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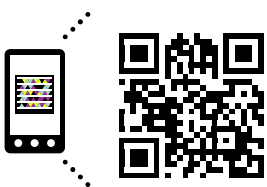
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Outdoor fire spreads to house on West Island



A Fairhaven Firefighter pokes at the roof of 115 Ebony Street in Fairhaven after a fire in an outdoor fire pit got out of control and spread to the house on 11/18/24. See page 13 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Well, Town Meeting has spoken, and it's different from last time. They approved both the ADU and 40R bylaws changes. See page 11 for that.

No mention was allowed at all about the conflict of interest allegations against Planning Board members Ruy DaSilva and Patrick Carr. Town Counsel decided that the TM members could only talk about the merits of the article, not any other reason why they may not want to vote for it. I spoke with the Town Moderator and Town Counsel after to get an underlying legal reason for that. It seems kind of specious to me.

How can the supposedly most democratic process we have keep people from saying why they have misgivings about an article? Why are those two elected officials allowed to get off the hook and not explain anything?

Everyone else got to talk about process, but the second they mentioned the elephant in the room, they were shut down.

It stinks to high heaven, but...here we are.

We have a great story about the honor wall at the senior center. The whole thing was refurbished, all the pictures reframed. It looks fantastic. See page 12 for that.

We also had a fire in town from some outdoor burning that got away from the homeowner (see page 13). We are in a real drought, folks. No outdoor burning. I know it's a pain not to be able to burn your leaves. But the smallest spark can start a huge fire in these conditions. Luckily no one was hurt, but the house is damaged and it will be a long time before they can move back in.

There's other stuff in here, of course, including holiday happenings that start in earnest this weekend.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Holiday events gear up this weekend

Thanksgiving is next week, and the Holiday spirit is upon us. Holiday events go into full gear this weekend. Check out these events. And see pages 5, 6, & 7 for more local happenings.

Blue Devil Craft Fair

Blue Devil Craft Fair, featuring more than 100 vendors, food, raffles, and more. Sat., 11/23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave. (corner of Rte. 6 and Main St.).

Find us on Facebook for list of crafters and vendors.

Christmas Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, 11/23, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Featuring a variety of gift giving items from handcrafted Christmas gnomes, Viking ships and wreaths to microwave bowl cozies, knitted hats, scarves, mittens, socks, sweaters and more.

Come and enjoy lunch highlighting

Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and pastries as well as fresh lobster rolls, local scallops and chicken delicacies. Located at 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA where there is handicapped parking and accessibility.

Hatch Street Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios Open Studios Weekend, is Sat. & Sun., 11/23 & 11/24 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. This vibrant community event invites

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UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

10 a.m. Nov. 24: "Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)"

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

"Second Hour" activity: Guest at Our Table - Helping Others During the Holiday Season

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Please NO encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks or magazines

Your donation will help the Friends of Millicent Library fund free community events and activities at the library such as book talks, Kids' Fest and Teddy Bear Parade

Thank You



Millicent Library
45 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Trapilo pursues options for sewer discharge problem

Submitted by Rick Trapilo, Fairhaven Planning Board, SRPEDD, & New Bedford/Fairhaven Plan Committee

When I sought your vote to serve as a member of the Planning Board, I pledged to prioritize the health, safety, and prosperity of our beloved town of Fairhaven. Among my key commitments is ensuring that our neighboring City of New Bedford halts the practice of dumping hundreds of millions of gallons of raw wastewater into our waters. Equally important, I am focused on confirming that Fairhaven is in full compliance with protecting and preserving Buzzards Bay.

On Thursday, November 14, I had the privilege of meeting with Mr. Vinnie Furtado, a skilled biochemist and manager of Fairhaven's Public Works Department to discuss our wastewater treatment processes and the safety of our drinking water.

Fairhaven's wastewater treatment facility is a remarkable example of scientific excellence, serving both Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. Impressively, the plant has the capacity to support an additional 20,000

residents. To further enhance its capabilities, a major upgrade is underway to reduce nitrogen — a harmful byproduct of wastewater that currently isn't effectively treated. This state-of-the-art nitrogen reduction facility, when completed, will position Fairhaven as a benchmark community in wastewater management.

In stark contrast, the City of New Bedford lacks comparable plans for nitrogen removal or holding tanks to mitigate raw sewage discharges during rainstorms caused by their combined sewer overflow system.

Note: As we celebrate these advancements in Fairhaven, we must remain vigilant about the financial implications, particularly the repayment and interest on the \$40 plus million investment in the nitrogen plant.

Our drinking water is another shared and precious resource, relied upon by the towns of Marion, Rochester, Mattapoisett, and Fairhaven. The treatment plant, located in Mattapoisett, has faced challenges, including the cause of

"brown water." Simply put, past elected leadership did not prioritize funding for upgrading the plant's 288 filters as there was no need until there was a need.

Thanks to the efforts of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District, which Mr. Furtado currently chairs, funding has been secured, and new filters will soon be installed. Additionally, the plant will implement advanced "ultraviolet disinfection" technology, further safeguarding our drinking water.

Maintaining and upgrading our drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is a fundamental responsibility for our town's leadership. To address the significant costs of clean water and wastewater management, I've proposed that Fairhaven, as part of my role with SRPEDD, work towards establishing a South Coast Water and Wastewater Commission. Such a body would enable cost-sharing among neighboring towns for these critical services.

