2020 Fairhaven Map & Guide
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Historic Fairhaven Association
The HFA exists to promote Fairhaven as a community while preserving its historical character. We strive to preserve and inspire a vibrant village by creating and fostering unique experiences and connections.
For more information on the Association, to become a member or donate, please visit: memberplanet.com/fairhaven

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Welcome

Historic Fairhaven Village
On the bay in South Bellingham, WA

Small town charm, timeless appeal, unique shops, and lively history make Fairhaven the perfect escape from the ordinary.

In these pages you’ll discover all that Fairhaven has to offer.

Founded in 1883, by Daniel J. Harris, the “Dirty Dan” Harris of local lore and legend. He named this area Fair Haven from the native “see-see-lich-em”, meaning “safe port” or “quiet place”.

Since the 1890s Fairhaven has experienced booms and busts. The 21st century has ushered Historic Fairhaven into its most dramatic building boom since the 1800s. The hundred year old buildings have been joined by modern structures, housing condos, offices, artist studios, shops, hotels and restaurants. The diversity and individuality that forged the area 100 years ago lives on.

Historic Fairhaven Walking Tour
The city of Bellingham has created a map to help you discover the historic buildings in Fairhaven Village. It can be found at the visitors kiosk (24 on the map) and online: www.cob.org
- search Fairhaven Walking Tour.

2020 Events

January 24
February 28
February 28-29
March 27
April 11
April 24
April 26
May 22
May 24
June 20 - August 29 Saturdays

Outdoor Cinema epiceap.com

June 26
June 23 - July 19

Fourth Friday Art Walk Summer Rep Theater bellinghamtheatrework.org

July 24
August 6
August 28
September 5
September 25
September 27
October 23
October 31
November 27
November 28 to December 19 Winterfest fairhavenwinterfest.com

December 19 -

FaLaLa Caroling Competition

For more information on Fairhaven events, please visit: memberplanet.com/fairhaven
Daniel J. Harris
Founding Fairhaven

Daniel Jefferson Harris ("Dirty Dan"), acknowledged as the founder of the town of Fairhaven, is one of those characters whose lore and legend make it difficult to separate fact from fiction. Even his birth place and date of birth are shrouded in uncertainty.

Harris was born on Long Island, New York, either in Pachogue, Sag Harbor or, perhaps, Bridgehampton in the year 1832. Some accounts record 1826 or 1830. It is definite that Dan went to sea as a teenager, sailed the waters of the Pacific on a whaler and became an expert harpooner. He left the ship in Honolulu and made his way to Victoria, B.C.

Again there is disagreement about the date of his arrival in Bellingham Bay. It was either 1853 or possibly 1854. Upon his arrival, he befriended John Thomas who had filed a donation land claim in the area along Padden Creek. He helped Thomas build a log cabin here, but before it was finished, Thomas died of consumption. Harris took over the cabin and succeeded to the land claimed by Thomas. The patent to this land was issued to Harris in 1871.

Meanwhile, Harris was involved in a number of trading ventures (and misadventures) that allowed him to acquire additional properties surrounding the Thomas claim. Harris named this area “Fairhaven” from an Indian name, see-see-lich-em, meaning safe port or fair haven. Some say the name came from a whaling port in Maine, which was also cited as yet another possible birth place.

In any event, Harris platted his property in 1883 and began selling lots for gold. He built a three-story hotel at the foot of Harris Avenue that sported fine furnishings with an adjoining ocean dock.

The sobriquet, “Dirty Dan”, was acquired from his appearance in soiled clothing and lack of personal hygiene. His reputation as a colorful character of distinctive qualities was based on his many serio-comic exploits.

As his real estate profits grew, his hygiene improved, and his social standing in the community rose along with his profits. Women were no longer repulsed, and his new popularity allowed Dan to consider marriage. On October 16, 1885 he married Miss Bertha Wasmer, elder sister of Mrs. Charles Schering (see Schering Block) and Mrs. Edgar Cowgill, (see Cowgill House).

In 1888, Harris sold most of his property in Fairhaven and moved to Los Angeles, but before they could enjoy these new surroundings, his wife died on November 20, 1888.

