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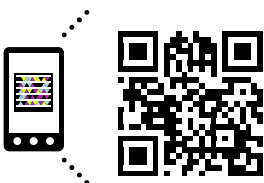
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

NFIA Marketplace offers local fare every week



L-R: CC and Deb of PJ's Fine Foods, which makes small-batch, all natural dips, jellies, and more, give a smile to the local free sheet while Christina studies the possibilities on 8/1/26 at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association Open Air Market at Livesey Park. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

John Medeiros is on a quest. He wants to get the Rogers School bell out of storage and into the streets...literally (see page 13).

The bell, as you may recall, was removed from the building because it might have fallen out of its cradle that was rotting away: things are a little deteriorated over there. It has been in storage, and Mr. Medeiros thinks that's a wasteful thing. I dare say he could use some help from interested residents who want to find a way to get it done.

The Historical Commission has said, somewhere along the way, that they do not want to do anything with the bell. That, I believe, is a mistake. We all had a chance to get a good look at the bell and ring it when it got removed in 2016 (see our 8/18/16 issue). These things are so cool to have around. This one was made in 1902.

So, we'll be keeping an eye on Mr. Medeiros and what he tries next.

Meanwhile, we covered the rest of the BPW meeting, of course. See page 13 for that.

Early voting has begun for the primary in September (see page 3). Quick....hurry up, the Big Buffoon is trying everything he can to keep people from voting. He literally wants the feds to have a master list and then tell the Post Office who they can deliver mail-in ballots to. Really. Who the f would ever think that's a good idea? Of course, the fact that the Constitution says the states run elections doesn't stop this guy: He has no respect for the Constitution... or any law for that matter.

Now his personal lawyer turned Acting Attorney General soon to be confirmed AG (oh, puleeze...you know the cowards will all vote "yes") has promised to give the Big Buffoon, his kids and all their business associates a free pass on paying taxes. Just exactly what the founders meant when they wrote all that stuff so no one is above the law, right?

How can any of you still support this guy?

What will it take?

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*.

Until next week... see ya,

*Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David...
VROOM VROOM!

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Early voting begins for primary

Early voting has begun in Massachusetts for the state primary election on Tuesday, 9/1/26. Offices on the ballot include all statewide positions, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and District Attorney.

In the primary election, voters need to pick a ballot based on party. The winner of each primary in each party will face off against each other in the general election on 11/3.

Last day to register to vote is Saturday, 8/22, at 5 p.m. Early voting is allowed from 8/22 through 8/28. Absentee voting is also available statewide through 8/28. Last day to apply for a Vote-By-Mail application is 8/25 at 5 p.m.

To verify if you are registered to vote, and to find information on how to register to vote, you may visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. Register to vote online by visiting: www.RegisterToVoteMA.com or visit your Town/City Clerk's office (see below).

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. statewide.

Acushnet

Early voting in Acushnet can be

done at the Parting Ways Building (Town Clerk's Office), 130 Main St. on the following days/times:

- Sat., Aug. 22, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 24, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tues., Aug. 25, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 26, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 27, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Fri., 8/28, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On election day, all precincts vote at Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road.

If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's office, 508-998-0215

Fairhaven

Early voting in Fairhaven is at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, 40 Center St. on

- Sat., 8/22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mon., 8/24, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tues., 8/25, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wed., 8/26, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., 8/27, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Fri., 8/28, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On election day, all precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4023.

New Bedford

Early voting will take place daily from Saturday, Aug. 22, to Friday, Aug. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Main Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., located in Downtown New Bedford.

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status or designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election, or would like to request an absentee/mail-in ballot should contact the Board of Election Commissioners at 508-979-1420.

The Elections Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mail-in/absentee ballots can be requested by:

- Responding to the postcards sent to registered voters from the Mass. Secretary of State's Office.
- Visiting the Election Commission page on the City's website, www.newbedford-ma.gov/election-commission.
- Visiting the Elections Office at City Hall (133 William St., Room 114).
- Calling the City's Elections Office at 508-979-1420.

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From our readers

Trapilo Calls for Hiring and Wage Freeze

At the July 27 meeting of the Fairhaven Select Board, at my request, Town Administrator Keith Hickey presented the Town's three-year financial forecast.

The projections show anticipated budget deficits ranging from approximately \$1.6 million to \$4.1 million through Fiscal Year 2031. What concerns me most is not simply the size of the projected deficit, but that it reflects a structural imbalance extending over multiple fiscal years rather than a one-time budget challenge.

I believe the first step in solving any problem is understanding its full magnitude.

Based on my business background and experience in financial management, I recommended that the Town immediately implement a hiring freeze and wage freeze across all departments, until we have a comprehensive plan to restore long-term fiscal stability. I also requested that the Town temporarily postpone capital improvement projects that have been approved but have not yet been placed under contract.

To better understand our financial position, I have requested a three-year history of employee counts by classification for every Town department. In addition, I have requested a three-year history of legal expenditures and asked that our independent auditor present the Town's audited financial statements to the Select Board so that financial decisions are based on the most current information available.

As I stated during the meeting, I believe Fairhaven faces both a spending challenge and a revenue challenge. Our expenditures have grown faster than our recurring revenues, particularly within the limitations of Proposition 2½. At the same time, I believe Fairhaven has opportunities to responsibly increase revenue by pursuing additional state aid, while encouraging thoughtful economic development that expands our tax base without sacrificing the character of our coastal community.