On Monday, November 18, I'll be visiting the Narragansett Bay

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Ribbon Cutting

We are thrilled to announce the completion of our brand-new playground at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, made possible through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This playground will be a valuable addition to our community, providing a safe, inclusive space for children of all ages to enjoy.

Please join us in celebrating this milestone at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tues., 11/26, at 4 p.m., at the Fairhaven Rec. Ctr. playground, 227 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, behind the building,

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

Silent Movie W/Live Music

Join us at the Millicent Library on Sat., 11/30, from 1:00—3:00 PM for an enchanting afternoon featuring silent films accompanied by live music.

Join local musicians Jeff Angeley and Steven Brum for an improvisational performance set to the 1929 feature-length silent film "Man with a Movie Camera" by Dziga Vertov, offering a dynamic soundtrack that mirrors the film's groundbreaking visual techniques and its exploration of modern life and art in early 20th-century Russian and Ukrainian cities.

This event is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council.

Help Decorate Benoit Square Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of year again!! The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be decorating our wonderful Benoit Square on Saturday, 11/30, at 9:00 a.m., 267 Adams St. (at the merger of Adams and Main Street at Howland Road).

If you have the following, please

bring them with you: drill, step ladder, mallet.

Many hands make light work. Please join us.

The official lighting of the square will be on Friday, 12/6, and will feature a new event: Deck the Trunk contest at Livesey Park after the lighting.

Memorial Service

You are cordially invited to Community Nurse's 28th annual Memorial Service, Thurs., 12/5, at 6 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Join us for an inspiring evening in remembrance of those we've loved and lost. Music generously provided by members of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra.

We encourage you to bring in a small picture or remembrance of your loved one to be displayed on memory boards during our service. All photos and items will be returned.

For more info, call 508-992-6278

Benoit Square Lighting & Deck the Trunk

The annual Lighting of Benoit Square will be on Fri., 12/6, Benoit Square, Fairhaven (intersection of Howland Road and Adams/Main Streets), 6:30 p.m. This year's lighting and visit with Santa will be followed by a Deck the Trunk contest at Livesey Park, a short walk from the square (don't worry, Santa's elves will guide you).

See the amazing Decorated Trunks, grab some treats and enjoy live holiday music. A contest will also be held with some great giveaways judged by the owners of businesses in North Fairhaven. We will also be matching the gift prize amount back to Veterans Services in Fairhaven. All are welcome to join in on the fun including the clubs that make up Fairhaven as well as Police, Fire, EMS and Town Vehicles.

If you would like to participate please email Cristina Lopes at OldTownFairhaven@gmail.com.

We are also looking for volunteers to help direct the vehicles to their parking spaces, watch over vehicles while participants are at the event at Benoit Square, as well as safely guide the guests.

FHA Resident Crafters Fair

Join us for the second annual Resident Crafters Holiday Fair at

Fairhaven Housing Authority on Sat., 12/7, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St. Featuring hand made items from our residents, including a baked goods table. Free door prizes, complimentary popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, apple cider.

Come out and start or finish your Christmas shopping.

HMS Winter Craft Fair

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School PTO, 30 School St., Fairhaven, presents its Winter Craft Vendor Fair on Sat., 12/7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled day with shopping unique vendors, hands-on crafts, live music and great food. Featuring local honey, K9, Fire Truck, wreaths, and pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon.

Youth Vendor Fair

Join us for a Youth Vendor Fair at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave., on Sun. 12/15 from noon to 3 p.m. Youth vendors and youth focused organizations will be sharing their talents and building their business skills.

Featuring food, music, artists, jewelers, skincare, candles, gift bags and more!

We have an amazing group of talented kids waiting to share their goodies with you. Visit and support our local youth!

For more information, contact jessica.wilder13@yahoo.com or 774-634-7066.

Compost Pumpkins

Fairhaven 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 has 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

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

art lovers, families, and curious minds to explore the creative heart of New Bedford, where more than 65 talented artists will open their workspaces to the public.

The weekend is a cherished annual event that offers a unique opportunity to engage with artists in their natural environment. This year, visitors can expect an exhilarating mix of entertainment and education suitable for adults and children of all ages. The event promises a lively atmosphere where creativity knows no bounds.

Visit <http://www.hatchstreetstudios.com> or contact us via email at hatchstreetevents@gmail.com.

Turkey Shoot

Join us for a target shoot on Sun., 11/24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., NB. \$1/lucky target/3 shots. All ages accepted, no license required. Door prices, auction, 50/50 raffle, food, fun prizes. All profits to be donated to local charities.

Visit <https://www.nbrrc.com/>. Shooting: 25 targets per relay, prizes awarded to the highest score per relay. So, there are prizes all day long. Children's sized rifles and ammunition supplied.

JazzFest

New Bedford JazzFest (NBJF) proudly announces JazzFest 2024: Feel the Funk! on Sat., 11/23, from 8:00 10:00 pm. Doors will open at 7:00 pm. JazzFest 2024 will offer two live bands and the space for folks to groove and dance, as well as a cash bar and snacks available for purchase. New Bedford JazzFest is excited to host its event in its newly renovated venue, the historic Steeple Playhouse, located at 159 William Street in downtown New Bedford.

