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The Fireworks display over Vineyard Sound is always a treat. Many thanks to the Fireworks Committee and the Police Department for their superior performance.

Donations, by check, to help support the fireworks are happily received by Falmouth Fireworks Committee, PO Box 500, Falmouth, MA 02541. Please note your Falmouth residence and that you are a FHMNA member on your donation.

Beach Updates

Our FHMNA director has continued to attend the monthly meetings to support our neighborhoods' interests.

Improvements will be made prior to next season to the Heights Beach steps, including repair of those that currently are held together with duct tape.

The parking lot is a more orderly place when there is an attendant present. FHMNA has made clear our position that the beaches should be fully staffed through Labor Day weekend to avoid the lots filling with non-sticker holders, leaving no room for those residents who have paid for stickers.

Membership

FHMNA currently has 408 households with 670 active members.

Annual August Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the Annual meeting at the Flying Bridge and who voted to change our name to **Falmouth Heights - Maravista Neighborhood Association**. Members also voted a major revision of our bylaws, which are posted on the website at: <http://fhmna.org/bylaws>.

The FHMNA wishes to **THANK Stop and Shop market and Dunkin Donuts** for their generous donations toward our annual meeting refreshments.

Road Race

The overall concensus from the FHMNA members was that the road race organizers did an excellent job of moving 10's of thousands of people with limited impact.

Two circumstances noted by several residents: 1) Traffic congestion in the vicinity of Worcester Park Ave and 2) cleanup after the race specifically non-biodegradables (including plastic ties).

The FHMNA board appreciates the opportunity to continue to work closely with the race organizers on strategies to reduce or eliminate neighborhood concerns for future New Balance Falmouth Road Races.

Volunteer Opportunities

The FHMNA currently has **openings for 3 full and 1 alternate director**. If you have any interest in serving our neighbors, please contact us for a 'no obligation' conversation.

Traffic Advisory

Our FHMNA Director continues to attend the Traffic Advisory meetings. Currently FHMNA supports:

1. Request for signage: "Beach Area, Speed Limit Strictly Enforced"
2. Request for "Blind Driveway" sign at 190 Grand Ave
3. Request to replace "One Way" sign on Elysian Ave
4. Request for "Caution, Beach Area" or similar in the vicinity of Grand Ave. and Mass Ave.
5. Request for "Warning, Stop Ahead" sign or similar on Nantucket Ave.

Sewerage Project

See www.falmouthmass.us for regular sewer project schedule updates.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to offer a 'consolidated permit' which will reduce fees for owners of all properties in the Little Pond Sewer Service Area connecting to the sewer system from the original cost of \$225 to **only \$50**, regardless of the need for an extra electrical permit for those required to install grinder pumps.

The FHMNA President, Howard Grosser, petitioned the Fall **Town Meeting** to request that the low pressure (grinder) pumps, to be installed on 700 properties, be declared integral components of the Town infrastructure and that the Board of Selectmen be charged with developing a maintenance policy for their continued operation. Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly in favor of Article 24.

A newsletter from the Falmouth Heights-Maravista Neighborhood Association

We would like to wish all our members and their families a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy and safe New Year.



Email & Website

If you have an email address but have not given it to us yet, please email info@fhmna.org and we will email you whenever we post a new article.

New Articles posted since June 2015:

- ~Beaches & Grinder Pumps
- ~Gas Leaks in Falmouth
- ~Annual Meeting minutes
- ~FHMIA renamed to FHMNA
- ~Sewer Equivalent Units for Betterments
- ~Preliminary Schedule for Sewer Area

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If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership for the 2015-2016 FHMNA fiscal year. The form is available on www.fhmna.org or you may pay with the secure FHMNA Pay Pal.

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

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