During my campaign, I pledged to work toward balanced budgets without asking taxpayers to approve a Proposition 2½ override or imposing additional fees, such as a townwide

trash fee, simply to close recurring budget gaps. I remain committed to that promise.

Our Budget Working Group is seeking qualified residents who are willing to work collaboratively with Town departments and the Town Administrator to identify efficiencies, improve operations, and help develop sustainable long-term financial solutions while preserving the essential services our residents expect.

I look forward to working with my fellow Select Board members in the months ahead to address these financial challenges with transparency, fiscal discipline, and innovative thinking. Every financial decision should answer one simple question: Does this improve the Town's long-term financial health? If the answer is no, we should reconsider the expenditure.

Fairhaven is not alone. Municipalities across Massachusetts face similar fiscal pressures. However, last year approximately 85 percent of Massachusetts communities balanced their budgets without seeking a Proposition 2½ override. My goal is to ensure that Fairhaven is among those communities by presenting taxpayers with responsible, balanced budgets that protect essential services while respecting the financial burden on our residents.

*Richard "Rick" Trapilo,
Fairhaven Select Board Member*

An Empowering Wake-Up Call

Living a Christian life is anything but easy. If you are like me and find yourself being challenged because of any number of disturbing winds: anger, arrogance, lust, pride, or pure selfishness, then we're in this battle together. So, how do we remain secure in the challenging journey of a fulfilling life? Something has been stirring inside me for a couple of weeks that I hope will come across in this short article as an empowering wake-up call for us.

Clearly, these are perilous times in which we live. It is in such times of advancing lawlessness that "easy" Christianity simply will not do. To live the counterfeit lifestyle while calling it the genuine article of living for Christ is to enhance or enable the downward slide of society. The wisest move to make is to turn to the true

standard and live it out with a newfound gusto.

God's way is the only flawless solution. There is no one but Almighty God (Lord & Commander) who could issue the absolute (not obsolete) commandments in stone. He is the only One who could promise prophetically to write them on the spiritual tablets of our hearts (Jeremiah 31:33). He stands alone to personally die in our place to pay for our sins and fulfill His promise to redeem us. Amazingly, by faith in Him, His grace makes us righteous and re-energized to live as overcomers in this fallen world.

Let's take an honest look at our date book and checkbook to assess if some lesser "thing" or the Lord is first in our life.

The Biblical God, Commander and Savior also named Jesus said the following: "Where your treasure is there will be your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). "You are my friends if you do whatsoever, I command you" (John 15:14). "This is love, that we walk after His commandments" (2 John 2:6). "This new commandment I give you that you are to love others like I have loved you" (John 13:34).

Friends, when we read and hear the spiritual life-giving words of the true God or Lord and Commander Jesus Christ, everything relational about us in Him must uncompromisingly move, adjust, and reconfigure in obedience to His unchanging and perfect standard or command.

It's not a matter of how badly we've drifted — it's a matter of how God can pull us back in by His grace, straighten us out, and empower us to do better. By faith, our blessing comes when we know He is best at helping us do just that!

Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven

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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.

Romano Office Hour

Fairhaven Select Board chairperson, Andrew Romano, will hold an office hour on Mon., 8/10, from 4:30–5:30 p.m., at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. Residents are invited to attend in person or via Zoom to ask questions about the topics of their choosing.

Zoom link is available on the town website at (<https://fairhaven-ma.gov/calendar/>) or directly at <https://tinyurl.com/4zykwdh6>

Meeting ID: 828 5359 2741

Passcode: 700818

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.

• 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!

Mario Carreiro FR

Mario Carreiro, 64, of Fairhaven was killed in a car crash in Westport on 7/27/26. A GoFundMe has been set up to help his family with expenses.

“As the primary breadwinner, Mario was the foundation of his family, always working hard to provide for his beloved wife Anne, his three children, and his two beautiful grandchildren. His loss has created not only an emotional void, but also an overwhelming financial burden for those he leaves behind,” reads the GoFundMe. “The Carreiro family is now facing the difficult task of arranging funeral services and managing daily living expenses, all while trying to process their grief and support one another through this unimaginable time.”

As of press time, \$25,872 of the \$28K goal had been collected.

To donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bp7f7w84>

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).

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

Republican Town Committee

Our Fairhaven Republican Town Committee urges all concerned Fairhaven citizens to attend our Tuesday, August 18th meeting, which will be held at the Fairhaven Recreation Senior Center 227 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, at 6pm.

We will be informing and discussing the many opportunities to serve our Town and community. The September 1st State election ballot candidates and upcoming November 3rd State election and ballot questions will also be discussed.

Our committee chairman Bob McConnell will appear on the November 3rd 2026 State election ballot for Second Bristol and Plymouth District State Senate seat and will report on his exciting campaign.

Please consider attending, you are welcome. We are accepting applications for committee membership also. Call Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416, email @ fairhavenrtc@gmail.com or contact us at our Facebook page Fairhaven Republican Town Committee.

