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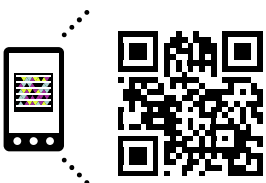
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Teddy Bears invade Fairhaven center



Daisy D. Dots leads the way along Union Street in the center of Fairhaven with Teddy and the other clowns at the 41st annual Teddy Bear Parade on 8/15/26, which celebrates the end of the summer reading program. 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.

No, no, say it ain't so!
WAH! WAH! WAH! The school bus schedule is in this issue (sniff, sniff), you know what that means (page 21).

Before you let summer go, though, check out the pics on page 6: field of white, sea of white, bed of white...alas, who cares? The white flowers in the fields on Sconticut Neck Road are striking this year. I just had to get some pics, but...ah well. The photos do not do them justice. I did learn that they are Queen Anne's Lace, and they have edible roots. Cool, huh?

We've got some meeting coverage for you this week. The rest of the Fairhaven Select Board meeting that I only half covered last week, is on page 4. Board of Public Works is on page 18.

The BPW talked about the poop plants, the main one on Arsene Street and the one on West Island. The Arsene Street neighbors have had a tough summer. With the construction at the plant and in the neighborhood they've had noise and odor.

On West Island, there has been a lot of conjecture and questions about that treatment plant. Jeff Osuch the former Fairhaven Executive Secretary, gave an overview of the process it took to get the West Island plant approved by all who had to approve it. It took three years. I encourage anyone who has questions about who can tie in, if there's capacity, what the restrictions are and why to, go to FairhavenTV.com and call up the 817/26 BPW meeting; fast forward to the 57 minute mark, and listen to the explanation by Mr. Osuch.

Go by the rules and regs and laws, he said.

Really, if you don't like 'em, work to change 'em. Don't just ignore them. They were put there for a reason.

Oh, speaking of rules and regs and laws and disregarding them....the Lawbreaker in Chief actually did something legal....wait for it....The Big Buffoon voted...by mail. Yeah, by mail, AGAIN! He is actively, intensely, relentlessly pushing his ludicrously named SAVE America Act, which would make it illegal to vote by mail because, he says, it's cheating, by it's nature, inherently (well, that's a big word for him so he probably didn't use that word exactly. Of course, when he does, it's okay. How can anyone still support this guy?

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 for primary starts Saturday

Early begins Saturday 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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Fairhaven Select Board discusses Flock camera system

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held a jam-packed meeting on Monday, 8/10/26 to talk about Flock cameras, board appointments, policies and procedures, and possibly changing the town's legal representation.

Police Chief, Daniel Dorgan, gave a presentation to the board on the town's use of Flock cameras. Although largely described as license plate readers, the Flock cameras take a photo of the back of the car and record additional information, including vehicle color, bumper stickers, dents, and other identifying marks.

Chief Dorgan told the board that the town has six Flock cameras and 40 regular cameras in town. He said the system was approved by town meeting in 2018 and is used as an investigative tool to help build probable cause, in conjunction with other information.

Chief Dorgan also told the board that the contract they initially signed has been updated to clarify that the data is owned by the town, not Flock.

The chief also told the board that they recovered a vehicle in Florida, something that would not be possible with the other system.

The cameras have been awash in controversy because it is easy to misuse them. Chief Dorgan said that Fairhaven's cameras cannot track in real time, but some Flock models can. One of the big differences between Flock and other camera systems is that once a jurisdiction gets permission to search another one, e.g., Fairhaven asks Fall River to search their cameras, then they do not have to ask again. They can log in anytime.

One of the other big differences is that neighborhood groups and other

organizations can buy the systems, allowing for a larger group of people, without the same ethics standards as municipalities, to log in.

Jurisdictions across the country have been uninstalling the systems due to misuse by employees. New Bedford has temporarily suspended its Flock system after a police officer allegedly used it to stalk a former lover.

The system can be accessed by anyone with a login from home.

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He said he is happy to speak with anyone who has questions about the system. The board suggested that they set up question and answer session so the public can learn about the system.

Chief Dorgan said he was open to a conversation that is a true Q&A for him to answer questions.

SB Chairperson, Andrew Romano, said he would be happy to facilitate

that.

A citizens petition has been circulated to be presented at the next Town Meeting to remove Flock Cameras from Fairhaven.

The board also voted on some changes to the Board/Committees Handbook.

One of the changes was to change the residency language for board appointments from the SB will "typically show appointing preference to" full-time residents, to, "will appoint full-time Town residents. However, the Board maintains the right to appoint non-residents to ad hoc or advisory committees only where outlined by state law."

They also added the language from the TM vote to limit the number of boards officials can serve on to one for elected officials (the one they were elected to only), and two for appointed officials.

In another matter, the board voted to retain Heather White as general Town Counsel at her new place of employment, Harrington Heep. Petrini & Associates, Ms. White's former employer, is no longer offering the service. Ms. White will also continue to provide legal services to the public works department for the water facilities upgrades.

Board members, Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, and public works superintendent, Vinnie Furtado all spoke highly of Ms. White and her record with the town.

Staying true to form, SB member, Rick Trapilo, said it was an opportunity for the town to review the cost of legal services and get competitive quotes from a variety of firms. The town has an ongoing need

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Lifeguard Coverage Ends

Lifeguard coverage at the Town Beach on West Island in Fairhaven ends on Saturday, 8/22, two weeks before Labor Day, due to budget cuts. The portable toilets will also be removed. The beach parking lot will be open for parking and people may use the beach, but there will be no staff on hand. Use at your own

Green Lanterns FR

The Fairhaven Green Lanterns have been fundraising this summer for The Phoenix Rail Trail signs, with two signs already generously funded. We are now in our final phase of the campaign for the Shaw Road sign. We will be asking for donations in memory of Marin Stackpole, a beloved, beautiful, 17-year-old, who lost her life way too soon.

We hope you will join us in contributing to this remembrance of Marin, a wonderful free spirit, who appreciated life, and every incredible sunset.

Each contribution, large or small, brings us one step closer to creating a lasting memorial in honor of Marin, and a guidepost for residents and visitors alike to enjoy in town for many years to come. Together, let's donate to the Phoenix Rail Trail with a beautiful memorial at the trail at Shaw road for Marin. Her family spent many days enjoying the trail together, and having one of the signs in her memory would mean so much to them.

Contact us Fairhavengreenlanterns@gmail.com. Checks may be mailed to: Green Lanterns 336 Main Street Fairhaven or online at <https://givebutter.com/rail-trail-sign-shaw-road-9nipc>

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

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.