General admission tickets are \$25 in advance, (until November 15) and \$35 from November 16 until 2 hours before the doors open on November 23. All tickets are available at newbedfordjazzfest.com or steepleplayhouse.org. The festival takes place rain or shine, as it is indoors. The building is completely accessible to all, and there is free parking on the street, as well as in the adjacent parking lot and Elm Street Parking Garage.

This year's headliner is the Brian Thomas and the BT Allstars featuring Melissa Bolling. The New England based band delivers a fast-paced, power-packed feast that they dub Big Band Funk.

Opening the show will be Joaquim Santos and The Dope Lotus, who will fill the dance floor with distinctive soulful vocals and tight funky grooves, all grounded in authentic musical roots. General admission seating will be available behind the dance floor.

SAVE THE DATES:

NB Ballet Nutcracker

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of *A New England Nutcracker* on Dec. 14, at 1:00pm and 4:00pm at Keith Middle School Auditorium located at 225 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA.

Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is re-imagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students, and children two years–12 years. Children two years and younger are free. All proceeds from the ballet support the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization.

For over 30 years, the Foundation has granted scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. As a result of private and corporate contributions, the Youth Ballet will also be performing *A New England Nutcracker* for students from PACE Head Start, Kennedy Donovan Center, House of Possibilities, and other community organizations.

Garden Club Greens Sale

The Garden Club of Buzzards Bay is holding its annual Holiday Greens Market on Sat., 12/7, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum Coach House, 396 County Street, New Bedford.

Selections include beautiful hand-made decorated wreaths, centerpieces, tabletop trees, garlands, swags, arrangements, ornaments and more! Come early for the best selection. Shoppers can also tour The Rotch-Jones-Duff House at no cost

when they present their proof of purchase from the Greens Market.

Proceeds support the Club's Grants Program for Conservation, Civic Beautification, Sustainable Agriculture and Scholarships.

Afternoon Tea

Celebrate the holiday season with an afternoon tea in the festively decorated double parlors of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), 396 County Street, New Bedford, on Sun., 12/1, and Tues., 12/3, starting at 2 p.m., catered by Milward Tea Room. The menu includes tea, scones, tea sandwiches and sweets. Visitors will also have an opportunity to enjoy the seasonal decorations that have become a holiday tradition at the 1834 mansion. Festive attire is encouraged.

Tickets are \$35 per person for Museum members and \$40 per person for members of the public; reservations must be made in advance. Admission to the historic house is included in the price. Parties of eight guests may reserve a table. Smaller parties may be seated with other guests. For more information, call the Museum at 508-997-1401 or visit the Museum's website: rjdmuseum.org.

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café on Tues., 12/3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our next guest, Lukas Rieppel, teaches the history of science and directs the Science Technology & Society Program at Brown University. His topic will be: "Rethinking The Politics of Fossil Collecting."

Lukas's book, *Assembling the Dinosaur; Fossil Hunters, Tycoons, and the Making of a Spectacle*, tells the story of how scientists discovered the first dinosaurs and mounted them into impressive museum displays.

Starting 150 years ago, American scientists began excavating cartloads of fossils in the Badlands, despite the objections of Native people. These fossils were used to support an erroneous theory of evolutionary progress that helped justify the imperial expansion of the U.S.

Free parking in rear of building. Visit <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> or find us on Facebook

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

La Salette's Lights

La Salette's Christmas Festival of Lights, 11/23/24 to 1/1/25, 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., 47 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

We are thrilled to invite you to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette for our annual Christmas Festival of Lights! Starting from our Grand Opening on 11/23 all the way through 1/1/25, we will be lighting up the nights with one million sparkling lights, including 137 brand-new displays that will fill your heart with joy.

This year's theme, "Christ, Be Our Light," encourages us to embrace the true essence of the season.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- **International Crèche Museum:** The world's fourth-largest collection of nativity scenes. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Family Fun Activities:** Photos with Santa every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Don't miss the enchanting Ride to Bethlehem, delightful hayrides, and our classic carousel.
- **Live Concerts with Fr. Pat:** Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For more details, visit www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org

Plymouth Parade

The weekend of festivities has become a beloved holiday occasion as well as an important link to our nation's history and heritage. The celebration of Thanksgiving becomes history-brought-to-life as Pilgrims, Native Americans, Soldiers, Patriots, and Pioneers proudly climb out of the history books and onto the streets of Plymouth

Sat., Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Plymouth Waterfront and Downtown Area, Water Street, Main Street, Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

Visit <https://usathanksgiving.com/events/waterfront-activities/>

ORR Drama Prod

Rhe Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will perform "Noises Off" at 7 p.m. from Thurs., 11/21 to Sat., 11/23, and at 2 p.m. on Sun., 11/24.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door or at the Marion General Store, Isabelle's in Mattapoisett, or Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner in Rochester. They are

\$12 for students and senior citizens and \$15 for general admission.

Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRH) is currently a latex-free building. Due to issues with latex elastics, audience members are asked to refrain from bringing flower bouquets into the building."

"Noises Off" is a theatrical farce by English playwright Michael Frayn. First published in 1982, the play is a behind-the-scenes look at a chaotic stage production populated with frenetic and unstable actors, a volatile director, and an overworked and overly emotional stage crew. Interspersed throughout the typical narrative structure of the piece are scenes from the play-within-a-play the group is performing: a tacky comedy called "Nothing On."