Evenings at the Fort

Step back in time this season with

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STILL IN TOWN

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 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

Book Signing

Local artist, Rafaela Quintin, will sign copies of her book of poems,

“The Imperfect Path,” on Sun., 8/23, from 2–4 p.m., at North Star Apothecary, 410 Alden Rd., Fairhaven. Join us for an afternoon of poetry, books, and good vibes. Books will be available for purchase, or bring your cop and get it signed.

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

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

FREE Scallopalooza

Back by popular demand, the 2026 Scallopalooza Scallop Shucking Contest will be happening this summer on Thursday, August 13, from 5-8 PM at 38 Bethel Street in front of the Fishing Heritage Center. Scallopalooza is our nationally-recognized celebration of New Bedford’s commercial scallop industry, bringing together local seafood lovers, fishing families, businesses, and community members for an evening of scallop shucking, live music, local vendors, and waterfront culture.

FREE. Watch local fishermen compete for the title of New Bedford’s best shucker starting at 6:30pm! The event will also include live music

Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/scallopalooza/>

AHA

AHA! Night: Summer in the Seaport takes place on Thursday, August 13th. The fun begins around 4 pm and continues after dark. Visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

Melville Statue+

On Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at Seamen’s Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill, the City of New Bedford will dedicate its Herman Melville statue.

The statue will be located at the Bethel, where Melville once sat in a pew in the southeast corner of the chapel surrounded by other whalers

in worship before he sailed out of New Bedford on the voyage that inspired Moby-Dick. Seamen’s Bethel is known as the Whaleman’s Chapel in the novel.

In December 1840, the 21-year-old Melville signed onto the crew of the whaleship Acushnet, a 359-ton square-rigged ship that departed New Bedford for the Pacific Ocean and did not return for nearly two years.

A decade later, he chose New Bedford and his adventure as inspiration to write *Moby-Dick*, the novel widely regarded as the preeminent work of American literature.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is hosting a four-day literary and cultural series of events that weekend on Melville and New Bedford’s defining role in shaping *Moby-Dick*. It is bringing together nationally recognized writers, scholars, artists, filmmakers, and New Bedford-area cultural organizations to celebrate New Bedford’s remarkable literary heritage. Visit www.whalingmuseum.org for more information.

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 partner-

ship 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>

Dance Fest

The FIRST South Coast Dance Festival is a three-day celebration of contemporary dance featuring live performances, an immersive yurt experience, and a dance film screening with our guest artist and Q&A. Events take place August 14–16 at South Coast Movement Arts and Down to Earth Yurt in Dartmouth. All are welcome!

Join us for three unique dance events celebrating movement, performance, and film. Register at: <https://socomovementarts.com/events>

Thurs., 8/14, 6 p.m., \$20, at SC

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STILL OVERTOWN

Movement Arts, 201 Pope's Island, NB, featuring stuffNjunk. Performance by longtime friends and dance duo Miguel Quiñones III and Steve Vaughn.

Fri., 8/15, 6 p.m. \$30, Yurt Performance, Down to Earth Yurt, 821

Potomska Rd., S. Dartmouth. Experience a unique dance performance inside a beautiful yurt on a scenic South Dartmouth farm. Presented by the Dartmouth Cultural Center.

Sat., 8/16, 2 p.m., \$10, film screen-

ing and Q&A, at SC Movement Arts, 201 Pope's Island, NB. Experience the newest dance film by Boston Ballet dancer and Boardwalk Ballet Artistic Director Finn Duggan, followed by an exclusive Q&A with the artist.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Free Outdoor Movie

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.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at (508) 758-4171.

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

At St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Ave., Fall River.

Fri., 8/7, 5-10 p.m.; Sat., 8/8, noon to 11 p.m.; Sun., 8/9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Free parking. All are invited to come and join us. Festivities will go on rain or shine! Under the tents or in the open air.

Featuring authentic Lebanese food and pastry; alcoholic beverages; basket raffles; hookah; dancing; so much more.

Entertainment features: Mitchell Kaltsunas and Ensemble on Friday starting at 6 p.m., and on Sat., at 7; Throwback, Sat., 12:30-3:30 p.m.; DJ Eric Fri., 5-6; Sat., 4-6; Sun., 11-4;

MYO Dance Troupe, Fri., 7:30 -7:45 p.m.; Sat., 6:15 and 8 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.

Visit <https://saotd-fr.org/>, call 508-672-7653, or find them on Facebook.

At Acushnet Library

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

Movie Matinee

Monday, August 10 at 2 pm - Movie Matinee, *A Big Bold Beautiful Journey*. Join us in the Community Room for a movie. Please bring a covered beverage and a snack if you wish. The Movie Matinee is for ages 18+.

Music on the Porch Day

Celebrate Play Music on the Porch Day with us. The Jethros will perform from noon to 2 pm under the pavilion (not a porch, but that's OK!).

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. 12 60s Thunder 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?

Raffle

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.

Tickets are \$5 each (cash only) and can be purchased during the library's

Wednesday evening Summer Concert Series. The Friends will also be accepting jewelry donations at the Wednesday concerts for their annual September jewelry sale fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATES: 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.