Fhvn Dems Endorse Swallow

The Fairhaven Democratic Town Committee (FDTC) is pleased to announce its endorsement of Craig Swallow for the 9th congressional district. Craig is a democratic candidate for the US House of Representatives. Realizing there needs to be real change in Washington, DC, Craig is committed to fighting for the working and middle classes. Craig believes congressional stock trading should be banned; there should be term limits at the federal level; Medicare should be available for all; and universal pre-K and paid family leave should be accepted practice.

"Craig has been campaigning vigorously for months, meeting and talking with people across the 9th district. He believes in the things that we Democrats stand for and we are proud to endorse him" said Ann Richard, chair of the Fairhaven DTC. "Consistent with our bylaws, the endorsement was discussed at the last meeting. The Committee's vote was unanimous", Richard reported.

Early voting starts in Fairhaven on Saturday, August 22nd at Town Hall. Primary Day is Tuesday, September 1st. Your vote is your voice!

SAVE THE DATES:

Fill-A-Bag

Heavenly Treasures thrift store, at First Congregational Church, 34 Center St. (use William St. entrance), Fairhaven. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fill-A-Bag: \$5/bag (we supply the bags), all women's and men's clothing Aug 29, Sept. 2, Sept. 5

OLOA Feast

The 96th Annual Our Lady of Angels Feast, Sat., 9/5— Mon., 9/7, featuring on the OLOA Feast grounds, 7 Jesse Street, Fairhaven.

Dubbed the "biggest little feast," the 96th annual OLOA festa is a showcase of local Portuguese culture, featuring three days of Portuguese and American food and entertainment. Admission and entertainment are free, purchase required for food and beverages.

Sat. 9/5, 5 p.m.—midnight; Sun., 9/6, noon to midnight; Mon., 9/7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., procession at 1 p.m.

Conrad's Walk

Join us to honor the life of Conrad Roy III in our 5th annual Conrad's Law 5K on 9/12, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven at 9 a.m. This year's event lands on what would have been Conrad's 31st birthday.

Walkers, \$20; runners, \$25. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/4krw5f2p>

We started this event to honor Conrad, but it has become something bigger. It's a chance to remember him, support one another, and shine a light on suicide coercion so more people understand it and know the warning signs.

Whether you walk, run, volunteer, or simply come to be there, you matter. Every person who joins us helps keep Conrad's memory alive and helps spread a message that could save a life.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and walk with us.

Together we can remember Conrad, support those who are struggling, and continue working to prevent suicide coercion.

Bed of white

By Beth David
Editor

There are lots of things in these parts that give off that tranquil vibe from nature, not least of which is a simple field of flowers.

This time of summer, the fields on Sconticut Neck Road that have been preserved by the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust are awash in

Queen Anne's Lace. Drivers, cyclists, walkers, and runners are greeted with a sea of white in several fields. (Sea of white, bed of white...)

The same fields will sprout purple clover and other wild flowers and flowering weeds at different times of the season.

In past years they were planted with corn, and even this year, they got

cut and baled early in the season. But for now, it's a bed of white.

Queen Anne's Lace (*daucus carota*) is also known as wild carrot. It is edible, but as the plant gets older, not so tasty.

Be careful, though, it looks a lot like hemlock, which is famously poisonous. Look for the hairy stems on the Queen Anne's Lace.



ABOVE: The stonewall frames this Sconticut Neck Road field filled with Queen Anne's Lace on 8/15/26. TOP RIGHT: Queen Anne's Lace creates a bed of white and speckled green BELOW RIGHT: The opening in the stonewall creates an enticing invitation to explore the field



While we're in the neighborhood



LEFT: A doe looks right into the camera while hanging out in a field on Sconticut Neck Road recently. *Photo courtesy of Louise Merrick.* RIGHT: A large bird of prey (probably an Osprey) carries a large fish off into the sky over a field on Sconticut Neck Road on 8/17/26. *Photo by Beth David.*



Fairhaven Fire Department battles two fires

Crow Island Structure Fire

From Fairhaven Fire Department
Facebook Page

On August 16 at 10:44 p.m. The Fairhaven Fire Department received a dispatch from Holbrook Regional Communications for a report of a fire on Crow Island. With both ambulances committed to treating patients, Engine 2 was dispatched with 2 personnel and a box was struck for available off-duty personnel to Union Wharf Public Safety Complex to respond in Marine 34. Two career and two call-fire personnel responded in addition to Engine 2's staffing on the initial alarm. New Bedford Fire Department was requested to respond with their fire boat asset, Marine 31.

Located within Fairhaven/New Bedford Harbor, Crow Island has one residential structure as well as two detached structures, one being a small structure resembling a chapel, the other, a gazebo. The fire had started within the chapel and had

begun to involve the gazebo with gas powered equipment inside as well as the high voltage housing for the entire island.

Involved exposures were extinguished, equipment removed and electrical isolated. Crews faced some initial challenges regarding the distance from the shoreline and wind considerations but were able to resolve them quickly and stop the fire from spreading any further.

Both residents were unharmed and remained on Marine 34.

Additional personnel responding from home were brought to the island with the assistance of the Fairhaven Harbor Master. The town's electrical inspector was requested and determined that the electricity to the uninvolvement residence also be cut for the night which displaced the residents.

The cause is still under investigation, is not considered suspicious and no civilians or firefighters were injured.

We would like to note that this is

the first fire incident that our fire suppression boat has operated on. We are grateful that we had the capabilities to perform what was necessary to mitigate this incident swiftly and with minimal delays in this unique situation due to the acquisition of Marine 34 in late 2025.



ABOVE: An electrical wire is on fire on the sidewalk on Sciticut Neck Road near Goulart Memorial Drive on 8/17/26. Photo by Scott Gobar. TOP: The ground is scorched where an electrical wire fell to the sidewalk. Photo by Beth David.

Fairhaven Fire-EMS would like to thank all of the agencies that provided assistance including the Fairhaven Harbor Master, Fairhaven EMA, Fairhaven Police, New Bedford Fire and Police Marine Units.

Electrical Wire on Sciticut Neck Road Catches Fire

A downed electrical wire on Sciticut Neck Road, near the corner of Goulart Memorial Drive caused a power outage for 646 customers for about three hours on Monday, 8/17/26.

Power was restored around 9:25 a.m. Eversource reported that the outage was caused by damage to their electrical equipment. Residents and drivers saw the downed power line and the fire it caused.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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. Remaining dates are:

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

Free For First Responders/Military

The Zeiterion is pleased to offer first responders, U.S. service members, and veterans complimentary tickets to the 1981 film *Stripes* on Monday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m.

