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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



The North Falmouth Village Association has been very busy this Spring! We posted our application for Scholarships to the local High Schools for the North Falmouth Seniors and will announce the Four Scholarship winners at our next Board Meeting on June 14th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend!

We also supported the efforts of some local villagers who have been concerned with speeding cars along Old Main Road and the lack of adequate signage or old obscured signs. So with coordinated efforts we followed through with these folks and the Town to install new road signs and speed limit signs all along Old Main Road!

Then we held our annual Village Spring Clean-up in April. Many thanks to the efforts of Sandy Good and Good Builders and the coordination of Grace Simpkins and the North Falmouth Elementary School PTO! We had great participation and ended up with a very clean Village and Beaches!!! Thank to everyone who participated!!

We are fast approaching our busy summer season and with it comes the annual Paul White Road Race on July 2nd. Be sure to participate when, where and however you can! Remember that all funds raised go towards these well deserved scholarships!

Now is the time to venture outside and enjoy the Village in all it's Spring beauty!

Priscilla Rand Hildreth Case Geraghty



The North Falmouth Village Association presents:

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Paul E. White Memorial Road Race

**Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 10AM
Nye Park, North Falmouth**

This 4.81 mile race is a fundraiser, limited to 600 runners, and is held rain or shine. Visit our website for course details: www.paulwhiteroadrace.org.

Family Team (2-person) category! Must pre-register by **postmarking a paper application by Friday, June 25, 2016**

All others, please register online until June 28th at: www.paulwhiteroadrace.org or mail in your application to: Paul White Memorial Road Race, P.O. Box 1365, North Falmouth, MA 02556-1365. Checks payable to: PWMRR. **Do Not Mail Applications after June 25th, 2016**

This event is sanctioned by USA Track & Field

Registration Information

Age Division

Entry Fee: \$20.00

On Race Day: \$25.00

Online Entry Deadline: Until June 28th

Family Teams must register y mail. Postmarked June 25th

All Number Pick-Up:

Race morning beginning at 8 AM
North Falmouth Library Lawn

Race Start:

10:00 AM

Male-Female

11 & under

12-16

17-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

70+

Wheelchair

I consider myself adequately trained for this race. I absolve The North Falmouth Village Association and the Town of Falmouth and anyone involved in this race from any liability for injury or illness suffered by me in connection with this race.

Name _____ Age on race day _____ Male ___ Female ___

Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Phone No. _____

Parent's Signature (if applicant is under 18) _____

If entering as a Family Team (postmarked June 28th), check this box and staple team member's application to this one:

Paul White Road Race—Major Fundraiser of NFVA



by Scott Muma, PWRR Chair, Priscilla Geraghty, PWRR Committee, 508-274-4631

Exciting activities are underway for the 39th running of the Paul E. White Memorial Road Race to be held on July 2, 2016 10:00 AM at Nye Park. As you know, the North Falmouth Village Association is a non-profit organization with the purpose of promoting civic pride in our community, providing educational, charitable and social activities for all ages. The Paul White Road Race is the major fundraiser of the NFVA for supporting the many charitable endeavors embraced by the Village Association. Again this year we are asking the membership, as well as, local businesses, to contribute with a tax-deductible monetary donation to allow us to continue the ongoing projects and enhance the scholarship initiative for the North Falmouth High School Seniors' future education.

All members will receive a letter and return envelope for this purpose dated June 1, 2016. Please fill out and return the enclosed envelope and support the mission of our Village Association. If you would like more information on this year's race, please visit our website: www.paulwhiteroadrace.org



Annual Ice Cream Social—August 26th



Mark your calendars for Friday August 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Falmouth Congregational Church for our annual Ice Cream Social. Make your own sundae and enjoy a special presentation.

Barbara Hampson will speak on the life cycle of the Carolina Wren from birth to fledging as observed in a neighborhood yard. It will be a great way to visit with our summer neighbors before the end of the season.

We hope to see you there!



Business Highlights

by John Tarr, NFVA Director

The Village Pantry is located at 372 North Falmouth Highway. They can be reached at (508) 403-0530. The Manger, Kevin, sells convenience store items and has a full service Dietz & Watson deli. Store hours are Monday - Saturday from 6:30 am - 9 pm, Sunday 7 am - 8 pm. Stop by to support this local business!

