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What to Know About Absentee/Early Voting in the Upcoming Election

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - With most eyes on the election just a handful of weeks away on Tuesday, November 3, and widespread confusion regarding mail-in voting practices settled by a recent Supreme Court ruling, here are local recommendations and processes for absentee and early voting. Registrar of Voters Elisa Beckett - Flores recommends, "The best practice is making your plan to Vote, however you choose to vote, before October 2. There are options available to ALL voters—Absentee, Early, or on Election Day."

Absentee Voting

Absentee Ballots become available on Friday, October 2. New Fairfield's Town Clerk Holly Smith explained, "Under Connecticut law, in order to vote by absentee ballot, a voter must be an active, registered voter in

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Singer-Songwriters Live at the Groovin' in New Fairfield

Sat., Sept. 26, with Matt Nakoa and Caroline Cotter



Did you feel that acorn hit your shoulder? That was just a reminder that the next Groovin' in New Fairfield Coffee House show is this weekend, the perfect way to begin your Fall season in New England. And what a show it will be. We've brought back not one, but two, amazing singer-songwriters from

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Matt Nakoa

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New Fairfield Town Fair

Saturday, Sept. 26, 12-4:30pm

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NF Day 2025

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Little Rebels Preschool will Soon Greet a New Group of Toddlers

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - There are numerous interesting offerings at, and aspects to, New Fairfield High School (NFHS) and one of the most adorable is the Little Rebels Preschool. Active since 1978, shortly after the original high school began and was built, the preschool serves as an educational space for both toddlers and the teenagers who work in the

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NF Public Schools Set Priorities for 2026-27 as New Year Gets Underway

District focuses on attendance, district priorities, special education, campus safety and potential later high school start time

By Cherry Dumaul

NEW FAIRFIELD - With the new school year off to what administrators described as a strong start, New Fairfield Public Schools is turning its attention to priorities for 2026-27 that include reducing chronic absenteeism, strengthening special education services, promoting responsible technology use, and studying a later start time for high school students.

At its Sept. 17 regular meeting, the Board of Education reviewed a draft of the district's priorities. A revised version is expected to return to the board in October.

BOE Chair Dominic Cipollone opened the meeting by emphasizing

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NF BOS Set Public Hearing/Town Mtg. on Potential New Tax District

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - On Friday, September 18, New Fairfield's Board of Selectmen (BOS) held a special meeting to discuss and vote to set a public hearing/Town Meeting on a petition that was completed to create a new tax district in Town. The area seeking to create a new tax district called Ball Pond West includes: Clement Road, Pickett Road, Purdum Road, Ore Hill Road, and also includes property known as 1 Carleon Road and 3 Kingston Road in the Town of New Fairfield.

A Public Meeting will be held on Monday, Oc-

tober 5, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Senior Center Community Room at 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the establishment of an independent municipal district, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-324, et. seq., consisting of the property described above, to construct and maintain roads, sidewalks, crosswalks, drains and sewers, to appoint and employ watchmen or police officers, and all other lawful purposes of districts stated in Section 7-324 of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other general or special act, as

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Have a Fun-Filled Afternoon at NF's Annual Town Fair Day

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - Make a full afternoon of it this Saturday and head to the free Town Fair, scheduled for Saturday, September 26, noon to 4:30pm on Memorial Field—behind Town Hall. New Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department (Parks & Recreation) has worked for months to plan this exciting day and issues a town-wide invitation for all to join in on a range of activities that are perfect for all ages. Have informative meet and greets with local business owners and groups, listen to lovely live music, enjoy tasty treats from local eateries, and more.

Visit more than fifty booths for
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Friends of the NF Library Book Sale This Weekend!

Fri., 9/25, 2-5pm; Sat., 9/26 and Sun., 9/27, 10am-4pm

By Sarah Opdahl

NEW FAIRFIELD - Fellow bookworms take note, the semi-annual Friends of the New Fairfield Library Book Sale is on this weekend, Friday through Sunday. Over 1000 gently used books have poured into the library and are ready to be redistributed to the community. This event is a win-win for both the visitors who score oodles of new reading material and for the library, as all proceeds are funneled to funding their wide-reaching and cleverly themed programming.

Be ready to fill a big to the brim with a wide variety of titles: Friday, 9/25 is \$20; Saturday, 9/26, is \$10; Sunday, 9/27 is \$5; and any remaining items will be available free with donations appreciated Monday, 9/28 through Thursday, 10/1. There are books for all audiences and of all types: adults, teens, and children will be

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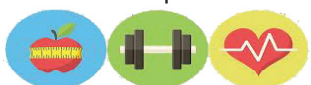


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