After Bertha’s death, “Dirty Dan” Harris reverted to type and became known in Los Angeles as “Grease Pot Dan”. He was befriended in his waning years by a young Dr. A.S. Shorb and his wife. This couple soon took advantage of Dan’s generosity and milked Harris of most of his fortune. After his death on August 19, 1890, Dan’s nephew and heir sued the Shorbs, but he was unsuccessful. The remaining Harris properties in Whatcom County were sold in the ensuing depression for a $900, a fraction of their former value. The heirs received nothing after legal fees were settled.

For a detailed account of the life and times of Daniel Jefferson Harris, visit an excellent site by Ralph Thacker. www.dan-harris.info

FairhavenHistory.com
Shop

**Current and Furbish**
360-733-3224
currentandfurbish.com
1115 Harris Avenue
An eclectic selection of housewares, gifts, cards, table linens, candles, art, refurbished furniture, and so much more. We offer unique items for a creative and colorful life.

**Artwood Gallery**
360-647-1628
artwoodgallery.com
1000 Harris Avenue
Artwood has been in Historic Fairhaven for 32 years. We have woodworking and wall art from 80 local Northwest artists. Hand made Furniture, Jewelry, Boxes, bowls, paintings, wall art and gifts of all types. Open 7 days.

**Good Earth Pottery**
360-671-3998
goodearthpots.com
1000 Harris Avenue
A gallery specializing in locally handmade pottery and ceramic art, located in the historic Morgan Block Building since 1969. Representing more than 45 juried artists and featuring several national exhibitions a year.

**Peter James Photo Studio**
1211 Mill Avenue, Suite 202
Shop

Village Books & Paper Dreams  map - 28
360-671-2626
villagebooks.com
1200 11th Street
This world-class independent bookstore has 3 floors of books, a packed events schedule, and a card & gift store for all tastes & occasions. Plus Evolve Chocolate + Cafe on the mezzanine level! Building community since 1980.

Uptown Art  map - 4
800 Harris Avenue, Suite #101

Rebecca’s Flower Shoppe  map - 20
1003 Harris Avenue

Whatcom Art Market  map - 51
360-738-8564
whatcomartmarket.org
1103 11th Street
A retail co-operative Art and gift Gallery for members of the Whatcom Art Guild, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Forty five local artists exhibit their personally designed and crafted artwork in a welcoming gallery environment in Historic Fairhaven. Open daily from 10 am to 6 pm with artists on site.

Open Daily
10 am - 6 pm
1103 11th Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
(Fairhaven)
360 738 8564

45 Local Artists
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Whimsey
360-733-5568
shopwhimsey.com
1001 Harris Avenue
Whimsey has featured Fairhaven’s largest selection of local jewelry since 2003. Carefully curated, unique designs in sterling, gold, steel, pearls and stones. Open 11-5 everyday.

The Garden Room
360-734-9949
gardenroomfairhaven.com
1006 Harris Avenue Suite 120
A Boutique for Stylish Living filled with home and garden decor, fabulous scents, fun jewelry, tropical plants, and great gifts for family and friends.

A Lot of Flowers
360-647-0728
alotofflowersfairhaven.com
1011 Harris Avenue
Since 1985 A Lot of Flowers has provided Bellingham and its visitors a unique retail experience. With an emphasis on locally made, NW grown, and fairly traded items, the A Lot of Flowers selection provides a feast for the senses with an evolving mix of plants, cut flowers and home and garden decor packed into a beautiful, fragrant, light filled conservatory-like setting.

Morgan Block Art Studios & Galleries
360-710-7139
facebook.com/MorganBlockBuilding/
1000 Harris Avenue
A creative collective of artists: painters, jewelers, scrimshanders, actors, writers, musicians, handmade clothing and more, working locally. Open by appointment, 4th Friday Art Walk, holiday hours, & during the Whatcom Artist Studio Tour. The Morgan Block Building, owned by People’s Land Trust, is managed by a co-op of artists, twenty studio members working daily.

