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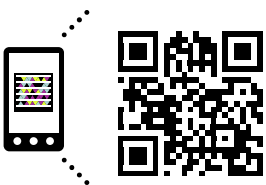
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Follow the Halloween Trail...if you dare



Beware this sea creature of Bellamy's Pirate Cove, where witches gather and sea creatures live among the landlubbers, conspiring to give you a spine tingling experience this spooky season. See page 12. *Submitted photo.*



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

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

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

The fall events have kicked in for real. We've got all kinds of stuff happening all at once.

If you're a runner, you have a couple of choices, but I want to make sure you know about the Run to Remember in honor of LCpl Matthew Rodriguez, a hometown kid who was killed in action in Afghanistan. The proceeds benefit the memorial fun in his name. It's his Sunday. Details are on page 5.

Next up: Some hateful little you-know-whats are at it again stealing our papers from some of our biggest drop sites. Really, guys, this is spiteful and petty. I hope one of my big, burly readers catches you at it.

The Select Board held their appointment meeting (see page 14). I have a LOT I want to say about it, but I'm on deadline.

The upshot is: Don't insult Town Meeting members by saying they didn't know what they were voting for. It's not "unintended" consequences, it's absolutely intended.

2: GAWD, it's not always all about you Mr. Carr and your buddies. People have been talking about doing tis for decades.

3: All of these boards are open to the public and they are required to post the meetings ahead of time. Go, participate, volunteer when they do stuff. You don't need to be a voting member to make a difference. Technically, yes, the chair can stop you from speaking, but usually they'll let you speak.

4: Just because a person has a business in town doesn't mean they should have a right to be on a board. Business interests are not the same as resident interests and sometimes they are quite at odds with each other.

5: God Bless ya Mr. Brady....you made that argument with a straight face. And kudos to the board members for treating it as such. I would've laughed out loud.

The Halloween Trail is in this issue. So...get out there and be scared....

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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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue, we made a mistake on the headline of one of the letters to the editor. The signature line was correct, it was Kevin Grant who wrote the letter, not Miles. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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Early voting ends Friday, 10/30

By Beth David
Editor

Early Voting ends on Saturday, 10/24, for the 11/3/26 state election. Mail-in and absentee voting is also underway. The deadline to apply for mail-in voting is Tuesday, October 27, at 5 pm.

Contact your town clerk/elections office (see below for each municipality) for information on how to request a mail-in or absentee ballot.

Acushnet Early Voting Schedule Remaining Dates

Early voting for the 11/3/26 state election takes place 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 Saturday, 10/24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Election day voting, 11/3/26, takes place for all precincts at Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Fairhaven Early Voting Schedule Remaining Dates

Early Voting for the 11/3/26 state election will be available in the Banquet Room at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Monday through Friday during regular Town Hall business hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and until 6 p.m. on Mondays; on Fridays, 10/23 and 10/30, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and on Saturdays, 10/24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On election day, 11/3/26, all precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave., from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact the Town Clerk for more details, 508-979-4023.

New Bedford Early Voting Schedule Remaining Dates

Early voting will be held Downtown on the third floor of the New Bedford Main Public Library at 613 Pleasant Street from 8 am to 4 pm through October 30. The last day to register to vote is Sat., 10/24.

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status,

designated polling location, has changed their address since the last election, or has questions regarding mail-in, absentee, or early voting should contact the New Bedford Board of Elections Commission at 508-979-1420.

Local groups offer guidance on Ballot Questions

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

For the online guide to each ballot question, visit <https://ma.omni.ballot.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; Q2: Collective Bargaining for CPCS Employees; Q3: State Primary Elections; Q4: Election

VOTE: cont'd on page 17

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

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- ★ Increase in net state aid to help keep Fairhaven Animal Shelter open.
- ★ Leading the fight to hold shoddy nursing home owners accountable.

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FernandesFamilyFurniture.com is your local online consignment shop that functions as a community-driven marketplace. Discover local heirloom pieces or list your own at FernandesFamilyFurniture.com.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Halloween

See page 18 for Halloween events

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.

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.

Nosferatu

Experience "Nosferatu," the 1922 silent film, with live organ accompaniment by Tim Evans, music director of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, at 7 p.m. Oct. 24.

"Nosferatu" is an adaptation of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel, "Dracula." Script cards provide the dialogue. An accomplished theater organist, Evans will play improvisations on his original themes to interpret the action on the screen.

Admission is \$20, and doors open at 6:30. The 90-minute program is recommended for viewers 12 and older. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

Purchase tickets online using this link: tinyurl.com/nosferatu-uusf

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.

SMEC Walk-a-Thon

The Friends of SMEC will be holding their annual walk-a-thon on Sat., 10/24. Everyone will meet at the SMEC TSP program located at 56 Bridge Street in Fairhaven, MA, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

We will also be having a raffle that includes gift cards, gift baskets, seasonal items (Autumn, Halloween and Christmas) and many other items

with all proceeds will benefit the many programs at the Southeastern Mass. Education Collaborative as well as their students and participants. For more info., please contact Mrs. Sherri Tetrault at 508-998-5599 ex 130 or stetrault@smecollaborative.org.

Maritime Day

Northeast Maritime Institute presents Fairhaven Maritime Day, a maritime community day, Sat., 10/24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 15 Center St., Fairhaven center. Join us for a day of hands-on activities, campus tours, food, games, live music and more! Everyone is welcome. Featuring food truck (food available for purchase); music by Putnam Murdock, noon-2 p.m.; games, fun for all ages; open house, learn about our college program.

Visit nmi.edu/blog

Donate for Wreaths

The Fairhaven Veterans Services Office places wreaths on the grave of veterans in the local cemeteries for the holidays and our account is running low.

Those interested in donating can drop off a check or cash at the Veterans Office, 229 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, MA. This year we are planning on placing the wreaths Saturday, 12/5, at 9:00 with a rain date of 12/6 at the same time. Volunteers are always welcome. If there are any questions call Mike or Jane at 508-202-4603 or 508-658-3719.

Author Event

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 Thurs., 10/22, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center Street.

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.

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

Admission is free and donations

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

Gather & Grow

Gather and Grow is hosting a Propagation Workshop on Monday, October 26 at 6:00 PM at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.

For more information, please contact Kristen Russell at 321-800-8398.

Get Tickets NOW!

FHS Drama

Calling all Drama Club Alums! The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is thrilled to announce their upcoming celebration, *Through the Years*. Join us for a fundraiser cabaret featuring songs from your past favorite FHS musicals including *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty & the Beast*, and more.

