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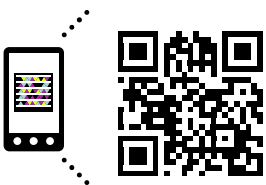
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Haunted Town Hall draws hundreds



Magician Todd Migliacci leads a trivia contest in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium during the Town of Fairhaven's 7th annual Haunted Halloween Party at Town Hall on 10/25/24. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Oh boy...where to begin?
I guess we can get the
lighter stuff out of the way
first.

This is the END of
Daylight Saving time!

Bummer. Maybe it's not
so much lighter after all, huh?

So...do what the little graphic says to do and you'll be
in synch with the world around you. (Next page)

Ah, harmony.

The Fairhaven Select Board had a meeting this week
and they announced the departure of the Town
Administrator about six months before her contract
expires (see page 4). Sources tell the *Neighb News* that a
big payout is involved. But, of course, we can't be sure
because this stuff all happens in executive session.

Have I mentioned recently that I HATE executive
session?

But I do love Public Hearings, even if they are poorly
run, run in a way that stifles the public, and full of drama
and foolishness. This time we're talking about Planning
Board (see page 4).

Honestly, you'd think a person who chairs a board
with eight members, would know that it takes five votes
for something to pass.

I suppose there's a possibility that town counsel will
disagree, but I'd love to see that reasoning. I mean, some
stuff is just the way it is. Little ole Fairhaven can't just go
changing that stuff around just because it didn't go your
way.

So, that really does kind of lead into my last
point...the looming election.

Now, you all know by now that I'm a proud lefty-
liberal. Since the rise of Trump I've been called all kinds
of names because of my politics. I won't repeat them
here. You know what they are.

I do not, however, call Trumpers by similar names,
although I do wonder and shake my head.

I just cannot believe that my fellow citizens who are
Trump supporters, people I know, are really okay with
the demise of our democracy. I have to believe that you
all just don't believe it. I don't know if that's because you
have super faith in our institutions, or you just don't
understand how important the institutions are, and how
important it is to have career professionals working at
them: people who work from administration to adminis-
tration on a non-partisan basis. Which is something, by
the way, that your guy wants to eliminate.

I do wonder, too, what you all learned in school about
how government works. I learned that democracy is
messy. It's messy because we all get to weigh in. An
administration does stuff. If enough people don't like
that stuff, then a new administration gets elected and
changes stuff. It goes back and forth, with some stuff
getting carried over and some stuff getting tossed out,
and somehow we move forward.

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We don't elect people who are vowing to destroy everything they don't like just because gas prices might be lower. When did it all come down to that?

I know the economy is important, but it is not all important. We can fight about policies later, if we have a democracy. If we can keep it, as Ben Franklin said.

(Don't argue with me about republic vs. democracy, a republic is a form of democracy...look it up.)

But...gas prices? Really? Did it ever occur to you that the big oil companies are playing you?

I learned to respect the civil servants among us. They keep things running. They keep things moving. If they are so wholly incompetent, then they need to go. There's a way to do that without burning the house down.

Not everybody is a liar. Most of us are just doing the best we can, and we make mistakes now and then. If you're going to call everyone a liar because of a few mistakes, then nobody believes anybody and we're all in trouble. So, let's start with ourselves. Let's stop lying to ourselves. Let's be honest.

We are not a garbage can, because immigrants are not garbage. Will you just look around you? Last I heard, it's really hard to get people to fill certain jobs. Ask yourself: do you actually know anyone who lost a job to an immigrant? For real?

Immigrants are not driving up crime. And, can you explain to me how they are simultaneously taking all the good jobs and sucking up all the social safety net

money, too? I mean really...listen to yourselves. If they've taken all the jobs, that means they're working, so how are they also sitting around doing nothing collecting your hard-earned money?

I could go on, but..alas.

I do not expect to change any minds here. I simply want to be on the record, for posterity at least, saying I will not vote for someone who is proud of making women second-class citizens, and whose stock-in-trade is racism.

I mean, really, you'all wouldn't even wear a mask or take an injection because....well...bodily integrity. Yet you're perfectly okay with stealing a woman's right to control her own body. Pay attention: It's not about babies, it's about controlling women.

But hey, gas prices, right?

For the record: I'm with her.

Until next week then, see ya,

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*



Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ENDS this weeked. Set your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, 11/3. DST starts on March 9 of next year.



**UU Society of Fairhaven
welcomes all!**

10 a.m. Nov. 3: "In the Meantime"
Nursery care for ages 0-6 provided
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11:15 a.m. Nov. 10 "Second Hour" program -
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Select Board & TA negotiate “mutually acceptable separation”

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board announced at its meeting on Monday, 10/28/24, that they had negotiated a “mutually acceptable separation” agreement with Town Administrator, Angie Lopes Ellison.

Rumors have abounded in town that the board had voted not to renew Ms. Ellison’s contract some weeks ago, but because all the negotiations took place in Executive Session, which is not open to the public, the rumors were largely speculation with little detail. However, even the most casual observer could see that something was happening as the item was on the agenda for the last several meetings, with Labor Counsel John Clifford of Clifford and Kenny suddenly becoming a familiar face at Town Hall.

Ms. Ellison’s contract is up in April, but apparently the push to get her out sooner was strong enough for the town to come to an agreement that reportedly includes hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to confidential sources.

The terms of the agreement are not public, and it is unclear when they will become public.

In a short statement at the end of the SB meeting, and after the board had met with Ms. Ellison in Executive Session that night, Ms. Powers said: “Ms. Ellison and the Select Board have negotiated the terms of a mutually acceptable separation.

“The Select Board thanks Ms. Ellison for her dedicated service and contributions to the town of Fairhaven.

“Ms. Ellison extends her thanks to the Select Board and the citizens of Fairhaven for the opportunity to serve the town.”

