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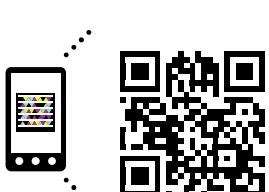
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Teeing with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Rain doesn't stop Apple Peach Parade



People line the road as the Howland Farm float goes by during the annual Apple Peach Festival parade on Sunday, 9/7/25, in Acushnet. See page 12 for story. Photo by Jonathan Comey for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We had another political assassination in this country. Conservative activist Charlie Kirk was murdered by an assassin's bullet. It was wrong when it was liberal lawmakers who were killed in Minnesota in June. It is wrong now, when it is a conservative.

I do not care about what anyone's politics are. We are not supposed to be shooting people because we don't like them or their politics.

We vote against them. We protest against them. We speak against them. We do not commit violence against them.

I will not even for a second talk about the merits, or lack thereof, of Mr. Kirk's politics. It does not matter.

We are supposed to be better than this.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The Fairhaven Select Board heard about the Fairhaven police program to start wearing body cameras very soon. See page 3 for that.

The last Huttleston Harborfest of the season will be a doozy! (See page 5 and ad on page 20). It will be a medieval faire with all kinds of cool dress-up stuff going on. And at night, a free showing of "A Knight's Tale" with Oscar winning writer/director (and local guy) Brian Helgeland on hand to introduce the movie.

What fun, huh?

Acushnet residents showed how tough they are at the Apple Peach Festival (see page 12). They held their parade even though the skies threatened rain. Then... it all came down on 'em, but they kept going.

Ah...gotta love a summer rain.

There's other stuff in here, of course, including the town auction notice (see page 5). I didn't have room to list everything here, but I'll put it on the website.

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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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our 9/4 issue on the Senior Center page, we made a mistake on Rep. Mark Sylvia's visit/hours. He is at the Fairhaven Sr. Ctr. on the second Monday of each month from 9-10 a.m. (except holidays). We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Fairhaven police to start wearing body cameras

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board heard from the police chief at its 9/8/25 meeting about the plan for Fairhaven patrol officers to start wearing body cameras. Police Chief, Daniel Dorgan, started out by thanking the rank and file officers, and police union.

"They want to have cameras and transparency just as much as we do," said Chief Dorgan. "I think in 2025 to go out on patrol without a camera is almost akin to going out without a bulletproof vest on."

He said it is "very beneficial" to be able to investigate false claims and complaints within a matter of minutes. He also said that the District Attorney's office said that having body camera footage gives more credence to cases.

Chief Dorgan told the board that they worked with the officers, the union, and the school department to come up with a program.

"So, it was a really good team effort and a lot of cooperation between the union and administration and I can't say enough about how excited we are

to get the program off the ground," he said.

The equipment is on hand, he said. They will have a training at the end of October, and they will be deployed shortly after that.

He invited the public to call his office if they have any questions.

SB member Natalie Mello asked why one section of the policy says officers "may" be disciplined if they do not turn on the cameras during an incident when it is required, instead of saying they "shall" be disciplined.

Chief Dorgan said not all instances will be willful or malicious so they do not want to say that every time it is not used, someone will get disciplined. If an officer has to stop the camera, he or she is supposed to notify a supervisor. There are just too many variables, he said.

Chief Dorgan also gave an example of how he had forgotten his radio in the heat of the moment a couple of times. There is also a "blue light activation" on the cruisers to make it automatic.

SB member Andrew Romano said it was "extremely important," and adds

accountability on all sides.

SB Chairperson, Charles Murphy, said he could think of a few instances when body cameras would have helped out in the community.

Mr. Murphy also took the opportunity to thank Chief Dorgan and the Fairhaven PD for the "incredible" job they did during the Our Lady of Angels feast.

Chief Dorgan said they had nothing but "positive reviews" from people walking in. He said they obviously threw a lot on the plate of the organizers who worked hard to meet any request.

"It shows how important the feast is to them that they were pretty much willing to do anything to keep it going," said Chief Dorgan, adding that he was happy to see it not go away because of the "foolishness" of a few people.

