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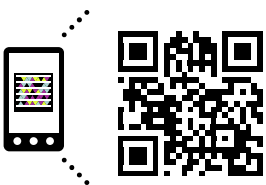
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Acushnet Remembers 9-11



L-R: Howie Katz and Erik Lintala place a wreath of flowers at the base of the Acushnet 9-11 memorial featuring a 2700-pound beam from the Twin Towers, during a ceremony on 9/11/26, the 25th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We had a somber anniversary last week. The 9-11 attacks were 25 years ago.

Acushnet held a ceremony at its 9-11 memorial with that very impressive steel beam from the Twin Towers. See page 12 for that.

And on page 13, you'll find two stories, one about a short ceremony before the football game, and one about the state's ceremony in Boston. Glenn decided to make trek up to the big city, so we have some great pics of that. Both have links to video, so you can watch for yourself if you want.

It was not all sadness, though, this week, although the rain worked hard to ruin things. Acushnet, God bless 'em, did not cancel day two of the Apple Peach Festival (see page 11). Day one was spectacular. On day two they did cancel the parade but the feast grounds were open and the performers played (at least some of them).

Even the princesses showed up. I wasn't there, so no pic, but I saw it on Facebook...so it must be true, right?

The Fairhaven Select Board met this week. See page 3 to see what they're up to.

All committee members have to reapply for their appointments because things need to get realigned to comply with the new bylaws. So, don't forget.

Time to sign off. It's been especially tough making deadline this week. Why do computers/programs always act up on deadline day? Ugh...two hours of tech support hell on deadline day is just brutal.

So, the Big Buffoon gets a pass.

Sorry, that's all I've got this week.

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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Fhvn SB holds off on tourism; will pursue wastewater collab

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 9/14/26, the Fairhaven Select Board discussed the possibility of holding a regional meeting to discuss solutions to wastewater issues affecting municipalities from Westport to Wareham. The board also decided to hold off on creating a Tourism Committee, but did not dismiss the idea outright.

The town has met with City of New Bedford officials, including Jaime Ponte, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Infrastructure. Fairhaven Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, and SB member, Rick Trapilo, met with Mr. Ponte recently to discuss the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) from the city's treatment plant. CSO is water that is discharged into the harbor and outer harbor that is not treated, but gets discharged because the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is overwhelmed when it rains.

The board also discussed an anticipated problem with the disposal of the solid waste from the WWTP because the company the town uses

now, in Woonsocket, might close by 2029.

The SB and public works superintendent, Vinnie Furtado, agreed that the town might benefit from regional cooperation on both issues.

Mr. Trapilo has been very outspoken about the problem with New Bedford's WWTP discharging tens of millions of gallons of untreated water into the harbor every month when it rains.

He had drafted a letter some months ago hoping to prod the city into working on the problem, but at Monday's meeting he suggested that the board shelve that idea. After meeting with Mr. Ponte, Mr. Trapilo said he realized the city simply does not have the resources to upgrade its plant.

The board and Mr. Furtado discussed a variety of options, including the option of contacting the Buzzards Bay Water Quality Working Group. It includes municipalities in the Buzzards Bay Watershed and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. The group has no set schedule for meetings.

The board voted to allow Mr.

Trapilo to contact state Sen. Mark Montigny and Rep. Mark Sylvia to help facilitate the regional meeting to talk about ways to control costs of wastewater disposal.

The board also heard from Jennifer Cardoza about creating a Tourism Committee. The town eliminate the Tourism Department due to budget constraints at the end of the last fiscal year (6/30). The department not only promoted Fairhaven regionally as a tourism destination, but also worked on economic development, and ran a series of successful community and cultural events that each brought hundreds of people to Fairhaven.

The town also has an Economic Development Committee (EDC) that is active in working in some of the same areas as the closed department. EDC Chairperson, Cathy Melanson, has told the board in the past that her committee will try to fill the gap on some things, but it cannot do it all.

Ms. Cardoza said that her proposed Tourism Committee would be

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focused on tourism, events, and promoting what Fairhaven has to offer. The EDC, she said, is focused more on business growth and development.

SB Chairperson, Andrew Romano, said he had some questions about what the EDC is doing. He also said they need to talk about if they want the EDC running events.

SB member, Pam Kuechler, the board's liaison to the EDC, said they have some events planned. She also reminded the board that the town has spoken to the city of New Bedford about possibly using their platforms to promote Fairhaven events.

Board members mostly said they were supportive of the idea, but that they needed to sort out more specifically where the EDC's focus would be and what the charge of the Tourism Committee would be.

SB member, Andrew Saunders, suggested that Ms. Cardoza find out how her sample community, Middleboro, handles the relationship between their two similar committees.

