

The Village News

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Note from the President

Happy Spring to All!



How drastically our attitude changes with a little sunshine and some bird song. I am so grateful when I'm out walking and I get to see people enjoying this beautiful village we live in.

As an association we are hoping to connect with our members and community in the coming months, so please read on to learn what is happening. Also, we are always open to new ideas. Please join us on the second Tuesday of every month (except July) for our board meetings to share your thoughts with us. Currently we are still meeting via Zoom, but as the weather warms up we plan to meet outside. If you are interested in coming, either virtually now or in-person in the future, please contact me for details. See you around,
Peggy Heaslip, President
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Nativity Scene Salute

A huge and hearty thank you to Rick Fraser, Steve Pollitt, Dave Pollitt, Bruce Pollitt, and Jerry Sylvia for your many years of service in the installation and removal of the Nativity Scene on the corner of Old Main and County Roads. We greatly appreciate your annual performance of this task, through rain,



Fundrive

Success-
Peggy Heaslip

This was one of the easiest fundraisers I have ever seen!

Through your donations of clothing and household goods we raised \$1545!

Amazing! I want to thank Roberta Orris, Ilene Karnow, Sheila Chisolm, Carolyn Tarr and Laurie Leitner for all the hours you spent at the Junction building while people dropped off their donations.

Thank you to Kyra Pless, Dalton Driscoll, John Tarr, Brian Heaslip, Ruthanne Molyneaux, Joanne Doherty, Susan Bergeron, Priscilla Gerghaty, Anja MacDonald, Ilene Karnow, Sydney Geddis and Corey Heaslip for loading the UHaul truck and extra vehicles.

Huge thank you to Ted Geddis for driving the truck, and loading and unloading it. Mega huge thank you to Eliza Renz for coordinating everything with FunDrive and obtaining the truck along with a donation for a portion of the rental fee, which increased the profitability of the fundraiser. Thank you all. The time we spent loading the truck together was such a blast. Stories, laughter, and a workout all in one. Such a huge success, we will definitely do this again.



A Community Staple, NF Hardware

-Corey Heaslip

A routine pleasure of mine is to walk from our house on Old Main

Road through the four corners and over to the North Falmouth Hardware & Marine store so I can peruse the shelves and pick up a few items for the house, rent a piece of equipment, or get the propane tanks filled for grilling. This staple of the North Falmouth village was originally located in the Rand building where County Road and Old Main Road intersect, before the current location was built in the 1960s by the O'Connor family. Rick Armstrong purchased the business in 1986 from the O'Connors and sold it to Peter DiAngelis in 2004.

Since taking the business over, Peter has grown the operation considerably through providing just about everything under the sun for maintaining a home or business. Whatever you're looking for, he probably has it, whether it be pipe, fittings, fasteners, paint, grass seed, fertilizer, mulch, propane, and tool or equipment rental. Another big item in the summer months is fishing bait. If you haven't done so recently, I highly recommend taking a trip through Peter's store, North Falmouth Hardware & Marine.

Cleaning Up -

Alan Robinson

Litter Free Falmouth's (LFF) Adopt-a-Highway Route 28 team has been on the job. Our team is 12 members strong - including NFVA members Ilene and Len Karnow, James Young and Judy Titus. In 8 events since December we have picked up roadway shoulder litter from Route 151 to the southern terminus of the 4-lane. With our encouragement, a MassDOT member has been working on the segment immediately south of the 4-lane. We hope you have noticed a difference. We will be partnering with MassDOT and the State Police in May (date TBD) to address the litter in the median.

LFF has made a two-year, monthly commitment to address litter on the 4-lane and the ramps. MassDOT will soon be installing Adopt-a-Highway signs with Litter Free Falmouth's name on them. We have taken on the Route 28 challenge in North and West Falmouth to focus the entire community's attention on our goal - a Litter Free Falmouth. To achieve this, we need to grow our Route 28 volunteer team. If you are interested and able to join us, even if just once every month or two, please email Ilene Karnow at wonrak@comcast.net .

Coming soon:

The Welcoming Committee is currently working on a Member Survey. We will be emailing it out in early May. Please watch for it and help us by filling it out. Our goal with this survey is to determine how we as a village association can better address the needs and desires of our community.

Bylaw Review Committee

Throughout this past year we have all had to accept unexpected changes to our daily lives. As an association we recognize we also need to change to stay current and relevant in today's society. For that reason we are forming a temporary committee for the purpose of reviewing the North Falmouth Village Association Bylaws. If you would like to be a part of this committee, to meet for however long is necessary in the shortest amount of time possible in whatever capacity people are comfortable, please contact Peggy Heaslip at peggyheaslip@gmail.com or 508-274-3930.