This play is appropriate for all ages, but may be more enjoyable for ages 11 and older.

Author Event

On Sat., 11/23, from 2:00-4:00 at the Mattapoisett Library, 5 Church St., the Mattapoisett Museum and the Library co-host Aquinnah Wampanoag scholar, author, and historian Ms. Linda Coombs. She will discuss her book, *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story*, the process of writing it, and why it is important to teach various perspectives of American history.

It was published in September of 2023, as one of five titles in Penguin Random House's Race to the Truth series of similarly themed stories intended for middle grades. Other books include *Slavery and the African American Story* by Patricia Williams Dockery and *This Land* by Ashley Fairbanks.

Coombs' non-fiction book is aimed at educating 7th graders about the Wampanoag perspective of the European colonization of New England, and was recently at the center of a controversy in East Texas, when a parental school board reclassified it as fiction and moved it from the children's section to the adult section of the library. Coombs will talk about her reaction to the decision to reclassify her book as fiction and the international backlash it caused. The outrage over the decision gained international news coverage, causing a Texas Court to order the book be returned to its

rightful place on the non-fiction shelves.

Bird Club Mtg

The Nasketucket Bird Club will welcome well-known bird expert Jim Sweeney who will present "Birds of Texas," on Tues., 11/26, at 6 p.m. at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Jim will talk about the spring migration dynamics in Texas and the natural history of many of the specialty species of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Big Bend National Park, and the Edwards Plateau.

The meeting is open to the public and accessible. Visit us at: <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/> or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Holiday Sale

The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library will be holding a special Holiday Sale on Sat., 11/30, from 10am to noon. Large decorated holiday wreaths will be available (\$30), as will our popular Blind Date Books (\$10). Beautifully wrapped, these high-quality pre-loved hard-cover books include a note hinting at the story inside, which make fun and unique gifts. Plus come early to shop our special pop-up jewelry sale. We'll have a large selection of new and gently-worn jewelry in a range of styles for all the jewelry lovers on your holiday gift list, with prices starting at \$1. Shop early for best selection (limited supply of jewelry gift bags and boxes will be available). All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the library. Cash only please. The Acushnet Public Library is located at 232 Middle Road.

Bike Run and Toy Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club and the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual Toy & Food Drive/Motorcycle Run on Sun., 12/1. \$10 or unwrapped toy donation (no stuffed animals please), and non-perishable food donation gets you in.

Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet. Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the Rivers End.



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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.

Monday Movie Matinee

Dec. 2, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *The Noel Diary*. Cleaning out his childhood home at Christmas, a novelist meets a woman searching for her birth mother. Will an old diary unlock their pasts — and hearts?

If you would like lunch before the movie at 11:30 a.m., please call the center the Thursday before to reserve a meal, 508-979-4029. \$3 donation towards the meal. The movie is free.

Single Senior Supper Club

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

LGBTQ Supper Club

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

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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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Fairhaven Elementary schools holds half-days the week of Thanksgiving. While school is out, kids will enjoy an afternoon filled with a variety of activities including active indoor/outdoor games, arts and STEAM activities, team-building challenges and more. Make the most of these two afternoons by joining us at the recreation center! Transportation from the elementary schools to the recreation center is provided.

Recreation staff Nov 25 & 26, 12:pm-4pm. Member \$25. Non-Member \$30. per day

Youth Basketball Clinics

Join this exciting recreational clinic, led by Coach Donald Joseph,

Fairhaven High School Varsity Basketball Coach! This clinic focuses on teaching the essential fundamentals of basketball. Each week participants will engage in the skill building exercises and drills, providing a supportive environment to develop their basketball skills and enhance their love for the game. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from an expert and take your skills to the next level!

Fairhaven Rec gym, Saturday Dec 7-Jan 25 8am-9am. Member FREE Non-Member \$35.

Babysitting Workshop

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

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

Instructor: Beth Oleson Wed, Feb 5th. 5:30-7:45pm at Fairhaven Rec Members \$40. Non-Members \$45

Pint Sized Picassos

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Dec 30-Jan 20 10am-10:45am Mondays Members \$35. Non-Members \$45

Recipe of the Week

Cranberry Bog Bars

- 1 1/4 cups butter, softened, divided
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar, divided
- 3 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats, divided
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 can (14 oz.) whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

In a large bowl, cream 1 cup butter and 1 cup brown sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Combine 2 1/2 cups oats and the flour. Gradually add to creamed mixture until crumbly. Press into a greased 13x9" baking pan. Spread with cranberry sauce.

In a microwave-safe bowl, melt remaining butter; stir in the pecans and remaining brown sugar and oats. Sprinkle over cranberry sauce.

Bake at 375° until lightly browned, 25-30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into bars.



Dear Frankie

Foster Dogs

Dear Frankie,
When my brother Spot died, my mom decided to foster dogs. I was adopted from a shelter and saw dogs who waited years for a family, so I was all for it.

At first, we fostered a few puppies a year, and they were adopted in a few weeks. Once the foster agency realized what a great job my mom was doing, they started sending us older dogs who stayed with us for months before they could be placed. Many of them had never lived in a house with a family, so they had to be taught to be housebroken, follow basic commands, and walk on a leash.

