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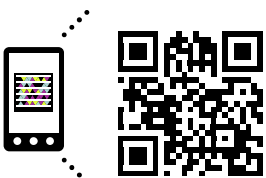
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

POWs/MIAs remembered



Melissa Danforth, President of Fort Phoenix VFW 2892 Auxiliary, reads the names of Massachusetts' Missing in Action, while other members light a flameless candle for each one, during a remembrance ceremony in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day at the Fairhaven Council on Aging on 9/19/26, in front of the "Wall of Honor" at the Senior Center. L-R: Lori Paré, Barbara-Jean Stiles, Melissa Danforth (at podium), Kathleen Clement. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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

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

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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

There are a whopping nine ballot questions for voters to decide this November. Activists have been busy-busy bees. See page 3 for a quick summary of what the questions are about. There are also a couple of forums to discuss them (see page 6), and I'm sure a few more will pop up before 11/3.

We have quite the mix of stories this week, which, I guess is not all that unusual. It does not get a whole lot more serious than our cover story. The VFW Auxiliary held an event in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day. They read the names of 40 Mass. MIA, all from the Vietnam War years. There's a reminder in the story that Fall River has a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 80%. Fall River is a quick ride from here, folks, so consider taking a ride to see it. See page 12.

Then we've got a fun story on page 13, about the new BMX pump track (for people who do tricks on their bikes that are way too small for them) at Macomber & Pimental Park on the neck. Pretty cool spot.

And now, there's no avoiding the Big Buffoon this week. He has kicked out news outlets he does not like. Really, what part of "free press" is so hard for his little brain to comprehend? But that one is easy. The lawyers can handle it.

Much more distressing is that the Big Buffoon's goons shot another harmless person, in the back this time. A Venezuelan immigrant who is in this country legally, has no criminal record, and works hard for a living. He's a DoorDash driver. Or, he was. It is unclear if he will ever be able to drive again. The goons shot him in the back, handcuffed him, then removed him from the hospital with the bullet still in his back, and took him to a detention center. They never even gave him a damned aspirin for his pain. He has lost feeling on one side of his body. His condition is unknown at the moment.

He's 28 years old and might never recover.

28 years old.

We did that. The United States of America. The one with the Constitution, the Rule of Law, and a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

We used to be the good guys.

And now the ICE goons are in New Bedford. They reportedly kidnapped eight people off the streets in the city across the river.

How can any of you still support this guy?

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

Until next week... see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David...
VROOM VROOM!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Voters will face nine ballot questions on Nov. 3

By Beth David
Editor

Massachusetts voters will face a whopping nine ballot questions in the general election on Tuesday, 11/3/26.

Questions 1-8 are laws proposed by initiative petition. If passed by the voters, these proposals would become law. Question 9 is a referendum on an existing law. Voters are asked if they approve of the existing law. If a majority vote "yes," the law will remain in place. If a majority vote "no," the law will be repealed.

For the online guide to each ballot question, visit <https://ma.omniballot.us/sites/25/vg/app/vig/voter-guide/info> on the Secretary of State's website. Information includes everything that is in the red book that was mailed to all voters in the Commonwealth: summaries, arguments, legislative reports, and full text of the laws. Visit VoteInMA.com for other election information.

Ballot Question 1

Q1 would expand the public records law to include the governor's office and the legislature. On the local level, almost all correspondence by officials is considered a public record. Mass. is one of only two states that exempts the

legislature and governor.

The argument against the change is mostly centered around constituent communications to lawmakers, with the contention that those should be private. No organized group has opposed this Ballot Question.

A "yes" vote makes the records public.

Ballot Question 2

Q2 would allow employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) to form a union. These are the attorneys who are appointed to defend people who cannot afford to pay for one.

No organized group has opposed this Ballot Question.

The "yes" vote will allow the CPCS to form a union, if they choose to, it does not create the union

Ballot Question 3

Q3 would eliminate the primary voting system we have now and create an all-party primary, also known as a "top-two" primary or a "jungle primary." Instead of voters choosing a ballot for their party and voting for one of those candidates, the primary would have all candidates listed and the top two vote getters would advance to the general election. California and Washington have similar systems.

Those in favor of the change say the current system favors insiders, candidates can be blocked at party conventions; two-thirds of the Mass. legislature is running unopposed, allowing them to take voters for granted.

Opponents argue that two candidates from the same party could be the only choices on the ballot in the general election; the all-party primary favors wealthy, self-funded candidates and shuts out others from access to party resources.

Ballot Question 4

Q4 would allow eligible citizens to register to vote or update their address on election day. Proof of residency and a written oath are required.

The change will make it easier for people who move frequently, like young people and renters, to vote.

The arguments against include that election officials will not have enough time to verify a voter's identity, residence, or duplicate registration.