In another matter, the board also met with Lt. Kevin Swain and Safety Officer, Scott Coelho, about sug-

gested parking control measures on three streets: Ash Street at the intersection of Adams Street; Bridge Street at the intersection of Alden Road; Hedge Street.

On Ash Street, which is one of the streets leading to Hastings Middle School, the department requested moving the "No Parking Here To Corner" sign 29 feet. It would make it more obvious to motorists. An additional sign would also be added to the south side to make it easier for school buses and large vehicles to turn onto Ash Street.

On Hedge Street, the department requested a Handicap Parking Only sign in front of 41 Hedge Street. Off. Coelho said the owner is "well aware" that the street is public and anyone with a handicap placard can use the spot.

The department also requested a "No Left Turn" sign at 240 Bridge Street at the Bridge Street exit. The building is on the corner of Bridge Street and Alden Road.

There have been numerous accidents when drivers turn to go to the highway because they have to cross

three lanes of traffic.

Off. Coelho told the board that the owner installed a sign, but it is not enforceable. In his written request he said it was not an "official DOT approved sign," so it was not enforceable.

The board approved all three requests.

In other business, the board set 10/14 as a committee reappointment night. The board had postponed all committee reappointments due to the bylaws changes that passed at Town Meeting in May. All committee members must reapply for their positions or they will not be reappointed. Mr. Romano stressed to members of the public that they should apply for boards they are interested in even if it looks like there are no openings. He said some committee members may not want to get reappointed, so there could be more openings than is apparent.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

POW/MIA

Fort Phoenix VFW 2892 Auxiliary will be hosting a POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center at 229 Huttleston Ave., on Sat., 9/19 at 10am

Casual reception of coffee and pastry to follow

Grand Opening

The public is invited to the Fairhaven Pump Track Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Sat., 9/19, from Noon to 4 p.m., Macomber & Pimental Park, Bernese St., Fairhaven. A community event celebrating bikes, fun and togetherness.

Featuring Team East bicycle stunt shows; free kids bike safety checks, courtesy of the Bike Zone; helmet giveaway courtesy of RAD Share; bicycle raffle, with proceeds to benefit Genesis Ferreira family; food trucks; raffles and prizes; free giveaways. Sponsors: Bike Zone, Circuit BMX, Maul's Bike Shop. The new pump track was designed and built by Dirt Sculpt.

Gather & Grow

Gather & Grow is having a Community Plant Night on Mon., 9/21, at 6pm at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Come see how to revive a dying plant and take home a healthy cutting.

Art Reception

The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven invites visitors "To Pass This Way Again," a series of five oil paintings by Patricia Perry celebrating the architecture and character of Fairhaven High School.

Perry's paintings highlight the school's distinctive Gothic architecture, stained glass, woodwork, and other details, while reflecting the memories and community connections associated with this beloved Fairhaven landmark. The exhibition will be on view through December 2026 in the Youth Services Room, just off the Circulation Area.

The public is invited to meet the artist at an opening reception on Wed., 9/23, from 6:30-7:15 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

Costume Swap

Halloween Sustainability Costume

Swap. Please drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St. or at The Millicent Library from now until October 6th. On October 7th from 4-6pm, there will be a free event at the library with a Halloween Swap table, along with other Halloween crafts.

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted. We will also have a DIY section for children to make their own costumes or add to an existing one.

Drop off Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St. or The Millicent Library-Mon & Wed -9am-8pm, Tues & Thurs -9am-6pm, Friday 10am -6pm, Sat. 9am-3pm.

This program is Sponsored by The Millicent Library and Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

Register on our website: millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar

Outdoor Markets

Fairhaven Farmers Market At the Bright Yellow Farm Stand, 151 Alden Rd, Fairhaven, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through Oct. Visit www.fairhavenfarmersmarket.com or email allnaturalbeef@comcast.net.

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

North Fairhaven Open Air Market ONLY TWO MORE LEFT Weekly on Saturdays through September 26 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Livesey Park, corner Glenhaven and Parker, under the trees. This vibrant market features arts, crafts, farmers, antiques vendors, and food. The Open Air Market does not accept vendors of brand name, commercially made direct sales products.

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

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!

Saving Our Democracy

The "Saving Our Democracy" Working Group of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (UUSF), at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street in Fairhaven is offering a series of three video presentations, followed by discussion, at 6:00 PM on consecutive Thursday evenings as follows:

- 9-24-26: Video #1- "Trump's Power and the Rule of Law": a balanced PBS Frontline documentary which includes officials discussing the pros and cons of the "Unitary Executive Power" theory.
- 10-01-26: Video #2- A speech by travel historian Rick Steves titled "The Traveler & American Democracy with Rick Steves". Mr. Steves delivers a dynamic speech on the rise of authoritarianism in Europe leading up to WWII and American democracy.
- 10-08-26: Video #3- "What are the Moral and Spiritual Issues of the 2026 Elections": A Yale Divinity School Public Theology & Public Policy Conference in which a team of religious leaders and scholars from various disciplines discuss

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STILL IN TOWN

these public policy issues in a panel setting.

