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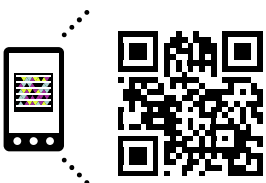
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Fairhaven is still dancing in the street



Dancers and chalk artists share Center Street during the Concert in the Center featuring Butch McCarthy with Angel and the Gents and sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association on 7/23/26 in front of Town Hall in Fairhaven See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

There's all kinds of fun stuff going on this week...and beyond. The Feast (THE feast) across the river starts tonight. See page 3 for some detail on that. Family fun day is Saturday, kids eat free...so, go have fun with the whole family.

We have some meeting coverage for you. See page 4 for Fairhaven Select Board. They covered a lot of ground, not least of which is that they set a date for a fall town meeting.

They also talked about the budget for a fair amount of time. I only mentioned it briefly in this week's article, but hopefully I'll write something separate next week. I'm relatively sure the \$2+ million deficit won't disappear between now and then.

We were dancing in the streets again in Fairhaven. Next week is the last chance for it, so if you haven't enjoyed the concerts in the center yet, make a point of getting there before they end. See page 12 for that and page 5 for the schedule.

There are other free, outdoor concerts, though. See pages 5, 6, 7 for that.

On another note....

The Big Buffoon just keeps finding more and more ways to insult and destroy the very things that make this country the place we love: suing people all over the place, for billions, billions; raiding journalists' homes (I'll bet he has no clue what the Fourth Estate is); and still rounding up people and sending them off to countries they have never been in; revoking visas for no reason; and all around just being a cruel SOB. Honestly, I just can't with this guy. Someone make it stop.

Back home...

There's other stuff in here, of course. Thumb through to find it all, and while you do that, be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Feast of the Blessed Sacrament is this weekend

The Feast of the Blessed Sacrament celebrates 110 years Starting on Thursday, 7/30 through the weekend.

Hours: 7/30, 6–11:30 p.m.; 7/31, 5–11:30 p.m.; 8/1, Noon–11:30 p.m.; 8/2, Noon to 11:30 p.m. At 50 Madeira Ave., New Bedford. Visit <https://feastoftheblessedsacrament.com> for full schedule of events. Look for procession, parade, and family fun day.

Free, free, free admission! Kick off the excitement at the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament with an unforgettable Thursday night opening! This vibrant evening sets the stage for an incredible weekend of celebration, blending rich tradition with the lively energy of the community.

Enjoy five venues of free entertainment across various genres, from the traditional “fado” at Shaw’s Museum of Madeiran Heritage Café to rock and roll and everything in between. As the night unfolds, the streets come alive with the irresistible aromas of delicious Portuguese food, upbeat music, and the warm, festive spirit that only this iconic event can bring.

From the very first moment, you’ll feel the unique mix of devotion and joy that makes this celebration so special. Don’t miss this thrilling opening night — a perfect start to an unforgettable festival celebrating culture and community.

Family Fun Day: Sat., 8/1, from noon to 4 p.m.

The Family Day program has grown over the years and this year is chock full of wonderful entertainment that will please the child in us all. Featuring both kid-themed activities such as face painting and more...

Kids under 12 eat free (hot dog, burger, fries and soda); carnival with new rides; dozens of local organizations providing content and giveaways; musical entertainment; special dance party under the grapevine.

Senior Day: Sat., 8/1, from noon to 4 p.m.

The Main Pavilion welcomes all seniors to enjoy a choice-of-menu dinner at a 50% discount! Menu choices include roast beef, chicken, fish, cacoila, and the somewhat more

exotic roast goat or rabbit and traditional Portuguese favorites.

Parade: Sun., 8/2

The parade will start at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday with over forty different organizations marching the one mile route from Brooklawn Park to the Feast grounds at Madeira Field.

In the past we’ve had brass bands, fife & drum bands, bagpipers, popular singing groups, pirates, clowns, jugglers, militias, beauty queens, delightful floats, classic cars and lots of fun and surprises for everyone.

The parade begins at Brooklawn Park and proceeds south on Acushnet Avenue to Earle Street, turns east onto Earle Street and continues to the Immaculate Conception Church. It then turns north onto Madeira Avenue and proceeds to Madeira Field where it enters the Feast grounds and past the reviewing stand at Stage 1.

Bag Policy & Safety

A strict bag policy will be enforced. Only small purses, or clear backpack.

No one under 21 will be admitted after 8 p.m. Visit <https://feastoftheblessedsacrament.com> for details.

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Select Board sets fall Special Town Meeting date

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 7/27/26, the Fairhaven Select Board voted to call a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, 11/17/26 at 7 p.m. at Hastings Middle School. Citizens petitions must be submitted by 8/12 at noon and require 100 signatures of registered voters in Fairhaven.

Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, said there was not one pressing issue to hold the Special TM, but there were a few "housekeeping" items the town could take care of, and some citizens petitions.

Any resident who wishes to submit a petition should contact the Town Clerk's Office to learn the procedure, 508-979-4023, ext. 8105.

The board also voted to sell three properties that are in foreclosure proceedings for back taxes: one on French Avenue, one on Harding Road, and one at 5 Newbury Avenue. The French Avenue and Newbury Avenue parcels area awaiting the final judgment from the court; the French Avenue property already been acquired by the town. The board voted to sell all three, pending the judgment of the court.

The town must use an independent realtor to list and sell the properties. If a property does not sell after 12 months, then the property has to be auctioned off.

In another matter, the board also discussed the possibility of sending a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about an issue that SB member Rick Trapilo called "a stinky subject matter."

Mr. Trapilo has long been advocating for the City of New Bedford to upgrade its Combined Sewer Outflow (CSO) system to stop releasing millions of gallons of untreated sewage into the inner and outer harbor.

