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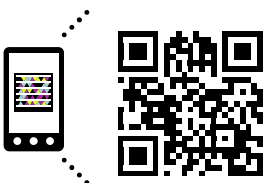
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Teeming with information you need.  
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Who you gonna call?



Local government is a collection of departments, and boards and committees that are elected and appointed. Know your town by knowing who is on the various boards and committees. See page 12 for Fairhaven, page 13 for Acushnet. Photo montage by Beth David.



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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.

WHO you gonna call?

This special know-your-town issue is something I used to do about once a year. I stopped a long time ago, but thought now was a good time to run another one.

It's good to see who is on the boards of the two towns. Both Acushnet and Fairhaven are small enough that there's a good chance you know someone who is on a board. And, you can see that there are vacancies, too.

Just knowing what boards there are is helpful.

The Acushnet info, however, is not 100% up to date. The website information was not current. I got some boards updated by town staff, but they didn't get to all of them. It is still useful info, though. You can see which boards there are; and, chances are, the same people are on them, it's just the term dates that need updating.

See pages 12 and 13 for the boards; and page 18 for a list of departments and phone numbers.

We also have a story about the closing of Euro's in the center of town (see page 11). It's been there for about 25 years. They've been a great advertiser since year one. I remember how hard it was, though, to get that ad at first because Gail was such a "moving target," as her sister said at the time. She still is. We finally talked on deadline day, with just a couple of hours to spare.

That whimsical shop will be missed by many.

Thank you, Gail, for keeping it open as long as you did, considering...well, read the story.

Oh...and one more thing before I sign off. The secret is out! Oscar winner Brian Helgeland will be in Fairhaven later this month. See page 3 for details.

There's other stuff in here, of course. Lots of happenings going on. 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,

*Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with  
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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# Oscar-Winning Writer/Director Brian Helgeland in Fairhaven

## Press Release

Discover Fairhaven invites the community to step back in time for Huttleston HarborFest: A Medieval Faire, a day-long celebration of old-world charm by the sea, capped with a Hollywood highlight.

During daytime festivities, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM at Grimshaw Park at Fort Phoenix, visitors can wander a bustling marketplace filled with artisan vendors, themed food and drink, live entertainment, medieval games, and hands-on activities for all ages.

Expect knights, music, costumed performers, and plenty of coastal flair woven into this Renaissance-inspired gathering.

As the sun sets, the revelry continues. Evening festivities begin at 5:30 PM with food, drinks, and entertainment, including a fire performer to light up the night. Then at 7:00 PM, guests can enjoy a free outdoor screening of the hit film *A Knight's Tale* on a jumbo screen under the stars. Adding to the excitement, the film's Oscar-winning writer and director, Brian Helgeland, will be in

attendance, flying in from Los Angeles to personally open his film!

The event will conclude around 9:15 PM, wrapping up a magical day that marks the grand finale of the first Huttleston HarborFest series.

"This is our big bang ending to HarborFest — a medieval celebration with a seaside twist," said Alyssa Botelho, Tourism Director for the Town of Fairhaven's Office of Tourism, Community & Economic Development. "We're thrilled to bring together local artisans, performers, and food vendors for a day of fun, and to close out the night with such a unique opportunity for our community to meet Brian Helgeland and watch *A Knight's Tale* together under the stars."

Admission is free and all are welcome. Costumes are encouraged (with a contest at 3:30!), whether you come as a noble, a peasant, or even a dragon in disguise.

For more information and a

running list of vendors, visit: [www.discoverfairhaven.org/huttlestonharborfest2025](http://www.discoverfairhaven.org/huttlestonharborfest2025)



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# Veteran of Year nominations open

## Press Release

The Board of Directors of the Southeastern Massachusetts Veterans Housing Program, Inc., known as Veterans Transition House ("VTH"), has opened nominations for the 2025 Veteran of the Year Award sponsored by BankFive.

The Veteran of the Year Award is presented to a regional veteran in recognition of his or her outstanding contributions to veterans, veterans' issues, and the community as a whole. This year marks the 30th annual award.

Veterans Transition House seeks nominations from the public between now and October 1, 2025. The nomination form is available on its website at <https://www.vetshouse.org/veteran-of-the-year-application/> and can be requested by emailing [info@vetshouse.org](mailto:info@vetshouse.org) or by calling 508-992-5313 x 2.

Completed forms can be emailed to [info@vetshouse.org](mailto:info@vetshouse.org) or mailed to Veterans Transition House, 1297 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740-6636. If you know a veteran who is deserving of special recog-

nition, Veterans Transition House encourages the submission of your nomination as soon as possible.

The Veteran of the Year Award will be announced in October and

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presented at a special reception on Thursday, November 6, 2025. For event sponsorship and tickets, please contact David Guertin at [david@vantageinphilanthropy.com](mailto:david@vantageinphilanthropy.com) or

401-868-0365. This event is a fundraiser to support veterans housing, outreach services, and the meals program delivered by Veterans Transition House.

Founded in 1990, Veterans Transition House has provided more than 3,500 Southeastern Massachusetts homeless veterans with transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive supportive services. Veterans Transition House owns seven properties across New Bedford operating at nearly 100% capacity and accommodating 85 veterans at one time. Approximately 50 veterans are served by VTH's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. Opened in 2021, the Anthony C. and Salvatore H. Alfiero Outreach Center is staffed with licensed clinicians and outreach specialists to serve an additional 750 Southeastern Massachusetts veterans on average each year who are at risk of becoming homeless, experiencing food insecurity, and in need of human services. Visit [www.vetshouse.org](http://www.vetshouse.org) to learn more or to make a tax-deductible donation.