A "yes" vote will allow same day voter registration. A "no" vote will make no change to the law.

Ballot Question 5

Q5 would limit how much revenue the

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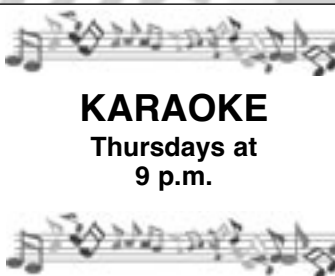
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state can collect, tying it to the amount of revenue from the previous year, plus average wage and salary growth.

Proponents argue that the change will put money into the pockets of average citizens. They contend it will not cut state spending for important services. Excess revenue would be returned to taxpayers.

Opponents contend that the reduction in state revenue will result in cuts to schools, healthcare, affordable housing and public safety. They also argue that only millionaires will get frequent rebates.

The statement of fiscal consequences warns that the limitations would reduce the amount of money for local aid and the state's stabilization fund.

Ballot Question 6

Q6 would establish a Nature for All Fund created from 50% of sales tax on sporting goods, recreational vehicles, and golf courses. The fund would be used to protect water, land and wildlife.

Proponents of the law say as much as \$100 million could be raised to protect the environment, prevent flooding and storm damage, and improve greenspaces for public use. They note it does not raise taxes or create a tax.

The statement of fiscal consequences states the law would divert tens of

millions of dollars in tax receipts that are already supporting the state budget.

Ballot Question 7

Q7 would allow single-family homes to be built on lots as small as 5,000 square feet statewide.

Proponents argue that the new law will create affordable homes, making it easier for young people to buy a home, and for older people to downsize.

Opponents argue that the law would override local planning and force housing on smaller lots regardless of the conditions in existing neighborhoods. Local officials understand their communities best and should be the ones making decisions, not forced into a once-size-fits-all mandate.

Ballot Question 8

Q8 would prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana in the state, and change the possession limits and penalties.

Proponents argue that since recreational marijuana was legalized in Mass., there has been an increase in car accidents due to abuse, more workplace injuries, and links to mental health conditions. The sale of medical marijuana and possession of small amounts will be legal.

Opponents argue that the law would send marijuana back to the illicit market where there are no safeguards. It would

shut down hundreds of businesses, kill jobs, and eliminate state revenue.

The statement of fiscal consequences says the sale of recreational marijuana raised \$280 million in state revenue and \$50 million in local revenue in FY25.

Ballot Question 9

Q9 would repeal the gun law that has been in place since 2024, passing by overwhelming majorities in both the house and senate. The new law places a number of new restrictions on owning and carrying firearms in the state. Most notably, the law prohibits the carrying of firearms in all government buildings, including town and city halls. It bans ghost guns, outlaws devices that turn semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons.

Proponents of the law say Mass. has a gun death rate 70% lower than the national average, and maintaining the policies in the law will continue to drive the rate of gun violence down.

Opponents state that Mass. already had some of the strictest gun laws in the country. The huge law is "bureaucratic overreach" that is confusing and treats "harmless historical re-enactors and antique hobbyists like criminals." Legislation should focus on violent criminals, not limiting citizens' civil rights.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Run to Remember

Free T-Shirt Deadline Approaching

The Annual LCpl Matthew Rodriguez 5K Run to Remember will be held on Sun., 10/25, at Fort Phoenix State Reservation, 100 Green St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, at 9 a.m. Register at TeamSmilingWarrior.org. **First 125 registrations before Sept. 30 receive a FREE race t-shirt.**

Pre-Registration fee (ends 10/23): Runners & Walkers, \$30; Active Military, \$25. Same-day registration +\$5.

For more info, call 774-306-6372, or email lauren@thesmilingwarrior.org.

Benefits The LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation which was created in memory of LCpl Rodriguez, 19, a Fairhaven resident who was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13.

Academy Building/ Museum Open

As summer begins to wind down and our beach days give way to quieter weekends, we thought it was the perfect time to reopen the doors of the Academy Building and invite you to explore Fairhaven's rich history. We will be open every Saturday, from 11-2, through the end of November, at 141 Main Street, on the West Lawn of Fairhaven High School. The museum is free to all and donations are much appreciated.

*Discover centuries of history
right here in Fairhaven.*

Did you know that the Academy Building was built in 1798 as a private school and opened as the New Bedford Academy in 1800? During that time, Fairhaven was still a part of New Bedford, the name was changed to Fairhaven Academy after the incorporation of the town in 1812.

You can view one of the preserved classrooms on the first floor. Be sure to go up to the 2nd floor to visit the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum while there!

Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/HistoricalSocietyFairhaven/>

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

Costume Swap DL 10/6

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 **LAST ONE** 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.