Cruise Night

Thurs., 8/27, Acushnet Town Green/Parting Ways, 122 Main St., 5-8 p.m. Classic cars, great food from local vendors, and oldies music with DJ Dave Blast from the Past. Sponsored by the Town of Acushnet

Revolutionary War Encampment

The Acushnet Historical Society invites the public for a free and live Revolutionary War Encampment, honoring our local history, Sun., 8/23, at the Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St., Acushnet, 1-3 p.m. Featuring militia from Fairhaven, Dartmouth, Rehoboth performing on-site demonstrations of life in Revolutionary era America, including tin-smithing. Step back in time and experience history come to life right here in Acushnet.

Also refreshments and ice cream from Acushnet Creamery will be available for purchase.

The museum will be open for you to discover Acushnet's rich history. Preserve our past, connect with our history, inspire our future.

For more information, contact Pauline Teixeira, President of Acushnet Historical Society, 774-395-3975.

Fairhaven Select Board gets dismal budget forecast

By Beth David
Editor

The Town of Fairhaven faces forecasted deficits starting with \$1,158,858 for Fiscal Year 2028, increasing to \$2,153,646 in FY30, according to financial projections presented to the Select Board at its 7/27/26 meeting.

The town's operating budget for FY27 is \$63.2 million, with \$13.1 million from state aid and \$9.2 from local receipts (building fees, excise taxes).

Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, and Assistant TA of Finance/Town Accountant Anne Carreiro, presented the numbers using conservative revenue estimates based on historical trends, and using contractual obligations to estimate expenditures/

SB member, Rick Trapilo, has been talking about getting a financial forecast since before he got elected, saying the town has to identify the problem before it can fix it.

He has consistently said the town has a "spending problem," language that SB chairperson, Andrew Romano, took exception to.

Mr. Romano said it was insulting to department heads to imply that they

are overspending.

Mr. Trapilo, however, would not back down, saying the town has both a revenue and expenditure problem.

Mr. Trapilo has been highlighting his business experience, trying to make parallels to government spending.

Mr. Hickey, however, tried to explain that government and business operate on different premises. The town does not have the same tools available to it that a business has, including its ability to simply raise the price of goods.

The town's ability to increase property taxes is regulated by Proposition 2 1/2, which limits the town to a 2 1/2% increase plus new growth and a few other factors..

Everyone did seem to agree that the state's aid to municipalities is sorely lacking, has not kept up with inflation, and has not made up for the restrictions imposed by Prop 2 1/2.

One variable is the income from the Wind Turbines, about \$150-200K per year, that will end in a few years at the end of the lease.

There was some confusion as to if it is the town or the developer who does not want to renew the lease. The

developer has asked the town to revise the terms of the lease to make it easier for them to get financing to upgrade the WTs. But there is some question as to whether or not they could get a permit to upgrade due to changes in the town's bylaws.

Mr. Hickey said he would reach out to the developer..

Another variable is the loss of income from tuition paid by Acushnet students attending high school. The town of Acushnet has not yet reached a deal with Old Rochester Regional, which means that at least some students will go to ORR instead of FHS. That number is unclear.

Mr. Trapilo also suggested an immediate hiring and wage freeze. Mr. Hickey explained that collective bargaining agreements complicate the implementation of that. (See page 4 for letter from Mr. Trapilo.)

"I'm not sure what the fix is," said Mr. Hickey, adding that the it is not a one year problem.

He said he had met with the mayor

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

Aug. 17, *Roustabout* Comedy. Elvis is a karate-chopping biker who's hired as a carnival Roustabout. At first he just provides muscle and a diversion for the beautiful carny girls. Then he picks up a guitar and gets the midway rockin'.

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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.

Mini Flower Bouquet

FREE craft with Jocelyn. Make a mini flower bouquet with pipe cleaners. Fri., 8/14, at 9 a.m.

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

Simba's Medley Excerpts

Fairhaven Recreation Center Instructor Aly Pereira Wed, Sept 16-Oct 21 3:45 PM-4:45 PM (6 Classes) Member: \$120 | Non-Member: \$135. Come join the fun of learning how to take part in a musical theatre performance. Children will learn the basics of putting together a production. In this class, boys and girls will audition for a role in the musical "Simba's Medley Excerpts."

This play has been rewritten along the theme of the original "The Lion King." Children will sing, dance, and act their way into a world of excitement. Costumes are encouraged, but not necessary. No experience is needed. Everyone receives a speaking role of some kind.

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Recipe of the Week

Any Fruit Crisp

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1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter,
melted, plus more at room
temperature for baking dish

7 cups cut fruit of choice, frozen
or fresh

2 Tbsp. granulated sugar

2 Tbsp. cornstarch

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup all-purpose flour,
spooned and leveled

Whipped cream or ice cream, for
serving

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly
butter a 10-inch ovenproof skillet
or 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Add
fruit, granulated sugar,
cornstarch, and salt to skillet and
toss to combine.

Stir together oats, light brown
sugar, and flour in a bowl. Stir in
melted butter until fully combined
and crumbly. Pour over fruit,
trying to cover most of it.

Bake until topping is golden
brown and fruit is bubbling, 30 to
35 minutes. Let sit for 10 minutes
before serving. Serve with
whipped cream or ice cream.

From countryliving.com



Dear Frankie

Birthday Party

Dear Frankie,
My mom asked the parents of the dogs invited to my birthday party if any had food restrictions. Much to our dismay, we found out that

two were allergic to eggs, one to peanuts, two to wheat, and three to dairy. One mom said that her son was not allowed to have sugar or diet drinks and asked that they not be available to tempt him.