After the meeting neither Ms. Ellison nor Ms. Powers would provide further

comment to the *Neighb News*.

According to town hall employees, Ms. Ellison met with department heads on Tuesday and said she was on “administrative leave,” and Assistant Town Administrator of Finance/Town Accountant Anne Carreiro would fill in. Ms. Ellison also went to each department to say goodbye, according to sources in the building.

In another matter, public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado updated the board on the work being done at the

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water treatment plant in Mattapoisett. The town is part of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District which also includes Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

The plant is being upgraded this year with a \$7.3 million project that will replace equipment, most notably the filters. Mr. Furtado said the filters use an obsolete technology and replacements are no longer available.

Meanwhile, the town continues the water flushing program, which can result in discolored water for residents.

Mr. Furtado has recorded a video with information on the upgrades. It is available through a link on the town’s website at <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/home/news/water-treatment->

facility

In another matter, SB member Andrew Saunders informed the board that he needed to resign from his appointment to the Harbormaster Plan Steering Committee.

Mr. Saunders said he believed a conflict of interest will eventually arise due to his part ownership in the Foss Marine Terminal. The board appointed Stasia Powers to be on that committee.

In other business, the board closed the hearing on the relocation of 16 poles on Scotic Neck Road and approved the project.

The board also presented a proclamation recognizing Irene Ingles, who turned 102 on 10/22, and wishing her “heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.”

“The Town recognizes and celebrates your remarkable milestone,” reads the proclamation. “May your day be filled with joy and surrounded by loved ones as you reflect on over a century of memories.”

Fairhaven resident Bob McConnell accepted the proclamation on behalf of Ms. Ingles.

Ms. Powers also addressed a procedural issue with the board that arose at the last meeting. She said the item on the agenda for board member items/committee liaison reports is intended for board members to communicate with each other about their committees. She said public comment will be relegated to the public comment item on the agenda and individuals will be held to the two minute rule. If someone needs additional time, the board can consider it.

The issue arose because at the 10/15/24 meeting, SB member Keith Silvia asked for his time to be used by two people who did not want to be limited to the two minutes. Ms. Powers allowed the comments at that meeting.

PB Chair announces recommendation vote for 40R, however...

By Beth David
Editor

In another bizarre Fairhaven meeting, this time with the Planning Board, the public may not have realized just how bizarre it was.

At its public hearing on 10/28/24 to discuss the proposed 40R Smart Growth Overlay District (SGOD) that will be voted on at the Special Town Meeting on 11/19/24, the Planning Board limited discussion to the changes being dis-

cussed at the meeting, which was also the first time most members of the public learned about the changes.

Consultant Adam Costa told the board that the state had he incorporated the state’s changes into the final document he was presenting. He said he felt confident that the state would approve the district if TM passed the changes.

But the weirdness was more about the attendance, or lack thereof, of board members. Patrick Carr and Ruy DaSilva

were not sitting at the table with their fellow board members, and PB chairperson Cathy Melanson made no mention of their absence.

At the beginning of the 40R SGOD public hearing, Mr. DaSilva was in the room sitting with the public. At the end of the meeting Mr. Carr was in the room sitting with the public, but Mr. DaSilva was not.

Both have been called out a repeatedly

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Movie Screening

Be among the first to experience *Sweet Freedom*, a 25-minute historical drama set in 1839 New Bedford. In this exclusive pre-showing, we invite you to journey into the heart of a bustling seaport town, where an Afro-Indigenous confectioner risks everything to protect fugitive slaves from the clutches of slave catchers — all while preparing for the grandest party of her career.

Written and directed by Alyssa Botelho, *Sweet Freedom* blends suspense, history, and human resilience. With captivating performances, stunning visuals, and authentic period detail, the film sheds light on a forgotten chapter of New Bedford's rich past.

Join us for this exclusive pre-release screening, where you can share your feedback with the creators. There will be a Q&A session with the creative team, where you'll hear firsthand about the making of the film and its message. This event marks the beginning of *Sweet Freedom's* festival journey, offering an unforgettable evening of cinema, history, and conversation!

Sat., 11/2, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets: \$20 online and at door. Shepherd Center for the Arts, 34 Center St. (use William St. entrance), Fairhaven. Semi-formal attire (we are going all out for this one!). *This film is rated PG-13

Learn more at https://theshepherdcenter.org/sweet_freedom_exclusive.../

40R Discussion

Join us for Coffee & Conversations: Let's Talk 40R at Fairhaven Town Hall on Friday, November 1st!

Whether you're curious or already informed, come chat with your neighbors in a relaxed setting about 40R, a topic shaping our community's future. Members of the Planning Board and staff will be present as well to share what they know and answer questions. Stop by for coffee and sweets during a session that works for you: Fri., 11/1, 10 AM - 2 PM & 4-8 PM, Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

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.

Compost Pumpkins

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee is pleased to announce again that community members can compost their pumpkins instead of throwing them in the trash. Starting on Saturday, November 2nd residents can bring their pumpkins to one of the three community gardens for composting. The three gardens are at Wood, East and Hastings Middle School. Each garden will have a marked location for composting the pumpkins. Composting pumpkins not only helps reducing waste from the trash but also will create garden compost for our gardens next year.

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

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

Shipwreck!

Disaster at Sea: Larchmont Remembered, Wed., 11/16, 6:30-7:30 PM, Millicent Library Auditorium, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, Walnut Street entrance.

Join Daniel F. Harrington as he presents *The Larchmont Remembered: The Suffering, Depravity, and Wonder of Rhode Island's Most Horrific Sea Disaster*. This gripping tale recounts the night the Larchmont, a wooden side-wheel steamship, collided with the Harry Knowlton, a three-masted schooner, off Block Island in zero-degree weather. Using digitally restored photos and eyewitness accounts, Harrington covers the unforgettable stories of survival, panic, and miracles that followed.