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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### 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 or call Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416 with any question, concerns or suggestions.

### Business Mixer

The Fairhaven Economic Development Committee hosts an evening of inspiration, light refreshments, and networking with local business owners on Thurs., 9/18, at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for an engaging and insightful evening of networking, learning, and collaboration with local business owners and community leaders. Each mixer highlights a different theme, featuring industry experts, valuable resources, and opportunities to build connections that strengthen Fairhaven's business community. Complimentary light refreshments will be provided.

Whether you're a business owner, entrepreneur, or simply interested in Fairhaven's economic growth, this is a fantastic opportunity to connect and collaborate. We look forward to seeing you there!

Visit [www.discoverfairhaven.org](http://www.discoverfairhaven.org)

### CPC Applications

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-](https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee)

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 preservation of land for Recreational Use.

The Deadline for CPC applications is 10/3/25 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).

### Cultural Council

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is accepting proposals for project that enrich the cultural lives of Fairhaven residents. Successful applicants will receive grant funding to help realize their projects.

Applications are open through 10/16. They are online only and are accessible via the Mass Cultural Council's website at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/>.

If you are interested in attending an info session, please email council chair Beth Ann Gallagher at: [culturalcouncil@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:culturalcouncil@fairhaven-ma.gov).

### 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](https://www.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: [schae5900@gmail.com](mailto:schae5900@gmail.com).

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### 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://riversidecemeteryfairhaven.weebly.com>

## 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. (NOTE time correction); 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).

We hope to see you at the Festival.

## 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 24

## Odd Couple Female

Your Theatre Inc. Announces "The Odd Couple (Female Version)" at The Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, opening Sept. 12 and running through 9/21.

Prepare for an evening of uproarious fun! Neil Simon, the Pulitzer, Emmy, and Tony Award-winning master of theatre, revisits his beloved 1965 hit with "The Odd Couple (Female Version)." Experience the hilarious clash of personalities between two utterly different women, leading to both laugh-out-loud comedy and genuinely heartwarming moments. This sharp, witty play about the ultimate mismatched roommates will have you smiling and laughing long after the curtain falls.

Presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)

Fri. & Sat., 9/12, 13, 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 9/14, 21, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are General Admission \$27; Seniors, Students and Military \$22. All seats are open seating; tickets available at <https://steepleplayhouse.ludus.com/>. Season Subscriptions also available. Contact the box office ([boxoffice@yourtheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@yourtheatre.org) or 508-993-0772) for group rates.

Visit <https://yourtheatre.org/wp/>

## Star Store Use Town Halls

Join us to envision a bold creative future of the Star Store in New Bedford! We need your help to ensure that the reactivation of the Star Store in downtown New Bedford meets the needs of New Bedford's incredible creative community.

These town halls are open to everyone — you don't need to be a practicing artist to attend.

- 9/15/25, 5:30-7:30pm, Town Hall #1, Steeple Playhouse
- 9/23/25, 5:30-7:30pm, Town Hall #2, Verdean Vets Memorial Hall
- 9/29/25, 5:30-7:30pm, Town Hall #3, New Bedford Free Public Library

There are also several openings for our smaller artistic discipline-specific sessions, including 2D Creativity, Textile/Fashion, Film/Photography/Digital, Interdisciplinary. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/4ewkfc65>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Free Art Reception

Salad Days: A Pop-Up Art Exhibition in the Historic Greenhouses of Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, 787 Shawmut Ave., NB.

Salad Days is a pop-up art exhibition set in the historic greenhouses of Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens in New Bedford, MA—a hidden gem shaped by the late Allen Haskell, known as "a nurseryman with an artist's eye." Sponsored in part by the Mass Cultural Council, New Bedford Cultural Council and The Trustees of Reservations, this exhibition marks the final chapter of the greenhouses' current life before their eventual historic restoration. The installation reimagines the greenhouses as vessels for dreaming—a contemplative nursery for a more hopeful future.

The opening reception takes place on Fri., 9/19, from 5–8 PM, featuring several activations. The exhibition continues through October 12th, open daily from dawn to sunset.

For exhibit details visit <https://www.sitespecific happenings.com>

For information on the Haskell Public Gardens, visit <https://thetrustees.org/place/allen-c-haskell-public-gardens/>

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

### 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)

### Music a MAC

Matt York will join the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., with the Songs & Stories of Willie Nelson on Sat., 9/13, 7:00pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. General admission tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets and for more information please visit [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### Women on Target

The Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce its annual NRA Women-On-Target program which will be held on Sat., 9/27, at 215 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA. The program will begin at 8:30 AM and finish at 5:00 PM. The morning session will teach the NRA Home Firearm Safety Course, which qualifies participants to apply for a Massachusetts License-To-Carry (LTC), or Firearms Identification (FID) card. Following a catered and healthy lunch, the women will individually be provided practical and safe shooting experiences by rotating through the club's pistol range, 50 and 100 yard rifle ranges, and shotgun trap range. The \$100.00 fee includes all training materials, eye and ear protection which will be yours to keep, use of the club facility, morning snacks, lunch, ammunition, and use of firearms.

If any questions, please contact Michelle Pierce at 508-690-8865, or email: [srgcmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:srgcmemberships@gmail.com). To register please provide: your full name (including middle initial), mailing address, email address, telephone number, and date of birth, along with a check made out to the "Sippican Rod & Gun Club" and

mailed to: Sippican Rod & Gun Club, PO Box 182, Rochester, MA 02770.

The class is limited to the first 24 participants registered. When the full class is registered, further information of the program details will be provided via email. Considering that previous programs have had a waiting list, all those interested are encouraged to apply soon.