Renaissance Celebration
360-647-4592
renaissancecelebration.com
915 Harris Avenue
Fairhaven’s Art Glass and Jewelry Gallery featuring Local and Nationally Known Artists - A Must

Seasons Fashions
360-671-1744
facebook.com/seasonsfashionsbellingham
1106 Harris Avenue #104
Ladies’ boutique in Finnegan’s Alley, offering casual, dressy and travel clothing and accessories. Quality at moderate prices. Always something different!
We offer well-crafted, unique, affordable toys that encourage imaginative play and creativity. By providing a cheerful and welcoming space with many interactive displays, we hope you have an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Bay to Baker Trading Company
360-756-6078
baytobakertrading.com
911 Harris Avenue
Bay to Baker Trading Company is a Bellingham and Pacific Northwest themed souvenir and gift shop. In our store you’ll find t-shirts, hat, sweatshirts, travel gear, outdoor accessories, stickers, magnets, post cards, home decor, gifts and more. We are also home to the Fairhaven Visitor Information Center and offer a variety of free maps, visitor guides, transportation schedules and local information.

CreativiTea
360-752-1724
creativitea.com
1312 11th Street
CreativiTea is a vibrant fired-art studio where you can paint your own pottery and enjoy a cup of tea.
Shop

Posh Upscale Resale  
360-682-5940  
poshupscaleresale.com  
1315 11th Street  
Carefully curated authentic consigned designer clothing, shoes, accessories, and handbags.

Blue Horizon  
360-734-7803  
bluehorizonclothing.com  
1302 12th Street  
Blue Horizon has been based in the Fairhaven district of Bellingham, Washington since 1995. We strive to bring together an eclectic collection of fashionable, functional, and elegant clothing for modern women. We maintain a select group of exclusive, one-of-a-kind items that have been hand-picked to assure quality of fabric, design, and durability.

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1100 Harris Avenue  
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360-715-1393  
1010 Harris Avenue  
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360-733-2066
12thstreetshoes.com
1204 Harris Avenue
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serendipitycb.com
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1paperboat.com
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Fairhaven Runners & Walkers
1209 11th Street | Bellingham
www.FairhavenRunners.com
360.676.4955 | Mon–Sat 10 - 7 | Sun 11 - 5

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Fairhaven Runners
360-676-4955
fairhavenrunners.com
1209 11th Street
A super friendly running and walking store. We go all out to help folks find just the right gear. From clothing and shoes, to programs, fun runs and all the other goodies for any walking or running related pursuits.

Drizzle Tasting Room
360-392-8838
drizzletastingroom.com
1208 11th Street
Olive Oil and Vinegar Tasting Room with specialty foods including cheese and meats, spice blends, teas, pasta, wine and gourmet gifts.
Shop

Scott Ward Art
1115 Harris Avenue
Bold color, careful attention to light and shadow, graceful lines and an often startling juxtaposition - you'll find Scott’s original oil paintings as well as prints and other creative products at Current and Furbish.

Bellingham Electric Bike
800 Harris Avenue
Premium quality electric bicycles with hiqh-torque for hills, long-range, and speed, comfort, cargo, folding and trekking styles. We have a lot to share after ten years selling e-bikes--ask us! Come in for a test ride today and find out the benefits of buying local! New for 2020: Awesome Rentals!

The Fairhaven Empress Tree

The gnarled remnant of a once-elegant flowering tree remains standing on the grounds of the Amtrak station at the foot of Harris Avenue. Its presence memorializes the former site of Pacific American Fisheries, a once thriving anchor to the economy of the Fairhaven district of Bellingham.

Paulonia tomentosa, or Empress tree, is native to western and central China with a normal lifespan of seventy years. The Fairhaven Empress, now over 110 years old, is one of the oldest in the United States.

The tree was presented to E.B. Deming, president of Pacific American Fisheries, on August 24, 1909; a gift from Goon Dip, the long-time labor contractor and new Chinese Consul for Washington. Once the largest salmon canning company in the world, P.A.F. provided thousands of jobs for local residents and hundreds of seasonal Chinese laborers.

Deming and Dip’s association began around 1900 and evolved from strictly business into a personal friendship of mutual respect. Deming was a pallbearer at Goon Dip’s Seattle funeral in 1933.

The ancient tree, located on Harris Avenue and 4th Street, is a living symbol of the Chinese labor contribution to Fairhaven’s history and the friendship of these two men.