Hosted by Drama Club Alums Andrew Romano and Alyssa Botelho, you won't want to miss this trip down memory lane. The funds raised from this performance will go directly towards "feeding the plant" at their spring musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Through the Years will be performed at Fairhaven High School on November 7th at 7PM and November 8th at 2PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children/seniors, and \$10 for FHS students and staff. FHS Alums also get the \$10 discount for this show! Seating is general admission. Tickets can be purchased online at https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183_1 or at the door an hour before each performance.

At the Shep

The Moonbellies bring new twist to traditional music. The Moonbellies will deliver a mix of original music, Americana, Cajun, Irish and Quebecois music at The Shepherd Center on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

This ensemble represents the best of the young guard of string band musicians in the region. Members are Julianna Bernardi, Roisin Kelly, Tom Poitras, Hank Poitras and JoSteven Alfoso.

Tickets are \$20 online at <https://theshepherdcenter.org/the-moonbellies/> and \$25 at the door. The Shepherd Center is located at 34

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No Kings Vote Early draws marchers from Fairhaven to NB

By Beth David
Editor

The latest "No Kings" protest day on 10/17/26, resulted more than 3,000 actions across the country, all with the purpose of encouraging people to vote, and vote early. In some places they marched to ballot drop-off boxes; in some places they gave out information on polling places; in all

places they encouraged people to embrace the power of the ballot box.

Locally, scores of people met at Town Hall in Fairhaven and marched to downtown New Bedford, with a stop on Pope's Island to pick up more supporters.

The No Kings movement started to protest the abuses of the Trump Administration, its blatant disregard

for the rule of law and the US Constitution, and the treatment of immigrants and US Citizens by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

During this Saturday's day of action, Meta shut down the No Kings Coalition Instagram Page, which he organization uses to coordinate events.

Visit <https://www.nokings.org>



No Kings marchers pose for a group shot in front of Fairhaven Town Hall before marching along Route 6 to New Bedford, with a stop at Pope's Park to meet up with more marchers, on 10/17/26. Photo by Beth David.



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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: 10/28, Warwick Mall; 11/4, Twin River Casino; 11/18, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 11/25, Providence Place Mall.

Join Us for Lunch

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

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

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. 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.

Nov. 2, *Driving Miss Daisy* PG. An old Jewish woman and her African-American chauffeur in the American south have a relationship that grows and improves over the years.

Veterans Luncheon

Honoring all who served. All Veterans, spouses of veterans, and immediate family of veterans are welcome to join us for lunch in recognition of their service. At Fairhaven Council on Aging, 11/10, 11:30 p.m.

Please sign up by Nov. 6 at noon. Call 508-979-4029.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment ends on 12/7. To review/switch plans, meet with a SHINE Counselor at the Sr. Center. Call 508-979-4023 to make an appointment.

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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

Greek Lemon Chicken

3 lbs. bone-in chicken thighs & drumsticks

8 garlic cloves (minced)

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar

3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt

1 1/2 Tbsp dried oregano

1/4 cup olive oil

1 tsp salt

1 1/2 tsp black pepper

Rinse and pat the chicken dry.

In a large bowl, combine all the marinade ingredients, and mix well. Fold in the chicken and coat generously with the marinade mixture.

Let marinate in the refrigerator overnight.

Place chicken on rack, skin side up, on a baking sheet lined with foil. Preheat oven to 350°, and bake for 45-50 minutes, or until golden.

Baste chicken with marinade halfway through.



collie, is a gold-winning agility champ.

As a Corgi, I'm no sea slug when it comes to running; I'm also not bad-looking, and I do have some mean agility moves, but I'm never the star. No matter how hard I try, I never make it to the winner's circle.

Being ordinary is so discouraging.
Andy

Dear Andy,

You are comparing yourself to breeds known for their physical attributes, which, of course, puts you at a great disadvantage.

As for looks, most of us do our best with what we have by staying well-

Dear Frankie

Being Ordinary

Dear Frankie, I can't think of a friend who doesn't excel at something.

Gisele, an Irish Setter, is absolutely gorgeous; Trix, a greyhound, wins every race, and Skipper, a border

groomed and in good shape.

Corgis excel as herders and watchdogs, and are friendly, loyal, and affectionate.

Think what you bring to your family: a safe home and a loving, devoted companion. These qualities last a lifetime, unlike good looks and physical strength and ability.

Best, Frankie

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From our readers

The Importance of Elections

I believe the importance of elections can not be understated. Virtually every aspect of your life is impacted by them.

That being said, at no point in human history have so many people enjoyed the freedoms and opportunities we have in this country. These have been secured at a very high price. We have them because of the men and women who fought and died to secure them.

The driving principle of why the revolutionary war and most of the other wars we fought was freedom. It's stated in the Declaration of Independence thusly, all men are endowed by heir creator with the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It's the responsibility of our government to secure them.

The present-day Democratic party has been hijacked by socialist Marxists, communists whose message is vote for me you'll have free health care, housing, child care, groceries, you name it the government will take care of you from cradle to grave.

The truth is you'll lose all your freedoms, your life will be controlled by these arrogant bureaucrats whose goal is power and control.

You don't have to look too far back in history to see the results of communism. Millions upon millions have been slaughtered by ruthless communist dictators. Castro enslaved Cuba. Until the capture of Maduro by Trump, Venezuela was enslaved.

Many have turned away from the God of our founding fathers, which was the underpinning of our government and the way our laws were enacted and written.*

Consider what these Marxists advocate and strive for. Rewrite the definition of marriage, abortion at any time for any reason, the sexual mutilation of children**, boys in girls' bathrooms and sports. Strip away parental authority.

There are two other very important points I would like to make. First, in our arrogant ignorance, we say we have no idols or gods. I say false. Something will control you whether it's sports, travel, possessions, money, or whatever dominates

your thoughts and time.

I thank God for Trump and his supporters. If not for him, Iran would have the atomic bomb and the ICBMS to deliver them.

It seems that too many have become too complacent. They have forgotten 911 when Islamic extremists hijacked plants and flew them into the twin towers and the pentagon and most likely would have into the White House but for the bravery of those courageous Americans who stopped them and crashed the plane in Shanksville, PA.

These are the same extremists who chant death to Israel and America.

John Pond, Fairhaven

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Halloween is Saturday, 10/31

By Beth David
Editor

Welcome to our 21st annual
Halloween Trail.

Most are drive/walk by or
wander around this year. But a
couple are still sending you

through the gauntlet of horror, twisting around the yards,
with who-knows-what jumping out to scare the bejeebers
out of you. Don't be surprised, though, if a few others do
the same...unannounced.

