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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David... VROOM VROOM!

What's your favorite charity? I think the *Neighb News* should compile a list of favorites, starting with local nonprofits. Email yours to neighbnews@comcast.net and I'll add it to the list.

But first...spend money with our advertisers! They keep this thing going, along with the support of my faithful readers. The advertisers stick with us because it works. It works because you call them and use them. See page 12 for one of my favorite stories of the year: Shopping with the *Neighb News!*

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. See page 3 for this week's Select Board story. Looks like the big apartment complex on Route 6 is progressing.

My cousin Bruce got to the basketball Jamboree for Grades 3-8 (see page 11). They are sooooo stinkin' cute.

The holiday fairs and singalongs and fun stuff are really kicking into high gear. See pages 5, 6, 7 for some of them. We'll have more next week...promise.

And now, onto the national scene. OMG! I can't even stand it. Elon Musk, who once called himself "dark gothic MAGA" now says he doesn't even know what MAGA means. The Palantir guy, Mr. Anti-woke, suddenly remembers he grew up as a lefty. Soooo many of the tech billionaires who bent the knee, kissed the ring, licked the boots, are suddenly like...huh, whah...me?

THIS is what voting does. THIS is what all those No Kings rallies and actions that all you cult members made fun of does. There's still much more to do, but I'll savor the moment for the moment.

The Big Buffoon is not gone yet. But the boot lickers are jumping ship (okay....mixed metaphor, but it works).

Meanwhile, there are hundreds (maybe more) people in countries they have no ties to and their days are numbered. Most of them are there because of paperwork issues, not capital offenses. We need to get them back. FAST.

And the Big Buffoon's goons have started pulling people's names from the database after they get kidnapped off the street. The USA is disappearing people, just like the Big Buffoon's crushes, Putin and Xi, do.

There's still so much to do.

But there is hope...so much hope; people are fighting to get us back to being the good guys. For Thanksiving on this week, I will be thankful for them.

There's still lots of other good stuff in here. 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,



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven Select Board votes to support "Friendly" 40B

By Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on 11/23/26, the Fairhaven Select Board heard from the owner/developer of the former G. Bourne Knowles property on Route 6 with updates to the proposed "friendly" 40B project with 232 units.

The town has less than 10% of its housing considered "affordable" so the state allows developers to bypass most local zoning if they designate some units as affordable, meaning the rents will be based on income.

The mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments will include 58 designated as affordable. Because that number is 25% of the total, the whole project, all 232 units, count towards the town's affordable housing number. The project will put the town past the 10% margin, precluding any other 40B project from being built.

The project was first presented to the board in April (see 4/16/26 issue). After some backlash from neighbors (see 4/30/26 issue), the developers met with Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, and with neighbors.

The project consists of three buildings, one three story building that will be seen from Huttleston Avenue (Rte. 6), and two four-story buildings that will be in back on the southeast and south sides. The two side buildings will have underground parking. There will also be above ground parking scattered throughout the complex.

Property owner, Ricardo "Rick" Raposo, told the board his intention has been to work collaboratively with the board and neighbors.

He said he believed the project will be a "positive addition to Fairhaven."

The board was asked to approve a letter showing support for the project, officially known as a "Local Initiative Program" (LIP).

After the letter goes to the state, Mr. Raposo can apply for financing.

The project will then go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a "comprehensive permit" that will include a variety of variances. There will be at least one public hearing when residents can weigh in on the project. The Conservation Commission will also hae some input, but the permit will come from ZBA.

The property is 33.2 acres, 10.6 is upland, the remaining 22.6 is wetland. There is a conservation restriction on part of the property.

Lynne D. Sweet, 40B consultant, told the board they are still at the concept stage. In addition to the residential buildings, the project will include a central courtyard and a variety of amenities, such as on-site fitness room, and business center.

Ms. Sweet said they had made some changes based on meetings with the neighbors who live on Peirce's Point. The project will use the front part of their access road.

Neighbors are concerned about increased traffic down their private road that ends at the water.

Ms. Sweet said the developer is willing to work with the neighbors to provide signage or a gate to keep people from going on the road past the development.

SB member, Rick Trapilo, voiced skepticism with the request, saying they were putting the cart before the horse. Ms. Sweet explained they needed the letter from the town to be

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able to submit to the state under the LIP. Mr. Trapilo asked if the project could change significantly after the board sent the letter. Ms. Sweet said it could change, but said it would not get bigger. It would also be changed because of findings from the slew of engineers in different fields that will weigh in.

Residents expressed concern about the additional traffic the development would bring to that section of Route 6. The property is across from Lifestyles Plaza, and the Mariner Soccer fields are behind the plaza. SB chairperson, Andrew Romano, asked if the developers could ask for a traffic light. Because it is a state road, the state has to approve it.

Ms. Sweet said the traffic study did not show enough traffic to warrant a light, but they might be able to include some traffic "calming" measures.

In response to some questions about wetlands and stormwater, Ms. Sweet explained that the garages underneath the two back buildings were not going to be the result of digging stories deep underground. She said there is a significant drop off in the back of the building sites, so the garages will be built into the hill.

In response to comments about flooding, even from the rain this week, Ms. Sweet said the stormwater management plans will mitigate that.

Donna Peirce, one of the neighbors who met with the developer at some point, said she thought they were going to improve Peirce's Point Road all the way to the bike path. Ms. Sweet said she thought that's exactly what they did not want because they did not want more traffic to the private road. She added that it was not a big deal to pave the road.

There was also some discussion as to the status of Peirce's Point Road and if the residents had an official right to use it or a permanent easement. Ms. Sweet said they had an "easement by necessity," but they would do what is necessary to make it "something more official."