SAVE THE DATES:

Town Auction POSTPONED

The town auction originally scheduled for 9/19 has been postponed. A new date has not been announced.

Millicent Friends Annual Mtg & Author Talk

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

Bike Path Ribbon Cutting DATE CHANGE

Phoenix Bike Trail Ribbon Cutting, Sat., 10/17, 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.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Star Kids Impact

New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program, Newport/Fall River Star Kids, and Rhode Islanders Sponsoring Education (RISE) will host a public presentation of a new Johns Hopkins University alumni outcomes study on Thurs., 9/24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill. Please register by email: mtolleson@newbedfordstarkids.org.

Conducted by researchers from the Center for Research and Reform in Education at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education, the exploratory evaluation examined the long-term experiences and outcomes of RISE and Star Kids alumni. The study included survey responses from 183 alumni and interviews with 16 alumni.

Despite significant childhood adversity among participants, the study found strong long-term outcomes. Ninety-two percent of alumni reported graduating from high school, 86% pursued education beyond high school, and 95% said RISE or Star Kids helped them succeed educationally. Additionally, 91% to 94% reported never having been arrested, incarcerated, or admitted to rehabilitation for substance use disorder.

YTI Production

"Rumors" by Neil Simon, Directed by Nicolle Perullo. Four affluent couples gather for their friend's 10th anniversary party but find the host incapacitated and the hostess missing! As the night unravels, doors slam, misunderstandings multiply, and rumors fly between each guest. With hilarious chaos at every

attempted cover-up, this masterclass in comedy is sure to leave you laughing long after the truth finally comes out.

Fri. & Sat., 9/18, 9/19, 9/25, 9/26, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 9/20 & 9/27 at 2 p.m.

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Madeiran Concert

The Museum of Madeiran Heritage is proud to join with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra for a truly special evening celebrating music, culture and our Portuguese and Madeiran heritage.

On Sat., 9/26, at 7:00 PM, experience the elegance of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra String Quartet alongside the passion and soul of fadista Sonia Bettencourt in our beautiful Joseph E. Fernandes Pavilion at 27 Hope St., New Bedford.

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Purchase Tickets: <https://nbsymphony.org/strings-and-fados/>

Gather By The Greenhouse

Friends of Buttonwood Park Presents: Gather by the Greenhouse - Free to the Public. Sat., 9/26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Friends of Buttonwood Park have been busy this year planting and watering trees, adding park benches, clearing trails and cleaning up gardens, among other activities to beautify the park.

Learn more about the group's efforts and enjoy children's nature-themed crafts at the organization's Gather by the Greenhouse, to be held Saturday, September 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the greenhouse on Fuller Parkway. Rain date is Sunday, September 27.

This family-friendly event includes children's activities such as making pine cone bird feeders and tree cookie necklaces, painting rocks, bird drawing, sidewalk chalk drawing and face painting. Tours will also be offered in the arboretum. Come by, relax, enjoy a free cup of coffee, donuts, cheese and crackers and fruit. Refreshments are provided by Dunkin Donuts 1121 Kempton St. New Bedford, Shaw's Supermarket, BJ's Wholesale Club, and Market Basket.

For more information about Gather by the Greenhouse contact Sharon Pinho friends@buttonwoodpark.org

To learn more about the Friends and to become a member, visit The Friends of Buttonwood Park at www.buttonwoodpark.org or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Burial Site Recognized

Join us as we celebrate a national recognition as a revolutionary war burial site and celebrating the 250th birthday of our nation.

Sat., 9/19, 10 a.m., at the Hammond Cemetery, on River Road in Mattapoisett.

Transportation will be provided from Old Hammondtown School to the cemetery in order to avoid congestion at the event.

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.

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.

Bio Blitz

The Marion Institute is excited to invite you to take part in our 2026 BioBlitz series at Frogfoot Farm—a fun, hands-on opportunity to explore nature, learn alongside community members, and contribute to real ecological research.

What is a BioBlitz?

A BioBlitz is a community science event where participants come together to document as much biodiversity as possible—plants, animals, insects, fungi, and more—within a defined area and timeframe. For the day, you'll become a Citizen Scientist, helping to observe and record the life that calls Frogfoot Farm home.

Why We Do It

Our work at Frogfoot Farm through the Neighbors Feeding Neighbors program takes an ecological approach to farming—one that supports food production while welcoming nature and creating habitat for wildlife. Tracking biodiversity helps us understand how the landscape is evolving and how our farming practices are strengthening the health of the land. BioBlitzes allow us to document that progress, and we can't do it without community participation.

