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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy 2019!

As we all review our New Year's Resolutions, so to is the North Falmouth Village Association, striving to find those new ways to educate, cultivate civic pride, and address the needs of the community.

The definition of a "VILLAGE" is: "a community smaller than a town".

Well, our "community" goes well beyond any borders that might specifically define the North Falmouth Village. Our Association includes any and all who wish to participate, no matter what their address is. You do not need to have an 02556 Zip Code and you certainly do not even need to live in Falmouth to be welcomed. All are welcomed and all do participate in our functions.

We have members and volunteers who live in East Falmouth, Hatchville, Sippewissett, Falmouth, West Falmouth, and Cataumet.

In short, I would offer that what defines us as a "VILLAGE" is the gathering of people from all over who share the same ideals, goals and participate in our events. We are not just an exclusive group of people who live within the geographic boundaries of what defines the Village of North Falmouth. We are a larger community and we welcome you wherever you live!"

Happy New Year!!!

Priscilla (Rand Hildreth Case)

An Introduction to North Falmouth

By Daniel R. Small, NFVA Historian

Because we have a number of new families in North Falmouth, I thought it would be a good idea to give you all a brief introduction to our beautiful and historic part of town.

From the wooded heights of Mount Saffron in the northeast corner of North Falmouth to the rippling waters of Miller's River as it empties into Buzzard's Bay at Old Silver Beach and from ancient Bourne Farm north to Hope Spring where fresh spring water mingles with the brackish Squeteague River at Megansett, this is the lovely and historic Village of North Falmouth. Come walk along our sidewalks and check out our many beautiful old houses. We are very proud to say that our historic homes and the 21st century way of life happily co-exist here!



We at the North Falmouth Village Association are very happy to see that you have chosen to live here in our delightful part of town. We sincerely hope that you will join our Association and take part in our many social activities throughout the year. We try to offer a wide range of events that will appeal to different age groups. If we don't offer an activity you are interested in, please feel free to attend one of our monthly Board of Director's meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at our Village Junction Meeting Hall at 212 Old Main Road and voice your suggestion.

Let me introduce myself to the new members. My name is Dan Small and I am the Village Historian. I've been lucky enough to live here in North Falmouth for over 70 years. I've seen a great many changes during my life, mostly all for the good, I'm happy to say. My parents and grandparents all lived here most of their lives too. Most everyone in my family has taken a deep interest in our village and have joined our local organizations whenever possible.

Now, we want you to take an interest in North Falmouth and join us. We welcome you and your family whole-heartedly. You will discover that it truly is a wonderful life here in North Falmouth. Enjoy!

WELCOME
TO
NORTH
FALMOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

By Meegan Hatch, NFVA Youth

As we welcome the New Year, it seems a perfect time to reflect upon the relationships and collaborations between North Falmouth Elementary School and the community.

NFE and the Falmouth Service Center have a long standing collaboration which takes shape in the form of our Annual Canned Food Drive and the Toys for Tots program. Hundreds of non-perishable food items as well as toys and books were collected by the students for distribution throughout Falmouth during the holiday season. These collections were led by the fourth graders with support from their teachers as a service project and we are grateful for their efforts!



We also had our Annual Craft Fair in December for the 3rd and 4th graders and they picked two charities to give an optional donation to from their profits. They donated over \$1000! Both Boston Children's Hospital and Friends of Falmouth Dogs will each be receiving ~\$500.00 due to the giving nature of our students. This is one time we are glad to see NFE "go to the dogs"! Thank you crafters!

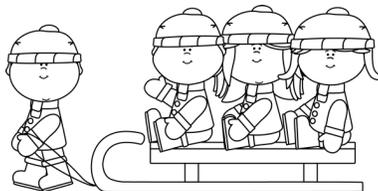
Each year, NFE is fortunate to receive a donation from the Village Association to help families in need and I would like to share some words of thanks from Angela LeBlanc, our adjustment counselor:

"The generosity of NFVA was greatly appreciated by our school. I was able to distribute the gift cards so graciously donated by the organization to over 30 families representing over 50 children. These gift cards are so important and truly make a difference for a family for both gifts for the children and for food for the family. The North Falmouth community is obviously a wonderful place with very generous, thoughtful people."

There are so many events to look forward to at NFE and one is the book swap in March. If you have any gently used chapter books suitable for elementary aged children please consider donating them. For more information or to volunteer at NFE feel free to email me at: meeganfarrelly@hotmail.com



For now, we look forward to working hard, being nice and having fun and hopefully some sledding in the New Year!