The solutions would cost millions and, it appears, the city has not made any effort to correct the problem. Whenever there is a rainfall, the antiquated system combines both rainwater and sewer, which overwhelms the treatment plant, so the solution has been to simply put it all (CSO) into the harbor directly.

The letter lays out the problem and asks the EPA to compel the City to develop a plan to fix the problem.

SB Chairperson, Andrew Romano, however, questioned the wisdom of sending the letter, especially since the

town and the city have been talking about ways to share resources to save money.

Mr. Romano said he acknowledged that the issue is a failure within the city, but asked if maybe it would be smarter to engage with the mayor first so they do not feel "blindsided."

"May I say I agree with you, Mr. Romano?" said Mr. Trapilo, joking a bit about how they do not always agree.

After a little bit of discussion, and a suggestion that Mr. Hickey should be the one to raise the issue with the mayor, the board decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

Mr. Hickey said he would be happy to meet with the mayor, but pointed out that Fairhaven's Public Works Superintendent, Vinnie Furtado, has "tremendous knowledge" of New Bedford.

Mr. Hickey will speak with Mr. Furtado and will report back to the

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[Rick Trapilo]

board at the next meeting.

The board also unanimously voted to appoint Diane Tomassetti to the Board of Assessors. A licensed realtor, Ms. Tomassetti is a Fairhaven resident and has served on the Planning Board and several other Fairhaven committees.

The board also appointed Patrick Carr to the Public Safety Complex Committee in a split vote. SB member, Andrew Saunders recused himself because he has a business relationship with Mr. Carr.

Mr. Romano voted against the appointment, Mr. Trapilo and Pam Kuechler voted in favor. SB member, Natalie Mello did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Carr made his case for being appointed to the board, saying he has attended meetings and was instrumental in helping the committee connect to the owner of the Citizens Bank building, which may have the potential to house the police department.

Mr. Romano made the case he has made before, asking why Mr. Carr needs

to be on the committee if he can make a difference as a member of the public. Mr. Carr said he would be a voting member.

Mr. Carr is a member of the Planning Board, an elected position; and is on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Capital Planning Committee, both appointed positions.

Although Town Meeting voted in May to prevent elected officials from serving on more than one board, the bylaw has not yet been approved by the Attorney General's Office so it is not yet in effect. Exceptions can be made at the Select Board's discretion.

In other business, the board accepted a new charge for the Atlas Tack Working Group, allowing it to continue trying to get the Superfund site cleaned up and back as a useful property.

During the board member items part of the agenda, Mr. Romano noted that Police Chief, Daniel Dorgan, sent a letter to Mr. Hickey explaining that the Flock Safety camera system is a valuable tool to identify vehicles associated with a variety of crimes.

Chief Dorgan said in his letter that the cameras are not used for traffic enforcement.

The Flock system has created controversy in other municipalities where it is deployed due to privacy concerns. The system is different than other traffic cameras and license readers for a variety of reasons, including that they record and log more information than just license plate numbers; the information is placed into a shared database connecting cameras nationwide and can be accessed to track vehicles in real time. The system has been used by federal agencies, such as ICE, to track people for non criminal reasons. It can also be accessed by neighborhood groups that have the system.

Several municipalities have severed their contracts.

The matter was not on the agenda, so the board did not discuss it. Mr. Romano said he just wanted the public to know they are "actively talking about it."

The board also discussed the town's bleak fiscal forecast, with budget deficits projected to be \$1.6 million next year and increasing to \$4 million by 2032.

The meeting is available on demand at www.FairhavenTV.com

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

TM Citizens Petition

Fairhaven will hold a Special Town Meeting on Tues. 11/17/26, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Citizen's Petition deadline is noon, Wed., 8/12. Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/town-moderator/>

For a Citizens Petition form visit: <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Citizens-Petition.pdf>

Contact the Town Clerk's office, 508-479-4023 for information on how to submit an article.

Blessing of Bicycles

The Blessing of the Bikes and cookout will be held on Sun., 8/2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the side parking lot of St. Joseph Church, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven. Donation of \$5 is accepted for blessings.

Find them on Facebook for more info and to donate a dish to the cookout.

Concerts in Center

Concerts Under the Stars at Town Hall is back! Spend your Thursday nights this summer enjoying live music beneath the evening sky! Bring your blanket or lawn chair and gather with friends and neighbors on the lawn outside Fairhaven Town Hall (40 Center Street) for this beloved free concert series. All shows begin at 7 PM, weather permitting.

- July 30 – Last Day O. Earth
- August 6 – G and Friends

This community program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Come enjoy the music and make the most of summer nights in Fairhaven!

Inclusive Beach Day

Come join the Fairhaven Commission on Disability for our Second Annual Inclusive Beach Day, Fri., 8/7, Noon–3 p.m., at West Island Town Beach, Fir St., Fairhaven. (Rain date, 8/21.) Beach passes are available through the Fairhaven Recreation Center.

We look forward to bringing our community together for a fun, accessible, and inclusive day at the

beach for individuals of all abilities and their families.

Join us for an afternoon of beach fun and community connection. Good vibes in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Accessible beach mats and facilities will be available.

All are welcome: come celebrate Disability Pride with us!

Bird Stroll

Lloyd Center Evening Shorebird Migration Stroll at West Island.

July 31, (Rain date 8/1), 5–6:30 p.m., meet at West Island Town Beach lot; Leader, Jamie Bogart, Lloyd Center Research Associate. Price: Member: \$8 Non-member: \$10 Children under 12: 1/2 price. Attendee Limit: 15. Pre-registration required by 12:00pm on Friday, July 31

In late July, more Piping Plovers arrive from nearby sites as the nesting season winds down and the shorebird migration begins. The wetland habitats at West Island come to life as a stopover for species such as Semipalmated Plovers, Short-billed Dowitchers, and Greater Yellowlegs, while Snowy and Great Egrets gather in the salt marsh.