### At Acushnet Library

The following events are at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road. Visit <https://acupl.org>

#### For Children

- Fall Storytime Kickoff: Wednesday, 9/17, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Drop-In Back to School Craft (beaded keychain): Saturday, 9/20, at 12:30 p.m.
- Tweens Book Club: Tuesday, 9/23, at 4 p.m.

### 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.

Bikes for All is a program of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path. As a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, contributions to "Bikes for All" are tax-deductible.

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Artisan Fair

Who will you meet at the Handy House Artisan Fair? Sat., 9/20 from 10-3 p.m. (rain date, 9/21), 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport MA

Handy House Artisan Fair, organized by the Westport Historical Society, showcases 30 local craftspeople who specialize in skills and traditional crafts commonly practiced in the 18th and 19th century.

Traditional craftsmanship, from blacksmithing to green woodworking, is still very much alive in Westport. The Artisan Fair offers a rare opportunity to meet these craftspeople, learn about their skilled hand work and human powered technologies through hands-on demonstrations. Some artisans will have their work for sale, so it will also be a chance to get a jumpstart on holiday shopping!

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.

Also: Raffle featuring unique items made by artisans or donated by vintage market vendors!

Learn more at <https://wphistory.org/handy-house/events/>

### Seeking Cadets

Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps are welcoming new applicants to the training program at Mass. Maritime Academy. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17 who may be interested in nautical or military opportunities are encouraged to join.

Training is conducted on alternating Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Mass. Maritime Academy. Interested applicants should contact Lt. Cdr. James McLoughlin at 508-759-8606. View us on "Facebook" at Gosnold Division.



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## Supportive Social Day Program

Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or for those who may have cognitive disabilities. Persons who are 60 and older, who are independent with eating, ambulation, medication administration, continent, are not an elopement risk. Please contact Sally Bourke or Debra Chmiel at 508-993-9455 for further information.

## Mall Trips

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

## Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$3 (Please note price chance). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

## Monday Movie Matinees & Show Series

Popcorn, pretzels and candy are part of the movie experience. If you would like a drink other than water, please feel free to bring your own. No alcohol. Thank you.

Would you like to have lunch before the movie? Please call us the Thursday before the movie to reserve yourself a lunch. \$3 donation for the meal. Call 508-979-4029. The movie is free.

All shows at 12:15.

## MOVIE

**Sept. 15.** *Now You See Me.* Heist, Crime, Mystery, Thriller. An FBI agen

and an Interpol detective track a team of illusionists who pull off bank heists during their performances, and reward their audiences with the money

## MOVIE

**Sept. 22.** *Now You See Me 2.* Heist, Crime, Mystery, Thriller. The Four Horsemen resurface, and are forcibly recruited by a tech genius to pull off their most impossible heist yet.

## MOVIE

**Sept. 29.** *The Greatest Showman.* Period Drama, Musical. Growing up in the 1800s, P.T. Barnum (Hugh Jackman) displays a natural talent for publicity and promotion. After trying his hand at various jobs, P.T. turns to show business to indulge his limitless imagination, rising from nothing to create the Barnum & Bailey circus. Featuring catchy musical numbers, exotic performers and daring acrobatic feats, Barnum's mesmerizing spectacle soon takes the world by storm to become the greatest show on Earth.

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## "Aladdin" MUSICAL THEATRE

**Ages 5-13** Fairhaven Recreation Center. Aly Pereira. Wed, Sep 24-Oct 29, 3:45 PM-4:45 PM (6 Weeks) Member: \$110 | Non Member: \$115 Come join in on the fun of learning how to take part in a musical theatre performance. Children will learn the basics of putting together a production. In this class, boys and girls will audition for a role in the musical "Cindy's Medley Excerpts." This play has been rewritten along the theme of the original "Aladdin." Children will sing, dance, and act their way into a world of excitement. Costumes are encouraged, but not necessary. No experience needed. Everyone receives a speaking role of some kind.

## 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

### Slow Cooker Shrimp Boil

- 1 1/2 lb. small red potatoes,  
halved if larger than 2 inches
- 5 garlic cloves, lightly crushed
- 1 onion, quartered
- 1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 cup Creole seasoning
- 1 lemon, halved, plus wedges for  
serving
- 1 1/2 lb. large shrimp, peeled and  
deveined
- 12 oz. andouille sausage, sliced  
1/4 inch thick on the bias
- 2 ears of corn, shucked and cut  
into thirds
- 2 tbs fresh parsley, chopped
- Melted butter & hot sauce, for  
serving

Combine the potatoes, garlic, onion, salt, thyme, bay leaf, 2 tablespoons of the Creole seasoning, and 4 cups water in a 6-quart slow cooker. Juice the halved lemon into the slow cooker and add the squeezed halves. Cover and cook on low until the potatoes are tender, 3½ to 4 hours.

Add the shrimp, sausage, corn, and the remaining 2 tbs Creole seasoning to the slow cooker. Cover and cook on high until the shrimp is cooked through, 30 mins.

Remove the lemon halves and bay leaf. Sprinkle the parsley into the slow cooker. Divide among bowls using a slotted spoon. Serve with melted butter, hot sauce, and lemon wedges.

*From thepioneerwoman.com*



notified the academy to bill him for my tuition and offered to sponsor a wing of the library in our family's name.

My mom then insisted I dress like a donor. She sent me a new set of formal clothes, explaining that my thrift shop attire wasn't suitable for our new status and that she expected this would result in more invitations.

Is this a typical reaction to new-found wealth?

