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Members of the Marine Leathernecks motorcycle club hold the "Big Flag," which is 30 feet by 50 feet, to keep it off the ground as it get raised at Fairhaven High School during a Veterans Day ceremony after the parade on 11/11/19. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Ugh...I made a mistake in the corrections...like, who DOES that? Oh my aching brain.

Bazaar season is heating up (that's "bazaar," people, not "bizarre." On the other hand...).

It's that time of year when everyone has lots of fun stuff to fill up the Christmas stockings for you this season. See pages 5, 8, 9, for happenings all around the area, including craft fairs and holiday happenings this weekend and next, and next, and...well, you'll have to get next week's issue for those.

Our deadline for advertisers who want to be in our annual shopping issue is coming up fast. That issue is on 11/28, Thanksgiving week, so...you've only got a little more than a week. Give me a call or send an email.

We have Veterans Day coverage in this week's issue. I'm going to have to get back into the habit of posting all those extra pictures on Facebook, or somewhere. I have tons of great pictures, and I thank all those who are always so gracious as I run up and down following the parade.

We also have some meeting coverage for you this week, including a special Town Meeting in Fairhaven: your tax dollars at work. See page 3 for that.

The West Island Improvement Association gave its first ever "Wall of Fame" awards last weekend. See page 6 for details on who won and why.

And that reminds me. There are lots of organizations looking for volunteers, boards and committees that have vacancies, and events that could use some helpers. When you read the events or news stories, take note of some of the groups mentioned. Getting involved can really make you feel connected to your community. Somewhere along the way I know I read something about people being happier when they do that. I'll look it up one day.

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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Aiyiyi Lucy...I made a mistake in the corrections? Yikes. It's 1977, 1977!!! Wayne Oliveira started with the Fire Department in 1977. My brain just insists on making him 20 years younger, I guess, the little whippersnapper, eh?

Also, Veterans Day was on Monday, not Tuesday as the headline said. It was correct in the body of the stories, but...alas. Hopefully you all figured it out.

And last, but not least, TWO weeks ago, in our story about the Halloween Horribles event, we made another mistake. Jeff Lucas may have spoken for the NFIA, but Pauline Parker is the president.

We apologize for any confusion(s) our errors may have caused.

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# Town Meeting says “aye” to all

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members passed all articles, including bylaws changes, at the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, 11/12/19. TM members.

The article, that would have funded preliminary design/ engineering work for a public safety facility at the G. Bourne Knowles property, was passed over, so it did not get discussed or voted on. All other articles made it to the floor

TM approved all funding articles for bills from prior years, amendments to the last budget to fund pay reclassifications and union contracts, and funding for several capital projects.

Funding articles included \$68,591 to fund police department labor contracts for FY20; \$62,648 for Fire Department salaries; \$54, 163 for Sewer Department salaries.

Town meeting approved \$340,606 to amend last year’s budget to add \$1000 to the town clerk’s salaries to allow more hours for poll workers; \$2,000 for Marine Resources for equipment repairs; \$10,000 for the fire department for equipment repairs; \$220,000 for the school department due to underfunding

of the Special Education budget, some of which will be offset by the state; \$7,606 for the public works department due to reclassification of some jobs; \$100,000 to the Wind Turbine Electric Expense, all of which will be offset by savings from the project.

Town Meeting also amended the Capital Budget article from the May 2019 annual TM by adding \$26K from surplus revenue for police department weapons storage lockers; \$38,416 from the ambulance fund for patient transport stretchers; \$17K from surplus revenue for handicap access at the fire station polling station; and up to \$140K for town hall handicap access.

Article 9, which asks for \$65K to pay for a consultant to study municipal broadband feasibility, garnered some discussion.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said the concept came about in response to complaints about the town’s current internet and cable TV provider, Comcast.

He said after some research he found that possible competitors do not want to come into Fairhaven because Comcast owns all the infrastructure. Competitors would have to build their own networks,

the cost of which would put them at a “significant disadvantage.”

The consultant would help the town “develop an approach” to creating municipal broadband in Fairhaven, which means the town would own the network. The project could cost up to \$15 million.

Mr. Espindola said there are “many operating models” from completely town owned and controlled, to no control by the town. The consultant would research the pros and cons.

Jeffrey Lucas asked how the trend to drop cable would affect the bottom line of any project.

“We hear a lot of people saying they’re looking for something else. This is something else,” said Mr. Espindola, adding that when people “cut the cord,” they stop cable TV and the phone. “But very few people are cutting the cord on internet.”

Jim Anderson asked if the new company would be competition for Comcast, or simply replace them

Mr. Espindola noted that Comcast and the town have a 10 year contract. The town will continue to get 5% of

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# BPW discusses Livesey Park sign; grease traps

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 11/4, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed grease build up from the Pasta House restaurant, and signage at Livesey Park.

Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained to the board that the owner of the Pasta House could not make it to the meeting and would attend the 11/18 meeting.

Mr. Furtado told the board that four years ago the department started requiring new restaurants to install external grease traps; older restaurants that had internal grease traps could be exempted, but only if the internal grease traps were working sufficiently and the restaurant had no grease build up.

When the grease builds up at an establishment it overflows into the wastewater system, congeals in the pipes, narrowing the opening and causing backups. The property owner is responsible for clearing the private lines, but the town has to clear the public pipes.

When it happens at the Pasta House, the town has to block the corner of Alden Road and Bridge Street to clear the lines.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said the Pasta House was remodeled a few years ago and added new internal grease traps, but there is still grease build up.

Mr. Furtado explained that even with the new internal grease trap and other grease eliminating techniques the restaurant still has had build up. He said the town inspects the traps the every Friday, and although it has gotten better, the Pasta House still has a problem.

After a brief discussion about the

history of the restaurant's grease issue the board tabled the subject until the next meeting, when the owner can be present.

In another matter the board met with Jarrod Lussier, who is a Fairhaven resident and the Academy Administrator at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Mr. Lussier offered to have students from the school make a sign for Livesey Park. He said the sign will say "Welcome to Livesey Park" with the town seal on it.