Along the intertidal shore, Common and Roseate Terns congregate after nesting on offshore islands, and Laughing Gulls pass through in high numbers. Come witness the migration on another summer evening at West Island!

Items to bring/notes: birding equipment (binoculars or scope, camera, bird), footwear for walking along the beach, bug spray.

Pre-register online. For questions contact Jamie Bogart at jbogart@lloydcenter.org.

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 email allnaturalbeef@comcast.net.

Farmers Market/Roxann's Garden Center 189 Alden Rd, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local produce, baked goods, crafters, organic soap, and more.

North Fairhaven Open Air Market Weekly on Saturdays through September from 10 AM to 3 PM at Livesey Park, corner Glenhaven and Parker, under the trees. This vibrant

market features arts, crafts, farmers, antiques vendors, and food. The Open Air Market does not accept vendors of brand name, commercially made direct sales products.

To learn more, email market manager Myles, NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com. Visit [Facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NorthFairhavenMarket).

WIIA Breakfasts

Join the West Island Improvement Association for a buffet breakfast on Sun., 8/2, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven. Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. \$10/adults, \$5/children under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible.

Next Date (Last one): 9/6

SAVE THE DATES:

Teddy Bear Parade

Celebrate 41 years of teddy bear fun at the Millicent Library's annual Teddy Bear Parade! Sat., 8/15, 10 a.m. to noon, corner of William and Walnut Street, Fairhaven (45 Center St.).

Bring your favorite stuffed friend, enjoy face painting, clowning with Daisy D. Dots & the Smile Factory! Meet on the Unitarian Church Lawn for this beloved tradition.

Pet Portraits for Dogs

Fund Raiser for the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, corner William and Center Streets (use William St. entrance). Studio set in Maddaford Hall

Sat., 8/15, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., First Come First Served. Photographers: Carole & Jim Mahaney

Image file will be delivered to the pet owner via email. Suggested Donation: \$20.00 per dog/image

Evenings at the Fort

Step back in time this season with the Fairhaven Village Militia during their "Evenings at the Fort" series at historic Fort Phoenix! Held on select Wednesday evenings, these free, family-friendly events offer a unique opportunity to learn about the rich history of the Fort and view the bunker alongside guided militia men and learn about the role Fairhaven played in the revolutionary war.

The events are weather-permitting and handicap accessible. Mark your

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STILL IN TOWN

calendars for this season's schedule:

August 19: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

September 16: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

October 14: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Outdoor Movie

Join us for a magical outdoor movie night under the stars as we celebrate the 55th anniversary showing of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!" Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and friends at Fairhaven Recreation.

The movie begins at 7:00 PM on August 28, and admission is just \$10 per family. Popcorn and a sweet treat will be provided, making this a deliciously fun night you will not want to miss. Register your family today!!

In case of bad weather movie will be shown in the gym

Taste of Portugal

The Fairhaven Lions Club presents

Taste of Portugal, Sat., 8/29, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Dinner 5-7pm and Music 7-9pm

Serving a traditional Portuguese Dinner: Choice of Cacoila or Chicken. Featuring raffles, dancers, and more.

Tickets: \$25.00 pp. All proceeds benefit the Eye Research and Scholarship Fund. Call or text Liz for tickets 774-454-6322

Cultural Council Survey

The Fairhaven Cultural Council's 2026 Community Survey is open! Here is your chance to share your opinions, needs, and ideas about Fairhaven's cultural scene. Your feedback helps the Council better understand how to serve our community. We want our funding decisions and the resulting programs to reflect what matters

most to you.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council supports and promotes cultural activities that enrich our town. Annually we award grants to cultural project proposals that best demonstrate a clear benefit to Fairhaven's residents. By state mandate, we fund programs within the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences that have a public benefit. The majority of our funding comes from the Mass Cultural Council, and the Town of Fairhaven provides additional funding.

Our community survey will remain open through Saturday, August 1, 2026. To access the survey, please visit this link: <https://forms.gle/z92mV9ugDQttfBpP6>

If you have questions about the survey or the Fairhaven Cultural Council, please email Chair Beth Ann Gallagher at: culturalcouncil@fairhaven-ma.gov

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

The Feast

7/30 to 8/2. See page 3

Protect The Vote

Protect the vote we keep us free. Rally at New Bedford City Hall, 133 William St., Sat., 8/1, 1 p.m.

Let our voices be heard about free and fair elections.

Organized by Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee, Coalition for Social Justice, Indivisible Southcoast, Rochester Democratic Town Committee.

Free Outdoor Exhibit

Site Specific Happenings (SSH) announces *ambrosia/salad*, an outdoor exhibition of site-responsive installation, sculpture, and performance, opening August 8 at 5:00PM at Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, 787 Shawmut Ave., New Bedford. Presented by SSH in partnership with The Trustees of Reservations, *ambrosia/salad* unfolds across the full landscape of the gardens, opening with an evening of performance and participatory activations across the grounds. The exhibition is free and open to the public through September 19, 2026.

Opening Night — Saturday, August 8, 2026 • 5:00–8:00 PM

Visual, sculptural, sound and edible works will emerge throughout the evening, inviting guests to wander, observe, listen, taste, and take part. Guests are invited to dress in their *ambrosia/salad* best: come as a fountain of youth, a nostalgic dessert, in a honey-colored suit or interpret as you wish. Headphones are recommended for select works.

Visit <https://www.sitespecifichappenings.com/ambrosia-salad>

Free Concerts

The Summer Sound Series of weekly concerts returns to Downtown New Bedford, bringing crowds and free entertainment on Friday nights through the beginning of September.

During Summer Sound Series concerts, there will be free parking available at the Elm Street Garage and the Zeiterion Garage. All concerts are weather permitting.

All concerts run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The 2026 Summer Sound Series Schedule is:

AUG. 7: NEAL McCARTHY ELECTRIC 6-PIECE BAND

Location: Lower Union Street, Genre: Electric Blues.