**See "Off the Trail but still worth the trip" on page 18
for other events like the Horribles Parade THIS Sat.**

Please be respectful when you visit and are wandering
around the yards. Remember that these are people's
private yards. Don't touch, try not to get too scared. Feel
free to scream.

LET US BEGIN...IN FAIRHAVEN

1: OLIVER STREET

We don't have an exact address for you this year on
Oliver Street, but we have it on good authority that there
are still a couple of haunts worth your trouble.

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Head to the center of town, where we KNOW there are
other places that are spooky. It's a veritable Little Salem
out there on Halloween night, with all kinds of ghouls and
goblins running around. Be sure to go by on the Big Night
to see special things that are only put out on that one
night. Many are decorated already, but be sure to go at
night because the lights are spine tingling.

...



2: 6 WILLIAM STREET This
ominous looking house is lit
up with a different color
depending on the night,
starting at dusk from now
until Halloween. And you'll
have to gather up your
courage to walk through this
yard for sure. When you get to
the porch, you'll be
diabolically surprised. What's
that in the window you ask?
Go see for yourself if you dare!

House is lit up nightly and is decorated. Candy on
Halloween only. *Submitted photo.*

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3: 127 LAUREL STREET.
You're now getting to the
heart of the center and the
heart of the real Halloween-
town, where you might
encounter some very fine
spooks. If you have the
courage to go up those
stairs you will definitely
earn your treat! Lights are
on from dusk to around 9
p.m. *Submitted photo.*



center of town. *Submitted photo.*

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5: ALL OF GREEN STREET. Oh, and don't forget Green
Street, too. That corner by the UU church is bound to be
populated by creatures you've never encountered before.
Many are decorated now and especially this weekend. It's
like Salem in *Hocus Pocus* (minus the broom stealing)!

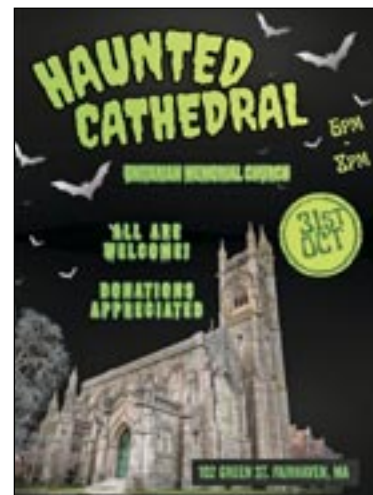
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6: HAUNTED CATHEDRAL,
CORNER OF GREEN &
CENTER Members and
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Fairhaven invite costumed
kids to come by for treats
and spooky fun Halloween
evening on 10/31 from
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., or until
the candy runs out.

Visit our (not too
scary!) Haunted Cathedral
and collect some goodies
at the corner of Green and
Center streets, a
traditional hot spot for
trick-or-treating. There
may be some
Instagrammable photo ops!

The event will be canceled in case of rain.

Worship service is at 10



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a.m. Sundays at the 102 Green St. church. All are welcome. For more information, call (508) 992-7081 or visit uufairhaven.org

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7: 86 CHURCH STREET/ BELLAMY'S PIRATE COVE
The witches are still gathering at 86 Church Street, teaming up with the ghosts of Bellamy's Pirate Cove to give you a spine tingling experience this spooky season.

Open nightly, and Halloween night from dusk to 10 p.m. We will be giving out pirate flags

and candy. Be prepared for anything! *Submitted photo*

...

Now head back north on one of the main drags (Green, Pleasant, Adams) and pop up Washington Street to Sconticut Neck Road. I didn't hear from John and Timothy Streets, but I'm guessing they are worth the ride, if past years are any indication. Then back up to Sconticut Neck Road to...

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8: 62 HACKER STREET
It's the witches in charge of the front yard this year, but they are not alone! We've got some creatively creepy minds, or, maybe creepily creative minds. Either way... swing by any night from now until Halloween after 6:30 p.m. when the lights are on. *Submitted photo.*



...

9: WEST ISLAND Now, head to West Island, south along Sconticut Neck road. We have it on great authority that there are more than a few yards on the way that will also welcome you, so pay attention.

When you get to the island, just cruise around. You'll find lots of fun and scary places to visit, including...

...



10 164 DOGWOOD ST.
The Creepy Tiki bar, complete with creepy tiki patrons, is set up at 164 Dogwood, but...I wouldn't try that brew if I were you.

Lit up every night, treats on Halloween.

Photo by Beth David.

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Acushnet

Now we're heading north to Acushnet for two stops officially on the trail, but we KNOW there are more. Keep your eyes open.

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11: 11 MONMOUTH AVENUE/ AMYGDALA (FEEL THE FEAR) HAUNT. The spirits shall rise! Head to Middle Road and then to Monmouth, just a few blocks after the police station, so you can be greeted by all manor of lovely ladies and fine gentlemen [ahem]. See spooky lights and more...walk around! You will see our bright neon signs at the end of our street! Come by On Halloween! Candy and candy bags will be handed out and all monsters will be out! Open from 5-10 p.m. and on Halloween open until...whenever. *Submitted photo.*

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12: 18 VILLAGE AVE. Now you turn around and head back to Main Street to 18 Village Ave. This drive-by is lit up at dusk until mid-night. Feel free to take pictures from a safe distance.

On Halloween, walk up for a treat handed out by the guardians of the graveyard, if you dare to approach them! *Submitted photo.*

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Select Board holds appointments meeting, 1st after new bylaw

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board held a special meeting on 10/14/26 to make appointments to boards and committees. It was the first meeting to make the annual appointments since two new bylaws passed at Town Meeting and were approved by the Attorney General.

The new bylaws restrict the number of boards and committees that individuals can serve on. Elected officials can only serve on the board they are elected to unless appointed as a liaison of the board to another committee/board. Appointed individuals may serve on a maximum of two boards, although the SB may override that with a "specific vote" to allow it.

The issue came up pretty quickly with the Bell Committee, when Doug Brady, who was on four committees, The Bell Committee, the Historical Commission, Rogers Reuse, Atlas Tack Working Group, argued that two of his appointments were not up for renewal until next year, so they did not count. He said he was being considered for the Bell Committee and the Rogers Reuse Committee and that is all they should consider.

The board and Mr. Brady discussed the issue for a very long time, ultimately deciding that the total number of committees was the point.

SB member Andrew Saunders pointed to the provision in the bylaw that allowed the board to make an exception. He and SB member Rick Trapilo made the case in favor of letting Mr. Brady stay on all four entities.