Mr. Furtado said the new sign will be near the new parking lot.

Mr. Lussier explained that the sign will be made by the welding students at the GNB voc-tech. It will be 15 feet high and 45 feet wide. The school applied for a local cultural council grant for \$1500, which might cover the entire cost of the sign.

Mr. Furtado explained that the BPW will cover any cost not covered by the grant.

Board members agreed that the students' making the sign was a perfect idea. The board voted unanimously to allow the students to make the sign.

Board member Robert Hobson asked Mr. Lussier why the vocational school does not have a marine or fishing program to promote and educate students on the vocation/career of being a fisherman. He said that the New Bedford and Fairhaven harbors are the best around and are in need of fishermen.

Mr. Lussier was happy to inform the board that the school is planning for the new vocation of Marine Technology starting Fall 2020 and the school is in talks about starting an Aviation program for Fall 2021.

In another matter the board discussed an incentivized water sampling locations program. Mr. Furtado explained that the town will need water tested in different areas and residents who volunteer to have their water tested will be given cash back off their water and sewer bill for helping out the town.

The board discussed giving \$20 two times per year for residents who volunteer to have their water tested. The motion passed unanimously.

The board also briefly discussed an issue regarding the tennis courts at Cushman Park.

Mr. Furtado informed the board that there have been complaints about rogue baseball, softballs, and tennis balls being found in neighboring yards. He said neighbors want the tennis courts to be moved.

Mr. Wotton said the whole thing is ridiculous. The tennis courts are brand new and look great, he said.

He also noted that there is a 15 foot fence surrounding the courts so no balls should be getting out.

Board member Cameron Durant also explained that the baseball field is quite far from the area so he is unsure how it is possible that baseballs and softballs end up that far away.

Mr. Furtado said that the he is looking into the issue.

The board also approved a waiver for a driveway at 37 Nelson Ave. Mr. Wotton explained that he will be the contractor; therefore he recused himself and moved to the other side of the table to address the board. He said his customer

is just looking to remove the grass and retention wall and add stone to the area in front of the driveway, which will make the driveway larger.



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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Book group

"Brooklyn" by Colin Toibin is the book chosen for November's book discussion. The book tells the story of a young Irish woman, Ellis, who emigrates to New York in order to find employment that she cannot find in the poor Irish economy. Ellis soon adapts to a "dizzying amount of opportunity and freedom that she could never have in Ireland."

The selection will be discussed at **Fairhaven's Millicent Library, 45 Center St. on Thurs., 11/21, 10 a.m.**, in the meeting room accessible through the Walnut Street entrance.

The discussion is free and open to the public. The book is available at the library or visit [www.millicentlibrary.org](http://www.millicentlibrary.org). Call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## Holiday Bazaar

**Sat., 11/16, at Saint Joseph School Cafeteria, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven, 9-3**, featuring a vendor craft fair, huge raffle baskets, kids' holiday shopping, lunch/snacks and live performances. Kick off the holidays with this good cheer!

Vendors, cost per space is \$40 plus raffle donation, lunch is included. Please go to the school website to download an application form or email your request to [pto@sjsf.dfrcs.org](mailto:pto@sjsf.dfrcs.org)

## Guided Hike

**Sun., 11/17 at 10 a.m.-12 noon, Shipyard Farm, Sciticut Neck Rd, Fhvn. Hosted by the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust.**

Join us for our annual guided hike! Free and all are welcome, including children. This hike will be approximately two hours of easy walking. It is possible to do half the hike. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather suitable for protection from ticks, shoes that can get damp, and bring water.

Meet at the Shipyard Farm sign on the east side (left) of Sciticut Neck Road, five miles south of Huttleston Ave (Rte. 6) Fairhaven. There is ample parking along the side of the road.

For more information about the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, email [falpt.board@gmail.com](mailto:falpt.board@gmail.com), or visit our Facebook page.

Dogs are welcome, but they must be leashed, well-behaved, and

cleaned-up after.

## Climate Activist Free presentation

Local climate activist Laura Gardner will present "The Climate Crisis and its Solutions" on Wed., 11/20, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.

Ms. Gardner's presentation is part of The Climate Reality Project's "24 Hours of Reality: Truth in Action," (<https://www.climateRealityProject.org/blog/24-hours-reality-truth-in-action>) a global conversation on the truth of the climate crisis and efforts to address it. The Climate Reality Project was founded in 2011 by former Vice-President Al Gore.

Over the course of 24 hours, Gore will be joined by Ms. Gardner and other members of Climate Reality's global network of more than 20,000 Climate Reality Leaders to give updated versions of the slideshow made famous by "An Inconvenient Truth" ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/An\\_Inconvenient\\_Truth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/An_Inconvenient_Truth)).

The local sponsor for "The Climate Crisis and its Solutions" is the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, through its South Coast Progressive Voices bimonthly speaker series. SCPV features experts in fields of broad public interest locally, regionally, and nationally.

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The presentation is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 PM. The venue is handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Holiday Bazaar

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, Holiday Bazaar, Sat., 11/23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring Handmade Crafts, Vendors, Straw Draw Raffles, Ticket Raffle, Bake Sale, Chourico & Pepper Sandwiches

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### Christmas Fair

**Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, will hold**

**its annual Christmas Fair on Sat., 11/23, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** Featuring Handmade craft items, knitted sweaters of all sizes, hats, scarves and more. Lunch will feature lobster rolls, clam chowder, scallop casserole, fried chicken, Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and various desserts.

### Turkey Trot

**Thurs., 11/28. Gather 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Start time: 8 a.m. Green Street side of Cushman Park, Fairhaven**

Annual Thanksgiving morning 5K race raises money for the Shepherd's Pantry. First 500 adult registrants receive a T-Shirt. Registration is \$20 online for adults before Nov. 26 and \$25 for adults Nov. 27-28. Registration for children 12 and under is \$10 either online or in person. After race Trot Fest hosted by Rasputin's Tavern.

For more details and registration, visit <http://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/> or email [fairhaventurkeytrot@gmail.com](mailto:fairhaventurkeytrot@gmail.com).

### Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire

Join the Fairhaven Gridiron Club for annual Thanksgiving eve bonfire/ pep rally. This is a community event, and ALL of Fairhaven in encouraged to attend.

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### Spaghetti Supper

You're invited to a Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser for MO LIFE, Inc., Wed., 12/4, from 4-7 p.m., at Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$4/kids (12 and under), \$10 at door. Baskets will be raffled off.

For tickets, call 508-992-5978. Visit MO LIFE office, 4 Lambeth Park, Fairhaven, to pick up tickets.

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Fairhaven will pick up leaves curbside from 11/5 to 11/29, on the day after your regular trash pickup day. Please have bags out by 7 a.m. on the day of pickup. No plastic bags

# West Island Improvement Association starts “Wall of Fame”

By Beth David  
Editor

The West Island Improvement Association began a new tradition, starting a “Wall of Fame,” that will honor people who have made large contributions to the island and the association.

The first recipients received their statues and accolades at the annual Feast of Thanks on 11/9/19, a members event held every November.

Terry Pereira, Herb Hunter, and Shirley Hunter each received the honor for their individual contributions to the WIIA.

Ms. Pereira received the award for her work restoring the watch tower; her role in the “Save West Island” endeavor, which resulted in 363 acres of woods on the island being preserved as a state park; representing WI at meetings in the town over the years; serving on the WIIA board of directors and the scholarship committee.

Herb Hunter received his award for



Herb Hunter poses with his “Wall of Fame” award at the West Island Improvement Association’s Feast of Thanks on 11/9/19. Photo by Beth David.

his work leading the construction of the playground; managing hall rentals; maintaining the building and grounds; leading the Sunday breakfast; preparing turkeys for the Feast of Thanks; serving on the WIIA board; hosting the annual pig roast.

His wife Shirley Hunter received her award for leading the Chinese Auction; coordinating a safe boating course; leading the Sunday breakfast, serving



Terry Pereira struts down the aisle with her usual flair to receive her award. Photo by Beth David.

on the WIIA board; hosting the annual pig roast.

The night highlighted a few of the projects and efforts that each contributed to, but is in no way a comprehensive list of the contributions they each have given over their decades of involvement.

Scot Pomfret, who spearheaded the effort to start the recognition program, and serves on the committee, emceed the night. His daughter Aubrey, however may have stolen the show by helping to emcee, and leading everybody in the Pledge



Shirley Hunter stands up to receive a little island love at the West Island Improvement Association’s Feast of Thanks on 11/9/19. Photo by Beth David.

of Allegiance.

He thanked the founders of the WIIA who built the community center, giving everyone a place to gather.

He had a long list of contributions for all three awardees, way beyond the accomplishments listed here.

Mr. Hunter said a few words, choking back tears, noting that the Feast of Thanks would not be happening if previous board members had not made it happen “way back.”

He deflected some of the praise for building the playground, saying he did not build it, other people did the work.

“I only led them,” said Mr. Hunter.

He said he could not have done any of it without the support and help of his wife Shirley.

“We are a wonderful organization,” said Mr. Hunter. “God bless us.”

Shirley did not speak for herself, but got an enthusiastic round of applause and, later on, a few hugs. Ms.

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# Fairhaven is the REAL Halloweentown



You've heard that Halloween in the center of Fairhaven is wild and crazy and could make Salem jealous. Now we have photographic proof. Houses on Green Street had hundreds of visitors on the big night. It seems, though, that just a block or two over, people had significantly less, but still close to the 100 mark. Some people from other streets walked over to Green Street with their treats. And a few drove in from out of town to join in the fun. Now that's Halloween spirit, and at the *Neighb News*, we just LOVE Halloween. So, amid the notifications for Christmas bazaars, we are proud to run a few more Halloween photos. ABOVE LEFT: Kids line the streets for as far as the eye can see on Halloween night 2019 on Green Street in Fairhaven with Janet Cromer ready and waiting with her treats. She recalls the first Halloween living in Fairhaven center, when she spotted a woman in the grocery store piling bags of candy in her cart and explaining that she lived in the center of Fairhaven. Janet thought, "Hmm... I'd better stock up too." She was happy she did, and she has been ever since. She handed out about 300 pieces of candy and lots of dog treats, too. this year. TOP RIGHT: Ann Tisdale "The Good Witch" of 83 Green Street, gives some candy to Dorothy, just one of nearly 600 she had treated by about 7i:30. The kids like the idea of getting the candy right through the magic glass of the front door. ABOVE RIGHT: Tim Evans hands out candy in one of the hottest spots in town, while his husband Howe Allen and their dog "Cheer," greet trick-or-treaters. With mild temperatures this year the kids came out in big numbers for all sorts of treats. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.



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Interested crafters and vendors should call Sharon Tripp at 508-971-3804 for additional info.

## HFHN Holiday Fair

Holy Family Holy Name School Holiday Fair, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford, Sat., 11/16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring Crafts, Food, Raffles, Children's room, **Pictures with Santa (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)**

## Food Drop

**Hunger Heroes Food Drop will be held at Buttonwood Park on Sat., 11/16, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,** to benefit the Hunger Heroes Project. inside the Buttonwood Park Community Center. Volunteers will be on hand to collect donations, and you won't even need to leave your car

"Hunger Heroes" is planning to package 1,000 Thanksgiving meals which will be given to local food pantries. Be sure to join us in tackling our 1,000-meal goal by dropping off non-perishables and canned goods like vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, bread mix, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, and dessert mixes.

## Free Film

Screening of the film "No Small Matter," at New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB, on Wed., 11/20, 5-7:30 p.m. FREE

"No Small Matter" is built from stories of real children, families, and teachers, illustrating the impact of high-quality early childhood experiences. These positive, hopeful stories serve as motivational tools in both the film and the No Small Matter campaign: Change is necessary, critical, and attainable if we put our minds to it.

To register, visit <https://newbedfordchamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/496237>

## A Murder is Announced

Your Theatre, Inc. presents the mystery thriller *A Murder Is Announced* by Agatha Christie and adapted by Leslie Darbon. Remaining dates are November 14, 15, 16, 17, 2019. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees. Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$13 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$15 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org). The theatre's web site is [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org).

