the end of this article.

## Question 2: Eliminating MCAS

Question 2 would eliminate the MCAS (Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System) test as a high school graduation requirement. A “yes” vote would eliminate the requirement; a “no” vote would leave the law as is.

Students will still have to demonstrate mastery of the skills, competencies, and knowledge contained in the state academic standards, but it would allow individual districts to determine how to certify that

mastery.

The Mass. Teachers Association argues for a “yes” saying that the MCAS is a one-size-fits-all exam that fails to measure other student achievement measures. Getting rid of the MCAS will allow schools to focus on the most important skills and knowledge to help students succeed in life, rather than having to focus on only those skills that can be measured on a standardized test.

The group opposing the measure (Protect Our Kids Future: Vote No on 2) argues that some school districts will just adopt a lower standard so students will graduate. They argue that it is not fair to grant diplomas to students who are not ready to graduate. The MCAS is the only statewide standard, eliminating it would give Mass. less rigorous standards that Miss. and Ala. The group also argues that the change is a “radical and untested proposal,” and any significant changes to the educational system should be carefully studied.

The Committee recommends not passing the question, citing numerous education officials opposed to the change. The report notes that 99% of students are able to graduate by passing the MCAS or pursuing one of the alternative paths available.

Detractors of the MCAS say it has harmed the most marginalized students and creates a classroom filled with anxiety and stress.

Proponents maintain that elimination of the requirement will lead to more, not less inequity. They also state that the MCAS is an introduction to the world of certification and accountability for students.

The report notes that the Education Reform Act of 1993 established the current system. Prior to that, the state had no statewide curriculum standards and the quality of education varied widely from district to district.

For more on the yes side, visit <https://massteacher.org/news/2024/07/question-2-yes>; for more on the no side, visit <https://www.votenoquestion2.org>

## Question 3: Unions for Rideshare Drivers

Question 3 would allow rideshare drivers (such as Uber and Lyft drivers) to unionize. A “yes” vote would provide drivers with the option to form a union; a “no” vote would make no change in the law. The law would require companies to bargain with unions on wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work..

United for Justice argues for the question saying that the change will give drivers the option to join a union while maintaining driver flexibility and independence. They argue that most workers have the option to join a union, but rideshare drivers do not.

Mass. Fiscal Alliance argues that the law will raise prices for all riders; allows politicians to set the rules with no accountability, and creates a “new radical labor category that is inconsistent with federal law.”

They also argue that drivers already receive \$32.50 per hour with good benefits; they will have no control over leadership of the union; and the law leaves many drivers without a voice.

The Committee recommends not passing the question. The report notes that the law would only affect certain drivers, such as those working for Uber and Lyft, but not DoorDash.

The Report notes that the state is in a lawsuit to determine if the drivers should be classified as employees or keep them as independent contractors. There are also five initiatives in the legislature concerning that issue. If any pass, it could cause a conflict with the new law.

Members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) argued to the Committee that none of those initiatives should interfere with the right of drivers to unionize.

To learn more on the yes side, visit <https://www.voteyeson3mass.com>; for the no side, visit [https://www.massfiscal.org/no-on-question\\_3](https://www.massfiscal.org/no-on-question_3)

## Question 4: Legalizing Psychedelics

Question 4 would allow persons 21 and older to possess, grow and use two natural psychedelic substances found in mushrooms, and three found in plants. They would be available for purchase at an approved location by licensed facilitator.

A “yes” vote would allow the change; a “no” vote would make no change in the law.

Mass. for Mental Health Options argues in favor of passage, saying that it would provide safe, regulated access to promising natural medicines for treatment-resistant PTSD, anxiety, and depression.

Traditional medications do not work for many people, and psychedelic drugs can help with end-of-life anxiety.

The Coalition for Safe Communities argues that a black market is inevitable; drugged driving and DUI have increased in recent years, and this will cause more

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Town Hall Closed

Fairhaven Town Hall will be closed to the public on Fri., 10/25, EXCEPT for EARLY VOTING and by appointment, due to preparations for the Halloween event (see page 6).

All Town Hall Departments will be staffed for appointments only on Friday, October 25, 2024. Payment drop box remains available 24 x 7 as well as all online payments.

To schedule an appointment with a Town Hall Department (list below), please call (508) 979-4023

Assessors, Ext. 9105; Board of Health, Ext. 9121; Building, Ext. 9107; Collector's Office, Ext. 9104; Harbormaster/Marine Resources, Ext. 9304; Land Use (Conservation, Planning), Ext. 9303; Select Board, Ext. 9102; Town Clerk, Ext. 9103; Town Finance (Accounting), Ext. 9108

Normal business hours resume on Monday, 10/28

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:lisa@thesmilingwarrior.org). Visit <https://thesmilingwarrior.org/> to learn more about Matthew's story.