To help them learn, my mom asked me to coach them on their daily walks and model the behavior she taught in their daily training sessions.

The most challenging skill for many was walking on a leash together. One would stop to smell something, while the other would pull to keep going, turning into a snarl or a skirmish.

These walks are wearing on me; I'm no spring chicken, and refereeing isn't my idea of a good time. I also resent that the only time I get to be with my mom is when I'm working as her foster care assistant. Am I terrible for feeling this way?

Tag

Dear Tag,

You are not the first dog who resents sharing their mother with others. I suggest you share your feelings with your mom and tell her how much you miss the two of you spending time together. Your mom may be so wrapped up in being a foster mom she is unaware of how it affects you.

A compromise you might offer is she takes fewer dogs a year and only puppies or older dogs who are trained. You might remind her that it was her choice to be a foster mom,

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Fairhaven Town Meeting approves 40R district, ADUs

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members approved a 40R Smart Growth Overlay District (SGOD) for more than 80 acres including two areas in the plazas subdistrict and the controversial waterfront subdistrict at a Special TM on Tuesday, 11/19/24.

The SGOD allows for denser housing and combines commercial with residential units. It will allow dense cluster housing with retail or other types of businesses on the ground floor and residential units above.

The plazas district will have a height restriction of 55 feet; the waterfront district will be 45 feet. There was some discussion about the wording of the height restriction and number of stories being confusing.

Proponents of the SGOD said it would preserve the character of the town, while opponents said it would do the opposite.

The measure only needed to pass with a simple majority vote instead of the 2/3 usually required for zoning, because the state changed the voting requirement in order to encourage more housing to be built.

The state also built in some incentives to encourage municipalities to adopt 40R zoning, including a cash payment to the town for adopting it, and payments to the town for each housing unit built.

Former Select Board member Bob Espindola urged TM to hold off until April to allow time for an analysis of the impact the changes would make, including on traffic, services, and infrastructure.

No one was allowed to talk about the alleged conflict of interest of two Planning Board members, Ruy DaSilva and Patrick Carr, who own property in the proposed waterfront subdistrict, and have alternately said they have no conflict, then that they could deliberate but not vote and, finally, they did not deliberate or vote at the last two PB meetings that addressed 40R.

Town Moderator Mark Sylvia interrupted anyone who tried to bring that up, saying it was not a matter for Town Meeting. He said Town Counsel advised him that people had to speak to the merits of the article only.

But several people still wanted to talk about the process, saying it was filled with confusion and rushed.

Select Board Chairperson Stasia Power

said that the process started in 2022 and was, indeed, a long process.

Attorney Adam Costa, of Mead, Talerman and Costa, said it was the longest one of the dozen or so he has worked on.

Rich Griffiths said the town was in too much of a hurry to change bylaws and the town should slow down.

Will Gardner, a well known proponent of denser housing and walkable neighborhoods, said when people think of Fairhaven they are not thinking of “seas of asphalt” that are the empty parking lots around town. He said the big lots with big stores are a relic of past bad practices and should be stopped.

He countered that the excessive parking requirements cause more traffic because it spreads everything out and people have no choice but to drive.

Wayne Hayward spoke against the waterfront subdistrict, saying it simply allows too many units.

“I’m not against 40R, I never have been,” said Mr. Hayward. “I’m against this 40R.”

Mark Sullivan said the town is losing businesses, and if it is seen as a “declining

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Fairhaven Senior Center rededicates veterans Wall of Honor

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center held a rededication ceremony to celebrate the refurbishing of the veterans Wall of Honor at its annual Veterans Luncheon on 11/12/24. The wall, which is actually on two walls, now, and will continue to grow, displays the photos of local veterans from the different branches of the military.

The 143 photos have been re-framed, the wall was repainted, and an interior designer measured, and plotted to come up with the best design to put the photos back up on the wall.

The room was full on both sides at lunch time for a short ceremony that included a moment of silence for deceased veterans, the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a little bit of speechmaking.

Fairhaven Veterans Services Officer, Mike Jenney, told the crowd he was proud to not only celebrate but to “profoundly thank every man and woman who has worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces.”

“Their dedication to duty, their courage in the face of adversity, and their willingness to put their lives on the line for our nation is a testament to the true meaning of sacrifice,” said Mr. Jenny. “We remember the fallen, whose bravery lives on in our hearts, and we pledge to continue supporting our veterans as they return to our communities, carrying the legacy of service with them.”

COA Director, Martha Reed told the crowd that the room stands as a place of “remembrance, reflection, and respect, a space where our community can connect with the legacy of these Fairhaven veterans who have defended our freedoms and continue to inspire us every day.”

She said the refurbishment of the room was “no small feat,” and was a true team effort, that involved reframing the photos, creating a new layout on the wall for the photos, hanging them up, painting and making sure all the insignias and wording were correct.

“As we share this meal together, let us carry forward the spirit of unity and gratitude, honoring our veterans in word, action, and tradition,” said Ms. Reed, adding a thank-you to



Some of the 143 photos of local veterans on the Wall of Honor at the Fairhaven Senior Center at the annual Veterans Luncheon on 11/12/24, when the wall was rededicated after being refurbished. Photo by Beth David.

