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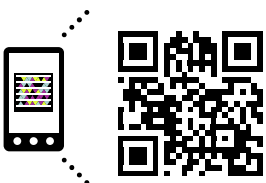
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Visit the past: Academy Building Open on Sats.



The formal parlor, circa 1880, contained the family's best furniture, artwork, and treasured possessions, as on display here in the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum in the Academy Building in Fairhaven on 10/3/26. 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.

Well, I guess summer is done with us, huh?

The good news is, these very cold nights and warm days make for good foliage colors. So, that means it's time to...well... yeah, right, gas is like a gazillion dollars to fill the tank....forget it.

Closer to home, the annual fire department open house/safety day is this Saturday (see page 5). That's always a fun event. If it's not too windy, they'll burn a little building Now, who doesn't like that, right?

I've got a pretty handy (if I do say so myself, ahem) little cheat sheet on page 3 for keeping all those ballot questions straight. You can tear it out and take it with you when you vote.

The Halloween events are starting up! Even the Fairhaven Village Militia is getting into it (see page 7) with a special Evening at the Fort...Haunting at the Fort.

Our cover story is a reminder of all the great history Fairhaven has (see page 12). The Academy Building is not openal the time, so take advantage of the next few Saturdays to see what's on exhibit there. And, maybe volunteer for one of the groups that keep it all alive.

Speaking of volunteering...see page 18 for a list of openings on committees in both Acushnet and Fairhaven.

We've also got a way you can help local immigrant families terrorized by ICE. See page 16 for how you can help. The midterms are less than a month away. Let's hope the Big Bufoon's party gets a super smackdown.

The damage to our democracy is already done. The damage to these families is already done. But we can at least show that not everyone is a callous, mean-spirited bigot. There are plenty of people fighting back against the fascism that has taken hold in this country. The most important thing to do right now is vote. As the Big Buffoon says: make it "too big to rig."

And if you think it doesn't matter here, then you are missing the signs. We have plenty of book-banners and hateful types among us. They just are a little more savvy about it than the Big Buffoon.

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*.

And, one more thing. Get your Halloween yard on the list. Yeah, it's that time.

Until next week... see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David...
VROOM VROOM!

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Ballot questions cheat sheet

By Beth David

Editor

Massachusetts voters are facing nine questions on the ballot in the 11/3/26 election. See our story in our 9/24/26 issue for details on each question.

Use this handy cheat sheet...take it with you to the polls.

Early voting starts on 10/17 throughout the state. Mail-in voting and absentee voting has already begun.

See page 21 for times and location to vote early in Acushnet. Fairhaven and New Bedford have not released their early voting details yet.

In Fairhaven call the Town Clerk's Office, 508-979-4023.

In New Bedford, call the Elections Office, 508-979-1420

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.

Question 1: Expanding the public records law to include the Governor's Office and the legislature.

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 2: Collective Bargaining for employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (Public Defenders)

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 3: State Primary Elections. Would replace our primary voting system with an all-party primary

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 4: Election Day Voter Registration. Would allow residents to register to vote or update an address on election day

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 5: State Revenue Limit and Rebate

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 6: Creates a Natural Resource Conservation Fund

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 7: Single Family Homes. Would allow single-family homes on lots as small as 5,000 SF statewide.

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 8: Prohibit Retail Sale of Adult Recreational Use Marijuana.

YES: _____ NO: _____

Question 9: Firearms Regulation. Would repeal the gun law that has been in place since 2024. A "yes" vote keeps the law in place; a "no" vote repeals it.

YES: _____ NO: _____

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Sen. Montigny with his son on Southcoast Blvd, a project he led from initiation to completion

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Acquiring furniture built to last shouldn't be a burden that creates a dilemma. Pay premium prices and even go into debt—or settle for overpriced, poor-quality pieces.

Finding a new home for heirloom-quality furniture shouldn't force us to make an uncomfortable choice. Either waste it, or experience inconvenience and safety risks on popular online marketplaces.

"They don't make things the way they used to" isn't an opinion; it's become the American way. So what's happened to the craftsmanship that Americans once built their families around?

Engineered materials like MDF initially made low-cost furniture accessible. But today's market is dominated by rising prices and plummeting quality. While new heirloom wooden furniture is still available, the cost is unreasonable.

This shift reveals a hard truth: we've traded quality and community for the trap of convenience, settling for disposable goods over lasting, revivable value.

High-quality furniture isn't produced—it's crafted. What makes well-crafted wooden furniture so valuable is that it withstands decades of wear and tear, stands strong, and can always be brought back to life.

We believe that problems are opportunities in disguise. One neighbor is cornered into overpaying for furniture built to break or paying premium prices for new

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FernandesFamilyFurniture.com offers a better alternative that enables neighbors to conveniently solve each other's problems and ignites a long-overdue sense of community.

By merging traditional craftsmanship with modern convenience, we offer an accessible, easy, and transparent local platform. It enables neighbors to relieve each other's furniture frustrations.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fire Open House

Join the Fairhaven Fire Department on Sat., 10/10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an open house with lots of demonstrations and giveaways, 144 Washington St., Fairhaven, 508-994-1428.

Featuring: vehicle extrication, live fire demo (weather dependent), lithium ion battery safety, Sparky the Fire Dog, and more! Come by to meet your Fairhaven Firefighters!

Hauntings at Fort

10/14 at Fort Phoenix. See page 7

Blessing of the Pets

St. Mary's Parish, 440 Main St., Fairhaven, will hold a blessing of the pets event on Sun., 10/11, at 2 p.m., in front of the church.

Father Kris will lead a brief prayer service followed by an individual blessing for each animal.

Come celebrate God's gift of animals and receive a special blessing for your furry, feathered, or scaly companions.

Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier. Can't bring your pet? Bring a photo instead.

"Praise be to you, my Lord, through all your creatures." [Saint Francis of Assisi]

Gold Buying & Bake Sale

Sell Your Gold & Silver

Sat., 10/10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Joseph's Church, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven. Top prices paid for Unwanted Gold & Silver Jewelry in any condition, Silver Flatware, Tea Sets, Coins & more!! Find out what your items are worth and sell, if you want to.