The movie is part of The Z's Bill Murray Movie Monday Marathon, which received a surprise appearance by Bill Murray himself earlier in the month. The final film in the series is *Groundhog Day* on August 31. Complimentary tickets to *Stripes* for first responders, U.S. service members, and veterans are available with code AMERICANS at check-out. Tickets can be purchased zeiterion.org, in person at the box office, or by phone at 508-994-2900.

CPA Apps Open

New Bedford's FY27 Community Preservation Act application cycle opens with an application technical workshop at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 on the third floor of the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St.

The CPC strongly encourages all those interested in applying for funding during this cycle to attend the workshop to learn about the changes to the application process. A budget of approximately \$1.9 million will be available to fund CPA-eligible projects. Q&A will follow the.

Application materials will be available on the City's website <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/planning/community-preservation/> on Sept. 4.

Free Shakespeare

Shakespeare in New Bedford: Hamlet. Remaining dates are August 20, 21, 22, 7:30pm; August 23, 2pm. At Rotch-Jones-Duff House, 396 County St., NB. In Partnership with Reverie Theatre Group

Bringing the Bard's most poignant plays to audiences of all ages and walks of life, RTG presents a chilling and timely take on Hamlet. Set in a Baptist church in the present-day, American south, this production interrogates the supposed divide between church and state, while also exploring the play's most enduring themes of mortality, madness, and moral corruption. Donations are accepted in lieu of a ticket fee.

This program is supported in part by grants from the Acushnet, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, and New Bedford Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. It is also supported in part by the Wicked Cool Places grant funded by the City of New Bedford through its Arts, Culture & Tourism Fund, and is facilitated by New Bedford Creative at the New Bedford Economic Development Council. Additional funding provided by the Stoico Foundation.

Symphony Quartet

Musicians from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra will be at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum on September 13th from 3pm to 4pm for a mixed program of strings. Bryce Martin and Fariba Hunold will play violin, Maureen Heflinger will be on the viola, and Stefan Gabriel will round out the quartet on the cello.

The performance happens under the 19th century pergola in the RJD garden. In case of rain, the concert will occur under the tent. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawn, or sit in the provided seating.

Tickets available at the door and are \$12 for RJD members and \$18 for the general public.

The Museum is located at 396

County Street, New Bedford. It is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Between Memorial Day and Indigenous People's Day, it is also open Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Advance booking is not required. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for AAA members, seniors and students; and \$3 for children (age 7-17). The Museum is free for RJD members as well as for EBT, Connector-Care, WIC, and Wunderfund cardholders. The RJD gardens are open to the public at no cost and available to visit from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Visitors are urged to go to rjdmuseum.org to review the most current information on hours and programs.

SAVE THE DATES:

Lebanese Festival

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

Free admission. Cash bar and food available for purchase. Featuring live entertainment, delicious Lebanese and American food, saj, dancing, raffles, hookah. Entertainment by Mitchell Kaltsunas (Friday), Ahmad AlKaisi (Saturday), Wood Dr. Band (Saturday afternoon).

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

CNA Training

The MassHire Greater New Bedford Workforce Board, serving as the lead applicant for the MassHire Southeast Region 6 Workforce Boards, has been awarded a new \$499,865 Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund grant through Commonwealth Corporation to sustain Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training throughout South-eastern Massachusetts.

Individuals interested in future training opportunities or healthcare employers interested in partnering with the initiative may contact Jacqueline Sylvia, Senior Director, at 774.762.5064 or email jacqueline@mhgnb.com.

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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: 8/26, Thames St., Newport, RI; 9/2, Plainridge Park Casino; 9/9, Plymouth Shopping; 9/16, Mashpee Commons; 9/23, Providence Place Mall; 9/30, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's

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 administra-

tion, 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. 24, *Adrift* Romance, Drama, Action, Adventure, Disaster, Melodrama, Thriller, Suspense. *Based on a true story.* Tami Oldham and Richard Sharp couldn't anticipate that they would be sailing directly into one of the most catastrophic hurricanes in recorded history. In the aftermath of the storm, Tami awakens to find Richard badly injured and their boat in ruins. With no hope of rescue, Tami must now find the strength and determination to save herself and the only man she has ever loved.

Aug. 31, *Trading Places* Comedy. Louis Winthorpe III is an executive in

one of Philadelphia's leading investment firms. While Billy Ray Valentine has spent his entire life in the ghetto surviving on his wits. They find their positions reversed in a scheme set in motion by the greedy, conniving Duke brothers, founders of the brokerage firm where Winthorpe is a partner.

End of Summer Bash Register by 8/24

End of Summer Bash at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, Sept. 4. Featuring burgers & hot dogs, entertainment by Mike Dardis.

MUST call by 8/24 to register, 508-979-4029. Suggested donation of \$3 to Coastline is much appreciated.

Walking Group

Walk with friends at the Rec Center gym next door from 12–12:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. FREE. Classic hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's. It's the perfect way to stay active, lift your spirits, and connect with others.

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WILLY WONKA/ OUTDOOR MOVIE

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 & 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

PRE-K SOCCER

Ages 3-5 Recreation Staff Tue, Sept 8-Oct 6 3:45 PM-4:30 PM Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60. Pre-K Soccer Fun is a dynamic and interactive class that introduces children to the basic concepts of soccer while emphasizing fun, imagination, and socialization. Through age-appropriate activities and games, staff create a positive learning atmosphere that encourages children to explore and experiment with the sport. Sessions focus on developing key motor skills such as running, jumping, kicking, and coordination. We use various fun exercises and games to help children

build a strong foundation for athletic development. Shin-guards are welcome but not necessary

SOCCER Ages 6-9

Recreation Staff Tue, Sept 8-Oct 6 4:45PM-5:30 PM Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60 Location: Fairhaven Rec back field. This class introduces children to basic soccer concepts while emphasizing fun and friendships. Our instructors create a positive learning atmosphere that encourages children to have fun with the sport. We use various fun exercises and games to help children build a strong foundation for development. Shin guards are encouraged but not necessary.

Recipe of the Week

Lemon Ricotta Cake

12 tablespoons grams salted butter, cubed, softened, plus more for greasing the pan
1 cup grams plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
1 lb whole-milk ricotta, drained
4 large eggs
1 teaspoon almond extract
Grated zest and juice of 2 lemons (about 1/4 cup juice and 1 tablespoon zest)
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
Apricot jam, for topping

Heat oven to 350°. Butter a 10" springform pan. Sprinkle interior of the pan with 2 tbsps sugar.

