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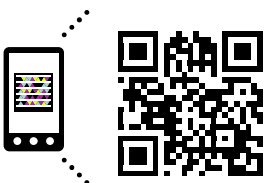
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Horribles invade Livesey Park



Winners in the baby to four-years old category and their adults pose for their winners' circle photo after winning for Most Original in the costume contest held after the 76th annual Halloween Horribles Parade in Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 10/24/25. L-R: Eli as a Mouse Trap/first place; Juniper as a Gabby's Dollhouse Witch/second place; Sloan as a Scarecrow/third place. See page 12. Beth David photo.



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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.

It's election time! Not our local seats, but close...our state seats. Early voting ends tomorrow. See page 3 for details.

So, this week, some yahoo told Google that we were permanently closed. I'm not sure how that happened exactly, but I fixed it. I have two words for you, whoever you are: Dream on.

The Select Board had a marathon meeting this week. See pages 11 and 14. Things are getting a little testy. Hee hee.

It's budget season and everyone wants to be the hero to save us from ourselves. Honestly, there are two premises that I really, really wish people would just leave behind. One, and I've mentioned it before, is that government should be run like a business. It should not. I'm not going into all the details right now, but suffice it to say that businesses are supposed to make a profit; municipalities are break even propositions, there to provide services using exactly what they need, no more, no less.

The other is: Please stop acting like town employees area burning government money by the bushel. They are not. Is there some waste? Probably. But that doesn't mean it's systemic or substantial. Sometimes, you can't find it until it's there...pretty profound, huh?

And the Big Buffoon is now just grunting. Really. Y'all screamed about Biden saying he had dementia? Your guy just grunts and they clap. Pathetic. But, hey, go after the guy with the Middle Eastern name, or the woman who dares to be bold.

It fell apart in Hungary; it fell apart in Brazil; it will fall apart here. Let's hope it's soon, though. The longer it takes, the harder it will be to get our country back to being the good guy. I miss being the good guy. I really do. "Truth, Justice, and the American Way," was Superman's motto. Now, it's an oxymoron.

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

Until next week... see ya,

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!

PS: Don't forget to set clocks back...wahwahwah!

Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ENDS this weekend. Set your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, 11/1. DST starts on March 8 of next year.



Publisher Beth David...
VROOM VROOM!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Early voting ends this 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

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

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Seaglass Theater Celebrates 10 years

Press Release

On Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., Seaglass Theater Company will celebrate a decade of bringing memorable musical productions to the South Coast with *Against All Odds: A 10th Anniversary Celebration* at the historic Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, Mass..

Since 2016, Seaglass Theater Company has produced an eclectic array of productions from opera to musical theater and everything in between.

Now, the company invites the community to raise a glass and celebrate this remarkable milestone with a special gala concert featuring a star-studded array of artists returning to perform selections from Seaglass Theater's rich musical history.

Celebrating a Decade— and a New Chapter

The anniversary celebration also marks the conclusion of an important chapter in Seaglass Theater Company's history. Dr. Matthew Larson, who has served as the company's Music Director since its inception, will be stepping down from his role following the 10th anniversary season. Dr. Larson has been integral to many of the defining moments in Seaglass Theater Company's history — from championing outstanding artists at the beginnings of their careers, to creating the popular Music and Martinis virtual series during COVID, to paving the way for acclaimed composer Jodi Goble to create Seaglass's world-premiere opera, *Whaling Women*.

"I am incredibly grateful to Matthew Larson — his musicianship, leadership, and commitment to our unique artistic ideals have made

Seaglass Theater Company what it is today. He truly has made a lasting impact on the company and its artists." said Artistic Director Patrice Tiedemann.

Against All Odds: A 10th Anniversary Celebration will mark both an ending and a beginning for Seaglass Theater Company. As Dr. Larson concludes his decade-long tenure, Steven Bergman will take over as the company's Music Director on January 1, 2027, ushering in the next chapter of Seaglass's artistic journey.

"Steven Bergman has been an important part of the Seaglass family

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for several years, bringing his musical leadership to several of our productions. He is a wonderful collaborator and musician, and I'm excited to work with him as we shape the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead for Seaglass." said Artistic Director Patrice Tiedemann.

Following the concert, guests are invited to continue the celebration at a festive reception in the church hall featuring nibbles and sips.

Tickets are \$30.00, and may be purchased online at Eventbrite: <https://seaglassgala.eventbrite.com>

Tickets may also be purchased with cash, credit card, or check the

day of the concert a half hour before the performance.

For more information, please visit www.seaglasstheater.com or call 508-951-7187.

Founded in 2016 by Patrice Tiedemann and Dr. Matthew Larson, Seaglass Theater Company is a vagabond company presenting creative performances of classical music, theater & beyond.

Their mission is to bring the finest classics to New England, while inspiring community engagement and conversation. Visit www.seaglasstheater.com

STEVEN BERGMAN is thrilled to return to Seaglass, once again! National Tours: Sunday in the Park with George, Nunsense Jamboree, Guys and Dolls. Music Director: over 100 regional productions. Favorites include Beauty and the Beast (Wheelock Family Theatre, New Bedford Festival), Adding Machine, Far From Heaven (Speakeasy Stage), Spring Awakening (IRNE Award), Parade, Assassins (FUDGE Theater), [title of show] (DASH Award, ACME Theater), Glory (Moonbox), Urinetown (BSU). Composer: Hannah and Margaret (in development); Murder, Meth & Mayhem: a folk opera; Reigning Cats & Dogs (2015 winner of the national Jackie White Children's Theater Award). His scores for Jack the Ripper: the Whitechapel Musical, The Curse is Reversed! and Marvin and Julius: the opera are available on all streaming media. Steven is the Director of Music for the First Parish Church in Kingston, MA, serves on the musical theater faculty of Bridgewater State University, and oversees the choral and drama programs for the Rockland Public Schools.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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>

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, 34 Center Street.