50+ Years of Cycling Service

-Corey Heaslip

As a kid one of my favorite stores to visit was Art's Bike Shop, a fixture of North

Falmouth Village, now in its fifth decade of

business. Art's Bike Shop provides sales of new bicycles, service and repairs, daily and weekly rentals, as well as modifications to your current ride.

This popular spot located on County Road, just up the street from the Four Corners, sees a huge uptick in customers in the spring and summer, and is also open for business year round. Having been able to purchase a few bicycles from Art myself over the years, I can attest to the quality and integrity of his sales and service.

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The Day Mom Drove The Car

By Daniel R. Small, Historian

On a summer afternoon in the late 1940's my mother, age 37, who did not have a driver's license (but really wanted to get one), had to "step up to the plate" and drive. My father, age 40, had been teaching her to drive whenever he had the time. That was not very often because he was a produce farmer with crops in leased fields all over North Falmouth and Cataumet. Over the years I have learned that quite a few of the "early" drivers did not bother getting their drivers' licenses. Kind of a scary thought but they learned by trial and error!

At the time, my father, Walter Small, also had a contract with the Barnstable County Department of Public Works to maintain the wooded and grassy sides of Route 151 (Nathan Ellis Highway). This was done to give motorists a safe area to change flat tires and to cut down on roadside fires. The Ellis Highway (Route 151) linked the Mashpee Rotary Circle with the Village of North Falmouth, Hatchville, etc., in almost a straight line. My father had left his tractor with mower attached at the Mashpee Rotary and a friendly motorist had given him a ride home for lunch. My younger brother who was only 2 or 3 years old at the time and I, who would have been somewhere between 4 and 6, rode up on the "back shelf" of our car, a 1938 Plymouth "Road King" two door coupe. It was a two passenger business coupe with only a "package" shelf behind the front seat. We did not know it at the time, but riding in the car that way could be very dangerous in a front-end accident because my brother and I would have been ejected out through the windshield. Fortunately, Dad was an excellent and very careful driver and we were very lucky, but it was still a very bad idea.

After Dad had his lunch, we all piled into the car with my brother and I up on the back-shelf, our "perch" as Dad referred to it. We actually felt "safe" up there and had no worries of the danger we were in. I am surprised now that Dad didn't insist that Mom drive over there to get more used to the road. But, Mom was probably already nervous about the trip back home.

When we arrived at the Mashpee Rotary Circle near the tractor Dad said, "I know you can do this Lou", for her name was Louise. She whispered, "Yes, I think so." Then he said, "I think you are going to be fine. Just take it slow and don't take any chances. You boys help your mother by keeping your eyes and ears open." "Okay Dad," we said together. Then Dad went through the gears on the old floor shift one more time for Mom and gave her a kiss on her cheek for "luck"!

So Dad went over to his tractor, started it up and went back to work. Mom put the car in gear, looked around at the traffic and started off very slowly down the road. She was quite nervous, we noticed, but she began to relax as we "crawled" along towards home in North Falmouth about 8 or 9 miles away. It wasn't long before there was a long line of traffic behind us which Mom finally noticed and then she floored the gas pedal to go a little faster.

Mom did very well that day and Dad was very proud of her, but she actually never drove again!! And Dad did try to get her behind the wheel again, I remember, several times.

Meanwhile, brother Jim and I were very happy to be riding "shotgun" style in the front seat for a change and settled back in our seat. We looked forward to a new adventure with Mom at the wheel!

Back then, almost 75 years ago, the Mashpee Rotary Circle was way out in the "sticks". There was no "Stop and Shop" or anything on the right hand side of Route 151 headed west and absolutely nothing where the Mashpee Commons is now. I call that area "Mashpee City, " because now it looks like a small city over there to me.

Then, for almost a mile, it was all sticks (trees) on both sides of the road until a campground “Lakeside”, the Trailer Park, on the left with a gas station on the right, known as “LaButes”, I think. Also on the left hand side was a small house with lots of dog houses and eskimo dogs staked out, which after a snowstorm reminded me of Alaska, so I called this area “Alaska II”! After the “LaButes” area it was back into the “heavy sticks” again for another mile until we arrived at the Currier Road intersection. Still more “sticks” where the Paul Harney Golf Course is now located. Then after that was the Sandwich Road Intersection, an area then, and still is now, notorious for serious accidents. Somehow Mom squeaked us through that without a problem. “Beginners luck”? Maybe she said a prayer. If she did “Praise the Lord”!

Back on the road again for the last leg of the trip with Mom at the wheel of course, but looking a little bit frazzled, bless her heart. Actually back in the 1940’s there were not a lot of cars on the road like today. A lot of the men were still involved with World War II. Sandwich Road was a major entrance to Camp Edwards which became Otis Air Force Base. The Bourne Rotary in Cataumet was another main entrance to Camp Edwards in those days.