FairhavenHistory.com
Stay & Play

**Fairhaven Village Inn**  
360-733-1311  
fairhavenvillageinn.com  
The Fairhaven Village Inn is a charming, independent, boutique hotel in the heart of Fairhaven. The Inn is comprised of 22 spacious guest rooms, some west facing with view of Bellingham Bay featuring gas fireplaces and patios. Parkside rooms overlook the Historic downtown of Fairhaven Village. With local restaurants, shops and trails nearby, the Inn is an entertaining spot for your next getaway. The Inn is convenient to the Amtrak Station and the Alaska Marine Highway ferry system located at the cruise terminal.  
**See ad on inside front page.**

**The Chrysalis Inn & Spa Bellingham, Curio Collection by Hilton**  
360-756-1005  
thechrysalisinnandspabellingham.curiocollection.com  
804 10th Street  
Waterfront boutique hotel on Taylor Boardwalk in Fairhaven with luxurious spa, lively restaurant and full bar.  
**See ad on inside back page 47**

**San Juan Cruises**  
360-738-8099  
whales.com  
355 Harris Avenue, Suite 104  
Located at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, San Juan Cruises offers whale watching cruises, trips to Friday Harbor, crab dinner cruises, beer/wine tasting cruises and private charters. We have four deluxe tour vessels, with indoor and outdoor seating and full bar service.

**Epic Events and Promotions**  
epiceap.com  
Saturday movies in the summer on the Fairhaven Village Green.

**Bellinghistory - Good Time Girls Tours**  
360-395-3595  
bellinghistory.com  
Guided Historical Walking Tours of the Fairhaven District and Bellingham.

**CreativiTea**  
360-752-1724  
creativitea.com  
1312 11th Street  
CreativiTea is a vibrant fired-art studio where you can paint your own pottery and enjoy a cup of tea.

**Community Boating Center**  
360-714-8891  
boatingcenter.org  
555 Harris Avenue  
The Community Boating Center, located at the public boat launch, provides small boat rentals including sailboats, kayaks, and paddle boards. We offer lessons, dry moorage, youth programs, private instruction, and tours at affordable prices. We are open to the public, 10AM - sunset on weekends, and noon - sunset on weekdays throughout the summer.

**Bellingham TheatreWorks**  
360-296-1753  
BellinghamTheatreWorks.org  
Theatre company producing new works and classics.

**Bellingham Electric Bike**  
206-510-0830  
seattlelectricbike.net  
800 Harris Avenue  
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Fairhaven is a historic district in the city of Bellingham, Washington. To see a map of Bellingham please refer to page 50.
Dine

Colophon Cafe    map - 24
colophoncafe.com
1208 11th Street
The Colophon Café has offered casual, healthful dining since 1985. Serving award-winning soups, sandwiches, salads, quiche, pot pies, and burgers. Gluten-free and vegetarian options. Housemade desserts, local wine and beer, craft cocktails. Our sustainable business practices support a strong community and healthy environment!

Magdalena’s Bistro and Crêperie    map - 14
360-483-8569
magdalenascreperie.com
1200 10th Street, Suite 103
Authentic Brittany-style sweet and savory crêpes, handmade Polish pierogi, Polish soups, sandwiches, specialty desserts. All of our crêpes are available gluten-free (and some can be dairy free too) upon request. We serve Stumptown coffee and have a very nice wine selection in a romantic atmosphere.

Cafe Blue    map - 41
360-323-6669
cafebluecafe.com
1319 11th Street
Cozy cafe with a warm and inviting atmosphere. A nice place to sit for a while and play cards, chat with old friends, or read a book. Serving locally roasted coffee, pastries made in house, and a small brunch menu.

Harris Avenue Cafe & Tony’s Coffee    map - 46
1101 Harris Avenue

Firehouse Arts and Events Center    map - 62
1314 Harris Avenue

Skylark’s Hidden Cafe    map - 33
1308 11th Street

Big Love Juice    map - 17
1144 10th Street
big love | juice bar + kitchen
Where happy and healthy meet! Bright and cozy, just steps from the Interurban Trail. Organic cold-pressed juice, smoothies, acai bowls, locally roasted espresso, handcrafted baking and toasts. Enjoy the ocean-inspired works of PNW artist Kelly Keane in the juice bar and gallery.