Alltrust and their volunteers for serving the meal. “Let us continue to show our appreciation, not just today, but every day.”

Fairhaven Select Board Vice Chairperson Charlie Murphy also spoke, calling it an “incredible wall.”

He thanked the veterans and he was grateful to the people there.

“We are lucky to have you here,” said Mr. Murphy, adding that he loved listening to his father’s stories about his military service on a mine sweeper. “Veterans keep us free. Veterans keep us strong.”

David Darmofal, a member of Alltrust Credit Union’s Board of Directors, which sponsors the annual Veterans Luncheon, told the crowd that years ago, he asked the credit union to sponsor the luncheon and they agreed unanimously.

He said it was on his “bucket list” to go to the luncheon and thank everybody, noting his father, who fought in WWII in the Pacific theater in the Navy, was on the all. His grandfather fought in WWI in France.

“I want to thank everybody here for everything you’ve done to allow me stand up here, and for my family and all at the credit union, to enjoy this wonderful life in this wonderful country,” said Mr. Darmofal.

Margie McNally of Interior Elements created the layout for the new wall. She said it was a different

kind of project for her.

“It was fun to do,” she said.

Veteran Anthime Brunette said he appreciated the wall, and his photo is there.

“It feels good,” said Mr. Brunette, who noted he has two grandsons in the service now. “There are a lot of nice pictures up there.”

Navy Veteran Albert Jenney, who is VSO Jenney’s uncle, said it was “beautiful” to see so many people at the luncheon, and the wall is really “something else.”

He served in the Navy Amphibious Forces, from 1951–1955, and was deployed for two years.

He quickly switched to bragging about his brother, who is a veteran, but also a Fairhaven High School Hall of Famer who was on the football team that beat New Bedford two years in a row.

Apparently, that is more impressive than being in the Navy’s amphibious forces.

In addition to the photos, a display of a service rifle, helmet, boots, and American flag are also on display for a limited time, on loan from Jim Martin.

The event is available on demand on FairhavenTV.com Community Media page. See “Fairhaven’s 2024 Veterans Day Parade and Events” <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/fairhaven-s-2024-veterans-day-parade-events>

Outdoor fire spreads to house on West Island

By Beth David
Editor

A fire got out of control and engulfed a home at 115 Ebony Street in Fairhaven after the owner was burning in the fire pit outside on Monday, 11/18/24.

"The wind took it and it just went woosh," Ray Butler, 90, told firefighters on the scene.



LEFT: Devin Dawson looks at his cat in the crate held by Fairhaven Animal Control while Fairhaven police officer Ethan Horsley (LEFT) and Sgt. Jerome Penha stand by after a fire in an outdoor fire pit got out of control and spread to the house Mr. Dawson lives in with his grandfather on 11/18/24. TOP: Ray Butler sits in a chair across the street from his property that had the fire. Photos by Beth David.

Several neighbors said they also heard two explosions, that were most likely from gas cans in the shed.

According to a Fairhaven Fire Department press release, the fire went from the fire pit to a shed that held lawn equipment, including a propane tank, and then spread to the deck and the north side of the house.

"It was determined that a fire in an outside fire pit several feet away from the residence was the cause. Fire damage to the house is significant, the cost is unknown at this time," states the press release. "Fire Chief Todd Correia would like to reiterate the previous order under the authority of the State Fire Marshal, that no



outdoor fires are permitted at this time."

There were no injuries. Firefighters did locate an uninjured cat and released him to Animal Control.

Mutual aid to the scene included; Acushnet EMS, a Mattapoisett engine, and a New Bedford Engine. Acushnet Fire engine provided station coverage.

The state of Massachusetts is experiencing an historic drought, with no beneficial rain for more than a month. More than 450 brush fires have burned over 1500 in the state as of 11/12, according to a press release from the governor's office.

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community," it will be very hard to get them back.

Others pointed out that several new businesses have recently opened up in Fairhaven.

Select Board member Andrew Romano said small businesses in Fairhaven are struggling. The denser housing would bring more foot traffic to areas with small businesses.

Kenny Paulino said as a millennial in Fairhaven, he wanted to see the town grow. He said it seemed the town was hesitant to do anything, and the town will lose people like him, with small children.

He agreed there is a lot of traffic and people are "flying up Route 6."

"They're driving through Fairhaven," said Mr. Paulino. "They're not stopping here."

He said creating the kind of developments that the 40R would allow will slow people down.

"It will bring people of my generation to town," he said. "We're willing to take the risk."

Planning Board member Jessica Fidalgo, who voted against sending the article to TM, said people need to recognize why they are voting against the measure.

Ms. Fidalgo said she was against the waterfront being part of the district, but,

she added, "I don't think I would vote down the entire bylaw based on the waterfront."

TM members also approved a new bylaw regulating Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), bringing the town in line with the state's recently passed law allowing ADUs by right, instead of by special permit.

The change allows home owners to add an ADU, often called and in-law apartment, on their property following certain guidelines. If they stay within those guidelines, they will not need any variances or special permits. They will need a building permit that will be reviewed by the building department for compliance.

ADUs have to be 900 square feet or less, or no more than half the gross flooring of the principal dwelling, whichever is smaller. The bylaw also restricts height and setbacks. The unit must share the sewer and water lines of the principal dwelling. They are not allowed to be used as Short Term rentals.