The beginning of the road starting at Route 6 is town owned, then it is privately owned by the GBK property.

Cora Peirce made several observations about wetlands, the size of the project, and the claim of affordability. She noted there are tribal burial grounds on both sides of the bike path. Ms. Sweet noted they are not building in those areas.

"But when I hear 40B," said Cora Peirce. "It's not going to keep grandma in town and it's not going to keep the children, because it's still not affordable."

In response to a question, Ms. Sweet said there is no difference in the project itself between a traditional 40B and a friendly 40B. The advantage to filing as an LIP is that the developer has access to more financing options, and the state fees are signficantly less. Both proposals require significant oversight by a variety of state agencies.

In the end, the board voted 4-1 to authorize Mr. Romano to sign the letter. Mr. Trapilo voted "no."

In another matter, the board voted to award real estate brokerage services to Better Living Real Estate. State law now requires the town to use a real estate agency to sell town

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Decorate Benoit Sq

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be decorating our wonderful Benoit Square on Saturday, 11/28, at 9:00 a.m., 267 Adams St. (at the merger of Adams and Main Street at Howland Road).

If you have the following, please bring them with you: drill, step ladder, mallet. Many hands make light work. Please join us.

The official lighting of the square will be on Friday, 12/4 (see below).

HAVE DECORATIONS?

All year people ask us what the best way they can donate to the NFIA is, especially if they are unable to attend or work our events.

One thing we always need is MORE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!!!

After a lot of requests, we have decided to make an amazon list for anyone interested in donating. These are just suggested donations, and we would always love other ideas or even vinatge blow molds!

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us get to 76 incredible years, and we can't wait for 76 more. We always welcome new members, email northfairhaven improvement267@gmail.com for more info

Lighting of Benoit Square

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association invites the public to the annual Lighting of Benoit Square, intersection of Main and Howland, Fairhaven, on Fri., 12/4, at 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we turn on the lights for the season and welcome Santa! Join us in some caroling with Mrs. Claus and her friends, take photos with Santa and his elves, enjoy hot cocoa and just have some fun. FREE and open to the public.

Leaf Collection

Curbside leaf collection continues 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/

Merry Jams

FAME (Fairhaven Association for Music Education) presents Merry Jams, a live music fund-raiser to support Fairhaven High School's Music Program, Frid., 12/4, at 7 p.m., at the Shepherd Center for the Performing Arts, at the Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven (use the Walnut Street entrance).

Featuring: Brenda and Dan, Axis Quartet, Unscrewed Acoustic, Mike Mahoney & Ken Richards, Neal McCarthy featuring Marc Friedman & Mark Russell.

Tickets are $25, available at https://theshepherdcenter.org/events

A Christmas Carol

At Shepherd Center for Performing Arts, 34 Center St (William St entrance), Fairhaven. A radio play adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol' by Jess Wilson at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3. Tickets are $20 online or $25 at the door. Visit theshepherdcenter.org

Winter Vendor Fair

Join us for the 4th annual Winter Craft & Vendor Fair p.m. Sat., 12/5, 10–3, at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Shop, eat, enjoy, support our students! No entrance fees. All are welcome.

Featuring a day filled with holiday cheer, shopping and family fun: lots of unique vendors & crafters; food trucks outside; FAME bake sale; food vendors in cafeteria; live music inside; fire truck outside; kids craft area; raffles, door prizes, and more.

Santa will be here for pictures. Professional photographer on site.

Thank you for supporting our students. We can't wait to see you there.

25th Anniversary

For 25 years, the Recreation Center has been a place where friendships grow, families make memories, and our community comes together. You are part of that story—and we would love to celebrate with you!

Join us for our 25th Anniversary Celebration: Sun., 12/6, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Avenue.

Enjoy: Vendors from the North Fairhaven Market, Program demonstrations, Fun crafts for the kids, Anniversary cake, And more!

Whether you've been coming for years or are visiting for the first time, all ages are welcome. Bring your family, invite a friend, and share your favorite Rec Center memories as we make new ones together!

SAVE THE DATES:

Holiday House Tour

Join the Fairhaven Historical Society for the Annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday, December 6, 2026, from 1 PM to 5 PM. The Tour starts at the Fairhaven Academy Building located at 141 Main Street, where you will receive the brochure and map for admission to the homes.

Tickets are $25 for members of the Fairhaven Historical Society and $30 for the general public. Get tickets at https://givebutter.com/2026-holiday-house-tour-fhvn

Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, during regular operating hours.

Please dress accordingly for the weather.

Learn more about us at www.historicalsocietyfairhaven.org

Olde-Tyme Holiday

Join the Fairhaven Economic Development Committee for the 28th annual Olde-Tyme Holiday event on Sat., 12/12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Held in the center of town in and around town hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, the event includes several local venues with vendor fairs, food, outdoor activities, Santa sightings, and much more.

If you are interested in being a vendor, email edcchair@fairhaven-ma.gov

Gingerbread House Party

Join us at the Millicent Library 45 Center St., Fairhaven, on Wed., 12/9, from 4–6 p.m. for a Gingerbread House Party. Bring your family, and work together to create a winter wonderland! Enjoy hot chocolate and holiday

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WWII Veteran Services

Help us honor a World War II MIA who was just identified, after more than 80 years Missing in Action.

Services will be held for PFC William Gervais on Mon., 12/7, the anniversary of his capture. There will be a short service at 10:30 a.m. at Saunders-Dwyer Funeral Home, 495 Park Street, New Bedford. A full military service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Mass. National Cemetery, Connery Ave., Bourne.

The public is welcome to attend, and to line the route/overpasses along Route 195. (See story in 11/19/26 issue.)