So, my mom said it looks like cake, ice cream, and soda are out. She suggested that we play the usual party games and end the party with a trip to Petco where each guest could pick a toy to take home.

I like the idea of the shopping trip, but a birthday party without at least a cake and candles doesn't seem like much of a birthday party to me.

Rory

Dear Rory,

Rory, I hear you — a party with no cake feels like showing up to a fire hydrant with no water pressure. Your mom's trying her best to make sure nobody ends up in the ER instead of home with a goodie bag.

If you insist on a cake, how about one made of meatloaf with candles and bone broth drinks?

The Petco toy run sounds like a great idea to me. I'd trade cake for a squeaky toy any day of the week.

Best, Frankie

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Film by Fairhaven's Botelho goes international

From Press Release Materials

The Atlantic has long connected the Azores and New England through migration, memory, and shared maritime history. For generations, the whaling ships that once sailed between Pico Island and New Bedford carried not only people but stories, traditions, and identities that continue to bind both communities. In January 2027, those historic ties will find a new expression—not through the sea, but through cinema.

The 13th edition of the Montanha Pico Festival will dedicate its annual international spotlight to the city of New Bedford, celebrating one of the largest and most vibrant Luso-American communities through the work of five filmmakers whose stories reflect both local creativity and the enduring Portuguese-American experience.

After visiting the city and the New Bedford Film Festival in 2025, the artistic director of MiratecArts announced plans to feature New Bedford as the focus of the 2027 edition of the festival in the Azores.

"I loved the audiovisual commu-

nity and the way they organized their film festival in that beautiful whaling town on the other side of the Atlantic," explains Terry Costa. "I decided to organize a special screening to highlight this to our audience, right in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, and to encourage the formation of ties between the communities."

Following an open call for submissions among New Bedford filmmakers, five directors have been

invited to participate in the Spotlight New Bedford program. Significantly, four of the five filmmakers are of Portuguese descent, underscoring the continuing vitality of Luso-American storytelling within contemporary independent cinema.

Alyssa Botelho is a screenwriter, director, producer, and actress whose work intertwines historical depth with elements of suspense, horror,

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L-R: Alyssa Botelho, Ethan de Aguiar, Nick Francis, Ryan Nunes, and Sean Campbell have been invited to participate in the Spotlight New Bedford program in the Montanha Pico Film Festival on Pico Island, Azores, Portugal in January, 2027. *Submitted photos.*

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NFIA Open Air Market offers local, home made, every week

By Beth David

Editor

The Open Air Market at Livesey Park continues to offer local produce, home made goods, and a variety of products by local artisans every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the corner of Glenhaven and Parker, under the trees (See page 5 for other outdoor markets).

This past Saturday, vendors said the morning was brisk, but then traffic tapered off, which was not a big surprise considering the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament in New Bedford was happening, which is the biggest feast of its kind in the world.

Still, some vendors said they did well. Mrs. Jackson, of course, with her homemade breads and sweets, sold out almost completely by about 2 p.m. And over at the Book N Brew, they sold more than 100 books and lots of coffee.

Nic and Shelby at Milk and Magic, said they are a new business, selling

clothing and other items for nursing moms. It was only their second time at the market, and young'uns are most definitely welcome at their booth.

"I do very well here," said Ruthy of Puptown Bakery, which makes doggie treats.

She said the fee is low and, "The people are nice, too."

The line-up changes every week, although there are the regulars, like Mama's Cozies and Roxanne's Garden Center.

At P.J's Fine Foods, which makes small-batch, all natural dips, jellies, and more, Christina said it she needed to taste them all.

It was her first time, she said, "But



it will not be my last."

"But it won't be my last," she said.

"It's good for them and good for me," said Gabriela Barbosa of Cabral Family Farm. "They eat healthy."

The market is sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, a volunteer group. Find them on Facebook or visit <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com>



TOP: Gabriela Barbosa, of the Cabral Family Farm, sells produce on 8/1/26 at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association Open Air Market at Livesey Park. LEFT: Laurie and Bill Kligel staff the table for Specialties by Laurie RIGHT: Tabitha Bowman of Mama's Cozies staffs her table. Photos by Beth David.

Apple Peach Pageant seeking contestants

Press Release

Acushnet's Miss Apple Peach Pageant is seeking contestants for their annual competition to be held on Friday, September 4th as the kick off to the following weekend's Apple Peach Festival.

Miss Apple Peach 2025, Elyza Wagner, and Jr. Miss Apple Peach 2025, Aubrey Sousa, have enjoyed being active in town events and have participated in Acushnet events such as the Little League Opening Day, the

Christmas Lighting, the Lions Club's Duck Race, the Halloween event, and have volunteered at the schools. They have been very busy in the community and have enjoyed an impactful year.

The pageant is open to all young women from Acushnet in grades 6-12. Students in grades 6-8 will compete for the title of Jr. Miss Apple Peach and students in grades 9-12 will compete for the title of Miss Apple Peach, the winner of which will

receive a \$500 scholarship. In total, \$1,000 will be awarded and is sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club.

There is a \$30 registration fee and contestants will compete in four phases of competition. No previous experience is required and there is no talent portion in the competition.