In a stand mixer (or large mixing bowl, using a hand mixer), cream butter and sugar on high speed until pale. Add ricotta and beat until mixture is fluffy, scraping down sides with a spatula as necessary.

Whisk in the eggs, almond extract, lemon zest and juice, and beat until fluffy at high speed, 5 minutes. (Don't worry if the mixture separates.)

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and baking soda. Add dry mixture to the wet mixture and beat at low speed until incorporated.

Transfer mixture to springform and bake until an inserted toothpick emerges clean and dry, 45 minutes.

Cool on a wire rack, then remove from pan and transfer to a serving plate.

Warm apricot jam in a small pan (thin with a little water if necessary.) Use a brush or spatula to spread jam in a thin layer over the surface of the cake.

Dear Frankie



Summer Chores

Dear Frankie,
Before summer began, my parents and I struck a deal: I'd earn my allowance by handling chores like taking out the trash, watering the garden, and keeping an

eye on Ralph, our new puppy, a few days each week. But this summer turned out to be a scorcher, so I've been out there with the hose almost every day.

When our old grill finally gave up, Dad replaced it with a shiny new one, and suddenly we're hosting endless barbecues, which means mountains of trash for me to haul away.

Meanwhile, Ralph has become more active by the day. The only things that calm him down are swimming laps and epic hikes.

When I asked my parents to double my allowance for all the extra work, Dad asked if I would have asked to have my allowance cut in half if it rained all summer, and Ralph just snoozed and watched Lassie reruns. I don't know what I would do; all I know is I have worked more this summer than I expected.

Sandy

Dear Sandy,

I understand you think you should be compensated for the extra work. But you agreed on a price to do the chores. Once an agreement is made, it is understood that you will do whatever it takes to complete the work for the agreed-upon price.

Next time you contract to do a job, you might first agree upon the number of hours you will work on each chore, and if it takes more time than that, you will be paid an agreed-upon amount per hour.

In your situation, you might ask your parents to consider a bonus for doing a job that was harder than either of you expected. This will allow them to be generous and you to be grateful for being rewarded.

Best, Frankie

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Join The Apple Peach Parade

Under a month away is our Apple Peach Festival. The Parade is happening rain or shine on Sunday September 13th. Please if you want to participate in the parade be at Pope Park, corner of Main and Pope Streets, by 9 a.m. and be ready to roll for 10 a.m. We can throw candy so stock up.

The route is 5 miles from the park to the grounds at the Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St.

We want to make this year's parade bigger than ever. Hope to see you all there. There are still no walkers in the parade.

Guns 'n Hoses Game

IT'S GAME TIME!

The 4th Annual Acushnet Guns 'N' Hoses Softball Game is this Friday.

Come out and support the Acushnet Police & Acushnet Fire Fighters Association as we battle it out on the softball field. Fri., 8/21 at 7 p.m. at the one and only Pope Park, Acushnet (corner Main and Pope Streets).

Bring the family, bring your friends, and bring your team spirit!

It's always a great night of community, competition, and fun!

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

CV Music Fest

Cape Verdean Recognition Music Festival, Sat., 8/22, 3–9 p.m., Stackhouse

Fairgrounds (16 Faith St., Dartmouth, MA 02740). Tickets: \$50 Advance (Grab them early and save!)

\$60 At the door Visit <https://www.cvrinc.org/blank-5> for tickets

Delicious food and drinks will be fully stocked and available for purchase! Don't wait until the day of—tag your crew, clear your calendar, pack up your lawn chairs and get your tickets today! Let's pack the fairgrounds!

Shoutout to our incredible sponsor, Colonial Honda of Dartmouth, for helping make this day happen!

At Acushnet Library

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

Music on the Porch Day

Celebrate Play Music on the Porch Day with us, Sat., 8/29. 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. 26 (Rescheduled from 7/29 due to weather): G & Friends. Marie S. Howard School Alum George Piva returns to the Acushnet Public Library. G & Friends will perform contemporary adult music under the pavilion from 6 pm. This five-piece band features George Piva on Guitar, Marvin Perry on Vocals, Mike Moran on Bass, Rick Andre on Drums, and Dennis Cook on Sax.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

Apple-Peach Festival

Celebrate the Apple Peach Festival's 45th Year! Sept. 12th & 13th, 10:00 - 6:00PM, at Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St. Acushnet.

PARADE: Sun., 9/13, Departing from Pope Park at 10:00am and ending at the festival at 11:00am. You do not have to register for the parade, just show up!

Featuring music all day long, vendors, fun activities, museum open.

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

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

Questions and all other inquiries: applepeachfest@gmail.com or visit <https://applepeachfestival.com/>

Pedal for the Path

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) will hold its seventh regional bike ride, Pedal for the Path, on Sunday, August 30. Beginning and ending at Running Brook Vineyard, 335 Old Fall River Road, Dartmouth. Register at <https://southcoastbikeway.com>

Teddy Bears invade Fairhaven in friendly takeover

By Beth David
Editor

Teddy Bears large and small and all manner of stuffed animals invaded the center of Fairhaven in a friendly takeover that included clowns, face painting, bubbles, and lots of giggles.

The 41st annual Teddy Bear Parade, which actually celebrates the end of the summer reading program, started and ended at the corner of Walnut and Center Streets, with activities on the lawn of the Unitarian Church on 8/15/26.

Daisy D. Dots and her contingent of clowns painted faces, performed a few tricks and otherwise kept the event as festive as possible.

"Norman Rockwell would love this event," said Lee as she watched the parade pass along Union Street.

And it did seem very Rockwell-sh,

with sunny skies, warm temperatures, low humidity, and a refreshing breeze.

Young Griffin and Connor were enjoying their first Teddy Bear Parade.

"Everybody is having a blast," said mom Michelle.

The event has been around long enough that parents who went as children are now taking their children. Some have traveled from afar, including New York and

California.

The parade is sponsored by the Millicent Library. Learn more at www.millicentlibrary.org



TOP: Ellie Diaz Sullivan is mesmerized by the magic of silk fans during festivities after the 41st annual Teddy Bear Parade in the center of Fairhaven on 8/15/26, which celebrates the end of the summer reading program. ABOVE LEFT: Andrew Durrigan makes a huge bubble during festivities after the parade. ABOVE RIGHT: Griffin, Michelle, Connor, and Dave pose for a photo after the parade. BELOW LEFT: Spectators watch closely as a roving clown demonstrates the cup-and-ball game (yeah, that's a toilet plunger) BELOW RIGHT: Young Avery is delighted after she bursts a huge bubble, while twin sister, Olivia, reaches for the next one during festivities after the parade. Photos by Beth David.