In another matter, the board also heard about the dismal condition of the Nimrod Cannon that the town accepted ownership of a few months ago. The cannon has been in storage, in water, for about 10 years at the

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Northeast Maritime Institute. The cannon was previously owned by the New Bedford Whaling Museum and on loan to Fairhaven, stored at NMI.

During the war of 1812, the HMS Nimrod attacked Falmouth, Fairhaven and Wareham. The ship ran aground off Cuttyhunk and would not float even at high tide. The captain ordered that several of the ship's cannons be thrown overboard to lighten the ship to float. The cannon at NMI is believed to be one of those cannons retrieved 180 years later.

The cannon needed to stay in water at a specific PH level for 10-15 years, changing the water periodically to keep the PH level correct, in order to neutralize the salt water that penetrated the metal.

The time has come for the cannon to be displayed.

However, according to Historical Commission chairperson, Eleanor Chew, the cannon is not in the condition they had believed it was in.

Ms. Chew told the board it appears to have a couple of big cracks, so they are not sure it can be moved.

They need to hire a metallurgist at

a cost of about \$5,000 to look at the cannon. Ms. Chew said she "gasped" when she heard the cost.

"So we just need some direction," she said.

The Historical Commission is overseeing the project, but the town owns it. The HC does not have the budget to pay for the metallurgist.

The cannon weighs at least 400 pounds, but might weigh up to 800 pounds, so finding a place to display it is another challenge. It needs to be inside, so the building it goes to needs to be able to support that weight.

Interim Town Administrator, George Samia, told the board he did not think the SB could go to the Finance Committee for the \$5,000 because it does not qualify as an emergency. He said they would have to get the money from Town Meeting.

Meanwhile, the town owned property is being stored on private property.

Ms. Mello asked if Community Preservation funds could be used, but that would also require going to Town Meeting.

Assistant TA Anne Carreiro, said

the grant consultant might be able to find a grant.

Ms. Chew noted that it will also be fairly costly to move it so they would need funding for that, too. She has not looked into that, she said, because they are not sure of the weight of it. Meanwhile, the NMI's President & CEO, Eric Dawicki, said the cannon can stay there, but he would like to know the plan.

The board decided to ask the grant consultant to look for a grant. The issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

In another matter, SB member Keith Silvia updated the board on the progress with the Atlas Tack building. At a previous meeting, Building Commissioner, Rick Forand, told the board he would send a letter to Atlas Tack about the security measures he was recommending.

Mr. Silvia said the attorney did respond to the letter. He said he did not want to say too much until they got everything back. He was just happy, he said, that they responded and said they would have someone take a look at it.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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. A variety of items from different departments will be available to bid on, including office furniture, office supplies, bicycles, outboard engines, and vehicle parts.

Tree Group

If you have any concerns about our trees in Fairhaven please join us... Mon., 9/22 from 6-7pm at 45 Center St at the Harrop Center. We are a group of concerned citizens devoted to our Fairhaven trees and have been meeting regularly for months. Note: the Harrop center has an accessible entrance on the west side — just ring the bell.

Thank-you. Trees in Fairhaven
Treesinfairhaven@gmail.com

Author Talk

The Friends of the Millicent Library will host author Alfred Saulniers on Mon., 9/22 at 6:30 p.m. for a talk and book signing of his new work, *The French of New Bedford: The Early Years*, at the Millicent Library Rita E. Steele Auditorium, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, Mass. (enter at Walnut Street doors).

Published by Spinner Publications, the book traces the history of the city's French-speaking community from their arrival in the 1800s, drawn by jobs in the thriving whaling industry, through their cultural and economic contributions, to the challenges brought by immigration restrictions, the 1928 Textile Strike, and the Great Depression. Featuring more than 350 rare photographs, it offers an intricate portrait of a vibrant immigrant community that helped shape the city's growth.

Saulniers, raised as a French speaker from Acushnet, earned a Ph.D. in economics and taught at leading universities before returning to the SouthCoast. He previously served as lead writer for Spinner's *Picture History of New Bedford*.

Copies of the book will be available for signing, and the author will take part in a Q&A following his talk.

