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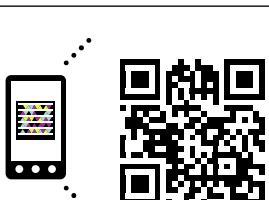
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Teeing with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## FESTA!



The Our Lady of Angels statue hooks the money ring on its way to the procession on the last day of the 95th OLA feast in Fairhaven on 9/1/25. See page 12. Photo by Margie Joseph.



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#### **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.

So, I got a call about a line in Stephen Grossman's letter in last week's issue. In it he says "Republicans want the right to shoot their enemies."

I went back and forth with a couple of people on the phone. They say I was irresponsible to run it with that line. They say it is incendiary. I disagree. He is not telling anyone to do anything. He is talking about national Republican policies.

But, he starts his letter saying he went to the local Fairhaven GOP meeting, so people are saying it sounds like he is talking about our local guys. I disagree. In the paragraph before it, he says he left the meeting early, so clearly he is talking about Republican policies, not individuals.

Of course, he does take some pretty hard shots at what he did hear at the meeting, even if it was for only a few minutes.

Mr. Grossman has a right to his opinion. Some of the things written about liberals in this paper from letter writers are, arguably, worse.

I am not going to apologize for running Mr. Grossman's letter. I did talk to him and he said: "I was talking about the logic of their ideas not any individual Republicans or what any individual Republican wants. I am attacking their ideas, not them as individuals."

Please, read the paragraph before the one with the offending line to realize he left the meeting early. He was not talking about you as individuals.

Meanwhile, there was an actual school shooting after we went to press. We should be talking about gun policy, not ignoring it.

One person kept saying that what Mr. Grossman wrote was "disgusting." Well, maybe it was. But, as I've said before, this isn't Highlights for Children, it's a newspaper. Sometimes stuff is disgusting.

I also spoke with Bob McConnell, the president of the local GOP, and offered him some space in the paper to rebut, but he declined. The offer still stands.

I encourage others to do the same. I'm happy to print opposing opinions.

Meanwhile, life goes on in North Fairhaven with the annual OLOA Feast! The best malasadas on planet earth had the longest line ever. On opening night the new security measures clearly did not deter feastgoers. See page 12 for story. And, it looks like the next generation has taken over in the malasadas booth, but there were no complaints. The tasy dough was as good as ever.

And Acushnet held its annual car cruise (page 13). Always a fun event.

Animal Control Officer, Terry Cripps is retiring. We'll miss you, Terry. See page 14 for that. It's the first piece from Justin Wilder. Hopefully, he'll be contributing more in the next few months.

School started! Oh, Summer, where did you go? See page 19 for a few great shots by Jonathan Comey.

There's other stuff in here, of course. While you're paging through, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week, then, see ya,



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!

# Apple Peach Festival is this weekend

## Great Entertainment, Crafts, Food and Fun!

Celebrate the Apple Peach Festival's 44th Year! Sept. 6th & 7th, from 10:00-6:00PM, at Long Plain Museum 1203 Main St., Acushnet.

### Parade

Sun., 9/7, Departing from Pope Park at 10:00 a.m and ending at the festival at 11:00 a.m.

Visitors will be able to park in lots across from the fairgrounds off of Main St. There will also be shuttle buses provided by the Festival, leaving from Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road. We highly recommend this option.

The festival is free to the public but donations are always welcome.

Questions and all other inquiries: [applepeachfest@gmail.com](mailto:applepeachfest@gmail.com) or visit <https://applepeachfestival.com/>

### Entertainment Schedule

#### Saturday, 9/6

- 10-10:45 ..... Sharon's Student Showcase
- 11-11:45 ..... Lindsey Lake
- 12-12:45 ..... Hillside
- 1-1:45 ..... Gary Langevin
- 2-2:45 ..... Stumblers
- 3-3:45 ..... Buzzard Blue
- 4-6 ..... Shipyard Wreck

#### Sunday, 9/7

- 10-10:45 ..... Gonsalves Tai Kwon Do
- 11-11:45 ..... Exit 7
- 12-12:45 ..... Susan & Kenny
- 1-1:45 ..... Temporary Phase
- 2-2:45 ..... Atticus & Compay
- 3-3:45 ..... Dirty Sanchez Band
- 4-6 ..... Soul Box

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• ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE •

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6	SUNDAY, SEPT. 7
10:00-10:45... SHARON'S STUDENT SHOWCASE	10:00-10:45... GONSALVES TAI KWON DO
11:00-11:45... LINDSEY LAKE	11:00-11:45... EXIT 7
12:00-12:45... HILLSIDE	12:00-12:45... SUSAN & KENNY
1:00-1:45... GARY LANGEVIN	1:00-1:45... TEMPORARY PHASE
2:00-2:45... STUMBLERS	2:00-2:45... ATTICUS & COMPANY
3:00-3:45... BUZZARD BLUE	3:00-3:45... DIRTY SANCHEZ BAND
4:00-6:00... SHIPYARD WRECK	4:00-6:00... SOUL BOX

THANK YOU APPLE PEACH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE - TOM FORTIN, CHAIRMAN

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# Fairhaven Cultural Council applications open, webinar on 9/9

## Press Release

Calling all Fairhaven artists, musicians, performers, educators, and creators! The Fairhaven Cultural Council is now accepting proposals for projects that enrich the cultural lives of Fairhaven residents. Successful applicants will receive grant funding to help realize their projects.