Holiday Greens Sale

The Garden Club of Buzzards Bay will hold its annual Holiday Greens Market on Sat., 12/5, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum Coach House, 396 County Street, New Bedford.

A favorite holiday tradition, the Greens Market will feature a beautiful selection of handmade and individually decorated wreaths, centerpieces, tabletop trees, swags, and more, all created by members of the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay.

Proceeds support the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay's Grant Program, which funds projects and initiatives in conservation, civic beautification, sustainable agriculture, and scholarships.

Holiday Concert

Join Greater New Bedford Choral Society for an afternoon of Christmas songs from around the world!

Sun., 12/6, 3:30–5 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 230 Bonney St., New Bedford. Tickets: $20/regular admission; $30/VIP. Available at the door or at https://www.gnbcs.org/

Originally a pagan holiday, Christmas was adopted by the Romans as the date of Christ's birth in the 4th century and is now celebrated in more than 160 countries. Our concert will explore the musical language of Christmas around the world with selections featuring a variety of musical styles and ideas from 11 countries in a multitude of languages. We'll collaborate with singers from the Discovery Language Academy in New Bedford for some selections and invite the audience to sing along on others! Visit our website at https://www.gnbcs.org/ for more information or follow us on Facebook.

Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 12/1, from 6–8 p.m., at The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford

Our guest Chad McGuire, a professor of environmental policy within the Dept. of Public Policy at the University of Mass. Dartmouth, will discuss: "Mo Money, Mo Problems: How can coastal areas be getting more dangerous and more expensive?"

Coastal regions of the US are some of the most expensive places to live. Yet due to climate change they are also becoming some of the most dangerous places to live. Chad will explain some of the historical, political, economic, and social reasons that have combined to create this dichotomy between value and risk. He will also discuss some of the work that is being done to better balance coastal values and risks in an era of climate change.

Chad specializes in policy issues related to climate change, coastal management, property rights, risk perception, and land use patterns.

Free parking in rear of building.

Charlie Brown Live

TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!

A Charlie Brown Christmas, live on stage, Sat., 12/5, at 2 & 7 p.m., at the Zeiterion, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. Tickets: $35–$79, at https://www.zeiterion.org/events/a-charlie-brown-christmas

The beloved holiday classic comes to life on the historic Zeiterion stage!

Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and the whole Peanuts gang as they produce their own Christmas play and ultimately learn the true meaning of the season.

Adapted from Charles M. Schulz's timeless story of the spirit of Christmas, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* features actors who portray the Peanuts characters on stage, singing and dancing to the unforgettable music of Vince Guaraldi.

It's a present the whole family can enjoy, from the young to young at heart — especially ages 4 and up. There's no better way to discover the magic of the season!

The show is approximately 90 minutes, including a 20-minute intermission.

Santa's coming!

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas will make a special appearance before both performances of *A Charlie Brown Christmas.* Visit him in the lobby and say hello!

Carols & Cocktails

November is the kickoff to the holiday season, and it's time to start making your festive plans! New Bedford Festival Theatre [NBFT] will bring a holiday revue - *Carols and Cocktails* - to the Zeiterion stage this December.

Carols and Cocktails will run for ONE NIGHT ONLY at the Zeiterion Theater [The Z], 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, Saturday, December 12, 7 pm.

Tickets: All-in ticket pricing is $35. Group, senior, and student discounts are available.

Tickets can be purchased online, in person at The Zeiterion Box Office (684 Purchase St., New Bedford), or by calling The Zeiterion Box Office at 508-994-2900.

Festival of Choirs

On Sat., 12/5, at 6:30 pm, Music at Saint Anthony's presents an unprecedented event to begin the celebrations for the Christmas season at St. Anthony Church, 1359 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford.

The combined Festival Choir includes members of St. Anthony Community Choir, Sine Nomine, Greater New Bedford Choral Society, Falmouth Chorale, Salve Regina University Chorus, South Coast Community Chorale and New Bedford High Alumni Choir. Each choir will perform individually and join forces for Caroling.

The choirs will be accompanied by Organist, Peter Krasinski, and New Bedford Symphony Orchestra brass and percussion.

Tickets are $25 in advance online,

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Bike Run/Toy Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club and the River's End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual Toys for Kids & Food Drive Motorcycle Run, Sun., 11/29. $10 or unwrapped toy donation (no stuffed animals please), and non-perishable food donation gets you in.

Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet. Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the River's End.

Toys For Christmas

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be collecting and distributing children's toys for the ages of 12 and under up till December 18th. Please contact us if you are in need of toys for your grandchildren or children. If you are able to donate, please seek out our toy boxes distributed throughout the town at local businesses (such as the Mattapoisett Laundromat).

In addition, our food outreach ministry is able to do a double-blessing for anyone in need of food.

For more information call 508-998-6990, or E-Mail: pastor@lambofgodma.org, or stop by every Sunday@6:00 P.M. American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Blessings to you and your family, Pastor Mathew Vangel

Acushnet Lighting

Join us for the 2026 Acushnet tree lighting on Sun., 12/6, at 6 p.m., at Fire Station 1, 24 Russell St., Acushnet, at Parting Ways.

Walk through our Christmas display. Gift donations/giving tree. Featuring Santa & Mrs. Claus, sing-along, and cookies & cocoa. We have partnered with "Christmas Wishes" to support needy families. Consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy to donate!

SAVE THE DATES:

Padanaram Stroll

Join us for a magical evening of holiday cheer at our 48th Annual Holiday Stroll! Fri., 12/4, 4–8 p.m., Padanaram Village.