## Dock-U-Mentary

Featuring *The Defection of Simas Kudirka* at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's Corson Maritime Learning Ctr, 33 William St., NB, Fri., 11/5, 7-8:30 p.m.

In 1970, Russian radio operator Simas Kudirka jumps aboard the deck of a U.S. Coast Guard ship in Martha's Vineyard and announces his intention to defect. But, because of a quirk in American law, the sympathetic Coast Guard officers are unable to offer him political asylum, and watch as Kudirka's fellow crew members forcibly return him to his ship. Based on a true story, this Emmy Award winning movie starring Alan Arkin explores that fate of Kudirka after his attempt to defect. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30pm. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

## Holiday Workshop

Wonderland Holiday Workshop at **New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., NB, Sun, 11/17, 12-3 p.m. Non-member: \$30.00 Member: \$25.00** Per Class. Walk-Ins Welcome!

Jingle, jingle...What's that we hear? The elves are starting early!

Count us in! We are making all types of holiday ornaments. In the workshop, you can choose clay, paper, acrylic balls, metal and wood ornaments. No limit to what you can make or how many or which mediums you chose. We will have stations set up with supplies, samples, and an instructor to help you get your ornaments done. Bring the children! We will have a station just for the kiddies ages 6 and up. Price is per individual per day.

No charge for children ages 6-9. Visit <http://newbedfordart.org/workshops/> to register

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Short Plays Marathon

Culture\*Park presents the 17th annual Short Plays Marathon on Sat., 11/23, in the Whaling Museum Theatre, in Downtown New Bedford. 25 original short plays by local, regional and playwrights from around the Globe, will be presented as staged readings by an ensemble of over 80 actors and directors. In collaboration with Climate Change Theatre Action's Light the Way, an international initiative, Culture\*Park will present plays with themes focused on Climate Change, peppered throughout the Marathon. Marathon Co-Directors are Rebecca Shade and Patricia Thomas.

Admission is \$20 For a FULL DAY/EVENING TICKET, and \$15 HALF-DAY. Senior/Student pricing is \$18 for a Full Day/Evening Ticket, and \$12 for half day. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling 774-202-0588, or through Event Brite.

Visit the Culture\*Park website, [www.culturepark.org](http://www.culturepark.org), for the complete listing of plays, themes, and approximate times; find us on facebook, or contact us at [culturepark@earthlink.net](mailto:culturepark@earthlink.net)

### Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch St., NB, annual open studios, Fri.-Sun., 11/22-11/24. Hours: 5-8 p.m. on 11/22; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

Hatch Street Studios is the vibrant creative hub of more than 65 visual and performing artists. Learn more about Hatch Street Studios at [www.hatchstreetstudios.com](http://www.hatchstreetstudios.com)

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Christmas Craft Fair

The Acushnet PTO cordially invites you to our second annual Christmas Craft/Vendor Fair on Sat., 11/16, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Rd., Acushnet. Admission free.

We will have more than 70 local crafters and vendors. Featuring DJ Hankster playing all your Christmas favorites, face painting, kids activity table, sand art table, coloring table, bake sale table and WildCat gear.

Raffle table includes items from our vendors and local food establishments. Do your Christmas shopping while helping local small businesses! Win, Win!!! Hope to see you there!

## Nonsense Lecture

*Edward Gorey and the Tao of Nonsense* Are you only familiar with Edward Gorey because he created the original drawings for the opening and closing title sequences for the PBS *Mystery!* series? In fact, Gorey (1925-2000) was more than an influential author, illustrator, and book artist: he remains one of the foremost creators of nonsense literature. On Sun., 11/17, from 2–3 p.m. the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., will host Gregory Hischak, curator of the Edward Gorey House in Yarmouth Port, to discuss Gorey's extraordinarily productive broad career as well as his cultural influence on design, fashion, film, and literature. Hischak will also cover Gorey's nonsense works, originating in traditions established by Edward Lear and Lewis Carroll, that evolved into a body of literature that remains whimsical, fantastical, and startlingly contemporary.

## Bird Club Mtg

Children's book author and naturalist, Rosemary Mosco, will speak to the Nasketucket Bird Club on Thurs., 11/21, at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow St., at 7 p.m. (Our meeting was moved up because of Thanksgiving.)

Rosemary creates the science-based comic *Bird and Moon*. She also writes books for kids and adults, including *The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid* and *Birding Is My*

*Favorite Video Game*, and has written about birds for Audubon, Mass Audubon, and other groups. She's passionate about sharing her love of birds and the natural world. Check out her website at <https://rosemarymosco.com/>

The Bird Club meetings, open to the public and accessible, are held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at the south door entrance on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.

Check our website at: <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/> or email our President Justin Barrett at [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com)

## Gravestone Cleaning

On Sat., 11/16 (rain date 11/17) we need a few volunteers to clean gravestones in two small burial sites. Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gravestone-cleaning-tickets-80690606777>

- **10:30–12 Gifford-White-Cornell Burial Ground**, 417 C Hix Bridge Road, near the parking lot on the right near the buildings of the Vineyard.

- **12:30–2:00 Gideon Wing and George White Burial Ground**, 140 Charlotte White Road Extension behind the old restaurant.

Supplies for cleaning will be available. Bring your own snacks and water.

Contact Todd Baptista at [TRBent@charter.net](mailto:TRBent@charter.net) with questions.

## Bada Bingo!

Saint Vincent's Services will host its first "**Bada Bingo! This AIN'T Your Grandma's Bingo!**" on Sat., 11/16 at the Eagle Event Center in Fall River. We are expecting more than 200 guests to attend in hopes that they will have a great night with friends and will walk away with a CASH PRIZE!

Tickets are \$40 each available at [www.SaintVincentServices.org](http://www.SaintVincentServices.org) under the event section. Doors will open for this 21+ event at 6:00p.m. and the first of 20 Bingo Games will begin at 7:00p.m

Guests can mingle, socialize and pick their lucky seat during this cocktail hour before preparing for the main event. Once the games begin guests will hope to win a range of prizes from the tradition candy bar to gift cards, bottles of wine and CASH!