Mr. Brady was reappointed to the Bell Committee and the Rogers Reuse

Committee, but later in the meeting opted to resign from the Bell Committee. He will remain on Historical Commission, for now.

The issue came up again, but on the elected official side, when Barbara Acksen asked to be reappointed to the Cable Advisory Committee. Although there was still a lot of discussion, Mr. Saunders noted that the bylaw did not have the same "carve out" that the other one had.

Ms. Acksen is an elected member of the Board of Health, and noted that it seemed a bit of a stretch for that board to need a liaison to the Cable Advisory Committee.

In the end they did not appoint her to the committee. Ms. Acksen also serves on the Trust Commission, which is an elected position. But that term is not up for election until 2028.

The issue of residency also came up with one person who was on a board, but moved and one person who asked to be on a board, but lives out of town.

The SB did not reappoint Rachel Medeiros to the Belonging Committee because she moved out of town.

Erin Carr, who lives in Mattapoisett, but owns a business and a house in Fairhaven, asked to be appointed to the Livable Streets Committee. She asked to be appointed several months ago and was refused because she is not a Fairhaven resident.

Ms. Carr told the board she is an outdoor enthusiast, avid walker, runner, cyclist. She said she wanted to help people understand the rules of the and the benefits of being outside.

She noted that an assessor was appointed who does not live in Fairhaven.

Mr. Trapilo spoke in favor of the appointment. Mr. Saunders declined to comment, saying he was recusing himself. In past meetings, he has recused himself on any matter pertaining to the Ms. Carr or her father, Patrick, due to a business relationship.

SB member, Pam Kuechler, reiterated the sentiment of the board from the previous request that Ms. Carr join a corresponding committee in Mattapoisett.

Mr. Trapilo made a motion to appoint Ms. Carr, but there was no second.

Mr. Romano then addressed Mr. Carr who was sitting in the room, asking if he was recording.

"You didn't notify us," said Mr. Romano, referring to a standard statement at the beginning of meetings that anyone making a recording should notify the chair. He said Mr. Carr should delete the recording.

"I'm not responding to you" said Mr. Carr, who was defeated for the Select Board seat by Mr. Romano in 2024.

- Appointments included
- Art Curator: Mark Badwey
 - Bell Committee: Doug Brady (he will resign), Nils Isaksen, Helena Oliveira
 - Belonging Comm: Alliea Group, Laura Barillaro, Suzanne Belanger
 - Cable Advisory Comm: Ronnie Medina
 - Commission on Disability: Cara Viveiros
 - Community Preservation Committee: Jeffrey Lucas, Ann Richard
 - Conservation Commission: Wendy Drumm, Karyn Ferreira

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grievances."

***Editor's note: I got nuthin'. I have no idea where this foolishness comes from.*

Cooperation or Condemnation

Human beings are not infallible, and anyone is capable of erring or misjudging a situation, often due to unforeseen or undisclosed information.

Recently, a friend shared two incidents with me. In one, they called the police after witnessing what appeared to be an assault in a parking lot, only to learn later that the individual involved was autistic and the woman he attacked was his mother. In another instance, officers used stringent tactics to apprehend a man who did not comply with orders to turn around on private property, later discovering he was born deaf.

I experienced a similar situation myself while traveling. I was detained at airport security, missed my flight, and had my belongings thoroughly searched, and I was searched head to toe and everywhere possible, over a small three-inch pair of pelican embroidery scissors. While it was a

most humiliating experience, being treated as a criminal at my expense, I had to recognize that these actions were taken in the interest of public safety.

Additionally, it recently made national news when a license plate reader error led to an innocent woman being locked up for 30 days.

There have also been a plethora of reports of law enforcement personnel grossly misusing surveillance Flock tools and technology. But I want say here that there are a lot of good and truly sincere law enforcement personnel who have risked their own lives to save the lives of other people.

However, isolated mistakes or instances of misconduct, do not justify labeling an entire profession. For the most part, our law enforcement officers at the local, state, and federal levels are vital to our safety and wellbeing. There are far more individuals in these professions acting with good intentions than corrupt ones.

I can't imagine how difficult it is for many of these professionals to go out there in the streets every day and

protect us, while knowing that they put their lives at risk for us.

The Fairhaven Neighborhood News last week (10/8/26 issue) characterized our federal law enforcement officers as terrorists* Broadly condemning an entire group of professionals is unjust, especially given their role in protecting our community from genuine threats.

It is not just immigrants that have been at the hands of error. Every day innocent citizens have been wrongly accused, some having even spent many years in prison over a crime they didn't commit.

However, could you imagine if we had no law enforcement whatsoever in our world? .

Also I truly believe in helping people, and I hope this helps.

In my view, political strategies that amplify conflict rather than foster cooperation are detrimental. While I fully support assisting those in need, I believe aid should be paired with self-reliance. Additionally, adherence to the legal process is essential, and to include immigration. Many immi-

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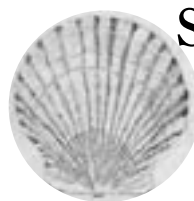
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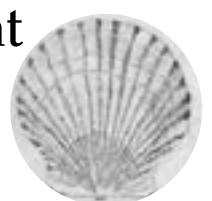
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Sheriff Heroux Signs Pledge to Protect Free & Fair Elections

By Paul Heroux
Sheriff, Bristol County

As election season approaches, Americans of all political perspectives should agree on one principle: our elections must remain free, fair, and administered according to the rule of law.

In recent years, across the country, some sheriffs have attempted to conduct election investigations outside their traditional authority, sought access to ballots or voting equipment, or proposed becoming involved in ballot transport and vote counting. These efforts create confusion about the proper role of law enforcement and weakened trust

in our democratic institutions.

Furthermore, Article 1, Section 4, Clause 1 of the US Constitution gives state legislatures the authority to set the "times, places, and manner" of elections. It concerns me the president has made statements that indicate the executive branch may not respect the independence of local election commissions.

That is why I signed the Sheriff Pledge for Free & Fair Elections, which is my commitment to keep my Office out of election administration, unless formally requested by a local election commission. My promise to Bristol County is simple: to faithfully uphold the Constitution and reject

efforts to interfere with the lawful administration of elections.

As the former Mayor of Attleboro who appointed a Board of Election Commissioners, I can say from experience that the Election Commission, not the mayor (or governor, president, or sheriffs), runs the local elections, and if the Commission does not request an entity's presence, it is not authorized or necessary.

Every single resident deserves confidence that this Office respects the lawful authority of election officials, and will decline requests to seize ballots or voting equipment. Protecting democracy begins in our own communities.