Shop Local, Meet Santa (He'll be at the parking lot on the corner of Elm Street & Bridge Streets); 6th Annual Buoy Tree Lighting, as the sun sets; and…Live holiday music to get you in the festive mood, delicious treats and warm beverages, a joyful atmosphere that will make your heart glow with holiday spirit, a chance to connect with friends and neighbors in our beautiful community.

Invite your friends and family to join in the fun! Let's make this holiday season memorable together.

A Christmas Carol

he Dartmouth High Theatre Company is poised to make all your Christmas wishes come to life with their upcoming production of Mr. Dickens Presents…A Christmas Carol, at Dartmouth High School auditorium on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00PM, and Friday, December 4th at 7:00PM, with two additional performances on Saturday, December 5th at 1:00PM and 7:00PM.

Tickets are available at the Dartmouth High Theatre Company website and general admission adult tickets are $20.00 each. Student and senior tickets are $15 each.

You can also call or text to reserve your ticket at 508-441-4602. Dartmouth High School is located at 555 Bakerville Road.

Jewelry/Puzzles

Come shop at the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library's Holiday Jewelry and Puzzle Sale on Sat., 12/5 from 9:30 am - 12 pm . The sale will be held in the library's Community Room, at 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet.

Enjoy some refreshments as you browse fine, vintage and costume jewelry as well as beautiful jigsaw puzzles. Prices start at just $1. Come find that one-of-a-kind piece for yourself or for a gift and stock up on puzzles that will provide entertainment during dreary winter days! Cash only. All proceeds support library programs and services.

Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library's popular Annual Jewelry & Accessories sale happens at the library Thurs., 12/3, 5-7:30pm for a Members Only Preview and Fri., 12/4, 4:30-6pm and Sat., 12/5, 10am-2pm for the General Public.

Loads of great items at very reasonable prices! Shop for the holidays or just treat yourself! Be sure to check out the Silent Auction, which closes at 1PM on Saturday. Auction items include: one of a kind Brahmin bags, a vintage Coach bag in pristine condition, 14k & sterling David Yurman cuff bracelet with amethyst caps, a 14k white & yellow gold tassel necklace & so much more! Cash, check & PayPal only! All proceeds benefit the library.

Holiday Open House

Do you hear what we hear? That's the sound of the holidays speeding toward us! Join Westport Historical Society's Holiday Open House, Sundays: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, from 1–4 p.m. At the newly renovated Bell School and history center 25 Drift Road, Westport MA. We can't promise lords a-leaping or drummers drumming, but there will be hot cider, WHS stocking stuffers to buy, including a special Head of Westport Celebration Calendar and a photo op with Mr and Mrs Claus on Sun., 12/20 from 1–2!

Visit https://wpthistory.org/events/holiday-open-house/

Holiday Magic

The Marion Art Center Theater welcomes you for an evening of Christmas cheer featuring a celebration of the festive season with readings from classic stories such as *Gift of the Magi, A Visit from St. Nicolas, A Christmas Carol* (abridged), and more. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Showstoppers, who will perform a selection of carols and other holiday favorites.

Meet the Big Guy: And, no Christmas event is complete without a visit from you-know-who! The man in red is sure to make a special appearance at each performance.

Show dates: Fri., 12/4, 7 p.m.; Sun., 12/6, 2 p.m.; Fri., 12/11, 7 p.m.; Sat., 12/12, 7 p.m. Tickets, $15 for MAC members and $20 for nonmembers, at www.marionartcenter. org/events.

Author Event

At Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road. Visit https://acupl.org. On Wed., 12/2, at 6 p.m.

Author Daniel Georgianna will share the book, *The Strike of '28,* co-authored with Roberta Hazen Aaronson, and host a Q&A. Books will be available for purchase.

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Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a $6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 12/2, Tiverton Casino; 12/9, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's; 12/16, Providence Place Mall; 12/23, So. Shore Plaza.

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. 30 *Home for the Holidays* PG-13 After being fired, making out with her soon-to-be-ex-boss, and discovering that her daughter plans to spend Thanksgiving with her boyfriend, Claudia Larson faces the unenviable task of spending the holiday with her exceedingly dull family.

Dec. 7 *Christmas With the Kranks* PG With their daughter Blair away in Peru, Luther and Nora Krank decide to skip Christmas altogether until she decides to come home, caushing an uproar when they must celebrate at the last minute.

Supportive Social Day Program

Supportive Social day Program is a structured and supervised program for seniors in need of socialization or for those who may have cognitive disabilities. Persons who are 60 and older, who are independent with eating, ambulation, medication administration, continent, are not an elopement risk, Please contact Sally Bourke or Debra Chmiel at 508-993-9455 for further information.

Office Hour With State Rep. Mark Sylvia

State Rep. Mark Sylvia will hold an office hour at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, on Mon., 12/14 from 9–10 a.m. If you need to speak with him before then, call 617-722-2400.

Tax Help

AARP Tax Aide IRS certified volunteers will be at the Councils on Aging in Fairhaven (508-979-4029), Mattapoisett, Marion, Rocheser, Westport, Somerset, Swansea and at the newly expanded location at Butonwood Park Senior Senior in New Bedford filing Federal and State taxs starting February 2nd until April 15th.

Call the Council on Aging for any of these towns beginning January 19, 2027, to schedule an appointment.

Fairhaven Recreation Center

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Kool Kids Thanksgiving Break Grades K-5

Fairhaven Recreation Center, Rec Staff, Mon + Tue, Nov 23-24, 12:004:00PM 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 with a variety of activities including active indoor/outdoor games, arts and STEAM activities, team-building challenges and more. Make the most of these two afternoons by joining us at the recreation center!

Transportation from the elementary schools to the recreation center is provided.

Elf Yourself!

