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## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks were spectacular! The crowds descended upon us throughout the day, and stayed to see another wonderful display of fireworks. Many thanks to the Falmouth Fireworks Committee and the Falmouth Police Department for a successful event.



## SPRING CLEAN-UP

The annual town-wide spring clean up (sponsored by the Falmouth Beautification Council) was held during the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>. The week was very successful, but there is a need for continuous clean-up of trash and recyclable items throughout the year. We would appreciate any effort you can do to help maintain our neighborhoods.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Falmouth High School graduate, Alfred DePrizio was awarded the Robert T. Smith scholarship. Alfred will be attending Becker College in the fall. This scholarship is awarded each year to a Falmouth resident in memory of Robert T. Smith – a former FHMIA president who worked tirelessly during the difficult times in the Heights history.

## SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Concerns about speeding and general traffic have been addressed with the Traffic Advisory Board. A traffic study was done along Central Park Avenue, and white lines were painted at the stop sign areas, as well as at the crosswalks. The FHMIA, Falmouth Men's Club and the Falmouth Recreation Department are all working together to solve the illegal parking along the ball field and the other traffic issues we have.

## ANNUAL FHMIA MEETING

Our annual meeting is planned for Saturday, August 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Falmouth Yacht Club.

## FALMOUTH HEIGHTS BEACH PARKING LOT

In June, the parking lot was paved with marked lines for parking, along with the installation of a new fence.

## CASINO WHARF FX

As a reminder, a valet attendant will be on duty when the restaurant is open (May 1 through Labor Day). From Labor Day to October 15<sup>th</sup>, the valet attendant will be duty all day on the weekends, and every evening from 4 p.m. to closing. The valet lot will be open all day and available for customers of the restaurant to self-park during the weekdays.

The entire building was outlined with lights at Christmastime, and the lighting has remained lit each evening since then. Any comments can be taken up at our annual meeting. The Design Review Committee has looked into this matter and will report back to us.

## BRITISH BEER COMPANY

When the restaurant is open, there shall be no less than 16 parking spaces available for their patrons to use in the self-parking valet lot. When the motel closes in the late fall, patrons may self-park in the motel parking spots.

## THE AVENUE

A new restaurant is open for business along Grand Avenue – The Avenue Seafood and Pizzeria. This is a new venture for co-owners Jean and Anthony Ridino, and we have been hearing very good reviews on The Avenue.

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## MACDOUGALL'S BOATYARD

A 6' black vinyl chain link fence was installed along the sidewalk, and along the inside of the fence cedar trees were planted. More landscaping is planned for their property.

## QUIET ROADS

Last Spring, town meeting approved the enforcement of the Quiet Roads Bylaw. Signs have been placed in various parts of town to alert vehicle operators that excessive noise caused by defective or modified exhaust systems will not be tolerated. The ordinance also targets unreasonable honking of horns and drivers playing their audio systems too loudly.

Thanks to Gerard Natoli for his efforts in recruiting new members to the FHMIA. To date, he has brought in 16 new members, and his goal is 20.



Also, thank you to Glen Dawson for continuing to care for the traffic island near Crescent Park.

## LITTLE POND

After a long battle to save Little Pond, the 9.5 acre property (across from the side entrance to Wal-Mart on Spring Bars Road) was purchased by the 300 Committee and will not be developed into a large housing complex as hoped for by its previous developer. Part of the space will now be set aside as open space and passive recreation, and plans for the remainder of the property call for a mixture of open space, affordable housing and recreation.

## LOCAL PAINTER: HILLARY OSBORNE

Hillary Osborne has her own gallery on the Queen's Buyway, and has several paintings of Falmouth Heights. Some of Hillary's work will be displayed at our annual meeting.



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*FHMIA Annual Meeting*

*8:30 a.m.*

*Saturday, August 7*

*Falmouth Yacht Club*

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For further information about these articles, or any other issue impacting Falmouth Heights or Maravista, please feel free to contact any of us.

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