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and a columnist for the Providence Journal, will guide us through this tragic chapter of local history.

Register at millicentlibrary.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, 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.

SAVE THE DATES:

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

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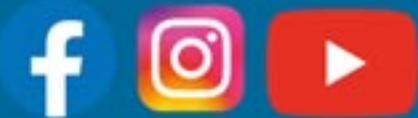
Mark has the government and private experience we need on Beacon Hill. He served as Undersecretary of Energy in the Patrick Administration, as the former Plymouth Town Manager, and currently as Fairhaven Town Moderator. Mark is also an executive at a MA-based renewable energy company.

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Saturday 11/2 Last Day On Earth 4-7 *Food Truck*	Sunday 11/3 Wine Country 2-5	Saturday 11/9 Ric Allendorf 4-7 *Food Truck*
Sunday 11/10 Brenda & Dan 2-5	Saturday 11/16 Leah & Mike 4-7 *Food Truck*	Sunday 11/17 Blake Gorman 2-5
Saturday 11/23 Neal McCarthy Band 4-7 *Food Truck*	Sunday 11/24 Jackson Neves 2-5	Saturday 11/30 Acoustic Nation 4-7 *Food Truck*

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Visit our website at: http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA_COA/index

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.

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: 11/6, Twin River Casino; 11/13, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's & Whole Foods; 11/20, Providence Place Mall; 11/27, Warwick 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.

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.

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

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

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Recipe of the Week

Creamy Banana Bread

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups bananas, mashed
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray two 9-inch loaf pans with non-stick cooking spray.

In a large mixing bowl, add the butter and the granulated sugar and beat until fluffy.

Add the eggs and the vanilla extract to the butter mixture and beat until well-combined.

Add the bananas to the butter mixture and mix until creamy.

Add the flour, the baking soda, the salt, and the cinnamon to the sugar mixture and stir until just combined.

Add the sour cream to the sugar mixture and fold until blended.

Evenly transfer the batter mixture to the prepared loaf pans and bake until a tester comes out clean, about 1 hour.

Transfer the baked banana bread from the oven to a wire rack to cool, about 10 minutes.

Transfer the baked banana bread from the prepared loaf pans to a large serving platter and cool completely.

With a sharp knife, cut the baked banana bread into serving-sized pieces, plate, and serve.



Dear Frankie

Beats Me

Dear Frankie,
My brother asked me if I wanted to listen to a few H a l l o w e e n Ghost Stories. I said sure.

By the third story, I said I had to do my homework. I didn't want him

to think I was a wimp, but I found the stories terrifying.

The stories were about ghosts and goblins and witches who stole children they cooked in the oven and ate for dinner.

Since then, I haven't been able to sleep, and the closer it gets to Halloween, the more nervous I become. I had planned on going trick-or-treating with my friends, but now I don't want to take the chance of getting eaten up or kidnapped.

I asked my mom if I could skip Halloween this year. I was afraid she would ask me why, but she didn't and said it was up to me. So, I got off the hook.

But now I'm worried about the dogs, who may not know what could happen to them on Halloween Night. Please warn them in your next column.

Sluggo

Dear Sluggo,

I'm glad you shared your thoughts on Halloween. You can't be the only dog frightened by the holiday. So, I'm happy to set the record straight. Ghosts, goblins, and witches are not real. They are make-believe characters. You have no reason to be afraid. Stories about them are written to entertain.

Halloween is a time for children to have fun, dress up in costumes, participate in parades, and trick-or-treat. I suggest you tell your mom why you wanted to skip the holiday, so, she can assure you that you will be safe if you choose to celebrate the holiday.

If you do, who will you be? I was the cookie monster last year.

Best, Frankie

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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.

GOP Meeting

Please consider attending the Fairhaven Republican Town committee meeting scheduled for 6pm Tues., 11/12 at 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven. We are meeting a week early for discussion ahead of the special town meeting on 11/19. Many of our members serve as town meeting members also.

If you would like your voice to be heard from town meeting members of most all town precincts please attend. Of course we will have great election victories to celebrate as well.

Leaf Collection

This year's curbside leaf collection will be from November 13th through December 6th. Leaves must be placed

at the curb by 7 a.m. Leaves will be picked up the day after your regular trash day. After a holiday collection will be one day later. Place leaves in boxes, barrels or paper leaf bags.

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

Flu Vaccinations

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

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

Stay healthy and protect yourself this flu season!

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Looking for Crafters

Our Lady of Purgatory Marnite Catholic Church is holding their annual Lebanese Holiday Bazaar on Saturday 11/16 and Sunday 11/17. There are a few available crafter spaces left.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Sharon Couto at 508-971-3804.

Keep Talking

Keep Talking: Niugaa, Yugaa screens Wed., 11/6, at 6:00pm at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.

Four Alaska Native women fight to save Kodiak Alutiiq, an endangered language now spoken by less than 40 remaining fluent Native Elders.

This film is part of a series of Native Stories from the Pacific to the Arctic, presented in conversation with The Wider World & Scrimshaw exhibition on view at the NB Whaling Museum through 11/11.

For tickets visit: <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/program/keep-talking/>

YTI Presents

Your Theatre Presents "The Hiding Place" by Jeff Whitty, Directed by James Sanguinetti.

A quirky romantic comedy from

Jeff Whitty, (Tony-winning writer of the musical hit Avenue Q) The Hiding Place showcases the tumultuous relationship between Myra, a struggling playwright/waitress and Karl, a popular (and married) novelist with his own frustrations. The two embark upon a secret letter writing affair, leaving notes in a secret spot in downtown Manhattan. As their hidden exchange grows more involved and abruptly ends, we see the effects their secrets have on everyone in their radius.

Jumping back and forth in time over seven years, The Hiding Place satirizes the world of art, letters, and theatre in mid '90s Manhattan, while dramatizing the thwarted passion that lies in the hearts of artists everywhere.