Vendors Wanted

North Fairhaven Open Air Markets **FIRST FALL FEST!!** We are so excited.

If you would like to be a vendor, please email us ASAP at NorthFairhavenMarket@gmail.com. Space is limited, so act fast!!!!

Yard Sale FR

Come shop with us Saturday, October 3 from 10 AM-3 PM at the Whitfield-Manjiro House, 11 Cherry Street in Fairhaven!

Lots of great finds, and all proceeds benefit the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and our mission of preserving history and promoting friendship and cultural exchange between the U.S. and Japan.

Featuring new, used, vintage arts, quilts, jewelry, collectibles, holiday, scarfs, books, decor, and much, much more, including Japanese items. Come find a treasure and support a great cause.

Boating Course

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 65 will run its 2026 FALL SEMESTER 1-week Boat America course (BA) for 4 evenings - Monday through Thursday, September 28, 29, 30 & October 1 - from 7-9 pm at the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club (ARSBC), 80 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

The \$25 fee includes the textbook and all course material. Class size is limited, register early at <https://tinyurl.com/5n7j8u4r>

Contact Steve Schaeffer, Public Education Officer, schae5900@gmail.com

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,

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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 these public policy issues in a

panel setting.

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.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Ballot Question Forums

As voters prepare to make critical decisions on the November 3 ballot, the League of Women Voters SouthCoast and United Interfaith Action are mobilizing with community partners to deliver essential voter education and spark meaningful dialogue directly in two of the region's Gateway Cities. The League is proud to sponsor upcoming Ballot Question Forums in New Bedford and Fall River, allowing voters to consider diverse perspectives, ask questions, and engage in meaningful civic discussion.

The forums will be held:

- New Bedford: Thursday, October 1, 6-8 p.m., Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd.
- Fall River: Thursday, October 22, 6-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Parish, 1598 S. Main Street.

A central focus of the League's voter-education efforts is Ballot Question 1, Expanding the Public Records Law. SouthCoast League Chair Eileen J. Marum has a leadership role in educating voters about the question and the issues surrounding public access to government records.

The forums reflect the League's longstanding commitment to informed voting, transparency, accountable government, and active civic participation. By creating space for voters to hear directly about the nine questions before them, the League, United Interfaith Action, and its community partners are helping strengthen the connection between informed citizens and a healthy democracy.

The SouthCoast League of Women Voters, in partnership with the United Interfaith Action, encourages residents

from throughout the region to attend, bring their questions, and share information about the forums with their families, neighbors, community organizations, and friends.

Sunfish Volunteers

Our sailing community is gearing up for an exciting 2027 season on the water, and we are looking for additional passionate members to join our "Sunfish Racing Committee".

Whether you are an experienced racer, a casual sailor, or someone who loves being involved on the race management side, this is the opportunity for you.

Why Join the Committee?

- **Be Part of the Action:** Help organize local fleet races, training days, and regattas.
- **Support the Fleet:** Ensure safe, organized, and competitive racing for sailors of all skill levels.
- **Build Camaraderie:** Work closely with other enthusiasts and share your love for the iconic Sunfish.

What We Need Help With

- **On-the-Water Operations:** Managing start lines, setting courses, and finishing races from the committee boat.
- **Shore Operations:** Handling registration, scorekeeping, and event coordination.
- **Mentorship:** Welcoming new racers and helping expand our local fleet.

No race committee experience is required — we are happy to provide guidance and show you the ropes!

You are cordially invited to our first get together meeting on Thurs., 10/15, at 6:30 p.m., Low Tide Yacht Club, located in Fort Taber Park, 1000C S. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA. Refreshments will be served*

Please contact Joe Pacheco at: josephpacheco46@yahoo.com

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., 9/25, 9/26, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 9/27 at 2 p.m.

Your Theatre @ Steeple Playhouse, 159 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Tickets: \$15. Get tickets at <https://steepleplayhouse.org> or at the door

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Oktoberfest

Sat., 10/3, 3 p.m.-midnight, Pope's Island Marina, New Bedford. Tickets: \$20 at the door. \$15 presale online

Join us for The 20th Annual NB OKTOBERFEST presented by the Southcoast Business Alliance (SCBA).

Featuring live bands and DJ, 20+ breweries, food trucks, engaging activities, and more.

Proceeds support at-risk youth & educational based charities along the Southcoast.

Artists Reception

Creative Catalysts returns for its second year with *The Lens of Literature*, a multidisciplinary exhibition exploring what happens when artists from different creative

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disciplines come together around a shared source of inspiration.

Organized by Midori Creativity, the exhibition brings artist pairs together around a selected work of literature as a source of inspiration, framework, or creative spark. Through conversation and creative exchange, each artist creates original work informed by their shared literary starting point.