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.

Donate for Wreaths

The Fairhaven Veterans Services Office places wreaths at local cemeteries for the holidays and our account is running low. The wreaths are placed on stands in specific locations at the cemeteries.

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.

FHS Drama Prod

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.

A Whale By Any Other Name...

Whales, dolphins and porpoises, collectively known as cetaceans, have captured the human imagination for centuries. They are depicted in paintings, sculptures, and mosaics. They were a vital part of this region's economic and cultural history. But, they are far more than a commodity or the central character in what is considered the quintessential American novel.

Join Bob Rocha, Associate Curator of Science and Research at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, as he explains the natural history of cetaceans and the important differences between the two major sub-Orders, and how that relates to the conservation challenges they face. Artifacts are a part of the presentation. So, if you've never held a whale tooth or baleen before, this is your opportunity.

Please join us at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven, from 6:30-8 on Mon., 11/2, for the next Natural History of Fairhaven presentation, sponsored by the Millicent Library, UUSF, and Climate Reality South Coast.

Leaf Collection

This year's curbside leaf collection will be from November 17th through December 11th. Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.

Leaves will be picked up the day after your regular trash day. After a holiday collection will be one day later. Place leaves in boxes, barrels or

paper leaf bags.

NO PLASTIC BAGS. DO NOT USE YOUR TRASH OR RECYCLE BIN (ABC CARTS). Limit of 25 per stop. Brush and vines are NOT accepted. Contact the Board of Public Works office, 508-979-4031 for further information.

Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/2025-leaf-collection/>

Pumpkins Please

Fairhaven Community Gardens (Wood School, East Fairhaven School, and Hastings Middle School) will gratefully accept your pumpkins after hallowe'en for their compost piles. No wax, paint, or glitter please.

More information is on our website: www.fairhavencommunitygarden.org about "renting" a raised bed next spring.

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

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Visit our website at: http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA_COA/index

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: 11/4, Twin River Casino; 11/18, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 11/25, Providence Place Mall; 12/2, Tiverton Casino

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.

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.

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.

Nov. 9, *Sully* PG 13. When pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and his damaged plane on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew, some consider him a hero while others think he was reckless.

Empowering Older Adults with Technology

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

Nov. 2: Protecting your privacy

Nov. 16: Safe online shopping for the holidays.

Veterans Luncheon

Honoring all who served. All Veterans, spouses of veterans, and immediate family of veterans are welcome to join us for lunch in recogni-

tion 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.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thurs., 11/26, 11:30 a.m., at Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center. Full turkey dinner with dessert.

RSVP to 508-979-4029 by Nov. 16.

La Salette Festival of Lights

Tues., 12/8, depart 3:30 p.m., return 8:30 p.m. Fairhaven COA/Sr. Ctr. \$35 pp includes school bus transportation and family style dinner of meat pie or turkey and dessert! Must sign up and pay by Nov. 25. Call 507-979-4029.

Please join us for our annual trip to La Salette in Attleboro to enjoy the beautiful and dazzling display of Christmas lights! We'll begin the evening with a delicious family-style dinner, followed by time to take in the magic and sparkle of the spectacular light display.

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>

SoundBath with Ann-Marie of Oricale Moon

Step away from the noise of everyday life and enter a space of stillness, intention, and energetic renewal. An event by Oracle Moon for a mystical hour devoted to pausing, breathing, releasing, and reconnecting with your inner light.

Allow yourself to slow down, breathe deeply, quiet your mind, and release what no longer serves you. Restore your energy and reconnect with your spirit

Fairhaven Recreation: Nov 14th, Saturday, 6:30-7:30pm \$20 donation per person. No registration required. Everyone is welcome

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Kool Kids Thanksgiving Break Grades K-5

Fairhaven Recreation Center, Rec Staff, Mon + Tue, Nov 23-24, 12:00:00PM Member: \$30 | Non-Member: \$35 Fairhaven Elementary Schools have half-days the week of Thanksgiving. While school is out, kids will enjoy an afternoon filled

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Recipe of the Week

Scotch Shortbread

1/2 lb butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp salt
2 cups flour

Preheat oven to 275°.

Sift flour once, mix butter til softened. Combine sugar, salt and the flour. Mix all ingredients together.

Pat in 8" pan, cut with fork (diagonal).

Bake 50-65 minutes or longer if pale.

By Martha Reed, from "Recipes from Land and Sea," New Bedford Port Society

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Dear Frankie



Dear
Frankie

Rascal is my friend and neighbor. We have been sharing a ride to the dog park for years. Recently, he has been spending a lot of his time with Maisie. The other day, Rascal didn't catch a ride because he went to a birthday party for his long-term girlfriend, Gigi. When I entered the gate, Maisie ran over and started talking about Rascal. She said he constantly tells her how beautiful she is and how much he enjoys spending time with her. Maisie then asked if Rascal had told me they were dating.

She could have knocked me over with a feather. When I had time to recover, I told her that Rascal wasn't one for discussing feelings, so I wasn't surprised he hadn't said anything.

I am trying to figure out what I should do with this information. Is it up to me to say something to Rascal, Gigi, or Maisie or not say anything?

Best, Apple

Dear Apple,

If what Maisie told you about them dating is accurate, I can see how difficult it would be for you to learn that your

friend Rascal had been two-timing his girlfriend.

Is Maisie possibly making more of Rascal's comments than he intended? Saying you enjoy someone's company and think they are beautiful doesn't necessarily mean you are dating.

Before you jump to conclusions, you might observe how they behave with one another over the next few weeks.