Ample parking is available in the city lot at 6th and William Sts. and metered street parking is free evening and weekends. Wheelchair accessible entrance is on the 6th St. side of the building, facing city hall. The box office will open about 45 minutes before curtain with the house opening a half hour before curtain.

Fri. & Sat., 11/8, 9, 15, 16 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 11/9, 10, 16, 17, at 2 p.m. Your Theatre @ Steeple Playhouse, 159 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

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Ask about the Card to Culture Program.

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 11/12, 6-8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest, Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, Waste Reduction Manager at Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, will discuss "Holey Socks, Broken Gizmos, Empty Boxes & Stale Food; New & Better Strategies for Managing Our Mountain of Waste."

"Everything in its place!" That's important in respect to items we throw out, notes Marissa, whose primary job is making sure nothing goes into Crapo Hill Landfill that can be reused, recycled, repurposed, or composted. As she'll explain, many items are banned from the landfill—e.g., mattresses, yard waste, clothing and other textiles. There are many new programs that collect & recycle such items. Common recyclables like metal cans and paper, also banned, are sent to state-of-the-art recycling facilities in Rochester & Brockton

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Haunted town hall and center draws hundreds

By Beth David
Editor

Goblins and goobers and witches and ghosts descended on the center of Fairhaven on Friday, 10/25/24, to entertain and be entertained.

The street was blocked off and had

some food trucks, the town hall had a line going in, and rooms were filled with people coloring and making crafts, enjoying a trivia show, magic show and many other fun activities.

And, of course, sweet treats at every table.

The Recreation Center even had a creepy feely display with dracula teeth and mummy skin.

The event was sponsored by the town's Fairhaven Cable TV department, and a video of the night will be available soon at fairhaventv.coms



LEFT: Jonah and Jayden wear military ghillie suits during the Town of Fairhaven's 7th annual Haunted Halloween Party at Town Hall on 10/25/24. MIDDLE: All manner of creatures, including this pirate and his football player pal, roam around town hall RIGHT: The Millicent Library ghost staffs the table with all ghostly tales. Photo by Beth David.

Horribles parade moves to the park

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Halloween Horribles Parade had a different feel this year. The whole event took place inside Livesey Park instead of marching down Main Street to St. Mary's Church. It was also held on Saturday, 10/25/24, instead of the last Sunday before Halloween, the traditional date.

NFIA president Andrew Romano

said the organization wanted to have a rain date. Last year they got rained out and had thousands of pieces of candy with no home. So they moved it to Saturday, but the church has a service at 4:30, and the parade starts at 5. So they decided to try something new. The parade went around the perimeter of the park, and the procession for prizes marched around cones in the middle of the field.

"We're also trying to encourage use

of the park more," said Mr. Romano.

In addition to free treat bags and hot chocolate, a costume contest handed out prizes for first, second and third place for Most Horrible, Most Original, Most Beautiful in different age groups.

Judges were Miss Southeastern Mass. Teen, Jaime St. Onge; Miss Apple Peach, Madison Cabucio; Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Willow Niles.

0-4 Years Old

Most Beautiful:

1st: Lillian as Princess; 2nd: Cora as Cheerleader; 3rd: Gwen as Vampire

Most Original

1st: Sage & Evan as Chicken & Waffles; 2nd: Kyleigh as Katman Car; 3rd: Kennedy, Marcus, Sloan as Toys R US

Most Horrible

1st: Juniper as Sally; 2nd: Peyton as Witch; 3rd: Aiden as Beetlejuice

5-8 Years

Most Beautiful

1st: Riley as Barbie; 2nd: Antonia as Cinderella; 3rd: Savannah as Butterfly

Most Original

1st: Carter as Banana; 2nd: Daniel as Ghostbuster; 3rd: Paige & Sophia as Cow & Cookie

Most Horrible

1st: Fin in a Straight Jacket; 2nd:

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LEFT: The winners in the 0-4 year old age group pose for a picture after receiving their prize bags at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association Halloween Horribles Parade and costume contest at Livesey Park on 10/25/24, L-R: Gwen as Vampire, Lillian as Princess, Cora a a Cheerleader. RIGHT: Fin stays in character, strapped in a straight jacket, as he is pushed around by his attendant. Photos by Beth David.

PB/40R: cont'd from page 4

for possibly having a Conflict of Interest (COI) because they both own property in the proposed SGOD Waterfront District.

They have both said in past meetings that they were allowed to participate and discuss the issue as board members, but they will not vote.

Both Mr. Carr and Mr. DaSilva have said in open meetings that people should contact the Ethics Commission if they have a question, implying that their actions on the board are not a conflict. However, despite repeated requests, neither of them has ever provided any emails or other correspondence from the Commission supporting their assertions.

The workings of the State Ethics Commission are largely hidden, with the Commission usually going public only when a fine is issued to a public official. However, individuals who make a complaint are not constrained by that rule. More than one reader has informed the *Neighb News* that they have made formal complaints to the Commission regarding the COI potential for both Mr. Carr and Mr. DaSilva.

Mr. Carr also has an additional COI possibility because he owns a storage container company and the PB is also proposing bylaws changes pertaining to containers.

When the *Neighb News* told Mr. DaSilva he was supposed to tell people that he was recusing himself and not simply sit with the public, he said he was not required to say anything. Mr. Carr continued his practice of not answering questions from the *Neighb News*.

The purpose of the vote was to make a recommendation to Town Meeting which will vote to approve or not approve the zoning changes.

With Mr. Carr and Mr. DaSilva sitting it out, the vote was 4-2, with Jessica Fidalgo and Kevin Grant voting "no," and Cathy Melanson, Sharon Simmons, Diane Tomassetti, and Rick Trapilo voting yes; and two recusals/abstentions.

The absence of the two board members, for whatever reason, does not change the configuration of the board. It is still an eight-member board, and, therefore, requires five positive votes for any measure to pass.

