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The Fireworks display over Vineyard Sound was unfortunately postponed due to Tropical Storm Arthur to Sunday evening.

Many thanks to the Fireworks Committee and the Police Department for their dedication.

Donations for the fireworks may be sent by check to the Falmouth Fireworks Committee, PO Box 500, Falmouth, MA 02541. Please note your Falmouth residence and that you are a FHMIA member on your donation.

Beach Updates

An FHMIA director has continued to attend the monthly meetings to support the neighborhood's interests. There have been concerns voiced by members as to the role of the lifeguard and their duties.

Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting, **Article 1 & 2**, are to approve the costs of pumps for the residents' low gravity septic systems that will be necessary to pump waste with new sewerage system.

Annual August Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the Annual meeting at the Falmouth Yacht club. **Mr. Jerry Potamis** from the DPW - Water and Sewer division presented the mandated septic project. Many members had the opportunity to review the Little Pond Sewer project and ask questions. Draft meeting minutes are available at www.fhmia.org.

The FHMIA wishes to **THANK Stop and Shop market** for their generous donations toward our annual meeting hospitality.

Chamber of Commerce

The FHMIA has become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Please email info@fhmia.org if you would like us to forward their weekly announcements to you.

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

President: Howard Grosser
Vice President: Paula Lichter
Treasurer: Kevin Smith
Secretary: Susan Gallagher

The FHMIA currently has 2 **openings on the Board of Directors**. If you have any interest in serving our neighbors, please contact us for a 'no obligation' conversation.

FHMIA Director continues to attend the Traffic Advisory meetings. There will also be a Director attending the DPW meetings to act as a **liason** as well as the Falmouth Road Race. Please continue to send any of your concerns/observations that we can bring to the attention of our town departments and committees.

Traffic

The Island Queen was very receptive to members' concerns regarding tourist bus routes. The issue was addressed this past summer. With the relationship established, we are pleased that the lines of communication are open.

Little Pond Sewerage Project

The Ecotoilet exemption deadline has passed.

The Town of Falmouth is still seeking State approval of the betterment plan's interest rate and pay back duration.

The Assessors office spoke at an August meeting of the betterment costs as well as the home costs.

There are payment options for Senior Citizens in the sewerage area. For all others, there are loans available through the Barnstable County .

There are also tax credits available as well. (please see the FHMIA website)

Scholarship Recipient

Ashley Sheehy was the receiptient of this year's Robert T Smith Scholarship - a former FHMIA President.

Great Bay Street

See FCTV on Demand for an excellent summary presentation by Peter McConarty, Town Engineer, regarding the **street closures**:

<http://www.fctv.org/v3/vod/board-selectmen-september-22-2014>

Scroll to 2:22 into the meeting.

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



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If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership for the 2014-2015 FHMIA fiscal year. The form is available on www.fhmia.org or you may pay with the secure FHMIA Pay Pal.

A newsletter from the Falmouth Heights-Maravista Improvement Association