## Water Flushing

The Fairhaven Water Department will continue flushing water mains tonight Monday – Thursday, for the next few weeks. The flushing effort is anticipated to be conducted from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Although all efforts are taken to isolate the target areas, properties outside the targeted area may be affected.

This effort is being undertaken to remove the sediment from the water system. As a result, if possible, please avoid using water while the hydrant flushing is taking place as this will draw the dirty water into your property.

During the flushing process, it is not uncommon to have low water pressure or for a yellow, brown or reddish tint to appear in the water. These harmless mineral deposits settle in the water mains and flushing fire hydrants stir these deposits, sometimes causing a brief discoloration of the water.

If you encounter discolored water following hydrant flushing, run the cold water taps only.

Do not use hot water taps throughout your home at bathroom sinks, tubs, kitchen faucets, etc. for 5 to 15 minutes, or until water clears; By not using your hot water taps, this should prevent discolored water from entering your hot water system.

If you do experience discolored water on your hot side: Run water closest to your meter which is most likely outside; Call the Water Department at 508-979-4032; Do not dry or use bleach on your laundry if discolored; Use an Iron-Out product to remove stains

## Blood Drive

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That's why Trinity Lutheran Church is on a mission to help save lives by hosting a blood drive on Sunday October 27th from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA.

The community is invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation. The need for blood is constant, but only 3 percent of the U.S. population donates. By rolling up a sleeve, donors can play a critical role in the

treatment of accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire found at [RedCrossBlood.org/rapidpass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/rapidpass) is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## At the Shepherd Ctr

The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts presents: Pumpkin Head Ted: "Thirty Years in The Making," Sat., 10/26, at 7 pm., 34 Center St, Fairhaven (Williams St entrance). Doors open 6:30 pm. Tickets \$20.

Pumpkin Head Ted will perform an eclectic mix of covers and originals from their 30 years of music-making. Join us as this multi-instrumental band delivers a rich variety of tones, textures and genres rarely seen in a single group. Expect everything from rich narrative harmonies to high-energy rock.

The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the local and regional performing arts: music, dance, theatre, and cinema.

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

## Wreaths Across America

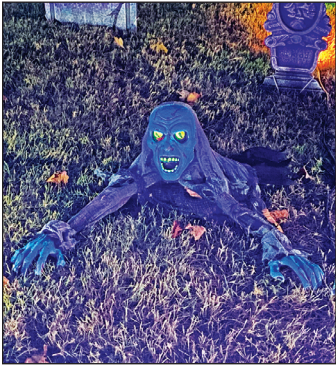
The Town of Fairhaven Veterans' Services Office presents Wreaths Across American. We will place wreaths at all Fairhaven cemeteries in honor of our veterans.

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,

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**14: 18 VILLAGE AVE.** Now you turn around and head back to Main Street to 18 Village Ave. This drive-by is lit up anytime after dark until around 10. On Halloween, walk through to get your treat, that is if the Grave Robber is so inclined. *Submitted photo.*

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### Dartmouth

And last, but definitely not least, our Dartmouth stop. We KNOW there are others, so keep your eyes peeled (not literally).

**15: 10 STONEWALL MANOR** Oh...the name alone "Stonewall Manor" makes me shiver! Fully operational now and lit up every night (weather permitting) from dusk until 11, through Halloween. Find them on Facebook for a truly creepy video. *Submitted photo.*



## Off the trail but worth the trip

There are plenty of other haunted happenings besides the Halloween Trail (page 12). Here's a list of the ones we know about. I'm betting there are more.

So...have fun...be scared!

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

### Acushnet Halloween Parade

Join us on Thursday, October 31st beginning at 6pm for the annual Halloween Parade. Please meet in front of the Acushnet Town Hall, 122 Main Street for the parade ending at the Fire Station where the Fire Department will be distributing all kinds of fun treats.

### Spooky Author Talk

*We Mostly Come Out at Night:* Author Talk, Mon., 10/28, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Join local author Jonathan Lenore Kastin and anthology editor Rob Costello for a lively discussion about *We Mostly Come Out at Night: 15 Queer Tales of Monsters, Angels & Other Creatures*. This YA cross-genre anthology reimagines classic monster stories with fresh, queer perspectives.

Selected readings from the anthology will be followed by a Q&A session and book signing. Be not afraid—come explore what it means to be a monster!

### 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, 508-748-1507. All proceeds support the parish's youth programs.