AUG. 14: PEARLY BAKER BAND

Location: Purchase Street. Genre: Grateful Dead tribute/jam band

AUG. 21: JAMMIN'

Location: Lower Union Street,

Genre: Reggae. Note: Kicks off the 3rd Eye hip hop festival

AUG. 28: BRIAN & THE CASSETTES

Location: Purchase Street. Genre: Indie. Note: Special Guests TBD

SEPT. 4: ENTRAIN

Location: Lower Union Street. Genre: Funk and world

Aoife Clancy

At the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.

Join us Thurs., 7/30, at 7pm for a special evening performance by renowned folk singer Aoife Clancy. From traditional Irish songs and ballads to contemporary folk and maritime songs, Aoife brings a refreshing new voice to the folk music scene.

Tickets are \$25/general public; \$20/FHC members which can be purchased online through Eventbrite (<https://tinyurl.com/3upxcnkv>) or in person at the Center. Don't miss out on this great intimate performance!

Bill Murray Movie Marathon

What About Bob? (1991) - Monday, August 3, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$12. At the Zeiterion, 684 Purchase St., NB. www.zeiterion.org, 508-994-2900

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

At Acushnet Library

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

Summer Concert Series

Concerts are held rain or shine, 6-7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, join us under the pavilion or in the community room. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Aug. 5 Dave Richardson Band.

The Dave Richardson Band will be grooving on New Orleans Funk, Texas Blues, Classic Soul, and driving Rock & Roll. Dave is joined by Jan Schmidt on vocals, Nate Goncalo on drums, and Bret Carlson on bass.

Aug. 12 60s Thunder The Summer Concert Series wraps up with 60's Thunder!

Undoubtedly, the 1960s were the big bang of popular music. No other decade can touch the number of timeless songs we still cherish from the 60s. Take a step back in time with New England's premier 1960s tribute band, 60's Thunder. Be transported to the "decade of change" with a diverse song selection delivered with youthful exuberance, authentic instruments, and sweet harmonies. Dance the night away to tracks by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Doors, Motown classics, and many more. Can you dig it?

The 60's Thunder are Ian Motha on bass and vocals, DJ Bean on rhythm guitar and vocals, Matt Borrello on lead guitar and vocals, and Liam Barry on drums and vocals. <https://60sthunder.com/>

Raffle

Support your local library and maybe win a cash prize this summer! Again this year, the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library will be holding a 50/50 raffle at each of the Acushnet library's Wednesday evening outdoor Summer Concert Series. A winner will be announced at the end of each concert. The winner of the raffle will receive half of the proceeds, with half retained by the Friends to fund future programs and services at the library.

Tickets are \$5 each (cash only) and

can be purchased during the library's Wednesday evening Summer Concert Series (through 8/12), all concerts start at 6pm, 232 Middle Road in the outdoor pavilion. For a list of concerts, see the Library's Facebook page or website (<https://acupl.org>).

The Friends will also be accepting jewelry donations at the Wednesday concerts for their annual September jewelry sale fundraiser. Stop by the Friends Raffle table outside to donate new and gently-worn fine jewelry pieces and men's, women's and children's fashion jewelry. All items should be in saleable condition; no broken pieces please.

Bird Walk

August 5, (rain date 8/6), 9:00am - 11:00am, meet at Lloyd Center, 430 Potomska Road, Dartmouth, lower lot near staircase; Leader: Jamie Bogart, Lloyd Center Research Associate. Price: Member: Free Non-member: \$5. Attendee Limit: 15. Pre-registration required by 3:00pm on Tues., 8/4. <https://lloydcenter.org/calendar/>

The Lloyd Center property has a diversity of habitats that attract birds year-round. If you have specific questions regarding the program, please email Jamie Bogart at jbogart@lloydcenter.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

Free Outdoor Movies

Join Acushnet Local 3281 on Friday August 7th for Outdoor movie night! Grab your chairs, blankets, and the whole family for a night of family fun!

At the Firehouse: 24 Russell street, Acushnet.

5 p.m. Planes: Fire & Rescue

7 p.m. Playing with Fire

Exciting raffles. Concessions available with popcorn, cotton candy, beverages. All proceeds benefit Acushnet Local 3281,

Free Movie

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., is excited to announce a film screening of the award-winning movie, "In the Whale," on August 7th at 6pm! The film tells the true account of a local, Cape-Cod fisherman who was swallowed by a whale and survived to tell the tale. Watch the movie and then participate in a Q&A with the director, David Abel. Registration optional!

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at (508) 758-4171.

River Cleanup

Join the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust for a cleanup of the Acushnet River creating clear pathways along the river to support the herring's migration next season. Bring your water shoes, bathing suits, waders, and towels and deepen your connection with the Acushnet River.

Meet on Sat., 8/22, at White's Factory, Hamlin St., Acushnet, 8 a.m.-noon. Rain or Shine.

To RSVP and for more info, contact the FALPT Land Manager, 774-521-8489.

Auditions

The Marion Art Center will hold auditions for the play *Tiny Beautiful Things*, based on the best-selling book by Cheryl Strayed, adapted by Nia Vardalos, and directed by Jennifer Palmer. The auditions will be held on Saturday, August 8, 11:00am-1:00pm and on Monday, August 10, 6:00-8:00pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA.

Tiny Beautiful Things personifies the questions and answers that "Sugar" was publishing online from 2010-2012. When the struggling writer was asked to take over the unpaid, anonymous position of advice columnist, Strayed used empathy and her personal experiences to help those seeking guidance for obstacles both large and small. This is a play about healing when you're broken, and finding the courage to take on the questions that have no answers.

Characters are Sugar, (Female, 30s-50s): A grounded, empathetic writer who uses her own raw life stories to guide others and three "Letter Writers" aged 20-30's, any gender, who can take on various roles and may perform quick character transitions. Characters may be emotional individuals seeking guidance, others with sharp humor and wit, and some who share stories with deep, heart-breaking honesty. Actors will utilize vocal and physical distinctiveness to bring different stories to life.