The resulting exhibition brings together visual art, literary arts, music, multimedia, and other creative practices.

The public is invited to the opening reception of Creative Catalysts: The Lens of Literature on Sat., 10/3, from 4–6 p.m. at Groundwork Gallery, 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA. (Enter via

Maxfield St.) The exhibition will be on view through November 29, 2026.

Vvisit midoriceativity.com/creativecatalysts

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Westport Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Join the Boy Scouts

Acushnet's Boy Scout Troop 11 is looking for new Scouts! We welcome boys and young men (ages 11-17) who are ready to explore, learn, and grow in a supportive, fun, and active scouting program. Build character, learn leadership, share adventure.

- Camping & Outdoors: Hike, camp, fish and enjoy the beauty of nature.
- Skills for Life: Learn leadership, teamwork, problem solving and more.
- Build Friendships: Be part of a team and make lifelong friends.
- Make a Difference: Serve your community and build a better tomorrow.

Scouting builds stronger citizens. To learn more, contact Scoutmaster Joe Cote, joecote310@gmail.com, 508-264-2518.

Art Reception

The Marion Art Center will exhibit the work of artists Pamela Dorris DeJong and Sky Hoyt from September, 2026 through October 30, 2026. The opening reception will be held on Sat., 9/26 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm at 80 Pleasant St., Marion, MA.

More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

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At Mattapoisett Lib.

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

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!

Movie on the Lawn

Join us for a Sunset Cinema Movie on the MFPL Lawn! We will be showing "Night at the Museum" at 6pm on September 30th, with a run time of 1 hour & 48 minutes. Bring chairs to lounge on, a blanket to keep warm, and some snacks, to fully enjoy the movie experience. This event is designed for community members of all ages, 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.

USPS Job Fairs

The United States Postal Service, consistently named one of the most trusted brands in America, is hiring. Free virtual job fairs are being offered to help future employees create online profiles so they can immediately start applying for jobs on the following Tuesdays from 11 a.m. – Noon: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycxbzwvm>

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South Coast Harvest Festival. Fall family fun for everyone! The date has been changed due to an expected nor'easter. The new dates are Oct. 2–4, The Westport Fairgrounds, 200 Pine Hill Road, Westport: Fri., 10/2, 3–8 p.m.; Sat., 10/3, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun., 10/4, 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>

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Sun., 10/11, American Legion Post 265, 71 Hope St., Acushnet. Ride, eat, rock, give back. \$25 for ride & BBQ, \$15 for BBQ only. Public welcome. Kickstands up at 11 a.m. Live music starting at 2 p.m. Rain or shine.

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

Tips & Tricks for your smartphones and tablets. Oct. 19.

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. 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'.

Oct. 5, *Arsenic & Old Lace*. Comedy/Crime. Mortimer Brewster, a Brooklyn writer of books on the futility of marriage, risks his reputation after he decides to tie the knot. Things grow complicated when he learns that his beloved maiden aunts Abby and Martha are serial murderers.

Walking Group

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

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Shepherd Center to produce local author's play

By Beth David
Editor

The Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts will host a performance by local playwright Beth Luey about the long friendship between famed author Mark Twain and Fairhaven tycoon Henry Huttleston Rogers Oct. 3 and 4.

Directed by Kiah Allaire, "Rogers & Twain In Their Own Words" is a conversation between two old friends, taken from their letters back and forth. Each man was highly successful in his own career. Mark Twain was perhaps the most famous writer of his time and traveled the world as a speaker, drawing sell-out crowds. Henry Rogers, a native of Fairhaven, was a self-made millionaire who invested in oil, railroads, and copper. Ruthless in business, he was

one of the wealthiest men in the world.

The men were introduced by a mutual friend who hoped that Rogers, who admired Twain's writing, could help rescue the writer from financial disaster. The play begins with their meeting and Rogers' resolution of Twain's pending bankruptcy. Although their financial dealings continued throughout their lives, the play focuses on their friendship and their families. There's a lot of talk about the new mansion that Rogers is building, the buildings he donated to the town, and Fair-

haven politics.

The dialogue is taken directly from their letters to each other.

The play will be performed at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3 at The Shepherd Center, 34 Center St. (William Street entrance) and again on Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 online and \$25 at the door.



Recipe of the Week

Stuffed Acorn Squash

3 medium acorn squash

2 Tbsp. olive oil

Salt and pepper

FILLING

2 Tbsp. olive oil

8 sage leaves, chopped

1 lb. ground Italian sausage

8 oz. baby bella mushrooms, sliced

1/2 red onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 Tbsp. fresh thyme, chopped plus more for serving

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper, plus more for serving

1 1/2 cups cooked rice

1/3 cup heavy cream

1 cup grated fontina or Monterrey Jack cheese

For the squash: Preheat oven to 400°. Carefully cut squash in half, through the stem. Scoop out the seeds and fibrous center. Place on a baking sheet cut-side up. Brush with olive oil and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Roast for 30 minutes. Flip each half over, placing them cut-side down, and continue to roast for 15 minutes or until very tender. Remove from the oven and reduce the oven temp to 350°F.