*Dear Ship,*

Money isn't always a blessing for those who unexpectedly come into a large fortune.

A study was conducted on lottery winners, and the findings weren't encouraging. Most of them squandered their money, ended relationships with relatives and friends who thought they deserved a piece of the pie, or were scammed by fraudulent financial

## Dear Frankie

### Inheritance

*Dear Frankie,*  
I have attended Cathedral Canine Academy on a scholarship for three years.

After my parents inherited a substantial fortune from a distant relative, my dad

advisors.

A doctor in Massachusetts who won the lottery anonymously donated his winnings to a charity. He said he had all the money he needed and didn't have any desire to change his lifestyle or his relationships.

But there weren't many winners like him.

Your father did notify the school that your scholarship was no longer needed. He also funded the wing of the library. He's not the first donor to require the family name to be on the building.

Your mom's use of clothes as a passage to upward mobility is somewhat questionable. However, no one is a saint. Over time, she may feel more comfortable having money and less of a need to show it off.

In the meantime, go about your life as you usually would, even if you have to do it in a fine wool blazer.

*Best, Frankie*

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at [dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com). The Fairhaven Neighborhood

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# Euro, a staple in Fairhaven Center, set to close

By Beth David  
Editor

Euro Ship Store/Phoenix, housed in the historic building on the corner of Center and Main Streets in the center of Fairhaven, is closing its doors for good. Gail Isaksen, 80, who opened the store about 25 years ago, said she has been facing some health issues, so the time has come.

"It's never been a profitable thing," she said. "It's always been a labor of love, and money."

It started out on Ferry Street, where that store still caters to the fishing industry. When the old Phoenix building was empty for a few years, she decided to buy it. She moved inventory from Ferry Street and added more general items. It was the place to go for Fairhaven items.

"It just never got off the ground," she said. "I guess people never liked what I bought, only at Christmas time."

The store has always had unique and quirky items, plus high quality Norwegian sweaters and other clothing. It was a favorite of tourists and locals alike. The crammed shelves held all manner of doodads

and fun stuff, much of it with the name "Fairhaven" on it, and items by local artists and authors.

Joan Bisbee was shopping the diminishing stock and said she has been going there since it opened. She remembered when the building was occupied by Browne's Pharmacy (now, that's going back a bit) and the Phoenix Pharmacy, too.

"It's sad," she said. "It's been a big part of my shopping experience ever since Gail opened years ago."

Ms. Bisbee said she always did some Christmas shopping there. She likes getting the local stuff that she can send to relatives who moved away, to get them something that reminds them of Fairhaven.

"I hope something comes into this space," she said.

"It's so sad. It's a staple," said Karen Isherwood, who had her eye on



L-R: Jerry Rousseau and Karen Isherwood check out a marble paper towel holder at Euro Ship Store/Phoenix in Fairhaven during its closing sale on 8/15/25 when everything was 50% off. Photo by Beth David.

a heavily discounted marble paper towel holder, with Jerry Rousseau.

"We've already gotten a lot of deals," said Mr. Rousseau.

They said they have been going back and it seems that more items magically appear on the shelves.

Store staff confirmed that they have been taking stuff down from the top floor and moving it to the shelves as space opens up.

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# Know your town: Town of Fairhaven boards and who's on 'em

Fairhaven has a representative Town Meeting form of government. There are six precincts with 429 elected Town Meeting seats. Currently, there are vacant seats in some precincts. Elected board members are also Town Meeting members. Elected officials are voted in by residents registered to vote in Fairhaven.

Elections are held the first Monday in April, however Town Meeting approved to change date to the second Tuesday in June. The bylaw change has been submitted to the Attorney General's Office for approval.

The town has a Town Administrator who runs the day-to-day operations of town hall and all town departments except for public works, which is governed by the Board of Public Works, an elected board.

The five-member Select Board sets policy that guides the decisions of the Town Administrator, manages the town budget, and appoints members of boards and committees.

The School Department is also separate, governed by the Superintendent and the elected School Committee.

Candidates need to collect 50 certified signatures to get on the ballot for townwide office, and 10 signatures from their precinct to get on the ballot for Town Meeting. Contact the Town Clerk to find out what else you need to know to run for office.

Appointed boards are appointed by a vote of the Selectboard (unless otherwise noted). The board usually asks for a letter from those interested in serving on a board. There is an

application form online.

Fairhaven's public library is a not a town department, but is funded by the town based on a formula created by a special act of the legislature.

See the calendar on the town website for meeting dates, times, and agendas.

To apply to be on a board, visit the website under "Volunteer Opportunities."

Town Website is: <https://fairhaven-ma.gov>

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See page 18 for a list of town departments and phone numbers.

## Fairhaven Elected Boards/Committees

### Board of Health

Three-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
Justine Frezza, Chair .....	2026
Brian Meneses, Vice Chair .....	2028
Barbara Acksen .....	2027
David D. Flaherty, Jr., Health Agent	

### Board of Public Works

Three-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
Brian Wotton, Chair .....	2026
Robert D. Hobson, Vice Chair .....	2027
Anne Morton Smith, Clerk .....	2028
Daniel Lopes .....	2026
Hillary Kesner Rotondo .....	2027
Vinnie Furtado, Superintendent of BPW	

### Commissioner of Trust Funds

Three-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
Barbara Acksen, Chair .....	2028
Louise Ponte .....	2026
Coleen Silvia, .....	2027

### Housing Authority

Five-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
One-year term, governor's appointee*	
Carol Alfonso, Chair .....	2028
Ronnie Manzone, Vice Chair .....	2026
Gary Souza, Treasurer .....	2027
Jay S. Simmons, .....	2029
*Timothy Francis (governor's appointee)	
Assistant Treasurer	
Charles Murphy Sr, Select Board Liaison	