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grants, that I know, have taken the proper legal steps to immigrate, and I believe everyone entering the country should be expected to follow those same established laws.

Michelle Costen, Fairhaven

**Editor's note: This is a gross misinterpretation of the editor's letter in the 10/8/26 issue. I encourage you to read it yourself*

It is better 100 guilty
 Persons should escape,
 than that one innocent
 Person should suffer

Benjamin Franklin

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 essential liberty to
 obtain a little temporary
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The Mass. Democratic Party, Republican Party, and some advocacy groups have issued voting guides for the ballot questions.

Mass. Dems: No on 3, 5, 8; yes on all the others. Visit <https://www.massdems.org/>

Mass. Repubs: Yes on 1 and 5; no stance on 2 and 8; no on all the others. Visit <https://massgop.com/massachusetts-incumbent-democrats-wont-debate-2/>

League of Women Voters: Yes on 1, 4, 7, 9; no position on 2, 3, 6, 8; no on 5. Visit <https://lwvma.org/ballot-questions-2026/>

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- Cultural Council: Beth Ann Gallagher, John Walker, Jennifer Frasier
- Economic Development Comm: Cathy Melanson, Karyn Ferreira, Jon Hinds
- Historical Commission: Beth Luey, Eleanor Chew, Brian Messier, Nils Isaksen
- Livable Streets Comm: Tim Garcia, Roger Sicotte
- Marine Resources Comm: Michael McNamara, Robert Pink Jr., David Darmofal, Andrew Jones, Morgan Dawicki
- Millicent Library Trustees: Kathryn Powers
- Rogers Reuse Comm: Susan Loo, Doug Bradu, Nils Isaksen, Beverly Rasmussen,
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Community Preservation

Wed., 10/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 10/26, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Cultural Council

Thurs., 10/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 10/29, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets

Thurs., 10/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 10/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

ues., 10/27, Town all, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/18, FHS Media Ctr., 6:30

Select Board

Mon., 10/26, Select Board., 6 p.m.

Sustainability Comm

Tues., 10/20, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Library Trustees

Fri., 10/23, Acushnet Library, Noon

Selectboard

Wed., 10/28, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

		Oct. 2026		HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
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Saturday	24	0704	1924	0003	1242
Sunday	25	0743	2005	0042	1324*
Monday	26	0825	2049	0123*	1410*
Tuesday	27	0911	2138	0210*	1501*
Wednesday	28	1001	2229	0300*	1550*
Thursday	29	1053	2323	0352*	1637*
Friday	30	1149	---	0441*	1725
Saturday	31	0023	1252	0532	1824

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more



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Dartmouth

Head west young brave hearts to Dartmouth, where we have one address, but here are others, we are sure!

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13: STONEWALL MANOR
AT 10 STONEWALL DRIVE
The 2026 edition of Stonewall Manor is fully up and running. Lit nightly (weather permitting) until 11:00 PM through Halloween. Beware the flying ghost!
Submitted photo.

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New Bedford

And last, but definitely not least, our New Bedford stop. In the Sassaquin area of the city, so you KNOW there are more spooks out there.

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14: 991 CRESCENT ST.
NEW! Ooo...it looks like the whole street is being terrorized here. The yard will come alive on October 23, 24 and 31, 6-9 p.m. We support our Charity, "Handle with G Love" collecting winter wear for kids, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and more. Come for the scares, support our kids..
Submitted photo.

???Mattapoisett???

Now we're heading deep into the dark. We have no confirmed addresses this year, but, well...if you grew up around here, you KNOW Wolf Island Road is haunted. Just drive by.

Off the trail but worth the trip

There are plenty of other haunted happenings besides the Halloween Trail (see page 12). Here's a list of the ones we know about. I'm betting there are more. So...have fun...be scared!

Spookfest: House of Hollows

A night of Halloween fun for the whole community! 10/23 6-8 p.m. at Fairhaven Recreation Center.

We're transforming the Recreation Center for a festive, family-friendly evening! Highlights include costume contest, crafts with Eco Kids Learning Center, our Pumpkin Parlor featuring pumpkins decorated by town departments and patrons attending the event, and food available for purchase from Travelers on Tour. Our staff has put a lot of heart and creativity into bringing Haunted Hallows to life, and we can't wait to welcome families.

See page 9 for more details

Halloween Horribles Parade And Harvest Fair

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!

First, second, third prizes for Most Horrible, Most Original, Most Beautiful in age groups: toddler to 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, adults.

Treat bags will be handed out and free hot chocolate.

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>

Acushnet Halloween Parade

Join us on Sat., 10/31, beginning at 6 p.m. for the annual Halloween Parade. Starting at the Acushnet Fire Station #1, 24 Russell St./Parting

Ways.

Ends at the Fire Station where the Fire Department will be distributing all kinds of fun treats.

Halloween Parade at MAC

The Marion Art Center's annual Halloween Parade returns on Sat., 10/31. Our witches and warlocks have been brewing up plans for their parade around town. Costumed characters of all ages are invited to join in for this fun family event!

Participants should meet in front of the Marion Music Hall (we'll line up on Cottage Street) at 4:00pm. Join the parade of witches and princesses, goblins and ghouls, wild animals, and spooky spirits. The parade route will head south on Front Street, up Main Street, north onto Spring Street and back down Cottage to the Music Hall, where the witches of the MAC will hand out candy to all.

Don't forget to pop by the Music Hall at the end of the parade route for your treat bags, made with love by the good witches of the MAC! Goodie bags are available for those with allergies or food sensitivity – just ask for a Teal Pumpkin goodie bag.

The MAC will be accepting candy donations from now through October 30. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

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Ribbon cutting commemorates end of bike path renovations

By Beth David
Editor

The project started years ago, no one is exactly sure how many but at least more than four, because that's when Fairhaven Highway Superintendent, Josh Crabb, came on, and the project had already started. The project was to resurface the Phoenix Rail Trail, formerly the Phoenix Bike Trail. Mr. Crabb thought they should go all out and do more than a quick overcoat.

It took a while to get funding, COVID interfered, but eventually it all fell into place. And this summer, ending just a couple of weeks ago, the project happened. The path was completely overhauled, replacing all pavement, side work, and more. Improvements included more safety measures where the path crosses roads, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance at corners.

On Saturday, 10/17/26, the town held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the upgrade.

Craig Della Penna, an organizer with Rails to Trails, was at the original ribbon cutting in 1999, and again on

Saturday. He said it was one of the first projects to use federal money.