Applications are open from September 2 through October 16. They are online only and are accessible via the Mass Cultural Council's website: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/>.

This page provides the guidelines and priorities the Fairhaven Cultural Council uses when reviewing grant

applications. Last year's grant awards are listed there, giving examples of winning proposals.

The Mass Cultural Council will host a webinar at 6 pm, September 9

The Mass Cultural Council will host a webinar at 6 pm, September 9 to walk potential applicants through

the grants process. This webinar is free and available to anyone. Register to receive access information here: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/event/local-cultural-council-grants-info-session-2>.

The council is also considering hosting an in-person information session about the grant application process. This would be an evening program, held locally. If you are interested in attending an info session, please email council chair Beth Ann Gallagher at: [cultural.council@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:cultural.council@fairhaven-ma.gov).

Questions? Comments? Don't hesitate to reach out! The best way to get in touch with us is by email, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

## Fairhaven CPC Applications are open

## Press Release

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY27 funding round. The FY27 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/>

community-preservation-committee.

Activities that can be funded are:

- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space.
- Creation, preservation, and support of Community Housing.
- Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Historic Resources.
- Acquisition, creation, and preserva-

tion of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for CPC applications is Fri., 10/3, 2025 by 12:00 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8123 or email [recordingsecretary@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:recordingsecretary@fairhaven-ma.gov).



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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Sounds of Wetlands

Sights and Sounds of Wetlands, Mon., 9/8, 6:30-7:30 PM, UUSF Auditorium, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719

Have you ever wondered what was making all of those sounds near your neighborhood wetland or pond? Join Carlos T.B. Fragata for an immersive presentation on what we are hearing in these fascinating ecosystems! Learn about the animals that frequent wetlands and ponds, what they are and the sounds they make, and how they grow and live together. Carlos is a retired Environmental Analyst for the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, and a local environmentalist from Southeastern Massachusetts. This program is kid friendly — bring the whole family!

Register for any/all of or events by visiting our website: [millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar](http://millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar)

### Outdoor Markets

**Fairhaven Farmers Market** At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Rd, Fairhaven, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through Oct. Visit [www.fairhavenfarmersmarket.com](http://www.fairhavenfarmersmarket.com) or call 508-496-9209. S

**Farmers Market/Roxann's Garden Center** 189 Alden Rd, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Huttleston Harborfest LAST ONE** Monthly through the summer, featuring themed celebrations, unique vendors, entertainment. From 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Grimshaw Park (near tennis courts at Fort Phoenix) on Saturdays: 9/20, Medieval Renaissance Faire. Visit [www.discoverfairhaven.org/](http://www.discoverfairhaven.org/)

**North Fairhaven Market** Weekly on Saturdays through September from 10 AM to 3 PM at Livesey Park. This vibrant market features arts, crafts, farmers, antiques vendors, and a variety of foods, including fresh wood fire pizza (Dough and Basil), Japanese street food (Hanami Tea House), and more.

Interested vendors can email [NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com](mailto:NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com). Visit [Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket](http://Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket).

### Boat America Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will run its 2025 FALL SEMESTER 2-week Boat America

course (BA) for 4 evenings – Mondays and Thursdays, September 15 through September 25 – from 7-9 pm at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC), 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This 8-hour course is an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a safe boating certificate required by the Hanson-Milone Act.

Designed for both the experienced and the novice boater, it is taught by Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors with extensive knowledge of local waters. It is a perfect introduction to recreational boating fundamentals. Students who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates and cards.

The \$25 fee includes the textbook and all course material. Class size is limited, register early at <https://tinyurl.com/595thrz3>

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schaeffer, Flotilla Commander via email: [schaeef5900@gmail.com](mailto:schaeef5900@gmail.com).

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts in Fairhaven. Come to our meet & greet on Sun., 9/7, 3-4:30 p.m., 4 Center Street (William St. entrance), Fairhaven.

We are regrouping before our exciting fall season and want to invite all of our past, present, and newly interested volunteers to join us! Anyone is welcome! Meet our board and fellow volunteers. Preview upcoming events. Talk about volunteer opportunities and benefits. Share your interests and nibble on finger foods.

RSVP to [volunteer@shepherd.center](mailto:volunteer@shepherd.center)  
Learn more about us at <https://theshepherdcenter.org/events/>

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Fairhaven GOP

Please consider joining us and attend our September 16th monthly Republican Town Committee meeting. We meet at 32 Abbey St at 6pm. All are welcome. We are the only elected political party committee in Fairhaven, having appeared and been elected by the voters in the 2024 Presidential primary.

Others were not elected by the

people, but only submitted applications to their party and the Secretary of State Office.

Being elected gives us great credibility. We represent the Republican party at a local and neighborhood level. Sharing ideas, making plans, recruiting new members and candidates for office is our primary goal.

You can contact us at [fairhavenrtc@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenrtc@gmail.com) or call Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416 with any question, concerns or suggestions.

### Town Auction

Fairhaven will hold its annual town auction on Sat., 9/20, at the public works building, 5 Arsene Street, at 9 a.m. The public is invited to bid on items that have been declared surplus by the town. The Select Board voted to declare surplus items at its 7/28/25 meeting. A variety of items from different departments will be available to bid on, including office furniture, office supplies, bicycles, outboard engines, and vehicle parts.