The rest of the way home (possibly two miles) was fairly easy compared to what we had been through. We were still on Route 151, of course, headed for Ranch Road on the left. Ranch Road was named after Coonamessett Ranch which was the same place where Edna Harris began her famous Coonamessett Inn. Mom worked there for many years as a waitress and bartender until she married my father in the summer of 1942. By the way, Mom had many phone calls and letters from Mrs. Harris the first few years after her marriage to try to persuade her to come back to work, but my mother’s answer was always, “No, thank you”, to Mrs. Harris. My father knew all too well that he could lose Mom to a persuasive male customer at the Inn, who probably had too much to drink. Mom was very busy taking care of my brother, me and Dad and being a

farmer’s wife. Mom may have been tempted to stop in at the Inn that day for a quick drink, but because she was a very good mother and wife, she did not.

She only had another mile and a half, or two miles at the most, to get us home. She was very happy to arrive at the intersection with Route 28, or the North Falmouth Highway, and took a left hand turn at the intersection, heading south to our home. Mom surprised us though when she approached our driveway but she did not turn in. Instead she parked the car on the side of the road and said to us, “Come on boys, let’s get into the house”. We were all very glad to get home!

Dad arrived home about an hour after with the tractor and then he moved the car into the driveway. Mom explained to him that there was too much traffic on the road for her to pull into the drive. It was a very difficult driveway to get into and get out of, and it still is even today! A very sharp turn now leads to a group of condominiums on Route 28A about an eighth of a mile north of the Silver Lounge Restaurant.

So that evening at dinnertime it was “Home Sweet Home” for all of us, especially Mom!!

Thank you to all our Business sponsors, we really appreciate your support.



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Paul White Road Race goes Virtual!

Sadly, we are again not able to host the Paul White Memorial Road Race this year. The uncertainty of what will be allowed regarding gatherings in July along with the potential difficulty of finding volunteers to organize the race lead us as a board to decide to cancel an in-person race for 2021.

However, in order to maintain our presence in the running world and give people something to look forward to, we will host a virtual race. We will be sending out more details at the beginning of the summer but here is the basic explanation:

When we have finalized the details of the race we will upload the information on our website www.northfalmouthvillageassociation.org A runner will be able to go to the website, sign up for the run, and pay the runner's fee. We will send the runner a gift in the mail.

The race will go live sometime in July and will last for one or two weeks. During that time the runner will choose a route to run (anywhere in the world) approximately equal to the Paul White course, which is 4.81 miles. We are looking forward to lots of pictures and shared memories of each run on our social media presence (Facebook and Instagram). So GET READY... GET SET... GO!

Town-wide Spring Cleanup!

(thanks for helping keep Falmouth Beautiful)

April 17-25, 2021

Grab the kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends

Take a walk and collect some trash

Need some bags? Contact Peggy Heaslip,
508-274-3930.

Need a place to dispose of collected trash?

Cavossa Disposal will have dumpster at

Ranch Road in Hatchville and behind

Smitty's Ice Cream on Rte 28 in East Falmouth

An interview with our President about the Winter Saver's FunDrive - Eliza Renz

Eliza- What did the North Falmouth Village Association FunDrive for Savers mean to NFVA?

Peggy- This clothing drive was "A great opportunity for individuals to feel a part of something bigger during Covid as many of us haven't been able to be a part of anything during the past year."

Eliza-Why did you choose to do the Saver's FunDrive?

Peggy- "There is a two fold answer, I've been an avid thrift shopper all of my life and you can find quality goods for all of your family and home at prices I appreciate."

2. "I was alerted to this really simple form of fundraising by a NFVA member. It seemed manageable, and so many friend's had things they wanted to donate as our little church Thrift shop has been closed for much of the Covid time. I knew this would be beneficial for many folks."

Eliza- How did this benefit your organization to date?

Peggy- We raised \$1545.00 for our organization when they weighed all the donated goods from our community at the Save's loading docks in New Bedford and Fall River on two Saturday's in February."

-"This fundraiser provided a way for our whole community to come together and unload, help each other and many others in the process."

Eliza- Do you think you will do this type of fundraiser again?

Peggy- "In Fact, It went so well we had to ask people to stop donating because we couldn't hold any more in the Junction Hall and we had to make a second weekend trip with two extra loaded vehicles for a second Drop Off Date for all the overflow. Just this morning we set up a New Donation FunDrive to benefit Savers's Communities and our own for 9/18/2021. We can start collecting Donations at the Junction 8/10/2021. Thank you to everyone who donated, Helped, Drove, Donated their Car, Truck, and or Time to help us to raise money for our philanthropic causes."

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