TM members also approved a bylaw for the Commission on Disability. The current COD was established by the town decades ago, but was not created with a bylaw. After some discussion, including some opposition, the measure passed.

The article setting aside \$250,000 from Free Cash for the new grant writer to have

available for matching funds also garnered a lot of discussion, but passed in the end. TM members were concerned that the grant writer would be able to use the money as a "slush fund," and they were concerned about who would pick the grants being matched.

The grant writer will work with individual department heads to write grants, and the Select Board will vote on which ones will go forward if they need matching funds.

Ann Richard ended the meeting with an acknowledgment that it might be Mr. Sylvia's last as Town Moderator, as he was just elected to be the state representative for the 10th Bristol District. She said she wanted to thank him. And TM members gave him a standing ovation.

Mr. Sylvia said the last 15 years as Town Moderator have been "enormously fulfilling" to him. He said he will only step down when someone else comes forward to take over. He is not obligated to resign and he has 2 1/2 years left on his term.

"I am very, very, very, very proud and honored to have served in this role," said Mr. Sylvia. "This is a really good town. Don't let anybody tell you otherwise. This is a wonderful place to live and it's because of everybody in this room and the constituents you represent that makes it so special. So thank you very much from the bottom of my heart."

Oliveiras say thank-you after tragic loss of dog

Submitted by Wayne and Vicki Oliveira of Fairhaven, dog parents to Lucy

On Thursday, November 7th, our beautiful puppy Lucy ran off while in the care of a relative. Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps put a message out on social media with her photo within minutes, in hopes that someone would see her in their neighborhood.

Immediately, the community stepped forward and dozens of people were out searching for our sweet girl and sharing her picture on social media. People searched late into the night and many reported where she was last seen to help bring her home.

Sadly, her story came to a tragic end when she was found deceased on the highway on Friday morning.



Wayne and Vicki Oliveira of Fairhaven are thankful for all the help and words of condolences they received when their little pup, Lucy, ran off and was eventually found deceased on the side of the road. Submitted photo.

We want to express our gratitude to relatives, friends, and strangers from the community for all their efforts in trying to find her. Whether it was actively searching, watching, praying or messaging, please know that we are truly grateful to each and every one of you for your efforts.

Special thanks to ACO Terry Cripps for all he did for our little puppy from the moment he brought her into our lives until her very last second with us, we are forever grateful.

We have read all the condolences and beautiful messages on social media and are humbled that so many folks cared so much about our sweet girl. Fairhaven truly is a wonderful and special place to live with so many caring and compassionate individuals.

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and although you are glad to lend a paw, you would like to choose which activities you participate in and how often.

Your mom appears to be someone who would be open to making changes once she realizes that you are feeling overworked and misused. I'm keeping my paws crossed and hope I'm right.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/2 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Livable Streets

Thurs., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/18, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 11/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Beautification Comm

Thurs., 11/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 11/21, Parting Ways 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 12/3 Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Nov. 2024	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	21	---	1200	0441	1737
Friday	22	0037	1257	0545	2016
Saturday	23	0131	1350	0852	2113
Sunday	24	0223	1443	1000	2207
Monday	25	0318	1541	1055	2248
Tuesday	26	0415	1638	1138	2252
Wednesday	27	0503	1724	---	1214
		---	---	---	2248
Thursday	28	0543	1803	---	1232
		---	---	---	2313
Friday	29	0619	1839	---	1215
		---	---	---	2344
Saturday	30	0655	1917	---	1238

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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

Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQktlVj9XSzGppZz09>
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076

Passcode: 633695

In-person attendance is permitted for the public at Town Hall at 40 Center Street

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- a. SE 023-___, CON 023-478: 110 Middle Street, Map 11, Lot 2 Notice of Intent filed by Uday Patel to repair a portion of an existing parking lot. Approximately 2,730 sq. ft. of existing pavement will be removed to a depth of 12" below existing grade and as required to remove unsuitable material. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Zone Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone AE (EI.6') at Assessor's Map 11, Lot 2.
- b. SE 023-___, CON 023-479: 11 Delmont Street,

Map 28B, Lot 715 Notice of Intent filed by Mark Blouin to construct a new 28'x28' garage, replace existing gravel driveway & walkways with proposed shells, and Buffer Zone enhancement. Work to take place within the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.16') at Assessor's Map 28B, Lot 715.

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: 11/21/24

Notice of Public Hearing Acushnet Planning Commission

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing.

The Acushnet Planning Board will hold a hearing on Thursday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m., to review a Site Plan Review as follows:

Submitted by: Middle Road Acushnet Solar, LLC, c/o Rewild Renewables

Property owner: White's Farm, Inc.

Represented by: Beals and Thomas, Inc.

Scope of Work: The Applicant proposes to construct a ground mounted solar energy facility.