### Riverside 175th

Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven, is turning 175 on Sat., 9/27. We will have an anniversary celebration from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a walking tour of the property from noon to 2 p.m. Visit <https://riversidecemetaryfairhaven.weebly.com/>

### Costume Swap

Halloween Sustainability Costume Swap. Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., or at The Millicent Library from now until October 8th

On October 8th there will be a free event at the library with a Halloween Swap table, along with other Halloween crafts.

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., or The Millicent Library - Mon & Wed -9am-8pm, Tues & Thurs - 9am-6pm, Friday 10am -6pm, Sat. 9am-3pm.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: [fairhavensustainability@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavensustainability@gmail.com)

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Science Cafe

Tues., 9/9, 6-8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest David Kagan, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor in Physics at UMass Dartmouth, will discuss "Quantum Computing; A Revolution That's Sure to Teach Schrodinger's Cat New Tricks & Change the Shape of Industries."

A century ago, the new field of quantum mechanics was born—the study of physical properties of the microscopic world. Today, scientists & engineers are racing to develop quantum computers, devices that have the potential to dramatically increase computer speeds. Note how Google's quantum computer Willow completed a computation in minutes that would take a supercomputer ten septillion years!

David will discuss the principles underlying quantum computing, the challenges of building these machines, the vision of quantum AI, and how technologies might be revolutionized—medicine, climate modeling, banking, to name a few. He will also provide a roadmap for distinguishing fact from hype in this rapidly evolving field. David earned his PH.D. in theoretical physics from Cambridge University.

Free parking in rear of building.

Visit <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/>

## AHA!

The next AHA! Night: NB Cultures is on Thursday, September 11th! It's a celebration of the history, creativity, and diversity that makes New Bedford the dynamic city it is today. September's AHA! Night is sponsored by Hawthorn Medical.

Listen to traditional Cape Verdean music; learn about the Wampum tradition; learn how to play Marralhinha, a traditional Azorean marble-and-dice board game; experience the historical reenactment of the Strike of 1928 by the New Bedford Textile Workers Union and explore a special exhibit of textile art about mill workers by Deborah Baronas.

Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/> for full schedule.

## Volunteer Oppty

Fun Volunteer Opportunity. By becoming a "Hospital Caring Clown" with The Smile Factory Clowns, located at 88 Hatch Street, Suite #213, in New Bedford you can have fun volunteering in our three local hospitals: St. Luke's, Charlton Memorial and Tobey.

Classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:45 pm for 10 weeks. They begin on Sept. 16th with graduation in November/December. Each class is \$20.00 which covers items given out.

Our students are from our Fairhaven and surrounding communities. Come have fun and experience the heartfelt touch your clown journey can have on your heart and others. Classes are taught by multi award winning clown of over 35 years, Elaine "Daisy D.Dots" Vercellone.

Please e-mail: [thesmilefactoryclowns@gmail.com](mailto:thesmilefactoryclowns@gmail.com) or call: 201-388-0225 to find out more or reserve your spot. Only 6 Class spots remain for this class session. Come have fun with us!

## Vigils For Love

*Love your neighbor. No exceptions.*

Join us on Wednesdays in New Bedford from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for weekly multifaith gatherings in support of all immigrants living in our community. Contact [vigilsforlove@use.startmail.com](mailto:vigilsforlove@use.startmail.com) if you have any questions.

The next events will be

- **South End:** T Lopes City Park, 1 Washington St. Sept. 17
- **North End:** Nye Street Park, 63 Nye Street. Sept. 10, Sept 24

## SAVE THE DATES: Lebanese Feast

Join Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church at our annual Lebanese Festival on the OLOP Parish Grounds at 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745. Fri., 9/12 from 5-11 p.m.; Sat., 9/13, noon-11 p.m. No outside food or drink.

Free admission. Cash bar and food available for purchase. Featuring live entertainment, delicious Lebanese and American food, saj, dancing, raffles. Entertainment by Mitchell Kaltsunas with Bashir El-Khoury Band, and Tarek Abdelhai

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (508) 996-8934 or by e-mail at [officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com).

## League of WV

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast is pleased to announce that Celia Canavan, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters Mass., will be the featured speaker at its upcoming Community Meeting on Wed., 9/10, at noon at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford. RSVP is required. Please visit [www.lwvssouthcoast.org/events](http://www.lwvssouthcoast.org/events) to register and select your meal. With a suggested donation of just \$10, you'll enjoy a delicious meal, light refreshments, and great company.

All members of the public, community leaders, and civic-minded residents are invited to join us

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to expanding and protecting voting rights through advocacy, education, and community engagement across nine communities.

## Open House

From 4pm to 6pm on September 11th, guests are invited to drop by the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), 396 County St., New Bedford, for a look at our 40th Anniversary exhibitions inside the mansion, breathe in the beauty of the rose garden, and sip a refreshing lemonade on the patio. The house will be open and free to the public as part of AHA Night.

The historic house, now the site of The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. The Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark, one of only 2,500 in the nation. The period rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of the economic and social evolution of the City of New Bedford, as reflected in the residences of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families and their domestic staff.

To learn more, visit [rjdsmuseum.org/calendar/](http://rjdsmuseum.org/calendar/) or call the museum at (508) 997-1401.

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

### Apple Peach Fest

See page three for details.