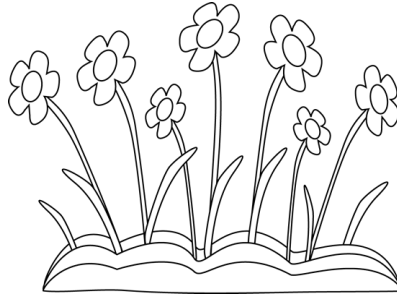


The Wild Harbor General Store is open 7 days a week! Stop in for the full-service deli and full-service fuel station!

Junction Building News

by John Tarr, NFVA Director

Our building has been undergoing minor repair work to the exterior. The north side roof was washed to remove mold/mildew. Gutters have been cleaned and the flower boxes are up and awaiting spring colors!



North Falmouth Happenings...December 1905

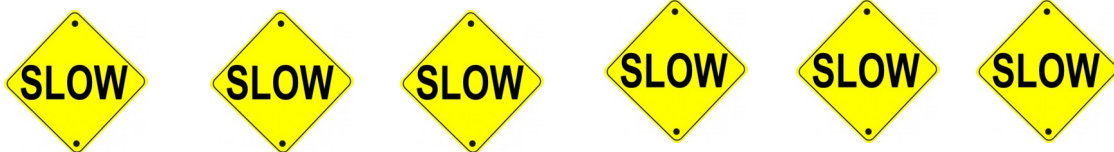


Clarence H. Noyes has been a guest of his parents for the holidays.
H. Holmes, J Howes and F. Adams had telephones installed this week.
Robert Evan is visiting his mother in Everett for a few days.



What's Happening Around the Village Now?

The Good Builders project on Old Main Rd. (next to the bank) has two completed buildings with beautiful landscaping! The town homes are for sale! Cobblestone Lane, next to the Elementary School, has a paved road, and several homes under construction. Nine homes are to be built. Speed limit signs have been placed on Old Main Rd. Please drive slowly around the Village!!!



Membership News

by Ruthanne Molyneaux, NFVA Membership/Treasurer

To all who recently paid their dues, thank you, thank you! It goes a long way toward allowing us to support our programs. If you aren't paid for this fiscal year, please consider getting caught up now.

Recently we started sending email "blasts" when we want to get the word out about an upcoming event. I got back several rejected email addresses so kindly send your current email address to me so you don't miss out.

My email is ruthanne137@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support!



Help Wanted

We are looking for a volunteers to help out in various areas (not all jobs require monthly meeting attendance). If you want to be part of an organization that cares about our community, we would welcome your participation. Please contact Priscilla Geraghty (priscilla@pgcapecod.com).

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Junction. (No meeting in July.) Please consider joining us. Thanks!



Historical News—Hope Springs Eternal

by Daniel R. Small, NFVA Historian

Not many folks around here know that we actually do have a “Hope Spring” here in North Falmouth. So when we say, “hope springs eternal” in these parts, we’re not just being philosophical, we’re talking about another source of water! Really!

Our Hope Spring has been here for probably hundreds, if not thousands of years. I’ll bet hundreds of people drive, bike, jog or walk by it every week and they have no idea that it’s there on the side of the road. My *American Heritage Dictionary* defines a spring as a “natural fountain or flow of water.” Hope Spring is located on Garnet Avenue in the Megansett section of North Falmouth. At the intersection of County Road, Chester Street and Garnet Avenue with Scott McNamara’s Sports-Imports auto repair shop on your right and Nye Park on your left, proceed north on Garnet Avenue for about half a mile. On your right you will see “Hope Spring Farm” with a couple of barns and a farmhouse. The next driveway on your right will be #111 Garnet Avenue. About 300 feet or so further, you will see two small yellow signs with arrows on them preparing you to bear left with the road ahead. Right there at the base of the first of those signs is Hope Spring. Across the street is a bend in the Squeteague River, but it looks like a tidal pool. There are usually some wild ducks there, looking for food. Today I saw a great blue heron there. It is currently overgrown with tall grass, weeds and soil. As I recall, the spring is about 2 to 3 feet down from the surface of the road and about 4 to 5 feet from the right hand edge of the road. There is no sign marking the spring.