Get tickets (\$20 pp) at <https://tinyurl.com/3w3x7az2>

### Halloween Parade

The volunteer witches of the Marion Art Center have been brewing up plans for their annual Halloween Parade around the town on Thursday, October 31. Costumed characters of all ages are invited to join in for this fun family event! Participants should meet in front of the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front St. (we'll line up on Cottage Street) at 4:00pm. Under the direction of Hannah Moore, the Sippican Elementary School drummers will lead the parade of witches and princesses, goblins and ghouls, wild animals, and spooky spirits. The parade route will head south on Front Street, up Main Street, north onto Spring Street and back down Cottage to the Music Hall.

Don't forget to pop by the Music Hall at the end of the parade route for your treat bags, made with love by the good witches of the MAC! Teal Pumpkin goodie bags are available for those with allergies or food sensitivity.

This year, the First Congregational Church, at the corner of Main and Front streets, Marion, is planning to

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## Comet is visible in local skies

Comet C/2023 A3 Tsuchinshan-ATLAS made an appearance in Fairhaven skies last week. Ray Rock caught it with his camera on October 15 from the end of Sedgwick Road on Sciticut Neck in Fairhaven.

"I was excited to just about see it with my naked eye," wrote Mr. Rock in an email. "And thrilled to get it on my camera."



ABOVE: Comet C/2023 A3 Tsuchinshan-ATLAS streaks across the sky on 10/15/24 as seen from Sedgwick Road on Sciticut Neck in Fairhaven. Photo courtesy of Ray Rock.

## Curbside compost in Fhvn

Thanks to the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee we now have access to Curbside Composting. Interested residents need to sign up at [BlackEarthCompost.com](http://BlackEarthCompost.com). You must purchase a bin and compostable bags and there is a monthly fee. They pick up every other week. You can compost a much wider variety of foods and compostable materials. We are so excited to have access to this service! To get this service to come to Fairhaven we had to get 65 interested households. Fee is \$89.99 every six months, or \$16.99/month. Get a 13-gallon starter kit for \$39.50.



Fairhaven residents can now buy a Black Earth compost bin like this one for curbside pickup of food waste.. Photo courtesy of Carolyn Nunez.



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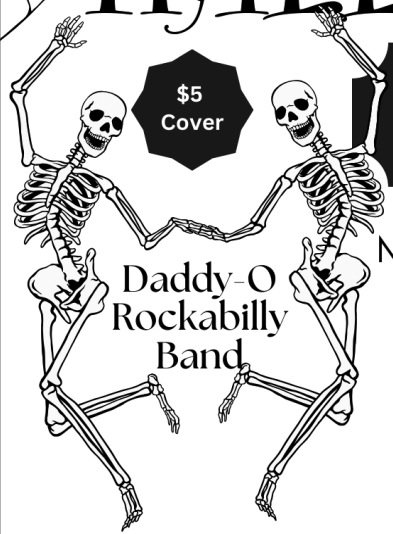
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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; Wed., 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.

Visit our website at: [http://fairhavenma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA\\_COA/index](http://fairhavenma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA_COA/index)

## 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

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

## 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: 10/30, Kingston Collection Shopping Mall; 11/6, Twin River Casino; 11/13, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods; 11/20, Providence Place Mall.

## 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.

## Flu Clinic

Nov. 1st 10am-1pm. Must bring ID and Insurance Card. No appointment needed. Regular and high-dose flu vaccinations available.

## Medicare Open Enrollment

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.

## 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.

## Monday Movie Matinee

Nov. 4, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *Atlas*. A brilliant counterterrorism analyst with a deep distrust of AI discovers it might

be her only hope when a mission to capture a renegade robot goes awry

If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the day before to reserve a meal, 508-979-4029. \$2 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

## Vote on 11/5

Election hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Fairhaven Rec Center, adjacent to the Senior Center.

Early voting at Town Hall, call Town Clerk's office for details, 508-979-4023.

The Fairhaven Council on Aging is providing transportation services to seniors in need. Call 508-979-4029 at least ONE DAY IN ADVANCE to set up a ride.

## Veterans Day Parade

Fairhaven's Veterans Day Parade will step off at 10 a.m. on Nov. 11, traveling from Benoit Square along Main Street to Fairhaven High School.

All veterans are invited to March. If you are a veteran, or family of a veteran and unable to march, but would like to be in the parade, call the Sr. Center to get a ride in the van in the parade, 508-979-4029.

## LGBTQ Supper Club

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

## 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.

# 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>

## Pumpkin Painting/Carving

Grades K-5 Friday Oct 25th 4pm-5pm

Kids will have a blast painting/carving pumpkins! Best of all we handle the mess.