Care Free Homes takes game on in FAYB Majors Final

Care Free Homes and Profishant Services faced off in game one of the Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball Majors Division Championship Finals on 8/10/26, the start of a three-game series at Pope Park in Acushnet.

Care Free Homes fell behind early in the game, trailing 5-1, but rallied with 4 runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to tie the game at 5-5, and walked off with a victory powered by a Kellen Hughes walk off double to deliver the Game-One win to Care Free Homes, 6-5.



TOP: Dylan Farias of Profishant (RIGHT), and Scott Vardo of Care Free Homes both react to the umpire's call in the late innings of Game one of the Fairhaven/Acushnet Youth Baseball Majors Division Championship Finals at Pope Park in Acushnet on 8/10/26. ABOVE LEFT: Brooks Seed of Care Free Homes delivers a pitch during the fourth inning with his team trailing 5-1; Seed would go on to strike out 7, and scatter 2 hits as his teammates rallied for a 6-5 come from behind win. ABOVE RIGHT: Kellen Hughes of Care Free Homes admires his work, as this bottom of the sixth double gave his team the lead BELOW LEFT: Thomas Muldoon (45) of Care Free Homes races home with the game's winning run, as his coach Chris Vardo raises his arms in celebration BELOW RIGHT: Kellen Hughes is mobbed by his Care Free Homes teammates after his sixth inning double delivered a walk off win. *Photos by Bruce David.*





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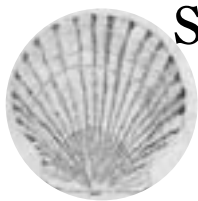
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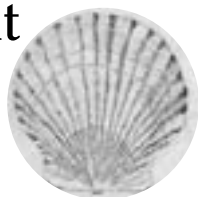
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The board voted to use Harrington Heep and to also issue an RFP (Request for Proposals) to compare costs.

The board also voted to give Mr. Hickey a \$3,000 bonus. Board members cited his professionalism and his skill during the difficult and tense budget season, especially since he was hired in the middle of it.

Mr. Trapilo questioned the additional money, saying real jobs are on the line in other departments because of the town's financial situation. He said they should defer the decision until they had a better handle on the town's finances.

Mr. Hickey noted that the bonus

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CUSTODIANS Reliable person needed for full time custodial position, daytime hours. Part time also available. Will need to pass background check. Good references required; exp. helpful. Call 508-400-4494.

YARD/GARAGE SALES

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
Neimad Corp., 57 Fairhaven Road,
Mattapoisett. Sat., 8/22, 9-2

comes out to a 1.6% raise, and he agreed to a bonus instead of regular raises or cost of living increases because of the town's financial situation.

The vote was 4-1 to award the bonus, with Mr. Trapilo voting "no."

The board also discussed a number of appointments to several boards. They appointed former SB member, Keith Silvia, to the Atlas Tack Working Group; and chose members of the new Budget Working Group (see 8/13/26 issue).

The board also voted not to appoint Erin Carr to the Livable Streets Committee. Ms. Carr is not a resident, but owns property in town and has a business in Fairhaven. She grew up in Fairhaven and went to Fairhaven schools. She currently resides in Mattapoisett.

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Health

Wed., 8/26, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon. 8/31, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Elections Dept.

Tues., 8/25, Town Hall, 8 a.m.

To test voting equipment

Finance Committee

Mon., 8/24, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

At Large candidate interviews
Thurs., 8/26, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets

Thurs., 8/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Open Space & Rec

Mon., 8/24, Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 8/26, FHS Media Ctr., 6:30

Select Board

Mon., 8/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

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

Conservation Commission

Wed., 8/26, Police Station, 6 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/1, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug. 2026		HIGH a.m.	p.m.	LOW a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	20	0212	1441	0709	2228	
Friday	21	0304	1535	0817	2339	
Saturday	22	0402	1637	0918	---	
Sunday	23	0510	1739	0030	---	
		---	---	1024	---	
Monday	24	0606	1827	0110	---	
		---	---	1145	---	
Tuesday	25	0649	1907	0142	1218	
Wednesday	26	0727	1944	0124	1251	
Thursday	27	0804	2021	0125	1327	
Friday	28	0842	2100	0154	1408	
Saturday	29	0923	2141	0229	1453	
Sunday	30	1004	2223	0309	1537	
Monday	31	1047	2307	0349*	1619	

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

**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, August 31, 2026 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will conduct a Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands Bylaw. The meeting will be located at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

In-person attendance is permitted for the public and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 97 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the meeting remotely Log on to the following:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQkktVi9XSzR5d0pZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

Or call: 1-929-205-6099

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

Copies of the applications and site plans may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website under current filings.

a. **CON 023-589: 50 Middle Street, Map 9, Lot 1 & 116A** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC to perform a subsurface geotechnical investigation at the project site to characterize existing subsurface soil conditions and collect engineering data necessary to support the planning, evaluation, and design of future waterfront improvements. Work to include (7) over-water geotechnical borings advanced between 5 & 80 feet with 10' bedrock cores at (2) water boring locations. (7) borings will be over water adjacent to existing bulkhead, piers, floats, and vessel access facilities and extend into the harbor within the area of the existing working waterfront.

Project falls within Land Under Ocean and Land Containing Shellfish.

b. **CON 023-405, SE 023-1449: Starboard Drive (ANR 1), Map 42, Lot 9B** Request for an Amended Order of Conditions filed by Robert S. & Joyce Cummings to change the sewer disposal system leaching area from a Cultec Chamber System to an Eljen GFS Leaching System. The excavation for the leaching area will be reduced by 60%. Site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (EI.19').

c. **CON 023-590: 52 & 0 Cottonwood Street, Map 43C, Lots 120 & 122** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Geof Shaw to construct a 12'x16' utility shed within parcel 120 (0 Cottonwood Street). Site falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone, VE (EI.20').

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 8/20/26

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday August 26, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Acushnet Police Station Conference Room located at 64 Middle Road.**

A Notice of Intent was filed by Nick Pacheco for property located at 22 Blain Street, Map 24, Lot 145B. The applicant proposes to add an addition. The applicant is represented by Prime Engineering Inc.

Information may be obtained by calling the Conservation Commission office, 508-998-0200.

Christian DeSousa, Acting Chair
FNN, 8/20/26

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

Tuesday Sept. 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts
Public Hearing In-Person at Town Hall or
via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScUtiVzJCQT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513
7952 Passcode: 361259

1. **Zoning Determination:** The Board will reclassify on the zoning determination associated with the applications for the properties located at 249 Main Street and 97 Balsam Street. Upon further review, the requested zoning relief was improperly classified as a variance rather than a special permit. The Board will not reconsider the underlying decision on the application.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 8/13/26, 8/20/26

TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Acushnet Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings at its meeting on on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the meeting room in Town Hall, located at 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA.