Janet Falcone, Executive Director

### Planning Board

Three-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
Diane Tomassetti, Chair .....	2028
Jessica Fidalgo, Vice Chair .....	2028
Sharon Simmons, Clerk .....	2026
Patrick Carr .....	2027
Ruy DaSilva .....	2027
Kevin Grant .....	2026
Miles Grant .....	2028
Sean Powers .....	2028

H. Bruce Webb,

Director of Land Use and Planning

### School Committee

Three-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
Colin Veitch, Chair .....	2027
Brian Monroe, Vice Chair .....	2026
Erik Andersen .....	2028
Kelly McGowan Ochoa .....	2028
Nicole Pacheco .....	2027
Stephanie Pickup .....	2026
Tara Kohler, Superintendent of Schools	

### Select Board

Three-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chair .....	2026
Andrew Romano, Vice Chair .....	2027
Natalie A. Mello, Clerk .....	2028
Andrew B. Saunders .....	2027
Keith Silvia .....	2026

George Samia, Interim Town Administrator; Keith Hickey has been hired, will start in the fall

### Town Clerk

Three-year term, elected

Name	Term expires
Elisabeth E. Horan .....	2028

### Moderator

Three-year term, elected

Name	Term expires
Mark D. Sylvia .....	2027

## Other

### Library Board of Trustees

The Millicent Library Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of January, March, April, June, July, September, October, December at 7 pm in the Library auditorium.

Kathy Lopes, President  
Bruce Bendiksen, Vice-President  
Kyle DeCicco-Carey, Secretary  
Robert Kenworthy, Treasurer  
Jane Risch, Assistant Treasurer  
Natalie Mello, ex officio (Select Board liaison), Joanna McQuillan Weeks, Kathleen Clement, Abigail Hevey, Maria Kilshaw, Pamela Kuechler, Anne O'Brien, Carol Rodrigues, Michael Silvia, Kate Powers, Robert Grindrod, Jill Carroll, John Whalen, Meredith Smith, Max Isaksen, Trustee Emeritus - Gail Isaksen

## Fairhaven Appointed Boards and Committees

### Agricultural Commission

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Sarah Lake 2028	
4 Vacant Seats	

### Bell Committee

One-year term

Name	Term expires
Doug Brady, Chair .....	2026
Lee Baumgartner .....	2026
Nils Isaksen .....	2026

Helena Oliveira 2026

### Belonging Committee

One-year term

Name	Term expires
Jessica Fidalgo, Chair .....	2026

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# Know your town: Town of Acushnet boards and who's on 'em

Acushnet has an open Town Meeting form of government. Any registered voter can vote at the annual and special Town Meeting. The town has a Town Administrator who runs the day-to-day operations of town hall and all town departments.

The three-member Select Board sets policy that guides the decisions of the Town Administrator, manages the town budget, and appoints members of boards and committees.

Elections are held the fourth Tuesday in April. A special election is going to be held this year on 11/18 to vote on funding for a building at Old Colony Voc-Tech High School.

The School Department is separate, governed by the Superintendent and the elected School Committee.

See the calendar on the town website for meeting dates, times, and agendas.

Candidates need to collect 42 certified signatures to be on the ballot.

To apply to be on a board, visit the website under "Volunteer Opportunities." Town Website is: <https://www.acushnet.ma.us>

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See page 18 for a list of town departments and phone numbers.

## Acushnet Elected Boards/Committees

### Town Clerk

Three-year term, elected

Name	Term expires
Pamela A. Labonte .....	2026
(508) 998-0200 ext. 2	

### Board of Selectmen

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
David E. Wojnar, Chair .....	2026
Kevin Gaspar, Sr. ....	2027
Robert J. Hinckley .....	2028

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(508) 998-0200 ext. 9

### Assessors

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Robert F. Brown, Chair .....	2026
Francis L. Mello .....	2027
Liberio Dasilva Soares .....	2028

Kelly Koska M.A.A., Principal Assessor  
(508) 998-0200 ext. 7

### Board of Health

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Robert Medeiros, Chair .....	2026
David M. Davignon .....	2027
Thomas J. Fortin .....	2028

Joseph Correia, Health Agent  
(508) 998-0200 ext. 6

### Cemetery Board

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Joanne K. Cioper .....	2026
Paul H. Fortin, Chair .....	2027

Charlene Fortin.....2028  
(508) 998-0200 ext. 2 (Town Clerk's office)

### Commissioner of Trust Funds

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
John E. Roy, Chair .....	2026
Diane Ferreira Unexpired Term .....	2027
Tommy Lipsett Unexpired Term .....	2028

(508) 998-0200 ext. 2 (Town Clerk's office)

### Housing Authority

Five-year terms, elected

Name	Term expires
Rene Racine, Chair .....	2026
Stephanie Von Jess .....	2027
Robert Brown (Gov. Appointee) .....	2028
Jerome Smith (Tenant Appointee) .....	2028
Andrew J. Gomes .....	2029

Lynn Berube, Executive Director  
(508) 998-3603

### Library Trustees

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Joan Howland .....	2026
John E. Roy .....	2026
Jennifer M. Alves, Chair .....	2027
Alan Miner .....	2027
Nancy A. Francis .....	2028
Eileen Wilmarth-Guerette .....	2028

Library Director, Elisabeth Botelho  
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### Park Commissioners

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Michael Matton .....	2026
Chad W. Leclair, Chair .....	2027
Christopher A. Hopkins .....	2028