This event is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating

registration is encouraged for this event at <https://millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar>

Bike Ride 4 Energy

SUN day bike ride, Sun., 9/21, from 2 - 4 PM, Co-sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven's Green Sanctuary Team and Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee.

As part of a global day of action for clean energy, we'll bike from Fairhaven's Fort Phoenix (meet near the tennis courts) to New Bedford's Fort Taber. Class I ebikes and bicycles are welcome. Reminders: Riders under 17 must wear a helmet. All riders are responsible for their own bikes. Learn more and register: bit.ly/3HUTJVv

On the return ride, we'll stop at Cisco's outdoor patio for refreshments before heading back to Fairhaven.

Diaper Drive

Ends Sept. 30. First Congregational Church, Fairhaven is holding a Diaper Drive to benefit PACE. See ad on page 16 for details.

Local Talent

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe is seeking talented youth for its 24th season. Boys and girls in grades 2 to 12 with singing ability are encouraged to apply.

Candidates are asked to submit 2 audition videos, one ballad and one upbeat song, for review. Call backs will be in person by appointment. Submissions do not need to be professionally done and can be recordings of solos in previous school productions. We are looking for kids with great potential.

Successful candidates will rehearse one day per week for 1 1/2 to 2 hours and will have the opportunity to perform with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in December. They will also make an impact on their community by providing musical entertainment to the elderly at nursing homes, senior centers, and assisted living facilities throughout the Southcoast. The troupe also performs for the community at-large through a variety of private and public venues, including fairs, festivals, schools, malls, charitable

fundraisers and other civic events.

Videos and/or video links should be sent to [ShowstoppersME@gmail.com](mailto>ShowstoppersME@gmail.com). Email for more information or call 508-758-4525.

Showstoppers Musical Entertainment is a subsidiary of Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc., an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Follow them on Facebook to keep updated on their activities: www.facebook.com/showstoppers.us.

Road Work

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be replacing overhead signs on Route 240 in Fairhaven. The work is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 18, from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following morning. Work is anticipated to be completed by Friday morning, September 19.

Rolling roadblocks will be utilized for lane closures on Route 240 northbound between 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. The rolling roadblocks will be utilized from Bridge Street to approximately mile marker 0.75. Police will assist with traffic control and safety setups.

Appropriate signage and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

Citizen Petitions DL

Fairhaven will hold a special Town Meeting on Tues., 11/18, at 7:00 p.m., Auditorium at the Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Citizen's Petition deadline: noon, Tues., 9/30. Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/town-moderator/>

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 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

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Odd Couple Female

Your Theatre Inc. Announces "The Odd Couple (Female Version) at The Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, 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

Remaining dates are Fri. & Sat., 9/19, 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 9/21, 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 or 508-993-0772) for group rates.

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

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.sitespecifichappenings.com>

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

Military Book Talk

A Union soldier lies dead at Gettysburg in 1863. He has no identification on him. But in his clenched fingers is an image of his three children.

That image was spread throughout the North and soon the soldier had a name, Sergeant Amos Humiston of the 154th New York Volunteers.

Learn more about how this mystery was solved and how the story captivated the public at a talk to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 at the Fort Taber Fort Rodman Military Museum and Veterans Memorial, 1000 Rodney French Blvd.

Historian, author and artist Mark Dunkleman, author of "Gettysburg's Unknown Soldier: The Life, Death and Celebrity of Amos Humiston" will share details of a story that has earned a poignant place in Civil War history.

The talk marks the beginning of the museum's fall speaker series. Attendance and parking are free.

Garden Serenade

On Sept. 21, at 3 pm, musicians from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra will be playing selections befitting the beautiful gardens at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, 396 County St., New Bedford.

The performance happens in the garden under the 19th century pergola, weather allowing. Otherwise, the concert occurs under the tent on the RJD patio. Patrons are encouraged to bring a blanket and picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawn, or sit in the provided seating.

Tickets are \$15, and are available online at: <https://app.dvforms.net/api/dv/r7yz68> or at the door the day of the event.

Visit <https://rjdmuseum.org/calendar/> or call the museum at (508) 997-1401 for more information.