Our guests will also enjoy delicious pub-style appetizers from The Bearded Chicken, cash bar, and live entertainment.

All of the proceeds will directly fund our Life Skill program. This service provides Saint Vincent's adolescents with resources like driving lessons, job placement, career exploration, cooking classes, and college search assistance.

If you are interested in participating in any way, you can contact Jenny Reis at (508) 235-3228 [JReis@SaintVincentServices.org](mailto:JReis@SaintVincentServices.org) or Janice Johnston at (508) 235-3329 or [JJohnston@SaintVincentServices.org](mailto:JJohnston@SaintVincentServices.org)

## A Christmas Carol

Celebrating 42 years at Trinity Rep, Rhode Island's family holiday tradition brings Ebenezer Scrooge, Jacob Marley, Tiny Tim, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future to the stage in a glorious re-telling of the classic story that has delighted and inspired millions.

Best availability in November. Buy early for best seats and prices.

This year's production of A Christmas Carol is dedicated to Stephen Hamblett and Nick Cardi.

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For tickets <https://www.trinityrep.com/show/a-christmas-carol/>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Bike Run/Toy & Food Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual Toy & Food Drive/Motorcycle Run on Sun., 12/1. \$10 unwrapped toy donation (no stuffed animals please), or non-perishable food donation gets you in. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End, 7 Tarkiln Hil Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the Rivers End.

### Plymouth Thanksgivng Parade

Sat., 11/23, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the Plymouth, Mass., historic waterfront. Three days of activities, including our famous parade. Visit <https://usathanksgiving.com/parade/>

## Recipe of the Week

### Simple Minestrone Soup

- 5 1/2oz (170 g) dried white beans
- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 6 cups vegetable stock
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 5 oz (155 g) green beans, trimmed and chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 3 1/2oz (100 g) yellow baby squash, sliced
- 1 leek, sliced
- 1 cup small shell pasta shapes
- 1 teaspoon cracked black peppercorns
- 3/4 cup canned tomatoes, chopped

Soak beans for 8 hours in 4 cups water with flour. Rinse beans, combine with stock in a large saucepan and simmer, covered, for 1 hour or until tender.

Add mushrooms, green beans, carrots, squash and leek. Add 2 cups water, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

Add pasta, pepper and tomatoes, cook until tender, about 10 minutes.

## Mark the date: Holiday Stroll is 11/30

*Press Release*

It's almost that time again in New Bedford. Time to embrace the hometown charm of an authentic seaport downtown, all decked out for the holidays!

The annual downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll seasonal extravaganza returns to the city center on Saturday, 11/30/19. Organized by Downtown New Bedford Inc, the Holiday Stroll has become a beloved tradition in New Bedford with its own fun and funky twists — and falls this year on national Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday is an American shopping holiday held each year right after Thanksgiving. It is designed to spotlight the creative small businesses that define revitalized urban centers, like downtown New Bedford.

Music will fill the air, with Seaglass Theater Carolers on corners and the Southcoast Brass Band bringing their hip sound to Custom House Park. Climb aboard New Bedford's antique fire truck on Barker's Lane for rides throughout the downtown. But, don't

forget to hop off at Mare Studio on Centre Street to have your photo taken with the big guy himself, Santa Claus. Mare will also be accepting donations and non-perishable food items on behalf of The Neediest Families Fund.

"Holiday Stroll is a celebration of family and community," says Jessica Coelho, owner of Tia Maria's European Café on North Water Street. "It's one of our busiest days of year!"

Naturally, you'll find hot chocolate and treats at eateries everywhere, plus lunch, dinner, and post-Stroll cocktails for the grown-ups!

As dusk arrives, the Holiday Stroll culminates with a parade up William Street at 4:00 p.m., led by the New Bedford High School Marching Band, followed by the city's tree lighting outside the New Bedford Free Public Library on Pleasant Street at 5:00 p.m.

The 2019 Holiday Stroll takes place in downtown New Bedford from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30. You can follow updates to all the happenings and participating locations at [downtownnb.org](http://downtownnb.org) and @dnbin on Instagram and Facebook!

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# Fairhaven holds parade and ceremony to honor veterans

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven honored veterans on Veterans Day, 11/11/19, with a parade along Main Street from Livesey Park to the high school, and a ceremony at the end that included the raising of the “Big Flag.”

George Brownell, a Vietnam Veteran, reminded the crowd of hundreds that this year marks the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day. World War I ended at 11 a.m. on 11/11/1918, and was originally named “Armistice Day” by President Woodrow Wilson for Germany signing an Armistice to end the war. The day became Veterans Day in 1954 to include veterans of WWII and the Korean conflict. All veterans are now honored on November 11.

Locally, many town halls, churches and other buildings with bells, rang them at 11 a.m. on Monday.

Mr. Brownell pointed to a photo in the program book, of a transport nearing the beach at Normandy on D-Day. He said the man looking out could see machine gun fire and his comrades dead on the beach.

“How many of you would charge that beach,” he asked, knowing what that soldier knew. “Every veteran here today would charge that beach and save our country, save Europe, save the world. God bless them.”

Selectboard chairperson Charles K. Murphy Sr. also addressed the crowd.

“We are the land of the free

because of the brave,” said Mr. Murphy.

He said he thought of his father, who was on a mine sweeper. He said his father never talked about feeling stress during his service. Mr. Murphy said whenever he feels stress, he thinks of veterans.

“God bless them,” he said.

Emcee Gus Cote introduced keynote speaker Deven Robitaille, Commander of Acushnet VFW Post 7239, who served in Korea in the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. Mr. Cote noted that Ms. Robitaille is the first female commander of Post 7239, with some “big shoes to fill.”

Ms. Robitaille told the crowd that they gathered to salute those who unselfishly put their lives in harm’s way, and put their lives on hold to defend our freedom.

“The United States Military is a melting pot of service members coming from all different walks of life who quickly learn there is no time for petty concerns like the color of our skin, gender, age, or religious beliefs,” said Cmdr. Robitaille.

