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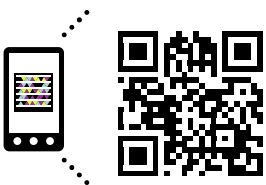
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

OLOA Feast



The confetti starts to fly immediately after the arm of the Our Lady of Angels statue caught the money wreath from a high wire during the procession at the OLOA Feast on 9/7/26 in Fairhaven. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*



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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.

This weekend is a doozy, jam-packed with events of all kinds

First and foremost, there are several local events commemorating the 25th anniversary of 9-11, including one in Acushnet, and a livestream for the events at the statehouse. See page 8 for details on those.

That day is still so hard to comprehend. I was glued to the TV for days.

It brought the country together to fight the terrorists, but it also brought up a lot of bigotry and that knee-jerk reaction to strive for safety above all else. The Patriot Act was, in my opinion, mostly a mistake. We allowed for way too much government overreach because people were scared. Oh, I could go on forever, but let's just remember what Ben Franklin said: "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

We are so far down that rabbit hole now, I fear we may never come out of it. Vote, people, vote. We need to get these scaredy-cat tough guys out.

Acushnet took a step in the right direction (see page 4). They stopped using their one Flock camera, the one that allowed them to have access to the whole nationwide system, which means that the other guys can see Acushnet, too.

The Apple Peach Festival is this weekend (page 3), and so is the Lebanese feast (page 6), and Conrad's Walk (page 3) ..and...it goes on. There are events all through this issue, so you need to hunt for them!

But, it seems there's something for just about everyone.

Gloria Steinem died last week. A true icon. I remember when she came to UMassD in 2008. I couldn't get my act together enough to write something profound, so I used a quote from that event as filler on page 17.

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...
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Apple Peach Festival is this weekend

Great Entertainment, Crafts, Food and Fun!

Celebrate the Apple Peach Festival's 45th Year! Sept. 12th & 13th, 10:00 - 6:00PM, at Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St. Acushnet. 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, 708 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/>

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!

Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, 9/12

- 10-10:45 Sharon's Student Showcase
- 11-11:45 Jake & Sharon
- 12-12:45 Sharon & Kenny
- 1-1:45 Lindsay & Jake
- 2-2:45 Stumblers
- 3-3:45 Atticus & Company
- 4-6 Pumpkin Head Ted

Sunday, 9/13

- 10-10:45 Gonsalves Tai Kwon Do
- 11-11:45 Parade
- 12-12:45 Gary Langevin
- 1-1:45 Rusty Bones
- 2-2:45 Touch of Grey
- 3-3:45 Dirty Sanchez Band
- 4-6 Matt Borrello & The Quality Dogs

Conrad's Law 5K is Saturday

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.

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Acushnet suspends use of Flock cameras

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard voted to suspend the use of Flock camera technology at its meeting on 9/2/26. The town has one Flock Camera at the corner of Main and South Main Streets.

SB member Ryan Rezendes had asked for the item to be discussed after finding out about some of the controversy surrounding the technology. The cameras are called license readers, but they actually take a photo of the back of all vehicles that pass through an intersection. The camera then records make, model, color, any identifying marks such as dents, bumper stickers, etc., anything the camera can see.

"I've been skeptical of this technology for a while," said Mr. Rezendes.

He got the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the police department and Flock, but it was not signed. He pointed out several places that caused concern for him, including that the data belong to Flock, not the town; Flock can cancel the contract with 30 days notice, but the town has to give 90 days; Flock's

liability is limited to \$100.

Mr. Rezendes said many constituents called him and he shared their concerns that the cameras are an invasion of privacy and are "infrastructure for a surveillance state."

Police Chief, Gary Coppa, told the board that the Flock has been a great tool for the department. It has helped recover missing people, and in a "bunch of investigations."

He said they only have one camera, "But that one camera gives us access to all the other cameras around the country."

Chief Coppa said the technology is not as invasive as other technologies, such as cell phones and GPS in vehicles. He acknowledged that it has been abused in other jurisdictions. Only one officer, Det. Sgt. Jeremy Fontes, has access to it in Acushnet. If anyone wants the data, they need to go through him.

Chief Coppa's recommendation was to keep the camera.

Everyone made it a point to say they were not questioning the integrity of Acushnet's PD.

However, as Acushnet has access

to other cameras, other jurisdictions have access to Acushnet's camera.

SB chairperson Kevin Gaspar said that the town has other cameras around town that can do the job.

"I also don't like the eye in the sky watching everything that everybody's doing," said Mr. Gaspar. "And I do think it's a civil rights issue."

There was quite a bit of discussion around the MOU, too. It was unclear who signed it, or how it got activated. The initial trial year was paid for with confiscated assets, but Mr. Gaspar and Mr. Hinckley both said they did not remember signing the longer term MOU, which continued the use of the camera.

Mr. Gaspar also insisted he never would have signed the MOU in front of him. He said what stuck out to him was that Flock only needed 30 days, but the town needed to give 90 to end it. He said that would have come right out of the contract if he had been asked to sign it.

"If they only have to give me 30 days notice, I'll be damned if I'm giving you 90 days notice," he said.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Conrad's Walk

Sat., 9/12. See page 3

Bike Path Ribbon Cutting

Phoenix Bike Trail Ribbon Cutting, Sat., 9/12, 11 a.m., Main and South Streets, Fairhaven. Special guest, State Rep. Mark Sylvia. Celebrate the resurfacing and other improvements recently completed. Refreshments. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee and the Fairhaven Board of Public Works.

Book, Bake++ Sale

Book, Bake, Puzzle, CD & DVD Sale
Come join us for a fun community sale on Sat., 9/12, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the West Island Improvement Association Building, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven.