Fall Bake Sale

St. Joseph Parish Fall Bake Sale, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven, Sat., 10/10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., 10/11, 7 a.m.-noon.

Featuring baked goods, gluten-free, dairy-free, books. Sales and donations are welcome before and after all masses. Sat. vigil, 4:30 p.m./Sun., 8 a.m. and 10 a.m..

Dog Pet Portraits

First Congregational Church of Fairhaven Fund Raiser, 34 Center St. (Use William St. entrance), Sat., 10/10, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, First Come First

Served. Suggested Donation: \$20.00 per dog/image

Photographers: Carole & Jim Mahaney. Image file will be delivered to the pet owner via email. Studio set in Maddaford Hall

Sing, Sing, Sing

Do you like to sing? Singers ages 14 and up are invited to sing in the choir at the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven.

Rehearsals are on Sunday morning beginning at 9:00 A.M. and our service begins at 10:00 A.M., through 11:00 A.M. If you are interested or have any questions please call the church at 508-993-3368.

10th Anniv Gala

Get Tickets NOW!

Against All Odds — a 10th Anniversary Gala, Sun., 11/15, at 3 p.m., Unitarian Memorial Church 102 Green Street Fairhaven, MA

Raise a glass with us as Seaglass Theater Company celebrates 10 years of performances with a gala concert on November 15th. A star-studded array of artists return to perform selections from Seaglass Theater's rich musical history.

Join us after the concert for a festive reception with nibbles and sips!

Tickets: \$30 + \$3.85 online fee at <https://seaglassgala.eventbrite.com>

Visit www.seaglasstheater.com or call 508-951-7187

Tax Aide Volunteers

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program is busy recruiting volunteers for the upcoming tax season. The program benefits low to moderate income families, primarily seniors, by providing free tax services.

We are looking for two types of volunteers. The first opportunity is to greet taxpayers as they arrive in the Fall River office, checking them in, handing out forms and otherwise acting in an administrative capacity. All that is required is a CORI check and to attend the new volunteer orientation on December 1st.

The second role is as a volunteer tax preparer, needed at all of our sites. Volunteer tax preparers work directly with clients to prepare and file returns. No tax experience is required because volunteers receive extensive training, culminating in IRS

certification.

The majority of volunteers work two half-day shifts a week with flexible scheduling available to fit a variety of needs.

Learn more at aarpfoundation.org/TaxaideVolunteer. Won't you volunteer to help a neighbor today?

Housing Survey

Fairhaven is currently creating its first Housing Production Plan, which is a 5-year plan that outlines Fairhaven's strategy for producing and maintaining different types of housing in town.

The survey is anonymous and should take about 10 minutes to complete. Your feedback will help us write the most authentic and representative plan possible for Fairhaven.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fairhaven-housing-survey>

Parks & Rec Survey

The Town of Fairhaven has been working with SRPEDD and BETA Group to assess the community's existing parks and recreation areas. We are looking for your input to help shape the future of these important community spaces.

The survey begins with a few general demographic questions, followed by three open-ended questions for each park or recreation area:

- What do you like about the park?
- What improvements would you like to see at the park?
- Is there anything else you would like us to know about the Park?

You can provide as much or as little feedback as you would like.

Access the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/4tcwtpvb>

Run to Remember

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.

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.

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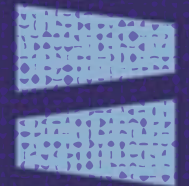
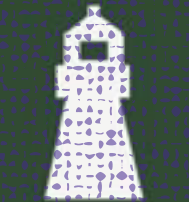
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Haunting at the Fort...follow if you dare

Press Release

What happens when the sun goes down at Fort Phoenix?

On October 14, the Fairhaven Village Militia invites the brave — and the curious — to find out with Hauntings at the Fort, a special edition of the Militia's Evenings at the Fort program.

Beginning at dusk, approximately 5:30 p.m., guests will be led into the past for an evening of chilling tales inspired by Fort Phoenix's history, stories of the soldiers who once stood watch, and local legends passed down through the years.

Follow the Militia into the past... if you dare.

While the evening draws inspiration from the history of Fort Phoenix and the Revolutionary War era, the ghostly stories and supernatural tales are presented as folklore, legend, and theatrical storytelling — not as claims of documented paranormal events. While the ghostly tales are purely imaginative, the event is designed to entertain while inspiring visitors to explore the genuine history behind this historic site.

For this special edition of Evenings at the Fort, however, history takes a darker turn.

With Fort Phoenix shrouded in darkness and stories of the past echoing through its grounds, visitors will discover another side of the historic site — one filled with

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mystery, folklore, forgotten stories, and perhaps a few spirits, if you choose to believe.

Important Attendance Information: FREE advance registration is strictly required for entry to this event. Due to limited capacity and safety considerations in the fort after dark,

unregistered walk-ins may not have the opportunity to participate.

The Fairhaven Village Militia is a nonprofit organization made up of volunteer historical reenactors dedicated to bringing the Revolutionary War era to life. Through living history, demonstrations, storytelling, and educational programs, the Militia offers visitors a glimpse into what life was like in the 18th century.

FREE EVENT — SIGN-UP REQUIRED

October 14. Beginning at dusk, approximately 5:30 p.m., Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, Mass.

To register visit: <https://fairhavenvillagemilitia.blogspot.com/p/coming-events.html>. Space may be limited, so those wishing to brave the night are encouraged to register now.

Come for the history.

Stay for the stories.

And keep an eye on the shadows.

Come experience Hauntings at the Fort — and discover the history, legends, and perhaps a few spirits of Fort Phoenix.

Follow us on Facebook: Fairhaven Village Militia for registration information and event updates.



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Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 10/14, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 10/21, Providence Place Mall; 10/28, Warwick Mall; 11/4, Twin River Casino; 11/18, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's

Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$3 (Please note price chance). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

Supportive Social Day Program

Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or

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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.

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

Oct. 26: Catch the Fraudster

Nov. 2: Protecting your privacy

Nov. 16: Safe online shopping for the holidays.

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.