All materials are included Members \$8 Non-Members \$10.

## 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

## Spooky Witches' Fingers

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup whole almonds
- Seedless strawberry jam or red decorating gel, as needed

Place softened butter, sugar, egg, almond extract, and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl; beat together with an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add flour, baking powder, and salt, continually beating until combined; refrigerate dough for 20 to 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 325°. Lightly grease baking sheets.

Remove dough from refrigerator in small amounts. Scoop 1 heaping teaspoon at a time onto a piece of waxed paper. Use the waxed paper to roll the dough into a thin finger-shaped cookie. Press one almond into one end of each cookie to give the appearance of a long fingernail. Squeeze cookie near the tip and again near the center of each to give the impression of knuckles. You can also cut into the dough with a sharp knife at the same points to help give a more finger-like appearance. Arrange the shaped cookies on the baking sheets.

Bake in the preheated oven until the cookies are slightly golden in color, 20 to 25 minutes.

Remove the almond from the end of each cookie; squeeze a small amount of jam or red decorating gel into the cavity; replace the almond to cause the jam to ooze out around the tip of the cookie.

*From allrecipes.com*

# Dear Frankie



## Beats Me

Dear Frankie, I have a friend — I fear she may be an ex-friend — who won't tell me why she dumped me.

Before, my parents spent half the year in Florida and the other half at

home; my friend Lynn and I saw one another often. We did fun things like going to fundraisers for shelter dogs, hanging out with dog park friends for trivia night at the local canine pub, and playing with the dogs in foster care who frequented our park.

I saw less of Lynn the first year I returned from Florida because she had made new friends. I was happy for her and certainly didn't expect her to sit by the window for six months waiting for me to return. This year, I saw even less of her.

When I invited her to get together, she often said she was busy. When I did see her, she was always friendly, chatty, and upbeat. Then she would disappear.

I asked the last time we were together if there was a reason she was distancing herself from me. She said it was a busy time for her, but we should get

together soon. I haven't heard from her since. I'm unsure if I should pursue the issue further or consider it a closed chapter.

*Dora*

*Dear Dora,*

It's tough when a friend avoids you and you try to discuss the matter, and she gives you a vague response, like "It's been a busy time for me."

I would make one more attempt. You might begin by telling her that you value the relationship.

Then tell her you would like to know if you did something to upset her and, if so, what it was that you did. Explain that you would apologize if you offended her and would like to get your friendship back on track. If she again says nothing is wrong, she's just busy.

You might suggest she get in touch when her schedule lightens up. You have done everything possible to restore the relationship. The ball is now in her court.

*Best, Frankie*

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### SAVE THE DATES:

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto:mrebello@fairhavenps.net).

Tickets: [https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183\\_1](https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183_1)

#### Book Cafe

Sun., 11/3, Book Café, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall, 440 Main St., Fairhaven. Books & DVDs will be available. Books for everyone. Hard cover \$2.00 Soft cover \$.50. DVDs \$2.00

We will be serving hot dogs, chips & beverage for \$5.00. Linguicia sandwich, chips & beverage \$7.00. Assorted pastries and Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, apple juice & water available for \$1.00 ea.

### 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](mailto:Allnaturalbeef@comcast.net)
- Roxann's: Every Sunday, 10-3, 189 Alden Road. Parking on premises.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### 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](http://lwvsouthcoast.org/events).

### NB Symphony

The following New Bedford Symphony events are at Bronsiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford, MA

#### Free Open Rehearsal

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra invites the public to a Free Open Rehearsal, Fri., 10/25, 4-6:30 p.m., 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.

Visit <https://nbsymphony.org>

**Dance the Night Away**  
Sat., 10/26, 7:30 PM Pre-Concert

#### Performance in the Lobby, 6:15 - 6:45 PM

The New Bedford Youth Ballet will be performing an excerpt from *The Sleeping Beauty*, a piece choreographed by Pamela Mateus entitled *Beauty*, and *Maria the Poet*, a piece choreographed by the students under the direction of Pamela Mateus

Founded in 1987, New Bedford Ballet Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and present classical ballets, grant scholarships, and educate the public in the beauty of this performing art. Throughout the years, aided by financial support of the Foundation, thousands of area school children, community members, and senior citizens have enjoyed the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of live ballet.

Pre-Concert Talk in the auditorium, 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Join conductor Yaniv Dinur for an entertaining discussion about the evening's music. He will welcome Newport Contemporary Ballet

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## STILL OVERTOWN

Executive Artistic Director Danielle Genest from 6:45 – 7:00 PM.