Vet of Year Noms

Veterans Transition House seeks nominations from the public between

now and October 1, 2025, for Veteran of the year, presented to a regional veteran in recognition of his or her outstanding contributions to veterans, veterans' issues, and the community as a whole.

The nomination form is at <https://www.vetshouse.org/veteran-of-the-year-application/> and can be requested by emailing info@vetshouse.org or by calling 508-992-5313 x 2. Completed forms can be emailed to 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 recognition, 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 presented at a special reception on Thursday, November 6, 2025. For event sponsorship and tickets, please contact David Guertin at 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.

SAVE THE DATES: Clean Up

Volunteers needed Sat., 9/27, 9am - 12pm. Headquarters located at Sid Wainer & Son 2301 Purchas St. New Bedford, MA

You can pre-register online. Free t-shirts to all volunteers. Gloves and tools provided. Wear closed-toe shoes. Review the safety notes. Free pizza from Dominos! Walk-ins Welcome. Register: <https://operationcleansweep.net/cleanups-operation-clean-sweep/>

Author Event

Meet local author, Trina Bigham, as she launches her book, "Better Than Ordinary, Breaking Barriers on a Journey of Resilience and Hope," a true story about the birth of her son who was born fighting to survive.

Join us for an afternoon of stories, music, art, and community on Sun., 9/28, 1-4 p.m., at New Bedford Arts and Cultural Emporium, 101 W. Rodney French Blvd., Studio 260, New Bedford. Accessible.

For more information, call or text Karen at 774-628-6415.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Annual Field Day

Join us for our annual field day at Fall River Rod & Gun Club, on Sun., 9/21, from 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. (rain date 9/28), 309 Sanford Rd., Westport, MA; 508-673-4535; fallriverrodandgunclub.com. Family event featuring Multiple Vendors, Try your hand at shooting, archery, and fishing.

Free hot dogs, soda, and chips for the kids. Suitable for all ages.

Bird Talk

Bringing Back Birds. Member Stories on Baby Birds and Conservation, Wed., 9/24 at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., Presented by Michael LaBossiere and Carolyn Longworth.

Join us for an inspiring and informative presentation highlighting community efforts to protect and restore bird populations. "Bringing Back Birds" features heartfelt and educational stories from members dedicated to the conservation of two remarkable species: the aerial acrobat Purple Martin and the elusive wetland dweller Least Bittern.

All meetings are free and open to all. Visit <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/> or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com

Dementia Talk

Join Dr. Edward Hoffer at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Tues., 9/23 at 6:30 PM as he discusses Navigating Dementia: what it is, when to suspect it, the tests your doctor should perform to investigate it, the available therapies, and how to prevent it.

Dr. Hoffer resides on the SouthCoast. He earned his undergraduate degree at MIT, received his MD from Harvard, and completed his residency and cardiology fellowship at Mass General Hospital. He was in private practice for 40 years, combined with research on medical informatics at MGH. Dr. Hoffer continues to work part-time at the MGH Lab of Computer Science on AI, aiming to assist doctors in making more accurate diagnoses. He is the author of the book "Prescription for Bankruptcy" and a frequent contributor of topical and helpful medical articles to The Wanderer.

This program is free and open to all.

Wildfire Webinar

Tues., 9/23, noon. Join a Zoom webinar about MassWildlife's Prescribed Fire Program. Prescribed Fire Program Manager Caren Caljouw will provide an overview of fire's ecological role on the landscape and the history of MassWildlife's prescribed fire program. She will demonstrate why fire is an important habitat management tool in Mass., and showcase examples of how MassWildlife uses prescribed fire to conserve wildlife and improve habitat conditions.

Habitat Biologist and Burn Boss Ben Mazzei will describe his recent experience on a wildfire deployment in Alaska with the Mass Inter-Agency wildfire crew and how that work not only helps communities at risk in other parts of the country but contributes to skills and training at home on prescribed fire.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mtsv2ve6>

Postcard Party

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee has partnered with The New Bedford Democratic City Committee to host a Swing States Postcard Writing and Kindness Rock Painting Party on Wed., 9/24, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Greater Southeastern Mass. Labor Council/AFL-CIO located at 560 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA.