To register or for more information, visit social media pages, call/ text 508-965-4465 or email MissApplePeach@gmail.com. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/J4QHiZGWNJcTRNbv5>

Board of Public Works approves request for Cushman Park

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 8/3/26, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works approved a request by Southcoast Mobile Fitness to place a portable toilet at Cushman Park.

The organization uses the park for classes on Sunday mornings.

Peter Masciantonio told the board that although they have access to the permanent facilities at the park, they are far away from where the organization holds its classes.

Mr. Masciantonio said he is grateful to be allowed to be in Fairhaven. He said they had 100 people the weekend before.

Mr. Masciantonio and John Morin, also discussed different programming plans with the board. The organization hopes to have some children programming.

They said they hope to organize a wellness weekend that would include a road race/walk, food trucks, activities, etc. The board directed them to other town departments to get permitting.

In another matter, the board held off on voting on a request by the Fairhaven Pickleball Association (FPA) and the Fairhaven Tennis Association (FTA) to make changes to the scope of work slated to take place at Livesey Park.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) approved funds for repairs and resurfacing for the basketball courts and pickleball/tennis courts.

As the town was preparing the Request for Proposals, the organization kept changing the scope of the project. They said they would pay the difference, according to BPW Superintendent, Vinnie Furtado, and Highway Superintendent, Josh Crabb.

However, it became a bit unclear if the group wanted simply to add to the scope of the project, or if they wanted to change the parameters of the grant-funded project.

The board decided to hold off on voting until they could get clarification from the group on exactly what changes they want to make to the CPC-approved project.

In a follow-up phone interview, Mr. Furtado said his department would send a letter to the FTA and FPA recommending that they go back to the Community Preservation Committee to inform them of any possible

changes to the scope of the project to make sure they are in compliance with the parameters of the grant.

CPC grants are funded by a surcharge on property taxes. All projects are discussed in a public hearing and must be approved by the CPC and by Town Meeting.

The board also heard from residents during the public comment period.

James Anderson addressed the board about an increase in accidents on the bike path, which is being resurfaced.

Mr. Anderson read a letter from Mary Lahota, who crashed due to the drop-off where the newly applied asphalt layer ends. It is a drop-off of several inches.

Ms. Lahota has required surgery, a plate and screws.

"Our once safe path is now a dangerous path," said Mr. Anderson, quoting from the letter.

BPW Chairperson, Brian Wotton, said the bike path is an "active

It sounds like you are
blaming the victims here
[James Anderson]

construction site," and the work is not done. He said the drop off will have loam and grass seed and slope down and be graded from the top of the pavement.

"The job is not done," he said.

The only option would be to close it for the whole project.

Mr. Furtado said the job will be finished on 8/18 unless rainy weather causes delays.

He also said that as soon as he heard about the accident, he and Mr. Crabb added 25 signs warning of the danger.

BPW member, Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, said there is construction on roads all the time and they don't shut down the roads.

"I feel sorry for the lady," said Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Wotton reiterated that there are signs "all over the place" and cones and barrels, so people use it at their own risk.

"Then the job is done I promise you it's going to be the best bike path

you've ever seen," said Mr. Wotton.

"It sounds like you are blaming the victims here," said Mr. Anderson.

When Mr. Wotton reiterated that the work was not complete, Mr. Anderson said, "who the F— would know that?"

Mr. Wotton shut him off from speaking via his remote connection.

"Because of your swearing," said Mr. Wotton.

The board also heard from John Medeiros who wants to have the Rogers Bell restored so it can be displayed.

The town has two historic bells in storage, under the custodial care of the BPW. One is from the Oxford School. That bell has been authenticated as made by Paul Revere's company and is very valuable. The Oxford Bell will be displayed in a secure setting on the lawn of the Town Hall after the work is done on the retaining wall.

There are no plans, however, for the bell that was in the Roger School. Mr. Medeiros is hoping to get permission to have it included in parades and other town events.

He showed the board an article and other information from a bell on Cuttyhunk that he played an instrumental role in refurbishing, that was then placed on a trailer and included in parades.

Mr. Medeiros said the town of Fairhaven can do the same with the Rogers Bell. It does not have to be a Revere Bell to be a valuable artifact.

Mr. Wotton said the board would gladly house the bell or move the bell, but they had no authority over it. The Select Board has jurisdiction over the bell.

The board also gave permission to the Greater New Bedford Garden Club to maintain some plantings at the Old Stone Schoolhouse. A representative of the club said some of the trees were donated by the club, but have been neglected for years. The BPW approved the request, on the condition that the Historical Commission has no objection.

The board also approved some change orders and a work change directive for work being done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the wells in Mattapoisett.

The board also approved David Quintal, JDQ Excavating to work in the town layout as a drainlayer;



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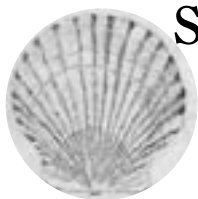
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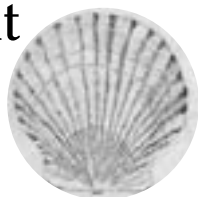
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and a quirky, biting sense of humor typical of New England.

Ethan de Aguiar, a self-proclaimed "ARTrepreneur," is a native of New Bedford. An experienced filmmaker with a keen focus on the art of storytelling, he is the founder of the New Bedford Film Festival.