18+ Pickleball Party & Toy Drive! Get ready to serve up some holiday cheer!

This is your chance to dress as Santa's favorite Elf! Awards for....Best Elf Outfit, Most Holiday Cheer, and The Grinchest. Join us for a fun and festive afternoon of pickleball, music, and holiday spirit — all while supporting Toys for Tots. Admission: One new, unwrapped toy (donated to Toys for Tots) Date: Friday, December 4th Time: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Location: Fairhaven Rec

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!

Kool Kids Christmas Vacation Club

Fairhaven Recreation Center Dec 28, 29, 30 (3 days), 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Members: $130. Non-Members: $140 Get ready for a jolly good time at the Kool Kids Christmas Vacation program! Designed for children in kindergarten through 6th grade, each day is packed with festive fun and exciting activities. From active recreation games, team building activities, STEAM challenges, art projects and more, there's something for everyone. Your child will make new friends and create lasting memories. Remember to pack a lunch, snacks, and a reusable water bottle. Sneakers and comfy, active clothes

Recipe of the Week

Neiman-Marcus Cookies

2 Cups butter
24 oz chocolate chips
4 Cups of flour
2 cups of brown sugar
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 cups of sugar
1- 8oz grated Hersey Bar
5 Cups blended oatmeal
4 eggs
2 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp Vanilla
2 cups of chopped nuts (your choice)

Measure the oatmeal and blend in a blender to a fine powder.

Cream the butter and both sugars.

Add eggs and vanilla, mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder and baking soda.

Add chocolate chips, grated Hersey bar and nuts.

Roll into balls and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet

Bake for 10 minutes at 375.

By Anne Silveira

What do we live for,
if not to make life less
difficult for each other?

George Eliot

Dear Frankie



New Puppy

Dear Frankie,

Last week, my parents brought home a Basset Hound Puppy named Chester.

I almost fainted when I saw him in my dad's arms. When my mom asked me what I thought about him, I said, "There were things we needed more."

I know she was upset, but so was I.

My dad later reminded me that I was once the new puppy, and Jamie, their boxer at the time, had welcomed me with open paws. He asked me if I would do the same for Chester. I said I would and promised I would be a great big brother.

Don't you think my parents should have asked me about getting a puppy or told me he was coming?

Unsettled,
Hector

Dear Hector,

Of course, they should have told you that Chester was coming. I asked several dog friends if their families had asked them about a new addition to the family. They all said not a word was mentioned until the brat arrived.

So, if it's any consolation, you are not alone.

Here's a thought about how you might blow off a little emotional steam. Have you ever thought about doing something naughty like chewing on a shoe or eating the cheese left on the coffee table but didn't have the nerve to do it?

Now is the perfect time. Do it, and let Chester take the rap. Don't worry about him getting punished. How hard do you think they would be on an eight-week-old puppy, who cost them big bucks?

Then, step in and tell your dad you will keep your eye on him in the future and teach him what he can and can't do. That will earn you a few points and maybe even a few treats.

Understand I'm suggesting this act of rebellion as a one-time event. If you care to get back to me, I would be interested in knowing what you decided to do.

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/56nsdhnx

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Acushnet/Fairhaven Metrowest kicks off season with Jamboree

By Beth David
Editor

Scores were a bit of an afterthought at the 2026 Acushnet/Fairhaven Metrowest Basketball Jamboree at Hastings Middle School on Friday 11/20/26, but the kids from grades three to eight, put their hearts and souls into each play. The place was packed, the energy was intense, and pace was fast.

The annual jamboree kicks off the season for the two travel programs: Acushnet/Fairhaven and Dartmouth.

The fast-paced games consisted of two seven-minute halfs with a continously running clock.

The night also included a three-point contest, pizza, concessions, a DJ, music, and a 50/50 raffle.

Find them on Facebook.







TOP: Arielle Raposo of Acushnet/Fairhaven takes aim before shooting during the 2026 Acushnet/Fairhaven Metrowest Basketball Jamboree at Hastings Middle School on 11/20/26. ABOVE LEFT: Beau Tavares (4) of Acushnet/Fairhaven and Silas Blevines (30) of Dartmouth battle underneath the basket during the Grade 3/4 Boys game ABOVE RIGHT: Jack Tavares (4) of Acushnet/Fairhaven pushes the ball up court while being pursued by Ben Pimental (23) of the Dartmouth Grade 6 Boys squad. *Photos courtesy of Bruce David.*

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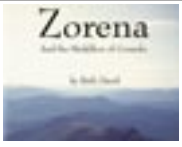
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Shopping with the *Neighb News*

A decidedly biased piece by
Beth David
Editor

It's time for one our favorite annual stories: Shopping with the *Neighb News!*

Every year, we show you how you can support local businesses as you shop for those you love, and for those you pretend to love (oops...did I say that out loud?).

And, every year, we have lots of return advertisers and some new ones. Any way you look at it, it's shop local time! And the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up. The drop-off center is open, so you can swing by with your area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place, your grandma, your uncle, and the grouchy cousin who lost her broom years ago.

Feel like getting creative? Decorate with flags and banners with all kinds of fun stuff on them, for inside and outside. Take a peek at the selection of old favorites and original designs from **Brewer Banner Designs.** It's the simplest way to dress up the outside to match the inside, and show your holiday spirit to the world. And don't forget a banner or two for indoors, for that young'un who just got an apartment or is decorating a dorm room.

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and we've got a great spot for you.

Mac's Soda Bar is our go-to place for breakfast anytime. And lunch, too (but let's not get ahead of ourselves).

They also cater, and you can get great holiday meals, so you have the special dinner without all the hassle.