Register at <https://www.marioninstitute.org/>

At Mattapoisett Lib.

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

Looking for some storytimes? Family Storytime, for kids ages 2 and up and their families, happens on Thursday mornings at 10:30. Baby

Storytime, for ages 0-2 and their families, happens on Friday mornings at 10:30 starting on September 25th.

Leaf Walk

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!

Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Fall Book Sale on Saturday October 3rd from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will also be accepting book donations on Thursday, October 1st and Friday October 2nd, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition donations of jewelry will also be accepted in preparation for the annual winter jewelry sale.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events, and resources that enrich the Mattapoisett community.

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library at friendsofmattapoisettlibrary@gmail.com.

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.

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Empowering Older Adults with Technology

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

Using Your Smartphone or Tablet Camera, Sept. 21 We'll cover the basics of using the camera on your smartphone or tablet, including taking various types of pictures (selfies, portraits, panorama, etc.), editing & cropping, and using built-in filters and modifiers.

MyChart: Healthcare apps to Manage Your Health, Sept. 28 Use MyChart and your Medicare Plan App to manage your health. Learn what you can do in each app. These apps are your link to your medical records, claims processing, plan coverage details, mail-order prescriptions, findig

a new doctor or specialist, and much more. We'll also cover some other useful apps and sites for managing your health.

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

Sept. 28, *Roustabout* Comedy. Elvis is a karate-chopping biker who's hired as a carnival Roustabout. At first he just provides muscle and a diversion for the beautiful carny girls. Then he picks up a guitar and gets the midway rockin'.

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Recipe of the Week

Honey-Apple Baked Brie With Fried Sage Appetizer

1 (8-ounce) wheel Brie
1/2 sheet all-butter puff pastry
(such as Dufour), thawed
2 Tbsp. apple butter
1 Tbsp. pure honey
1 large egg, beaten
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
4 tsp. pure maple syrup
1 Honeycrisp apple, sliced
Canola oil, for frying
12 fresh sage leaves
Kosher salt
Crackers, for serving

Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Place cheese on puff pastry and cut off top rind. Top with apple butter and honey. Fold pastry up around cheese, pinching to seal. Place on prepared baking sheet; brush with egg. Bake until golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt butter and syrup in a large skillet over medium heat. Add apples and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, 9 to 11 minutes. Transfer to a bowl; clean out skillet.

Line a plate with paper towels. Heat 1/8 inch oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Add sage and press into oil to fully coat. Fry just until leaves are crisp, 10 to 20 seconds. Transfer to prepared plate. Season with salt.

Transfer Brie to a serving plate and top with apples and sage. Serve with crackers alongside.

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to school, but she just laughed and rolled her eyes.

By any chance, do you know if schools provide cab vouchers for dogs who feel uncomfortable in close quarters? If I can't get a voucher, I think my only option is to play hooky.

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Dear Frankie

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And forget about being a truant.

Best, Frankie

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Apple Peach festival persists, in spite of rain

By Beth David
Editor

Well, one out of two ain't bad. Saturday was great weather for the 45th Apple Peach Festival in Acushnet, but Sunday's torrential rain put a damper on things. The parade was canceled, but the festival continued, but a handful of vendors

and the performers showing up.

The new Miss Apple Peach, Averi Pereira, and Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Sofia Faria, made their appearance on stage if a Facebook photo can be trusted, but did not get the traditional ride in the convertible down Main Street.

Facebook has a fair number of

pictures of people sloshing in the puddles and dare we say it.. dancing in the rain.

The VFW was the official pie vendor and almost sold out on day one. People found their way to the VFW Post on Sunday to buy what was left.

Visit <https://applepeachfestival.com/> or find them on Facebook.



LEFT: Juleon and Coeus share an Oreo Crumble at the Acushnet Apple Peach Festival on Saturday, 9/12/26, the first day of the two-day festival that got rained out on Sunday, although it was not officially canceled. RIGHT: Members of the Acushnet Lions Club pose for the local free sheet. Photos by Beth David

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Acushnet remembers 9-11

By Beth David

Editor

The town of Acushnet held its annual 9-11 ceremony on 9/11/26, the 25th anniversary of the worst terrorist attacks in U.S. history. The town has a 9-11 memorial at the Fire Station on Russell Street at Parting Ways with artifacts from all three sites, including a steel beam weighing 2700 pounds from the Twin Towers; concrete from the Pentagon, where Flight 77 crashed; a stone from the field in Shanksville, PA, where Flight 93 crashed.

A sign also has a timeline of the events, which reads: "Acushnet will always remember the 149 minutes that forever changed our lives."