The 4-2-2 means the measure did not pass.

The *Neighb News* sent an email to the PB chairperson and several other town officials noting that the measure failed despite Ms. Melanson's assertion that it passed, and asked if Town Counsel does indeed dispute that assertion, to forward

the reasoning. We had no response to the email by press time.

Meanwhile, during the actual public hearing part of the meeting, Mr. Costa went through some of the changes suggested by the state.

Ms. Melanson told the public they could only address the changes and not bring up anything that had already been discussed, saying they already had several meetings.

Board members, however, did not seem to have that constraint.

PB member Rick Trapilo asked a series of questions to Mr. Costa mostly revolving around how many meetings and how much time he spent on the proposal for the town. He also asked if former Select Board member Bob Espindola was at a specific meeting, although it is unclear why he asked that.

Mr. Espindola did weigh in, asking the same question he asked at the Select Board meeting, noting that the incentive money

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from the 40R project should be considered one-time money and should not be used for ongoing expenses. His letter was read into the record in its entirety by Land Use Coordinator Bruce Webb.

PB member Diane Tomassetti asked Mr. Costa how much buildout other communities have had and how long it took.

"I hate to repeat myself," said Mr. Costa as he referred to a spreadsheet he handed out at one of the meetings that explained that information on all the municipalities in Mass. that have adopted the 40R.

PB Member Jessica Fidalgo did limit her questions to the changes, asking for clarification and details on the changes in height limits and asking for clarification on several aspects of the project.

PB member Kevin Grant discussed the regulations regarding the affordable units with Mr. Costa, coming to the conclusion that only a handful of those units would in all practicality end up being occupied by Fairhaven residents.

The formula is somewhat complicated and includes a requirement that the residents mirror the demographics of the

wider metropolitan area.

"I can't give you a number," said Mr. Costa, explaining that it depends on the "responsiveness and marketing" of the units, and will depend on the makeup of the community, "on a given day at a given time."

Mr. Grant read a statement, saying that he believed the 40R "holds great potential" for the town, but too much damage has been done due to the COIs with the inclusion of the Waterfront in the district.

"I cannot support the inclusion on the waterfront of twenty lots of land into a 40R district simply because one developer 'may' — eventually — move forward with a friendly 40B on one plot of land. That justification makes no sense, especially since the last time the public weighed in on this the decision was to remove said district from the 40R proposal. The district was reintroduced in a closed-door meeting between two individuals who do not now — nor have they ever — lived in the Town of Fairhaven," said Mr. Grant. "I cannot tacitly approve a process which has been hostile to opposing views and public input, one where voters are demeaned and yelled at and cut off after two minutes and told what they may or may not discuss, one where elected officials are censured and insulted for doing what they have been elected to do."

During the public comment part of the hearing, Michelle Costen tried to get some answers to questions, but her time turned into a verbal slugfest with her and Ms. Melanson talking over each other as Ms. Melanson tried to stop Ms. Costen's line of questioning.

Ms. Costen tried to make two points.

One was that the Waterfront District had only been added back in this summer, so they should not be saying that the public has been weighing in on it since 2022.

The other was to point out that the PB has three real estate agents, and she asked if they would be allowed to sell the condo units that would undoubtedly be built in the Waterfront District and would sell for very high prices.

She did not get an answer.

The 40R proposal must be approved by Town Meeting. A special TM is scheduled for 11/19. Although the 40R is a zoning change, it will only require a simple majority to pass, as the state has relaxed the rules to encourage the development of housing.

The PB will also be holding two "coffee and conversations" sessions to discuss the 40R proposal on Friday, 11/1, in the Town Hall Auditorium. (See page 5).

STILL OVERTOWN

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Tickets are general admission, \$25, and can be purchased at nbfestivaltheatre.com and clicking on "Buy Tickets."s

SAVE THE DATES:

Christmas Bazaar

Please join us for the annual Christmas Bazaar for Our Lady of

Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church at 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA, 02745.

We invite you and your family to this festive event which promises to please all who enjoy delicious Lebanese food and pastries, money raffles, theme baskets, caravan gifts, silent auction, crafters and vendors, children's games, and more.

This year's Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, and on Sunday, November 17, from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

We also welcome donations of new items for our caravan auction as well as our theme basket raffles.

We thank you all in advance for your support and generosity and may God bless you and your families always.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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.

Election Day Prayer Service

Fr. Eric Fialho, Rector of Saint Gabriel's Parish, 124 Front St., Marion, will be hosting a noontime prayer service on Election Day, 11/5.

This simple service will be filled with prayer, meditation, holy scripture, and time for reflection. All people, regardless of political party, or religious background are encouraged to attend. An optional time of fellowship, conversation, and food will follow the liturgy.

Fr. Fialho said, "This prayer service is offered as a way to help bridge a political divide that is continuing to widen in our nation. My hope is that through services like these, people will remember that there is actually very little that separates us from one another, and that we are all equal in the eyes of God." Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church is an open and affirming community of faith and

welcomes all people to come to church just as the people they are.

Mattapoisett Lib.

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, has a lot to keep you busy this November!

- **Sat., 11/2, at 2 p.m.** Author Mary Norris will speak about her book "Greek to Me: Adventures of the Comma Queen." This Purrington Author Series event is free and open to the public.
- **Every Sat. in Nov., Creative Storytelling Workshop** from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. An exciting hands-on workshop where young storytellers will dive into the art of crafting compelling stories. Participants will brainstorm ideas, learn storytelling tips, and watch their imaginations soar as they create stories in any form they choose—whether it's traditional writing, poetry, or even comics! This workshop is open to all writing styles and recommended for ages 8-12. While registration is encouraged, walk-ins are always welcome! Funded by the Richard & Ann J. Prouty Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Co-Trustee.