And they have gift certificates, too. So, while you're planning your own party, check a couple of people off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We've got just the hometown spot for you. Visit **Alltrust Credit Union.** They offer car loans and CDs. Now *that's* a great gift!

Maybe before you dive into it, you need a way to get you in the spirit of the season?

How about some homemade ornaments in a really cool atmosphere, where you can enjoy locally made wine and other nosh? **Nasketucket Bay Vineyard** has the coolest stuff going on, even for people who don't want "stuff" but might appreciate an experience. Find their special wine and appetizer pairing dates on their website.

Speaking of experiences....

Looking for a New-Englandy village experience? Well, Fairhaven's got it all here, as New England as it gets in the center of town. Park the car and walk around our fabulous town center.

> No need to get all stressed out, the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey

Take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These spectacular buildings were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers. Hmm...what about a picture in front of one of them for your annual Christmas card?

Lots of decorations in and around all the buildings, and natural evergreens to look at all over.

In any case, be sure to have your camera with you to get some great shots of our architectural wonders, and be sure to check out the doors in the decorated door contest sponsored by the **Fairhaven Historical Society.**

And after you get familiar with the territory, be sure to save the date! December 12 will be absolutely hopping with all kinds of Christmas-y activities, brought to you by **the Town of Fairhaven during the annual Old Tyme Holiday event.** (See page 5.) Food and fun all day long in a bunch of places, indoor and outside, in our beautiful center.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so mosey on over to **Wah May's Restaurant** while you're in the neighborhood. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big day.

Now it's time to take care of that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper, and they need all the help they can get. And with real estate prices the way they have been, that old fixer-upper has nothing but "good bones." The rest of it is a mess, so let's help 'em out a bit.

For some garden-variety TLC, check out our **classifieds.** They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

For electrical work, you'll want Eric from **Eric Sylvia.** He can do it all, big or small.

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so. Call **Wayne Electric.** They do alarms, and that's a cool gift!

You'll want **Robert Furtado** to do those other projects, from cabinet making to the new bathroom.

We have other choices for the exterior work and for that combo interior/exterior work that the old house is bound to need.

Check out **Marc Gadbois,** whether it's time to replace the siding, roof, or fix what's there. He does everything, no matter how big the job seems to be.

I'm willing to bet that big old monster has a big old monster of a heating system, too. If so, they'll be using up a little more fuel than they like for a year or two until they can replace that antique. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill up the oil tank. Now *that's* a gift!

That old yard will definitely need some clearing out, too.

Get **Chris the Cleanout** guy to haul away all the stuff the owners left. No

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matter what it is, he can get it out of their hair.

Then they an count on **Fairways** to take care of all those neglected spaces and trimming back those bushes that are wildly out of control in that yard. And they do snow removal, too. How about a winter's worth of snow plowing? Oh yeah. That's a good one.

And be sure to call **Fitzgerald Tree Service** to see what they can do about clearing out some of those old trees. Of course that wood won't be ready for burning just yet, and an old house like that is sure to have a wood stove or fireplace. So grab a cord of seasoned wood from them to make Christmas morning nice and toasty.

Before you burn it, though, call **Jake Fleurent** to make sure the chimney is in tip top shape, and while he's there, have him work on that old stone wall, or have him waterproof the basement.

Now for the inside. Don't forget, the ***Neighb News*** sells pictures of events we've covered, to decorate those new walls.

That should do it for stuff. What about protecting it all now? Call **Vieira Insurance Agency** for that. They specialize in insuring houses in seashore towns. Does it get any better than that?

Still don't have something for the person who has everything?

Now, I know that no one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but then you watch some sappy old Christmas movie with the obligatory hospital scene. And then you realize no one has updated the will in forever. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski,** which specializes in elder law. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

Let's see... what did we forget? Oh, right, houses and apartments. You know what happens: People come "home" for the holidays and they think, shoot...why did I ever leave? Call **Jane Paul** to help you and yours find a spot to call home.

Maybe you've decided to buy that house next to the kids? *(My Big Fat Greek Wedding* anyone?) Well, she can help you make the purchase and make sure it goes smoothly, too.

Maybe your wayward relatives want to move back but are getting up there in age and don't want the hassle of home ownership. Take 'em on over to **Fairhaven Village.** It's right on the bus route to shopping or heading out of town.

Or, quite possibly, they need a little help in their day-to-day lives. Check out **Atria Senior Living.** They have elegant accommodations for seniors who just need a little help to live independently.

Or, if they need more than that, take 'em for a tour of **Alden Court** while they're in town. They have some fun activities that you can join in on. You don't have to live there to enjoy some music.

And while they're trying to decide, take them to **Fairhaven Pharmacy** to experience a good old fashioned service based pharmacy. They'll see how easy it is to switch their scripts from wherever they live now. One less worry when moving, right?

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While you're hanging out with them are you noticing how often they say, "what?" Or "huh?" Or "what did you say?"

Yeah, I thought so: Way more often than last year, right? Take them to **Ascent Audiology** to find out what kind of good things the newest technology offers.

Okay, now you're done. Time to sit with a drink and some friendly faces.

The **Bayside Lounge** is the place to see someone you know, like the old jingle...where they know your name. You can eat, drink, maybe dance or sing, even, all while you brag about how you got almost all your shopping done at all local places. They have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

If you still need stuff and you're looking for unique offerings, be sure to check out the shops during the Old Tyme Holiday in Fairhaven's Center on 12/12; and other vendor fairs everywhere from now until Christmas. See the happenings pages on 5, 6, 7 for all kinds of stuff coming up.