Browse our selection of books, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs, and enjoy some delicious homemade baked goods available for purchase while you shop!

Bring a friend, take your time browsing, and discover a few treasures to take home. We look forward to seeing you there!

GOP MTG

The Fairhaven Republican Town Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 6pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center 227 Huttleston Ave (rt.6).

We hold our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month promptly starting at 6pm. With the primary elections behind us we are choosing unity of purpose as we support and elect the many Republican candidates for office on November 3rd.

Would you like to be better informed on the candidates and their campaigns leading up to the state wide election, or perhaps discuss the historic number of ballot questions which will appear on the ballot? Please consider attending.

We have scheduled two exciting speakers to address our group on two very important social issues. We are accepting applications for committee membership, and will also warmly welcome any person wishing to

attend our meetings. Meet new friends, greet neighbors, get involved in your community you will be greatly informed and rewarded. Call Bob McConnell at 508-863-0416, email fairhavenrtc@gmail.com or Facebook page Fairhaven Republican Town Committee.

In-Home Flu Vacc.

In-home flu vaccinations are available to residents of Acushnet, Fairhaven, and New Bedford who are 18 years of age or older and have difficulty getting to a community vaccination location.

Contact the New Bedford Health Department to schedule an appointment or for more information, 508-991-6199

Mini Circus

Mini Big Top, a Mini Circus for Mini Readers" is a small traveling circus with the duo "Small But Mighty." The show includes aerial silks, hula hoop acrobatics, circus jeopardy with prizes, aerial hoop, and some circus-themed book recommendations. After the show is a fun interactive segment to teach the kids hula hoop tricks and other ground skills.

Sat., 9/12, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Rita E. Steele Auditorium, Millicent Library, 45 Center St, Fairhaven, MA, 02719

This program is funded by the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Free Movie

Join us for a legendary Pre-Code drama, freed from the film vaults after a ninety-year copyright dispute! In LETTY LYNTON (1932), Joan Crawford stars as socialite Letty.

Desperate for her life to change, she flees her controlling lover (Nils Asther). Then she meets a new and better man (Robert Montgomery), and they fall in love. Suddenly the spurned lover returns to blackmail her. What will Letty do in her desperation to keep her new and happier life? Come see Joan in one of her favorite, meatier, and most glamorous roles!

The program starts on Monday, 9/14, at 5:30 PM at the Millicent Library on 45 Center St., Fairhaven. All are welcome, and the event is free! Use the Walnut St. entrance to access the auditorium.

South Coast Cinemaniacs meets the second Monday of the month, excluding holidays, to watch and discuss classic movies. For more information, email club president Beth Ann Gallagher at: southcoastcinemaniacs@gmail.com

Mayday Workshops

Come What Mayday Workshops

Everything is less scary with a plan and a friend (Plus we'll also share a delicious pot luck meal).

- Sept. 11: Preparedness Intro & Canning Intro
- Nov. 13: Water Purification & Storage
- Jan. 8: Food/Pantry & Menu Activity
- Mar. 12: Stay Put/Go & First Aid
- May 14: Building Community & Thinking Hyper Local

All Workshops are held from 6–8 p.m., Friday nights, in the UUSF auditorium, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Bring a (vegetarian) dish to share or just come! RSVP: <https://bit.ly/4xjMdr6>

Everyone is welcome!

Co-sponsored by the UUSF and the Millicent Library.

Evenings at the Fort

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

The events are weather-permitting and handicap accessible. Mark your calendars for this season's schedule:

September 16: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

October 14: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATES: Town Auction

Fairhaven will hold its annual town auction on Sat., 9/19, at the public works building, 5 Arsene Street, at 9 a.m. The public is invited to bid on items that have been declared surplus by the town. The Select Board voted to declare surplus items at its 8/24/26 meeting. A variety of items

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STILL IN TOWN

from different departments will be available to bid on, including office supplies, tools, and a 2005 Chevy Tahoe.

Millicent Friends Annual Mtg

Friends of the Millicent Library Members Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 28th at 6:15pm in the Rita E. Steele meeting room at the Millicent Library. A written report of Friends 2026 activities will be distributed and we will elect officers.

Ted Reinstein's author talk, *Greetings from Breed Hill: Fact & Folklore on America's 250* will follow the annual members meeting at 6:30pm. This talk is free to the public. Please register for the talk at millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar

Business Breakfast

Join us for a Business Breakfast and Panel Discussion, convened by Mark D. Sylvia in conjunction with the

Fairhaven Economic Development Committee, Thurs., 9/17, 8–10 a.m., Traveler's Alehouse, 111 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven. Featuring Scott Soares, VP of Business Development, Mass. Development; Jennifer Menard, Regional Director of South Coast, Cape, and Islands Mass. office of Business Development/EOED; plus others.

The event is free, but space is limited. Please reserve your place at the table by emailing your RSVP to mark.sylvia@mahouse.gov

Natural Heritage of Fairhaven Series

As summer comes to a close, it's time to start up the Natural Heritage of Fairhaven Series! This series, made possible in part with a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, offers free and ongoing programming

exploring the rich connections between landscape, ecology, and culture in Fairhaven. Through talks on biology, history, art, and more, the series aims to deepen our understanding and appreciation for the natural beauty of our town.

All talks are held on the first Monday of the month at the Unitarian Church of Fairhaven, unless otherwise advertised. To sign up and access upcoming programming, see the "Upcoming Events" section of the Millicent Library's website. We hope you join us for our first talk of the season, on September 21st at 6:30 pm, where Sara Singh, Principal Environmental Planner with the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), will discuss our community emergency preparedness and address risks specific to Fairhaven. We hope to see you there!