Oct. 19, *Something Wicked This Way Comes* Mystery/Thriller. In a small American town, a diabolical circus and its demonic proprietor prey on the townsfolk. Dark's Pandemonium Carnival arrives in Green Town.

Oct. 26, *The Birds* Psychological Horror. A wealthy San Francisco socialite pursues a potential boyfriend to a small Northern California town that slowly takes a turn for the bizarre when birds of all kinds suddenly begin to attack people.

Pre-Order Your Cookbook!

Own a piece of your community's recipes from yesterday and today for tomorrow's table. See Jocelyn at the COA, \$15. Last day to pre-order your cookbook will be 11/4. Cookbooks will arrive 2 weeks after pre-order closing date. We will call when they come in.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

Open Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.–8 p.m.; Fri., 6 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.–2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227 Huttleston Ave, 508-993-9269 <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/recreation-department>

SPOOKFEST: HOUSE OF HOLLOWS

Join us for a night of Halloween fun for the whole community! October 23rd 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM @Fairhaven Recreation Center This is a FREE event and OPEN TO EVERYONE!! Enjoy: Costume Contest, Arts & Crafts, Treat and Special Guest Judges. Plenty of Halloween fun for all ages Come dressed in your favorite costume and get ready for an evening of spooky fun at the House of Hollows! Don't forget our Pumpkin decorating contest happening that night also! Carved, decorated—whatever you wish. FREE ADMISSION — EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

SKETCHYGOICHIE DRAW

Get ready to level up your creativity at SketchyGOichie DRAW! A high-energy digital art workshop

where kids can turn their ideas into awesome artwork using iPads and digital drawing tools! From drawing and rendering to color design, this workshop is packed with creative fun and hands-on learning. Perfect for kids who love art, technology, and making something amazing! Wednesday, November 19th, 5:30 PM –7:00 PM. Members: \$30 Non-Members: \$35 All materials are provided; just bring your imagination and get ready to create! Spots are limited, so grab yours now!

PINT-SIZED PICASSOS

Ages 3-5 Recreation Staff, Fairhaven Recreation Center Session B: Mon, Oct 19-Nov 9 (4 sessions) 10:00-10:45 AM Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50.

Join us for this messy pre-k art program and watch your little artists bloom as they paint, draw, and sculpt their way to becoming

creative and confident young individuals. Let the colors of imagination flourish in this enriching art adventure!

Youth Basketball Clinics

Grades K-5 Coach Donald Joseph +Recreation Staff Fairhaven Recreation Center Sat, Dec 6-Jan 17 (7 sessions), 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Member: FREE Non-Member: \$50.00

Join this exciting recreational clinic, led by Coach Donald Joseph, Fairhaven High School Varsity Basketball Coach! This clinic focuses on teaching the essential fundamentals of basketball. Each week, participants will engage in skill-building exercises and drills, providing a supportive environment to develop their basketball skills and enhance their love for the game. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from an expert and take your skills to the next level!

Recipe of the Week

Pumpkin Spice Mousse

1 15-ounce can pure pumpkin
(1 3/4 cups)
1 tsp. grated peeled fresh ginger
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. freshly ground nutmeg
Kosher salt
3 oz. cream cheese, cubed
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 cup sweetened condensed milk
2 cups heavy cream, cold
Sour cream and crushed ginger cookies, for serving

In medium saucepan, combine pumpkin, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, and pinch salt. Cook on medium, stirring frequently until steaming heavily, darker in color and slightly thicker, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in cream cheese and vanilla until smooth. Transfer to bowl, then stir in condensed milk. Let cool completely.

Using electric mixer, beat cream until medium peaks form. Fold in cream cheese mixture, then spoon into 4-ounce jars. Chill until ready to serve. Makes 8 cups. Serve dolloped with sour cream and crushed ginger cookies if desired.

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into stripes.

My mom asked the groomer, "What's with the haircut?"

The groomer said, "Her mom's a biker."

My mom drives a Mini Cooper.

Do you think she would let me get a haircut like Greta's? I'm a poodle.

Rosalyn

Dear Rosalyn.

I doubt it. A Mini Cooper is a cute, feminine kind of car. Women who are feminine in style tend to like pale colors, ruffles, and bows. So, I think she would choose a traditional

Dear Frankie

New Look?

Dear Frankie,
At the dog groomer last week, Greta, a schnauzer, had a hairdo that rocked.

The hair on the top of her head was spiked with gel, and the hair on her sides was shaved

poodle cut for you.

On the bright side, although the haircut may be out, riding a motorcycle in the winter and on rainy days will be, too.

Best, Frankie

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Dear Frankie is now available on video. See Frankie and Rufus discuss this letter at <https://tinyurl.com/4newlook>

Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com. The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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Fairhaven Cultural Council DL is 10/15

Press Release

Apply for a Cultural Grant!

Have a great idea to enrich the cultural lives of Fairhaven residents? Now you have the chance to turn your idea into reality! The Fairhaven Cultural Council is accepting grant applications.

We are seeking projects that promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the Arts, Humanities, and Interpretive Sciences. All proposals must demonstrate a measurable benefit to the Town of Fairhaven and its residents. We prioritize projects or programs taking place in Fairhaven. Our maximum grant award per applicant is \$1,000.

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/>

Still have questions? Email Fairhaven Cultural Council Chair Beth Ann Gallagher at: culturalcouncil@fairhaven-ma.gov.

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Calling all Halloween Yards



Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers

in our annual Halloween Trail issue on 10/22. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture. Email: to NeighbNews@comcast.net; USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. **Deadline: Friday, 10/16.**

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Fairhaven Museum at the Academy Bldg open on Saturdays

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven loves its history. And lots and lots of people who live in Fairhaven love to show off how much they know. From historic Fort Phoenix, to famous artists (Lemuel Eldred, William Bradford, Charles Gifford, Robert Gifford, Elizabeth T. Delano) to a simple picture of a restaurant from the 1960s, you can get a Fairhavenite going for hours. Just ask.

If you need some brushing up on a little Fairhaven history, you're in luck, for the next few weeks anyway. The Academy Building is open to the public on Saturdays from now until the end of November.