If you notice Rascal's behavior toward Maisie seems more than casual, you might tell him, in private, what you have observed and ask him point-blank, "What is going on between you and Maisie?"

How he behaves after that is up to him. There is nothing more for you to do. You have acted responsibly and respectfully to all involved: You have not accused him, tattled on Maisie, or looked the other way.

Best, Frankie

There's more Dear Frankie to enjoy! Watch Frankie and Rufus bring this week's column to life in a fun new video. Visit Dear Frankie on Facebook to watch the episode and follow along for more video advice and laughs: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3kpc8u>

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Fairhaven Select Board picks town counsel firm

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 10/26/26, the Fairhaven Select Board voted to negotiate an agreement with Harrington Heep to provide legal services to the town.

The board interviewed four firms on 10/15, and narrowed the list to three to ask for more information.

At the 10/26 meeting the board looked at information from Mead, Talerman & Costa; Harrington Heep; and KP Law.

The town's current Town Counsel, Heather White, is currently with Harrington Heep. The firm she was previously with, Petrini & Associates, no longer provides town counsel services. When she left and went to HH, the board retained their services on a short term basis, and decided to review other firms.

At the time, Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, and SB chairperson, Andrew Romano, voiced their support of keeping Ms. White.

At the meeting on Monday, Erin Carr, whose father is Patrick Carr, a member of the Planning Board and

the Zoning Board of Appeals, addressed the SB twice. The first time was during Public Comment. She told the board that she believed there was a conflict of interest involving Ms. White because of her role in the Hiller Subdivision debacle.

In that case, the subdivision was greenlighted by a "constructive approval," because the town missed crucial deadlines. A blame game ensued and an investigation put the blame on the town planner, and partly on Patrick Carr who was the Planning Board chair for part of the deadline stretch.

Ms. Carr noted that a certain attorney was not allowed to investigate because of a conflict. She said the same is true now concerning Ms. White.

Patrick Carr also addressed the board saying that he wanted Mr. Romano to explain what he meant when he said Ms. White had "institutional knowledge." Mr. Carr also asked what would explain a "substantial" price reduction by HH.

During discussion of the firms, SB member, Rick Trapilo, said he had

concerns that HH had reduced its rate by \$60,000. SB member Andrew Saunders, an attorney, said that did not bother him.

At the end of the discussion, just before the vote, Ms. Carr asked to speak. Mr. Romano said he would not allow it because it was not a public hearing. Mr. Saunders, however, spoke up and said he believed they should allow the public to say something.

Mr. Romano relented.

Ms. Carr then made the same claim that there was a COI involving Ms. White, but she got more specific about the Hiller Subdivision debacle. Ms. Carr said rather pointedly that it was Ms. White who should have made sure the subdivision got on the agenda. Instead the investigation blamed the previous town planner, and partly Mr. Carr.

After Ms. Carr spoke, Mr. Saunders said he believed in letting people say their piece.

However, he added, "What you said tonight makes me have to recuse

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Halloween Horribles invade Livesey Park

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held its 76th annual Halloween Horribles Parade at Livesey Park on Saturday, 10/24/26.

Costumed children of all ages and sizes marched around the park and then created a circle in the field for the judges to pick the winners.

Lots of gnomes from the NFIA helped keep things in order as different age groups circle around and around.

NFIA President Andrew Romano thanked a long list of people who donated candy, the hot chocolate, lighting and time to make sure the event was completely free to participants. Winners got a goody bags with candy.

The NFIA is a membership organization that meets once a month at 267 Adams St., Fairhaven. Find them on Facebook to learn more.

This year's winners are:

Baby to 4 Years Old

Most Beautiful

- 1st: Raelynn as Sleeping Beauty
- 2nd: Payton as Lady Bug
- 3rd: Landon as Lumiere

Most Horrible

- 1st: Emerson as Clown
- 2nd: Isabella as Dinosaur
- 3rd: Kaz a Shark

Most Original

- 1st: Eli as Mouse Trap
- 2nd: Juniper as Gabby's Dollhouse Witch
- 3rd: Sloan as Scarecrow

5-8 Years Old

Most Beautiful

- 1st: Sienna as Unicorn
- 2nd: Savannah as Belle
- 3rd: Roseally as Fox

Most Horrible

- 1st: Jessie as Anabelle
- 2nd: Zachary as Jester
- 3rd: Ayson as Art the Clown

Most Original

- 1st: Brynn as Aldi Bag
- 2nd: Brooklyn as Grim Reaper
- 3rd: Lucy as Coraline

9-12 Years Old

Most Beautiful

- 1st: Darla as Scientist 100 years ago
- 2nd: Paisly as Witch
- 3rd: Sienna as Witch

Most Horrible

- 1st: Zion as Grim Reaper
- 2nd: Mohame as Phantom
- 3rd: Kaylen as Crazy Clown

Most Original

- 1st: Aubrey as Flower Bouquet
- 2nd: Maxwell as The Rock
- 3rd: Rosalee as Dewy Duck

13-99 Years Old

Most Beautiful

- 1st: Amy as Nurse
- 2nd: Cherce as a Flapper Girl
- 3rd: Jessica as Mrs. Potts

Most Horrible

- 1st: Sam as Clown
- 2nd: Emma as Harley Quinn
- 3rd: Logan as Wolverine

Most Original

- 1st: Trinity as Sandy from SpongeBob
- 2nd: Kendra as Salted Butter
- 3rd: Pat as Ghost Buster



ABOVE LEFT: Winners for Most Beautiful in the 13-99 years old category in the costume contest held after the 76th annual Halloween Horribles Parade in Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 10/24/25. L-R: Amy as a Nurse/First Place; Cherce as a Flapper Girl/second place; Jessica as Mrs. Potts/third place. ABOVE RIGHT: Winners for Most Beautiful in the 5-8 years old category, L-R: Sienna as a Unicorn/first place; Savannah as Belle/second place; Roseally as a Fox/third place. BELOW LEFT: Winners for Most Horrible in the 5-8 years old category L-R: Ayson as Art the Clown/third place; Jessie as Anabelle/first place; Zachary as a Jester/second place. Winners for Most Horrible in the 9-12 years old category L-R: Zion as the Grim Reaper/first place; Kaylen as a Crazy Clown/third place; Mohame as a Phantom/second place. Photos by Beth David.