Acushnet Fire Chief, Thomas Farland, reminded the crowd of about 75 people that we all remember where we were, and we need to pass on the memory to future generations.

The attack killed 2,877 people that, including 343 Firefighters. In the years since then, another 400 firefighters have died from illnesses related to that day.

Chief Farland thanked the many people who made the memorial possible, including former Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, who spearheaded the creation of the memorial; Adam and Jeremiah Katz, who designed and built it, along with UMassD professor Erik Lintale.

The Katz brothers could not be there, so their father, Howie, carried

the wreath with Mr. Lintale during the ceremony.

"It was a large project that took months and months of planning and a lot of help from the community, both officials from the town, businesses from the town, and the general public to make this what you see today," said Chief Farland.

He also thanked the people who continue to maintain the grounds on a regular basis.

Fr. Ryan Healy, pastor at St. Francis Xavier, gave an invocation; FF Mike Ledger raised the flag from its half mast position; FF Matt Morriseau rang the 5-5-5 bell; the crowd said the pledge of allegiance; and the Chief played taps on his phone. There was also a moment of silence for all the military personnel who lost their lives during operations after the attacks.

Chief Farland explained that Fire Departments are "rife with tradition." One of those is the 5-5-5 bell. Before the days of mass communication, the church bell would ring 5 times, pause, 5 times, pause, 5 times to let the community know that a firefighter had lost his life in the line of duty.

"We must also never forget the military that serve and protect us every day, that responded in the wake of those attacks and allow us to keep our freedoms and liberty and the life we lead today," said the Chief.

He thanked everyone for helping to keep Acushnet's promise to never forget.

"Because we all remember where we were when it happened, and now we get to pass on to our

next generation how we remember, and keep everybody's memories alive," he said.

"It doesn't get any easier," said Andrea Souza of Acushnet, who lost a cousin in the North Tower, adding that she refused to put TV on all day.

"It's hard to believe it's been 25 years," said Jim Souza, adding that when it goes by fast, it means you never stopped thinking about it.

"I'm glad people turn out for things like this," he said.

He said he was welding under water in Boston Harbor when it happened.

"I'm ready to cry," said Ms. Souza. "I've got my tissues."

Donald Baron said he was there for all the souls lost on that day.

Paul Lareau was driving a commercial truck on the highway in New Jersey on his way to Chicago. He said he woman in the toll booth was hysterical. She was the one who told him. He stopped at a truck stop for food and the TV room was packed, he said. Everyone was just watching. No one was going anywhere.

Mr. Lareau also said he has visited the 9-11 memorial in New York City, and, "It was amazing."

Visit <https://www.911memorial.org> to explore the 9-11 memorial at the site of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.



TOP: Andrea Souza, who lost a cousin when the North Tower collapsed, is contemplative at the Acushnet 9-11 memorial featuring a 2700-pound beam from the Twin Towers, during a ceremony on 9/11/26, the 25th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. ABOVE: Acushnet Firefighter, Matt Morriseau, rings the 5-5-5 bell in memory of those lost. *Photos by Beth David.*

Massachusetts remembers 9-11

The state of Massachusetts commemorated the 9-11 terrorist attacks with several events on Friday, 9/11/26, the 25th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

The events began with a reading of the names of the 219 people who had ties to Mass. A ceremony in the House

Chambers included speakers and the presentation of the Madeline "Amy" Sweeny Award for Civilian Bravery, a Remembrance Montage, and a song performed by the daughter of a 9/11 victim, accompanied by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The commemoration concluded

with a wreath-laying ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial in the Boston Public Garden. Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and other state officials attended.

The events are available on demand at <https://www.massfund.org/annual-massachusetts-commemoration>.



ABOVE LEFT: Family members lay roses over the names of their loved ones before the Wreath Laying ceremony at the Massachusetts 9/11 Memorial in the Boston Public Garden on 9/11/25, the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. ABOVE RIGHT: Diane Hunt, whose son, Christopher William Hunt, worked in the World Trade Center, speaks during the Wreath Laying ceremony BELOW LEFT: Destiny Johnson, Somerville, was in the 5th grade in New York City, blocks away from the Twin Towers, and still remembers the sounds of that day. She holds a white rose during the Wreath Laying ceremony BELOW RIGHT: More than 700 people attended the Massachusetts Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the statehouse Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



Fairhaven High School football remembers 9-11

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven High School took a few minutes to remember 9-11 at its game on Friday, 9/11/26, the 25th anniversary of the worst terrorist attacks in US history. Game callers, Brian Monroe and Tony Ramous, alternated speaking a message of solemn remembrance and tribute to the 2977 people who were killed in the attacks.

Four planes were turned into weapons. Two hit the Twin Towers of

the World Trade Center in New York City; one hit the Pentagon; and one landed in a field in Shanksville, PA, when the passengers realized what was happening and stormed the cockpit.