### Jewelry Sale

Obsessed with jewelry? Love a bargain? Come shop the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library's jewelry sale on Saturday, September 6, 9am - 12pm (no early birds please). The sale will be held on the library's front lawn, at 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet. Items include new and gently-worn jewelry, with prices starting at just \$1. Cash only.

Come find that one-of-a-kind piece for yourself or for a gift! All proceeds support library programs and services. (In the event of rain, the sale will be held in the library's Community Room, starting at 9:30am until 12pm.)

### Town Yard Sale

Acushnet's Townwide Yard Sale is on Sat. & Sun., 9/6 & 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (some yards may go later).

If you would like to have a yard sale on one or both days, fill out the form to be added to the participation list and the route map: <https://forms.gle/uodhU5FFCzYufTDe7>

You have until end of day AUGUST 30TH to sign up as a participant.

Find them on Facebook for more info

### Free Movie

Join us at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road for our FREE Movie Matinee, on Mon., 9/8, at 2 p.m., showing *A Complete Unknown*.

New York, 1961. Against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an enigmatic 19-year-old from Minnesota named Bob Dylan arrives with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. He forges intimate relationships with music icons of Greenwich Village on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking and controversial performance that reverberates worldwide.

For more information, please visit the calendar on the library website. <https://acpl.org>.

### Touch a Truck FR

Touch-a-Truck Family fun-raiser on Sat., 9/13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with

sensory hour from 11a.m.-noon, at St. Francis Xavier School, 233 Main St., Acushnet. \$5 per person, not to exceed \$20 per family. Featuring trucks, food trucks, live music, and a touch-a-truck zone kid zone where kids can jump, play, and slide on open-air inflatables. We are looking for sponsors, trucks, and food vendors.

Contact Bryan Nadeau, 508-951-1764, or [bryannadeau163@aol.com](mailto:bryannadeau163@aol.com)

### Bikes Needed

"Bikes for All" is entering its fifth Fall season of collecting, refurbishing and distributing the generous contributions of bicycles of all sizes. Over 282 children and adults have been able to enjoy their recycled bicycles throughout the past four years. Each bicycle was refurbished, equipped with a bell and lights as each rider was fitted with a helmet to ensure safe riding. We are thankful to all of you in the tri-town area who responded to our call for gently used bicycles.

And we're here once again, requesting that you respond to our need for gently used bicycles with 20-inch or greater wheels. On Sunday, September 14th from 1pm to 3pm, bikes can be dropped off at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, located at 27 Church Street, in the Barstow Street parking lot, which is across from the Center School. If you are unable to bring your bike to us, we'll arrange to meet you by contacting Jane Finnerty at 631-312-2560 or email [Jane.mattrail@gmail.com](mailto:Jane.mattrail@gmail.com).

We hope you will keep us in mind if you're thinking about replacing your bike or you or your children have outgrown their bikes. We know from many of our families who have been enjoying their recycled bikes that biking is making a positive difference in their lives.

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This event not only preserves and perpetuates knowledge about traditional crafts, but is also an opportunity for the community to reconnect to its own history, to visit the Handy House and to celebrate the special heritage of the town of Westport.

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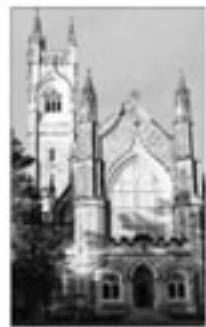
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Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: RI; 9/10, Plymouth Shopping; 9/17, Wrentham Village; 9/24, Mashpee Commons; 10/1, Tiverton Casino; 10/8, Providence Place Mall.

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## **Office Hour With State Rep Mark Sylvia**

State Rep. Mark Sylvia will hold an office hour every second Monday of the month at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, from 9-10 a.m.

**Next date: Sept. 9.**

## **Monday Movie Matinees & Show Series**

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before the movie to reserve yourself a lunch. \$3 donation for the meal. Call 508-979-4029. The movie is free.

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## **MOVIE**

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## **MOVIE**

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**TUMBLE TIME PRE-K FREE PLAY**  
All ages. Fairhaven Recreation Center. Tue, Beginning Sep 9, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Free! No registration or membership required. Come Join us for a time of pre-k family free play! We will place mats, tunnels, playhouses, rockers, trikes, stilts and more out in

the gym for families with little ones to enjoy. There is no instructional time, just free play. This program will not run during school vacation weeks.

**PRE-K SOCCER** Ages 3-6 Recreation Staff Back field at the rec Tue, Sep 9-Oct, 3:45 PM-4:30 PM Members: \$50 | Non-Members \$60 Pre-K Soccer Fun is a dynamic and interactive class that introduces children to the basic concepts of soccer while emphasizing fun, imagination, and socialization. Through age-appropriate activities and games, staff create a positive learning atmosphere that encourages children to explore and experiment with the sport. Sessions focus on developing key motor skills such as running, jumping, kicking, and coordination. We use various fun exercises and games to help children build a strong foundation for athletic development. In case of rain, class will be canceled and made up at the end of the session. Cleats and shin guards are welcome but not necessary.

**Soccer Ages 6-8** Recreation Staff

Back field at the rec Tue, Sep 9-Oct, 4:45 PM-5:30 PM Members: \$50 | Non-Members \$60 This class introduces children to the basic concepts of soccer while emphasizing fun and friendships. Our instructors create a positive learning atmosphere that encourages children to have fun with the sport. We use various fun exercises and games to help children build a strong foundation for development. In case of rain, class will be canceled and made up at the end of the session. Cleats and shin guards are encouraged but not necessary.

