

COVID-19 INFORMATION

We hope everyone is staying safe. Now that winter is upon us with colder weather, more indoor gatherings, dining and activities - please take precautions to stay healthy and safe. Below are several links regarding COVID-19 that you may find useful.

New York State website with updates, links to find vaccines, test sites and more, <https://www.ny.gov/>
New York State announced 13 new testing sites, including 2 Long Island sites, (Hauppauge and Hempstead). The new sites are set to open Wednesday 12/29; for details and appointments go to this link <https://www.ny.gov/>

Nassau County website (updates, links and more)
Nassau County COVID-19 Vaccine Information: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5126/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information>
Nassau County COVID-19 Information, Testing, Vaccines, Guidance & more
<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4963/COVID-19-INFORMATION>
Nassau County Link for Community Organizations/Agencies for self-test kit requests:
<https://app.nassaucountyny.gov/doh/cbotestkitscov19/>
Additionally, visit the Nassau County website for details on the Boost Nassau Household Assistance Program Grants that are now available:
<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5281/Household-Assistance-Program-Information>

Town of Oyster Bay website <https://oysterbaytown.com/>

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce (for businesses, organizations, chamber members and the community) - Shop & Dine Local throughout the year

Stay Safe & Healthy,
Mayor Ralph Ekstrand and the Farmingdale Village Board of Trustees,
William Barrett, Cheryl Parisi, Anthony Addeo, and Walter Priestley



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FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

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Village Water Tower

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Deputy Mayor William Barrett
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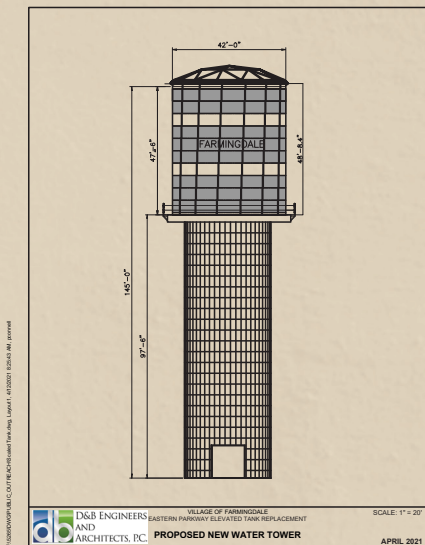


Our present water tower on Eastern Parkway has been a landmark and served us well for the past sixty years but has exhausted its useful life. The price tag to rehabilitate it approximates the cost to replace it. After careful study and with the advice from experts, your Village Board decided to replace it with a glass infused water tower. This somewhat new technology has been around for over a decade and can be seen on the north side of Southern State Parkway near Hempstead. The main advantage of this new technology is the lack of maintenance costs. Presently, the cost to clean the interior of the steel tank and paint the exterior every fifteen years requires the Village to bond the approximate \$2,500,000 cost. It is estimated that the annual maintenance cost for the new



glass infused water tower is only \$15,000. Assuming no further supply issue considerations and COVID outbreak among the workers the target date for completion of the water tower is late spring.

The glass infused water tower will be a new landmark announcing to the world that its location is in the VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE but due to cost considerations and to the chagrin of Trustee Barrett it will NOT also say HOME OF CHAMPIONS. The water tower will be Daler green with Farmingdale in white letters.



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THANK YOU ASSEMBLYMAN MONTESANTO



Our good friend Assemblyman Michael Montesano, once again DELIVERS for FARMINGDALE VILLAGE; with a \$100,000 Grant that was utilized for reconstruction of our parking lots. Mike has ALWAYS been there to support our Village and we are thrilled to receive this grant!

AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN - CONGRESSMAN TOM SUOZZI

The federal American Recovery Plan, part of legislation passed by Congress, has awarded the Village of Farmingdale \$919,525. To date, we have received 50% or \$459,762. The money can be used for many projects. We have chosen to use it for infrastructure.