Fall Fest closes out the season at Livesey Park market

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Open Air Market closed out its season with a Fall Fest at Livesey Park on Saturday, 10/24/26, featuring a full complement of vendors. The day also featured pumpkin painting, a bounce house, music by Dave, and a lot of young'uns in costume just waiting for the Horribles Parade and costume contest

at 5 p.m. that day (see page 12).

Andrew Romano, organizer of the Open Air Market and President of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association (NFIA), said the event was co-sponsored by Mrs. Jackson and KC Confections.

Most vendors said it was very busy most of the day, but a few said it was not a spending crowd.

"It's all about the kids today," said

Derek Robinson of Half-Blind Woodworking, who had a basket with free candy out for the kids.

The NFIA sponsors the market and other free events in North Fairhaven. They are an all volunteer organization and new members are welcome. They meet once a month at 267 Adams St., Fairhaven. Find them on Facebook to learn more.



LEFT: Friends and family pause from painting pumpkins to pause for the local free sheet at the North Fairhaven Fall Fest at Livesey Park on 10/24/26. RIGHT: Sponsors of the Fall Fest pose for the local free sheet L-R: Andrew Romano, North Fairhaven Improvement Association; Kathy of KC Confections; Mrs. Jackson; Myles Romano, NFIA. Photos by Beth David.

Rogers School on Nat'l Register



Fairhaven's Rogers Grammar School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places last year. The Rogers School Re-Use Committee secured a grant to get a plaque from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. Committee members installed the plaque on Sunday, 10/18/26. L-R: Keith Silvia, Doug Brady, Susan Loo, Ken Blanchard. Photo courtesy of Lee Baumgartner.

Up...up...and away...



Lucas catches some air as it starts to get dark at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on Saturday, 10/24/26. Photo by Beth David.

4 Fairhaven Dept. Heads take issue with Budget Working Group

By Beth David

Editor

The heads of Fairhaven's four largest departments, Schools, Public Works, Police, and Fire, sent a letter to the newly formed Budget Working Group in reference to a letter the four departments received with a 12-point framework, or priorities, that the BWG wants the departments to review and adopt. The letter was sent by Rick Trapilo, the Select Board's liaison to the BWG. Mr. Trapilo responded to the department heads with a lengthy email that he sent to SB chair Andrew Romano; Town Administrator, Keith Hickey; BWG chair, Ken Blanchard; the TA's assistant; and the four department heads.

In his response, he asks that the SB discuss the letter at a meeting, which they did on Monday, 10/26/26.

The letter from the department heads says they have already seen what happens when "municipal oversight turns into outright hostility," and points to the treatment of town departments by some Finance Committee members.

"Seeing your new BWG drift down that same path is deeply alarming," they write.

They also suggest that the BWG "integrate three core principles into its framework," including: Early, Collaborative Consultation; Clear Distinction Between Operational Management and Structural Drivers; Alignment with Established Governance.

At the meeting, Mr. Romano started the discussion by saying it was a difficult discussion and decisions the town had to make regarding the budget.

The town faces a \$1.5 million deficit this year, projected to be up to \$4 million in just a couple of years.

Voters have rejected a Proposition 2 1/2 override twice, which would have allowed the town to increase property taxes more than the 2.5% state law allows.

Mr. Trapilo read a statement at the meeting. In it he said his promise to the voters was to bring "accountability, fresh ideas, and a new approach to addressing our financial challenges."

He said he represents the people of Fairhaven and "taxpayers who deserve a town government that operates efficiently, responsibly, and within its means."

"Those are the people I represent, and I will not apologize for asking difficult questions on their behalf to town leadership," he said.

Mr. Trapilo also said he respected the department heads but was concerned that they criticized the efforts of "citizen volunteers."

SB member, Andrew Saunders reiterated his oft-spoken mantra that the state has issued unfunded mandates and that state aid is insufficient.

SB member Natalie Mello said she had no argument with the BWG, but she had some concerns about Mr. Trapilo's actions as the SB's liaison to the BWG. Ms. Mello said he was acting more like the chair than a liaison, that he seemed to be taking a much more active role.

Mr. Trapilo said he would take that as a compliment. He said the liaison to him, is not to "sit like a bump on a log. It's to be active."

Ms. Mello said she did not expect him to be quiet, but he seemed to be "leading" the BWG.

Mr. Trapilo said he did not want to overstep his boundaries, but he did not want to "understep my

responsibilities."

Mr. Romano, noting that the SB had no control over individuals, suggested that in the future, Mr. Trapilo discuss his ideas for letters or suggestions to other departments with either the BWG or the SB. It might be more appropriate for the letters to be sent from a board, instead of an individual.

SB member Pam Kuechler, who served on the School Committee, said all departments are under "extreme pressure," and pointed out the core principles that the department heads wrote about. She said she saw it as a monumental opportunity. The four departments are working together.

"That hasn't happened in my memory," said Ms. Kuechler.

She agreed with Mr. Romano's suggestion. If they are going to encourage everyone to work together, said Ms. Kuechler, "It's important that we're part of the discussion."

BWG chairperson, Ken Blanchard, also addressed the board. He noted that they are a new group and only had a few meetings, and two of those were organizational.

