

Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair to be held on Saturday, June 27



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The Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold its annual Homecoming Day Fair on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the historical town center.

Originally based on the traditional "Old Home Days," popular throughout New England in the early 20th Century, the modern Homecoming Day Fair will feature 175 booths of arts and crafts made by artisans from all over the northeast, foods made and sold by local non-profit and church groups, live entertainment, children's activities and an art show. All day there will be rides on an antique fire engine for the children. Admission to the grounds is free and there will be some handicap parking spaces on Union Street.

The fair draws thousands of families, friends and visitors from across the country. It is by far the largest and most popular annual event in the town.

The town's center, where the fair is set, is an attraction in itself. The public buildings donated to Fairhaven about one hundred years ago by Standard Oil Co. millionaire Henry H. Rogers are splendid examples of European-style architecture. Visitors can see an Italian style library, French gothic town hall, and the magnificent English Perpendicular Gothic style Unitarian Memorial Church, modeled after a 15th Century English cathedral. The buildings were all designed by noted New England architect Charles Brigham and are surrounded by unique herringbone pattern brick sidewalks. The Unitarian Memorial Church will be open for tours and will be holding a used book sale during the fair.

To get to Fairhaven center from I-195, take Exit 18 to Route 240 South. At the first set of lights, Bridge Street, turn right. Proceed straight on Bridge Street through two sets of lights and two stop signs to Green Street, the third stop sign. Turn left on Green past Cushman Park into the town center. The fair takes place on Center Street. (For GPS, you can use the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, MA, as an address.)

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