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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).

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 9/15, from 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer! Free parking in rear of building.

Our guest John Mustard, Professor of Earth, Environmental & Planetary Sciences at Brown University, will discuss "Space Exploration: What's the point?"

The thrilling voyage of NASA's four-person crew aboard Artemis II around the Moon in April inspired the world. In retrospect, what was accomplished? Jack will consider whether

the human flight program is worth it and share the prospect of future missions, including a trip to Mars planned for the late 2020s that will utilize a nuclear-powered spaceship that could reduce travel time from 9 to 2 months.

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, 96 County Street, New Bedford. Visit rjdmuseum.org

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.

Dolly Parton Tribute

Sat., 9/12, 3 p.m./lobby mingle; 4 p.m. movie start. At The Zeiterion, 684

Purchase St., New Bedford.

Tickets: \$12, visit: <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/dolly-parton-tribute>

Creative dress encouraged! Rhinestones, Wigs, Country Flair

Celebrate the life, music, and extraordinary legacy of Dolly Parton with a special screening of *Steel Magnolias*, the beloved 1989 film that Dolly produced and starred in alongside an unforgettable ensemble cast.

More than a country music icon, Dolly has spent decades inspiring generations through her generosity, humor, songwriting, philanthropy, and unwavering commitment to helping others. Join us as we celebrate the woman whose talent and heart have made her a beloved entertainer.

And what's a tribute to Dolly without a little sparkle? Creative dress is encouraged! Strut your stuff in the lobby with rhinestones, wigs, big hair, country flair, and anything else that says "Dolly." We'll be playing Dolly tunes in the theater during the preshow, so sing along, show off your best Dolly look, and let your inner country queen shine before the movie begins.

Net proceeds from this event will benefit the DollyParton Imagination Library. Donate directly at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com>

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Apple-Peach Festival & Parade

Sat. Sun., 9/12 & 13. See page 3.

9-11 Remembrances

See page 8.

Jewelry Sale

Obsessed with jewelry? Love a bargain? Come shop the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library's jewelry sale on Saturday, September 12, 9am - 12pm (no early birds please). The sale will be held on the library's front lawn, at 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet.

Items include new and gently-worn jewelry, with prices starting at just \$1. Cash only.

Come find that one-of-a-kind piece for yourself or for a gift! All proceeds support library programs and services. In the event of rain, the sale will be held in the library's Community Room.

Artisan Fair

Handy House Artisan Fair and Vintage Market, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport MA, 10 AM - 3 PM Sat., 9/19. (Rain date Sep 20, 2026). FREE

Handy House Artisan Fair, organized by the Westport Historical Society, showcases local craftspeople who specialize in skills and traditional crafts commonly practiced in the 18th and 19th century. This year's fair also features a vintage market – an opportunity to pick up unusual antiques, metalware, jewelry and textiles. This year's fair features 40 artisans.

Local history authors and books! Collectors' Corner! Blacksmith! Vintage Market! Music!

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

This event not only preserves and perpetuates knowledge about traditional crafts, but is also an opportunity for the community to reconnect to its own history, to visit the Handy House and to celebrate the special

heritage of the town of Westport.

Political Discussion

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee will host an open community discussion on Thurs., 9/17, featuring Tim Dunn, Lead Political Reporter for the Boston Herald, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Niemad Building, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett, MA

Light snacks will be provided, and a cash bar will be available.

The event will provide residents with an opportunity to learn more about current political events and issues affecting Mattapoissett and Massachusetts state government, as well as issues that may be important to voters as the November election approaches.

Dunn brings more than a decade of journalism experience covering local, regional, and state news. He has worked with Massachusetts news organizations including WBSM, Fun 107, WBZ Newsradio, and WXTK, and previously worked as a writer for Fox News in New York City. He currently serves as Lead Political Reporter for the Boston Herald.

Dunn is also a Mattapoissett native who grew up in the Point Connett neighborhood and attended local schools. After graduating from Bridgewater State University in 2015, he began his reporting career at WBSM and Fun 107 in Fairhaven. He returned to Mattapoissett in 2025 when he took on his current position with the Boston Herald.

The evening will include an opportunity for residents to ask questions and participate in an open discussion about current political developments at the local and state levels.

The event is open to all members of the community.

For additional information: Paul Criscuolo, Co-Chairperson, Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee, PCMattyGOP@proton.me

SAVE THE DATES:

Harvest Fest

South Coast Harvest Festival. Fall family fun for everyone!

Sept. 25–27, The Westport Fairgrounds, 200 Pine Hill Road, Westport: Fri., 9/25, 3–8 p.m.; Sat., 9/27, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun., 9/28, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Autumn themed event featuring live music, fall food, an artisan market, fall garden displays, and antique trucks. Tickets can be purchased at the event and are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5 to 12, and free for children younger than 5.

Visit <https://southcoastharvestfestival.com>

Benefit Concert

St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is presenting a benefit concert to combat hunger.

Umi Garrett, accomplished solo and chamber pianist, and American double bassist Nina Bernat, will be presenting a concert at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Church on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

All proceeds from the concert will support the Little Compton Food Bank (which serves Little Compton and Tiverton, Rhode Island) and the Westport Food Pantry.

St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, located at 182 Willow Avenue, Little Compton, Rhode Island, is handicapped accessible, and parking is abundant.

Ticket prices are \$35. Tickets can be purchased online at standrewslc.org/event-details-1/concert-to-combat-hunger-food-insecurity or by phone at 401-635-2452.