Bird Walks

Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.. Meet at Lloyd Center, 430 Potomska Rd., Dartmouth, lower parking lot near stairs. \$5 nonmembers; free to

members. Limit of 15 so register early at <https://lloydcenter.org/calendar/>

Tartuffe

Hub Theatre Company of Boston will close its critically acclaimed 11th season with Molière's celebrated comedy Tartuffe, directed by Elliot Norton Award winner Bryn Boice. The show will run Sat., 11/9 through Sun., 11/24 with performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, and on Sundays at 2:00 pm at The Boston Center for the Arts Plaza Theatre, 539 Tremont St. in Boston's Back Bay. Tickets to all performances are "Pay-What-You-Can." Donations of new and gently loved children's books will be collected at each show for local charities. For tickets and more information please visit www.hubtheatreboston.org

Acushnet Vets parade

Please join the Town of Acushnet in celebrating Veterans Day, Sat., 11/9, 10am. Parade starts at Town Hall and ends at Veterans Park for ceremony. If interested in participating please contact VSO Brad Fish at 508-998-0207 ext. 4207

(If inclement weather a small ceremony will be held at the American Legion indoors at 10am)



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Jaxson as Michael Meyers; 3rd: Gabby as Witch

9-12 Years
Most Beautiful
1st: Aubrey as Cinderella; 2nd: Kaylee as Cowgirl; 3rd: Cecillia as Cheerleader

Most Original
1st: Gloria as Red Wig/Face Paint; 2nd: Hasel as a TV; 3rd: Aubrey as Red Descendants

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Most Original
1st: Tyler as Unicorn; 2nd: Halliwx as Star Wars; 3rd: Jessica as Up Family mom

Most Horrible
1st: Ryan as Skull
2nd: Darius as Ghostface

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

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 Board

Tues., 11/12, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

School Committee

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

Select Board

Tues. 11/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 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.

Early voting happening now.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Nov. 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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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
Tuesday	8	---	1220	0453	1732
Wednesday	9	0051	1318	0537	1826
Thursday	10	0151	1417	0636	1938
Friday	11	0249	1514	0754	2050
Saturday	12	0348	1617	0908	2154
Sunday	13	0453	1721	1020	2257
Monday	14	0552	1816	1132	2352*
Tuesday	15	0641	1903	---	1229*

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Fairhaven residents get rid of hazardous materials

By Beth David
Editor

One hundred and sixty-six Fairhaven households took advantage of the opportunity to get rid of all kinds of hazardous materials, including old oil, gasoline, paint, and pesticides.

Sponsored by the Board of Public Works and the Board of Health, the day event allowed residents to take

old hazardous materials to the BPW garage where MXI workers sorted and packaged up the various materials to be recycled. MXI Supervisor, Milo Flannery, said the company recycles everything they can, oil and gas will be re-used, and latex paint will get remixed for re-use.

Dave Gerber got rid of acid and paint; meanwhile Randall Day got rid of

aerosol cans, and paint, some he had around the house for a couple of years, and some for decades.

Gerry Kiely got rid of some old gas and paint cans, that had been around for...how many years?

"Too many," she said.

If you missed the day, contact the BPW at 508-979-4030, to find out how to properly dispose of chemicals.



LEFT: MXI workers pour sort hazardous materials from Fairhaven residents at the Household Hazardous Waste Day on 10/26/25, L-R: Melquan Pitts, pours old diesel into a drum, and Jahad Smith, pours oil into a drum. RIGHT: Gerry Kiely gets rid of some old gas and paint. Photos by Beth David.

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INVITATION TO BID

Scotcut Neck Road Water Main Improvement Project, Fairhaven, MA

Location of Work: Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for construction of the Scotcut Neck Road Water Main Improvement Project will be received by the Public Works Department at 5 Arsene Street in Fairhaven, Massachusetts until 10:00 a.m., November 15, 2024, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. The work involves the following major item(s):

The water main improvements involve installing approximately 1,500 linear feet of 12", 8" and 6" water pipes, water services, hydrant, trench paving, and abandon existing water main on Scotcut Neck Road. The water main will be installed between November 2024 and February 2025.

The work is estimated to cost \$863,000.00.

Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge on or after Wednesday, October 30 at www.accentblueprints.com. Printed copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order online or calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Blueprints located at 99 Chelmsford Road, (Rear#13) North Billerica, MA 01862 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Printed copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are non-refundable. To be added to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent Blueprints. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent Blueprints to access the documents.

BID SECURITIES shall be in amount of 5% of the bid and in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Massachusetts or a bid bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Massachusetts, made payable to the **OWNER**.

The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE** and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within five (5) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M, and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149-Sections 26 to 27H

inclusive. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA
FNN 10/31/24

TOWN OF ACUSHNET REAL ESTATE CLASSIFICATION HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the issue of allocating the local property tax among the following: residential, open space, commercial, industrial, personal property.

The hearing will be held at the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 6, 2024, for the purpose of determining whether or not Acushnet shall remain with a classified tax rate as in past years.

All interested taxpayers are invited to attend and provide input to the Board of Selectmen, who must decide if Acushnet will have one or more tax rates. The Board of Assessors will be in attendance to provide information and data relevant to making that determination.