### Newport Contemporary Ballet

Newport Contemporary Ballet (formerly known as IslandMovingCo) is a non-profit, professional, contemporary ballet company with a long history of enriching the cultural fabric of communities throughout Rhode Island, the region, and the world. The company creates and presents, relevant, visceral, and engaging dance works by a diverse group of the world's leading choreographers and collaborating artists. In addition to works created for traditional stages, NCB is widely known for its unique approach to

experiential and site-specific performances in iconic and non-traditional settings.

The extraordinary Newport Contemporary Ballet will join us in the final piece of the concert on 10/26. They will glide across the stage and around the auditorium to Ravel's musical love story, *Daphnis et Chloé*. Let the motion in the music and the motion in the dance soothe you and inspire you.

Tickets for Dance the Night Away at <https://www.zeiterion.org/events>

### Home for the Holidays

New Bedford Festival Theatre will spread some holiday cheer this December with Home for the

Holidays: A family fun celebration.

Home for the Holidays will run for ONE SHOW ONLY at the Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, Sat., 12/21 at 4 pm.

Join NBFT for an afternoon of holiday fun for all ages! Your favorite seasonal songs, laughs, and holiday cheer - what more could you ask for?

The show will run approximately 1.5 hours with no intermission. The Steeple Playhouse is fully handicapped accessible. Parking is available in two adjacent parking lots (with handicapped spaces), as well as free street parking.

Tickets are general admission, \$25, and can be purchased at [nbfestivaltheatre.com](http://nbfestivaltheatre.com) and clicking on "Buy Tickets."s

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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have a photo opportunity on the church lawn with a harvest display with hay bales, mums and pumpkins, after the MAC Halloween parade has concluded and treat bags are collected. Pets are welcome for their photos as well and there will be water and dog treats available. All are welcome!

The MAC will be accepting candy donations from now through Oct. 29.

### 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 – 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.

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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/>

### Job Fair

Don't miss the opportunity to find your new job! Join us at Rachel's Lakeside for the MassHire Greater New Bedford Job Fair on Tues., 10/29, from 10 am to 2 pm. Veterans welcome 9 am and on. Come dressed for success. Don't forget copies of your resume! Learn more and register at <https://masshiregreaternewbedford.com/event/job-fair-october-29-2024/> or call 774-762-5081 or email [info@masshiregnbcc.com](mailto:info@masshiregnbcc.com)

### Bird Walk

Sat., 10/26 (rain date, 10/27), 8 a.m.–10 a.m., meet at Lloyd Center Lowe parking lot, 430 Potomska Rd., Dartmouth. Free.

The Lloyd Center's connection to the Paskamansett Bird Club goes back many years, and we are happy to again be a part of their bird walk series during the fall migration here at the Lloyd Center property.

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historical slogan) including both forest and wetland habitats. Nearly all bird groups in the region may be present at any given time, and fall is a great time to bird!

For those unfamiliar with the Center's property, be prepared for some hilly terrain as we venture between birding locations; dress appropriately for weather conditions.

Any questions, please email Jamie at [jbogart@lloydcenter.org](mailto:jbogart@lloydcenter.org). For further information about the Paskamansett Bird Club, including other walk options, please visit [www.paskamansettbirdclub.com](http://www.paskamansettbirdclub.com).

### Concert

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, invites the public to an Evening of Acoustic Music with Gary Brown and Seth Asser on Oct 26th at 7:00 pm. They will entertain the audience by playing some of their own original material as well as interpreting songs from their catalog of folk, blues, country and other artists who have inspired their musical careers.

Gary and Seth are local musicians and Mattapoisett residents. They recently produced the "Paul Clayton Story" which was presented at the Museum in June to honor his legacy and contributions to the folk music scene of the 1950's and early 1960's.

Please register at <https://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/events> for this event. Tickets are \$10 per person.





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#### Board of Assessors

Thurs., 10/24, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/4, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Commission on Disability

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

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Planning Bd 40R Hearing

Mon., 10/28, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### School Committee

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

#### Select Board

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

### Acushnet

#### Beautification Committee

Thurs., 10/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Wed., 11/6, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

## ELECTION

### Presidential/State Election

Tues., 11/5, Polls Open

7 a.m. to 8 p.m. See page 3.  
Early voting happening now.

### TIDE TABLE

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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	
Thursday	31	0746	2006	0056	1344	
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Wednesday	2	0816	2034	0148	1417	
Thursday	3	0851	2111	0159	1433	
Friday	4	0929	2150	0227	1504	
Saturday	5	1007	2228	0302	1538	
Sunday	6	1046	2309	0338	1614	
Monday	7	1129	2355	0415	1651	
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Wednesday	9	0051	1318	0537	1826	
Thursday	10	0151	1417	0636	1938	

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# Acushnet Elementary School principal recognized

*Press Release*

Acushnet Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paula Bailey, is pleased to share that Acushnet Elementary School Principal Leah Chesney has been recognized by the Ignite Reading organization during National Principals Month.