This drop-in event pairs hands-on civic action with creative mindfulness activity. Supplies such as postcards, rocks and painting tools will be provided but feel free to bring your pens, stamps and acrylic markers if you have them. Can't stay long? Swing by and pick up a packet of postcards to mail on your own. Snacks and light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you then. For more details and to RSVP please go to <https://mattdems.org/>.

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://wpthistory.org/handy-house/events/>

Quilt Show

Silver City Quilt Guild's "Starry, Starry Night Quilt Show" Sat. & Sun., 9/20 & 21, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$10 admission. Benjamin Friedman Middle School, Oakland Educational Complex, 500 Norton Ave, Taunton, MA

Beautiful display of Members' Quilts, Raffle Quilt, Pick-A-Basket Raffles, Vendors, Member Boutique and Refreshments. Special display of Antique Quilts, Quilts of Valor, and Comfort Quilts

Short Film Fest

Bristol Community College Foundation presents the Manhattan Short Film Festival! Be part of a global cinematic event as ten short film finalists screen simultaneously in over 500 venues across six continents. You be the judge!

THREE showings across TWO campuses.

Thurs., 9/25: Fall River Campus, Margaret L. Jackson Theater. Proceeds from this showing support Bristol's Theater program.

Fri., 9/26 and Sat., 9/27: Attleboro Campus. Proceeds from these showings support the Attleboro Campus Fund.

Tickets are \$20 per person. All showings begin at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/4xh67wpx>



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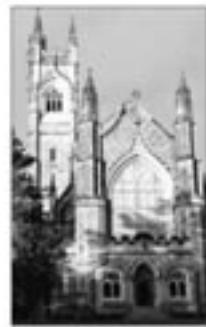
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Family Bingo Night

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Recipe of the Week

Caramel Popcorn Brownies

1 pkg. (19.8 oz) brownie mix
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
3 cups popped popcorn
1/2 cup peanuts
1/2 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup peanut butter chips
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup brown sugar

Preheat oven to 325°. Grease a 9x13" baking dish

Stir brownie mix, water, oil, and egg together in a bowl. Pour brownie batter in a thin layer in the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Spread popcorn over brownie batter and lightly press into batter. Sprinkle peanuts, chocolate chips, and peanut butter chips over the popcorn.

Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Whisk brown sugar into butter; bring to a boil, whisking constantly, and cook until the mixture has a thin caramel texture, about 3 minutes. Drizzle caramel over popcorn mixture in the baking dish.

Bake in the preheated oven until brownies are set, 30-35 minutes. Cool before cutting into bars.

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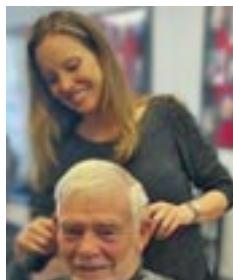
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Rain does not stop Apple Peach Festival parade

By Jonathan Comey

Neighb News Correspondent

On a day honoring the town's agricultural past and present, heavy rain wasn't going to keep the people of Acushnet indoors.

With an assist from a rainbow of umbrellas and raincoats, the annual Apple Peach Festival parade on Sunday, 9/7/25, went on as planned at 10 a.m., making a soggy slog down Main Street.

The rain was a sprinkle as the vehicles amassed near Pope Park, but by the time the convoy began moving down Main Street toward the Festival grounds it was pouring down at a heavy clip.

That didn't keep families along the route from cheering, and parade participants flashing big smiles as they waved to the townspeople and tossed candy — much of which wound up in inches water by the roadside. Kids armed with plastic bags and rain boots splashed into the fray to collect their goodies.

Despite the weather, there were folks at the foot of every side street and sidewalk for the parade, which featured a classic mix of local businesses and organizations, vintage farm gear and families.

The two-day festival features craft and vendor booths, live entertainment, and activities for children. Visit

<https://applepeachfestival.com/> for more information.