The building opened in 1798 as a private school and opened as the New Bedford Academy in 1800. Visitors can visit a preserved classroom, just the way it was in the 1800s.

On the second floor (no accessible), the Fairhaven Historical Society operates a museum with both rotating and permanent exhibits.

Right now, people can see photographs of restaurants and bars that are long closed.

Terumi and Ikuo Shinzato visited the museum on Saturday, 10/3/26, and said they were interested in the history of Fairhaven because they were interested the Manjiro story. Manjiro is the Japanese boy who was shipwrecked on a deserted island in 1841 and rescued by Capt. William Whitfield of Fairhaven who brought the young boy back to Fairhaven.



Manjiro was educated in Fairhaven schools and eventually returned to Japan where he was instrumental in opening up the closed country to the west.

Manjiro, said the Shinzatos, is the reason they learned of Fairhaven and eventually moved here.

They visit local museums often, and appreciated the history of the fishing industry in Fairhaven and New Bedford.

Ms. Shinzato worked in an art gallery, so she also appreciates the variety of artwork at the Academy. They both like living near the water.

"It was very interesting," said Ms. Shinzato. "There is a lot of history in

Fairhaven."

Upstairs in the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum, young Vivian bounced around from one exhibit to the next.

She said the replica of the "Spray," was her favorite. The Spray is the sloop sailed around the world by Joshua Slocum of Fairhaven.

In addition to the spray and an 1880 formal parlor period room, the museum is showing a rotating exhibit of restaurants, bars, and other businesses, that used to be in Fairhaven. The exhibit has been on display from last year, but Lauren Grant, a member of the Historical Society, said they will be rotating it



TOP: Bottles, cans and products from Fairhaven businesses over the centuries are on display on the first floor of the Academy Building on 10/3/26. ABOVE LEFT: Student desks had quills and slates in the 1800s, as on display here in the preserved classroom in the Academy Building ABOVE RIGHT: The teacher's desk in the preserved classroom has some of the necessary instruments for an 1800's classroom on display. *Photos by Beth David.*

MUSEUM: cont'd from previous page

out next year. So if you have not seen it yet, you need to get there by the end of November.

Photos include the Skipper, Grims-haw's Clambake House, Barbero's, Browne's Pharmacy, and so many more.

Permanent exhibits include photos of Manjiro and Capt. Whitfield, the presentation of the Samurai Sword to Fairhaven, and a page from the logbook of the John Howland from the day the crew found Manjiro and his companions.

The period room has a variety of artifacts, including a cane that is purportedly made from a spear that was used to try to kill a man, who then made it into a cane.

There are plenty of other artifacts, of course. You'll just have to visit to see them for yourself.

Also visiting last Saturday, was Peter Mitchell of Fairhaven. He said he acquired an old clock that had a note attached to it, saying it was from a school in Fairhaven or Acushnet. He was out and about trying to gather clues to figure out which school it might be. Meanwhile, he was

checking out the old photographs, remembering some of the places that are no longer operating.

Although the historic building's lower level is accessible by wheelchair and has an ADA compliant rest room, the second floor, where the museum is located, is only accessible by a stairway. The historic classroom is on the first floor.

The Academy Building is at 141 Main Street, on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School. The building is open on Saturdays, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., through 11/21. Admission is free, donations are welcome.

The Academy Building is owned by the Town of Fairhaven. The Fairhaven Historical Commission, a town government committee, is responsible for the building. The



Fairhaven Historical Society, a private non-profit, operates the museum.

The Historical Commission meets regularly and meeting are open to the public. Their next meeting is in Town Hall on 10/13 at 6:30 p.m.

Find the Historical Society at <https://www.facebook.com/HistoricalSocietyFairhaven/> or visit <https://www.historicalsocietyfairhaven.org>. They are actively looking for new members and meet regularly at the Academy Building.



TOP: Young Vivian poses next to her favorite exhibit, a replica of the Spray, the boat that Joshua Slocum sailed around the world, on display in the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum in the Academy Building in Fairhaven on 10/3/26. ABOVE: L-R: Terumi and Ikuo Shinzato pose for the local free sheet after visiting museum. ABOVE RIGHT: Three men are in the picture of the old Browne's Pharmacy, part of the rotating exhibit on display in the museum. BELOW RIGHT: This photo of Grimshaw's Clambake House near Fort Phoenix, a true destination for about 80 years, is part of the rotating exhibit. *Photos by Beth David.*

From our readers

Sylvia Approaches Challenges with Sharp, Analytical Mind

Dear Neighbors and Residents of the 10th Bristol District,

I am writing to enthusiastically offer my full endorsement for the re-election of State Representative Mark Sylvia. Having had the privilege of knowing Mark for many years — both as a personal friend and as a dedicated professional colleague — I can say with absolute certainty that there is no one more qualified, passionate, or prepared to continue fighting for the communities in the 10th Bristol District.

Mark approaches every challenge with a sharp analytical mind and an unwavering commitment to public service. He is someone who knows how to collaborate, cut through gridlock, and deliver tangible resources back home to the South Coast.

But to truly understand why Mark is such an impactful leader, you have to look at his character as a friend. Mark is a lifelong resident of our district who raised his family right here among the generations of hard-working people he now represents. In our personal life, he is exactly the same person you see on the campaign trail: remarkably compassionate, deeply loyal, and always the first to step up when someone is in need. He doesn't just listen to hear; he listens to understand and figure out how he can help.

The South Coast needs a proven leader who can effectively address the cost of living, advocate for sustainable economic development, and protect our vital local industries. Mark has spent his first term doing exactly that. Please join me in voting to keep a leader of profound integrity, dedication, and heart in office. Join

me in voting to re-elect Mark Sylvia for State Representative.

Wayne Oliveira, Fairhaven

Sylvia is Concerned, Thoughtful Politician

I am writing encouraging 10th Bristol District voters to turn out on Nov. 3rd to vote for the re-election of Rep. Mark D. Sylvia.

Our family has known Mark since he was in nursery school with our daughter Tara through Senior year at FHS. We watched him develop into a concerned thoughtful politician that represents our communities and local small businesses.

Mark has gone above and beyond to help keep non-profits continuing to do their volunteer work and has notably honored individuals and organizations at the State Capital.