Yes, the spring needs to be cleaned out so it can be enjoyed again. I doubt if the water coming out of it would be safe to drink these days with two houses on the hill above and both less than 100 feet away. When I was a boy about 60 years ago, we tried the spring water then and it was very good. Some good Samaritan back then kept the spring cleaned out regularly. Now unfortunately it looks like no one has taken care of that chore for a very long time. Anyone out there handy with a shovel? If you are, bring someone along to keep an eye out for wandering cars and wayward trucks! Being on the side of the road these days can be suicidal.

Hundreds of years ago when the Native Americans were the only people around, this road was an Indian trail that went all along the coast of Buzzards Bay. How do I know this, you say? Back when I was a boy, the old timers around here told me that. Anyone born between 1870 and 1899 was a certified old timer when I was a boy. Anyway, they said that the Native Americans most probably stopped here at the spring for water. There are very few sources of fresh water around here this close to the ocean.

You may have heard, or have possibly seen, the small stone marker at the old Native American burying ground on the hill at New Park. The last time I looked for this marker it was still there, but that was a few years ago. This hill overlooks Cedar Lake. The Native Americans, I have heard, really liked the view up on a hilltop to watch for friends, enemies or game. I have heard that there are approximately 100 Native American graves on this hill. Since there are no other known burying grounds in this area, it’s highly possible that a Native American funeral procession coming from the north a few miles, could have stopped at Hope Spring to refresh themselves and rest.

According to MaryLou Smith’s *Book of Falmouth*, the Native Americans had both summer and winter campsites. In summer they would set up camp close to the shore to take advantage of summer breezes off the ocean. In winter they would find a protected location away from the wind and in line with the sun as much as possible. Between these two campgrounds, they would stop at springs, rivers, ponds or lakes for water. They could also fish, hunt or dig for shellfish on the shore.

One afternoon last summer when I was looking for the exact location of Hope Spring, the people who live at the next driveway after the two yellow signs, stopped to chat and said that the spring was definitely still there as they had seen it not long ago. I have always been amazed that fresh water could “bubble up” out of the ground just 30 feet from salt water. Well, here’s hoping that this Hope Spring will continue to be “eternal” and maybe someone will step forward and clean it out so that we can all appreciate it once again.

This story is dedicated to our recently departed friend, neighbor and mentor, George R. Hampson, who will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues all over the world. He truly was one of the finest, most intelligent, articulate, humble and charming men I have ever met.

YOUTH NEWS—Village Clean Up

By Grace Simpkins, NFVA NFE Liaison



The annual North Falmouth Spring Clean Up, sponsored by the North Falmouth Village Association, took place on April 30th from 9—noon. This year Mr. Cross' fourth grade class at North Falmouth Elementary School chose this to be their annual service project.

Students made signs to hang up in the elementary school and came out to show their support helping to clean up the village. Mr. Cross and the Principal, Mr. Adams, were on hand to help with bag and glove distribution as well as NFVA recycling bracelets for all participants. Coffee and donuts were provided for those that helped clean.

Residents and students were asked to pick up trash around the neighborhood and enjoy coffee and pastries at the elementary school. There was a dumpster, donated by **Good Builders**, located at 80 County Road. The dumpster was at this location all week for those who could not make the clean up but wanted to pick up trash at another time. It was a successful clean up and many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who attended. Thank you to the following families: The Dickersons, O'Connells, Landrys, Wilsons, Goods, Tarrs, Irvings, Simpkins, Dowdens, Aronsons, and any others that picked up on their own time.

There is exciting news from the Elementary School. They were able to raise ALL the funds for the new playground and installation will happen this summer. NFVA was a gold supporter of this project!



The four high school scholarship winners will be announced this month and recognized in the next newsletter. They all showed exemplary service and dedication to their studies. Congratulations to those students as they head off to college.

Membership in the North Falmouth Village Association

October 2015 to October 2016

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Additional information from: Ruth Ann Molyneaux

Name _____ Local phone _____

Local Mailing Address _____

Winter Address if different _____

Winter Dates From _____ to _____

Email Address _____

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Family Annual Member \$30.

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