For the filling: While the squash is roasting, heat 1 tbsp olive oil in large skillet over med-high heat until very hot. Add the sage and cook for 30 seconds or until dark green. Add the sausage to the skillet. Cook until fully browned, breaking up the sausage with the back of a spoon as it cooks, about 10 minutes. Transfer the sausage-sage mixture to a bowl.

Add the remaining 1 tbsp of oil to the skillet. Add mushrooms, onion, garlic, thyme, salt, & pepper. Cook, stirring frequently, until the mushrooms release their liquid and the onions are softened, about 7 mins.

Stir in the cooked rice and heavy cream. Stir in 1/2 cup fontina cheese until well combined. Stir the sausage back into the mixture. Let simmer for a couple of minutes then remove from the heat.

Flip the squash cut-side up and divide the filling among each squash half. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup fontina. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until the cheese is melted and everything is warm throughout. Top with more fresh thyme leaves and black pepper before serving.



keep up with the homework assignments?

My mom said there is no need to worry, I have always had friends, get good grades, and can take my lunch. That's fine for her to say, she never worries about anything.

Is it normal to be as worried as I am?

Selena

Dear Selena,

Being nervous about going to a new school with lots of unknowns is normal. Many students entering middle school have similar concerns

Dear Frankie

Middle School

Dear Frankie,
I'm anxious about going to middle school. None of my friends are in my class. What if no one likes me, they don't have gluten free food in the cafeteria, or I can't

which is why schools have an orientation session to give you the lay of the land, and clubs for students to join with similar interests. Gluten free options are required in schools, so no worries there.

What your mom was trying to tell you is that you have never had trouble socially or academically, and she has every reason to believe it will continue to be so.

She does make a good point.

Best, Frankie

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Press Release

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built to break or paying premium prices for new heirloom-quality pieces. Another owns furniture that has outlasted their ability to appreciate it.

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VFW Auxiliary observes POW/MIA Recognition Day

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Auxiliary held a remembrance ceremony in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day (Prisoners of War/Missing in Action) at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center on Saturday, 9/19/26. The event featured several speakers, a display of the Missing Man Table, and a roll call of Massachusetts' 40 MIA.

Melissa Danforth, President of Fort Phoenix VFW 2892 Auxiliary, emceed the event and greeted the small group that gathered in the room with the "Wall of Honor," where the photos of local service members are displayed.

She said the events are held to formally recognize those who gave "an extra measure to protect our nation."

"By being here, we are part of a global effort to bring recognition to this noble mission and to remind the families of this special category of brave patriots that they are truly not forgotten," said Ms. Danforth.

Patricia Wilbur, President of the Department of Mass. VFW Auxiliary, stressed the hope that the families have to one day find out what happened to their loved ones.

"Hope is everlasting, it's undying," she said.

Betty Rosa, Secretary/Treasurer for the Mass. VFW Aux., explained the meaning of each piece of the place setting of the Missing Man Table: it is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner; the tablecloth is white, for purity of their intention; a red rose for the families and loved ones; a yellow ribbon, reminiscent of ribbons tied around trees and worn on lapels of those who bear witness; a slice of

lemon, to remind us of their bitter fate; salt, symbolic of the family's tears as they wait; inverted glass, because they cannot drink with us today; empty chair...they are not here.

Ms. Danforth also read the names of the 40 MIA from Mass., while other members of the Auxiliary lit a flameless candle for each one. The names are from the years 1960-1972, during the Vietnam War.

The program also included an Invocation, Benediction, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Auxiliary's newest member, Louise Conway Quintin, whose brother was killed in Vietnam, read a poem she wrote:

*September 18th is POW Day
Will our Veterans be remembered
today?*

*Some came home, some did not
Just the thought breaks my heart.*

*Remember them today and tomorrow,
too.*

*They gave their lives for me and you.
God Bless them.*

After the ceremony, Larry Carroll, stood in front of the lit candles for a moment in silence.

His wife, Elaine Carroll, said they came to pay their respects and remember those who did not come home.

"We have to think about them, pray for them," she said, and keep hoping that they will get back.

Ms. Carroll said their youngest son's fiancée was killed in the 9-11 attacks in New York. She was on the first plane to hit the tower. So they have a lot to remember in their own



family.