The message asked people to remember September 12, when "America stood together."

"Twenty-five years later, we cannot change what happened. But we can decide what we do with its memory," they said. "We can choose kindness

over hatred. Service over selfishness. Unity over division. And we can remember that despite all of our differences, there is still something that connects every person standing on this field tonight. We are Americans."

Editors Note: Special thanks to Brian Monroe for sharing a video of the ceremony. It is available on his Facebook page and on our website: www.neighnews.com (Go to archives, then 2026, then 09-17-26.)

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Trapilo requests School Dept. info before joint meeting

From Richard "Rick" "Trapilo,
Fairhaven Select Board member and
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Dear Superintendent Kohler and
School Committee Chair,

In preparation for our upcoming
joint meeting, I am respectfully
requesting the following information
from the Fairhaven School Depart-
ment. The purpose of this request is
to provide the Select Board and me
with an understanding of the School
Department's financial position.

The Town of Fairhaven is projected
to face significant revenue shortfalls
over the next three to five years. As
an elected official, my responsibility
is to the taxpayers who fund both
municipal and educational services.
Addressing these challenges will
require all departments to work
together to identify efficiencies,
manage expenditures, while pro-
tecting essential services.

Specifically, I respectfully request
the following:

1. Student Enrollment

- Total student enrollment for each of
the past three school years, in-
cluding September 2026.
- If available, enrollment by grade for
each year.

2. School Department Staffing

- Total School Department em-
ployees for each of the past three
years, including September 2026.
- If available, staffing by department,
function, or employee classification.

3. Open Enrollment/School Choice

- Current enrollment through the
Open Enrollment/School Choice
program.
- Revenue received per student
compared with the estimated cost
per student.
- Clarification as to whether this
revenue remains within the School
Department budget or is returned,
in whole or in part, to the Town's
General Fund.
- The School Department's financial
rationale and objectives for main-
taining or potentially expanding
participation.

4. Net School Spending and Declining Enrollment

- As referenced in my July 13, 2026,
email, has the School Department
submitted, or does it intend to
submit, a request to reduce its
required Net School Spending
obligation based on declining
enrollment?
- Given the October 1, 2026, deadline,
please provide an update on the
status of this matter.

5. SMEC and Reciprocal Student Cost-Sharing Agreements

- A copy of the current SMEC lease
agreement.
- A copy of the current reciprocal
Fairhaven/SMEC student cost-
sharing agreement.

6. Proactive Three-Year Budget Reduction Analysis

- An analysis of how the School De-

partment could proactively reduce
its operating budget by 3% in each
of the next three fiscal years.

- If possible, please identify potential
savings through efficiencies, con-
solidation, staffing adjustments, or
other operational changes while
minimizing impacts on educational
programs and services.

This request is not intended to be
adversarial or critical of the School
Department. It is about transparency,
fiscal responsibility, and our shared
obligation to the taxpayers of Fair-
haven. The Town is facing significant
financial challenges, and we cannot
successfully address them by viewing
municipal government and the School
Department as separate entities.

I have included key municipal
department leadership so they are
aware of the information being
requested. I will be making similar
requests of major municipal depart-
ments to develop a comprehensive
understanding of the Town's financial
position. This information can then
be shared with the Select Board,
School Committee, Finance Commit-
tee, and ultimately the taxpayers of
Fairhaven.

Thank you in advance for provid-
ing this information prior to our joint
meeting. I look forward to a productive,
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and affordable for homeowners and builders.

"I will keep this campaign focused on the issues and on practical, attainable goals," Smith said. "People deserve more than an acknowledgment of their concerns. They deserve a representative who will develop a plan, manage taxpayer dollars responsibly and persist in turning those concerns into action."

The 10th Bristol District includes Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, along with portions of Acushnet and New Bedford.

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want to keep fighting to make them happen. We've built something here: momentum, trust, and a proven track record of results. And there's so much more we can accomplish together.

I ask for your vote for Mark Sylvia for State Representative November 3rd. Thank you!

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Board of Health

Wed., 9/23, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Cable Advisory

Tues., 9/29, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Commision on Disability

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

Open Space & Rec

Mon. 9/28, Town Hall 11:30 a.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 10/14, FHS Media Ctr., 6:30

Select Board

Mon., 9/28, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

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

Conservation Comm

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

Selectboard

Wed., 9/30, 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.	
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	---
		---	---	1101	---
Wednesday	23	0619	1837	0025	---
		---	---	1154	---
Thursday	24	0658	1915	0017	1230
Friday	25	0734	1952	0044	1306
Saturday	26	0811	2031	0116	1346
Sunday	27	0852	2114	0154	1431
Monday	28	0936	2159	0237*	1518*
Tuesday	29	1022	2246	0323*	1603*
Wednesday	30	1111	2337	0407*	1647*

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

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Public Hearing NOI -DPM Development Corp. , Acushnet MA, Map 12 Lot 11E.