Ignite Reading chose Principal Chesney because of her commitment to providing advanced, modern reading programs for students.

Ignite Reading is a high-dosage reading tutoring program supported by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). It is specifically designed to aid students within the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework. Students needing additional reading support participate in daily 15-minute online sessions with a dedicated Ignite Reading tutor during school hours throughout the year.

Specifically, Principal Chesney has been working with the Ignite Reading program for two years, during which time the district obtained an Early Literacy High Dosage Learning grant from DESE. This grant provided

Acushnet Elementary School with 75 high-dosage tutoring spots in the 2023-24 school year and 55 high-dosage tutoring spots for the 2024-25 school year.

Throughout the district's implementation of the Ignite Reading program, teachers and administrators have met with tutors regularly and have access to data that can improve teaching strategies and provide parents with progress updates. It has proven to be a powerful tool for improving reading among many students at Acushnet Elementary School.

"It's an honor to receive recognition in an area like reading that I'm incredibly passionate about," Principal Chesney said. "Ignite has been very helpful for our reading program and I applaud everyone involved for their commitment to benefiting our students' literacy skills."

Principal Chesney has worked in education for over 25 years and encourages other principals to create a culture where reading is celebrated, supported and carefully monitored.



Acushnet Elementary School Principal Leah Chesney speaks to the assembly on 1/25/23. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

Ignite Reading recognizes that Principal Chesney always ensures that she has the right tools: a well-designed curriculum, engaging books and a system to track progress.

"We are very proud of Leah, she is so deserving of this wonderful recognition," Superintendent Dr. Bailey said. "Principal Chesney has helped cultivate a positive environment in our elementary school, and she is incredibly passionate about helping students become confident readers."

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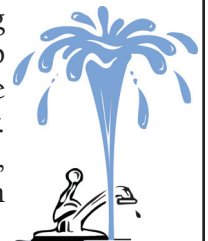
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, November 4, 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.

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The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massa-

chusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- a. **SE 023-\_\_\_, CON 023-468: 240 Alden Road, Map 23, portion of Lots 175A, 175D, 175E** Notice of Intent filed by Jeff White to construct single-family dwelling with ancillary grading, driveway, lawn and utilities. Some improvements fall within 100 feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at Assessor's Map 23, Lots 175A, 175D, 175E.
- b. **CON 023-469: 6 Charity Stevens Lane, Map 31, Lot 1A** Request for Determination of Applicability by JA Realty Properties to replace two existing stone wall retaining walls with concrete on either side of the driveway. Install concrete paver walkway and pave driveway. Work to take place in the Buffer Zone and Riverfront area at Assessor's Map 31, Lot 1A.
- c. **SE 023-\_\_\_, CON 023-470: 4 Wilbur's Point Drive, Map 43, Lots 77 & 78** Notice of Intent filed by Ruth McCawley Geoffroy Trust to modify, repair and extend existing revetment and add anti-scour strip and plantings; raze existing house and re-build new residence in flood-zone-compliant foundation, as well as associated site work and connections to town water supply and existing septic system at Assessor's Map 43, Lots 77 & 78.
- d. **SE 023-\_\_\_, CON 023-471: 167 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 133** Notice of Intent filed by Lisa & Mark Gervais to raze existing single-family dwelling and construct a new single-family dwelling above

Flood Zone AE (EI.14') at Assessor's Map 43B, Lot 133.

- e. **SE 023-\_\_\_, CON 023-472: Alden Road, Map 28, Lot 22B** Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Dennis Arsenault to confirm the location and classification of wetland resource areas on the site as identified on the ANRAD plan. This application is being submitted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw. Property located at Assessor's Map 28, Lot 22B.
- f. **SE 023-1468, CON 023-445: 62 Maitland Street, Map 22B, Lot 75A** Amendment request filed by Gail Rebello to move the approved 16' x 32' in-ground pool 4 feet away from the rear of the property to be in compliance with the 10-foot setback located at Assessor's Map 22B, Lot 75A.

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

Copies of the applications and site plans 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: 10/24/24

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incidents; the centers are not required to be run by medical professionals, and cannot provide care during adverse reactions.

The Committee recommends that the question not be adopted. Although it acknowledges the benefits of use for some mental health conditions when prescribed measured doses, there is no evidence that the "widescale recreational legalization of these substances would be beneficial, let alone safe."