Instead, she said, the focus on training, survival, and completing their mission to return home safely.

“Service members place their lives in the hands of their fellow comrades and from this comes a mutual sense of respect, tolerance and trust,” said Cmdr. Robitaille. “It was my soldiers and leadership that helped me complete my overseas missions and return home safely to my family, and



to this day we still have that same mutual understanding of tolerance, respect and trust.”

She said it was one of her “favorite take-aways” from the Army, it bonded them together.

“Tolerance, respect and Trust, these are characteristics society could use more of and I believe veterans are one of most effective tools in spreading these characteristics,” she said. “They are the 1% who put aside all judgements, toed the front lines and worked as a team for the greater good of humanity.”

She said all veterans took the same oath to defend the USA from foreign and domestic enemies at all costs.

“And it is this oath that we as civilians are forever in debt to,” said Cmdr. Robitaille.

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ABOVE, L-R: Emcee Gus Cote, and George Brownell stand at attention during a Veterans Day ceremony at Fairhaven High School after the parade on 11/11/19. TOP: Keynote Speaker Deven Robitaille addresses the crowd. Photos by Glenn C. Silva. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R: Trinity, Bella, and Layla hold signs for their dad during the Parade. Trinity’s sign says “Thank you so much for your selfless actions!” Layla’s sign says “My dad was in the Marines and he made the change he wished to see in the world. Thank you.” Bella’s sign depicts her thanks in art form. Photo by Beth David.

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She then told the story of how she became involved with the VFW, when her father and uncle asked her to join. She laughed and thought she had nothing in common with the gentlemen at the VFW.

“What are they going to make of me, a young female soldier who just returned from overseas?” she said. “Well, as it turns out, we do have a lot in common, and my VFW comrades are probably some of the coolest friends I have.”

“They are charismatic, open minded, intelligent, hilarious, welcoming and just a pleasure to be around,” she said, noting that they share stories with her and are her connection to American history. “And every conversation is a gift of knowledge that I can pass along.”

She encouraged young veterans to



get active in the veteran community.

Cmdr. Robitaille also told a story of her time in basic training. She said she was pulled out of formation and thought she was in trouble and facing more pushups. Instead, her drill sergeant gave her words of encouragement, telling her she would be a “great leader one day.”

She told young Robitaille that she led with her heart and never her ego.

“You never ask anyone to perform a task you have not performed yourself and you are never afraid to stand up and ask for help, which takes a lot of courage in this type environment. Keep your head up, the other Soldiers are watching and look to you for guidance,” Cmdr. Robitaille said her drill sergeant told her.

She said it “honestly” blew her mind, but she realized that “leading by example is one of the most effective leadership tools one can use.”

“Veterans lead by example, they are the guardians of freedom and the American way of life,” said Cmdr. Robitaille.

She asked for everyone to “close the generation gap within our veteran community.

“In order to preserve the American



ABOVE: All branches of the US Military, POWs/MIAs, and the VFW are represented by flags in the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade, 11/11/19. BELOW: Evelyn and Ella wave flags to show support for veterans as they watch the marchers go by with their dad, Gary Fleurent. Photos by Beth David.

Dream, we as the general public must take action. Vote in elections, speak out against injustice, volunteer, celebrate each other’s accomplishments, tolerate difference and guarantee all citizens feel the benefits of American Freedom,” she said. “I am asking you to follow my example, get involved and start building relationships with veterans, so these ordinary everyday heroes’ valor and bravery will be remembered by countless generations.”

The program also included an invocation by Kathleen Jorge; the Star Spangled Banner by Senior Chief Larry Jones; taps by Fairhaven High School students. Members of the Marine Leathernecks motorcycle club held up the 30x50-foot flag while it was being raised and the FHS band played the national anthem. Members of the public were invited to the VFW in Fairhaven for a free buffet after.

## Flag raising at Fort Phoenix honors Roger F. West, Jr.



LEFT: Members of Troop 52 of Fairhaven get ready to raise the flag in the morning on Veterans Day 11/11/19 at Fort Phoenix in honor of Roger Francis West Jr. who served in the Navy for two stints that encompassed more than 20 years. RIGHT: Vietnam Veteran George Brownell salutes as the Scouts get ready to raise the flag. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

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Depart FHVN: 5:30 a.m. Arrive NYC: 10:30 a.m. Depart NYC: 5 p.m. Arrive FHVN: 10 p.m.

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## Kool Kids Thanksgiving Half Day Program

Children can come to the Rec after school and do their homework, enjoy a snack, and play a variety of games! Sign up for one, two or all three days. The Fairhaven Rec staff will offer supervised walks to our program for Wood School students only

\*\*Please note only Elementary Schools have half days on November 25th, 26th and 27th \*\*

One Day: Member \$25, Sibling \$20; Non-Member \$30, Sibling \$25

Two Day: Member \$45, Sibling \$42; Non-Member \$50, Sibling \$47

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### Sand for Seniors

Fairhaven Seniors ,60 years old and older, If you would like to receive a bucket of sand or if you already have a bucket and would like it refilled . Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

### Grieving During the Holidays Workshop

Wed., 11/13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, provided by Nancy Arnold of Southcoast, VNA Supportive Care Service. The workshop is free of charge and open to anyone in the community. Call 508-979-4029.

### Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle meets on TUESDAYS from 1-3:00 p.m.: Nov. 12 & 16; and THURSDAYS, Nov. 7, 14, 21, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. Call 508-979-4029 for more dates.

### Computer Technology

The senior center offers a variety of workshops to help seniors operate their computers, cell phones, and tablets. Next workshops are on: Nov. 4, 6, 8; Nov. 18, 20, 22; Nov. 25, 27. Call the Senior Center for information on workshops, 508-979-4029.

### Fuel Assistance

Mailing for fuel recertifications began in September. If you receive them and need help, please call Phyllis at 508-979-4029. Applications will begin in November.

### Flu Shots

Walgreens will be providing flu shorts to seniors on Tuesday November 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Please call the COA at 508-979-4029 to sign up and please bring your insurance information with you.