TOP: A man protects himself and his young'un from the rain while participating in the annual Apple Peach Festival parade on Sunday, 9/7/25, in Acushnet. ABOVE LEFT: People line the road in the pouring rain as tractors go by. ABOVE RIGHT: Horses and their riders are not deterred by the rain while participating in the parade. BELOW LEFT: A local farmer waves to the crowd as he drives his tractor in the pouring rain. BELOW RIGHT: A local farmer is protected by a yellow slicker with a bag of candy ready to throw to the kids. Photos by Jonathan Comey.



Meet the new titleholders

Submitted

Acushnet's Miss Apple Peach Pageant has two new titleholders. On Saturday, August 30th, Elyza Wagner was selected as Miss Apple Peach and Aubrey Sousa was selected as Jr. Miss Apple Peach for 2025.

The pageant is open to all young women from Acushnet in grades 5-12 and. The Miss winner received a \$500 scholarship, and the Jr. Miss winner received a \$250 scholarship; both sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club.

Contestants competed in four phases of competition: Opening Number, Onstage Question, Casual Wear and Formal Wear.

Miss Apple Peach 2025, Elyza Wagner, is a sophomore at Apponequet Regional High School who plans to become an elementary school teacher. She is a high honors student, a member of the Laker Leaders at her high school, and she presented to the Acushnet School Board committee to have Apponequet High School be a school of choice for Acushnet students.

Elyza enjoys dancing, playing soccer and basketball, and has been to Europe eight times (she is also fluent in Portuguese).

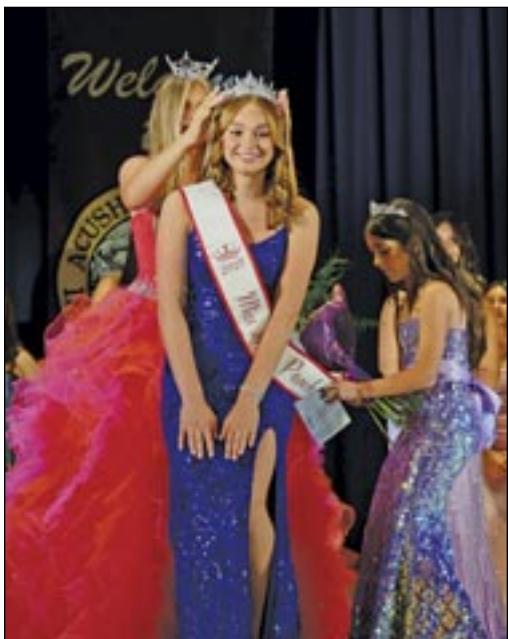
Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Aubrey Sousa, is a 5th grade student at Ford

Middle School and has been on the honor roll several times, as well as the recipient of Alexia Awards. She has donated to local food drives, and helped collect items for Foundations at school. Aubrey enjoys painting, dancing, roller skating, and riding her bike.

Both young ladies are looking forward to community service opportunities and being involved in Town events. To request them at your Acushnet event, message the organization via their social media pages or email MissApplePeach@gmail.com.



L-R: Miss Apple Peach 2025, Elyza Wagner; and Jr. Miss Apple peach, Aubrey Sousa, pose for a photo after being chosen during the pageant on 8/30/25. Submitted photo courtesy of Margaret Scott.



ABOVE LEFT: Miss Apple Peach 2025, Elyza Wagner, is crowned during the pageant on 8/30/25. ABOVE RIGHT: Former titleholders of the Miss Apple Peach contest pose for a photo at the 2025 pageant on 8/30/25, with the new winner. L-R: Stacy Preece '90, Kara Gauvin '80 (1st Apple Peach Queen), Tori Kalisz '19, Elyza Wagner '25, Madison Cabucio '24, Stacey Clougherty '00, Marlene Kalisz '85. Submitted photo courtesy of Margaret Scott.

From our readers

Our Ultimate Handicap

My intention in this short note is for us to learn and grow in asking the following sensitive question: What do you think about when someone says the word "handicap"? Many may react with thoughts of blindness, deafness, or some crippling condition. That was my reaction until I met a job-coach specialist for disabled people during a course I took as a member of the New Bedford Public Schools Special Needs Department back in the mid 1980's.