He said the BWG was accused, incorrectly, of overstepping its authority, so he believed some of the "angst" was coming from that misinformation.

"We need to turn down the temperature a little bit," he said. "It's a very tough job."

Mr. Trapilo's email responses, the letter from the department heads, and the 12 point priorities document, are all on the town's website in the packet materials for the 10/26/26 SB meeting. The response that Mr. Trapilo read at the meeting is available on our website: www.neighbnews.com

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From our readers

Sylvia Works for Acushnet

In the past, I was very critical of Rep. Mark Sylvia. We have very different political points of view. When he was newly elected I would constantly hound him on Transportation Bond Bill money promised to Acushnet. The money promised was reduced significantly. Rep. Sylvia fought and got Acushnet close to the original amount promised.

Members of the Board of Selectmen along with residents had concerns about the MDOT, South Main Street redesign plans. Rep. Sylvia stepped in and made sure our concerns were heard.

Every event in town, Rep. Mark Sylvia has been there. From Cruise Night to Apple Peach Festival. He shows up! He listens and he is receptive to concerns. He's always willing to have the conversation.

I have to give credit where credit is due. While we still have many differences, we do have something bigger in common. We work for Acushnet. Mark has proven that to me. He has done a great job in his first term. I look forward to working with

him in the future. That's why I give my full endorsement to Rep. Mark Sylvia. Please vote for Rep. Mark Sylvia 10th Bristol District, on November 3rd.

*Ryan Rezendes, Acushnet
Mr. Rezendes is a member of the
Acushnet Board of Selectmen*

The Importance of Elections: Informed Choices, Not Fear

Elections protect democracy only when voters look beyond partisan labels and fear-based rhetoric. By examining candidates' records and policies, rejecting sweeping political accusations, and defending constitutional rights and religious freedom for everyone, citizens can make informed choices and hold leaders accountable.

America was founded on liberty, individual rights, and government accountable to the people. These principles apply regardless of political affiliation or religious beliefs. Our democracy depends on voters making informed decisions based on candidates' records, policies, and qualifications.

Labeling an entire political party as communist or Marxist is a broad

generalization that does little to encourage meaningful discussion. Political parties include people with differing beliefs and priorities. Proposals for government-funded health care, housing assistance, or child care should be evaluated on their merits, costs, and consequences — not automatically treated as evidence of an effort to destroy freedom. The same scrutiny should apply to policies proposed by either major party.

History demonstrates the dangers of authoritarian governments and the importance of protecting political freedom. But authoritarianism is not limited to one political ideology. The lesson is that we must defend constitutional rights, free speech, religious liberty, the rule of law, and the peaceful transfer of power, regardless of which party governs.

Religion and moral values are important to many Americans and deserve a place in public discussion. At the same time, our Constitution protects religious freedom for everyone. Issues involving abortion, marriage, parental authority, and

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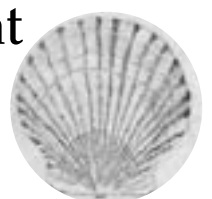
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children's rights deserve thoughtful debate grounded in evidence, constitutional principles, and respect for the rights of others.

Ultimately, elections are about more than defeating political opponents. They are an opportunity to shape public policy and determine our nation's future. Voters have a responsibility to examine candidates' records, question their promises, recognize misinformation, and consider the consequences of their choices.

No political party or elected official deserves unquestioning loyalty. Democracy works best when citizens remain informed, challenge abuses of power, and demand honesty and accountability from everyone in public office.

The true importance of elections lies in preserving a system in which

citizens remain free to disagree, participate, and choose their leaders. We protect our freedoms best when we vote based on facts, constitutional principles, and the common good — not fear, partisan hostility, or unsupported accusations.

Mark Juitt, Fairhaven

Sylvia Committed to Helping People

I am proud and happy to endorse Mark D. Sylvia for re-election as our State Representative of the 10th Bristol District.

I was Mark's first grade teacher. As a child, he was the peacemaker when there was a disagreement with his classmates. He was always fair and honest. He has shown these same traits and others as our representative. He exemplifies integrity,

honor, and dedication in his role as a public servant. He is a hard worker, and is committed to helping the people and businesses of our district.

Please vote to re-elect Mark D. Sylvia.

Susan Joseph, Fairhaven

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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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myself because I have a conflict of interest. So I'm out of it."

Since he has been on the board, Mr. Saunders has recused himself from most matters involving Patrick Carr because they have a business relationship.

SB member Natalie Mello will

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

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

Wed., 11/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 11/4, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/2, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Budget Working Group

Tues., 11/10, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm

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

Council on Aging

Tues., 11/10, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

ELECTION

State election, Tues., 11/2

7 a.m.-8 p.m., See page 3

Finance Committee

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

Historical Comm

Tues., 11/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets

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

Marine Resources

Thurs., 11/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/10, Town all, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

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

Select Board

Mon., 11/9, Select Board., 6 p.m.

(Special) Town Meeting

Tues., 11/17, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.
PREVIEW/Orientation/Precinct Mtgs:
11/12, 6 p.m.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

11/11, 9 a.m.

Acushnet

ELECTION

State election, Tues., 11/2

7 a.m.-8 p.m., See page 3

negotiate for the board, instead of Mr. Saunders. The vote was 3-1-1, with Mr. Romano, Ms. Mello and Pam Kuechler voting "yes," Mr. Trapilo voting, "no," and Mr. Saunders abstaining.



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Millicent Library needs some TLC

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven is known for its precious old buildings, our “architectural wonders,” that were donated by town benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers. A quick walk in the center will often leave visitors agape with awe, heads turned upward, many saying, “wow.” And when they tour the high school? Yowsa!