### Brass Ring Memoirs

Thursday, 11/14, at 3:00 p.m., at Fairhaven Council on Aging. Please call 508-979-4029 to register. The first 15 people to register will receive a free copy of the book.

### Grieving During the Holidays Workshop

Wed., 11/13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center Provided by Nancy Arnold Southcoast, VNA Supportive Care Service. The end -of the-year holidays can be some of the hardest days to go through during the early years after the death of a loved one. Balancing this already demanding time with the sadness we feel can feel overwhelming. Free workshop, open to anyone in the community.

## Ongoing Programs

**Call 508-979-4029 for days and times**

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# Acushnet Selectboard one step closer to TA choice

By Pattie Pacella

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard is one step closer to finding a new Town Administrator. At its meeting on 11/12/19, board members heard from the chairperson of the TA Screening Committee, Leslie Dakin, and consultant Kevin Paicos.

Mr. Dakin stated they had 23 resumes to screen for the position. They weeded it down to 10 candidates, interviewed eight, and they were ready to turn in the final five to the Selectboard.

Mr. Paicos gave an overview of the steps that the Selectboard needs to follow now.

He said the top five candidates were "really excellent people," and any one of them would be a great fit for the Town of Acushnet and the citizens of Acushnet.

Mr. Paicos explained that after the names of the candidates go public that the Selectboard must discuss everything in public going forward.

The Selectboard decided to meet on Friday, 11/15, at 8 a.m. after they had a chance to review the resumes

themselves to then come up with a timetable to set public interviews.

The agenda for that meeting had not been posted by press time.

Mr. Paicos read the names of the five finalists: Ronald San Angelo, who is currently the Town Administrator in Southbridge, MA; Jack Healy, who is semi-retired, and recently finished as interim Town Administrator of Freetown; Julie Hebert, who is currently serving as the town's interim TA and was the Director of Finance; Mike Mullen Jr., a Rockland Selectboard member; and John Stanbrook, who serves currently as the Town Administrator in Mansfield.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar thanked Mr. Dakin and the screening committee for their hard work and efforts in screening and presenting the five candidates.

Board members discussed the procedure they would take to move on to the next step; contemplating how many questions they would each ask and moving quickly to get to the interview process.

The meetings for public interviews will be posted as public meetings.

In other business, the Selectboard and Housing Authority held a joint meeting to name Stephanie von Jess to the Housing Authority Board. The Selectboard also named Ronald Melbourne to the Finance Committee.

The next scheduled Acushnet Selectboard meeting will be Friday, 11/15, at 8:00 a.m. regarding the Town Administrator position; followed by public interviews the week of November 18. The Selectboard's regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, 11/26 at 5:00p.m.

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# Acushnet holds Veterans Day ceremony

By Beth David  
Editor

The town of Acushnet held a Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Main Street, that included a little speechmaking, the release of doves, and patriotic songs on Veterans Day, 11/11/19. A scheduled flyover by a Coast Guard helicopter was cancelled due to “mechanical difficulties”, said Select-board chairperson Roger Cabral, who emceed the event.

Mr. Cabral started by noting that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. One year later, President Woodrow Wilson created Armistice Day. In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to also acknowledge the veterans from WWII and the Korean conflict.

Mr. Cabral told the crowd that he thinks of his grandfather on veterans day. He served in WWII and served as a gunner on a B25.

Mr. Cabral asked the crowd to think about how it must have been for his grandfather to leave his home, the he had probably never traveled far away from, to go overseas to fight. He left his wife and a nine-month-old daughter, Mr. Cabral’s mother.

Mr. Cabral said he found many items among his grandfather’s possessions, although he has no idea of the significance of any of them. There is a piece of shrapnel, a Japanese sword, some medals, some coins.

His grandfather told him that he found the sword in the jungle, but, said Mr. Cabral, he believes he never got the true story of that sword.

Mr. Cabral read the separation letter that Mr. Lussier received from the Secretary of the Navy.

“I want the Navy’s pride in you, which it is my privilege to express, to reach into your civil life and to remain with you always,” read Mr. Cabral. “You have served in the greatest navy in the world.”

“They pressed two enemy fleets at once, receiving their surrenders only four months apart. It brought our land-

based air power within bombing range of the enemy, and set our ground armies on the beach-heads of final victory,” continued Mr. Cabral. “It performed the multitude of tasks necessary to support this military operation. No other navy at any time has done so much. For your part in these achievements, you deserve to be proud as long as you live.”

Mr. Cabral noted, at that point, that the letter was “to all our veterans.”

Miss Apple Peach Tori Kalisz led the crowd in the pledge of allegiance after the flag was raised by veterans. She also gave a “hugh thank-you to all our veterans who have served, are serving, and will serve in the future.”

She said the service is appreciated and “we all take pride in you serving our country so well.”

Mr. Cabral also read a famous letter by Sullivan Ballou, who was from Rhode Island and served in the Civil War as a major in the Union Army. His letter was found after his death, and highlighted in a documentary by Ken Burns, PBS.

“My very dear Sarah: The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days — perhaps tomorrow. Lest I should not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more,” reads the letter. “I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how strongly American Civilization now leans on the triumph of the Government and how great a debt we



Veterans representing the five branches of the US military place a wreath by the flagpole at the Veterans Day celebration held at the Acushnet Veterans Memorial on 11/11/19: Joe Costa, representing the Army; Cliff Hathaway for the Marines; Gil Cabral for the Navy; Tom DaCosts for the Air Force; Maurice Pepin for the Coast Guard. Photo from Acushnet Cable TV video.

owe to those who went before us through the blood and sufferings of the Revolution. And I am willing — perfectly willing — to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government, and to pay that debt.”

Major Ballou writes about his “deathless” love for Sarah.

“...it seems to bind me with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me unresistibly on with these chains to the battle field,” reads the letter.

He continues about their “blissful moments” and his gratitude for having them.

“And hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when, God willing, we might still have lived and loved together, and seen our sons grown up to honorable manhood, around us,” reads the letter.

Major Ballou writes that if he does indeed die on the battlefield, he will whisper her name with his last breath, and asks for forgiveness for his faults.