Several town officials spoke, each giving credit and thanks to many departments and volunteers, including the Green Lanterns garden group which raised funds for the new signs and landscaped around them.

Cathy Melanson, chair of the

Economic Development Committee, said the bike path brings people to Fairhaven, and hopefully to enjoy the small shops and restaurants.

Vinnie Furtado, Superintendent of Public Works, thanked the people and town officials and boards, who over

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Fairhaven Highway Superintendent, Josh Crabb, and Public Works Superintendent, Vinnie Furtado (L-R holding scissors), are flanked by town officials and volunteers as they cut the ribbon at a ceremony commemorating the complete renovation of the Phoenix Rail Trail, formerly the Phoenix Bike Trail, on 10/17/26. Photo by Beth David.

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EPA mtg

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a virtual public meeting on October 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams to present the draft eighth Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) proposing to modify the upper and lower harbor remedy for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

Under the ESD, EPA would remove soil in areas where polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination is higher than 1 part per million. The contaminated soil would be excavated to a depth of three feet and replaced with clean soil. The plan would also include land use controls for the property. These controls would allow the City of New Bedford to pursue residential development on the site, but would require a soil management plan to make sure any PCB-contaminated soil located deeper than three feet would be handled safely, if it were to be disturbed in the future.

EPA is seeking public input on the draft ESD during the 30-day public comment period starting on October 30, 2026, and ending on November 28, 2026. Beginning on October 30, 2026, the draft ESD Administrative Record can be reviewed and comments submitted via <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID No. EPA-R01-SFUND-2026-6304). All comments are reviewed and responded to in writing by EPA prior to selecting a final alternative for the ESD, if necessary.

Meeting materials and link to join October 28th meeting at 6:00 p.m. will be posted prior to the meeting on <https://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor>.

At the Z

The following events are taking place at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, New Bedford. For tickets visit www.zeiterion.org, the Zeiterion box office at 684 Purchase St.; or call 508-994-2900.

The Zeiterion is excited to deliver the national tour of *Mystic Pizza*: A New Musical based on the iconic hit film on Friday, October 30, at 8:00 p.m. The story follows three friends as they navigate the complexities of friendship, romance, and their Portuguese culture while slinging

slices at a small-town pizza joint. The musical is driven by a score packed with unforgettable hits from the '80s and '90s, serving up the ultimate nostalgic experience. Tickets start at \$58 and can be purchased at zeiterion.org, in person at the box office, or by phone at 508-994-2900.

NB Economic Dev. Council

Please join us for our annual meeting on Thursday, 10/29, from 4–7 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum's Cooke Memorial Theater, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Featured speaker, Amanda McMullen, President & CEO of the Whaling Museum. Light refreshments and networking. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/4zj47s39>

Silent Movie with...

Experience Cecil B. DeMille's Epic Silent Film *The Ten Commandments* with Live Organ Accompaniment by Peter Krasinski.

Who doesn't love a great epic movie with incredible music!

Step into the drama, spectacle, and grandeur of a cinematic masterpiece brought vividly to life through the power of live organ music.

On Sun., 11/1, at 5 pm, Music at Saint Anthony's invites audiences to experience Cecil B. DeMille's monumental black-and-white silent film *The Ten Commandments* in the magnificent setting of St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford's North End, 1359 Acushnet Ave.

Acclaimed organist, Peter Krasinski, is the musical genius who will perform a live accompaniment on St. Anthony's historic Casavant pipe organ, adding intensity, color, and imagination to one of silent cinema's most unforgettable epics. Krasinski is well known in the New England states and beyond for his enthusiastic and engaging personality and performances.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online through <https://www.musicatsaintanthonys.org/current-events.html>. Seating will also be available at the door, but early purchase is encouraged for this special one-day event.

Food Truck Fest

New Bedford Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival, Sat., 10/31, noon to 5 p.m., Fort Taber, 1000 S. Rodney French Blvd., NB. Tickets: \$10 at door; \$5 pre-sale. Visit <https://www.foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com/newbedford2> or find them on Facebook

Food Truck Festivals of America is bringing the ultimate Halloween Food Truck & Craft Beverage Festival to New Bedford—and it's going to be frightfully delicious!

Get ready for a hauntingly good day filled with incredible food, refreshing drinks, and Halloween fun for the whole family! Featuring dozens of craft beers, festive music, artisan vendors, and more.

Dress to impress (and maybe win cash)! Best costume gets \$500!

SAVE THE DATES

Lebanese Christmas Bazaar

It's time for the annual Lebanese Holiday/Christmas Bazaar by Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church, featuring delicious Lebanese food & tasty desserts, craft tables, money and basket raffles, silent auctions & our caravan of values.

Join us at our community center, 4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, on Sat., 11/14 from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; and Sun., 11/15, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

For more information contact us at officeolop@gmail.com or (508) 996-8934. See you there!

Author Event

On Wed., 11/18, from 6–8:30pm, Spinner will host Nathaniel Philbrick, author of *In the Heart of the Sea* and *Mayflower at the Steeple Playhouse*, 159 William Street, New Bedford, MA.

Philbrick will introduce his newest book, *The Rush: California Gold, the Civil War, and the Making of the Modern World*. The Author-Talk begins with an informal meet-and-greet, featuring beverages and hors d'oeuvres, followed by Philbrick's presentation, and concludes with an audience Q&A. Davoll's General Store will provide copies of the book for purchase and signing at the event.

Tickets to the Spinner Author Talk event are \$40 and are available through PayPal (<https://tinyurl.com/4un2ny35>) or by calling the Spinner office (508-994-4564).

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Spooky 5K

South Coast Spooky 5K & Kids Run, at Dartmouth High School, 555 Bakerville Rd., Sun., 10/5.

Registration 8-8:30; Kids run, 8:45 a.m. at DHS outdoor track; 5K Road Race, 9 a.m. Starts and ends at DHS. Costumes optional.

Cash prizes for top 3 overall 5K men and women finishers.

To benefit Dartmouth High School Cross Country & Track & Field.

Kids run, free. 5K \$36.23 online at <https://raceroster.com>

Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club's next meeting will be Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30pm at the Marion Natural History Museum (6 Spring St.)

We have a great program! Tanya Sanders will take us on a journey through the amazing birds of Costa Rica. Whether you've visited Costa Rica, are hoping to go someday, or simply enjoy seeing birds from around the world, you won't want to miss it!

