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Village *"on the"* Green

"Farmingdale... We have it All"

Family Fun for Everyone!



JULY 10



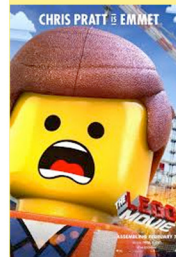
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AUGUST 7



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AUGUST 28

FREE Popcorn - Drinks - Ice Cream

A very special thank you to our supporters: **The Farmingdale Library** for the movies, **Checker Cab** for the ice cream, **McDonalds** for the orange drink and the **Village** for the popcorn. Cartoons precede the movies for about 15 minutes and begin around dusk. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Movies are on Thursday evenings. Main Street is full of options for your dinner so feel free to come early and eat on the Green. Hope to see everyone "On the Green".

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Moving In The Right Direction

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor Patricia A. Christiansen
Trustee Cheryl L. Parisi
Trustee William Barrett
Trustee Tom Ryan

Dear Residents,

I would like to give you an update of recent events. We all experienced one of the harshest winters in recent history - the unofficial toll was 23 weather events. For our Village, the burden of clearing the snow and salting the ice fell upon our DPW team. The Trustees and I along with our residents want to thank Superintendent Fisch and all the members of his staff for their countless hours of service plowing, sanding and shoveling to ease travel for our residents.

Trustees Barrett and Ryan join with me in congratulating Pat Christiansen and Cheryl Parisi on their reelection as Trustees of the Village. We have enjoyed an excellent working relationship over the past two years and look forward to its continuation.

Construction is proceeding very quickly at Jefferson Plaza, the new mixed use development at the train station. We wish to thank all who use the LIRR for their cooperation with the parking lot alterations to accommodate the construction. We anticipate that the demolition of the SPA buildings on Main Street will be started before the end of the month to be followed by construction of the mixed use building approved by the Board last fall. This construction will occur along with a similar project by SPA on Eastern Parkway.

The Board spent a great deal of time during the spring working on the 2014-2015 Village budget. Consideration had to be given to increased pension and health insurance premiums for our employees, repairs required on our Village Hall building as well as on our DPW equipment and, of course, the ability to maintain the same services for our residents. With sharpened pencils this was accomplished while imposing a small tax increase of 1.46%.

Hopefully you have noticed all the improvements that have occurred along our Main Street including new store signs, awnings, and building façade improvements. This work has all been completed with funds from the Nassau County Community Block Grant program. The work will continue as the Village partners with the County and land owners to improve the attractiveness of our Main Street. The repaving of Main Street together with the installation of new curbing and brick work is also being done under a grant provided by Nassau County. Upon completion, many of the inadequate drainage issues at the north end of Main Street will be eliminated.

We are very pleased to welcome several new stores to our Main Street including Village Kitchen at the former Bollinger's location and Charlotte's Yogurt & Ice Cream Shop. We are looking forward to welcoming HUSH, a new restaurant being opened by Chef Marc Anthony, Café Dolce Vita and the Dark Horse Tavern in the next several weeks. I would encourage all residents to visit these new restaurants and I am sure you will enjoy all that they have to offer.

I would like to thank the Downtown Implementation Committee for organizing the second St. Patrick's Day parade in the Village. Large crowds came out to see the marchers, enjoy activities on Village Green and visit the restaurants on Main Street who offered many specials for the day. The Committee is busy planning more events for the summer and fall seasons.

On May 17th volunteers gathered at Village Hall and began the process of spring planting in our Village. Together they hung 110 baskets containing petunias on the street lights, planted wave petunias in the pots at six street signs, as well as planting 80 street and park planters with spikes, marigolds and red and purple wave petunias. In addition, 45 flats of flowers containing 2,160 plants were planted at Village Green, Northside Park, Main Street/Melville Road triangle, and Grengas Park. Beautification is a fully volunteer event. Once again, our volunteers were joined by a detail from the Marine Corps Recruiting Substation in Hicksville under the direction of Sergeant Thomas J. Heinsohn. In addition to the Marine Corps volunteers, SPECIAL THANKS also to all the dedicated volunteers including members of the Beautification Committee, Hardscrabble Girl Scouts, Farmingdale Village Junior Firemen, Village Department of Public Works staff and Village Trustees who give of their time and talent to improve the attractiveness of our Village.

As we approach the summer season, I invite you to come and enjoy the Village Pops on Wednesday evenings, beginning on June 25th, and movie nights on Thursdays evenings, beginning on July 10th. These events are all being held on Village Green. The Fire Department is once again sponsoring a spring fair on Sunday, June 8th





LETTER TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS FROM THE MAYOR (CONT'D)

on Main Street, beginning at 10:00 AM. And, don't forget, the weekly Farmer's Market held every Sunday, beginning on June 1st. This year the Market will be held on Village Green.

The unofficial start of the summer season is Memorial Day and for "Dalers" it traditionally begins with the Fire Department's Memorial Day Parade down Main Street. This year is no exception. The parade will step off at 10:00 AM from the north end of the Village and march to Village Green for the ceremonies honoring our Veterans who have protected the freedom we in this country all enjoy.

Finally, I encourage all to be part of Village government and invite you to attend Board meetings. Our monthly meeting is held on the first Monday of each month and work sessions are held on the third and fourth Monday evening beginning at 7:00 PM.