Please keep his accomplishments in mind as you vote Nov. 3rd!

Debra Hanson Almeida, EdD, Fairhaven

Experience “Nosferatu” with live organ accompaniment

Press Release

Join other brave film fans at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 for a spine-tingling screening of “Nosferatu,” the 1922 silent film, with live organ accompaniment by Tim Evans, music director of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven.

The German film stars Max Schreck as Count Orlok, a vampire who preys on Ellen, the beautiful wife of an estate agent, and brings a mysterious plague to their town. “Nosferatu” is an adaptation of Bram Stoker’s 1897 novel, “Dracula.” Script cards in English provide the dialogue.

“Last year’s event featuring the 1925 adaptation of ‘Phantom of the Opera’ was a huge success, with a capacity crowd. We expect this year’s program to be equally popular, so I recommend buying your tickets early,” Evans said.

An accomplished theater organist, Evans will play improvisations on his original themes to interpret the action on the screen.

He has been music director of “A Christmas Carol” at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester and performed on the Wurlitzer at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts in Savannah, GA. Evans has broad experience in piano and organ performance and as a vocalist; music directing and accompanying

stage performances; teaching at the college level; and as a church musician.

General admission is \$20, and doors open at 6:30.

VIP admission at 6 p.m., limited to 20 people, is \$50 and includes a pre-show presentation, tour of the organ console and organ chambers, and preferred seating.

The 90-minute program is recommended for viewers 12 and older due to the imagery in the film.

Purchase tickets online at: tinyurl.com/nosferatu-uusf

All are invited to a reception with light refreshments following the performance.

The Unitarian Memorial Church at 102 Green St. is accessible to the handicapped via a

ramp off the Center Street driveway, where there is reserved parking. For more information about the church, call 508-992-7081 or visit uufairhaven.org.



Brave film fans are invited to see the 1922 silent horror film, “Nosferatu,” with live organ accompaniment by Tim Evans, on 10/24/26 At the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. Submitted photo.

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Food items: Maseca (instant corn masa flour); corn meal; bulgur wheat; all purpose flour; corn flakes, frosted flakes, kids cereals; sugar; rice, jasmine rice (Goya); couscous; dry black beans/frijoles negros; dry red beans; dry chick peas; corn oil/aceite; olive oil; pasta; sardines; tuna; fruit juice; shelf-stable milk; chocolate powder; canned vegetables; potatoes and sweet

potatoes; canned fruits; malta (soft drink); water; badia seasonings.

Drop off at Unitarian Memorial Church, 12 Greet St., Fairhaven, Wed.-Fri., 10-2; Sun., 9-12; or text 774-271-7105 to arrange a time.

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

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Tues., 10/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Wed., 10/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Council on Aging

Wed., 10/14, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

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Volunteer for a town committee

By Beth David
Editor

Cities and towns rely on volunteers to serve on a variety of appointed boards and committees. Some committees meet frequently, such as the Finance Committee during budget season, and others meet only once a month. Some require learning a lot about bylaws and state laws, such as the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, while others are less intense. Both Acushnet and Fairhaven have openings on a number of boards.

Acushnet

The following boards/commissions have vacancies. To be considered, submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743. Download the Citizens' Interest form at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/1198/Volunteer-opportunities>, fill it out and return it to the Select Board.

- Agricultural Commission Alternates: 3
- Beautification Committee: 2
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee: 2
- Board of Appeals Alternate - 1

- By-Law Review Committee Alternates: 3
- Community Preservation (Historical): 1
- Community Preservation (Housing Authority) 1
- Community Preservation – Citizen at Large: 1
- Conservation Commission: 1
- Cultural Council: 3
- Election Member Republican: 1
- Finance Committee: 1
- Historical Commission: 1

Fairhaven

The Fairhaven Select Board will hold a meeting on Wednesday, 10/14/26, at 6 p.m. in Town Hall to review and make appointments for all committees and boards. It will be the first round of appointments since the bylaw passed limiting the number of boards a resident can serve on.

All appointed committees from Art Curator to Zoning Board of Appeals, have some positions that will be appointed on the 14th.

Any currently serving official whose term is up for reappointment in 2026, must submit a new volunteer application on the town's website, or

contact the Select Board's office to get help with the application process.

Many of the boards are one-year appointments, so all the positions will be reconsidered.

Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/volunteer-opportunities/> for the online application, or submit a letter of interest by email to Selectboard@Fairhaven-MA.gov; or mail to Select Board Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; call 508-979-4023, ext. 9102 with any questions.

Deadline to apply is October 8 to be considered at the 10/14 meeting, but residents can still apply to be appointed at a later date if an opening exists.

The complete list is available at <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/volunteer-for-a-board-or-committee/>.

A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.

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Howe Allen Realty announces strategic partnership



Press Release

The Howe Allen Group is joining forces with revolv, bringing together decades of real estate expertise in the Fairhaven area with powerful technology, marketing, and operational systems designed to expand the group's reach and support its continued growth.

Operating as Howe Allen Group powered by revolv, the group will combine its deep community relationships and extensive local market knowledge with resources designed to help agents reach more buyers and sellers, better serve their clients, and build lasting real estate businesses.

The move reflects a natural alignment between two real estate organizations that share a commitment to personal service, local communities, and investment in their people.

Each brings distinct strengths to the partnership: The Howe Allen Group's established presence, reputation, and experience in Fairhaven, and revolv's technology, systems, marketing capabilities, and agent support infrastructure.

"Howe and his team bring decades of experience and relationships that can only be built by showing up for a community year after year," said Cory DaSilva, Managing Broker of revolv. "We bring the technology, marketing, and support to help them take that further. We share the same values and the same commitment to our agents and clients. That makes this a strong fit for both of us."

revolv takes its name from real

estate and evolution, reflecting the company's focus on combining traditional relationship-driven real estate with modern tools and systems. Boutique in size by design, revolv invests directly in its agents and teams, providing access to specialized technology, marketing resources, operational support, and hands-on leadership.

For The Howe Allen Group, the partnership represents a strategic step forward — expanding the team's capabilities and reach while building on the local expertise and personal service that have established its reputation throughout the Fairhaven area.

