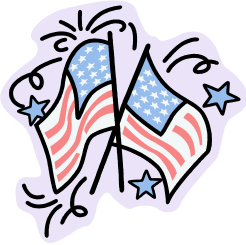


4TH OF JULY



The fireworks were spectacular, and the presence of the Falmouth police helped alleviate unpleasant incidents. This year with a reduced police budget, the Fireworks Committee was asked to donate the money necessary to

maintain the police presence at the event. A private donor stepped forward and paid the \$10,000 requested for the police detail.

LITTLE BEACH

The town settled the disagreement, regarding the encroachment of a wall on Little Beach, on March 8, 2010. Their decision allows the wall to remain on the public beach land. The FHMIA was not notified of their decision until we requested an update to the ongoing dispute, and were given a copy of the ruling just prior to our August meeting.

ABANDONED SAILBOAT

The sailboat that broke from its anchor and crashed onto the rocks of the Falmouth Heights bluff was finally removed by the harbor master in August. This site had become an unwanted attraction to the area, and the sailboat became a target of vandalism. We were very pleased once the sailboat was removed.

MARAVISTA BROCHURE

The Historic Appreciation Committee continues their work on a brochure for the Maravista area. Pictures have been taken, and the text is just about complete. The brochure should be ready for the spring.

WWW.FHMIA.ORG

A website for the FHMIA is currently under construction, and we hope to have it completed sometime this winter.

FALMOUTH HEIGHTS PARKING CONCERNS

The fall soccer program (sponsored by the Falmouth Recreation Department) brings a congestion of cars to the Falmouth Heights area, which includes the ball field and neighboring streets. It is nice to see the ball field so busy with young families each week, but our concern is to make sure emergency vehicles can pass through our streets. The Casino Wharf fx agreed to open their parking lot up from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. during the soccer season, and enabled approximately 40 cars to park off the street. We also worked with the Falmouth Police Department to monitor the parking situation and to ensure that emergency vehicles could get through the streets in case there was an emergency. We truly appreciate the help of the Casino Wharf fx and the Falmouth Police with our parking concerns.

The parking lot at Falmouth Heights beach had become a mecca for young adults to congregate in the late evening, resulting in vandalism to the enclosures of the bouse houses, and littering in and around the parking lot and beach. Complaints of late-night noise continued as a result of the parking lot not being closed, and at this date, we have yet to get on the Selectmen's schedule to request a lot closing of 9:00 p.m. We are also asking to have the parking lot attended when it's open.

CASINO WHARF FX

The lights outlining the Casino will only be lit during the holiday season. The matter was brought before the zoning enforcement officer, and it was determined that they did not have a permit for continuous lighting. The lights were turned off in August. Although some found the lights attractive, since they do not have a proper permit they will remain off except during the holiday season.

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TOWN HALL UPDATES

Brent Putnam, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, attended our annual meeting in August. He was able to answer many of the questions our members had, and we appreciate him taking the time to meet with us.

Robert Whritenour resigned as Falmouth's town manager on November 5. The Board of Selectmen have appointed Heather Harper (assistant town manager) as the acting town manager for a period of 90 days.

LOCAL PAINTER: HILLARY OSBORN

At our annual meeting, Hillary Osborn displayed a number of her paintings of the Falmouth Heights area. Hillary has a studio at the Queens Buyway, along with her husband, Doug Rugh. We encourage you to stop by and view their paintings of Falmouth and Woods Hole.

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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We would like to wish all of our members and their families a wonderful thanksgiving, and best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season