



## Moving In The Right Direction

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Dear Fellow Residents,  
It's amazing to me that the summer has come to an end and we are already hearing conversation about the upcoming holiday season. We had a wonderful summer in our Village. The weekly Village Pops concerts were very well attended and provided excellent entertainment for all. How better to spend a Wednesday evening other than enjoying an ice cream treat while listening to the wonderful music. Thanks to Brad DeMilo and the volunteer members of the band as they played another season in the Village. Movie nights were certainly a big hit, especially with our young residents. Each of the movies shown this summer was well received by the audience.

Another exciting event for Farmingdale were the four Live at Five on Main Street. Held on two Thursdays in July and two in August, they were a huge success, drawing thousands to Main Street. Once again, our Village Fire Department organized the annual Columbus Day Fair. Saturday was a beautiful day and many came to Main Street to shop and dine. The fireworks on Sunday evening were amazing.



The fall and early winter season continues to be busy in our Village. The Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Parade will be held at noon on November 18th, the Beautification Committee will be hanging wreaths and garland earlier that morning, the Holiday Tree Lighting at Village Green will occur on November 28th and the Tree Lighting at Gerngras Park will be on Friday, December 8th. Both tree lightings will take place at 7:00 PM. The Cultural Arts Committee will hold its fifth gingerbread house competition at the Chocolate Duck on December 9th.

I encourage you to attend the Village Board meetings on the first and third Monday's of each month at 7:00 PM. The Trustees and I value your input on the work we are doing for all Village residents.

Enjoy the fall harvest time and all its offerings. I look forward to seeing you around the Village!

Ralph Ekstrand, Mayor

## PARKING FIELDS 2 and 3

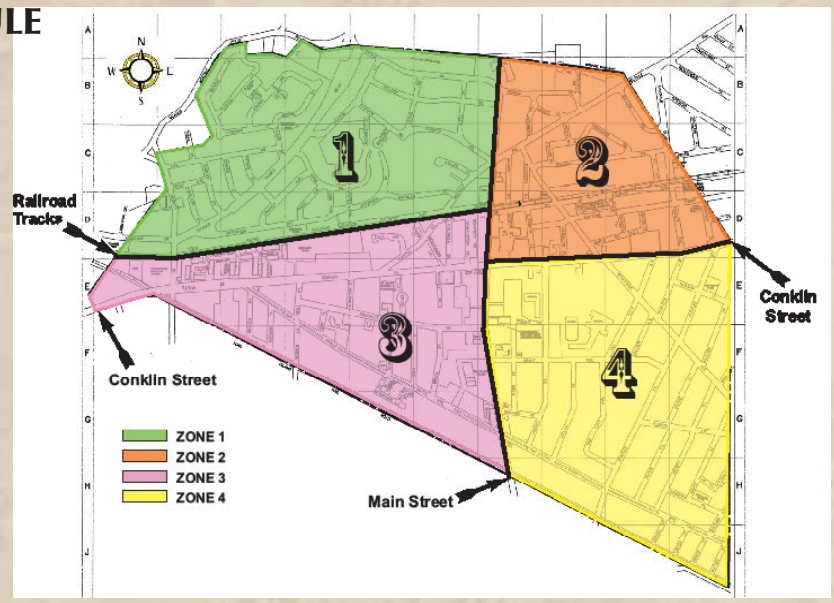
In our efforts to continue with maintaining the infrastructure of our Village, work is nearing completion in Parking Lots 2 and 3. Each lot was completely demolished, additional drainage installed, reconfigured parking design to provide more spaces, repaved and restriped. New and additional lighting has been installed to improve safety conditions at night. The final steps towards completion include the planting of trees and shrubs, new fencing and the installation of new signage. New trees and shrubs include 140 Junipers, 41 Leland Cypress, 75 Green Giants, 20 Sunburst Maple trees and 2 Armstrong Maple Trees.

Similar plans are being prepared for the renovation of Parking Lot 4 in the spring.