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, 9/17/26

TOWN OF ACUSHNET - INVITATION FOR BIDS-FY2027-29

ROAD RESURFACING, PULVERIZING, COLD PLANING, STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENT, AND MATERIALS TO BE PICKED UP

Sealed bids will be received at the Board of Selectmen's Office, 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743 until Friday, September 25, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. and will, at that time and place, be opened and read publicly.

This bid invitation seeks a qualified contractor to provide road resurfacing, pulverizing, cold planing, structure adjustments, and materials to be picked up for the Town of Acushnet, Department of Public Works. Said contractor shall supply all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to satisfy the requirements of this bid. Contract shall be an annual contract with the option of renewal for two additional, one-year periods (a maximum of three years total) at the sole discretion of the Town of Acushnet.

Bidding procedure and award shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 30, Section 39M of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including all current amendments. The Town of Acushnet reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, or to reject any and all bids, wholly or in part, and to accept proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

In accordance with the Regulations Governing Classification and Ratings of Prospective Bidders, as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, contractors must be Prequalification Certified at the time the bid is opened. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Pavement - Surfacing, for the project with an estimated value of \$1,698,000 will be required.

Contractor shall have verifiable experience in the field. This work is subject to the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law. Bid security in the form of a bid

bond, certified check, or cashier's check payable to the Town of Acushnet is required in a dollar amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount.

Adam Lamontagne Town Administrator
FNN: 9/17/26

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

Tuesday October 6th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearings In-Person at Town Hall or via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBFUmluT1pWSCtiVzJCQT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952 Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-026-022: 10 Oxford Street, Map 13, Lot 2, Book 13521, Page 344. Applicant/Owner James L. and Renee P. Novakoff seeks a Special Permit from §198-32.2 to construct a residential pier w/ a gangway & float and a Variance from §198-32.2 C (5) Docks and Piers to construct a residential pier 10 f. vs 25 ft. from a riparian property line extension.
2. REF# ZBA-026-023: 162 Main Street, Map 12, Lot 8, Book 10193, Page 143. Applicant/Owner: Ray Charles Realty Trust, The Applicant requests an "After the Fact" Variance from Section 198-32.2 "Docks and Piers" (3) (5) to permit the "As Built Pier" to remain less than 25 ft. from a property line.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
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TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Lake Street, Acushnet:

This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# 27380995 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVER-SOURCE ENERGY. Request permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used by your petitioner, along and across the following public way or ways:

- To install 1 (one) new FO Stub Pole to be labeled 78/15-S in the Right of Way of Lake Street.

Morses Lane, Acushnet:

This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# PP02355146 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVER-SOURCE ENERGY. Request permission to located poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used by your petitioner along and across the following public way or ways:

- To install 2 (two) new FO Push Braces on Poles 109/5-PB and 109/7-PB in the Right of Way of Morses Lane.
- To install 1 (one) Guy and Anchor on Pole 109/9 in the Right of Way of Morses Lane
- To install 1 (one) Guy and Anchor on Pole 104/88 in the Right of way of Middle Road
- To install 1 (one) Guy and Anchor on Pole 9099/66 in

the Right of Way of Middle Road

Lynne Ellen Drive, Acushnet

This hearing is on the petition Job # WO# 28608711 from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A EVER-SOURCE ENERGY. Request permission to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways:

- To install approximately 40' (feet) of 1-4" conduit (to CTI HH10001/040C) in the Right of Way of Lynne Ellen Drive.

Board of Selectmen
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert Hinckley, Member
Ryan Rezendes, Member
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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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Brendalee Smith wins Republican nomination in 10th Bristol



Press Release

Brendalee Smith has officially secured the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 10th Bristol District after receiving 185 write-in votes in the September 1 primary election. Smith surpassed the 150 votes required to qualify and will appear on the November General Election ballot.

Smith has served Fairhaven as an elected School Committee member and Town Meeting member, as well as a member of the Charter Committee and Special Bylaw Review Committee. She has also served on the board of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative.

"I am incredibly grateful to everyone who wrote in my name, especially my family, friends and neighbors in Fairhaven, who helped us reach this important moment," Smith said. "This victory belongs to every person who volunteered, encouraged us, and believed that voters deserve a choice. We will continue building on this momentum, listening to voters, and turning their concerns into practical action."

Smith enters the General Election with a campaign message that reflects both why she is running and

how she intends to serve: Turning Concerns into Practical Action.