"Our job is to make it easier for great agents to do their best work," DaSilva said. "That means investing our time and money, putting useful systems in place, and being available when they need us. When we take good care of our agents, they can take better care of their clients."

Howe Allen will continue to lead and grow The Howe Allen Group powered by revolv, preserving the personal service, local identity, and community relationships that have long defined the team.

The partnership also strengthens revolv's broader presence in Fairhaven, creating opportunities for real estate professionals to build their businesses either as members of The Howe Allen Group powered by revolv or as individual agents affiliated directly with revolv.

About The Howe Allen Group

The Howe Allen Group is a Fairhaven-based real estate team known for its local market expertise, longstanding community relation-



Howe Allen will continue to lead and grow The Howe Allen Group powered by revolv, a new partnership between Fairhaven based Howe Allen Realty and revolv, a real estate brokerage that provides technology, marketing, and other resources to agents. *Submitted photo.*

ships, and commitment to highly personalized client service. Led by Howe Allen, the group has built its reputation through decades of experience serving buyers, sellers, and property owners throughout Fairhaven and the surrounding South Coast communities.

About revolv

revolv is an independent, locally owned real estate brokerage built around the belief that great agents perform at their highest level when they have exceptional support behind them. The company combines technology, marketing, operational resources, training, and hands-on leadership to help agents and teams grow while maintaining their individual identities and client relationships.

Calling all Halloween Yards

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers in our 10/22 issue. Email: NeighbNews@comcast.net; USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. **Deadline 10/16.**



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

AHA!

Thursday, October 8th. Tunes, Treats & Creative Streets! Here's a preview of what's happening:

Kick off the 30th anniversary of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park! Pick up a 30th Anniversary Collector Card at the Visitor Center, paint it with watercolors, then fill in your card by getting it stamped at the park and partner sites throughout downtown New Bedford. (Note: The park's celebration continues all month long and through November's AHA! Night!)

As part of the park's 30th anniversary celebration, the Nathan and Polly Johnson House will be open to guests from 5:30–7 pm, courtesy of the New Bedford Historical Society. At this Underground Railroad 'station,' Nathan and Polly Johnson, prominent African American abolitionists in New Bedford, sheltered many people escaping slavery. It was here, in September 1838, that Frederick Douglass found freedom, a new name, and with his wife Anna, his first home in freedom. (Bring your Collector Card to get it stamped here after you explore this important place!)

See all events at <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

Author Event

South Coast Artists, Inc. and the New Bedford Art Museum Proudly Present Emily Franklin on *The Lioness of Boston*, an in-person talk and book-signing, Sat., 10/10, at 6 p.m., at the New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA 02740. Tickets: \$7 at <https://newbedfordart.org/book-talk-lioness/>

The Lioness of Boston presents, in historical fiction, a portrait of late 19th-century Boston and one of its most daring and celebrated women, Isabella Stewart Gardner — the connoisseur and visionary collector who created an inimitable legacy in American art and transformed the city.

Join us to hear author Emily Franklin discuss how she brought this remarkable woman, her friends, her family, and her era to life in this best-selling novel, now in its eleventh printing and recently featured as a clue on Jeopardy!

Emily Franklin is the bestselling

author of twenty-five books. Her fiction, poetry, essays, and photos have been published in leading publications around the world. She grew up half in the UK and half in Boston where she lives now with her spouse and four children. Her new novel is *Love & Other Monsters*, the untold origin story of Frankenstein told from the perspective Claire Clairmont, Mary Shelley's forgotten stepsister who changed the course of literature forever.

Free Open Rehearsal

Fri., 10/9, 4:00 – 6:30 PM, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Experience a New Bedford Symphony Orchestra rehearsal with Yaniv, guest artist Sydney Lee, and the full orchestra! Get a sneak peek of this weekend's music, or JUST relax and enjoy your favorite orchestra!

Seating is general admission, and no tickets or RSVP are required. A 20-minute break usually occurs between 5 and 5:30. Come and go as you please! To prevent disrupting the rehearsal process, we kindly ask that applause be reserved for the end of the session.

Opening Night

Fatal Beauty, Sat., 10/10 7:30 p.m.

Make the most of your evening by arriving early to check out the pre-concert activities and settle into the rhythm of the night.

Tickets: \$35–\$65. Visit <http://www.zeiterion.org>

SAVE THE DATES

Pork Roast Dinner & Raffle

Harvest pork roast dinner for all! Sat., 10/17, 5 p.m., First Congregational Church at Lunds Corner, 2195 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford. All welcome. Featuring dinner and raffle.

Tickets \$15 adult, 4 for \$50, children under 5 free

Harvest Craft Fair

Bring your family and friends to the 2026 Harvest Craft Fair sponsored by the Whaling City Catholic Collaborative and held indoors at the Holy Name Parish Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant Street in New Bedford on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 18 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

In addition to 28 Crafter's tables,

the Fair will feature Basket Raffles, a Harvest Auction, the Women's Guild's Used Jewelry table, a huge 50/50 Raffle with separate Raffle Trees for Scratch Tickets and Gift Cards and a Silent Auction.

The Famous Holy Name Women's Guild Kitchen will be open with many favorites, including French Meat pie, Linguica, Caçõila and Chow Mein sandwiches, sea food and clam chowders, clam cakes and fries and of other tasty snacks. The Bake Sale tables and the Kandy Corner will feature lots and lots of home-made pies, cakes, pastry and candies.

Back this year will be a Children's Activity area with games and fun sponsored by the Parish's Youth Group and Scout Troop 24 will be taking pre-orders for their hand-made Christmas Wreaths.

Admission is the donation of one non-perishable item for our Food Pantry and the Craft Fair will be open rain or shine.

Women, Power, Democracy

On Thurs., 10/15, join Women's Fund SouthCoast at The Zeiterion in New Bedford for Women, Power & the Future of Democracy—an evening featuring Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell and Loretta J. Ross, a powerful panel conversation, and young women sharing their vision for the future.

Tickets: General Admission, \$85; VIP, \$180.