Location: 211 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA
Map 23 Lot 29.29A.29B

This meeting will be held at 122 Main Street, Acushnet Massachusetts 02743 (Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room) and over Zoom. The Zoom link will be on the agenda and be posted at least 48

hours in advance of the meeting. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Mark Francois, Chairman, Acushnet Planning Board
FNN 11/14/24, 11/21/24

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday December 3rd, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSctiVzJlQkt09>

or call 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952

Passcode: 361259

- REF#: ZBA-024-019: 343 Huttleston Ave, Map 31, Lot 112. Applicant and Owner: Jose Gomes. Applicant is seeking relief of 100 foot frontage of existing lot 15,058. Maximum lot coverage is 15,000, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Use Regulation Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-024-020: 8 Allen Street, Map 6, Lot 15. Applicant and Owner: Krystyna Pavao. Applicant seeks a variance for a side setback for a garage in an RA district. 1.0' to fence. Applicant is also looking for a variance for building coverage of 30% they are looking at 38.65%, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Use Regulation Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-024-021: 12 Huttleston Ave, Map 12, Lot. Applicant and Owner: Fairhaven High School. Applicant seeks to appeal the commissioner's decision on equipment barn. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Use Regulation Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-024-022: 62 Maitland Street, Map 22B Lot 75A. Gail Rebello. Applicant seeks to withdraw without prejudice.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
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From our readers

Shepherd's Pantry Makes Annual Appeal

This is to remind people that our annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser is going on between now and Christmas.

The Shepherd's Pantry serves an average of 90 families each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet. However, at this time of year, the total amount of families who come by looking for help increases dramatically.

This particular fund raiser receives monetary donations that the pantry's dedicated volunteers use to restock the shelves of food items that are running low or are out completely. With the pantry's monthly expenditures that runs in the thousands of dollars in food purchases, you can clearly see the need for this yearly venture.

If folks would like to help, please send your tax-deductible contributions to the Shepherd's Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Together, we can make a difference for the less fortunate. If you have any questions, please call the pantry at 508-763-9289.

Thank you and God bless.

*Gerry Payette,
Director/Shepherd's Pantry*

Pires Thanks Supporters

Friends, and supporters,

I am filled with immense gratitude for the tremendous amount of support I've received throughout this campaign as your candidate for the Massachusetts State Representative seat. It has been a truly remarkable experience, and I have cherished every moment of it.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mark Sylvia on his victory. We ran a respectful race, bringing to light many concerns and issues vital to our community. I am confident that Mark will do great things for the Southcoast, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact he will have.

To my family and friends, your overwhelming support and encouragement have been invaluable. I am deeply grateful for your confidence in me. A special thank you goes to my incredible campaign team for their dedication and effort. Together, we have accomplished so much.

Throughout this campaign, I have been blessed to meet so many wonderful people across the Southcoast and surrounding communities. I am proud to be a part of such an area filled with great individuals.

To the nearly 12,000 voters who placed their trust in me and our message for positive change, thank you. While we did not achieve the outcome we hoped for, I feel a sense of accomplishment. We have raised significant awareness on crucial issues affecting our daily lives, and I promise to continue advocating for positive change.

Thank you all once more for your support and belief in our shared vision and message.

*Thank you, Joe Pires, Candidate,
10th Bristol District*

Sylvia Thanks Supporters

To the people of the 10th Bristol District –

I am so grateful to you, the voters of the 10th Bristol District for electing me as your next state representative. I take office on January 1, 2025 and will hit the ground running on your behalf. Thank you for placing your trust in me.

Connecting with voters across the district was so important. Whether knocking on over 8,000 doors, attending local events, meeting with voters in their homes, participating in debates and candidate forums, or just simply talking with people around the community, I listened to what you are most concerned about and what you are most hopeful for.

Our focus during this election was on addressing the increased costs of living, advocating for state aid, fighting for our local industries, combating climate change, protecting our fundamental rights and bringing people together.

I will focus on these issues and advocate for the needs of each of our communities. I look forward to meeting with officials in our six municipalities to discuss how I can help. I will also set office hours in the district to be accessible and available to you. And I will communicate with you regularly to ensure the district is always informed.

To Representative Straus, thank you for your thirty-two years of amazing service to the people of our district. The state investments made

in our region, and various laws enacted during your tenure, as well as your constant presence, have all had a lasting impact.

I also want to express my gratitude to our campaign team, volunteers and supporters who worked so hard and truly reflected our positive approach to this election.

Finally, thank you to my family and friends. I would not have started this journey without the love and support of my family — my parents, children, relatives and friends.

Onward together —

*Mark Sylvia, State Representative-
Elect, 10th Bristol District*

It Is Up To The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court will be the sinker or the savior of democracy

Every law, regulation or executive order implemented during Trump's administration will be challenged by a legion of attorneys representing states, organizations or individuals.

The Supreme Court, the final arbiter of all laws, has three options regarding lower court decisions that will undoubtedly make their way to the docket: declining to hear the matter, placing it on their schedule and letting it languish indefinitely or make an expedited decision.

Unfortunately, the Court has utilized all three options primarily to the benefit of Donald Trump and his supporters.

Based on the majority of conservative justices the decisions may provide opportunities to punish his opponents, expel those immigrants he considers undesirable, enrich himself and corporate supporters, and maintain an anti-democratic regime.

Decency, impartiality, and personal legacies no longer motivate the majority of Supreme Court Justices who appear more interested in personal emoluments and the enrichment of their wealthiest benefactors.

Unless the majority of justices begin to exercise some restraint and dedication to constitutional principles, rather than Donald Trump and his enablers' agenda, they will destroy all that has enhanced American world standing and reversed the "arc of Justice."

*Betty Ussach, former Bristol County,
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