Ms. Quintin said she joined the auxiliary so she could help veterans because of losing her brother in Vietnam. She said the day was emotional for her, she had visited the Vietnam Wall in Fall River the day before, where they had a large ceremony for POW/MIA Day.

The wall in Fall River is only 20% smaller than the original in DC and is a permanent monument at Veterans Memorial Bicentennial Park (1082 Davol Street). Ms. Quintin is hoping to organize a group to visit the Fall River wall for Veterans Day.

The official POW/MIA Day of Remembrance is designated as the third Friday in September, which was 9/18 this year. Learn more at <https://www.pow-miafamiliesorg/recognition-day>.

Learn more about the VFW Auxiliary at <https://vfwauxma.org/>

Learn more about the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Fall River at <https://vietnammemorialwall.org>; learn more about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in DC at <https://www.vvmf.org>



ABOVE LEFT: Patricia Wilbur, President of the Department of Mass. VFW, speaks during a remembrance ceremony in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day at the Fairhaven Council on Aging on 9/19/26, in front of the "Wall of Honor" at the Senior Center. Melissa Danforth, President of Fort Phoenix VFW 2892 Auxiliary, lights the candle on the Missing Man Table. TOP Auxiliary member, Louise Quintin, whose brother was killed in Vietnam, reads a poem during the ceremony. Photos by Beth David.

Pump Track at Macomber & Pimental Park gets Class A redo

By Beth David
Editor

The BMX pump track at Macomber & Pimental Park in Fairhaven got a top notch asphalt re-do recently. On Saturday, 9/19/26, officials and BMX enthusiasts, volunteers, kids, parents, and neighbors, enjoyed a variety of fun events at an official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mike Rotondo, who spearheaded the original, smaller dirt track, thanked a long list of people from the early days of the dirt track, to the present day.

He said he was pleasantly surprised when the Board of Public Works was so supportive of the idea.

"We should be stoked that we pulled this off," said Mr. Rotondo.

He remembered the first time he went in front of the BPW expecting resistance and instead he got support, especially from board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, which surprised Mr. Rotondo. Mr. Hobson said the park was the most underutilized in town and he was happy to see it used.

Mr. Rotondo also thanked the Community Preservation Committee appropriating the funds, and the community for being mostly supportive. Although, he said, there are few haters.

State Rep. Mark Sylvia said the project was a true example of how a community can come together to get something positive done.



He said the track will bring a lot of people to "our wonderful town."

"We've got to do more this," he said.

Mr. Hobson made sure to remind everyone why the park was named Macomber and Pimental. He said three preteen boys, two Macomers and one Pimental, went out on a skiff into Jack's Cover and drowned. It happened in the 1960s when Mr. Hobson was still on the police force. He said it was appropriate that the park is being used by the right people and the kids.

BMX rider Andrew Stadnik said the new track was "cool" and a lot of hard work went into it. He would not give his age, just said he was "old," and said he has been riding since he was a "little tot."

Mr. Stadnik does not live in Mass. but grew up here. He said he was

visiting family and the timing just worked out.

"I will be doing some biking," he said.

Marsha Becker made the observation that the activity on the track included very young children as well as adults.

Dave King of DirtSculpt, which designed and built the track, said it was about a medium sized track compared to what they usually build. His company also creates mountain biking trails, ski trails, and competition jumps.

The day also included refreshments, giveaways, a raffle benefiting cancer patient Genesis Ferreira, and a couple of BMX shows by Eastern Action Sports.

The park is open from dawn until dusk and is located on Bernese Street, off Sconticut Neck Road, in Fairhaven.



TOP: Fairhaven Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado (holding scissors, left) and volunteer Mike Rotondo, cut the ribbon together at the official opening of the new BMX Pump Track at Macomber and Pimental Park in Fairhaven, on Saturday, 9/19/26. L-R: State Rep. Mark Sylvia; Select Board Chairperson, Andrew Romano; Mr. Furtado; BPW member Marcus Ferro (BACK); Mr. Rotondo; Community Preservation Committee chair, Ann Richard (BACK); BPW chair, Brian Wotton; BPW members, Robert "Hoppy" Hobson and Hillary Rotondo. ABOVE LEFT: Riders of different ages use the new track. ABOVE RIGHT: Some of the younger kids try out the jumps. Photos by Beth David.

CPC application deadline is approaching

Press Release

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY28 funding round. The FY28 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

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Press Release

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Potential grantees must apply online. Our application portal closes on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 11:59 PM (ET). No paper or late applications are allowed. We accept applications once a year.

To learn more or to apply, visit our Mass Cultural Council page: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/fairhaven/>

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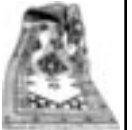
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From our readers

Clothing Choices Reflect Values

What message are you wearing, and who or what is it connected to?