But it’s no secret that those old buildings, built in the late 1800s and early 1900s, need a lot of maintenance. And maintenance is more expensive on historic buildings to keep them looking historic.

To complicate matters more, the Millicent Library has collections, artifacts, and historical archives that all need temperature control. Something the building does not adequately have. During summers, the building has to close because of the heat. This past week, it had to close because of the cold.

A new heating system has been installed, but there is no air conditioning, which means next summer the building will have to close periodically. This past summer, it closed more than seven days.

The public library in Fairhaven has a unique financial arrangement. The building, a gift from town benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers, is owned by the town, but a deed restriction requires it to be run as a library by a nonprofit corporation separate from the town, The Millicent Library Corporation. Funding was originally from the water company owned by

HHR and given to the library. When the town of Fairhaven decided to buy the water company to provide water to residents in 1966, a formula was worked out through the state that provides funding for the Millicent. The town pays to fund the library, but the state sets the rate based on population.

Millicent Library Corp. Treasurer, Bob Kenworthy, said the formula sometimes works out great for the library, and sometimes it barely makes the minimum required for them to be part of the larger (SAILS) network.

The Trustees have been working on the temperature problem for years, and have made a lot of progress getting the building ready to be able to handle a modern HVAC system without the building’s historic character being compromised.

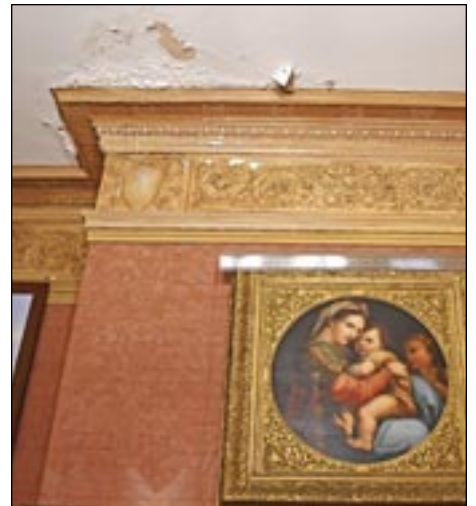
The library needs almost \$2 million. The trustees hope to convince Town Meeting to borrow the money.

Meanwhile Community Preservation Act funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and appropriated by Town Meeting, have paid for a variety of smaller projects over the years.

The library has also embarked on a vigorous capital fundraising campaign that has raised more than \$400K towards a total goal of \$2.5 for the whole project.

The Italian Renaissance-style building was designed by famed architect Charles Brigham, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1892 and dedicated in 1893.

It has ornamental features and en-



riching characteristics in each of the original rooms, including stained glass windows, hand carved banisters, paintings, and other artifacts.

All of those paintings, many of the artifacts, and the building’s interior are showing signs of deterioration because of the lack of temperature control. The wide swings in temperature, especially in the summer, create humidity and moisture, causing damage throughout the building.

In the Lewin Reference Room, named after Charles Lewin, who was a “lifelong friend” of the town and the library, and was editor of the New Bedford Standard Times, the paint and plaster on the ceiling are peeling off. Similar spots can be found throughout the library.

The paintings are also suffering from the temperature swings, with

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TOP: The ceiling around the chimney in the Lewin Room shows signs of moisture damage due to a lack of temperature control at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven on 10/16/26. ABOVE LEFT: Timothy Johnston, visiting Fairhaven from New Jersey, finds where he is staying in town on an old map ABOVE RIGHT: Millicent Library Director, Kyle DeCicco-Carey points out areas of deterioration on Mark Twain’s original manuscript of his 1894 speech dedicating Fairhaven Town Hall and on display at the Millicent. *Photos by Beth David.*

Fishing Heritage Center to digitize local fishing boat logs

Press Release

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (FHC) is excited to launch a collection and digitization effort focused on fishermen's documents and is actively seeking logbooks, settlement sheets, vessel trip reports, charts, and other such materials from the local fishing community.

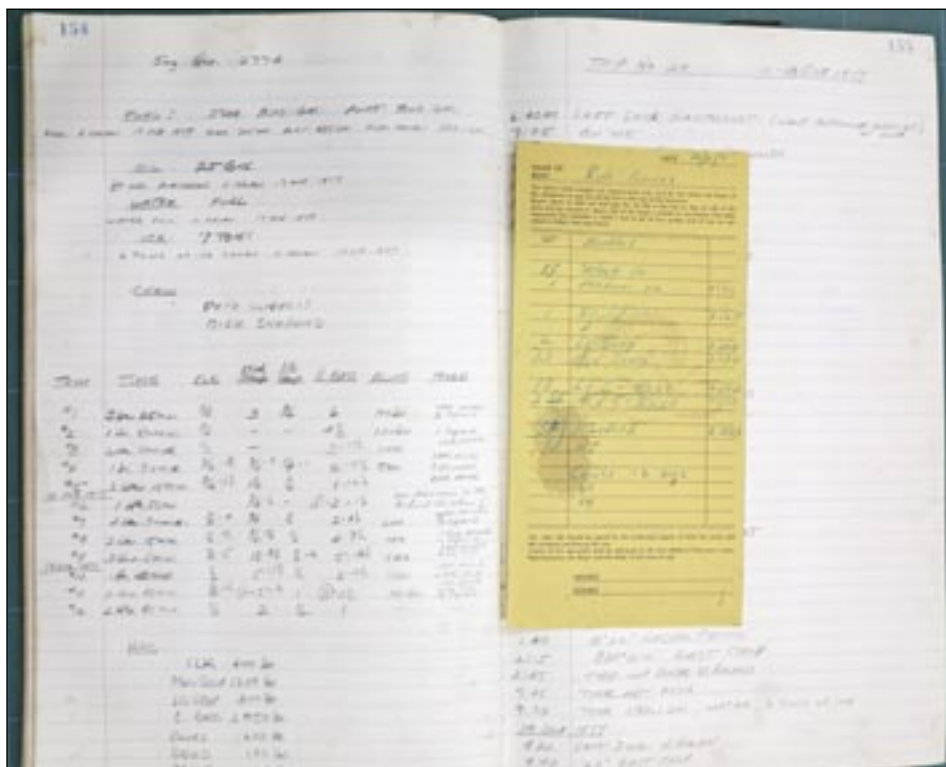
Anyone interested in contributing materials is encouraged to email archives@fishingheritagecenter.org or call 508-993-8894 and ask for Connor.