For more on the yes side, visit <https://maformentalhealth.org>; for more on the no side, visit <https://safecommunitiesma.com>

### Question 5: Eliminating the Subminimum Wage

Question 5 would gradually increase the minimum hourly wage of tipped workers over five years, starting with 64% in 2025 up to 100% in 2029. The current minimum wage for tipped workers is \$6.75/hour, also known as a "subminimum" wage; the minimum wage in Mass. for all other workers is \$15/hour. The law would also allow employers to require employees to pool tips to be equally distributed to all employees, including non-tipped workers.

A "yes" vote would change the law and increase the wages of tipped workers; a

"no" vote would leave the law unchanged.

One Fair Wage argues in favor of the law saying that workers "deserve the full minimum wage with tips on top." They argue that workers in seven other states earn full wage and enjoy "robust tips" where prices are comparable to Mass.

They argue that big corporations are not paying their fair share while many small businesses already pay full minimum wage plus tips.

"Tips should be a reward for good service, not a subsidy for low wages paid by big corporations," they write.

The Committee to Protect Tips argues that the question is funded by a "radical group from California."

They argue many tipped workers earn \$40/hour with 90% reporting at least \$20/hour.

The group claims that implementing this has caused "catastrophic results" in Washington, DC, with many employees losing or leaving their jobs and the implementation of 20% service fees.

They argue it would reduce overall wages for servers, increase costs for restaurants and "skyrocket" restaurant prices.

The Committee recommends not

enacting the law, saying that it does not have sufficient evidence of the impact it would have on the restaurant industry and workforce.

It also cited a lack of evidence concerning Washington, DC, which is phasing in the change (as cited above); or Maine, which is rolling back the raise; and the impact a 2023 law has had that requires employers to make up the difference in the subminimum wage and the minimum wage if tips were not sufficient to give servers a minimum wage.

The Committee cited several competing narratives and reporting. Most restaurant workers object to the requirement that tips be pooled and shared with "back-of-house" staff who do not interact directly with customers.

For more on the yes side, visit <https://www.fairwageplustipsma.com>; for the no side, visit <https://www.protecttips.org>

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 ballot questions book.

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

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## From our readers

### **A Homecoming**

Having known Mark Sylvia his entire life, I fully support his run for State rep in the 10th Bristol District. We are both life-long residents of this beautiful community. There may be many years difference in our ages, but we both know how important this town is, as well as the entire district.

I remember Mark helping on my husband's campaign when he was only 10 years old. He would arrive with his parents and hold signs full of enthusiasm to help our effort in any way that he could. He was so excited to do anything he could to support my husband in his goal to get elected to this state rep seat. This very well may have been the start of Mark's political career.

Mark has always given back to his town, community, and continues to do so each day.

Today, I see that same spirit and energy in his own campaign for the same seat. I know that there is no better candidate for this spot and I know that he will give his all to this position and make us so proud here in our hometown. His commitment to the campaign now makes my family and me very glad to know him and support his efforts.

I hope that everyone in the 10th Bristol District knows how lucky we are that Mark stepped up to run for his seat. He will give his all, as he has always done, starting at a young age, and will listen to our concerns, thoughts and ideas. He will head to Boston and make sure that we are all very well represented.

*Anne Silveira, Fairhaven*

### **Bring Back Door Decorating Contest**

*The Fairhaven Door Decorating Contest: A Tradition Worth Reviving*

Fairhaven's annual door decorating contest was once a beloved tradition, bringing together residents of all ages during the holiday season. For many years, this event transformed the community into a winter wonderland, with front doors adorned in festive displays of creativity and cheer.

However, much to the disappointment of long-time participants, the contest no longer takes place, leaving a void in the town's holiday spirit.

The contest was more than just a competition — it was a way for

neighbors to connect, for families to bond over decorating, and for local pride to shine. Every year, doors were turned into whimsical masterpieces, featuring everything from classic wreaths to intricate handmade works of art. The event encouraged creativity and involvement, drawing people out of their homes to admire the decorations and offset the pace of the busy season.

Fairhaven is a community rich with tradition, and it is clear that the door decorating contest was one of the highlights of the holiday calendar. Reviving it would not only honor the town's past but also reignite the festive spirit that brought people together year after year.

By continuing this tradition, Fairhaven can ensure that the magic of the season lives on for future generations to enjoy, just as it has for so many in the past.

*Christopher Paiva, Fairhaven*

### **Ussach Opinion is Absurd**

I truly enjoy reading your *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*, especially while lunching at the Courtyard Restaurant.