I am writing to share an observation regarding how clothing choices reflect contemporary values and community identity in Fairhaven.

Apparel featuring phrases like "One nation under God" alongside the American flag and a cross has become increasingly common. This messaging reflects the phrase added to the Pledge of Allegiance during the cold war in 1954, emphasizing faith as a source of strength during times of such vulnerability.

Conversely, I have noticed lately the popularity of clothing featuring horseshoe iconography alongside the brand name "True Religion." Historical

research indicates that this symbol shares its design with the Altar of Pergamon (seat of satan) — a design later adapted for political rallies in 1930s Berlin, as Hitler's podium. The altar of Pergamon is also referenced in the Book of Revelation. While the brand's designer states the shape represents unity, its historical associations raise important questions about what that unity signifies and the spirit it is connected to.

Historically, various symbols have been worn to signal group affiliation, especially in war zones and the imagery on our apparel carries distinct meanings. Many individuals, particularly youth and parents, may wear these items as trends without full awareness of their background context and design. While local symbols — such as our high school's

cern. Along with the energy it represents.

Knowing these historical connections, I would not choose to wear imagery associated with that design. I encourage Fairhaven families to research the messages on their clothing, consider what these symbols represent, and choose apparel that conveys positive, uplifting messages to our community.

Many people were hypnotized and mesmerized by a leader in Berlin, who chose this very horseshoe shape for his podium. And to model after the altar of Pergamon. By now you can see why I felt it was critical that I write this letter to the editor and get this message out. I see more and more teens wearing this shirt and even adults, but I believe that they don't really know what they're wearing.

Please pay attention to the messages being sent around us, inform those who may be unaware of what they are wearing, and never be shy to stand up for Truth and Liberty under God.

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven



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"Blue Devils" mascot — also prompt reflection, the commercial iconography on retail apparel warrants particular attention and con-



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Fairhaven

Board of Public Works
Mon., 9/28, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

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

Open Space & Rec
Mon. 9/28, Town Hall 11:30 a.m.

Parks Workshop
Wed., 10/21, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
With SRPEDD to discuss public
parks and uses

Rogers Re-Use Comm
Thurs., 9/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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

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

Acushnet

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.
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*

		Oct. 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	1	---	1206	0452*	1734
Friday	2	0037	1309	0541	1834
Saturday	3	0142	1413	0646	2003
Sunday	4	0245	1514	0817	2147
Monday	5	0349	1620	0958	2328
Tuesday	6	0458	1728	1153	---
Wednesday	7	0559	1822	0021	1248
Thursday	8	0647	1907	0101	1335
Friday	9	0728	1949	0133	1420
Saturday	10	0808	2030	0157	1501
Sunday	11	0849	2111	0218	1525
Monday	12	0930	2153	0245	1538

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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NOTICE TO FAIRHAVEN RESIDENTS FIRE FLOW TEST

On Tuesday September, 29th 2026, Encore Fire Protection will be conducting a Fire Pump Test at Southcoast Healthcare Center, located at 206 Mill Road at 9:00pm. This test may temporarily cause discolored water and/or low pressure in areas adjacent to the test location as well as areas serviced by the same water distribution mains. Every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience to the consumers. On the test day, consumers should check the water prior to use.

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NOTICE TO FAIRHAVEN RESIDENTS FIRE FLOW TEST

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, October 5, 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:

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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. Links to the applications located on the Town Website under current

filings.

a. CON 023-594: 109 Ebony Street, Map 43A, Lot 318
Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Edmund Harrington to construct a shed 12ft x6 ft. FEMA Flood Zone AE, elevation 14ft.

b. CON 023-593: 180 Balsam Street, Map 43B, Lot 39
Louise Merrick to install a permeable, natural stone paver patio connected with permeable joints in the backyard. Minimal disturbance in the 50-100 ft Buffer Zone.

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 9/24/26

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

Tuesday October 6th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
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- 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.
- 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
FNN: 9/17/26, 9/24/26

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 locate 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 Hinkley, Member
Ryan Rezendes, Member
FNN, 9/17/26, 9/24/26

Fairhaven Town Clerk

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The following bylaw amendments, adopted at the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting convened on May 2, 2026, have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General and are published herewith in accordance with G.L. c. 40, §32.