All meetings are free and open to all. Check our website at: <https://www.nbcbirdclub.com>

Republican Candidates Night

For the first time, the Republican Town and City Committees of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Fairhaven, Acushnet, New Bedford, Dartmouth and Westport are joining together to host a Southcoast Meet the Candidates Night on Thurs., 10/22

The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road (Route 6), Mattapoisett. Light snacks will be served at 6:00 PM, and the program will begin at 6:30 PM.

EVERY voter is welcome! Voters of all political affiliations are invited to meet Republican candidates seeking federal, state and county office ahead of the November 3 election.

Candidates expected to attend

include:

- Shawn Oliver — Lieutenant Governor
- Elizabeth Dionne — State Treasurer
- Tyler Macallister — U.S. House, 9th Congressional District
- Boomer Amaral — State Senate, 1st Bristol and Plymouth District
- Robert McConnell — State Senate, 2nd Bristol and Plymouth District
- Justin Thurber — State House, 5th Bristol District
- Jesse St. Gelais — State House, 8th Bristol District
- Chester Tam — State House, 9th Bristol District
- Brendalee Smith — State House, 10th Bristol District
- Anthony O'Brien — Plymouth County Commissioner

The eight participating committees invite Southcoast residents to attend and meet the candidates.

- FREE MOVIE 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

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,

- 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.

March for Justice

Support Democracy and Human Rights. Join many fellow human rights activists, local houses of worship, and other like-minded neighbors as we "March for Justice and Peace,"

Sunday, November 1st, noon-1pm., two days before Election Day! Meet at St Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, Dartmouth, our sponsor, and sing and chant as we march through Padanaram Village. Signs will be provided. This is not a protest, but a way to express our desire for equal treatment and peace for all human beings."

SAVE THE DATES:

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.

Fall Rail Ride

Get tickets now!

Looking for a unique way to enjoy fall? The Fall Rail Ride is a one-day-only trip on Saturday, November 7. Choose between a guided bike ride or a car-free afternoon in Newburyport.

The MBTA's 2nd annual Fall Rail Ride will take place on Sun., 11/7. Departing from North Station and operating express to Newburyport, this "Rails & Trails" train will connect riders with a guided autumnal bicycle tour along scenic municipal bike trails or offer passengers a car-free afternoon to enjoy all that Newburyport has to offer.

Tickets go on sale Monday, October 19 at 11 AM and are available exclusively on the mTicket app. Each \$20 ticket includes round-trip travel on the event train and is valid for unlimited Commuter Rail travel all weekend long.

More information is available at <https://www.mbta.com/destinations/fall-rail-ride>



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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room, located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts for an

Amended Notice of Intent for a Ground Mount Solar Energy Generation and Storage Project by New Leaf Energy, Inc.

New Leaf Energy is filing a request for an amendment to an existing Order of Conditions issued by the Acushnet Conservation Commission in January of 2021 for a ground mounted solar and energy storage system. The system is proposed to be located on Assessors tax map 17, 24B and 24C. The project has been relocated to avoid newly delineated wetland areas and reduced from 28.7 acres to 20.9 acres within the fenced area.

Christian DeSousa, Acting Chair
FNN, 10/22/26

New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site ESD Public Meeting

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a virtual public meeting on October 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. EPA will present the draft eighth Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) proposing to modify the upper and lower harbor remedy (Operable Unit 1) for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site in the following ways: 1) Applying the Site-specific residential PCB cleanup level of 1 part per million (ppm) to address soil contamination at the western portion of the Sawyer Street Support Facility known as "Area B and Area C"; 2) Implementing soil excavation within Area C where total PCB concentrations exceed 1 ppm down to a depth of three feet and restoring with clean backfill; 3) Implementing land use controls within Area B and Area C where PCB contaminated soils left in place do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure ("UU/UE") (i.e., residential standards). The Sawyer Street Support Facility is located at 103 Sawyer Street in New Bedford.

The Agency is soliciting public comments on the Draft ESD during the 30-day public comment period starting on October 30, 2026, and ending on November 28, 2026. Comments on the Draft ESD and Administrative Record can be submitted via <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID No. EPA-R01-SFUND-

2026-6304). All comments are reviewed and responded to in writing by EPA prior to selecting a final alternative for the ESD, if necessary. Meeting materials will be posted prior to the public meeting on <https://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor>.

FNN 10/22/26

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Public Hearing RDA – Vaz Construction, Inc. The Project is located at 131 Gammons Road, Map 9, Lot 16A & 16B.

A Request for Determination was filed by Vaz Construction, Inc. for property located at 131 Gammons Road, Map 9, Lot 16A & 16B.

The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with 4-bedroom septic system, driveway and associated utilities. The proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) includes the installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, grading, selective tree canopy trimming, and the removal of two to three existing trees located within the proposed grading area.

Christian DeSousa, Acting Chair
FNN, 10/22/26

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN Real Estate Brokerage Services - RFP

The Town of Fairhaven invites sealed proposals from qualified vendors for Real Estate Brokerage Services.

The bid documents may be obtained electronically at <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/beacon/> where they are publicly available as of October 22, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

Proposals are due on or before Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Select Board Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informality contained therein, and to award the contract as decided to be in the best interest of the Town of Fairhaven.

All proposals for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B as amended.

The Town of Fairhaven fully complies with federal, state, and local laws and directives governing equal opportunity, affirmative action and nondiscrimination in all Town activities and actively solicits bids/proposals from MBE/WBE businesses in accordance with Town policy.

FNN 10/22/26

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

Wednesday November 4th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearings In-Person at Town Hall or

via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSCtiVzJCQT09>

or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513

7952Passcode: 361259

1. REF# ZBA-026-024: 29 Charity Stevens Lane, Map 40, Lot 15A, Book 14496, Page 317. Applicant/Owner: Shelly Anne Moniz Declaration of Trust, seeks a Variance from Zoning By-Law 198-22 A (1) to construct a 792 sq. ft. addition to existing 954 sq. ft. Garage.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 10/15/26, 10/22/26

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

Thursday October 29th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearings In-Person at Town Hall or

via Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSCtiVzJCQT09>

or call 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 1513

7952Passcode: 361259

1. Discussion and possible vote concerning to adopt 2026 amendment to M.G.L. c. 40A §10 governing zoning variances; the legal standards and findings applicable to the pending and future variance application before the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals; the continued applicability and changes concerning Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw §198-9; potential applicability to ZBA procedures, forms and written decisions; upon Town Counsel written legal advice and guidance.

Patrick Carr, Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 10/22/26, 10/29/26

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the years, supported the project.

He said he was "deeply grateful" to the Community Preservation Committee which contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the \$1.5 million project.

Mr. Crabb thanked the community for patience while the project went on through the summer.