Robert Hinckley, Chairman
David Wojnar
Eileen Gaspar, Sr.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FNN 10/31/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR CPA FUNDING

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct Public Hearings to review eight (8) applications for FY26 CPA funds that the CPC is reviewing for eligibility and whether to recommend to the Annual Town Meeting in 2025. The following applications will be reviewed on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**:

1. Fairhaven Historical Commission – Academy Building Repairs – Replacement of the shingles on the east, north, and west faces of the building, repairs to the roof, ceiling, and basement bulkhead, and ADA-compliant upgrades to the restroom and rear door. (\$82,000 request);
2. Millicent Library - HVAC Engineering and Design Project – To hire a professional HVAC engineering firm to provide design engineering services associated with the implementation of a Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system, completing the steps necessary to begin construction. (\$155,000 request);
3. Fairhaven High School - Historic Window Preservation Phase 7 – Restoration and Preservation of 51 windows and the replacement of an obsolete egress door with two windows. (\$90,360 request).
4. Whitfield Manjoro Friendship Society - Cultural Center Phase 4 – Continuation of the interior renovations of the carriage house into a Cultural Center. (\$42,210 request);
5. Fairhaven Pickleball and Tennis Associations - Cushman Park Court Project – Replacing the existing tennis courts with 2 dedicated Pickleball Courts, 2 dedicated Tennis Courts, and 1 Tennis court with blended lines on both sides for Pickleball Courts with nets on wheels and four foot dividing nets (\$435,000 request);
6. BPW - Cushman Park Bleachers – Replace the three existing wooden bleachers with three new aluminum bleachers (\$9,000 request);
7. BPW – Park Assessment - Hire an engineering group to conduct a park assessment at both Cushman and Livesey Parks to evaluate park-use patterns, preferences, and priorities as a means to improve park operations, maintenance, and design and to identify opportunities for the parks to support new or diversified programming based on community input (\$20,000 request);
8. Fairhaven Housing Authority - Window Replacement at Ash Street – Replace 73 windows at the three buildings of the Ash Street Public Housing Family Development (\$100,000 request).

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Town's CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee/pages/cpc-fy26-applications-received-102024>

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Fairhaven using Poll Pads this election season

By Beth David

Editor

If you voted in the primary this year, or if you voted early in the general election, you undoubtedly noticed that the big books with the red pens are gone. Poll workers checked you in and out with tablets. The new Poll Pads are being used for the first time this year in Fairhaven, and are, hopefully, streamlining and speeding up the process.

Some voters have voiced some concern that their votes can be compromised with the new-fangled gadgets.

The Poll Pads, however, are not connected to any outside system. The precincts are not even connected to each other.

Each precinct has two Poll Pads, and those two are connected to each other. But there is no cross-precinct connection. The connection is "sandboxed," which means it is a closed system.

The basic procedure is pretty much the same: Voters give their name and address (instead of starting with the address), the poll workers find them in the system, check them in, and hand them a ballot. Then the voter fills out the ballot, goes to the next table to check out, and enters his or her ballot into the machine that counts the votes.

The Poll Pads print out a sort of "receipt" when a voter checks in, serving as a paper record of the voter coming in to vote. Receipts are stapled together in batches of 25.

In the case of early voting, that receipt is attached to the envelope that contains the ballot.

The envelope is then placed in the bin for the precinct and stored in the vault until election day.

The Poll Pads do not record votes, they only check voters in and out.

In Mass. votes get counted on voting day, not before.

So, on voting day, a police officer collects all six bins, one for each precinct, and takes them to the Recreation Center, where all precincts vote in Fairhaven. Each bin is taken to the table for its corresponding precinct.

At the Rec Ctr, the warden and the clerk of each precinct and one other person will process the envelopes.

One will read the name on the envelope, cross check it with the paper list and enter it into the poll pad. Then, after all that has been cross checked and entered into the Poll Pad, the envelopes go to the table near the ballot machine.

One will open the envelope, one will take it out of the envelope and place it face down on the table, and the third person will put it into the tabulator (ballot machine).

According to Acting Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan, the process has checks and cross-checks to make sure every ballot is counted.

At the end of the night, the printed receipts and the tabulator should equal the same number. If not, the poll workers will have to go back and match up, counting the receipts until they find the discrepancy.



The new Poll Pads first used in Fairhaven in the Primary Election on 9/3/24, create a receipt for each voter who is checked in, serving as a paper record instead of the big books that poll workers used to have for crossing out names with a red pen. Photo by Beth David.

The process for voters should be much faster for checking in and out.

And, hopefully,

will be faster for tabulating the final count.

Election Day is 11/5

Early voting in Mass. ends on November 1.

Mail-in ballots can be counted up until November 15, so if a municipality is waiting for the return of a lot of mail-in ballots, it could delay the results.

Deadlines for mail in ballots in Mass. are: if returned by person or drop-box, 8 p.m. 11/5 (voting day); if returned by domestic mail, 5 p.m. on 11/8 (must be postmarked by 11/5); if returned by mail from outside the US, 5 p.m. on 11/18 (must be postmarked by 11/5)

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

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.

New Bedford residents can 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, etc.

Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

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From our readers

Romano Endorses Sylvia

To the voters of Fairhaven and the 10th Bristol District. I am writing today to formally endorse Mark Sylvia for the seat of State Representative.

Since the day I became involved in local government, Mark has been there to lead as a friend and a mentor. I have had the honor of watching and now working alongside Mark as he has served as Town Moderator for our Town Meeting, which is the largest elected representative Town Meeting in the Commonwealth.

If you have had the opportunity to attend or observe Mark in his role as Moderator, you will agree with me when I say that he is always willing to lead the Town through difficult conversations and assure that all sides of a topic are being heard.

What many do not know is the work Mark puts in months preceding a meeting to assure that everything runs smoothly, whether that be assisting applicants with wording for articles, meeting with constituents to assure they have all the information needed to make informed decisions, or even touring the venue to check for the best way to enable accessibility for all.

I have no doubt in my mind that Mark will approach the role of State Rep. with the same level of compassion and care.

Fairhaven, we should be excited to have a lifelong resident who has not only talked the talk, but walked the walk. I have no doubt in my mind that if we send Mark to Beacon Hill, he will get to work on DAY ONE to assure that Fairhaven, and the remainder of the 10th Bristol District, is best represented.

And I do mean everyone. In a time of divided politics, Mark will stay above the fray and assure everyone is heard and feels that they have a voice at the table. Please join me in voting for Mark Sylvia for State Representative of the 10th Bristol District on Tuesday, November 5th.