More information is available at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

From our readers

Thank You To Volunteers And Town for Garden

I would like to extend a big thank-you to everyone who has helped with the new Sconticut Neck Native Plant Garden so far!

If you haven't heard about it, it is a 5,000 sq foot space located in Macomber-Pimental Park (Bernese Street, Fairhaven) that will be exclusively dedicated to growing plants native to our unique region of coastal Massachusetts. This will attract pollinators, increase biodiversity of birds and invertebrates, and make the area more flood resilient.

With some more funding, it will also get an ADA accessible walkway installed to make this special place enjoyable for everyone!

First, I would like to thank the Board of Public Works for their unanimous approval of this project as well as the support of Josh Crabb, Vinnie Furtado and their crew. Next our town Sustainability Coordinator, Kelly Camara, who has been instrumental in applying for grants to fund this project. I would also like to thank my fellow Sustainability Committee

members, especially Ann Richard and Wendy Drumm; two landscapers who offered their expertise pro-bono to help with the design and plant selection: Cory Arruda of Southcoast Native Landscapes in New Bedford and Jessica Cook of Quintessential Gardens in Westport; Sean Rogers who provided the huge amount of cardboard used for mulching; Fitzgerald Tree Service who donated enough woodchip mulch to cover the whole area; and all the volunteers who showed up to help on two hot summer mornings: Jim, Karen, Ann, Wendy, Cindy, Chester, Alisa, and Shawn.

This has been a community effort and will create not only a four-season attraction that beautifies our town, but a tremendous environmental benefit to our fragile landscape and its wildlife. If you would like to contribute to the Sconticut Neck Native Plant Garden, either financially, with in-kind donations, or would like to be notified of future volunteer days, please contact me at christinritz@yahoo.com.

Christin Ritz, Fairhaven

Beware the Trojan Horse at the Ballot Box

The most dangerous threats to democracy rarely announce themselves as threats. They arrive draped in the language of patriotism, carrying banners of security, promising only protection. They ask not to storm the gates, but to be welcomed through them.

That is why the ancient story of the Trojan horse still endures.

The Greeks did not conquer Troy by overwhelming its walls. They prevailed because they persuaded the Trojans to dismantle their own defenses in the name of triumph. The deception succeeded not because people were malicious, but because they believed they were accepting a gift.

The SAVE AMERICA Act bears an unsettling resemblance to that legendary horse.

Its title is an exercise in political poetry. Who could oppose saving America? Who would object to secure elections or confidence in the ballot? Those aspirations belong to every

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Be Part of Our Community Cookbook

We are creating a Community Cookbook filled with the delicious recipes that make your kitchen — and your heart — happy. From secret family desserts to comfort-food classics, there is nothing sweeter than passing your favorite recipes down for generations to come.

All submitted recipes will be lovingly gathered and turned into the very first Community Cookbook at the Fairhaven Council on Aging! Fresh off the press just in time for Christmas, these cookbooks will be available for purchase right here at the COA. Whether you share a recipe or take one home, you will be part of something warm, meaningful, and made with our wonderful community in mind.

Let's fill these pages — and our hearts — with something delicious!

You may drop off your recipes handwritten, or typed. You can also include a photo. To submit by email: JBowers@Fairhaven-ma.gov.

Deadline is September 25th.

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: 8/5, Twin River Casino; 8/12, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 8/19, Wrentham Outlets; 8/26, Thames St., Newport, RI; 9/2, Plainridge Park Casino.

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.

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.

Movie Mondays

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. All shows at 12:15.

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.

Aug. 3, *Good Morning Vietnam* Comedy (Rated R). In 1965 Saigon, the traditional sanitized airwaves of Armed Forces Radio are turned on its ear when an irreverent nonconformist D.J. takes over with this irreverent brand of rapid-fire humor.

Aug. 10, *Steel Magnolias* Drama. Based on the play about six Southern women who become close friends despite their eccentricities and complicated lives.

Swim with the YMCA!

Join the Fairhaven Council on Aging on Fridays, through August 14th for private water aerobics at the New Bedford YMCA.

\$5 per class, includes transportation from the Fairhaven COA. Bus departs at 8 a.m. Call 508-979-4023 to sign up and discuss options if you have a financial hardship.

Office Hour With State Rep. Mark Sylvia

State Rep. Mark Sylvia will hold an office hour at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, on Mon., 8/17 from 9–10 a.m. If you need to speak with him before then, call 617-722-2400.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

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Qigong Class

Fairhaven Rec ages 16+ Wednesday, 5 PM–6 PM: Join us for a calming and restorative Qigong class led by experienced instructor Robin Fielding. Qigong is a gentle mind-body practice that combines slow, flowing movements, focused breathing, and mindful awareness to promote relaxation, balance, and overall well-being. This class is suitable for all fitness levels and abilities. Participants will be guided through easy-to-follow movements designed to reduce stress, improve flexibility, support circulation, and cultivate inner calm. No prior

experience is necessary. Instructor: Robin Fielding. Come as you are, wear comfortable clothing, and enjoy an hour dedicated to movement, breath, and mindfulness. You can register for this class without payment. The \$10 will be paid directly to the instructor

Outdoor Movie

Willy Wonka Movie Under the Stars Join us for a magical outdoor movie night under the stars as we celebrate the 55th anniversary showing of **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening with family and

friends at Fairhaven Recreation. The movie begins at 7:00 PM on August 28, 2026, and admission is just \$10 per family. Popcorn and a sweet treat will be provided, making this a deliciously fun night you will not want to miss. Register your family today!! In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown in the gym

Fairhaven Recreation Center/Back field Aug. 28, 7pm-9pm \$10 per family

Open Gym

Open Gym Times for Summer: June 29th–August 21st

Mon-Thursday 4pm-5pm; Friday 4-6pm; Saturday 10am-2pm; Sunday Closed

Recipe of the Week

Sweet Peach Cake

- 1 16.5 oz. pkg yellow cake mix
- 1 15.25 oz. can peaches light syrup. Drain and reserve 1/4 cup syrup.
- 1/4 cup water
- 7 tbsp butter (softened)
- 3 large eggs
- 2 fresh peaches, sliced
- 4 tbsp apricot jam

Combine cake mix, peach syrup, water, butter and eggs. Mix well for about 4 minutes.