(508) 998-0285

### Planning Board

Five-year term

Name	Term expires
Peter J. Giampa .....	2026
Steven R. Boucher .....	2027
Bryan Deschamps .....	2028
Richard A. Ellis .....	2029
Mark Francois, Chair .....	2030

Victoria Alfaro, Town Planner  
(508) 998-0214

### School Committee

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Ronald A. Houde, Jr., Chair .....	2026
Melissa Cordeira .....	2026
John Howcroft .....	2027
Jesse C. Ellis .....	2028
Ebony R. McGlynn .....	2028

Dr. Paula Bailey, Superintendent

### Town Moderator

Three-year term, elected

Name	Term expires
Leslie Dakin .....	2026

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### Tree Warden

Three-year term, elected

Name	Term expires
Lucas Paul Correia Unexp. Term .....	2026

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## Acushnet Appointed Boards/Committees\*

### Agricultural Commission

Term expires

Name  
Norma York, Chairperson  
Robert Gilmore, Jr.  
Richard Miranda  
Scott Harding  
Joseph Pereira  
Thomas Whitehead, Alternate  
James Laycock, Alternate  
Robert Conklin, Alternate

### Beautification Committee

Term expires

Name  
Eric James  
Nancy Medeiros-Viveiros, Chairperson  
Kelsey Janak  
Janine Perry  
Robert Conklin

### Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

Term expires

Name  
Lori Bates  
Eric James  
Cheryl Hall  
Joy Ladd  
Richard Mercier

### Board of Appeals

Four-year term

Name	Term expires
Paul B. Hipolito .....	2025
Charles Leonard .....	2026
Thomas Whitehead .....	2028
Robert Brown, Chairperson .....	2029
Randall DeTerra .....	2027
Jeff White, Alternate	
Kevin Smith	

### Bylaw Review Committee

Term expires

Name  
John Howcroft  
Pamela Labonte  
Robert Brown  
Robert Hinckley  
Mark Francois

### Cable Advisory

Term expires

Name  
John Golda  
Eric Golda  
Michael Green  
Donald Lopes  
Fred Nazarchyk

### Community Preservation

Three-year term

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Name	Term expires
Heidi Pelletier, Conserv. Comm .....	2026
Richard Mercier, Historical Comm.....	2026
Chad W. LeClair, Chair, Park & Rec. ....	2027
Evelyn Bouley .....	2026
Cathy Murray .....	2027
Jesse Ellis .....	2025
John Abaray, Jr.....	2025
Bryan Deschamps, Planning Bd .....	2027

### Conservation Commission

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Douglas Thomas .....	2025
Heidi Pelletier .....	2025
Christian De Sousa, Vice-Chair .....	2025
James Souza, Chair .....	2026
Eric Debarros .....	2027
2 Vacant	

Joann Demello, Senior  
Clerk, 508-998-0200 x4203

### Council on Aging

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Pauline Teixeira.....	2026
Paulette Hudson .....	2027
Linda Guilbeault, Chair.....	2026
Deborah Raposa .....	2026
Daniel Smith .....	2026
Patricia Midurski .....	2027
Joan Howland.....	2026

Lauren Golda, Director

### Cultural Council

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
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Linda Guilbeault, Chairperson.....	2026
Brittany Botelho .....	2027
Charlene Correia .....	2027
Cindy Guilbeault .....	2028
Paulette Hudson .....	2028
Jo-Anne Masson.....	2026
David Longval .....	2026
Pauline Teixeira .....	2026
Sydney Viveiros .....	2028

### Finance Committee

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Eric Chew, Prec 2.....	2028
Lisa Orlowski-Tomlinson, Prec 2 .....	2028
Kristin Flynn, Prec 3.....	2028
Michael R. Boucher, Chair, Prec 3 ...	2027
Susan M. Delgado, Vice-Chair, Prec 3	2027
Robert St. Jean, Prec 3 .....	2026
Eric R. McGlynn, Prec 3 .....	2026
Peter Benoit, Prec 3 .....	2027
Philip Adams, Prec 3 .....	2026

### Golf Advisory Board

One-year term

Name	Term expires
John Abaray, Jr.....	2026
David Flynn .....	2026
Andrew Corrigan .....	2026
Adam Hevey .....	2026
Neil Downing .....	2026
Dana Przybyszewski, General Manager,	
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### Golf Facilities Exploratory

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
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David Desroches, Chairman
Richard Daprato, Vice Chairman
Jeffrey Fabian
Doug Corrigan
Wayne Levasseur
John Roy
Adam Desmarais
John Abaray, Jr.
Ex-Officio Member

### Historical Commission

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Pauline Teixeira, Chair.....	2026
Madeline Gwozdz .....	2027
John Larsen .....	2025
Lori Bates .....	2026
Richard Mercier .....	2026
Richard Gwozdz.....	2027
Robert Conklin	

### Stormwater Board

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Eric Debarros .....	2027
Douglas Thomas .....	2025
Heidi Pelletier .....	2025
Christian De Sousa, Vice-Chair .....	2025
James Souza, Chair .....	2026
2 Vacant	

### Street Naming Committee

Police Chief

Fire Chief

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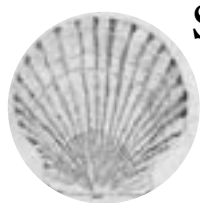
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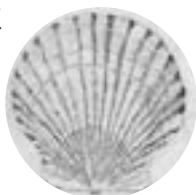
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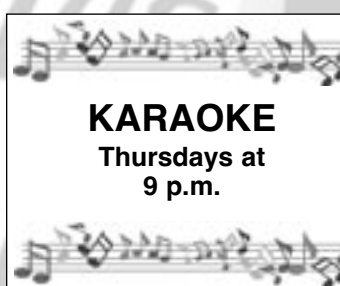


