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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy End Of Summer and may it linger!!!

Your Village Association has been hard at work this summer with all of the Village activities! On July 6th we held the annual Paul White Memorial Road Race, our major fundraiser for the year.

Thank you to all the great volunteers who helped make this race another huge success! We had an excellent day for running and over 260 runners who signed up to participate. The results are posted in this Newsletter and you can obtain more by going to:

<http://www.spitlerracesystems.com/>

Thank you again to Scott Muma and his team of volunteers and to all of our neighbors who donated their time and contributions to this wonderful event. We greeted the runners at the finish line with water and refreshing watermelon donated by the Royal Megansett Nursing Home. It takes a Village to run this event!!

Then on August 5th we held our first ever "Village Unplugged" friend raiser event to bring out the crowds on a hot summer's eve on the lawns of the North Falmouth Library! With over 60 people attending, we all enjoyed meeting and making new friends, the fabulous music and delicious food from the Barking Claw with desserts from the Board Members. We look forward to this great event next year!

Next on the calendar is the Annual Pot Luck Supper and Meeting and then the Annual Halloween Parade! Check emails, flyers and our Facebook Page for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/North-Falmouth-Village-Association-1103025033090367/>

We welcome everyone to attend all events and meetings, no matter where you live, and we are always looking for volunteers!

Hope to see you all around the Village!

Priscilla (Rand Hildreth Case) Geraghty



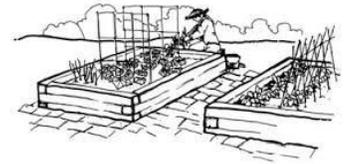
A Community Garden for North Falmouth? "Let your inner gardener out!"



As of this spring, Falmouth has a Community Garden located at Tony Andrews Farm. This was accomplished by a small dedicated group of volunteers who found themselves without a place to garden after the closing of the Falmouth Service Center Garden.

Public garden space in each Falmouth village, either on donated land or town land, as is Tony Andrews, is an amazing goal, benefiting community and public health. Could you be one of many in North Falmouth eager to work at replicating what now exists at Tony Andrews Farm on Berry Patch Lane? For a closer look go to this YouTube video produced by Falmouth Community Television to see the possibilities:

<https://youtu.be/hKmiqCWnTjU>



Contact Ilene Karnow at: wonrak@comcast.net or (978)430-5664 to get more involved.



Halloween or Harvest Themed Display



If we build it- will you come? Over the years we have seen some amazing displays at the corner of Old Stage Road and Falmouth Road in Centerville. From giant bunny backdrops to a field of pumpkins, every season has a unique display to delight passers-by and provide families with a stop-worthy photo spot. Here in North Falmouth we have an opportunity to recreate that same idea. Take a look at our triangle on 28A and Old Main Road, see anything different?



Let's together, all ages, create a Halloween Display, something worth stopping for photos to post on our website and walls. Contact Ilene Karnow at wonrak@comcast.net or (978)430-5664 if you are interested in participating in or sponsoring this project, and join in this fun fall community building project.



thank you

from the North Falmouth Village Association to all of those who volunteered at the 42nd Annual Paul E. White Memorial Road Race! Once again, with the efforts of all, we were able to execute the aspects essential to produce a successful road race.

That certainly seemed true on July 6th for the actual race. Kudos to Scott Muma for his preparations for the race and master of ceremonies duties with presentation of awards. We are deeply grateful for your generous participation in achieving our successful finish, with 268 registered runners!

We are especially grateful to the Spitler Race Systems Timing Service this year. The Paul White Memorial Road Race Committee: Scott Muma, Priscilla Geraghty, and Tim Denmark.



YOUTH NEWS

By Meegan Hatch

On August 5, the Association hosted a “friendraiser” event at the North Falmouth Library from 5 - 7pm. We called this event “The Village Unplugged”. Not only because we had the fabulous Pine Street Pickers playing bluegrass on the lawn, but also because this was an opportunity for folks to have some good old fashioned fun with friends and have some real face to face conversations.