**Cardio Mix** Tuesdays: Tabata Tuesday\*\* We will exercise for 20 seconds, rest for 10 seconds, and repeat this pattern in a four-minute block before changing exercises. \*

\*\*Thursdays: Lift and Stretch\*\* - The first half of the class will focus on lifting weights, followed by a stretching segment in the second half. Please bring weights, a mat, and a bottle of water to each class. No class Oct 14th.

## Recipe of the Week

### Apple Pie Enchiladas -

1 (21 ounce) can apple pie filling  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup water  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
6 (8 inch) flour tortillas

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Spoon about one heaping quarter cup of pie filling evenly down the center of each tortilla. Sprinkle with cinnamon and roll up, tucking in edges; and place seam side down in prepared dish.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine butter, white sugar, brown sugar, and water. Stir until the butter has melted and the sugars have dissolved.

Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring constantly.

Reduce the heat and let it simmer for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Pour the sauce over the enchiladas and let it stand for 45 minutes. This resting time helps to magically transform the flour tortillas into a faux pastry dough.

Bake the enchiladas in the preheated oven for 30 minutes or until golden. Serve warm.

Don't be afraid to experiment with different types of pie filling or spices to make the recipe your own.



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Is memory loss family-related? Is this what I have to look forward to in my old age?

Mae

## Dear Frankie

### Aging

Dear Frankie,  
My brother Willard keeps asking if I have seen his ball or know where he buried his bone. Lately, he's been asking when we will go for a walk, ten minutes after we return from one.

It's starting to drive me nuts. Sometimes I pretend I don't hear him.

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Is memory loss family-related? Is this what I have to look forward to in my old age?

Dear Mae,

Not all senior dogs lose their memory. Your mind may stay sharp to the end. Look at me, I'm up there in years. I write a weekly advice column, and I'm also working on a second book.

There is no way to tell whose memory will be affected in their later years. There are no guarantees in life. But it might not hurt when you are young to lay off the junk food, stay active, and get plenty of Z's at night.

Don't waste time worrying about things that may never come to pass. All you can do is your best and hope it works out. For most, it does.

Best, Frankie

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# Fairhaven's Trina Bigham releases book about son's challenges

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven's Trina Bigham never imagined herself as a writer, but she had a story to tell. So she took classes over 10 years to learn how to tell it well.

"It was a deeply cathartic journey," she writes on her website. "And my hope is that this book will resonate with not only people with disabilities and their supporters, but anyone facing life's challenges."

After her water broke at 24 weeks while in Thailand, her son, Brennan Srisirikul, was born with cerebral palsy. He was born fighting to survive.

"Determined to give Brennan the best life possible, Trina became a tireless advocate, navigating therapies and alternative treatments across the globe," according to her website.

*Better Than Ordinary: Breaking Barriers on a Journey of Resistance and Hope* is the inspiring true story of a mother navigating love, loss, and resilience while raising a child with disabilities.

From the harrowing early days of a fragile birth in Thailand to the hard-won victories of teenage milestones,



Even Sprout is smiling as Trina Bigham holds the proof of her book, "Better Than Ordinary: Breaking Barriers on a Journey of Resistance and Hope," right after it was delivered, L-R: Trina Bigham and Sprout; Trina's son, Brennan Srisirikul, whose harrowing birth and subsequent triumphs over his challenges are the subject of the book. *Submitted photo.*

Trina Bigham shares her unflinching journey with honesty, humor, and heart. Both deeply personal and universally relatable, this memoir shines a light on the challenges families face — and the extraordinary strength that emerges when love refuses to give up.

"Over 18 years, Trina's journey evolved alongside Brennan's, transforming her emotionally and spiritually into a champion for his potential," reads her website. "From fragile infancy to triumphant independence, *Better Than Ordinary* chronicles their remarkable path, offering hope, insight, and inspiration to anyone facing life's challenges."

Learn more about the book at this family's journey at <https://www.trinabigham.com>

The book is available on Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3bsnrw>. It is available in paperback (\$15.99), 278 pages, and in ebook format (\$4.99).

## Upcoming Events

### Book Launch

Ms. Bigham will be holding a book

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# 95th OLOA Feast draws thousands to Fairhaven

By Beth David  
**Editor**

The new security measures did not deter feastgoers at the 95th Our Lady of Angels feast this weekend. Opening night was jam packed, and the wait at the entrance was minimal. Volunteers checked bags in one spot and used metal detector wands to check people as they came through the entrance.

And the malasadas line stretched all the way to the end of the band stand.

Dubbed "The biggest little feast," the OLOA annual feast runs for three days over Labor Day weekend. It features Portuguese and American food and entertainment, activities for children, vendors, and lots and lots of food and drink.

Karen Diggins, Carol Medeiros, and a couple of other friends had been waiting for about a half-hour, when they finally got very close to the window.

Is it worth the wait? A resounding "yes," rang through the air.

"I'd wait five days for these," said Ms. Diggins.

Best friends, Dina Melo, Nina Desousa, and Jennifer Valente said they were not keeping track of how long they were waiting.

"It's 100 percent worth it," said Ms. Desousa.

"It's well worth the wait," said Ms. Valente.