Nick Francis is Managing Partner and Vision Director at The Franchise Group, in addition to managing Mass Green Screen. He has over 15 years of experience producing and directing award-winning campaigns and videos.

Ryan Nunes is a filmmaker, screenwriter, and director whose work highlights mental health, identity, and social issues through intimate, character-driven stories.

Sean Campbell is best known as a cinematographer and editor with a

decade of experience in video production.

The special screening is scheduled for the opening weekend of the Montanha Pico Festival and is part of the "600 Years of the Azores" program, promoted by the Regional Secretariat for Parliamentary Affairs and Communities.

Works by the five filmmakers will be featured in the screening to be held at the Madalena Auditorium, as well as in Horta, Faial — a sister city of New Bedford. The Montanha Pico Festival will take place from January 8 to 15, as well as on January 22 and 29, 2027, across three venues on the island of Pico: the Madalena Library Auditorium, the Lajes do Pico Municipal Auditorium, and the Whalers' Museum Auditorium.

Visit www.picofestival.com
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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Atlas Tack Working Group

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

Board of Health

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

Board of Public Works

Mon. 8/17, Arsene St., 5:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

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

Community Preservation

Wed., 8/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

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

Cultural Council

Wed., 8/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Romano Office Hour

Mon., 8/10, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 8/20, Police Station, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Council on Aging

Wed., 8/12, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Historical Commission

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

	Aug. 2026		HIGH a.m.		LOW p.m.
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
Thursday	13	0857	2118	0300*	1507
Friday	14	0945	2206	0338*	1553
Saturday	15	1032	2251	0407*	1628
Sunday	16	1117	2337	0434	1700

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN INVITATION TO BID

Town of Fairhaven - Senior and Recreational
Center Roof Replacement 227-229 Huttleston Ave.,
Fairhaven, MA 02719

The Town of Fairhaven, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors and File Sub Bids for the construction of the **Senior Center Recreational Center Roof Replacement** in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared for rebid by Stephen Kelleher Architects, Inc.

The Project consists of: **Replacing 12,433 s.f. of asphaltic roof shingles and its underlayment and 7,113 s.f. of EPDM roof membrane and associated insulation/underlayment and all associated flashing and drains to the 10th Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code (MSBC).**

The work is estimated to cost **\$500,000.**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work: **General Building Construction** and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed Update Statement (CQ3).

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

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Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available electronically at no cost on **Projectdoc.com** under Project ID #261203, beginning **August 5, 2026.**

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Town of Fairhaven MA.**

No Bidder may withdraw their Bid for a period of thirty (30) day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the date set for the bid opening thereof.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE/ SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: **11:00 AM on Thursday August 13, 2026**

Address: 227-229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven MA
Town of Fairhaven Select Board
FNN 8/6/26

TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 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# 15268287 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

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Board of Selectmen

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman

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Ryan Rezendes, Member

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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.**

RDA

Public Hearing RDA – Thomas O. & Debra J. Threlfall, 114 Quaker Lane, Map 6 Lot 19D.

A Request for Determination Application was filed by Thomas O. & Debra J. Threlfall for property located on 114 Quaker Lane, which is also identified as Lot 19D on Assessors Map 6. The Applicants propose to construct an in-ground swimming pool & perimeter patio partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of an off-site 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, 8/6/26

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A NOTICE OF INTENT

Chandler Palmieri & Justin Andrade –
815 Middle Road, Map 17 Lot 30C

A Notice of Intent was filed by Chandler Palmieri and Justin Andrade for the property located at 815 Middle Road, Map 17 Lot 30C. The applicant proposes to construct a single family home with a driveway, install a subsurface septic system and perform any required clearing and grading within the 100 foot buffer zone. The public hearing will be scheduled for 6pm on August 12, 2026 at the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Christian DeSousa, Acting Chair
FNN, 8/6/26

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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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

The following amendment to the Town of Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw, adopted at the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting convened on May 3, 2025, has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General and is published herewith in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32. Claims of invalidity of the amendment by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within ninety (90) days of the second publication of this notice.

Copies of the bylaw amendment may be examined and obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

ARTICLE 19: AMEND BYLAWS CHAPTER 198 ZONING

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Chapter 198 of the Fairhaven Town Code, entitled "Zoning," a.k.a. the Town of Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw, as follows:

(i) by amending Section 198-14, entitled "Establishment of districts," at the end of Subsection A, to add the following new overlay district:

Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District (FSGOD) and

(ii) by amending Appendix A, Section 3.1 to read "The Fairhaven Smart Growth Overlay District, herein after referred to as the "FSGOD," is an overlay district having a land area of approximately 89.32 acres in size that is superimposed over the underlying zoning districts and on the Zoning Map as set forth on maps entitled "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision", amending the existing map entitled "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay 4-2 Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), dated 6/19/2024.

and

(iii) and, further, to amend the "Town of Fairhaven Zoning Map," as referenced in Section 198-14(B) of the aforementioned Code, by adding the map entitled "Fairhaven 40R Smart Growth Overlay Smart Growth Zoning Map (Plaza Area SGOD), April 2025 Revision", and prepared by Dodson & Flinker.