"My why is my love for our community and the families who call it home," Smith said. "My how is listening carefully, developing a practical plan, budgeting responsibly and remaining persistent until the work gets done."

Smith brings experience from the business, nonprofit, education and public-service sectors. As the founder and CEO of Amel Technology, she has worked with engineers, attorneys and business leaders to develop and advance patented display technology. As Director of Community Development for Rebuilding Lives, she has managed programs and budgets while helping individuals facing homelessness find housing and supportive services.

Her background also includes developing educational safety programs for students from kindergarten through college and coordinating multidisciplinary teams involving law enforcement, government agencies, schools, healthcare providers and social-service organizations.

Smith has served Fairhaven as an elected School Committee member and Town Meeting member, as well as a member of the Charter Committee and Special Bylaw Review Committee. She has also served on the board of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative.

"Business has taught me how to take an idea, build a plan, manage resources and stay with the work," Smith said. "Community service has taught me to listen, bring people together and respond to real needs. Being a mother and grandmother has deepened my sense of responsibility for the kind of future we leave to the next generation."

Smith's campaign priorities include tax relief and responsible state spending, fair and dependable school funding, and dedicated funding with clear public timelines for roads, the Fairhaven-New Bedford Bridge, drainage and flood protection. She also plans to address concerns about state-driven building and energy codes to ensure energy-efficiency standards remain practical

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Rep. Mark Sylvia faces challenger in 10th Bristol race



Submitted

I'm State Representative Mark Sylvia and I'm running for re-election.

Two years ago, I made a commitment to the 10th Bristol district: to hit the ground running on day one, to show up, to listen, and to deliver results. I meant it, and I've been true to my word.

In my first term as our State Representative, I've fought hard for our communities. We brought home over \$1.345 Million in direct funding for food security, for the Whitfield Manjiro House, for a new kitchen at the Fairhaven COA, AEDs for Mattapoisett, new bleachers and safety equipment at ORRHS. And I am proud to have secured \$1 million for the Acushnet Slocum Street project. That's real money working for people.

With my local House colleagues, I supported Senator Montigny's efforts to provide funding for Station 9 in New Bedford. I've fought for \$3

million in future bond authorizations for projects in our district including improving wastewater systems, combating invasive species and supporting economic development. And I stood with the residents of Ward 1 against expansion of a waste related facility at the industrial park.

I've attended over 500 community events including at town meetings and ribbon cuttings, at senior centers and seafood festivals, at labor and farming events. I listened to cranberry growers and fishermen concerns, small business owners struggling with rising costs, and families trying to make ends meet.

Eight bills I filed have become law, including legislation that supports our municipalities. I've supported legislation focused on bringing costs down, helping our towns, protecting workers' rights, and strengthening healthcare access. I've testified for veterans' benefits and municipal employees. I've worked with colleagues, municipal leaders, and state agencies to address the challenges facing our district directly. I cut through red tape to help residents and small

businesses navigate a state system that can feel overwhelming.

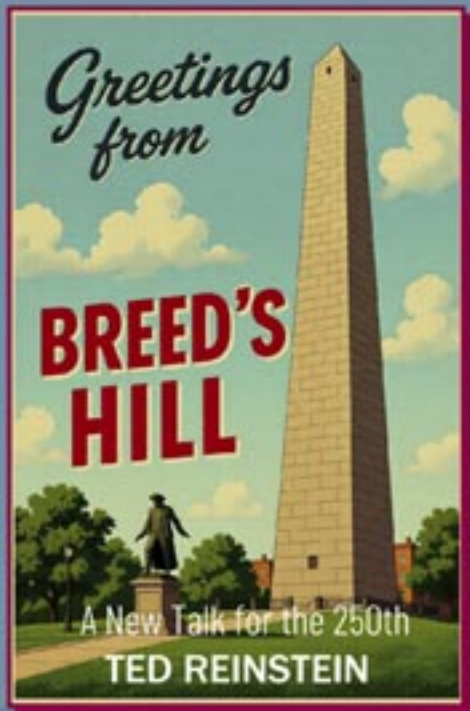
I've been transparent in my voting record, because you deserve to know exactly where I stand. I held office hours in our district, every month. I showed up for our veterans, our seniors, our families, our farmers, and our workers. I supported the Winter Recovery Assistance Program. And I've stood with labor in pushing for better wages and workplace protections.

There is a lot more to be done — from bringing costs down for residents, to expanding housing opportunities, to reforming our utility system and fighting for better healthcare access. It also means working to strengthen our local communities, by championing state aid for education and municipal services, to expanding small business opportunities and investing in our local fishing, agriculture and tourism industries.

I've been fighting for you, I've delivered results, and I'm just getting started.

I'm running for re-election because our best days are ahead of us, and I

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Author & Reporter Ted Reinstein

September 28, 6:30 PM

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