The goals of this event were simple. We wanted to collaborate with NF Library to raise awareness about both of our missions. A big thank you to Laurie McNee for helping us to achieve this. We also hoped to raise awareness about NFVA and what it does for our community, including how funds are used and what events we host. We aim to increase membership by answering questions and generating interest and community support and felt this was a great kick off to that end. I think the most important goal of this event was to have a fun multi-generational and FREE event for all.

I am really proud to say we achieved those goals. Collaborating with local organizations and businesses is a win for all of us and this was a great way to build those relationships. Tom Molloy of The Barking Claw set up shop in the library parking lot where many happy folks could purchase lobster rolls and hotdogs! We saw children and grandparents playing and talking and many new faces like those of Paul and Kristen Deschamps who will be opening a coffee roaster in the the old Holy Cow space and welcomed them to the neighborhood!! Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to more community celebrations in the future!

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention our amazing swimmers at Megansett Beach! Under the guidance and tutelage of lifeguards Erin and Delaney, Megansett swimmers brought home several ribbons and won 1st Place in the small beach division at the annual Falmouth Beaches Swim Meet held at MA Maritime this August!! The swim program is such a fabulous resource for our town and we are so proud of the hard work all of kids did this summer in class!



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### Road Race Results from the 42nd running of the Paul E. White Memorial Road Race

#### Men Overall Winners

1st place: Caleb Gartner of Falmouth, MA - 26:04  
 2nd place: Teddy Farley of Acton, MA - 26:27  
 3rd place: Thomas Giandino of Falmouth, MA - 28:39

#### Women Overall Winners

1st place: Stassia Sichko of Los Angeles, CA - 31:48  
 2nd place: Julianna Coughlin of Falmouth, MA - 32:15  
 3rd place: Suzy Macero of Wakefield, MA - 33:22

## Historical News—A Long Time Ago...An Edsel Lived here

by Daniel R. Small, NFVA Historian

Nothing much ever happens here in the peaceful little village of North Falmouth (I've lived here since the early 1940s). An occasional birth, marriage, or divorce is all the excitement we get. No bank robberies, murders, or scandals have ever happened here - and probably never will - it's such a quiet little village.

Well, it was very quiet around here until along about 1958 when something REALLY BIG AND EXCITING happened. Someone actually went out and bought themselves a BRAND NEW CAR! Most North Falmouth people, when faced with the demise of their current "ride" would almost always buy a good second-hand car, wherever they could find one.

They seemed like an ordinary couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Wiles. They lived in a nice, but ordinary, house at 140 Old Main Road. As I remember, they had an ordinary, but ageing car, like everyone else. As I also remember, the Wiles' old car was a black 1951 Ford convertible, which was drafty and getting tired. It rattled and shook on a bumpy road. (I know this as I rode back from a high school dance in it years later.)



So, one morning in the spring of 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Wiles hopped into their old Ford convertible and set off for Hyannis (still our closest "big city") to look at new cars. Well, that afternoon they came home in one of the strangest looking cars that anyone around here had ever seen. It had a front grille in the shape of an old horse collar and these crazy tail lights that were triangular and looked like they belonged on a spaceship. It had 4 headlights, instead of the usual 2, and it had imitation wood sides with a tailgate to match. No one had even the foggiest idea as to what kind of a car it was or even who made it. It almost looked like a spaceship because it was white. (Aren't spaceships white?)

On the front and back of this car were the letters:

E D S E L



Well, no one knew what an EDSEL was or where they came from. Almost everyone made the trip over to see the car. I heard that some people even went to the library to look up the word EDSEL. What in H--- was an EDSEL anyway? Even the librarian didn't have a clue!

Finally, after hearing all the commotion outside their house, Mr. and Mrs. Wiles opened their door and explained that their new car was a 1958 EDSEL BERMUDA station wagon. (See, it wasn't a spaceship after all!)

I later learned that EDSEL cars were manufactured by the Ford Motor Company for only 3 years and the brand was created to fill the price gap between low priced Ford cars and the higher priced Mercury cars.