At Mattapoissett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

Our Thursday and Friday storytimes will be returning soon! Family Storytime, which happens on Thursday mornings at 10:30, will start up again on September 17th. Baby Storytime, which happens on Friday mornings at 10:30, will start up again a week later, on September 25th.

Fall is here! Join us for a short walk on Wednesday, September 30th, to collect leaves, then we'll return to the library to create leaf stamp art. Starts at 10:30 am. For kids ages 3+. No registration required!

More information about all of our programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling (508) 758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading!

911 Commemoration Ceremonies; livestream state event

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the US, which resulted in 2977 deaths, the collapse of both towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, an attack on the Pentagon, and a thwarted attack that ended with a plane crash in a Shanksville, Pennsylvania field after passengers realized what was happening and stormed the cockpit. There are several local ceremonies taking place to mark the event.

Acushnet

The Town of Acushnet will hold a 911 remembrance ceremony at its 911 Memorial, located on the grounds of Fire Station 1, 24 Russell St./Parting Ways, on Friday, 9/11, at 6 p.m.

The memorial contains a 2700 pound steel beam from the Twin Towers and other artifacts, including a stone from the site of the crash of Flight 93 in PA. The plaque reads: "Acushnet will always remember."

This year, the fire department is selling commemorative T-shirts as a fund-raiser to pay for maintenance of the memorial. The shirts feature the Station 1 memorial, World Trade Center steel, and commemorative 25th Anniversary Maltese Cross.

You may order shirts at <https://www.jotform.com/form/262383737254160>. Orders close September 13th

At the Shep/Fairhaven

See page 18 for information on a docu-play that will be performed at The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, 9/11, in Fairhaven.

Fall River/Battleship Cove

Rite of Reflection: September 11th Ceremony, Fri., 9/11/26, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m., Battleship Cove, 5 Water St, Fall River, MA 02721, USA

Rite of Reflection Ceremony – Honoring Those Who Lost their Lives in the Attacks on September 11, 2001.

In memory of the deadliest attack on our nation, Battleship Cove will conduct a remembrance ceremony, as it does every year, at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 9/11 Memorial site at Battleship Cove on September 11.

The ceremony will include a wreath laying, guest speakers, local fire and police honor guards, and a 21-gun salute from the USS Massachusetts' 5" guns.

The ceremony is open to the public and will be located at the September 11 Memorial at the entrance to Battleship Cove

Westport

Join us as we pay tribute to the 2,977 lives lost, as well as all those whose lives were forever changed by the events of 9/11.

Friday, September 11, 2026, 8:30 AM, Westport Fire Station No. 1, 54 Hix Bridge Road.

At the Statehouse/Boston

A livestream of events at the statehouse will be available at <https://www.massfund.org/annual-massachusetts-commemoration>

Schedule of Events

- Reading of the Names: 8:30 a.m., State House Steps
- Moment of Silence: 8:46 a.m.
- Commemoration: 9:25 a.m., State House Chambers, will feature a Massachusetts Remembers video montage of family members and friends sharing their memories of loved ones lost in the 9/11 attacks; and the presentation of the Madeline "Amy" Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery.
- Family & Guests Luncheon, State

House Hall of Flags: 11:15 a.m.

- Student Roundtable, Senate Reading Room (students, chaperones and speakers only): 11:15 a.m.
- Wreath Laying at the Massachusetts 9/11 Memorial, Boston Public Garden: 1 p.m.

Speakers/Performers

Maj. Gen. Jonathan Treacy, who led the 101st FS and initial air defense response to 9/11 attacks, to give 25th anniversary keynote

9/11 family members will also speak during the Commemoration in the State House Chambers, including:

Teresa Mathai and Christie Coombs, Mass 9/11 Fund Co-Founders, on the evolution of the Mass 9/11 Fund and the National Day of Service.

Pat Bavis, Mass 9/11 Fund Education Chair, will give an overview of the new PBS Learning Media Education Resources launched across the nation this spring that are now available to 17 million students.

Laura Ogonowski, daughter of American Airlines Flight 11 Pilot John Ogonowski, will discuss memorials and remembrance.

215th Army Band, Isabella Koutny, Boston Symphony Orchestra scheduled to perform

This year, a soldier from the 215th Army Band, headquartered in Fall River, will perform the National Anthem at the beginning of the Name Reading Ceremony on the State House Steps. The 215th's Windwood Quintet will also perform prior to the Name Reading on the State House Lawn.

Isabella Koutny, the granddaughter of Marie Pappalardo, who perished in the terrorist attacks, will perform during the Commemoration in the State House Chambers. She will be accompanied this year by musicians from the Boston Symphony Orchestra.



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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: 9/16, Mashpee Commons; 9/23, Providence Place Mall; 9/30, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 10/7, Tiverton Casino; 10/14, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 10/21, Providence Place Mall

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.

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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., 9/14 from 9–10 a.m. If you need to speak with him before then, call 617-722-2400.

Empowering Older Adults with Technology

1:30–3:30 Must bring your own device. Must call to sign up, 508-979-4029.

AI is Here to Stay, Sept. 14, AI is everywhere (almost) and is here to stay, whether you like it or not! So, it's best to understand it and use it to your

advantage. We'll cover the basics of AI, including an overview, how it got here, the pros, cons, and worries, and an introduction to some practical ways to use it.

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.

Sept. 14, Erin Brockovich Drama. A flamboyant law firm secretary works tirelessly for a small town wrecked by a utility company's pollution.

Sept. 21, Steel Magnolias Drama. Based on the play about six Southern women who become close friends despite their eccentricities and complicated lives.

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Fairhaven Recreation: Sept 11th, Friday, 6:30-7:30pm \$20 donation per person.