Avenue Bread    map - 50
1135 11th Street

Iron Rooster Bakery    map - 13
360-778-1994
ironroosterbakery.com
1208 10th Street
Bellingham’s premier bakery & cafe featuring fine French viennoiserie, cakes, cookies. We serve great coffee and espresso drinks to pair with our products in a quaint environment.
Dine

**Keenan’s at the Pier**  
360-392-5510  
thechrysalisinnandspabellingham.curiocollection.com  
804 10th Street  
Casual yet elegant, Keenan’s at the Pier, inside The Chrysalis Inn & Spa, features fresh local Northwest cuisine and a full bar. Enjoy a panoramic view of Bellingham Bay and the San Juan Islands while sipping a crafted cocktail or glass of wine from an extensive list. Seasonal outside dining too!  
See ad on back inside page 47

**CreativiTea**  
360-752-1724  
creativitea.com  
1312 11th Street  
CreativiTea is a vibrant fired-art studio where you can paint your own pottery and enjoy a cup of tea.

**Sirena Gelato**  
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sirenagelato.com  
960 Harris Avenue #102  
Sirena Gelato is a family owned business opening in 2005, that serves wonderful gelato & espresso. We have a variety of gelato chocolate chip cookie sandwiches, milkshakes, soda floats, pints & quarts. Gelato is made with milk & served softer than regular ice cream. We give back to our community throughout the year with donations to many charities, which is very important to our family. Come on by and have a scoop!

**Fairhaven Poke**  
360-922-7494  
fairhavenpoke.com  
1102 Harris Avenue  
Hawaiian style poke and other seafood options served deli style. Dine in or take out.

**Zane Burger**  
360-734-5226  
zaneburgers.com  
1315 12th Street  
Bellingham’s retro-dining burger joint featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, shakes, cones, vegetarian options, ice cold beer and more. Try our 6oz premium Zane Burger for a unique burger experience. Locally owned and operated, Zane Burger is great for family and friends. Free parking as well!

**Sweet Bellingham**  
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1005 Harris Avenue  
A unique confectionary offering scratch made treats found no where else in town. Such as our 10 plus types of gourmet caramel apples, s’mores, and our surprise cupcake pinata. Custom cakes and much more. blends, teas, pasta, wine and gourmet gifts.

Dine

**Bawdy Bordellos**  
*Flourished in Fairhaven*  
The infamous “Sporting Women” of Fairhaven flourished in the red-light district for nearly 40 years, the peak being 1890 - 1910. Madams competed vigorously for the business of mill workers, prospectors, railroad men and coal diggers who poured into town hoping for a good time. Such a good time was had, in fact, that on Saturdays the town marshal made it a habit of hiring the largest express wagon in town to ferry the overflow of revelers from the Fairhaven jail to the basement of what is now the Whatcom Museum in Bellingham.  
In 2003, a group of business owners honored the original businesswomen of Fairhaven by dressing in costume, adopting the names of actual madams, and appearing at local events and on Halloween.  
Taimi Dunn Gorman - hauntedfairhaven.com
Dine

**Fairhaven Pizza**
360-362-5058
stonesthrowbrewco.com
1009 Larrabee Avenue
Stones Throw Brewery is your cozy little neighborhood taproom with a handful of flagship and seasonal beers, cider, and non-alcoholic beverages on tap. All ages and dog friendly, come enjoy a pint with us and catch some Live Music, Trivia, or Happy Hour!

**Jalapeno’s Mexican Grill**
1007 Harris Avenue

**FatPie Pizza**
1015 Harris Avenue

**Acme Ice Cream Cafe**
1021 Harris Avenue

**Galloway’s Cocktail Bar**
360-920-7598
gallowwayscocktail.bar
1200 10th Street #102
Fairhaven’s Deco Era craft cocktail bar and cozy spot for tasty bites & sweets.
All spirits, shaken & stirred, from 3:00 every afternoon. Daily Happy Hour from 3-6pm, and all day every Sunday.

**Swim Club Cocktail Bar**
360-393-3826
swimclubbar.com
1147 11th Street
“Voted Bellinghams Best Cocktail 2019!
Cocktails by acclaimed Barman Dennis Schafer, sharing plates by award winning Chef Todd Allen Martin. Hemingway’s hideout meets Chic 60’s exotic rendezvous. Casual and accessible while maintain the highest of standards of hospitality. Join us! ~SC”

**Evolve Chocolate + Cafe**
1200 11th Street
Mezzanine above Village Books - see ad page 9.

**Gainsbarre Vin Naturel**
1143 11th Street

**The Filling Station**
1138 Finnegan Way

**San Juan Cruises**
360-738-8099
whales.com
355 Harris Avenue, Suite 104
Located at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, San Juan Cruises offers whale watching cruises, trips to Friday Harbor, crab dinner cruises, beer/wine tasting cruises and private charters. We have four deluxe tour vessels, with indoor and outdoor seating and full bar service.
Fairhaven’s Funny Pharmacist and his Aztec Toad

“George E. Finnegan, the cigar-chomping, sharp-witted pharmacist, was considered the funniest man in Bellingham, though it was his tireless devotion to Fairhaven for which he is best remembered” according to Jeff Jewell, Whatcom Museum photo archivist.