Personally, I remember thinking the Wiles' new EDSEL was very handsome, but back then I liked ANY new car! As I remember, the Wiles' ended up keeping their EDSEL only 2 years and traded it in on a (less radical) new 1960 Mercury sedan. (They had kept their old Ford convertible for 7 years.) Yes, I'm a certified car nut! There were, I have heard, many problems with the new EDSELS. Maybe that's why the first and only EDSEL in North Falmouth stayed here for only 2 years.

You'll be glad to know that little old North Falmouth has returned to its quiet, peaceful and thrifty habits. Most villagers still seek out good used cars and rarely venture out to search for a brand new car. (Yes, it's the economy.) And, if you listen really hard, you will occasionally hear the rumor that an EDSEL used to "live" here a long time ago.

NOTE: It's a fact that Henry Ford II named the EDSEL car after his father, Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford I and he was a brilliant and gifted automobile stylist. It is most unfortunate that the EDSEL automobile was a failure.

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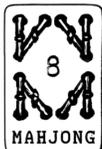
Untapped Resource--Junction Meeting Space

Have you ever wanted to have a party or meeting but not had adequate space? Well with a bit of elbow grease and a fresh coat of paint the Junction building at 212 Old Main Road could be that space. Interested in helping spruce up the place?

Contact Peggy Heaslip at 508-274-3930 or peggyheaslip@gmail.com

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### Do You Hear the Tiles?



Introduction to Mahjong is coming to the Junction. If you already play, or would like to learn, or just throw some tiles while sharing a hot beverage please call Ilene Karnow at (978)430-5664.



Future games will be established on a weekly basis as desired.



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Did You Know?

Our association has 274 members and only 77 of those members have paid dues and filled out membership forms in the past 3 years. Other than the Paul White Road Race, dues are our only form of income which we use to fund our annual scholarship fund, maintain the Junction Building, assist local families around the holidays, and participate in upgrades at the North Falmouth Elementary School. We also hope to create additional opportunities for involvement with members through new events throughout the year. If you are one of the 197 people who have not sent in your dues, please consider doing so today. Thank you!

# North Falmouth Village Association Annual Meeting



Potluck

Speaker Amanda Gallarini—"Sharks in Cape Cod Water"



**When: Friday, October 18th, at 6:00 PM**

**Where: North Falmouth Congregational Church**

Mark your calendars for the NFVA Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper! This is a great way to meet your neighbors, share great home cooking and enjoy an entertaining evening with friends. No need to RSVP. Just bring a main dish to serve 8 people and somehow there is more than enough food to go around! The Board Members will bring dessert!



## North Falmouth's Own Dollar Store!



The North Falmouth village boasts it's very own "thrifty boutique." It is an important source of income for the North Falmouth Congregational Church next door. The thrift shop is staffed by 25 volunteers and managed by a committee of five. Together that group of volunteers contributed over 3000 hours of their time in 2018 to sorting through donations and keeping the shop looking neat.

The thrift shop offers quality clothing and household items at very reasonable prices. Children's clothing starts at \$1.00 and adult clothing starts at \$3.00. The racks are often filled with recognizable brand labels like Talbots, L.L.Bean, Appleseeds, Cold Water Creek, Nautica to name just a few. Bargains abound! And watch for periodic "Dollar Sales" and other special events. The next sale is Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and will include yarn, fabric, frames and puzzles out on the front lawn. There will also be a dollar sale on all clothing in the shop.

The shop is open from 9:00-1:00 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and also on Thursday nights from 5:00-7:30. Donations may be brought in during business hours and also on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30. In addition, the shop is always looking for new volunteers. Church membership is not a requirement. And there are several jobs that can be done at home outside of business hours.



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The purpose of the North Falmouth Village Association (NFVA) is to promote civic pride and to encourage and provide social, charitable and educational activities for citizens of all ages; to provide a meeting place where activities of all ages can be held, and to raise funds for the benefit of the village are additional purposes.

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