No registration required. Everyone is welcome

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Ages 3-5 Recreation Staff Fairhaven Recreation Center Session A: Mon, Sept 14-Oct 5 (4 sessions), 10:00-10:45 AM Session B: Mon, Oct

19-Nov 9 (4 sessions) 10:00-10:45 AM Members: \$40 | Non-Members \$50 Join us for this messy pre-k art program and watch your little artists bloom as they paint, draw, and sculpt their way to becoming creative and confident young individuals. Let the colors of imagination flourish in this enriching art adventure!

ZUMBA

Ages 9+ -Adult Kate Dlugosinski Fairhaven Recreation Center Wednesdays at 6PM –7PM. Starts September 9th. Drop in only. Please pay the instructor directly. Get ready to dance, sweat, and have fun with our energetic Zumba® Fitness classes led by certified instructor Kate Dlugosinski, who brings expertise in multiple Zumba specialties for a workout that's both effective and enjoyable. This high-energy class combines easy-to-follow dance moves with cardio fitness, making it perfect for all experience

levels. This is a drop-in class with no long-term commitment—just \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Come move, laugh, and get fit in a welcoming and fun atmosphere!

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.

Recipe of the Week

Banana Chip Muffins

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2/3 cups sugar
 1 tsp baking soda
 1/4 tsp cinnamon
 1/8 tsp salt
 1 large egg, room temperature
 1 1/3 cups mashed ripe bananas
 (about 3 medium)
 1/3 cup melted butter
 1 tsp vanilla extract (or measure
 with your heart)
 1/2 cup miniature chocolate
 chips

Preheat oven to 375°.

In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt.

In another bowl, whisk egg, bananas, melted butter, and vanilla until blended. Add to the flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Fold in chocolate chips.

Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups three-fourths full. Bake 17–20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Cool five minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. Serve warm. Makes 1 dozen.



everything together. We knew one another's secrets, worries, and dreams. If either one of us had a problem, we were there to listen, offer advice, and support.

I know these kinds of friendships don't happen overnight, but until I can find another friend like June, life will be pretty empty.

Dear Milly,

Indeed, you will no longer be able to do things with June in person. Despite the miles between you, she is still your best friend and the one you can turn to as you always have, but

Milly

Dear Frankie

Best Friends

Dear Frankie,
 My family recently moved, and the dogs at the park and doggy daycare couldn't be nicer or more helpful.

But I miss my best friend June terribly. We did

now it will be by phone, text, and Zoom calls.

Best friends have a connection to one another that no number of miles can erase. Good friends often say that no matter how long it has been since they have seen or talked to one another, when they do, it feels like no time has passed and they pick up where they left off.

All that is left for you to do is to pick up the phone or get on the computer.

Best, Frankie

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"You're discontinuing in 30 days, yet I've got to suck rocks and give you 90 days to discontinue it. I don't think so."

SB member Bob Hinckley noted that the data belonged to Flock and not the town, as a major concern to him. He made the motion to suspend use of the camera until they can come up with some kind of language and protocols.

All three agreed that the state needs to provide some guidelines on use of the technology.

Mr. Gaspar reiterated that Acushnet PD has had no incidents of misuse. But, he noted other departments have access to the camera. He specifically noted that New Bedford's cases of abuse have not necessarily been investigated thoroughly enough. He said they surely used not just New Bedford's cameras, but surrounding towns' cameras, too.

Amanda Lilley asked that the board not just suspend use of the camera, but physically take them down or cover them. She said she did not trust that they would stay off. She also said they need to look at procurement laws to see if they were followed when getting into the contract.

One resident cautioned that different models have different capabilities, such as picking up electronic signals, and covering them up may not stop them from collecting data. Anything connected to the cloud can also be upgraded, he said, so its capabilities can change.

He said he backed the "men in blue," but this is a "big overreach."

He also said that the excuse is to help and be safe, with a "nanny state," but totalitarians like to use it as a means of control.

"I just want it on the record to say that this is a problem and it does need to come down," he said. "It can't remain."

One man said that in a recent case, a man got arrested, but it was his brother who had been using his car. The man had to prove his innocence.

"He was guilty until proven innocent. So this is totally backwards to the Constitution that you're supposed to be innocent until proven guilty," he said.

Jesse Ellis told the board he started out against the cameras, but after speaking to some law enforce-

went from 30 to 7 days.

Mr. Gaspar noted that the only reason it got changed to seven days is because the CEO got pressured.

"The problem I still go back to is I don't believe that CEO one bit," said Mr. Gaspar. "Whether it's 30 days, 7 days, I believe, and I'm talking to a lot of people that are tech savvy, that goes to the cloud it's there forever."

He said it might get dumped from the local server, but it is still out there.

Chief Coppa also expressed dismay that he had not received any calls from the public about the camera. He said it was clear residents had been concerned and spoke to Mr. Rezendes and other board members.

Chief Coppa noted that he has an open door policy and welcomes feedback from the public.

The matter will be on the next agenda with an update on the use of the cameras, the MOU, and the steps the town needs to take to legally take the camera down.

In other business, the board approved a used car license for Katie Pereira at 625 Main Street for 12 cars outside and three inside.

Ms. Pereira had already received a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for a different number of cars. Mr. Gaspar made it clear that the SB is the licensing authority that decides the number of cars. They issued the same regulations as a previous license for that property some years ago that has never been used. Later in the meeting they officially rescinded that license.

The board also approved a changed of officers/directors for New England Farms. Donald Higgins Jr. has bought out his partner and is now the sole owner.

I also don't like the
eye in the sky watching
everything that
everybody's doing
[Kevin Gaspar]

ment friends, he has a different view. He said the technology has clearly been helpful in important case. He said they could limit the cameras to photos only.