Chop canned peaches and add to batter. Pour mixture into a greased 9"x3" round cake pan. Arranged sliced peaches on top in circular pattern.

Bake at 350° for about 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Warm jam in microwave for about 30 seconds. Brush glaze over cooled cake and peaches.



Dear Frankie has expanded to videos. Find her on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Search for dearfrankie dogtodogadvice.

Lifestyle Changes

Dear Frankie,
A year after my mom died, my dad started dating Sally. Before my dad met Sally, he was a homebody and liked to watch TV and putter in the garden. This lifestyle suited me fine; car rides make me sick.

Sally was a traveler and piqued my dad's interest in seeing the world. At first, they went away for weekends, then it was road trips, and now they are going to England for a month.

Whenever they travel, I stay with my grandpa, who smokes, drinks, and sometimes forgets to take me for a walk. He isn't mean if I have an accident in the house because he knows it's his fault. But it's so embarrassing.

Dear Frankie

If my mom knew what was going on, she would be furious. I wish my dad never met Sally.

Leonard

Dear Leonard,

Don't misplace your anger on Sally. Sally hasn't changed how she likes to spend her free time. It's your dad who has changed. He is in the blush of a new relationship and lifestyle.

The situation with your grandfather sounds grim, and I agree your mom would not be pleased.

Maybe after the trip abroad, the excitement of Sally and travel will quiet down, and your dad will decide it's time to spend more time at home as he had in the past.

I hope for your sake he does.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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New minister comes to UU church

Press Release

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven welcomes its new minister, the Rev. C.J. McGregor, on August 1.

He will lead his first service at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Unitarian Memorial Church, Center and Green streets. His sermon topic is "Hard to Hope."

In Rev. McGregor's previous post, he was district minister for 26 congregations in London and the southeast of England.

During his more than 20 years of ministry, he has served as minister for congregations in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Florida. He also

was director of religious education for a congregation in Massachusetts for several years.

Raised in the Adirondack Mountains of New York, Rev. McGregor has a degree in education from Mater Dei College and a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School at Yale University.

Children are welcome at the service. A coffee hour will follow.

The church buildings are accessible to the handicapped via ramps off the Center Street driveway, where there is reserved parking. For more information about the church, email office@uufairhaven.org, call 508-992-7081, or visit uufairhaven.org.



The Rev. C.J. McGregor will become the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven beginning 8/1/26. Submitted photo.

State unveils design renderings for new Sagamore Bridge

Press Release

The Healey-Driscoll Administration unveiled new design renderings of the replacement Sagamore Bridge, giving residents, businesses and visitors a detailed look at the future bridge as Massachusetts continues making historic investments to replace the aging Cape Cod Bridges.

The Sagamore and Bourne bridges are more than 90 years old and carry more than 38 million trips each year, serving as critical connections for residents, businesses, visitors and emergency responders. Through the Cape Cod Bridges Program, the Healey-Driscoll Administration is replacing these aging bridges with safer, more reliable and more resilient infrastructure while improving connections to local roadways and reducing congestion.

The new renderings highlight several major improvements, including twin bridge spans carrying one direction of traffic each to improve safety, a barrier-separated shared-use

path with a scenic overlook for pedestrians and bicyclists, upgraded roadway connections, architectural features that reflect the character of the region, enhanced lighting, and bridge foundations designed to better accommodate marine traffic through the Cape Cod Canal.

MassDOT will coordinate closely with the Town of Bourne and Bourne emergency services to ensure quick clearance of incidents and access to key facilities, and the Cape Cod Bridges website will feature regular updates on traffic conditions during the construction phase.



An architect's rendering of the new Sagamore Bridge shows the driver view. Art from Mass. DOT.

Construction is expected to begin in spring 2028 following a Notice to Proceed in late 2027. All traffic is expected to be traveling on a new bridge by 2033, with final completion currently anticipated in 2036.

For more information including updates, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/cape-cod-bridges>

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Concerts in Center soon to wrap up for the season

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's Concerts in the Center, aka Concerts Under the Stars, continue for just two more weeks, with 8/6 the last scheduled day. Last week, 7/23, Butch McCarthy with Angel and the Gents entertained a crowd of hundreds in front of Town Hall, while a few people danced in the street, and some young'uns chalked up the pavement.

Dave and Deb Longworth have been dancing for five years, and they tore up the pavement (okay, not really) from one end of the block to the other. They have been going to the concerts in the center for two years.

Young Langdon Smith, who was in town visiting his grandparents, gave

the Longworths a run for their money, though, showing off his moves.

His grandmother, Dede Smith, said Langdon discovered the concerts when visiting last year, and was excited to be here again while they were going on.

"It's his favorite thing," said Ms. Smith.

Young Langdon told the *Neighb News* he taught himself to dance.

The concerts are sponsored by the

Fairhaven Improvement Association and are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in front of Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. See page 5.



TOP: Young Katie shows her dance moves during the Concert in the Center featuring Butch McCarthy with Angel and the Gents and sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association on 7/23/26 in front of Town Hall in Fairhaven. ABOVE LEFT: Dave and Deb Longworth, and young Langdon Smith dance to the tunes ABOVE RIGHT: Friends enjoy the music in front of the library BELOW LEFT: The Alltrust Credit Union crew is all wrapped up and warm after the sun goes down BELOW RIGHT: A serious conference seems to be taking place among the chalk artists. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.NeighbNews.com for more photos.



