

NEW FAIRFIELD THIS WEEK

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New Fairfield Community Calendar

Sept. 24: 7:00pm, Board of Selectmen
Sept. 28: 7:30pm, Planning Commission
Oct. 5: 7:00pm, Library Board
Oct. 5: 7:30pm, Public Meeting – IN-PERSON, Sr. Ctr. CR
Oct. 6: 7:30pm, Housing Opportunities Committee
Oct. 7: 7:30pm, Zoning Commission
Oct. 8: 7:00pm, Board of Selectmen
For more information, updates and/or cancellations visit www.newfairfield.org/

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

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NF BOOK SALE —

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pleased with the massive selection of fiction, biography, travel, sports, gardening, crafting, classics, humor, history, sci-fi, fantasy, thrillers, mysteries, and more. In addition, there will also be audio books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles available. Cash, check, Venmo, and Zelle will all be accepted.

The New Fairfield Free Public Library's Director Linda Fox shared, "Money that the Friends raise from the book sales enables them to fund items not covered in the town library budget. This includes the Summer Reading Program, the Bookpage, the weekly newsletter, and adult and children's giveaway crafts, to name a few. So the book sale is an important fundraiser for the Friends. It also enables the Friends to host their own programs." The sale also serves as a wonderful way to bring foot traffic into the library proper, sometimes people who have never engaged with the library before, Fox said.

Friends of the New Fairfield Free Public Library (Friends) is a vibrant non-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting the success of the library. Member Anne Marie Manz said, "The spring and fall book bag sales are the Friends' largest fundraisers of the year. It allows the Friends to provide free programming and funds for library needs." Friends-sponsored programs are frequent and run the gamut from crafting and trivia nights to performances and author meet and greets.

Friends volunteers have spent "weeks sorting the books into different genres, as well as dividing them between community room (adult) and program room (children)," Manz explained. She noted, "We appreciate all the book donations made by the community." They have also worked to make residents aware of the sale through social media. She said that the sale brings so much joy to the volunteers, saying her favorite part is "watching people enjoy the thrill of the hunt. It's fun when people find a title they've been looking for or discover a new author that they can take home." Fox agreed that the sale is a joyful time at the library and they are pleased when everyone finds "what they want and are happy"

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Rep. Callahan To Be Honored with Environmental Award

Hartford, CT - The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) has named State Representative Patrick Callahan (R-New Fairfield) as this year's CWWA Legislator of the Year.



"I do this work because I want to protect our environment for future generations and I'm honored to be recognized for my, and our committee's, commitment to protect clean water and our other natural resources," said Rep. Callahan, the Ranking Member of the General Assembly's Environment Committee.

The award is in recognition of Callahan's advocacy on legislation to address operational challenges facing water utilities in meeting their obligation to provide high-quality drinking water to customers. The organization is also recognizing Callahan for championing efforts to protect the safety and quality of Connecticut's water resources through legislation to remove PFAS from consumer products, address invasive species, and enhance source water protection and climate resiliency.

"I was inspired to run for office when I was chair of the Candlewood Lake Authority and would testify before the Environment Committee. Now, I'm the Ranking Member of that committee and able to draft legislation to help Candlewood and other natural resources," said Rep. Callahan.

CWWA will present the award to Callahan at their annual conference on November 5, 2026, at the Aqua Turf. Environment Committee co-chair Rep. John-Michael Parker is also receiving the award.

"Rep. Parker and I have a good working relationship. We both want what's best for Connecticut residents when it comes to having a healthy environment," noted Rep. Callahan. "Our meetings are some of the shortest and least contentious in the legislature because the chairs and ranking members are able to respectfully negotiate proposals before presenting them to our members for consideration."

The conference is generally attended by approximately 200 water industry professionals, engineers, hydrologists, and public officials.

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with the bargains they are getting."

The Friends of the Library can always use new volunteers to help with the Book Sales and their other events, and they would welcome more participants. Manz said, "If anyone is interested in learning more about the Friends, we meet the second Thursday of every month at the library, alternating 10am and 6pm meeting times. You can also visit our website at friendsnflibrary.org."

Friends of the New Fairfield Library "FILL A BAG" Book Sale

Fri. 9/25
2pm - 5pm
(\$20 per bag)

Sat. 9/26
10am - 4pm
(\$10 per bag)

Sun. 9/27
10am - 4pm
(\$5 per bag)

Mon. 9/28 - Thurs. 10/1
Books are free these days (during library hours) with monetary donations gladly accepted!

- ~ Hundreds of books sorted into categories
- ~ Adult books upstairs / Children's books downstairs
- ~ Books, puzzles, DVDs and CDs, and audiobooks

Stop in and FILL a Bag!

All proceeds help support programs at our library!



Used book collection runs from Sept. 8th thru Sept. 22nd during library business hours.

NO text books, encyclopedias, VHS or audio cassettes.

And PLEASE do NOT leave ANY donations outside the building!