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### FHVN: cont'd from page 19

David Hebert.....2026  
Andrew Jones.....2026  
Andrew Saunders, Select Board Rep.  
Robert Hobson, BPW Representative

### Open Space & Recreation

Eleanor Chew, At-Large Member....Ad-hoc  
Kelly Camara, At-Large Member....Ad-hoc

### Public Safety Complex

**Name Term expires**  
Marc Jodoin, by Select Board (At-Large)  
Kenny Rogers Paulino, by SB (At-Large)  
Seth Baumgartner by SB(At-Large)  
Steve Riley, Finance Committee  
Bob Grindrod, Finance Committee  
Todd Correia, Fire Chief  
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Kevin Gonsalves, Fire Labor Rep

Jerome Penha, Police Labor Rep  
Rick Forand, Building Department  
Bruce Webb, Planning/Conservation Dept  
Andrew Saunders, Select Board Rep  
Keith Silvia, Select Board Representative

### Rogers Re-Use Comm

One-year term

**Name Term expires**  
Susan Loo, Chair.....2026  
Doug J. Brady, Vice Chair.....2026  
Nils M. Isaksen.....2026  
Beverly Rasmussen.....2026  
Vacant, Finance Committee Rep  
Keith Silvia, Selec Board Representative  
Cathy Melanson, EDC Representative

### Sustainability Committee

One-year term

**Name Term expires**  
Ann Richard, Chair.....2026

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Belonging Committee

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

#### Commission on Disability

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

#### Community Preservation

Wed., 9/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

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

#### Economic Development

Thurs., 9/18, Town Hall, 5:30

Business mixer

#### Livable Streets Comm

Thurs., 9/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 9/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Comm.

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

### Acushnet

#### Board of Appeals

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

#### Planning Board

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

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept. 2025		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
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

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft.  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

Karen Gent, Clerk .....2026  
Susan Spooner .....2026  
Tim Garcia .....2026  
Melanie Jansky.....2026  
Christin Ritz .....2026  
John Pond.....2026  
Andrew Romano, Select Board Liaison

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Full Member, 5 year term; Associate  
Member, 3 year term

**Name Term expires**  
Patrick Carr, Full/Chair .....2029  
Peg Cook, Full Member.....2027  
Ruy DaSilva, Full/Vice Chair, .....2028  
Daryl Manchester, Full Member .....2030  
Kristen Russell, Full Member.....2029  
Kenneth Kendall, Associate Member.....2027  
Derek Furtado, Associate Member ..2028  
Robert Hannan, Associate Member 2028

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## 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

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  
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Board of Selectmen:  
Ext. 9  
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Ext. 4  
Cable Department:  
508-998-2578  
Collection Center:  
Ext. 3

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Marine Resources:  
Ext. 8103  
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(BPW): 508-979-4030  
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BPW: 508-979-4030

### EURO: cont'd from page 11

Sisters, Wendy Bellmore and Holly LaFrance, were shopping the store for the first, and sadly probably the last time, while in town. Ms. Bellmore's son lives in Fairhaven and told them they needed to get to Euro's, insisting they would love it. He had no idea it was closing.

"He will be heartbroken," said Ms. Bellmore.

"It's a lovely store," said Ms.

LaFrance.

The building itself also has a storied history. It has served as a Congregational church, and a performing arts center. A pharmacy was located in the building for more than 140 years. Fairhaven's Town Meeting was held there until town hall was built in 1894.\*

The store is located at 24 Main Street in Fairhaven. It will stay open until the inventory is gone. Every-

thing is 50% off. Find them on Facebook for updates.

Ms. Isaksen said she thinks she has a tenant for the building, but did not want to divulge too much information because nothing is finalized. It will be a retailer of some sort, though.

\*Special thanks to Chris Richard. Learn more about the history of the building at Chris Richard's substack: <https://christopherrichard.substack.com/p/focus-on-the-phoenix-building>

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Alliea Group, Clerk.....2026  
 Laura Barillaro .....2026  
 Rachel Medeiros .....2026  
 Krystal Lunn.....2026  
 Kelly Ochoa.....2026  
 Vacant  
 Marcy Christ, Police Representative  
 Melissa Duarte, School Representative  
 Andrew Romano, Select Board Rep

## Board of Assessors

One-year term

Name	Term expires
Amanda Robinson, Chair.....	2028
Daniel Lane.....	2028
Sharon Simmons.....	2028
Joanne Correia, Principal Assessor	

## Cable Advisory Committee

One-year terms

Name	Term expires
Barbara Acksen, Chair.....	2026
Ronnie Medina.....	2026
John Methia.....	2026
Derek Frates, Staff Liaison	
Andrew Romano, Select Board Rep	
Derek Frates, Media Director	

## Capital Planning Comm.

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Anne Carreiro, Assistant Town Administrator of Finance, Chair	
Vincent Furtado, BPW Rep	
Tara Kohler, School Rep	
Cathy Melanson, Business Rep	
Vacant, Construction Rep	
Vacant, Open Space Rep	
George Samia, Interim Town Administrator	

## Charter Committee

Term: Until Completed

Appointed by Town Moderator

Name	Term expires
Morgan Dawicki, Chair Until completed	
Lilia Bernard-Cabral Until completed	
Robert Grindrod Until completed	
Marybeth Vargas Until completed	
Cathy Melanson Until completed	
Brendalee Smith Until completed	
Mark Sylvia Until completed	