Acushnet Grange finds 1960s flag flown over U.S. Capitol

*Submitted by Caroline St. Don
for the Acushnet Grange*

While doing some cleaning at the Acushnet Grange hall we came across an American flag that was flown over the US Capitol. The Grange flew the flag during the July 4th weekend this year.

The letter received with the flag was dated July 6, 1966: 60 years ago. The flag was sent to the Honorable Hasting Keith, House of Representatives, Washington, DC. The flag was for John Acucena of Acushnet as Chairman of the Acushnet Town Committee. Which committee and how the flag ended up at the Grange Hall all these years is still a mystery.

But, doing some reach with the help of Acushnet Town Clerk, Pamela Labonte, I have found a little history on Joao (John) M. Acucena.

John was born in 1914 in Fairhaven and died 2001 in Acushnet. He served in the US Army, was married to Alice Budd, and they had a son and two daughters.

John lived on Main Street in Acushnet and was active on town committees. He was on the first

committee for the Housing Authority and served from 1971 to 1974. He was a Boy Scout Leader and a member of the Acushnet Grange #285.

The flag will be given to the grandchildren along with the letter in a private exchange.

The Acushnet Grange has served the town of Acushnet for 117 years founded in agriculture to help the farmers and serving their local community.

Any one interested in the Grange can contact Caroline at grangemac@comcast.net.



A flag found at the Acushnet Grange that belonged to Joao (John) Acucena and dates back to 1966, flies at the grange building on July 4, 2026. Photo by Joshua Cunha for the Acushnet Grange.

Scallopalooza coming up in two weeks

Press Release

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC) is pleased to announce the return of the Scallopalooza Scallop Shucking Contest, which will be held on Thursday, August 13th, from 5:00pm until 8:00pm, at the FHC, 38 Bethel Street, downtown New Bedford.

Scallopalooza is an annual celebration of New Bedford's scallop fishing industry, bringing together local seafood lovers, fishing families, businesses, and community members for an evening of scallop shucking, live entertainment, local vendors, and waterfront culture. Bethel Street will be closed to vehicle traffic starting at 9:00am on Thursday morning to allow for vendor and stage set up. The street will remain closed until the event ends.

The event will take place on Bethel Street in front of the Center as well as in adjacent parking lots. Festivities will kick off at 5:00pm with live music by Jason Roze on a stage erected at the foot of Bethel.

The shucking contest will begin at 6:30pm when fifteen local scallop

fishermen will compete for the title of New Bedford's best shucker and the winner will receive a trophy. This year's event also includes food and drink provided by Phoenix on the Fly and Bayside Lounge, a kids activity and craft zone inside the Center, and fishing industry vendor booths on Bethel Street throughout the evening.

Visitors can also learn more about the gear fishermen use to harvest scallops by checking out link squeezing demos by Blue Fleet Welding and wire splicing demos by North Eastern Trawl.

Participating vendors include: Against The Tide Clothing, Coonamessett Farm Foundation, Fisheries Survival Fund, Face Painting by Tara,



Scallopers compete in the scallop shucking contest at Scallopalooza 2025 at the Fishing Heritage Center in downtown New Bedford. Photo courtesy of Phil Mello, Big Fish Studio

Fishing Partnership Support Services, Moon Tide Art, Native Salt Scrubs, South Coast Almanac, and Weathered Stone.

To see a full list of sponsors, vessels, and vendors, please visit the Scallopalooza page on the Center's website: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/scallopalooza/>.

Schedule at a Glance:

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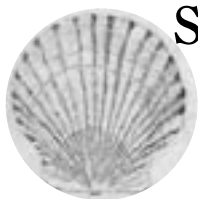
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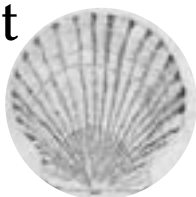
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vehicle traffic

5:00pm: Event opens

5:00pm-5:45pm: Jason Roze performance (main stage)

6:00pm-6:25pm: Link Squeezing and Scallop Shucking demonstrations (main stage)

6:30pm: Scallop Shucking Competition begins (main stage)

8:00pm: Event ends

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For more information, visit the Center's website at: www.fishingheritagecenter.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Atlas Tack Working Group

Thurs., 8/6, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 8/12, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon. 8/3, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 8/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon. 8/3, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 8/11, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 8/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 8/10, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Conservation Commission

Wed., 8/12, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 8/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Wed., 8/5, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

July 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	30	0913	2129	0232	1427
Friday	31	0954	2209	0305	1513
Aug. 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Saturday	1	1034	2250	0340	1556
Sunday	2	1116	2333	0416*	1637
Monday	3	---	1203	0453*	1720
Tuesday	4	0022	1255	0533*	1810
Wednesday	5	0117	1351	0622	1914
Thursday	6	0213	1447	0724	2026
Friday	7	0311	1547	0831	2136
Saturday	8	0416	1656	0936	2259
Sunday	9	0528	1800	1049	---
Monday	10	0628	1854	0022	1203
Tuesday	11	0719	1942	0117	1305
Wednesday	12	0807	2030	0210	1405

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts for the following Applications:

NOI
Public Hearing NOI – Austin J. Cusson, Hathaway Road, Map 12 Lot 15E-1.

The Applicant proposes to demolish the existing building and clean the site of all concrete pads and stockpile areas for the purposes of constructing a single-family dwelling, modifying the existing gravel driveway, installing a septic system and underground utilities together with filling and grading within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within the 200 ft. Riverfront Boundary of a perennial stream. The NOI was submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

RDA
Public Hearing RDA – Jennifer & Charles Anderson, Hathaway Road, Map 14 Lots 8B & 8C.