As a quick backdrop, most of us are familiar with golf handicaps, horse handicapping, or providing odds to gamblers to make their bet "fair" or made even somehow. The job coach specialist offered a similar connection with his insightful work perspective. He said a handicap is not the individual, but what one does to offset or equalize the condition of that individual. For example, a blind person has lost sight. That person may be "covered in a handy way" or "handicapped" by use of a Seeing Eye dog, Braille, or walking cane. A "crippled" person cannot walk. That

person is handicapped by use of a strategic parking space, a wheel chair, and/or a ramp to facilitate access into a building.

His fundamental goal during this course was for those of us who worked with special needs students to become more effective in placing disabled people into the workforce. Our personal focus of separating the essential worth of the person from his/her disabling condition was the motivation he shared that brought all of us a new hope.

If this seems revealing, logical, and understandable, then what do we regard as the ultimate handicap? The Bible says "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" and "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". The Bible also declares, "for whosoever shall call upon the Lord shall be saved."

Serious physical, mental, emotional, social, and educational conditions abound and are real among us. In the midst of all our earthly challenges, however, we have a need for "handicapping" our sinful condi-

tion because of its most significant consequences. Because you and I qualify as a whosoever, we have Jesus Christ to call upon as our free gift. By God's grace and His declaration of our true value, we may be sinners but we are not our sin. If you haven't already, won't you call upon Him right now to come into your heart, forgive you of your sins, and be Lord and Savior of your life.

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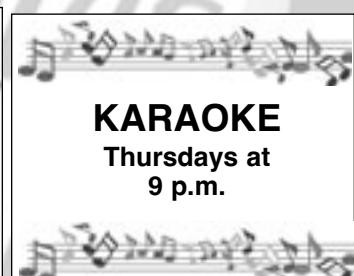
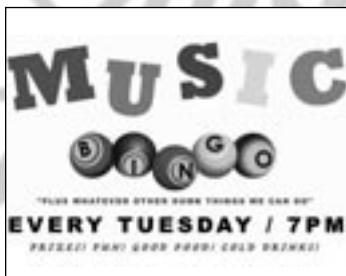
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Riverside 175th

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 when there will be a free event at the library with a Halloween Swap table.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Health

Wed., 9/24, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Cable Advisory

Thurs., 9/25, Town Hall, 5:30 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.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/24, FHS Media Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

Tree Removal Hearings

Mon., 9/29, 5 Arsene St., 4:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Board

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

Soil Board

Wed., 10/1, COA/Sr Ctr., 6 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept. 2025	HIGH	LOW		
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	18	0605	1828	0047	1300
Friday	19	0652	1911	0131	1347
Saturday	20	0732	1950	0211	1432
Sunday	21	0810	2029	0243	1509
Monday	22	0849	2108	0243	1519
Tuesday	23	0927	2147	0247	1522
Wednesday	24	1006	2226	0312	1545
Thursday	25	1045	2306	0342	1615
Friday	26	1126	2350	0414	1647
Saturday	27	---	1214	0449	1723
Sunday	28	0043	1310	0527	1809
Monday	29	0140	1406	0614	1914
Tuesday	30	0236	1500	0723	2029

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Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 29th, 2025 in the Board of Public Works Conference Room, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

In accordance with MGL Chapter 87, Section 3. Discussion of requested removal of 30 hazardous trees located at 31 Oliver St (±14" Ash), 33 Oliver St (±11" & ±11" Ash), 32 Oliver St (±15" Ash), 34 Oliver St (±10" & ±12" Ash), 35 Oliver St (±11" & ±9" Ash), 37 Oliver St (±11" & ±9" Ash), 39 Oliver St (±10" & ±10" Ash), 41 Oliver St (±12"±11" Ash), 36 Oliver St (±11" & ±10" & ±10" Ash), 38 Oliver St (±10" & ±8" & ±7" & ±9" Ash), 42 Oliver St (±9" & ±9" & ±12" Ash), 65 Oliver St (±8" Ash), 70 Oliver St (±10" Bradford Pear), 73 Oliver St (±8" Paper Birch), 22 Rivard St (±11" American Elm), 22 Rivard St (±7" Willow), 20 Rivard St (±8" Japanese Zelkova). Anyone opposed to the removal of these trees should do so in writing per MGL 87 at said hearing.