VILLAGE POPS

Now in the 33rd year, the Pops continue to perform on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm. The dates are June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6th. All performances take place on Village Green. Once again this year we are extremely grateful to Checker Cab for providing free ice cream for the concerts! We hope to see everyone there! Don't forget your lawn chair and maybe think about coming early to enjoy dinner in town! We have many new restaurants to enjoy!

3rd Annual  Restaurant Week of 2014 *June 9th - June 14th* **FARMINGDALE** Village

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La Bottega 257 Main Street • 516-752-0445 Ask Upon Arrival	Caracara Mexican Grill 354 Main Street • 516-777-2272 3 Course Dinner - \$25.95	The Original Cascarino's 302 Main Street • 516-777-3600 4 Course Dinner - \$24.95	Charlotte's Main Street • 516-586-3595 A Taste of the Sweet Life - 20%
Chichimecas 169 Main Street • 516-586-8946 3 Course Dinner - \$19.95	Dominican Restaurant 4 305 Main Street • 516-586-6005 15% Off All Orders	Gino's Pizzeria 333 Main Street • 516-694-7250 (excludes Friday & Saturday)	Hush Main Street • 631-327-2472 Farmingdale's Chef Marc Anthony
Jade Palace 252 Main Street • 516-694-6688 See Server Upon Arrival	Library Cafe 274 Main Street • 516-752-7678 3 Course Dinner - \$23.95	Lotus Garden 345 Conklin Street • 516-249-2940 3 Course Dinner - \$20.95	Mary's Pizza & Pasta 611 Main Street • 516-586-5917 3 Course Dinner - \$20.95
The Nutty Irishman 323 Main Street • 516-293-9700 3 Course Dinner - \$20.95	La Piazzetta 1031 Route 109 • 631-777-1677 Ask Upon Arrival	Palmer's American Grille 123 Fulton Street • (516) 420-0609 3 Course Dinner - \$25.95	Tre Scalini 196 Main Street • 516-249-0140 3 Course Dinner - \$25.95
<i>Enjoy Specialty Menus and Pricing Only At These Participating Local Restaurants</i>		Village Kitchen 282 Main Street • 516-752-8696 Ask Upon Arrival	<i>Farmingdale...has it all!</i>

GOOD STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater Management is vital to our community and waterways.

How is stormwater pollution a problem? Storm drains (like those found along curbs) do not go to wastewater treatment plants. Water entering storm drains flows untreated into streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, lakes, sounds, bays, and oceans. Stormwater picks up and carries numerous pollutants into our waterways bacteria (pathogens), sediment, trash, automotive fluids like used oil and antifreeze, grass clippings, leaves, yard waste, excess fertilizers, animal waste, pesticides. Many of these pollutants can cause problems in very small amounts. Polluted stormwater runoff is so varied and so widespread that it is very difficult to address its sources.

What can you do to prevent storm water pollution? There are several things residents can do to prevent storm water pollution.

Animal Waste

- Pick up after your pets. Dispose of pet waste properly in a trash receptacle or flush it down the toilet.
- Keep manure piles covered and on impervious surfaces

Your Septic System: Overflowing septic systems can result in pathogen pollution:

- Have your septic system inspected at least every 3 years by a professional
- Your tank pumped as recommended by the inspector (generally every 3 to 5 years).
- Household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint, etc. should be taken to the Town S.T.O.P collection sites and not flushed. Overflowing septic systems can pollute our waterways.

Reducing Runoff

- Adjust sprinklers so that you're not watering the street or sidewalk.
- Redirect roof gutters to lawns, dry wells, or rain gardens.
- Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it on the driveway.

Pool Water

- Pool water must be dechlorinated before discharging.
- Even small concentrations of chlorine that are fine for humans can harm aquatic life. Chlorine can be very toxic to fish, small crustaceans, and plankton.

Consider the following options for removing chlorine: Simply stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait. Sunlight will help to naturally dissipate the chlorine within 10 days. During that time, use a swimming pool test kit to measure chlorine. Chemically dechlorinate the pool water. Chemicals that will quickly remove chlorine are available through pool and spa care vendors.

Lawn Care & Yard Waste

- Apply fertilizers and pesticides exactly where you want them. Avoid over spraying them onto sidewalks, driveways or streets.
- Reduce the amount of fertilizers you need to apply by testing the soil in your yard first.
- Sweep up yard debris instead of washing it away.
- Bundle yard waste at the curb for pickup.
- Blow leaves and grass clippings back into your yard instead of leaving them in the street to wash down the storm drain.
- Use a compost bin to turn yard waste into a useful gardening product.

Planting

- Replant bare areas to avoid soil erosion.
- Keep invasive plants from growing in your yard. Remove before they have a chance to spread.
- Avoid planting exotic plants. Select only plants that are native to this area.

Household Hazardous Waste

- Never dump anything down a storm drain. Many storm drains flow to the waterway.
- Take used oil, paint and other household hazardous waste to Town recycling centers (see Oyster Bay S.T.O.P. for times and locations).
- Check your car for oil or other leaks.

ANNUAL STORM WATER REPORT

The Annual Storm Water Report can be found on the Village website by going to the following link: www.farmingdalevillage.com/2014ADWQR.pdf This link will take you directly to the report. You can also go the website and click on the rectangle on the right side of the home page that says: The 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for our First Annual Music Festival to take place on Main Street over the September 13-14 weekend! Should be an outstanding weekend with well known bands! Watch the website and the next newsletter for all details!