John Souza and John Bonanca had only been waiting 15 minutes, but they still had a way to go. They both agreed, however, that it would be worth it, no matter how long they had to wait in line.

Neither one was bothered by the new security measures.

"I guess they've got to do it," said Mr. Souza. "It didn't bother me. They're doing it for the betterment of people."

"Today, you have to do a lot that," said Mr. Bonanca.

Kelly Theodore, George, and Melissa King had all been waiting for about 35 minutes, agreeing it is worth the wait.

"It's always good," said Ms. King.

She said she was not bothered by the new security measures, although she missed her short cut on Daniel Street because the entrance is on the other side.

"I feel like it's more safe," she said. "I'd rather feel safe than not safe."

Steve Nogueira, Chris DaCruz, and Rodney DaCruz have been attending the feast for years.

"The favas are the best," said Chris.

Rodney, 55, said he has been every year since he was 18 years old,

They all said they had no problem with the new security measures.

"It's all right," said Rodney. "It's not bad."

"I think everyone is doing it now," said Mr. Nogueira. "If people act like

morons, you have to."

"It's expected," said Chris.

Young Scarlet, however, was quite oblivious to the question. She has attended the feast for all of her seven years and likes the clam cakes best.

Erin Murphy snuck taking a break from the malasadas booth with her friend, Kyle. Ms. Murphy said she and her friends were in charge for the first time this year, taking over for her father, Charlie Murphy.

"The next generation is taking over," said Kyle.

In a press release, Fairhaven Police said that the enhanced security measures resulted in no complaints by neighbors of unsupervised youth in the neighborhood, a problem in the past.

Police did respond to an "isolated physical altercation" outside the grounds involving two adult men late Saturday, 8/30. One man sustained a minor injury and was transported to the hospital. A juvenile accompanying one of the men was determined to be intoxicated and was picked up at the police station by a parent.

"No arrests were made. The situation was quickly resolved and did not impact the larger event," police wrote.

People may have noticed a couple of ambulances leaving the grounds on opening day. The incidents were for medical issues not related to violence.



TOP: Karen Diggins is all smiles when she finally gets to the window of the malasadas booth after waiting in line for more than 30 minutes on opening night of the 95th Our Lady of Angels feast in Fairhaven on 8/30/25. ABOVE: Volunteers fry up the malasadas. ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Dina Melo, Nina Desousa, and Jennifer Valente pose for the local free sheet while waiting in the malasadas line. BELOW RIGHT: Scott Francis and Savannah Jones goof around a bit while mixing the ingredients for the dough. Photos by Beth David.



# Annual Acushnet Car Cruise breaks record

By Beth David  
Editor

The annual Acushnet Car Cruise had at least 180 antique and classic cars converge upon the center of town on 8/28/25 for some car talk, oldies music, dancing, and food.

The annual event is sponsored by the town and takes over the Parting Ways area around Town Hall, with Main Street closed down while hundreds of people check out the old rides on the street, in the parking lots of the Town Hall, St. Xavier Church, and Parting Ways.

Kevin Gaspar said he had handed out 180 magnets for the count.

"It's a record setting year, I can tell you that," said Mr. Gaspar.

The food vendors were happy, too, saying they all had robust sales for the duration.

Meanwhile, people danced to the oldies spun by DJ Dave Blast.

Tim and Sharon Correia had two

cars they were showing: a 1965 Plymouth Belvedere (his), and a 1967 Plymouth Fury (hers). However, he had "bought" the Belvedere for her... supposedly, said Ms. Correia.

But, she said, he kept driving it, so she got the Fury.

Mr. Correia said he "kind of brought it back from the dead," meaning the Belvedere. "When you do that, you kind of have a connection."

Everything is new on it and he'll be working on the inside, too. He's keeping the black paint, though, for that "Rat Rod" look.

"I call it the creep wagon," said Ms. Correia.

Salt Philla had his bright red 1955 Thunderbird on display. He said he owned it since he was 14 years old when his father gave it to him. He started driving it around when he got his license at 17.

"It was just a used car back then," he said.



He only went through it once, he said, to get it in the shape it is in now.

Kevin Mello had his 1955 Chevrolet 210 Wagon, also known as a "shorty," because it only has two doors. He named it "Woodstock," and fashioned a plate to look like the original hardware. It has a 355 cu enging with a 671 blower that sticks out of the hood.

"It's an interesting piece," said Mr. Mello. "I'm the caretaker."



TOP: Maria Simas dances to Elvis Presley's "Return to Sender" at the annual Acushnet Car Cruise on 8/28/25 in the center of town. ABOVE LEFT: Tim and Sharon Correia pose for a picture next to their antique cars: A 1965 Plymouth Belvedere (his) and a 1967 Plymouth Fury (hers). ABOVE RIGHT: A 1955 Chevrolet 210 Wagon, known as a "shorty" because it only has two doors. BELOW LEFT: A 1955 Thunderbird owned by Salt Philla (seated) since he was 14 years old. BELOW RIGHT: The streets in the center of town are filled with cars and people. Photos by Beth David.



# Fairhaven Animal Control Officer, Terry Cripps, retiring

By Justin Wilder

## Special to the Neighb News

In 2017, Terry Cripps arrived for the first day (of his second stint) on the job. On September 6th, he will leave that job for the final time. Fairhaven's longtime Animal Control Officer is retiring.