For generations, many fishermen have kept handwritten logs of their time at sea. These often include notes on where they were fishing, what they were catching, weather and sea conditions, and more. A settlement sheet for each trip details the wages, expenses, and "share" for each member of the crew.

Taken together, logbooks and settlement sheets tell a valuable story of environmental and economic change over time. How much fish was landed, where and at what time of the day, duration of the tow. What was the price at auction? How much did the crew get paid? What was the cost of fuel, ice, food, and other provisions? Logbooks not only preserve what happened; they reveal how fishing communities responded when prices shifted, regulations changed, landings ebbed and flowed, and livelihoods came under pressure.

New Bedford has long valued its whaling story. The city's fishing story deserves the same level of attention.

"Working people, whether they're fixing an engine or risking their lives on the deck of a scallop boat, don't often have their stories told," says Laura Orleans, Executive Director at New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.



An example of a logbook belonging to commercial fisherman Captain Bill Blount that were recently donated to New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center's archival collection. *Submitted photo.*

Many of those stories never reach a museum wall or newspaper archive. They stay in kitchens, file boxes, basements, and family memories. All too often their historic value is not understood and they are discarded over time. The Fishing Heritage Center urges fishermen and their families to share these materials with the archive to ensure that this history is preserved for future generations.

The Fishing Heritage Center has been collecting and preserving fishing community history for more than a decade. The online archive features thousands of historical photographs,

documents, and recordings that tell the stories of the people behind New Bedford's commercial fishing industry. Explore the archive by navigating to: fishingheritagecenter.pastperfectonline.com.

Established in 2016 and located in the heart of the Seaport Historic District, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center shares the story of New Bedford's commercial fishing community with the world.

For more information, visit the center's website: www.fishingheritagecenter.org.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

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.

Mystic Pizza

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.

"Wicked" Singalong

A sing-along of the wildly POPULAR movie *Wicked*! Warm up your vocal cords for a special *Wicked* Sing-Along screening, complete with on-screen lyrics.

Wicked is the untold story of the witches of Oz. Starring Emmy, Grammy and Tony-winning powerhouse Cynthia Erivo (*Harriet*, Broadway's *The Color Purple*) as Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Grammy-winning, multi-platinum recording artist and global superstar Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart. Add to the festivities by coming dressed as your favorite *Wicked* character!

Tickets are \$15. Visit zeiterion.org, in person at the box office, or by phone at 508-994-2900.

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/currentevents.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!

Author Event

Join commercial fisherman and long-time FHC volunteer Reidar Bendiksen for a discussion of his new memoir! On Thurs., 11/5, at 6:00pm, at the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford, Reidar will discuss his new memoir, *Reidar's Life Journal From Norway to the USA!*, and share insights from 30 years on the water, from his time as a young man in Norway to his experiences as a commercial fisherman in the New

Bedford fleet and founder of Reidar's Manufacturing, Inc.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A and book signing. Copies of Reidar's book are available for purchase in the Center's gift shop.

Free, donations welcome. Visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/>

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café on Tues., 11/3, from 6 to 8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guests will include Dr. Michael Moore, an emeritus veterinary and marine scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and Brooke Kushwaha, an environment reporter for The New Bedford Light.

Their important topic: Endangered! The Endangered Species Act and Protections for Whales & Other Creatures.

Brooke will relate what she has gleaned about the shifting landscape around endangered species regulations, including a recent memo that would legalize killing or injuring protected species by accident. This pending law and other federal changes would increase fatal threats for the North Atlantic right whale and other critically endangered species.

Michael will review vessel and fishing gear trauma that has kept North Atlantic right whales under threat of extinction. He will then describe how the shipping and fishing industries could profitably coexist with right whales more sustainably, in the absence of culpability under the Endangered Species Act.

Free parking in rear of building.

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!

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

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

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.

Halloween Hayride

Want a day time adventure on Halloween day?

Join Peters Family Orchard, 537 Main St., Acushnet, on Sat., 10/31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come over dressed up for a free hayride!

We will have candied apples, caramel apples, candy, pies, apple crisp, pumpkin bread, apple cider donuts, Cider and more! For purchase. NO pick your own. NO entry fee

Salem Halloween

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.

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

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," Sun., 11/1, noon-1pm., two days before Election Day! Meet at St Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm St., 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.

Craft Fair

4th Annual Craft Fair, Sat. & Sun., 11/7 & 8, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Bishop Stang High School Cafeteria, 500 Slocum Road, Dartmouth.

Uniquely Handmade Creative Crafts. Vendors, Raffles, Food, Bake Sale. Raffle Ticket Sales Close 1:00 PM Sunday. Winners announced at 2:00

Proceeds To Benefit St. Julie's Ladies Guild

Shrek Jr.

The performing arts group, Take a Bow, presents, Shrek The Musical Jr., Fri., 11/13, at 7 p.m., and Sat., 11/14 at 2 & 7 p.m., Westport Middle/High School, 400 Old County Rd., Westport, MA. 02790. Tickets: \$15. Visit <https://cur8.com/24595/project/141645>

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Get ready for a fairy-tale like you've never seen before!