He said they can make sure access is strictly regulated.

Mr. Gaspar asked how the technology follows a car. Det. Sgt. Fontes said a license plate is put on a "hot list," then it will get flagged if seen by any camera in the network, and it will alert the jurisdiction that hot-listed the car.

Mr. Gaspar asked how long the car is on the list. Det. Sgt. Fontes said it

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Our Lady of Angels Feast packs in the fun and food

By Beth David
Editor

Our Lady of Angels grounds were hopping with a packed crowd of all ages this weekend for the 96th annual Feast. Dubbed the Biggest-Little Feast, the traditional Portuguese festa is smaller than its counterpart in New Bedford, but more than makes up for it in enthusiasm.

Generations of families make it a point to attend the feast, nights, days, both, and get some authentic Portuguese specialties, such as carne de espeto, bifana, favas, classic linguica sandwiches and more.

The malasadas booth had the longest line, as usual, and the end product did not disappoint.

The event is the major fund-raiser for the OLOA Catholic Association.

On Saturday, it was a bit of a mad-house, in a good way. The line to get in past security moved quickly, and then things got bottled up at the ticket machines. But, there were no complaints, just people enjoying the cooler night.

Fernando and Sherry said they attend every year.

"If I'm home I'm here," said Fernando, a fisherman.

"Every year," said Sherry, since they were "little kids."

They were sharing an order of clamcakes and both agreed they were very good....as always.

Don Mulcare and Karen Walega had only been in the malasada line for about 10 minutes, but they were

looking at at least a 30 minute wait.

"You could get a pension waiting for them," said Mr. Mulcare, adding it was definitely worth the wait.

"I've waited an hour before," said Ms. Walega. "It's worth it."

Jason Matos, Kareron Colton, and Nayl Depina, all from New Bedford, were there for the first time and trying to navigate how to get food (you have to buy tickets first) and getting the lay of the land.

They found out about it from a friend and decided to check it out.

"It's really small, compared to the New Bedford one," said Mr. Colton.

"It's pretty nice," said Mr. Matos.

"I agree, it's really nice," said Mr. Depina.

"There's a lot of people," said Mr. Matos.

Chad and Jenn live across the street from the feast grounds and look forward to the feast every year.

"I love it, love it, love it," said Jenn.

They said the increased security, put in place a couple of years ago after a fight that was in front of their house, is a good thing.

"They were very quick with it,"



said Jenn.

On Monday, the procession traveled from St. Mary's Church up Main Street to Benoit Square and back. Hundreds of people lined the sidewalks to watch.

"We love this place," said Joe Tavares as he sat on some steps with Louie Raposo.

Mr. Raposo said the cacoila was his next stop.

The 800 pound statue of OLOA, carried by eight men, successfully put her arm through the ring of money hung on a high wire at the end of church driveway. The procession included marching bands, a smaller version of the OLOA statue, and other religious statues carried by different groups. Music played on the grounds throughout the feast, and a few vendors and activities for kids rounded out the weekend.



TOP: The children march in the procession at the Our Lady of Angels Feast in Fairhaven on 9/7/26. ABOVE LEFT: The malasadas crew pauses to pose for the local free sheet on Day 1, 9/5/26. ABOVE RIGHT: Four young women carry a bit of a smaller statue in the procession on 9/7/26. Photos by Beth David.

More feast photos



ABOVE: L-R Rowen Texiera, Jakob Francis, Carson Camara mix a batch of Malasada dough on Sunday, 9/6/26 at the Our Lady of Angels Feast in Fairhaven. TOP RIGHT: Hardwire took the stage to a packed crowd from 8 p.m. to Midnight on day 1, 9/5/26. RIGHT: Some members of the downstairs kitchen crew pause long enough to pose for the local free sheet on Day 1, 9/5/26. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



Community Nurse earns two awards

Press Release

Community Nurse has been recognized by Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP) as a 2025 SHPBest™ “Premier Performer” in both Home Health Patient Experience and Hospice Caregiver Experience, placing Community Nurse among the top-performing providers nationwide for the 2025 calendar year.

For Home Health, Community Nurse achieved an overall patient experience score that ranked in the top 5% of all eligible SHP clients. For Hospice, Community Nurse achieved an overall caregiver and family experience score that also ranked in the top 5% of all eligible SHP clients.

The annual SHPBest™ award program was created to acknowledge home health agencies that consistently provide high quality service to their patients. The 2025 award recipients were determined by reviewing and ranking the overall experience score for more than 3,200 home health providers. With the largest HHCAHPS benchmark in the nation, SHP is in a unique position to identify and recognize organizations that have made patient experience a priority and have been rewarded for their efforts with high marks on the

HHCAHPS survey.

The annual SHPBest™ award program was also created to acknowledge hospice providers that consistently provide high quality service to families and caregivers of patients receiving hospice care. The 2025 award recipients were determined by reviewing and ranking the overall CAHPS Hospice caregiver experience score for more than 1,800 hospice providers. With one of the largest CAHPS Hospice benchmarks in the nation, SHP is in a unique position to identify and recognize organizations that have made the family and caregiver experience a priority and have been rewarded for their efforts with high marks on the CAHPS Hospice survey.

“Providing excellent patient care takes relentless effort, and our SHPBest award winners embody that every year. This program lets us recognize the organizations that never settle, that keep improving the patient and caregiver experience even when they’re already performing at a high level. That kind of commitment deserves to be celebrated,” said Jason Ballet, President of SHP.

For more than a century, Community Nurse has been committed to

providing high-quality, compassionate care to patients and families throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. This dual recognition reflects the dedication of Community Nurse’s Home Health and Hospice teams and their shared commitment to ensuring that patients and families feel supported, respected and cared for throughout their experience.