He said it was a "true labor of love."

He also thanked the contractor, Payo Corp., for their diligence.

Select Board Chair, Andrew Romano, said the bike path offered an opportunity for people to slow down and look at all the beauty the area has to offer.

State Rep. Mark Sylvia presented a citation to the Board of Public Works. He said as a resident, a Blue Devil, and a representative, he had a sense

of pride.

He also recognized that the sign at the corner of Main and South Streets was donated by Geoffrey Sullivan in honor of his late wife, Susan. The sign at Shaw Road is dedicated to Marin Stackpole.

After the ceremony, BPW member, Marcus Ferro, said he wanted to make sure that BPW workers were recognized for their work.

"This is an investment in public infrastructure," said Mr. Ferro, stressing it was not a third party doing all the work. "It's public employees doing public works for the good of the town."

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, Vice Chair of the BPW, said he was proud of the BPW for getting it done.

He pointed out that the Little Bay Extension leads to a pier where

people can sit by the water or fish.

Ms. Sullivan said he was trying to find a way to honor his wife, and thought about getting a bench. But when he learned the Green Lanterns were looking for donations for the signs, he decided that was better.

The Phoenix Rail Trail begins at the corner of Main and South Streets, and travels east all the way to Mattapoisett. It allows for bicycle or pedestrian traffic to go the whole 3.5 miles to the Mattapoisett line, and another mile in Mattapoisett, without having to share the road with cars, although it does cross streets along the way. There is a spur called the Little Bay Extension that veers off into the Little Bay Conservation area.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/5av3wywz> or <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/places-to-go/phenix-rail-trail>

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Boo at the Zoo

Now in its 25th year, "Boo at the Zoo" is here to fulfill all your autumnal and mildly eerie Halloween desires. With campus-wide daylight trick-or-treating, you have a total of six delightful days to relish in the Boo at the Zoo experience this season.

At the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn St., New Bedford; 508-991-4556

Visit <https://www.bpzoo.org/whats-new/boo-at-the-zoo/>

Halloween at the Handy House

10:00AM -2:00PM, Sat., 10/24, at The Handy House, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport

Magical and spooky family fun! Come in costume!

Make a wand, create your own potion, and save the Handy House from the evil witch! Rain or shine.

Suggested donation \$5 per family.

And don't miss the Handy House Halloween Trail, open every day dawn to dusk during the month of October.

Salem, Mass.

Salem Mass. is home to the largest celebration of Halloween in the world! Salem is excited to welcome more than a million visitors to the parties, parades, vendor fairs, walking tours, museums, attractions, and special events. Plan ahead, put on your costume, and join us for a month that is steeped in history, haunts, and a bit of magic.

Visit <https://www.hauntedhappenings.org>.

The MBTA will run extra trains, visit [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com).

And the City offers free shuttles from parking. Visit <https://www.hauntedhappenings.org/maps->

[info/parking-shuttle-information/](#)

Pumpkin Trail

Night of a Thousand Faces — October 23 & 24 6:30-8pm

Our trails are getting spooky! Night of a Thousand Faces is back for its 26th year.

Join us for a nighttime adventure filled with 2000 pumpkins carved, fun decorations and plenty of Halloween surprises!

Join New England Wildlife Centers, 500 Columbian St., Weymouth, MA, for a hauntingly good time! Our nature trails will come alive with over 1,000 lit up pumpkins, each carved into masterpieces. Along with tasty treats, hospital tours, and animal presentations. This is an event you won't want to miss.

Admission \$10.

Get tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/msnm3zwj>

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Center St. (William Street entrance), Fairhaven.

AI Safety

Staying Safe in a World of AI, Mon.. 10/26, 6:30 p.m., Unitarian Memorial Church, Fairhaven, 102 Green St.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly becoming part of everyday life, influencing how we work, learn, communicate, and access information. From social media feeds and online searches to customer service tools and creative applications, AI is shaping the world around us. But with new opportunities come new challenges and risks.

This free program will provide a practical overview of what AI is, how it is being used today, and how individuals and families can navigate AI safely and responsibly.

Fundrive

Turn your donated items into \$\$\$ to support the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts: Retired Priests & Brothers and Formation of new members. We are collecting

CLOTHES: men's, women's & childrens, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen tablecloths, curtains, decora-

tive pillows, etc.

SMALL HOUSEHOLD GOODS: kitchen items (such as pots, pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), knick-knacks, toys, stuffed animals, games, and small electronics.

BOOKS AND MEDIA: paperback, hard cover- all genres. CDs, DVDs, (Please, No encyclopedias or text books)

DROP ITEMS OFF

More Information: Margaret 508-496-9761, St. Joseph Church Basement, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven, MA 02719,

Sat. Oct. 31 9am-1pm

Sat. Nov. 7 after 4:30 pm Mass

Sun. Nov. 8 after 8:00 am and 10:00 am Ma

SAVE THE DATES:

Veterans Day Parade

The Fairhaven Office of Veterans Services will hold a Veterans Day Parade on 11/11. Parade participants will assemble at Benoit Square at 8:30 AM and begin marching at 9:00 AM south on Main Street to Fairhaven High School. There will be a program at the High School with speakers and the Big Flag will be raised to honor our Veterans. After the ceremony the public is invited to a gathering at the senior center, 229 Huttleston Ave., hosted by the VFW Women's

Auxiliary. In the event of inclement weather, a ceremony will be held at the Fairhaven Senior Center at 10 a.m.

The public is encouraged to line the route and attend the ceremony at the high school to show support for those who have served in the military.

If you are a veteran or the loved one of a veteran, the Fairhaven Senior Center invites you to ride in the van in the parade. We will board the van at 8 a.m. Please call 508-979-4029 to save your seat.

Veterans Luncheon

All Veterans, spouses of Veterans, and immediate family of Veterans are welcome to join us for lunch at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, on Tues., 11/10/26, at 11:30 a.m. in recognition of their service.

Please call to sign up BY NOV. 6, at NOON, 508-979-4029.

Holiday Fair

Shop local crafts, gifts, treats, and holiday décor. Celebrate the season with neighbors makers, and merry finds at the West Island Improvement Association Holiday Fair on Sun., 11/8, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven. Featuring festive shopping, local vendors, holiday cheer.

Contact Claudia Pompella, pompcej@gmail.com

★ EARLY VOTING is happening NOW! ★



**KEEP BELIEVING
IN STEVEN!**

Steve Ouellette is a lifelong South Coast resident who has spent decades serving his community and delivering real results.

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ON OR BEFORE

NOVEMBER 3rd