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

ARTICLE 20 REVOLVING FUNDS

By majority vote, Town Meeting voted to authorize or re-authorize the following Revolving Accounts under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ and to amend General Bylaws Section 2-6 to add new revolving funds under the following terms:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	FY27 Limit
Hazardous Materials	Fire Chief	Disposal fees/charges	\$100,000
Sustainability	Sustainability Committee	Fees/charges	\$10,000
Hoppy's Landing	Select Board and/or Town Administrator	Fees/charges from users of Hoppy's Landing	\$25,000
Town Hall Auditorium	Town Administrator	Town Hall Auditorium rental fees	\$5,000
Park Utilities	Board of Public Works	User fees	\$2,000
Shellfish Mitigation	Marine Resources	Mitigation fees	\$25,000
Mooring Fees	Marine Resources	Mooring fees	\$4,000
Mattress Recycling	Board of Health/	Fees from mattress \$3,000 disposal	\$3,000
Hoarding Remediation	Board of Health	Revenue from textile recovery boxes	\$2,000
Supportive Social Day Program	Council on Aging Director	Receipts reserved for appropriation for supportive social day	\$250,000
Roger A. Grimshaw Park	Council on Aging Director	Receipts from events at Grimshaw Park	\$5,000

ARTICLE 25 AMEND BYLAWS CHAPTER 169 §13 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

By majority vote, Town Meeting voted to amend Chapter 169-13 Removal of snow and ice by striking some of the existing language as indicated in strikethrough, or adding language as indicated in bold/underlined, as follows: § 169-13 Removal of snow and ice.

The tenant, occupant, owner or agent of any building or lot of land bordering on any street, lane, square or public place shall not allow or permit any accumulation of snow or ice to remain on the sidewalk adjacent to said building or lot of land within **48 hours of snow event**. Failure to comply with the order **will result in a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).**

ARTICLE 27 CITIZENS PETITION – Amend Bylaws c. 56-13

By majority vote, Town Meeting voted to amend Division 1: Bylaws, Part 1: Administration, Chapter 56 by adding "Subsection 56-13 Service by Elected Officials" An elected official shall serve only on the board or body to which they have been duly elected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an elected official may serve on additional boards, committees or commissions solely in the capacity of a liaison, provided such an appointment is made by the elected officials appointing or governing board. An elected official serving as a liaison shall not be considered a voting member of such board, committee or commission unless otherwise expressly authorized by law or bylaw. An elected official appointed or elected pursuant to this section shall continue to serve in such capacity until the earlier of their next reappointment or re-election, unless sooner removed in accordance with applicable law or bylaw. Town Meeting Members are not considered elected officials with regard to this bylaw.

ARTICLE 28 CITIZENS PETITION – Amend Bylaws c. 56-14

By majority vote, Town Meeting voted to amend Division 1: Bylaws, Part 1: Administration, Chapter 56 by adding "Subsection 56-14 Service by Appointed Officials" An individual who is not an elected official may seek appointment to and serve on no more than two (2) boards, committees or commissions concurrently, unless otherwise authorized by a specific vote of the appointing authority. Any individual appointed pursuant to this section shall remain in their appointed capacity until the earlier of their next reappointment or re-election, unless sooner removed in accordance with applicable law or bylaw.

Respectfully submitted, Elisabeth E. Horan, Fairhaven Town Clerk
FNN: 9/24/26, 10/1/26



This Least Tern Egg (ABOVE) DID Hatch

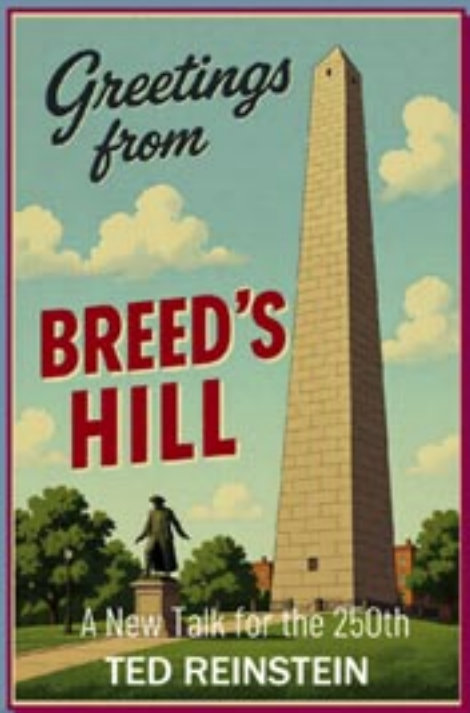
Congratulations Fairhaven! (again)

After record productivity in 2025, West Island Town Beach added two additional Piping Plover fledges this season, for a total of 14 fledged plover chicks. In addition, the one egg from a state-listed Least Tern pair hatched and the chick fledged, the first ever tern fledge for the island!

Thanks as always to the beachgoing community and beach staff for Piping Reserve compliance help throughout the season. Special Thanks go to BPW for the ongoing contract with the Lloyd Center, and the Sustainability Committee for their S.O.S. “Save our Shorebirds” educational initiative to enhance the effort.



The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee, The Lloyd Center for the Environment



Author & Reporter Ted Reinstein

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