"I won't lie, I'm probably going to cry," said Mr. Cripps about leaving the Fairhaven Animal Shelter that has been such a huge part of his life over the last decade plus. "I'll probably go through withdrawals."

Mr. Cripps and his wife are moving to Texas as she has been offered a new job opportunity.

When asked if he was going to be wrangling any armadillos down there, he replied with a smile and said, "No, I think I'm going to find myself a job that I can leave at the end of the day and not be available all the time."

Animal Control Officer is no normal 9-to-5 position. It is an extraordinary commitment.

"This job is 24/7. You're always on call," said Mr. Cripps as he was actively assembling a new habitat for a small animal. "Getting an assistant really helped. Having someone to cover you if you need some relief, was a big help."

While there is no official succession plan at this time, Mr. Cripps hopes his assistant will be considered for the position due to her knowledge of what is required for the job.

"Everything I learned on the job was self-taught," said Mr. Cripps of his early days as ACO.

After a briefer stint at the position from 2013 into 2015, when Mr. Cripps discovered, "I can't work for politicians," he returned when the ACO position was placed under the control of the Fairhaven Police



ABOVE: Volunteers of the Fairhaven Animal Shelter pose for a photo at the retirement party of long time Animal Control Officer, Terry Cripps (SEATED CENTER), on 8/25/25. BELOW: Cripps, receives a kiss from a ferret while showing him off to shelter visitor, Gavin, on 8/22/25. Photos by Justin Wilder.

Department.

"Best thing they did was putting me under the PD," he said. "Having them back me up meant everything."

"I've seen some bad and a lot of good in this town. Mostly good," Mr. Cripps said.

Recalling one of his best moments, he shared the story of when the "no kill" shelter took in two dogs, "Winter" and "Sheba". After noticing Sheba's irregular walk it was discovered that she required a \$9,000 knee surgery. "The community came together and raised the money in two days."

"It was probably my proudest day on the job," said about watching the two dogs leave the shelter after Sheba made a full recovery and they were both adopted,

Mr. Cripps is aware of the town's current financial issues and is concerned about talk of closing the shelter.

"I hope they look elsewhere. I hope the town can find the funds. I would fight tooth and nail to keep this place open. I consider the shelter my legacy," he said.

Volunteers, coworkers, friends and family gathered for a surprise party on August 25th. Many fought back tears as they shared sentiments about Mr. Cripps.

"It has been the greatest pleasure to work with Terry. I am forever sad he's leaving," said volunteer Jill Manzone.

"I hope to be half the ACO

he is someday," said Assistant ACO, Kelsey Figueiredo.

"The best ACO in the world," said Donna Motta. "He's helped me with my runaway cows! I'm happy for him but sad for the town."

"Hands down the best guy with the animals and with the people," said Joan Frye.

Volunteer Angela Gallagher joked that she'll miss hearing Mr. Cripps' famous adoption sales pitch: "I've never seen (him/her) do that with anyone but you!"

While sharing a heartwarming story about his commitment to a particular dog, volunteer Paula Coffey said: "His soul is pure. Fairhaven is losing a gift."

As he makes his way to his new Lone Star State home, Mr. Cripps leaves behind a body of work in this community that can be heard every time a child laughs playing with their newly adopted dog in the sunshine and felt each time a senior is comforted by their cuddling adopted cat on a cold winter evening. It is a feeling of connection and love between the animals and their owners that was fostered by Mr. Cripps and the dedicated volunteers at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. To those of us who have felt it, we owe Mr. Cripps and his tireless work a great deal of gratitude.

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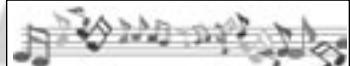
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### Board of Health

Wed., 9/10, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/8, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Commission on Disability

Thurs., 9/11, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/15, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Marine Resources

Thurs., 9/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 9/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Public Safety Complex

Tues., 9/9, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 9/10, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

### Select Board

Mon., 9/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet

### Beautification Comm.

Thurs., 9/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Wed., 9/10, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Planning Board

Thurs., 9/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Selectboard

Thurs., 9/4, Town Hall 9:00 a.m.

## TIDE TABLE

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

Sept. 2025	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	4 0607	1828	1115	---
Friday	5 0650	1909	0011	1210
Saturday	6 0730	1949	0046	1257
Sunday	7 0811	2031	0124	1345
Monday	8 0855	2116	0205*	1435*
Tuesday	9 0941	2203	0251*	1526*
Wednesday	10 1029	2251	0336*	1612*
Thursday	11 1118	2343	0420*	1657*
Friday	12 ---	1213	0503*	1745
Saturday	13 0041	1314	0551	1848
Sunday	14 0144	1417	0654	2031
Monday	15 0246	1518	0822	2244
Tuesday	16 0351	1625	1026	2356
Wednesday	17 0503	1734	---	1206
Thursday	18 0605	1828	0047	1300

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

### RDA

• Public Hearing RDA – Perry Hill Estate Homeowners Association, 3 Tripps Way, Lots #25, #25D, #25E & #25F on Map #8. A Request for Determination was filed by the Perry Hill Estate Homeowners Association for property known as Tripps Way for the proposed installation of pavement on an existing gravel road. Work to be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a B.V.W.