“To be recognized as a Premier Performer in both Home Health and Hospice is especially meaningful because these awards are based on the experiences of the patients, families and caregivers we have the privilege of serving,” said Lisa Parent, President & CEO of Community Nurse. “Our staff bring extraordinary compassion and professionalism into patients’ homes every day. This recognition belongs to them and reinforces our commitment to providing exceptional, patient-centered care to our community.”

Read more about the SHPBest awards program, including methodology and award recipient lists for Home Health at <https://www.shpdata.com/home-health/shpbest-hhcahps> and for Hospice at <https://www.shpdata.com/hospice/shpbest-cahps-hospice/>.

Meet the new Miss Apple Peach and Junior Miss Apple Peach

Press Release by Marlene Kalisz

Acushnet's Miss Apple Peach Pageant has two new titleholders. On Friday, September 4th, Averi Pereira was selected as Miss Apple Peach and Sofia Faria was selected as Jr. Miss Apple Peach.

The pageant is open to all young women from Acushnet in grades 6-12 and the Miss winner received a \$500 scholarship, while the Jr. Miss winner received a \$250 scholarship; both sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club. Contestants competed in four phases of competition: Onstage Question, Hometown Impact, Casual Wear and Formal Wear.

Miss Apple Peach 2026, Averi Pereira, is a senior at Fairhaven High School who intends to obtain a degree in electrical engineering. She is the Vice President of Fairhaven High School's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Chapter, a three-year member of the National Honor Society, and an AP and highest honors student. Averi also completed the Undersea Technology Apprentice Program at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, gaining hands-on experience

in engineering, programming, and underwater robotics. Of note, Averi's sister, Kelsey, held the title of Miss Apple Peach in 2015, making them the first siblings to hold the Miss Apple

Peach Title.

Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Sofia Faria, is a 7th grade student at Ford Middle School and looks forward to attending

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LEFT: 2026 Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Sofia Faria, is crowned by former Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Aubrey Sousa, at the pageant on 9/4/26, at Ford Middle School in Acushnet. RIGHT: 2026 Miss Apple Peach, Averi Pereira, is crowned by former Miss Apple Peach, Elyza Wagner. Photos courtesy of K. Garcia Productions.



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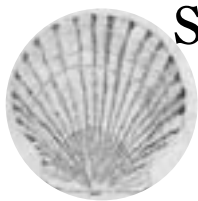
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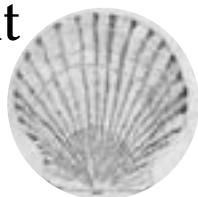
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next generation.

James Freeman Clarke

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[Gloria Steinem on 2/7/08 at UMassD]

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 9/17, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Commision on Disability

Thurs., 9/20, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Community Preserv.

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

Economic Develop. Comm

Thurs., 9/17, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Livable Streets

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

Romano Office Hour

Mon., 9/14, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/16, FHS Media Ctr., 6:30

Select Board

Mon., 9/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Sustainability Comm.

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

West Island Residents Mtg

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

To discuss increased development on West Island

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 9/17, Police Conf. Rm., 6:30

Conservation Commission

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

Selectboard

Thurs., 9/10, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept. 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	10	0749	2010	0156	1418
Friday	11	0833	2055	0233	1506
Saturday	12	0918	2139	0303	1539
Sunday	13	1001	2222	0330	1604
Monday	14	1044	2305	0357	1629
Tuesday	15	1127	2350	0425	1657
Wednesday	16	---	1215	0456	1730
Thursday	17	0041	1310	0531	1813
Friday	18	0137	1405	0615	1920
Saturday	19	0232	1459	0722	2300
Sunday	20	0328	1556	0838	2353
Monday	21	0430	1659	0946	---
Tuesday	22	0532	1754	0027	---
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*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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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"

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

The Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing at the Acushnet Police Conference Room, 64 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743, on Thursday, September 17th, at 6:30PM, on the application of Nathan J & Karissa E Deree, for a special permit under MGL 40A Section 13 to Acushnet's Zoning Bylaws Article VIII Section 3.3.1 B (8). - Parking of one commercial vehicle is allowed; however the applicant would like to have three (3) commercial vehicles allowed as opposed to one (1), at 224 Perry Hill Rd., Acushnet, MA 02743, Assessors Map 8 Parcel 35A. A copy of the application is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Interested parties are invited to attend.

Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours

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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA.

**Public Hearing RDA — Jack Vaz/
39 Hathaway Road/Map 12, Lot 9C**

A request for Determination was filed by Jack Vaz for property located at 39 Hathaway Road, Map 12, Lot 9C. The applicant proposes to upgrade the septic system to Title 5 compliance including septic tank and pump chamber with associated grading within the 100 ft. buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name is "Soil Absorption System Plan" date January 31, 2026.

*Christian DeSousa, Acting Chair
FNN, 9/10/26*

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**Public Hearing NOI — Meet in the Middle, LLC,
Acushnet MA, Map 23 Lot 1B.**

A Notice of Intent was filed by Sitec Engineering & Environmental Inc., on behalf of the applicant for property located at 3 Alison Drive, shown as Assessors' Map 12 Lot 11E. The project consists of the construction of a single-family dwelling with associated site work including, site grading, construction of a new driveway (not within the 100' Wetland Buffer), and the installation of new utility services including, water, septic system, electric and cable. The proposed work is shown on a

plan titled "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System" dated August 3, 2026 by Sitec Engineering & Environmental Inc. The applicant is represented by Chris Vandenberghe, P.E. of Sitec Engineering & Environmental Inc.