No, we didn't forget about one of our favorite Yuletide traditions. What's Christmas without a heart-warming and fun tale? Snuggle up with a good story about Christmas magic on a small island. If you have a Nook or Kindle, you can get my short story, *Who Makes the Magic?* with a shorter, bedtime version for younger children. I'm working on a paperback version, but, alas, it won't be ready for this year's gift giving. But, we have birthdays all year, right? So visit **www.zorena.com** for info on all my fiction and travel pieces.

There's my fantasy novel, *Zorena and the Medallion of Corandu,* (no, I haven't finished the sequel yet...I'm working on it!); and hopefully soon a couple of others I've been working on.

Yeah, I know, would've been perfect for Christmas, but, well, that seems rather ambitious. However, keep your eye on these pages. You never know, a little Christmas magic might just happen to make it all so.

Be sure to keep an eye on my Amazon author page because I've been working on some other stories that I hope will be ready soon. And I'm working on turning a couple of those ebooks into hardcovers.

Speaking of traditions. Maybe you're hoping to get back to the reason for the season?

Check out the **Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven,** which is having its fair during the Old Tyme Holiday on 12/12. And they are in that beautiful architectural wonder in the center of town. (Psst...they give tours.)

Okay, so now you know: there's no reason to shop outside the *Neighb News* family of advertisers. You'll find everything you need, and you'll be supporting local businesses at the same time.

Merry shopping to all and to all a good holiday season! •••

Fhvn grandmother's surprise grandson inspires children's book

Press Release

When Fairhaven resident Dawn Gaudreau learned her 41-year-old daughter had been rushed to St. Luke's Hospital by ambulance with severe abdominal pain, she feared the worst.

At the emergency room, Gaudreau struggled to hear the receptionist's phone conversation.

"Is she in ICU? Has she been intubated?" she asked.

The receptionist smiled. "She's in labor and delivery."

"She's pregnant?!"

Upstairs her daughter was crying.

"Do you know? It's a boy!" she said.

Gaudreau looked around the room at an empty bassinet. Her grandson had been born just 20 to 30 minutes before she arrived.

"I cried for a minute, then started laughing. This was much better than a burst appendix!"

A nurse took her to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), where her premature grandson lay in an incubator beneath a warming lamp.

"Five fingers, five toes, and the most angelic face I'd ever seen," Gaudreau recalls.

During his 3 1/2 weeks in the NICU, she fell in love with every tiny sound he made.

"My heart melted every time he made a noise. I even loved it when he cried."

Those sounds inspired the title of her first children's book, *Baby Coo, I Love You!*

The illustrated, rhyming story follows a baby from morning to bedtime. Two QR codes let families hear her grandson's actual "hello" and "goodbye" coos. A separate digital add-on also lets families personalize a version with their own baby's photo and recordings.

Gaudreau hopes the little voice will delight young listeners and remind older readers of the days when their little ones made the sweetest sounds before they could speak.

"This Thanksgiving, we'll have a turkey that weighs more than the baby," Gaudreau said with a laugh. "But that tiny person has already changed everything. It's a reminder that on a seemingly ordinary day, our lives can take an extraordinary turn that changes us forever."

Baby Coo, I Love You! is available on Amazon in ebook format, and in hardcover on Lulu.

See a preview at: https://youtu.be/vXwZCD8pkfg

Visit Dawn's Amazon Author page on Amazaon at https://tinyurl.com/dhfet3xk; or buy on on Lulu at https://tinyurl.com/yn8p9d5x



Dawn Gaudreau of Fairhaven holds a copy of her first book, "Baby Coo," which includes two QR codes to hear her grandson's coos. *Submitted photo.*

Blue Devil Craft & Vendor Fair showcases local talent

By Beth David
Editor

The sixth annual Blue Devil Craft & Vendor Fair featured more than 100 vendors at the high school on Saturday, 11/21/26. Vendors displayed their wares in the gymnasium, library, and cafeteria. The rotunda featured Blue Devils spirit wear and the vendor raffle, which consisted of donated items by each vendor.

Proceeds benefit the classes of 2027 & 2028, and the Fairhaven High School PTO.

The gym was packed with shoppers, including young Freya, who bought a rock painted like a ladybug.

What will she do with it?

"I'm going to play with it," she said.

Spirit wear is available at the games.







TOP: Young Freya shows off her ladybug rock during the sixth annual Blue Devil Craft and Vendor Fair on 11/21/26 at Fairhaven High School. ABOVE LEFT: Some festive holiday hangings are on sale ABOVE RIGHT:A selection of handmade knitted and crocheted items are on display in the gym. *Photos by Beth David.*

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FHA Crafters Fair

Join us for the third annual Resident Crafters Holiday Fair at Fairhaven Housing Authority on Sat., 12/5, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St. Featuring hand made items from our residents, including a baked goods table. Free door prizes, complimentary popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, apple cider.

Come out and start or finish your Christmas shopping.

UUSF Holiday Marketplace

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven is joining in the festive fun of the town's Old-Tyme Holiday Dec. 12 with its Holiday Marketplace from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The marketplace features an array of curated artisans, desirable raffle baskets, a festive and bountiful bake sale, and a delectable soup and sandwich lunch. A mega-sale of jewelry offers both costume and fine pieces. Kids' activities and tours of the stunning sanctuary are part of the day's attractions, as is the annual visit by St. Nicholas, who bestows "gold" (chocolate) coins on youngsters who have been good during the past year.

Music Director Tim Evans will play the organ for a carol sing at 11 a.m., and give a short concert on the church's bells at 1 p.m.

This year, a beautiful ornament featuring the Nativity stained-glass window will be on sale for $25 to benefit the church.

The building is accessible to the handicapped via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more details, call 508-992-7081 or visit uufairhaven.org.

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.