“Finnegan helped organize the notorious Washington Club, founded on George Washington’s birthday, in 1924. Members were a cross-section of Bellingham merchants and professionals that met for merrymaking over Friday lunch in the Fairhaven Hotel. They championed the underdog and roasted the pompous, often by assuming exaggerated personas like Sir Percival Ferdinand Algernon and The Honorable Von Rafferty.”

Though he wasn’t a politician, George was bestowed with the honorary title “Mayor of Fairhaven.”

In early 1929, George prepared for construction of his new “Shopping Tower” at 12th and Harris. For the commercial building’s cornerstone, he obtained an “original Aztec horned toad” that was found at an archaeological site “near the Texas border.” An exceptionally lethargic metabolism made the toad perfect for placement in the tower’s foundation. Its heart beat at five minute intervals and it only needed to eat once every 50 years.

News got out, about Finnegan’s plan to entomb the rare toad, and outraged members of the Humane Society gave George a thorough scolding. Finnegan was not beyond compromise and altered the building’s design so that “the Horned Toad was placed on the roof instead of in the cornerstone” to afford the ancient amphibian “a better view of beautiful Bellingham Bay, Mt. Baker and the Islands.” Of course, the only Aztec toad was the one in George’s imagination.

The grand opening of the Shopping Tower was celebrated on July 20, 1929. The new building was, as George put it, “the result of many, many years of planning by brainy men of artistic temperature.” Finnegan publicized the one-story building as “the shortest Shopping Tower south of Alaska” and being “50 feet high, 50 feet wide and 50 feet deep, if it ever blows over it’ll still be straight up.”

Finnegan’s idea to purchase an Aztec toad from the Texas Toad and Reptile Ranch came from the nationwide news of a Texas horned toad, released after 31 years in an old courthouse cornerstone. Even President Coolidge wanted a look at this amazing creature before it was deemed to be a hoax.

On October 4, 1930 the Bellingham Herald reported, “Mayor Finnegan Asks Help Guarding Horned Toad Mascot”. Reports of the Texas toad being stolen was of great concern, and fear that the “Shopping Tower” toad (her name was Constance) would be next.

George Finnegan died in 1939. Five years later, a short road linking 11th and 12th streets was completed and given the name “Finnegan Way” in honor of Fairhaven’s beloved funnyman who tickled the funny bone and touched the hearts of everyone who knew him.

The Fairhaven Pharmacy continued at the corner of Harris and 12th Street from 1927 before closing in 2015. Today that location is occupied by Current and Furbish.
Health & Wellness

Advanced Medical Massage  map - 51
360-527-9566
mmwellness.com
1112 Finnegan Way
Helping people recover from car accidents & work-related injuries since 2001. Our kind group of massage therapists are highly skilled with additional clinical training in specific medical massage treatment. Plus, we do all the insurance paperwork & billing for you. We are also known for our relaxation and wellness massage.

Shibumi Spa  map - 45
360-318-5122
shibumi-spa.com
1106 Harris Avenue
Day spa and wellness center.

CorePhysio  map - 38
corephysiopt.com

Bellingham Bay Dental  map - 51
bellinghambaydental.com

Ellen L. Walker, PhD
ellenlwalker.com

Heart Inquiry Counseling
360-224-3601

Fairhaven Veterinary Hospital  map - 64
fairhavenvet.com
2330 Old Fairhaven Pkwy

Bellingham Electric Bike  map - 3
206-510-0830
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The Cowgill Residence: A House on the Move

Edgar L. Cowgill (pronounced Co-gill), was a leading businessman involved with the Fairhaven Land Company and a member of the town council at the time of incorporation in 1890. One of Fairhaven’s streets is named after him. Cowgill built one of the first homes in Fairhaven on the northeast corner of 13th and Harris. His wife, Lillie Wasmer was the sister-in-law of "Dirty Dan” Harris, founder of Fairhaven.