## Commission on Disability

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Krystal Lunn, Chair.....	2027
Annemarie Chagnon, Vice Chair.....	2028
Eleanor Chew, Secretary.....	2028
Jennifer Cardoza.....	2026
Kerri Cummins.....	2028
Randall Durrigan.....	2027
Donna Lavalley.....	2027
Pamela Roy.....	2027
Cara Viveiros.....	2026
Martha Reed, Staff Liaison	
Keith Silvia, Select Board Liaison	

## Community Preservation

Three-year terms

4 Appointed by Select Board,  
 5 Appointed by other boards

Name	Term expires
Ann Richard, Chair (Select Board).....	2026
Jeffrey T. Lucas, Vice Chair (SB).....	2026

Beth Luey (Select Board) .....2028  
 Roger Marcoux (Select Board) .....2027  
 Anne Morton Smith (BPW)  
 Sean Powers (Planning Board)  
 Jay Simmons (Housing Authority)  
 Vacant (Historical Comm.)  
 Vacant (Conservation Comm.)

## Conservation Commission

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Anthony Couto.....	2028
Stephen F. Theberge Jr.....	2027
Karen Goodhue.....	2027
Jacob Galary, Clerk.....	2028
Wendy Drumm, Vice Chair.....	2026
Karyn Ferreira.....	2026
Brandon Estrella, Chair.....	2027
Kelly Camara, Conservation & Sustainability Coordinator	

## Council on Aging

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Joyce Veilleux, Secretary.....	2028
Joan A. Mello, Clerk.....	2026
Nancy Santoro.....	2028
Michael Hevey.....	2026
Theresa Pereira.....	2027
Susan Oiestad, Vice Chair.....	2027
Carol Burt, Chair.....	2027
Martha Read, COA Director	

## Cultural Council

Three-year terms

Name	Term expires
Beth Ann Gallagher, Chair.....	2026
John Walker, Vice Chair.....	2026
Jennifer Frasier, Treasurer.....	2026
Serina Gundersen Thomas.....	2027
Nicole Arruda.....	2027
Katharine MacPhail, Clerk.....	2027
Alexandra Mitchell.....	2027
2 Vacant	

## Dog Park Study Committee

One-year terms

Name	Term expires
Kristy Medeiros.....	2026
Jennifer Cox.....	2026
3 Resident Vacancies	
Andrew Romano, Select Board Liaison	
Vacant, BPW Liaison	
Vacant, Planning Director	

## Economic Development

One-year terms

Name	Term expires
Cathy Melanson, Chair.....	2026
Bob Hannan, At-large.....	2026
Karyn Ferreira, At-large.....	2026
John Hinds, At-large.....	2026
Nils Isaksen, At-large.....	2026
Miles Grant, Planning Board Rep.....	2026
Keith Silvia, Select Board Rep	
Alyssa Botelho, Community Development Coordinator	

## Finance Committee

Two-year term - appointed by Town Meeting Members

Name	Term expires
Prec 1-Chris Fidalgo, At-large.....	2026
Prec 1 - Padraic Elliott, Chair.....	2026
Prec 1 - Robert Grindrod.....	2025

Prec 2 - Ken Blanchard .....2026  
 Prec 2 - Claire Millette, Vice Chair .....2025  
 Prec 3 - David Patterson.....2025  
 Prec 3 - Stephen Levesque .....2026  
 Prec 4 - Peter Gardner, Secretary.....2025  
 Prec 4 - James Souza.....2026  
 Prec 5 - Steven Riley.....2026  
 Prec 5 - Vacant .....2025  
 Prec 6 - Pattie Pacella .....2026  
 Prec 6 - Linda Gallant.....2025

## Historical Commission

Three-year term

Name	Term expires
Eleanor Chew, Clerk.....	2026
Alexander Kuechler.....	2027
Richard George Martin, Chair.....	2027
Beth Luey, Vice Chair.....	2026
Shayna Jones.....	2026
Nicholas Jones.....	2028
Vacant.....	2028
Natalie Mello, Select Board Liaison	

## Lagoa Friendship Pact

Two-year term

Name	Term expires
Cristina Martins Pinto, At-Large.....	2027
Despina Longinidis, At-Large.....	2026
Jenny Fialho, At-Large Member.....	2027
Alice Torres, At-Large Member.....	2026
Jenn Seco, At-Large Member.....	2026
Elizabeth Khoury, At-Large.....	2026
Vacant, EDC Representative	
Richard George Martin, Historical Commission Representative	
Stephanie Pickup, School Representative	
Charlie Murphy, Select Board Rep.	
Alyssa Botelho, Community Development Coordinator	

## Livable Streets Committee

One-year term

Name	Term expires
Will Gardner, Chair.....	2026
Tim Garcia.....	2026
Chip Hawthorne.....	2026
Miles Grant, Vice Chair.....	2026
Freddie Estremera.....	2026
Robert Espindola.....	2026
Roger Scicotte.....	2026
Jonathan Camara.....	2026
Andrew Saunders, Select Board Liaison	

## Local Emergency Planning

One-year term

Name	Term expires
Todd Correia, Fire Chief/Chair.....	2026
Tara Kohler, School Super.....	2026
Rick Forand, Building Comm.....	2026
Vincent Furtado, Public Works Sup.....	2026
Marc Jodoin, Emergency Management Director.....	2026
Daniel Dorgan, Police Chief.....	2026
David Flaherty, Health Agent.....	2026

## Marine Resources Comm.

One-year term

Name	Term expires
Michael McNamara, Chair.....	2026
Robert Pink.....	2026
Michelle Potter.....	2026

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