- In accordance with Chapter 140, MA General Laws, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the application of Main Street Auto Sales to apply for a Class II Motor Vehicle License to buy, sell, exchange or assemble second hand motor vehicles on 625 Main Street, Acushnet, MA.

- Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the MA General Laws that an open Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held to approve a Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers/Directors for an existing Wine and Malt Beverages Package Store License, premises consists of one floor with a sales area, 5 door walk in cooler with a back room and storage area (+/- 3600 sq. ft) and numbered 158 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert Hinckley
Ryan Rezendes

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FNN, 8/20/26, 8/27/26

Fairhaven BPW to price out monitoring equipment

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 8/17/26, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works voted to get estimates on equipment that will measure hydrogen sulfide (HS), which causes an odor in the neighborhood adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on Arsene Street. Two members of the Board of Health, Barbara Acksen, and Justine Frezza attended the meeting to advocate for the equipment; Health Agent, David Flaherty, also attended.

The department already has monitoring equipment for HS, but not in the neighborhood, only in and immediately around the plant, and on the workers themselves.

A group of neighbors asked for the monitoring equipment, saying that even low levels of HS over prolonged periods of time can cause health problems.

BPW chairperson, Brian Wotten, repeatedly said he did not understand how monitoring equipment so far away from the plant would be beneficial. He said the monitors that

are closer to the origin of any HS would go off if levels get too high.

Neighbors and the BOH members said they wanted to measure the HS when it is at lower levels and correlate it to health complaints.

The board's engineer, Ian Catlow, confirmed that HS will cause an odor at the low level of .0005, but the alarms do not go off until at least ten times higher than that.

Mr. Catlow explained that there are different kinds of monitors available, but he did not think there were any that could record and be accessed in real time out in the field.

The idea is to set up the monitors at the edge of the WWTP property near the neighborhood. A huge construction project of 16 houses is underway and resulted in the clearing of a lot of trees.

This summer, neighbors said, the odor reached all the way to Walmart blocks beyond their neighborhood in all directions.

Public Works superintendent, Vinnie Furtado, said they had instituted mitigation measures after

the neighbors complained, and he felt they were successful.

"I'm not saying it didn't stink to high heaven," said Mr. Furtado, admitting in June it was "awful."

The WWTP is undergoing an extensive upgrade, he said which is complicating matters. After it is completed and everything settles down, the mitigation measures will be permanent. Those measures mostly include adding certain chemicals that cancel out the odor.

The discussion bounced around for about an hour. BPW member, Hoppy Hobson, made the motion to get prices on the equipment.

"We can talk about this all night long," said Mr. Hobson, adding they should price it out to see if it's feasible. "I wouldn't want to live in that neighborhood myself, I'll tell you that right now."

The board did not have a formal vote, but asked Mr. Catlow research the options. They will talk about it at a future meeting.

The BOH stayed put for the next

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Obituary: Jason “Jake” Jacobsen



Jason “Jake” Jacobsen

Jason “Jake” Jacobsen, 56, of Daytona Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully at AdventHealth Hospice in Altamonte Springs following a long illness.

Born to the late Reidun T. (Mannes) Jacobsen and Capt. Peder “Pete” U. Jacobsen, both originally of Karmøy, Norway, Jake

grew up on Poverty Point in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. He spent his youth playing neighborhood ball, swimming at West Island, visiting relatives in Norway, and working summers in his family’s commercial fishing business.

A gifted athlete, Jake played football, basketball, and baseball and was a celebrated center for the Fairhaven High School basketball team from 1984 to 1988. He earned a full Division II basketball scholarship to Stonehill College, where he graduated in 1992.

Jake moved to Daytona Beach in 1993. A talented craftsman, he worked in commercial renovation and specialized in plastering. He loved biking, the beach, gardening, fishing

from local docks, and New England sports. His Southern Baptist Christian faith became an important source of strength later in life.

Friends in Daytona Beach and beyond remember his sharp wit, biting sarcasm, stubbornness, generous spirit, and loyal friendships.

Jason is survived by his sister, Noelle Jacobsen, and brother-in-law, Vincent “Vince” L. Stellato, of Greater Orlando, Florida, along with extended family and friends in Bristol County, Massachusetts, Florida, and Norway.

No public service will be held. Those who would like to remember Jake in a tangible way are invited to support the Volusia-Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.

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agenda item, which was a review of Title V (septic systems) regulations for West Island and the West Island Sewer Bylaw.

West Island has a WWTP (WITP) that services just the houses on the island. It was created through a complicated process that included the several state agencies, the federal government, and local boards, including the board of health.

The WITP has a hard cap on the number of houses that can tie into it, and that number has been reached. In recent years, there have been a number of houses being built, that need to have septic systems. Almost all the house lots on West Island are 6,000 square feet, which is not a lot of room for a modern septic system.

Some West Island residents have asked that the BOH and BPW review if those septic systems are polluting the marshes and the waters around the island.

Mr. Flaherty told the board that he was looking at some new regulations that would require newer systems that are smaller, but do a better job of removing nitrogen from the wastewater that is released into the ground.

He said the state is encouraging building on smaller lots and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Jeffrey Osuch, who was the town’s Executive Secretary when the WITP was built, gave a history of the effort to build the plant.

It involved buying back part of the

state reservation to build the wicks (wells) that would take the treated effluent (discharge from the plant). That permission had to come from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

It literally required special legislation on the state level, and it required the Board of Health to accept the regulations, and a vote of Town Meeting.

Mr. Osuch said the whole process took three years.

It was precipitated by two hurricanes: Gloria in 1985 and Hurricane Bob in 1991. During Bob, the drinking water wells got contaminated by the septic systems.

The first thing that happened was that town water was extended to West Island with the help of grants and low interest loans from the state.

Then the WITP, which also benefited from grants and low interest loans.

Mr. Osuch questioned the size of some of the recently built houses. New houses on West Island are limited to two bedrooms, he said. No one is allowed to add a third bedroom. That makes it impossible to add ADUs on the island.

Mr. Osuch also addressed the notion that when the current septic systems eventually fail, that the owners will be allowed to tie into the WITP.

“That is not going to happen,” he said. “Unless you change the special legislation.”

He said all the information is easily available, and he did not understand how all the building is happening on the island.

“I’m just cautioning this board,” he said. “There are a lot of things going on there that are starting to raise red flags in my mind.”