Cowgill quickly realized that his home was standing in the way of grander plans for the new “Imperial City.”

Making Way for Opera — March 12, 1891

“The First Step Towards the Erection of Fairhaven’s Grand Opera House.” According to the Fairhaven Herald, workmen were busy removing Cowgill’s residence, and “as soon as the building is off the property, the ground excavation will be commenced for the basement and foundation of the building.” By March 20th a team of horses had pulled the Cowgill home to 14th and Knox. Now the real work was set to begin — getting up one of Fairhaven’s steepest streets.

Knox Avenue had become an important address for the wealthy businessmen of Fairhaven. “Wardner’s Castle” had just been completed near the top of the hill at 15th and Knox. Built by James Wardner it has been an important landmark for 130 years. The Herald speculated it would take a few days for the horses to get the house up three blocks to 1705 Knox Avenue, the new home of Dennis K. Butler, proprietor of the Sideboard Saloon in the Terminal Building (Tony’s Coffee).

In 1916 the house was moved again to make way for an elegant new residence of Robert Forbes, Alaska Manager of Pacific American Fisheries. Making its way down the hill, it arrived at 2614 Donovan Avenue in Happy Valley and became the farm home of the Frederick Schaefer family.

In 1997, the house was sold with plans to move it yet again, this time across the bay to Lummi Island. Those plans fell through and the house still sits at 2614 Donovan, now the community office and gathering place for Bellingham Co-Housing.

Haunted Fairhaven

A spirit couple greets visitors to Sycamore Square, watching over their former 4th floor apartment and accompanying visitors up the stairs. The former sheriff and his wife were parted from life when she died of “mental defect”, as stated in the newspaper of the time. It is rumored she jumped from an upper floor balcony into the lobby, where her funeral was later held. Full body apparitions have been reported by workers in the building and psychics have captured both orb photos and recordings of voices. It is one of the most haunted spaces in Fairhaven.

Fairhaven’s history has been a chronicle of booms and busts, brothels and bars, gunfights and ghosts. A lot of living and dying has happened in these few blocks, and residual energy remains. Full body apparitions, orbs and shadow people are just a few of the lesser-known Fairhaven residents that haunt the historic district, which remains a favorite of psychics and tour guides.

“Haunted Fairhaven” by Taimi Dunn Gorman

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Pluto’s – That Crazy Hippie Place on 11th

Before Dirty Dan’s Restaurant arrived in 1974, this building was known as a big “hippie hangout” located at 2111 11th Street.

In May 1967, it was known as the Bowery Tavern, selling advanced tickets to the Jefferson Airplane concert on May 26th at the Carver Gym at Western Washington State College (now University).

Also in town for the concert were Allen Ginsberg and Ken Kesey & his Merry Pranksters. With Neal Cassidy as driver, the group arrived earlier in the week on Kesey’s psychedelic painted school bus “Further” to distribute LSD to WWSC students.

By 1968 the place was known as Pluto’s, featuring dancing to live music by Pineapple Bedroom until 1:30 a.m. Free peanuts. The floor was covered with peanut shells and sawdust by design — part of the unkempt ambiance.

For concerts it had a stage that seated 60 people. It has been said, from those who remember, that Janice Joplin and Jerry Garcia stopped by on their way from concerts in Seattle and Vancouver. Others remember John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters. No memories of food. If it was served it was “counter-cultural” fare.

Pluto’s advertising in 1970 showed a $1.50 cover charge, with dancing from 9 pm to 1 am; music by the 4-piece band Double Tongue.

Fairhaven’s “Hippie Mecca of the West” scene was going strong when Pluto’s opened its doors to the “hip-community.” South-siders who remember those days believe it began with Timothy Leary’s visit in January 1967 and was in full swing by the time Kesey, Ginsberg and Jefferson Airplane left on May 27, 1967.

In an interview about that week, Kesey described “taking a jolt of acid” and wandering into the gym to see Jefferson Airplane. While he related some details of the concert….he doesn’t recall leaving Bellingham. “Suddenly I wasn’t there anymore.”

Many folks in the community have their own special memories of this “hippie hangout”, and of a time in history that has made an indelible mark on the lives of everyone.

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