WELCOME - NEW DEPUTY CLERK DANIEL RUCKDESCHEL

Welcome to Daniel Ruckdeschel our new Deputy Clerk / Treasurer who started in August. Dan is no stranger to the Village as he and his family live in Farmingdale and love the area. He is a CPA and has great experience having worked as an external auditor for over 18 years. He worked for one of Long Islands premiere auditing firms Satty, Levine & Ciacco and was an Auditor for many not-for-profits, school districts, fire districts, water authorities, sewer districts and Villages - including Farmingdale Village. Dan said, "I'm thrilled to be part of this team and look forward to working with the residents and businesses of the Village of Farmingdale for many years to come."



REMOVAL OF TREE STUMPS

The Village of Farmingdale is compiling a comprehensive list of tree stumps which are located in the government strips at residential properties throughout the Village of Farmingdale.

We are seeking the help of Village residents so the Village can compile this list accordingly for future stump removals. Please contact Ann Rodenburg, via phone, 516-249-0093, ext 204, or email: arodenburg@farmingdalevillage.com to report the tree stumps that are in the government strip in front of your residential properties.

The Village has an IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) with the Town of Oyster and Supervisor Saladino dropped by to sign the agreement.

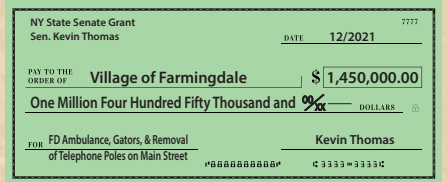
Thank you - we appreciate your assistance!



SENATOR KEVIN THOMAS THANK YOU!



Our good friend Senator Kevin Thomas, has once again come through for the Village of Farmingdale. Senator Thomas has provided a \$500,000 grant for our Water Tower; a \$500,000 grant for Main Street to bury the overhead wires; and a \$450,000 grant for a new ambulance, an ambulance upgrade and gators for our Village Fire Department.



MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION

In early March of 2022, PSEG LI will begin work on Main Street. The Village has signed a contract with PSEG LI to put all of the electrical wires overhead underground. The project will be handled in two phases with the area south of Conklin Street to Prospect Street starting in March 2022 and Phase II to begin in March 2023 runs north of Conklin Street to South Front Street. We look forward to this much improved look for Main Street.

This much anticipated project is being funded by a \$500,000 grant from Senator Kevin Thomas.

5 CORNERS @ MAIN AND MELVILLE

The 5 Corners Park at Main and Melville is being completely renovated. New fencing, lighting, brickwork, sidewalk, shrubbery, signage and landscaping will make the area a beautiful entrance into our Village. Nassau County is providing a \$150,000 grant toward this project from a 2006 Environmental Bond Issue. Trustee Parisi is spearheading this project. It should be completed in early spring.

The project can be viewed on the Village website. Just click the PDF for a colored rendering.

We wish all our residents a Happy and Healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all on Main Street in 2022.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPGRADES

During the past year, our fire department has been there for all of us. Now Senator Thomas is once again here to help the Village. The Village has received a \$450,000 grant for a new ambulance, an upgrade to our present ambulance, and the purchase of gators.

STORMWATER POLLUTION

What can I do to prevent runoff pollution?

Reduce the volume of runoff that washes into our water supply (mostly through our storm drains). Keep pollutants safely away from the runoff's path. As a rule, only clean rain water should go into the storm drain. Here are some tips on reducing the pollutants that get into the storm water:

- Use a car wash that recycles water or wash it on the lawn with a bucket where soapy runoff will be filtered by the lawn.
- Sweep and compost grass clippings and leaves from the driveway, street, and walkway.
- Keep your car well maintained. If it is leaking oil or any other fluids, have it fixed promptly. (Did you know that 1 litre of engine oil can pollute 1,000,000 litres of fresh water?)
- Stop chlorination of pool water at least one week before emptying it, in accordance with local bylaws.
- Pick up pet waste and encourage others to do so as well.
- Keep your neighborhood clean by picking up litter.
- Properly dispose of batteries, chemicals and other hazardous wastes with the Town of Oyster Bay's Stop Program.