I was taken aback, however, when I read an opinion from Betty Ussach. Ms. Ussach is not one of my favorite writers. Her opinions are divisive, accusatory, not supported by facts, arrogant, and generally insulting to our intelligence.

Her last sentence in the letter which you recently published is patently absurd. I really wonder if she actually understands that we live in a Constitutional Republic. I also did not realize that she was talking about Kamala Harris.

*Bernard P. Giroux, South Dartmouth*

### **Trump is Short Range Disaster; Harris is Long Term Disaster**

Trump is a short-range, scatter-brained Pragmatist who can't be trusted to be consistent. Even when he is right, it's only for the moment. His next moment is in a different direction. And the third moment, in a third direction. His rambling speeches randomly combine personal trivia, personal attacks and political policy.

Trump was "educated" in America's Progressive schools which require the mindless memorization of a chaos

of arbitrarily selected, concrete facts with no principles for unifying the facts into a long-range guide to thought and action.

Every concrete fact for Pragmatists is compartmentalized, isolated, in their scrambled brains from every other concrete fact. Pragmatists claim this is practical (for the moment, not tomorrow). Trump's intended appeasement of Christian globalist Russia will work for peace in the moment. And tomorrow? In 1938, Chamberlain appeased Hitler with "peace in our time." In 1939, Germany invaded Poland.

Trump is a nationalist. Harris is an egalitarian. Trump is a short-range disaster for individual rights. Harris is a long-range disaster. With Harris, there will be time for a return to individual rights. Harris will legally prostitute the Constitution in the long-run. Trump will use executive orders to evade the Constitution now.

The Constitution was written in the 18th century, Enlightenment culture of the focused mind. It is now threatened in our modern culture of the unfocused mind.

As '60s rocker, Marianne Faithfull, so tartly warbled, "We've been trying to get high without having to pay."

*Stephen Grossman, Fairhaven*

### **Eliminate Subminimum Wage for Tipped Workers**

A newly released report from the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) at UMass Amherst reveals the substantial benefits of eliminating the subminimum wage for tipped workers, providing clear evidence in favor of the Question 5 ballot measure. The report, Potential Impacts of a Full Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers in Massachusetts, highlights the positive economic impact of the measure and directly challenges the misinformation spread by the Massachusetts Restaurant Association (MRA) and other opponents.

Among the report's top findings:

- Increased Earnings: Tipped workers in states that have eliminated the subminimum wage earn 10-20% more than those in states with a lower tier wage system, proving that this change will result in higher and more reliable income for workers in Massachusetts.
- Minimal Business Impact: Contrary

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to claims by opponents, the report finds that restaurants would face only modest cost increases — equivalent to a 2% price hike — allowing businesses to absorb the impact without job losses or drastic price increases.

- **Addressing Wage Theft and Inequality:** The subminimum wage disproportionately impacts women and workers of color. Eliminating this system would reduce wage theft, improve job quality, and promote economic justice.

This new research provides a data-driven counter to the misleading narratives promoted by the MRA, which has claimed that Question 5 would hurt the restaurant industry. The findings show that implementing a full minimum wage with tips on top for tipped workers would not only improve their financial well-being but also benefit businesses by reducing turnover and stabilizing the workforce.

“It’s important to understand that tipped workers are typically from vulnerable social groups — they’re disproportionately women, people of color and earn low wages. These

workers are concentrated in the restaurant and hotel industry, which we find to have relatively high levels of worker complaints related to wage theft issues,” says Jasmine Kerrissey, associate professor of sociology and Labor Center director. “Although the restaurant and hotel industry accounts for less than 6% of employment, it accounts for nearly 14% of all worker complaints.”

On the exaggerated claims that ending the subminimum wage will increase costs for consumers, Jeannette Wicks-Lim, research professor at PERI added, “We find that eliminating the subminimum wage will only modestly raise business costs. This is because Massachusetts tipped workers already typically earn around \$12\* an hour as their base pay (without tips) and because they won’t get to the full \$15 minimum wage for five years (i.e., by 2029). The average Massachusetts restaurant should be able to adjust to their increased costs by raising prices about 2%. A \$50 meal would go up to \$51, for example. Past research has found that minimum wage hikes

linked to cost increases of this size do not produce measurable job losses but have raised workers’ earnings.”

As the Yes on 5 campaign continues to gain endorsements from community leaders, civil rights organizations, and worker advocacy groups, One Fair Wage is urging Massachusetts voters to support Yes on Question 5 this November.

*Submitted by One Fair Wage, (<https://www.onefairwage.org>), a national organization seeking to end all subminimum wages in the U.S.*

*\*The minimum wage for tipped workers in Mass. is \$6.75,*

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