Historical News—An Afternoon at Wing Pond

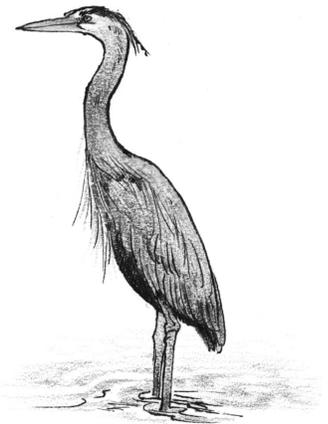
Written by Daniel R. Small, NFVA Historian

Transcribed by Evie Michon

It was fall at Wing Pond. The leaves, which were becoming more colorful every day, were just starting to fall to the ground. Most of the trees around the pond were oak, swamp maple, pine, cedar and hornbeam. Our tree had round leaves that “rattled” in the breeze, a cottonwood tree. When the leaves rattled like that, it sounded like it was raining, but it wasn’t.



A flock of mallard ducks circling the pond started to land on it. After landing, most of the ducks started quacking and moved away. Suddenly a great blue heron came swooping down and landed near the shore of the pond. It was long and thin and was more gray than blue in color. I’ve only seen about a half dozen of these in my life, so it was a real spectacle.



One of my favorite places to visit here in North Falmouth is Wing Pond. This area is in the “southern” if you will, part of North Falmouth, not far away from Old Silver Beach and the “northern” boundary of West Falmouth. Wing Pond is quite large, more than an acre, and it seems big enough to me to qualify as a lake. It’s close to a number of cranberry bogs. A brook named Miller’s River empties Wing Pond into the ocean at Old Silver Beach. Actually, Miller’s River is an overflow for Wing Pond. There must be at least one underground spring that feeds Wing Pond from below. There seem to be no other sources of fresh



water for this pond.

Miller's River is named after an old country doctor who lived at 142 North Falmouth Highway (Route 28A). He lived in a large old colonial house, formerly called The Holiday House Apartments. Most of this is painted dark red in color and it's across the road from Chambers' Hill Road.



Years ago in the 1970s on a really hot day (temperatures in the mid 90s F), my Dad and I spent the afternoon canoeing all around the shore of Wing Pond. It was quite comfortable out there on the pond. I like plants and I wanted to check out some water lilies. I brought one home for Mom. There were a few interesting items on the edge of the pond, like an old stone-ware jug. The only handle left on it had a crack through it and it was held together by wire. The jug was big enough to hold three or four gallons of liquid. I still have it.



This old jug probably came from the old Wing House at 29 Wing Road only about 100 feet or so from the northeast corner of the pond. Wing Road is about half a mile south of the North Falmouth Rotary Circle on Route 28A (sometimes called West Falmouth Highway). The old Wing House is the second dwelling on the right as you drive down Wing Road. The house is partially hidden by trees and a stone wall.



Written in memory of my maternal great grandparents,
Joseph and Elizabeth (Garrison) Wing,
who lived at 29 Wing Road during the nineteenth century.

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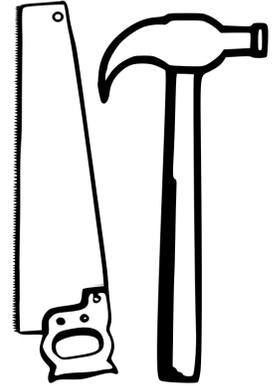
We welcome all members of the business community and urge you to join our organization. We prominently list members in our Annual Report to encourage local business participation.

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Our biggest fundraiser is the annual Paul White Road Race held in July each year and 2019 marks its 42nd year. Proceeds from the race are used to award scholarships to four graduating high school seniors from Falmouth. We also donate to the North Falmouth Elementary School, needy families in North Falmouth, and the Falmouth Service Center.

Junction Building News

Our Village Association building, located at 212 County Road, was, once again, adorned with a beautiful 8 foot Fraser fir Christmas tree from Vermont! The flower boxes were filled with greens and holiday colors. The building has had some repairs and maintenance recently completed. A broken window was replaced and painted, the building has been winterized and our heating system was tuned up.



Past NFVA Events...

The annual North Falmouth Village Association Christmas tree lighting was held Friday, December 7th at 6pm. This wonderful holiday event was attended by 35 people.



Hot chocolate and homemade cookies and snacks were served. After the tree was lit there was caroling by all up and down Wild Harbor Rd., led in classic Christmas songs by a group of children! Thank you to all our volunteers who make this event so fun!!



Special Request

Please save your mini shampoos, shower caps, and lotions from hotels, cruises, etc. for our annual stocking stuffers for the Falmouth Service Center at Christmas time! You'd be surprised at how many you can save over the whole year!



Contact Barbara Hampson for collection (508) 563-2375



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