Special Pricing

We want cost to be one less barrier to participating. Alongside standard admission, we're offering: \$25 Student Tickets. Use code STUDENTVOICES at checkout. \$10 "Seat at the Table" Community Tickets For anyone for whom the general admission price is a barrier. Use code SEATATTHETABLE at checkout.

For tickets visit <https://womensfundsouthcoast.org/women-power-and-the-future-of-democracy/>

Dock-u-Mentary

Join Fishing Heritage Center and New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park for our first free Dock-u-mentary film screening of the fall 2026 season!

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Acushnet Early Voting Schedule

Early voting for the 11/3/26 state election takes place from Oct. 17 through Oct. 30. All Early Voting takes place at Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St., Acushnet, at the Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Friday during regular business hours, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays; and on Saturdays, 10/17 and 10/24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Election day voting, 11/3/26, takes place at Acushnet Elementary School, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact the Town Clerk for more details, 508-998-0215.

Motorcycle Run

Smoke Chrome for Veterans motorcycle run, 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. Featuring Hogs for Homes smoking pork, raffles, gift cards and more. Proceeds benefit Homes for Our Troops.

At Acushnet Library

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

- Saturday, October 10 @ 12 pm - IN THE WHALE - The Greatest Fish Story Ever Told - a feature-length film about a Cape Cod lobster diver who was swallowed by a whale and lived to tell the tale, followed by an exclusive Q&A with the director, David Abel. Space is limited; registration is required.
- Monday, October 19 @ 2 pm - Movie Matinee - You, Me & Tuscany, rated PG-13, 1 hr. 45 min.
- Monday, October 19, 2026, 6 - 7:30 pm - Knitting & Crocheting Group

Ribbon Cutting

Join Real Eyes Truth for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sun., 10/11, from 11-2, 163 Front St., Marion. Our focus is mental health and holistic healing: Open Minds, Real Conversations, Lasting Change. Together, we create a stronger, healthier community.

Celebrate with us on Sunday with light refreshments, treats and conversation; family fall crafts, fun activities for all ages; tour our space, learn about our groups.

Visit <https://www.realeyestruth.org/> to learn more

At Mattapoisett Lib.

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

- Get into the October spirit with a spooky film, "The Cat and the Canary," On October 13th at 6pm. Can a group of distant relatives survive the night in a haunted house to learn the secret of a madman's will? Remember: in silent film, no one can hear you scream! Registration is optional—but priority will be given to those who have registered.
- Adult Craft Workshop on October 17th at 1pm. During this session, we will be painting miniature pumpkins to take home. Get creative and create a piece of decor that works for you, or to give as a gift to someone else! Please register to reserve your spot.
- Sunset Cinema Movie Showing on the MFPL Lawn on October 21st at 6pm. We will be showing "Scooby Doo" (2002). Bring a blanket, chairs to lounge on, and some snacks, to fully enjoy the movie experience! This event is designed for community members of all ages, no registration required.
- Author Talk with Katie Bernet on October 24th at 2pm! Katie Bernet is the New York Times and international bestselling author of "Beth Is Dead," which was the inaugural selection for Reese Witherspoon's Sunnie Reads Book Club and has been translated into more than a dozen languages. Adults & teens will enjoy this mystery-thriller! Copies available at the library for checkout. Registration optional.

For Teens

- On each Wednesday from 3pm-5pm, teens grades 6-12 can join us in the Student Lounge for snacks, crafts, and chill time. Teens & tweens grades 4-12 can also join us every Friday for T(w)een Friyays

in the Student Lounge from 3pm-5pm to play games, read, or relax.

- Celebrate Banned Books Week with Banned Book Trivia on October 9th at 12pm! After an early release from school, teens 12 & up are welcome to join us for a trivia game to win prizes and see who knows the most about Banned Books. No registration required.

Fishing Photos

Calling all Massachusetts anglers! The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries is looking for photos that capture the excitement and joy of saltwater fishing off our coast.

If you're interested in getting featured in our 2027 Recreational Saltwater Fishing Guide or highlighted on one of our social media channels, we'd love to see some of your photos from this past season! Just visit our photo submission form to easily upload your photo(s) and give us permission to post them in our social media or include them in our fishing guide.

Submit your photos here at <https://www.mass.gov/forms/send-dmf-your-saltwater-fishing-photos>

ORR Alum Weekend

The ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA), for the fourth consecutive year, invites all ORR alumni and friends to Alumni Weekend on Fri. & Sat., 10/9 & 10/10.

The program of events is open to all ORRJHS and ORRHS alumni and friends of ORR... an inclusive experience that brings together the common alumni experience spanning over seven decades from the Class of '62 to the Class of '26. There are no entrance fees or tickets required for any BPAA-sponsored event.

Friday, 10/9

ORRHS Homecoming Football Game, kickoff 6:30 p.m. Join us at a dedicated alumni area behind the end zone. Please note that to enter the grounds, all attendees are required to purchase a ticket. The BPAA is not involved in ticket sales for the game.

"Friday Night Lights" Social Join us to celebrate the Bulldogs at The Stowaway in Mattapoisett, an alumni-owned business. The event starts immediately following the game. Complimentary light refreshments

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the MA General Laws that an open Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held at the Acushnet Town Hall, which is located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA,

in the meeting room on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 4:30 pm. to approve a Transfer of License for an existing Package Store License, Acushnet Wine and Spirits Inc. dba Scuttlebutts premises consists of one floor, 2,876 square feet across three rooms. There is one entrance and three exits, numbered 590 Main

Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Board of Selectmen
Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert Hinckley, Member
Ryan Rezendes, Member
FNN, 10/1/26, 10/8/26

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On Fri., 10/16, at 7:00pm, we will be screening the 2020 documentary film *The Jump*. In 1970, off the shore of Martha's Vineyard, Lithuanian radio operator Simas Kudirka jumped from a Soviet ship onto a US Coast Guard vessel in a desperate bid for freedom. Denied asylum by the American crew, Simas was sentenced to a Soviet labor camp for treason, sparking an international outcry. His dramatic case set off a chaotic series of events, leading to one of the biggest muddles during the Cold War. The screening will take place at the National Park's auditorium at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Youth Investment Council

Women's Fund SouthCoast is excited to launch the Youth Investment Council in partnership

with Atrius Health Equity Foundation as part of Youth Creating a Healthier New Bedford.