He said he suspected that some people on the island had tied in their sump pumps to the sewer, which is causing enormous problems during rainstorms. He said they need to do a house to house search to stop the practice. The system is being overwhelmed both on West Island and at Arsene Street.

“People don’t realize how complicated this whole project was,” said Mr. Osuch, adding there was zoning, Coastal Zone Management (state agency), Department of Environmental Protection, and other state agencies that had to be receptive to the concept.

Mr. Osuch questioned how some of the building got approved if BOH was actually following its own regulations.

“If you don’t like the rules that exist, then take the steps to change it,” he said, do not just ignore them.

The board also interviewed and hired Zachary Francis as a full time permanent Laborer in the Highway Department. Mr. Francis has been working for the department this summer.

The meeting is available on demand at FairhavenTV.com

From our Readers

Select Board Meeting

Thank you *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* for the objective coverage of Rick Trapilo and the budget committee candidates (8/13/20 issue) at the Select Board meeting on 8/10/26. It is reassuring to know that some candidates are highly skilled, with proven records, and well-equipped to serve our community.

Most residents know by now, we are in poor fiscal health. We must develop new strategies to generate revenue and optimize tax dollars while meeting the essential needs of our residents. It is crucial to realign our priorities — including the allocation of taxpayer (CPA) funds and other financial resources — without relying on additional bond bills and piling on more debt to the people of Fairhaven.

For instance, the \$5 billion Affordable Homes Act passed in August 2024 requires taxpayers to fund interest owed to investors. Despite this legislation, housing prices remain unattainable for middle-income residents, and rents continue to rise significantly, with some new apartments in our local towns costing as much as \$3,000 per month. This raises serious questions about the effectiveness of the 2024 act and its actual beneficiaries.

While there are efforts to develop Fairhaven into a tourist destination, we remain primarily a family hometown. Many local families are currently struggling with high rents and no affordable home buying options, and an excessive push and focus for tourism will only exacerbate these financial strains. As I noted in previous correspondence to this newspaper four years ago, the influx of short-term rentals has contributed to pricing out median-income residents from homeownership, significantly impacting our town's current financial deficit. I have shared several successful revenue-generating ideas compiled from other localities, that at the same time put people into affordable home purchasing. While those homes also generate revenue and optimize-original funding resources that are paid by our taxes.

Additionally, I want to express my concern regarding the installation of Flock surveillance cameras prior to public discussion. This technology

raises valid privacy and constitutional concerns. It would have been beneficial to mention during the meeting that resources are available for residents to check if their license plates have been logged. Furthermore, I question the necessity of placing a camera near the waterfront ice cream stand and whether its purpose extends to monitoring boat traffic. While community protection is vital, it should not come at the expense of personal privacy that could be invaded by officials that lack integrity. Research indicates that these surveillance cameras are being removed in some towns due to documented misuse by town officials, and warnings about mass surveillance. People do the research and speak up. It is true, watchers need to be watched.

I was disappointed by the decision to exclude Erin Carr from the Livable Streets Committee. Given her history in the town and active involvement with the bike path, her commitment is evident.

I understand the two Select Board members who voted no, could have made an exception, but chose not to. Need we ask why?

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven

America at a Crossroads

I believe I wrote a letter with a similar title a while back outlining the importance of the 2024 election. I believe it was the intervention of God and the efforts of American patriots Trump won.

The great patriot president Ronald Reagan said freedom can be lost in one generation. It's as true now as it was back then.

Much of the present-day Democratic party bears no resemblance to the party of President John Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

They have been hijacked by socialist communists whose goal is power and control. They are smooth, persuasive speakers who promise everything but ultimately deliver nothing, free health care, free housing, free groceries, a paycheck whether you work or not. In other words the communist manifesto, the workers paradise.

These are the enticements they

use to deceive and seduce people. However, when they achieve power, they become entirely ruthless. Millions upon millions have been slaughtered by ruthless Communist dictators like Russia's Stalin, China's Mao Zedong, North Korea's Kim Jong-un.

America is unique in world history. At no time in world history have so many people enjoyed the freedoms and opportunities so many have. For the most part, our founding fathers believed in God, many were Christians. They believed the inalienable right of individuals to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were God given rights as stated in the preamble of our Constitution and enshrined in the First Amendment of our Bill of Rights which guarantees the freedom of religion, speech, press, and the right to petition the government. These rights were secured by the men and women who fought and died for them to the present age.

Sadly, it seems that too many Americans have lost sight of this. We have become too complacent. The truth is we have it too good, myself included.

In many ways it's not the same country I grew up in. I remember when people were ashamed to be on welfare. Marriage was between a man and a woman. Sex outside of marriage was frowned upon. We said the Lord's prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms. American history was taught the way it happened.

However, I am not despairing. There are still many patriotic Americans. The legacy of Charlie Kirk lives on. Many young people are coming to Bible-preaching churches. Many have joined the service, become police and firemen.

Because I love this country and have enjoyed the freedoms and opportunities that I have had, I will continue to support candidates who love and cherish this country, support the Constitution, and will be willing to fight and die for it.

In closing, I would like to say if not for Trump, Iran would have the atomic bomb and the ICBMs to deliver them. He needs to continue to eradicate them, if not they will be coming for us.

John Pond, Fairhaven

Fairhaven PS Secondary Bus Routes 2026-27

Fairhaven High School and Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School

EHMS/FHS F-1		EHMS/FHS F-2		EHMS/FHS F-3	
6:49 AM	Fisherman Rd. & Cottonwood St.	6:50 AM	New Boston Rd. & Alexander Ln.	6:43 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Jameson St.
6:52 AM	Cottonwood St. & Goulart Memorial Dr.	6:54 AM	New Boston Rd.	6:46 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Manhattan Ave.
6:56 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Camel St.	7:04 AM	New Boston Rd. & Charity Stevens Ln.	6:48 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Hathaway St.
6:59 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Grandview Ave.	7:05 AM	New Boston Rd. & Bridge St.	6:51 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Bonney St.
7:02 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Capeview St.	7:07 AM	Mill Rd. & Bridge St.	6:55 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Smith St.
7:04 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Wigwam Beach Rd.	7:09 AM	Mill Rd. & Hidden Dr.	6:58 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Briercliffe Rd.
7:06 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Wayne St.	7:12 AM	Mill Rd. & Eddy St.	7:01 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Sunset Beach Rd.
7:08 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Day St.			7:02 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd.
7:10 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Timothy St.			7:03 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Winsegansett Ave.
				7:05 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Goulart Memorial Dr.