*Christian DeSousa, Acting Chair
FNN, 9/10/26*

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

Monday, September 21, 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=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQktvVj9XSGppZz09>

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 023-591, SE 023-1539: 10 Oxford Street, Map 12, Lot 2 Notice of Intent filed by James L. & Renee P. Novakoff to construct a 4' wide x 75' long pile-supported timber pier with a 3.33'x20' aluminum gangway and a 10'x20' float. Supports will consist of 12" diameter southern yellow pine (P.T.); total of 8 support piles. The pier will have a cantilevered seating bench on the north side near its seaward end. The deck will be set at elevation 6.5'.

b. CON 023-592, SE 023- : 48-50 Fort Street, Map 5, Lot 16 Notice of Intent filed by Kevin McLaughlin (Rodman Candle Works Realty, LLC) which proposes the following: removal of the easternmost float system; installation of (2) floats to the west of the main wharf including a 10'x135' float and a 14'x50' float; installation of two 7'x20' travel lift pier extensions and two 6.6'x10' pier extensions; and an 8'x60' float with 3'x25' ramp to replace the 5'-8'x150' pile-supported pier to the north. In addition, the existing wave break will be removed and a 10'x80' anchored wave break will be installed as a replacement.

*Brandon J. Estrella, Chair,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 9/10/26*

Fairhaven Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts**

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday September 22, 2026, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 97 and fairhaventv.com.

To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93163358101?pwd=NXg5WnUxZjI1L3R5VjBmM2JPTXhEQ0T09>

**or call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 -
Passcode: 740257**

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following Definitive Subdivision application: **DS 26-01 4 Earle Street** - Coastal Village Partners LLC, proposes to subdivide the existing 37,968 SF parcel into two (2) buildable lots consistent with the Town of Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Rules & Regulations. The applicant has received preliminary subdivision approval, and has received an order of conditions (OOC) from the Fairhaven Conservation Commission for the proposed project.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8128 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

*Jessica Fidalgo, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 9/03/26, 9/10/26*

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Fairhaven invites sealed bids for Cleaning and Redevelopment of Municipal Gravel Packed Well #1.

Interested parties may view the list of services by requesting the documents free of charge in Portable Document Format (PDF) by visiting the Town of Fairhaven website at the following link:

<https://fairhaven-ma.gov/beacon/>

Sealed bids will be received in accordance with the instructions outlined in the bid documents. All bids must be submitted by the specified deadline and in the manner prescribed.

The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the Town's best interest to do so.

FNN 9/10/26

Shepherd Center to present 911 performance

Press Release

The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts will present a powerful dramatic presentation on the 25th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., with a performance of "110 STORIES" by Watermelon Alligator Theater Company.

Written by Sarah Tuft, "110 STORIES" takes us from the first jetliner crash at the North Tower of the World Trade Center to a last goodbye at Ground Zero, as told by those who were there.

Based on interviews, this docuplay

weaves together stories not shown on the news, from a mother, a photo-journalist, an ironworker, a chiropractor, and a homeless man who saved lives that day. Their unflinching, traumatized and occasionally funny accounts take us back to when 9/11 was unimaginable, capturing the shock and horror of the day as well as the resilience of New York City and its residents in its aftermath.

The production is appropriate for audiences age 13 and older, and parental discretion is advised. This event will feature a talk-back with the actors following the show. "110

STORIES" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Playscripts.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets, visit <https://theshepherdcenter.org/110-stories-by-sarah-tuft-2026/>

The Shepherd Center, located at 34 Center Street, Fairhaven (William Street Entrance), was founded in 2022 to educate, enrich and support the performing arts community in Fairhaven and the surrounding communities.

Fairhaven Girls Soccer Topples Joseph Case, 5-0

By Caden H. Lisa

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven High School girls soccer team hosted the Joseph Case Cardinals for the first game of the 2026 season on a bright and sunny afternoon at Alumni Stadium on 9/7/26.

Fairhaven overwhelmed Joseph

Case with a press-heavy attack, impressively scoring three goals in the first half of action.

The Blue Devils kept their foot on the gas and closed out the game with two more goals in the second half.

The Blue Devils enthusiastically opened the 2026 season with a win.

Fairhaven girls soccer will be back at Alumni Stadium on Wednesday for a 4:00 p.m. game against the Seekonk Warriors.

For more high school sports photography around Fairhaven, follow @cadens.camera.content on Instagram.



ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Lily Costa, prepares to kick the ball with power on 9/7/26 when Fairhaven beat Joseph Case 5-0 at home. ABOVE RIGHT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Reese Tilton, kicks off the counterattack BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Gia Arruda, maintains possession while keeping a defender at bay BELOW RIGHT: Fairhaven Blue Devil, Elle Boucher, dribbles the ball on 9/7/26 when Fairhaven beat Joseph Case 5-0 at home. *Photos by Caden Lisa for the Fairhaven Neighborhood News.*



From our readers

Kindness from the West Island Beach

I would like to thank the Head Life Guard (at Fairhaven Town Beach), Brett Silva, for his many years of kind service along with his young Life

Guard, Tobey. Also Business Manager Rebecca Benito, Vincent Furtado, and Josh Crabb for working to keep the beach clean and accessible.

Also my friends at the beach who are always kind and upbeat daily.

Thank you Fairhaven for a light moment in a hectic time.

*High Tide Patrick (McLoughlin),
Fairhaven
P.S No sharks Jim*

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SEPT 12	George Gritzbach Band <i>Roots Rhythm & Blues Music</i>		7 PM
OCT 3&4	"Twain & Rogers: In Their Own Words" <i>Play Written by Beth Luey</i>		7&3 PM

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1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6 pm

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