FNN 9/18/25

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

NOI

• Public Hearing NOI – Mario J. Oliveira & Antonio P. Oliveira, Gammons Road, Map 9 Lots 16 & 19. A Notice of Intent was filed by Mario J. Oliveira & Antonio P. Oliveira for property located at Gammons Road, Map 9, Lot 16 & 19. The applicants propose to develop a residential property which includes the construction of a single-family dwelling and associated site work. A portion of the site work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The applicant is represented by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 9/18/25

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Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• Public Hearing RDA – Acushnet Company / 115 Manchester Lane / Map 11 Lot 25C.34 A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34. The applicant proposes to remove existing pavement and a portion of the base material and repave within the existing driveway width of 14 feet for approximately 1,050 feet from the guard shack towards the visitor's center. The applicant is represented by William F. Madden, P.E. of G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. Plan name is "Plan to Accompany Request for Determination of Applicability" dated September 10, 2025.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 9/18/25

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids marked for Oliver Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., October 2, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened and read on October 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. To obtain bid specifications visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/beacon/>

The BPW reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

FNN 9/18/25

ACUSHNET SOIL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Soil Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet, MA, 02743. This is regarding the PJ Keating Soil Removal Permit application for property located at 72 S. Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

FNN, 9/18/25, 9/25/25

ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at rear of the Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

• The purpose of the Public Hearing regards the

amendment of the Class II Used Car Sales License for 5 Hayes Street Auto, located at 5 Hayes St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

• The purpose of the Public Hearing regards the application of a Class II Used Car Sales License for Jarrod's Auto Wholesalers LLC (DBA Gem Auto Sales), located at 5 Hayes St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Board of Selectmen
FNN, 9/18/25, 9/25/25

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RDA

• Public Hearing RDA – Joseph V. & Megan C. Barrett, Evergreen Drive, Map 21 Lot 20G. A Request for Determination was filed by Joseph V. & Megan C. Barrett for property located at Evergreen Drive, Map 21, Lot 20G. The applicant proposes to develop a residential property which includes a portion of the site work to be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The applicant is represented by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

James Souza, Chair
FNN, 9/18/25

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday October 7th, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXPoVWpKTFBEmiu1pWScTlVzJClQ109>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-025-036: 0 Blueprint Road Map 43B, Lot 181, Book 24925, Page 463, Cert# 5926. Applicant and Owner seeks a Special Permit for relief of accessory building not on a principal lot. Pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-33 Regulation Schedule.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 9/18/25, 9/25/25

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175th Anniversary Riverside Cemetery



Dear Friends:

To honor the 175th Consecration Anniversary of Riverside Cemetery, I invite you and the public to the celebration on Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at 274 Main Street, Fairhaven.

To commemorate the day, special guests will present, historic walking tours will be offered, a new entrance sign will be dedicated, two new funds, designed to preserve our legacy, will be formally announced and refreshments will be served. The first new fund is the Beautification Fund for the maintenance of the trees, shrubbery, natural plantings and flowers. The second is the Restoration Fund for the repair and maintenance of seasoned and broken gravestones. Your generous tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, will make a significant difference in helping us manage the sacred landscape honoring those who are at rest and preserving the legacy of Riverside Cemetery for future generations.

Riverside began in the winter of 1846/1847, when Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, purchased a parcel of land which was consecrated in 1850. Since then, more land was acquired, and the cemetery now totals approximately 44 acres. Riverside Cemetery is a lovely rural, garden style cemetery and is the site of the Delano family tomb, Captain Nathaniel Pope, Captain William H. Whitfield, and town benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers. It was dedicated on July 7, 1850.

It would be my pleasure for you to join us in marking this important milestone and thank you for your consideration in helping us preserve this important part of our community's heritage. Your donation can be sent to the address above, noting "Beautification Fund" or "Restoration Fund". For more information, please contact Tracy Travers, Trustee/Anniversary Committee at tracytravers@comcast.net.

Thank you for your time, consideration and support.

Cathy Melanson
Trustee, Anniversary Committee Chair

September 20, 2025
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