James Souza, Chair  
FNN, 9/4/25

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• Public Hearing – NOI – Jose Castelo / Map 17 Lot 77 - Lot 6 Deep Brook Drive A Notice of Intent was filed by Deep Brook Estates LLC / Jose Castelo for property located at Map 17, Lot 77. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated grading, tree removal, driveway paving and utilities. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated July 1, 2025.

• Public Hearing – NOI – Jose Castelo / Map 17 Lot 79 - Lot 7 Deep Brook Drive A Notice of Intent was filed by Deep Brook Estates LLC / Jose Castelo for property located at Map 17, Lot 79. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated septic system, drainage, grading, tree removal and utilities. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated July 1, 2025.

James Souza, Chair  
FNN, 9/4/25

## TOWN OF ACUSHNET PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, September 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., to review a Site Plan Review and Special Permit as follows:

Submitted by: Clem's Way Solar, LLC, c/o Rewild Renewables  
Property owner: Brookside Realty Trust

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## Vendors Wanted

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability and Fairhaven Belonging Committee are hosting and all abilities vendor fair Fall For All at the Fairhaven Recreation Center and Council on Aging October 12th 10am-3pm.

The fair will feature unified sports activities, live demonstrations and local town organizations.

Represented by: Beals and Thomas, Inc.  
Scope of Work: The applicant proposes a ground mounted solar energy facility.

Location: 1094 Main Street, Acushnet, MA  
Map 7 Lot 15

This meeting will be held at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743 and over Teams. See meeting notice to be posted by September 16, 2025, for Teams instructions.

All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Mark Francois, Chairman,  
Acushnet Planning Board  
FNN, 9/4/25, 9/11/25

## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

- **Case #2025.06.17B** A case of Three Kings Marine, LLC for property located on 42 South Main Street, Map 15, Lot 271 & Sivigny Street, Map 15, Lot 270. The petitioner is appealing a letter from the Building Commissioner to Cease and desist all activity on the premise. The case was continued by the Board of Appeals to August 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The August meeting was not held and a new specific date and time is needed for a continuation.
- **Case #2025.09.16A** A case of Michell Mendonca, for property located at 6 Whelden Lane, Map 23, Lot 9A. The Applicant is applying for a Special Permit as required for a 2 chair salon pursuant to the Zoning By-Laws, Sec. 3.3.1B (11).
- **Case #2025.09.16B** A case of Meet in the Middle LLC, Map 23, Lot 1. A special permit is required for a Commercial storage, office space, and Contractor yard located within a Residence A (RA) District per Section 33.3.1.B.14 of the Zoning By-Law.
- **Case #2025.09.16C** A case of Sheryl Casmira for property located at Tobey Street, Map 2, Lot 35.47. On 05/30/2007, Lot 47 was reduced to a non-buildable lot due to wetlands. A variance is required pursuant to 3.3.1.E.(1), minimum lot area and upland requirements. The Applicant is looking to change lot 47 to buildable.

\*\*Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours\*\*

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, September 15, 2025 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

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

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

a. **CON 023-528: 0 Austria Avenue, Map 29A, Lot 037**

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Castelot to clear vegetation in vacant lot for a 20' x 30' driveway; fill to grade (8-12' of gravel) and finish with a layer of asphalt. Property located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (El.16).

b. **CON 023-529, SE 023-\_\_\_\_\_: 903 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 43, Lots 150-151 & 154-155**

Notice of Intent filed by David E. & Andrea Schwamb to construct a 9' x 21' in-ground swimming pool with associated patio on northerly and westerly sides & to convert porch into living space. The entire site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Flood Zones VE (El.18' & 19').

c. **CON 023-530, SE 023-1513: 2 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 001**

Notice of Intent filed by Robert & Nina Weeks to propose construction of a 14' x 26' in-ground pool with perimeter concrete patio. The patio will contain 18"-wide x 12"-deep stone leaching trench, along west and south sides for groundwater recharge. A concrete leaching pit will be installed for end of season pool draining. Pool & patio will be 26.2' - 33' from the Coastal Bank. The shoreline portion of the site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA AE (El.6'). A majority of the site falls within Coastal Bank.

d. **CON 023-531: 3 Beachwood Street, Map 28B, Lot 073**

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Daniel & Theresa Hopkins to install a 16' x 12' side deck where previously removed stairs were located & to repave the existing asphalt driveway.

e. **CON 023-532: 266 Huttleston Avenue (Nasketucket Cemetery), Map 28, Lots 004 & 005 / Map 30A, Lot 081**

Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Riverside Cemetery to clear vegetation, including stump removal, grading and dirt pile removal from the west side / rear of the Nasketucket Cemetery in order to clear area of overgrowth and prepare site for landscaping and additional burials.

The agenda will be posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans 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 under current filings.

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 9/4/25

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# School season starts



School has started in these parts, and that includes Fairhaven. Our Ace Correspondent Jonathan Comey took a ride around town on August 27 to catch a few photos of the kids heading back to classes. ABOVE LEFT: A staff member of East Fairhaven Elementary School (EFS) welcomes the students back on their first day after summer vacation 8/27/25. ABOVE RIGHT: Students at EFS gather in the gym for their daily morning meeting on the first day of school. BELOW LEFT: New principal, Steven Morgenweck, is excited to greet his first group of students to LL Wood Elementary School in Fairhaven on 8.27.28. BELOW RIGHT: Second grade teacher at Wood School, Tess Tieu, tests out a teepee she made for her classroom. Photos by Jonathan Comey for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.



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