EHMS/FHS F-4		EHMS/FHS F-5		EHMS/FHS F-6	
7:05 AM	Gellette Rd. & Judson Dr.	7:00 AM	Main St. & Haste St.	6:50 AM	Cedar St. & Farmfield St.
7:09 AM	Shaw Rd. & Stoney Cove Terrace	7:01 AM	Alden Rd. & Tootle Ln.	7:00 AM	Huttleston Ave. & Arsene St.
7:10 AM	Shaw Rd. & Forestview Dr.	7:02 AM	Alden Rd. & Deerfield Ln.	7:04 AM	Weeden Rd. & Babbitt St.
7:12 AM	Rt. 6 & Shaw Rd.	7:04 AM	Alden Rd. & Faith Ave.	7:05 AM	Weeden Rd. & Mark Dr.
7:13 AM	Rt. 6 & Sylvia St.	7:06 AM	Alden Rd. & Oliver St.	7:07 AM	Babbitt St. & Studley St.
7:14 AM	Rt. 6 & Jeannette St.	7:08 AM	Oliver St. & Oliver St.	7:09 AM	Hill St. & Brook Dr.
7:16 AM	Rt. 6 & Nasketucket Way	7:11 AM	Alden Rd. & Sharon St.	7:12 AM	Rt. 6 & Gellette Rd.
7:19 AM	Rt. 6 & Welcome St.	7:13 AM	Boston Hill Rd. & Roseanne Dr.	7:15 AM	Narragansett Blvd. & Elmwood Ave.
		7:15 AM	Alden Rd. & Laura Ln.	7:17 AM	Shirley St. & Hampton Way
		7:18 AM	Staffon Rd. & Long Rd.		

NOTES

Fairhaven High School School Hours: 7:35AM - 2:07PM Early Release Hours: 7:35AM - 11:10AM

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School Hours: 7:45AM - 2:17PM Early Release Hours: 7:45AM - 11:20AM

Students should arrive to their stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time, and remain at the stop at least 5 minutes after the scheduled pickup time for the bus.

Please call your child's school with transportation questions and concerns.

Fairhaven High School (508) 979-4051 | Elizabeth I. Hastings Middle School (508) 979-4063

Leroy L. Wood Bus Routes 2026-27

Leroy L. Wood School | 60 Sconticut Neck Rd. | 508-979-4073

LWS F-1

8:05 AM	Cottonwood St. & Goulart Memorial Dr.
8:13 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Camel St.
8:14 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Ocean Ave.
8:15 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Capeview St.
8:16 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Wigwam Beach Rd.
8:18 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Wayne St.
8:19 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Day St.

LWS F-3

8:08 AM	Alden Rd. & Long Rd.
8:14 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Hathaway St.
8:16 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Bonney St.
8:17 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Raymond St.
8:18 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Briercliffe Rd.
8:19 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Sunset Beach Rd.
8:22 AM	Sconticut Neck Rd. & Winsegansett Ave.

LWS F-6

8:06 AM	Adams St. & School St.
8:08 AM	Adams St. & Hemlock St.
8:11 AM	Century Dr. & Kacey Ln.
8:13 AM	Main St. & Taber St.
8:14 AM	Main St. & Hedge St.

8:16 AM	Bridge St. & Park Ave.
8:17 AM	Bridge St. & Mulberry St.
8:18 AM	Bridge St. & Homestead
8:19 AM	Bridge St. & Rogers St.
8:20 AM	Bridge St. & Roy St.

LWS F-8

8:07 AM	Boston Hill Rd. & Roseanne Dr.
8:12 AM	South St. & Rogers School
8:17 AM	Green St. & Farmfield St.
8:19 AM	Green St. & Cedar St.
8:22 AM	Farmfield St. & Pleasant St.

LWS F-9

8:03 AM	Linden Ave. & Francis St.
8:05 AM	Linden Ave. & Castle Ave.
8:07 AM	North St. & Castle Ave.
8:11 AM	Washington St. & Elizabeth St.
8:12 AM	Washington St. & Bryant Ln.
8:13 AM	Washington St. & McGann Terr

8:14 AM	Washington St. & Adams St.
8:15 AM	Washington St. & Chestnut St.
8:17 AM	Main St. & Spring St.
8:18 AM	Spring St. & Terry St.
8:20 AM	Spring St. & Autumn St.
8:22 AM	Spring St. & Rochambeau St.

Leroy L. Wood School Hours: 8:40 a.m.–2:50 p.m.
Early Release Hours: 8:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
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pickup time for the bus.
Please call your child's school with transportation questions and concerns. Leroy L. Wood School: 508-979-4073

East Fairhaven Bus Routes 2026-27

East Fairhaven Elementary School | 2 New Boston Rd. | 508-979-4058

EFS

F-2

EFS

F-4

7:55 AM	Narragansett Blvd. & Elmwood Ave.	8:03 AM	Hill St. & Brook Dr.
8:01 AM	Mill Rd. & Eddy St.	8:05 AM	Gellette Rd. & Judson Dr.
8:03 AM	Mill Rd. & Meadow Ln.	8:07 AM	Shaw Rd. & Stoney Cove Terrace
8:07 AM	Mill Rd. & Antone Dr.	8:08 AM	Shaw Rd. & Forestview Dr.
8:09 AM	Mill Rd. & Hidden Dr.	8:10 AM	Shaw Rd. & Rt. 6
8:10 AM	Bridge St.	8:11 AM	Rt. 6 & Perry St.
8:15 AM	New Boston Rd.	8:12 AM	Rt. 6 & Jeannette St.
8:21 AM	New Boston Rd. & Charity Stevens Ln.	8:15 AM	Rt. 6 & Welcome St
		8:16 AM	Weeden Rd. & Dartmouth St.

EFS

F-5

7:56 AM	Oliver St. & Mina St.
7:57 AM	Oliver St. & Oliver St.
7:58 AM	Rivard St. & Rivard Ln.
8:01 AM	Alden Rd. & Deerfield Ln.
8:02 AM	Alden Rd. & Jesse St.
8:04 AM	Alden Rd. & Nicholas St.
8:06 AM	Harding Rd. & Saratoga St.
8:08 AM	Harding Rd. & Davis St.
8:10 AM	Sycamore St. & Magnolia Ave.
8:12 AM	Sycamore St. & Winsor St.
8:14 AM	Howland Rd. & Oak St.
8:16 AM	Howland Rd. & Garrison St.

8:17 AM	Weeden Rd. & Shawmut St.
8:18 AM	Mark Dr. & Weeden Rd.
8:20 AM	Babbitt St. & Studley St.

EFS

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