Andrew Romano, Fairhaven

Espindolas Support Sylvia

Mark Sylvia has always been passionate about Government. Over the years, Mark has utilized his education (a bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in public administration from American University) working at

several different levels in local and State Government.

As Town Manager in Plymouth, Mark helped the Town improve its Bond rating, negotiated an agreement for what was, at that time, the largest Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement for a nuclear power plant in the U.S. He also helped the Town understand the benefit and long term financial impact of major capital projects for new schools and a Senior Center that were approved by Town Meeting members.

Mark's experience as Town Moderator for many years and his experience in serving on the School Committee in Fairhaven have helped him understand the inner workings of local Government and the very substantial reliance local communities have on State Aid.

At the State level, Mark served as Commissioner of Energy Resources and Energy Undersecretary. Mark's blend of local and State Government experience coupled with years of Senior Management experience in the private sector (growing and expanding his company) yield a resume built for the position of serving as our State Representative.

Mark has also demonstrated his leadership qualities in both the government and private sectors. An effective State Legislator needs to be a good leader. They need to know how to form relationships with other legislators. This is critically important in order to secure co-sponsors for legislation that is important to their own district. This also means supporting initiatives of other legislators. This back and forth requires trust building. Anyone who knows Mark personally will tell you that he has the qualities required to deal diplomatically with people, knows how to build professional relationships and knows how to get things done. They will also tell you he is a great listener, and is very open and transparent.

An effective State Representative will take on leadership roles. Mark has demonstrated his leadership in many professional settings throughout his career and he has the energy and drive to take on leadership positions as our State Representative.

Aside from the issues we are facing in the areas of housing and health-care costs, there are important

transportation, economic development and environmental issues facing our region that will require state and federal funding, serious relationship building and advocacy. We need our State Representative to see the Fairhaven-New Bedford Bridge replacement through final design and then through construction. The sewage outflow problems in the Harbor will also require creative solutions and very significant sums of state and federal funds. We need to have an experienced voice speaking for us with such daunting tasks ahead and Mark Sylvia is the right person for the job.

The impact a State Representative can have in advocating for their local communities is huge. Mark Sylvia's experience and demonstrated leadership place him in a position to hit the ground running on day one.

Our vote is for Mark Sylvia, State Representative.

Bob & Ann Espindola, Fairhaven

Who Shall We Vote For ?

Mr. Grossman, I hear you. And I am sure many others across the nation could agree with you. If I remember correctly, Mr. Grossman, you wrote once that you do not believe in prayer. So that really puts you in a terrible bind. If I am wrong on that let me know, and I apologize ahead of time.

We see adults trying to teach children how to grow up, and yet the pure innocence of a child can teach an adult much more about the true realities of life. Let us learn from the little children.

The political knowledge we think we know as adults, may be nothing more than a pack of lies, designed to derail the American Soul towards a life, in true peace and liberty.

A child once said to me "Everyone in Heaven lives in harmony with one another, even the animals."

Mr. Grossman, as you know, we all have the free will to just believe in ourselves. Of course, we could write our own names on the ballot, or anyone else we feel would be the best next president. Or we could just run away from it all and just not vote.

People can at least vote on the ballot questions and vote for senator and representative whom they may feel most like minded with. I prefer

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not to surrender my power to vote.

One nation under God. That is what I pledge my allegiance to. But who will I vote for, that is the question?

Time to break this down a bit...

I believe in God as my Creator and that I am His creation. Our Creator is the one who created morals and laws. The Creator defined morals and ethics and that which is right and wrong. The Creator is all Principled Actions. 2+2=4 based on the principle of addition. 4 is the harmonious answer. It works that way with morals too.

Yes! We all have free will, But God retains His rights as Creator.

Being created, it means morals, ethics, right and wrong flow directly from the Creator who is good and just.

"To have morals given by our Creator means there is a plan for those morals to steer man along a righteous path. If morals are man made, a person's path in life is solely determined by them, with no higher purpose beyond themselves. That thinking divides mankind into tribes,

and other groups that fight with each other for dominance" [John Fenn]

This election is not about voting for who has the best personality or what color do I want to be on. This election is more than any other, about voting according to principles.

For instance, some people are pro life, while others agree to abort life. So here is where I seek answers from my Creator.

It's this kind of inner work that will guide us on who to vote for. Be morally honest with yourself and your Creator. It is God you answer to. Not Trump, Not Harris.

Amen

Michell Costen, Fairhaven

Who is Joe Pires?

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I strongly recommend you go to his web page: www.electjoepires.com. I believe that you will find an in-depth biography of who he is starting with the fact he is a descendant of Cape Verdean immigrants, which many in this area, my wife included, can identify with.

He is a devoted father, volunteers

as a baseball coach and other organizations, such as the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.

His success in business serves as an example of the American dream where you can succeed through your efforts of hard work and perseverance. This flies in the face of Democrat Apologists who seem all too willing to buy votes by doling out public money on student loans, mortgage down payments, free this, free that. The point is, nothing is free. The national debt climbs, inflation rises, you pay.

I've gotten to know Joe for only a few months. It seems like a lot longer because of our love of country and concern for it.

John Pond, Fairhaven

Voting is the most precious right of every citizen, and we have a moral obligation to ensure the integrity of our voting process.

Hillary Clinton



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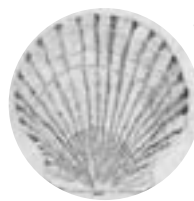
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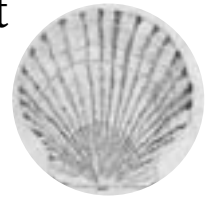
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- **Youth & parents**- a quality education focused on the skills needed to reach their full potential.

→ Migrant Crisis

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

→ Inflation

- Strain on household budgets
- Increased utility costs
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