Respectfully submitted, Elisabeth E. Horan, Town Clerk
FNN 8/6/26, 8/13/26

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of New Bedford to start discussing places where the two municipalities can share resources. He said the mayor seemed open to working with the town. They talked about possibly using their tourism resources to promote Fairhaven and its events, as the town eliminated the tourism department.

Mr. Hickey said he is actively looking for places to regionalize or share resources to save money.

He also said that the town has a tremendous resource in the newly created 40R district. He said the town will soon be aggressively promoting the district to developers and current

property owners.

The 40R overlay district allows for denser development and mixed use development, with a relaxing of the parking requirements.

Developers can build up to five stories high for residential and commercial uses in the same building. The district includes the plazas that include Walmart, Staples, Ocean State Job Lot, Stop & Shop; and also include Middle Street along the waterfront.

Town staff have also been trying to identify other areas for increased revenue. One of those is short term rentals (STRs). Property owners are supposed to register with the state,

collect hotel tax, and that revenue should come back to the town. The town definitely has many STRs, but it seems that none of them are complying.

The town is trying to identify those properties, and will send letters to the owners informing them of their responsibilities. Mr. Hickey said he estimates about \$50K in revenue per year from STRs.

"It isn't going to fix the problem," he said. "But it's going to help."

The revised documents used in the meeting are available on the town's website, under Select Board documents, agendas, and minutes.

201 DaCunha's Dispatches

News from the
high school
world

By Emma
DaCunha

Special to the Neighb News



Hi everyone! As we enjoy the summer and look ahead to a new school year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the incredible things our local youth have accomplished this past year. One of those young leaders is Zarak Ahmad, a rising senior at Milton Academy who turned his passion for squash into an opportunity for local children by creating a free squash program at the Fall River YMCA*. Zarak's goal was to make squash more accessible to young people in the community as he recognized that the sport is often expensive and out of reach for families. However, he saw an opportunity to change this at the Fall River YMCA.

While squash is less familiar to individuals in the United States, it has become a fast-growing racket sport that is played worldwide. It is similar to any other racket sport, in which two players take turns hitting the ball, but instead of hitting the ball over a net, players use the walls of a four-sided court that the ball will hit off of. The ball cannot bounce twice, and players must keep their shots within the boundary lines marked on the wall.

While squash continues to grow in popularity, it has already become a global sport and will be in the LA 28 Olympics for the first time.

Zarak's passion for squash grew when he was in sixth grade, years before he decided to start the program. Although he was playing tennis at the time, his parents introduced him to squash because of their connection to Pakistan, a country known for having some of the greatest squash players in history.

His introduction to squash encouraged him to try out a new racket sport and discover the unique challenges that came with the game.

"When I played, it fascinated me how there was a lot of technical skill like tennis, but also a strong mental

component because of the four walls and the ability to use angles," Zarak said. "That, combined with the fast-paced nature of the game, made me fall in love with it."

Years after playing squash himself, Zarak wanted to give others the same opportunity to discover the sport. However, he recognized that there were some barriers that were preventing others from learning the game, specifically the cost of it in the U.S.

"It has long been seen as a sport of the 'elite,' and I thought that needed to change," Zarak said.

Unsure of where to start, Zarak found an opportunity at the Fall River YMCA and noticed that the courts were barely being put to use.

"I wasn't sure how I would go about this, but I started playing at the Fall River YMCA and realized that the courts were rarely used," he said. "I thought this could be a great way to bring the sport to kids in Fall River who did not have much exposure to it."

After noticing the opportunities he could start at the YMCA, he began to work on making this program come to life with help from a fellow squash player at his school, Caleb Sadhwani, who helped push for the start of the program and get it off the ground.

However, starting up this program involved receiving funding and support from local organizations. Eventually, he was able to receive the support he needed from the BayCoast Bank and Southcoast Health. With the support of these organizations, Zarak was able to provide an opportunity for kids to participate in squash. Alongside Caleb, Zarak runs the program twice a week for two hours.

Zarak said, "Since there are two courts, we usually split up at first, with returning players doing drills and newer players learning the basics. Eventually, we bring everyone together to play and finish with group

games."

The program has already left a positive impact on the Fall River community. According to Zarak, many of the participants have returned for more practices, while new kids continue to join the program by learning about it from others. This program has grown to become successful with the racket donations from BayCoast Bank and Southcoast that have allowed these kids to learn the fundamentals of the game.

Looking ahead, Zarak hopes the program will continue to thrive even after he graduates.

"I do plan to continue the program next year and beyond," he said. "Since both Caleb and I will be in college, we hope to find other students, possibly from our school, who can continue it."

While the program has positively impacted the community, it has allowed Zarak to use his passion to make a lasting impact.

"I think the biggest lesson I learned is the importance of perseverance and not getting discouraged," Zarak said.

As the new school year approaches, Zarak's efforts highlight the positive impact that youth leadership can have on the community and how a simple passion can make a difference.

That's all for this week. Happy summer!

**The Fall River YMCA is part of YMCA Southcoast, which includes New Bedford, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, and Wareham.*



Zarak Ahmed, a senior at Milton Academy, teaches a squash class at the Fall River YMCA, a YMCA Southcoast location. Submitted photos courtesy of Zarak Ahmed, Caleb Sadhwani, and Adam Defrias.

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