Convened and facilitated by Women's Fund SouthCoast, the Council will bring together approximately 12 young people to allocate up to \$355,000 to organizations advancing youth leadership development, youth civic engagement, and youth organizing to improve health outcomes in New Bedford.

Young people have been telling us they want more opportunities to connect and lead. Our Young Women's Advisory Council applications are now closed, with more than 50 applicants for 20 spots. Dedicated spaces where girls and gender-expansive youth of color can find belonging and grow as leaders remain essential.

Alongside those spaces, this new Council will bring young people

across genders and races—including boys and young men—together to learn from one another and make decisions that matter.

Council members will explore how gender, race, and economic circumstances intersect to shape young people's health and opportunities. They'll apply this justice lens to six youth-identified priorities: substance use, transportation, mental health, community violence, youth jobs and economic security, and housing.

They'll use that understanding to develop scoring criteria, review grant applications, and select organizations and award amounts. That's youth participatory philanthropy: young people putting their experiences, ideas, and leadership to work through real funding decisions.

Visit <https://womensfundsouthcoast.org/> to learn more and how to apply. Deadline is 10/14.

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will be served.

Saturday, 10/10

BPAA 4th Annual Alumni Homecoming Celebration, 7:00 p.m. At alumni-owned River Junction in Marion, featuring a section for ORR alum. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. The Class of 1991 will be celebrating their 35th reunion with us. No entrance fee!

The ORR BPAA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to the BPAA are tax-deductible. For inquiries, reach out to the BPAA at bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com. Go Bulldogs!

SAVE THE DATES: Craft Fair

Fourth Annual Craft Fair, Sat. & Sun., 11/7 & 11/8, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Bishop Stang High School Cafeteria, 500 Slocum Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

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Sale. Raffle Ticket Sales Close 1:00 PM Sunday. Winners announced at 2:00 PM. Proceeds To Benefit St. Julie's Ladies Guild

Acushnet Veterans Parade

You are invited to attend, the Acushnet Veterans Day Parade which will be held on Sat., 11/7.

The parade will assemble at 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall and kick off at 10:00 a.m., head down Main Street to Veterans Park where we will hold a short ceremony.

We will have refreshments after the ceremony at the Acushnet American Legion, 71 Hope Street. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at the American Legion at 11am.

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.

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.

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Rodriguez, 19, a Fairhaven resident who was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13.

Vendors Wanted

North Fairhaven Open Air Markets FIRST FALL FEST on 10/24 from noon to 5!! 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!!!!

SAVE THE DATES:

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.

Fairhaven Parks Workshop

Wed., 10/21, Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St., 6–8 p.m. with SRPEDD.

The Town of Fairhaven has been working with SRPEDD and BETA Group to assess the community's existing parks and is looking for your input to help shape their future.

The workshop will include a brief presentation open discussion interactive activities. Residents can share opinions on Fairhaven's parks: what they value, what could be improved, and what they would like to see in the future.

If you have questions or comments, please email BPW@Fairhaven-ma.gov

Fall Fest & Horribles Parade

Bring the whole family and celebrate fall with us at the North Fairhaven Open Air Market Fall Fest at Livesey Park in Fairhaven, corner of Glenhaven and Parker, on Sat., 10/24, noon to 5 p.m.

Enjoy pumpkin painting, a bounce

house, local vendors, music, delicious food, costumes, and plenty of family fun. Free to attend. Costumes are encouraged! Bring the kids, invite your family and friends, and join us for a fun fall day together! We'll end the celebration with the Halloween Horribles Costume Parade at 5 PM!

Haunted Town Hall

Join us for Fairhaven TV's 9th Annual Haunted Halloween Party!

A FREE event for kids of all ages, our Open House and Halloween Party has quickly become Fairhaven's most anticipated spooky event of the year, and we are thrilled to offer it up once again in 2026!

Friday, 10/30, 5–8 p.m., at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., with pre-event block party 4–5 p.m.

Featuring Spooky TV Studio, big screen movies, magic show, trick or treat tables, all ages costume contest, arts & crafts room.

For updates, find us on Facebook or visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com/hauntedhalloweenparty>

Author Anthony Amore to hold talk in Fairhaven

Press Release

Millicent Library will welcome acclaimed art theft investigator and author Anthony Amore for an evening exploring one of the most fascinating stories in the world of art crime on Thursday, October 22, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium.

Amore, Director of Security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, will discuss his latest book, *The Rembrandt Heist*, a gripping investigation into the theft of one of the world's most famous paintings and the shadowy world of art crime. The book was named one of Smithsonian magazine's Ten Best History Books of 2025.

Drawing on decades of experience investigating major art thefts and protecting priceless works of art, Amore examines the extraordinary story of career criminal and art thief Myles Connor and the 1975 theft of a Rembrandt from Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. The crime and the events surrounding the painting's recovery offer a remarkable glimpse into the often secretive world of stolen art.

For more than 20 years, Amore has led security efforts at the Isabella

Stewart Gardner Museum, where he continues to work toward the recovery of the 13 works of art stolen in the museum's still-unsolved 1990 heist. He is the author of five books, a practicing private detective, and teaches a graduate-level course in art crime through Harvard University's Museum Studies program.

Before entering the museum field, Amore worked in aviation security and was instrumental in the efforts of the newly formed Transportation Security Administration following the September 11 attacks. He was the Federal Aviation Administration's lead security agent responding to the attempted bombing by Richard Reid, the so-called "Shoe Bomber," in December 2001.

Amore has also provided analysis on security and terrorism for local, national and international news outlets, including the BBC, NBC, NPR, CNN and FOX, and serves on the advisory board of Ideas Beyond Borders.

Following the presentation, audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions and have books signed.

The program is presented by the

Millicent Library and will be held in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

Advance registration is requested. Register at millicentlibrary.org/events-calendar.



Author Anthony Amore will give a presentation on art crime at Fairhaven Town Hall, hosted by the Millicent Library on 10/22/26. Submitted photo.

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