“How thoughtless and foolish I have often times been!” he writes. “How

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There is also a possibility of some regionalization that could save money.

TM passed the funding article to hire a consultant to study the issue.

TM also approved article 11 to convey a town-owned lot near Cushman Park to be designated as parkland as a swap for a sliver of Livesey Park that the Oxford school residences project requires.

Article 14 to amend the bylaws to keep town hall closed on Saturdays, got some discussion before it passed.

Several members said they did not like wording. It made it sound as if town hall could never be open on a weekend.

Mr. Crotty said the Town Administrator could order town hall open, as it says in the first part. The second part, he said, was a result of the state elections commission trying to help out town clerks. It makes sure that no deadlines will fall on weekend days by treating those days as legal holidays.

The Demolition Delay bylaw got the most discussion of the evening, with members worried that it would restrict property owners too much. The bylaw would delay for 12 months the demolition of any building built before

1921, or those built later that have been determined by the Historic Commission to be potentially historically or architecturally significant.

Wayne Oliveira, HC chairperson told members that the article only pertained to demolition, and would allow the town some time to work with homeowners to come up with a solution other than demolition.

Sometimes owners want to renovate a property but are restricted by zoning or building codes. Some relief from those regulations might be appropriate, and could help the town save some of the buildings that give it its character said Mr. Oliveira.

Michael Hevey said he believed it would restrict him from being able to sell a property.

Ann Richard said that there are groups that will help with grants to save historic homes, so the delay law would give them time to get the funds for renovations.

Rich Griffiths said he felt 12 months was too long and suggested an amendment, making the delay 6 months.

The amendment failed and the bylaw passed as written in the warrant.

Planning Board member Wayne Hayward said the bylaw simply delays

the demolition, it does not stop it. He said it gives the town time to help the homeowner not demolish the house.

"Once these are town down," said Mr. Hayward. "They're gone forever."

TM also approved a new zoning bylaw that would designate the Benoit Square area as "mixed use," which is, pretty much how it is being used now.

It would allow businesses and residences to be in the same building, and make the existing nonconforming structures conforming.

The current zoning discourages investment in the area.

Mr. Hayward said that "traditional mixed use" is growing in demand because baby boomers and millennials want walkable neighborhoods.

The area is accessible to Route 195, and the Boston bus.

Town Meeting also approved articles to amend the ambulance stabilization fund (\$65,000); amend social day care budget receipts from \$160K to \$170K; approved \$50K for storm water management compliance; \$50K for Pilgrim Avenue Force Main repairs; PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) agreements for four solar projects.

The meeting is available at <https://www.fairhaventv.com/town-meeting> •••

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gladly I would wash out with my tears every little spot upon your happiness."

He writes that if the dead can come back to earth, "and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; in the gladdest days and in the darkest nights...always, always, and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath, as the cool air fans your throbbing temple it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah, do not mourn me dead; think I am gone

and wait for thee, for we shall meet again."

Sullivan Ballou was killed a week later at the First Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861. To learn more about Major Ballou, visit <http://www.rihs.org/mssinv/Mss277.htm> and <https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/civil-war/war/historical-documents/sullivan-ballou-letter/> and

The program also included the Ford Middle School Chorus singing the Star

Spangled Banner; the Holly Briar Pipers bagpipers playing several selections; and taps by middle school students Bryce Cannon and Aubry Amarao. Five veterans, each representing a branch of the US military, placed wreath at the flagpole: Joe Costa, representing the Army; Cliff Hathaway for the Marines; Gil Cabral for the Navy; Tom DaCosts for the Air Force; Maurice Pepin for the Coast Guard. •••



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1. CON 023-102: **8 Hathaway Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by David J. Rebello for the installation of an 8' x 10' wooden shed at the property located at 8 Hathaway Street, Assessors Map 28B, Lots 6-9. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone VE and buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
2. CON 023-103: **66 Bay Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Michael and Joan Tracey for the installation of a 10' x 16' shed on a concrete slab on the property located at 66 Bay Street, Assessors Map 28A, Lots 415 & 413A. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone AE.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

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Hunter is suffering from cancer, so it was a great effort for her to be there that night. A fact not lost on her neighbors.

Terry Pereira's good friend Beverly Pope said a few words about her friend.

She told the crowd that Terry and her late husband Manny devoted and dedicated "more of their lives and energy to make this island, West Island, what it is today, as beautiful and enjoyable as any island can be."

She noted that Terry has often been called the "Mayor of West Island."

Ms. Pope thanked everyone for attending for "this most deserving award to a most deserving person."

Mr. Pomfret read a long list of accomplishments for Ms. Pereira.

"Get involved was Terry's mantra and she attempted to lead the way," read Mr. Pomfret.

Ms. Pereira said grace, and the feast began, signalling the end of organized activities for the WIIA for the season.

To learn more about the WIIA, visit <http://westisland.weebly.com>

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### Board of Health

Thurs., 11/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/18, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Community Preservation

Wed., 12/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Review of applications

### Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 12/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 12/11, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Conservation Commission

Tues., 11/12, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 11/21, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### School Council

Wed., 11/20, Elementary Sch Lib., 4 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues. 11/26, Senior Ctr., 5 p.m.

### Wastewater Mgmt Plan Mtg

Tues., 11/26, Senior Ctr., 5 p.m.  
Special meeting with all boards for presentaion of the CWMP

## TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

	Nov. 2019	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	14	0845 2111	0135 1421*	
Friday	15	0929 2157	0221* 1503*	
Saturday	16	1017 2248	0307* 1546*	
Sunday	17	1110 2347	0353* 1632*	
Monday	18	---- 1211	0444 1728	
Tuesday	19	0048 1311	0550 1840	
Wednesday	20	0146 1409	0712 1950	
Thursday	21	0245 1511	0828 2054	
Friday	22	0348 1616	0951 2159*	
Saturday	23	0448 1713	1109* 2257*	
Sunday	24	0539 1802	---- 1202*	
		----	----	2344*
Monday	25	0625 1848	----	1251*

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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For further information on this property or to schedule a showing, please contact our listing agent, Jan MacGregor

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