A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Jennifer & Charles Anderson for property located at Hathaway Road, Map 14, Lots 8B & 8C. The Applicants propose the construction of a gravel driveway and installation of a water service pipe, utility

poles and overhead wires partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The RDA was submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

Information may be obtained by calling the Conservation Commission office @ (508) 998-0200 or Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. @ (508) 758-7866.

Christian DeSousa, Acting Chair
FNN, 7/30/26

TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold three public hearings at its meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the meeting room in Town Hall, located at 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA.

- This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# 26808776 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVER-SOURCE ENERGY. Request permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways: South Main Street / Hope Street. To install approximately 40' (feet) of 1-4" PVC conduit from proposed Handhole 70/H12 at base of pole 70/12 to proposed Handhole 70/H12-A.

- This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# 26973732 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVER-SOURCE ENERGY AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. Request permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the

necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways: Gammons Road, Acushnet. To install 1 (one) new JO stub pole to be labeled 49/19-S in the Right of Way of Gammons Road.

- Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the MA General Laws to approve a Transfer of License for a liquor license application: Alcoholic Beverage Retail Package Store. The premises consists of three rooms of a one story building with stock in rear room at premises situated on the east side of Main Street and numbered 270 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert Hincley
Ryan Rezendes
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FNN, 7/23/26, 7/30/26

Town of Fairhaven

The Fairhaven Select Board will meet on August 24, 2026 for a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall 40 Center St., Fairhaven. This Public Hearing is to consider your approval for a new Class II – for 2 retail cars, Auto Repair/Auto Body license. Formerly Artistic Auto Body/Artistic Towing to Stealth Collision Inc. dba Artistic Auto Body and Stealth Auto Center located at 98-99 Middle Street.

Fairhaven Select Board
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citizen, regardless of party. Election integrity is not a partisan value; it is the foundation of self-government.

But history teaches us to judge legislation not by its title, but by its consequences.

Critics argue that requiring documentary proof of citizenship for voter registration would create new obstacles for eligible Americans who lack easy access to passports, birth certificates, or other required records, particularly after name changes, natural disasters, or bureaucratic errors. Supporters counter that such requirements are a necessary safeguard against unlawful voting. That disagreement deserves serious debate rather than slogans.

Democracy has never depended on choosing between security and participation. It demands both. A republic worthy of the name protects the ballot from fraud without erecting

unnecessary barriers for citizens entitled to cast one.

Every generation faces moments when liberty is tested not by obvious assaults but by appealing promises. The erosion of democratic norms is seldom theatrical. It is incremental. It is justified as temporary, reasonable, or merely procedural. It advances one carefully worded statute at a time; each defended as common sense until the cumulative weight begins to bend the principles it claimed to protect.

That is why skepticism is not cynicism. It is citizenship.

The Trojan horse is not a warning against accepting every proposal. It is a warning against confusing reassuring rhetoric with sound policy. The question before us is not whether America should have secure elections. It absolutely should. The question is whether, in pursuing that

goal, we inadvertently narrow the very democracy we seek to defend.

A confident nation does not fear scrutiny of its laws. It demands it. Because once the gates are opened, history reminds us that discovering what was hidden inside is far more difficult than asking hard questions before the doors swing wide.

Eileen J. Marum, Chair, League of Women Voters SouthCoast

EDITOR'S NOTE: The "SAVE America Act" does much more than require showing an ID to vote. It is extremely restrictive and will result in many US Citizens being unable to vote. It gives the Federal Government enormous control over elections that are supposed to be run by the states as set forth in the US Constitution. Visit <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/article/five-things-to-know-about-the-save-act/>

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the academy, you played a part in this success.

Thank You to Our Coaches

A big thank you goes out to all the coaches who came out to coach at this tournament. Your leadership, knowledge, patience, and commitment make a huge difference for our competitors.

Coaching at a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournament takes focus, energy, and

heart. Our athletes were able to step onto the mats with confidence because they knew their coaches were there to guide them, support them, and help them perform at their best.

The results speak for themselves, but more importantly, the way our team carried themselves showed the strength of our academy culture.

Congratulations to Our New Breed BJJ Competitors

We are extremely proud of every

Danny Savery BJJ competitor who stepped on the mats. Win or lose, competing takes courage. It teaches confidence, discipline, resilience, and mental toughness.

In all, the academy earned 3 team awards and 26 individual awards. Visit <https://dannysaverybjj.com> to learn more about our academy and visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n7ntytw> to learn about the awards we won.

Fairhaven Brazilian Jiu Jitsu academy wins in tourney

Press Release

Danny Savery Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academies, with locations in Somerset, MA, Fairhaven, MA, and Bristol, RI, had an incredible showing at the recent New Breed BJJ Federation tournament, bringing home major team awards and proving once again what hard work, consistency, and teamwork can accomplish.

We are proud to announce that Danny Savery BJJ earned: 1st Place Overall Team Champions; 1st Place Kids Team Champions; 3rd Place Adult Team Champions

These results are a reflection of the dedication inside all three of our academies — Somerset, Fairhaven, and Bristol. Every medal, every match, and every team trophy represents hours of training, sacrifice, support, and belief.

A True Team Effort On and Off the Mat

Competition success does not happen alone. Behind every competitor is a team of coaches, training partners, parents, guardians, teammates, and supporters helping them prepare every step of the way.



We want to give a huge thank you to all of our students, parents, guardians, teammates, and coaches who helped support our competitors both on and off the mat. These athletes would not be where they are without your training, guidance, dedication, and encouragement.

Whether you were coaching from the sidelines, helping a teammate get ready, driving your child to practice, cheering from the stands, or pushing someone through a tough round in

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ABOVE: Team Savery: Some of the winners from Danny Savery Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academies pose with their winning medals after an incredible showing at the recent New Breed BJJ Federation tournament. TOP: Double gold Medalist, Kayk Silva, poses with his awards for First Place Gi, and First Place No-Gi. *Submitted photos.*



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