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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properties and town foreclosure properties. New rules prohibit the town from making a profit on the sale of foreclosure properties. Anything beyond the back taxes owed and brokerage fees must go to the former owner. For town owned buildings, such as former schools, the town is allowed to keep all proceeds.

Fairhaven Treasurer/Collector, Carla Mourao, told the board that 28 firms expressed interest in the Request for Proposals, but only two submitted.

She said she was impressed with Better Living for a variety of reasons and that they are Fairhaven based.

The board also voted to adopt a policy that requires anyone applying to be appointed to a town board or committee agree to a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) check, and make it retroactive, so that all current volunteers must also have CORI. The board first discussed it at their 11/9/26 meeting (see 11/12/26 issue)

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This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven; another bin is at Stop & Shop, and one is at the Acushnet Library. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The Pantry spends more than $5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit https://food-banks.org/detail/the_shepherds_pantry_acushnet_ma.html

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals
Tues., 12/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health
Wed., 12/2, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Mon.,11/30, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation
Wed., 12/9, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commissiom
Mon., 11/30, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Historical Commission
Tues., 12/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.
Wed., 12/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board
Tues., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 12/16, FHS Media Ctr., 6:30

Select Board
Mon., 12/7, Select Board., 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Selectboard
Mon. 12/2, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m

TIDE TABLE

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

Nov. 2026		HIGH a.m.	HIGH p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	26	0845	2114	0145*	1442*
Friday	27	0938	2209	0242*	1530*
Saturday	28	1033	2308	0335*	1617*
Sunday	29	1132	---	0427	1710
Monday	30	0011	1234	0534	1832

Dec. 2026		HIGH a.m.	HIGH p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Tuesday	1	0111	1332	0749	2007
Wednesday	2	0207	1428	0921	2120
Thursday	3	0304	1530	1032	2228
Friday	4	0405	1632	1128	2317
Saturday	5	0500	1723	---	1216
		---	---	---	2353
Sunday	6	0544	1805	---	1303
Monday	7	0623	1844	0003	1351
Tuesday	8	0701	1923	0010	1431
Wednesday	9	0740	2005	0035	1446
Thursday	10	0821	2047	0110	1420
Friday	11	0902	2130	0152	1445

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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

NOTICE TO FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Town of Fairhaven invites sealed bids for the "SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION SERVICES", in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Department of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719.

Sealed bids marked "SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION SERVICES", will be received at the Board of Public Works Office, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., January 8, 2027 E.S.T. and at 2:00 p.m. The Board of Public Works reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

Interested Contractors may request the Contract Documents free of charge as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file by visiting the Town of Fairhaven website at the following: https://fairhaven-ma.gov/beacon/.

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET REAL ESTATE CLASSIFICATION HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the issue of allocating the local property tax among the following: residential, open space, commercial, industrial, personal property.

The hearing will be held at the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room at 4:30 PM, on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, for the purpose of determining whether or not Acushnet shall remain with a classified tax rate as in past years.

All interested taxpayers are invited to attend and provide input to the Board of Selectmen, who must decide if Acushnet will have one or more tax rates. The Board of Assessors will be in attendance to provide information and data relevant to making that determination.

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert Hinckley
Ryan Rezendes
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From our readers

Temporary or Permanent?

I wonder if the MA DOT forgot about the temporary traffic light that is still blocking the sidewalk at the corner of Rte. 6 and Alden Road, in front of Bank of America.

That sidewalk has been closed for a good long time as a temporary traffic light is being used. How is it that MA DOT can legally block a sidewalk for an eternity, with no recourse?

This is yet another example of MA DOT treating our area as a necessary evil. Drive up Rte. 240 and there are several weeds in the median that have grown so long they are now trees. Head out on Rte. 6 toward Mattapoisett and there are weeds one foot and taller lining the gutter line all the way down the road.

Now, we seem to have a permanent temporary traffic light. Maybe one of our town leaders will pick up the phone and ask MADOT if the plan is for that to be the new permanent traffic light.

Adam Abelha, Fairhaven

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and children are welcome at no cost. Tickets will also be available at the door, but early purchase is encouraged for this special one-day event.

Visit www.saintanthonynb.org or www.musicatsaintanthonys.org

For tickets: https://www.osvhub.com/saintanthonynb/forms/movie-ticket

Women's Fund Annual Meeting

Please Join Us for Women's Fund SouthCoast's Annual Meeting, Mon., 12/7, 5:30–7:30 p.m., at New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.

Tickets: Free to supporter: 0–$45, at https://tinyurl.com/2jafe9xz

We'll celebrate the year's accomplishments, honor our longstanding board members, and look ahead together.

We'll also spotlight SouthCoast Voices, part of our SEED research initiative. Hear directly from community partners, researchers, hosts, and ambassadors about the experiences they're bringing into focus—and how those stories can inform change across our region.

From expanding youth leadership across the SouthCoast to investing in community-led solutions, your support is helping more women and young people shape the decisions that affect their lives. This year's Annual Meeting will bring together supporters, partners, and local leaders for stories of impact, meaningful connections, and a look at what's ahead.

Together, we're building a SouthCoast where women and girls have the resources, opportunities, and power to thrive.

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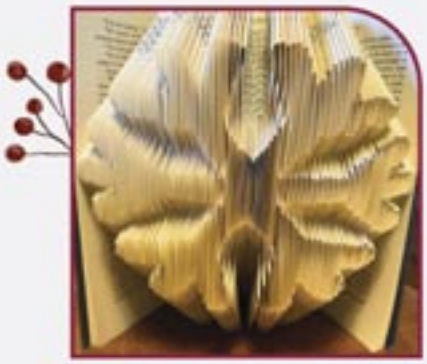
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