Shrek The Musical Jr. is a hilarious, heartwarming, upbeat production

where ogres have big hearts, princesses have a few surprises up their sleeves, and happily-ever-after doesn't always go according to plan! Join Shrek, Donkey, Princess Fiona, and a wonderfully wacky cast of fairy-tale characters on a laughter-filled adventure through the kingdom of Duloc and beyond. Packed with catchy songs, silly jokes, memorable characters, and plenty of heart! Shrek Jr. reminds us that being yourself is the most magical ending of all.

Come for the laughs, stay for the music, and leave believing that everyone deserves to find their own happily ever after!

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.

At Acushnet Library

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

Movie Matinee: *The Sheep Detective*, Monday, 11/9 at 2 pm.

Author Event: Ted Reinstein presents *Greetings from Breed's Hill: Fact & Folklore on America's 250th*, Monday, 11/9 at 6 pm. Don't miss this fast-paced, fun, and informative look at some of the unique stories he's done on the Revolutionary War period and later history. These stories originally caught his eye because, in most cases, they involved famous, even iconic, moments in our founding history from an angle often overlooked. Schoolchildren still learn about Paul Revere's famous ride, but few know it wasn't free and that Revere later submitted a detailed expense report to the Continental Congress (which tried to stiff him). The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library sponsor this program.

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"

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing
Thursday October 29th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
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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 7952 Passcode: 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
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cracks and peeling evident in many of them. Other artifacts are fading.

Library Director, Kyle DeCicco-Carey pointed to areas in a display of Mark Twain's handwritten original manuscript of his speech at the dedication of the Town Hall. The famous humor writer was a close friend of HHR, and spent a lot of time in Fairhaven (<https://millicentlibrary.org/RogersandTwain>).

The archives room also has artifacts that are suffering from the lack of temperature control. Mr. DeCicco-Carey showed a very old map that had been laminated, which, apparently, is a bad thing to do to begin with. The laminate was cracked and peeling and causing damage to the original paper.

Visitors and tourists from all over the world visit the building, including people who are interested in the Manjiro Nakahama story (<https://whitfield-manjiro.org/john-manjiros-story>); the Millicent is on the Manjiro Trail. People who are visiting the area often enter just to see the inside.

Timothy Johnston from New Jersey has visited family in the area plenty of times. But he had never been inside the library. A rainy Friday, seemed like a good time, said his tour guides, Sue and Mike McCann.

"It's beautiful," said Mr. Johnston. "It's just amazing."

He said he loved the town.

"There's so much history here," he said, adding people should use the library. "It's very unique."

The library offers a full array of services, including internet access, children's programs, story times, etc.

The children's room even has a mascot, "Atlas," a bearded dragon lizard.

"The kids love him," said Assistant Director Allie Thiel. "And he loves his bath time."

The library is located at 45 Center Street in Fairhaven and is open Monday through Saturday. Visit www.millicentlibrary.org for more information or call 508-992-5342, or email millicent@sailsinc.org. Due to the historic nature of the building, the stacks on the upper floors are not accessible. Learn more about the Millicent at <https://millicentlibrary.org>. Donate to the project at <https://givebutter.com/MillicentLibrary>



Allie Thiel, Assistant Director of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, and the Children's Room mascot, Atlas, a bearded dragon lizard, share a special moment on 10/16/26. Photo by Beth David.

A donor has pledged matching donations up to \$40,000 for any donations made through 11/30/26/ The Millicent Library is a 501(c)3, so all donations are tax deductible.

The public library is no longer the "holy place of books" where a hushed atmosphere echoes SILENCE from its very walls. It is a pulsing institution...It's alive! Vibrant! Growing!

Librarian Avis Pillsbury,
Millicent Library, 1948



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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, pompcj@gmail.com

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, decorative 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)

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

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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

Academy Building/ Museum Open

It's the perfect time to reopen the doors of the Academy Building and invite you to explore Fairhaven's rich history. We will be open every Saturday, from 11-2, through the end of November, at 141 Main Street, on the West Lawn of Fairhaven High School. The museum is free to all and donations are much appreciated.

Did you know that the Academy Building was built in 1798 as a private school and opened as the New Bedford Academy in 1800? .

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

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

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 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>

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.

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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?

Family could lose home due to cancer diagnosis/treatment

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Fighting for Her Life Needs

Community Support

April Lacey, LICSW, a New Bedford resident, devoted mother, and Clinical Team Lead at Compassionate Counseling Company in Fall River, is facing an incredibly difficult battle with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), an aggressive cancer of the blood and bone marrow. For the past five years, April has dedicated herself to supporting individuals and families throughout southeastern Massachusetts. Beginning as a therapist, she went on to become a clinical supervisor and was ultimately promoted to

Clinical Team Lead. With a passion for perinatal and postpartum mental health, April has helped countless mothers navigate some of life's most vulnerable moments. Now, the woman who has spent so much of her life caring for others needs her community to rally around her.

April is currently hospitalized in intensive care in Boston, where she has been battling life-threatening complications, including kidney failure requiring dialysis. Her medical team is working toward another stem cell transplant, tentatively planned for November. Meanwhile, her husband is caring for their young child while navigating the overwhelming emotional

and financial toll of her illness. With the loss of income and mounting financial hardship, the family is now facing the possibility of losing their home to foreclosure. A GoFundMe has been established to help protect their home and provide financial stability while April continues this battle. Any donation, no matter the amount, or simply sharing her story could make a meaningful difference for a family that has already endured so much.

To donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/s5wes3hx>

To learn more about April visit <https://tinyurl.com/4y7f3k2t>

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

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