### 2017 LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

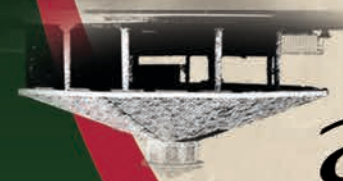
- Zone 1:**  
Oct. 23 - Oct. 27  
Nov. 27 - Dec. 1
- Zone 2:**  
Oct. 30 - Nov. 3  
Nov. 20 - Nov. 24
- Zone 3:**  
Nov. 6 - Nov. 10  
Dec. 4 - Dec. 8
- Zone 4:**  
Nov. 13 - Nov. 17  
Dec. 11 - Dec. 15



**ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

**Just a reminder.....**

- Please lock your cars whether they are parked in front of your house or in your driveway. We have been advised of recent instances where unlocked cars have been burglarized.
- If you have a storm drain in front of your home, please make sure it is free of debris to avoid flooding in the event of rain.
- October is Fire Prevention Month – make certain all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home are working properly.
- When shoveling snow, please remember to help clear the crosswalks and hydrants, allowing for easy access to both.



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## BEAUTIFICATION

As fall arrived in the northeast, on Saturday, September 30th volunteers began to prepare Main Street for the season for our residents and in anticipation of the many visitors to our Village over the Columbus Day Fair weekend. Towards that end, they planted mums and cabbages in the pots along Main Street, street sign baskets as well as Main Street/Melville Road triangle, Village Green and Gergras Park.

During the summer months, many favorable comments were received on the beauty of the flowers in the Village which flourished for many months.

Holiday decorations, including wreaths, garland and decorated trees will begin to appear on November 18th in advance of the Tri-Centennial Tree Lighting on November 28th. Many volunteers will be needed to join the committee on this Saturday to help transform our Village into a Holiday Wonderland. **Please join us on the 18th beginning at 9:00 AM at Village Hall with bagels and coffee.**

All residents of the Village are welcome to become part of the Beautification Committee in one or more ways: attend our meetings, help with preparation and planting on designated days, donate supplies and refreshments on "beautification work" days, contribute to the Village Beautification fund. New volunteers are encouraged to leave their name at Village Hall or email Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen at pchristiansen@farmingdalevillage.com.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Cultural Arts Committee**  
Grave Yark Walk  
Sunday, November 12th - 2:00 pm  
Quaker Meeting House Road

**Chamber of Commerce**  
Holiday Parade  
Saturday, November 18th  
Noon

**Holiday Tree Lighting**  
Village Green  
Tuesday, November 28th - 7:00 pm  
Raindate: Friday, Dec. 1st

**Gergras Park**  
Friday, December 8th - 7:00 pm

**Gingerbread House Competition**  
Saturday, December 9th  
Noon - 4:00 pm

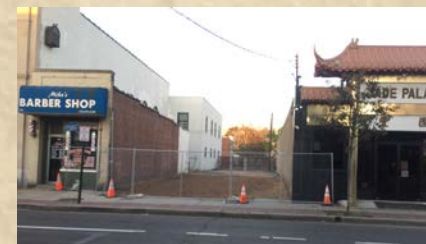
## VILLAGE DESIGNATED CLEAN ENERGY SITE

Farmingdale Village has been designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority in recognition of its efforts to reduce energy use. Clean Energy Communities is a \$16 million initiative announced by the Governor last year. The efforts support local government leaders in implementing energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects. The Village received the designation for completing four of 10 "high impact" clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA. These actions included:

- Benchmarking – adopting a policy to report energy use of Village Hall, the public works department and the firehouse;
- Unified Solar permit – streamlining the process for solar use;
- Energy code enforcement training;
- Installation of LED bulbs in all street lights.

The Village was awarded \$50,000 to be used toward additional clean energy projects. The Mayor and Trustees have pledged to continue to be dedicated to explore more options to help improve our energy efficiency – not just to save our taxpayers dollars but to help protect our environment for the future.

## PASSIVE PARK



With the demolition complete of 254 Main Street (formerly Victor's Jewelers), a passive park area and walk through from Main Street to Parking

Field 1 will soon begin. The entrance to Parking Field 3 from Main Street is also being redesigned. Look for completion of both in the near future.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

### What causes Stormwater pollution:

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas and bare soil, and across sloped lawns. As it flows, this runoff can collect and transport soil particles, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, leaves and grass clippings, litter, animal wastes, and other potential pollutants. A heavy rainstorm isn't the only time that pollutants are collected and carried towards streams, rivers, wetlands, or lakes. A relatively light rain or flow from a garden hose or lawn sprinkler can start the process by moving pollutants into the street or storm drain. During the next precipitation event, these pollutants and others are picked up and carried further, eventually being deposited in a stream, lake or wetland. Contrary to popular belief, most storm drains or storm sewers do not carry stormwater to wastewater treatment plants. Instead it flows directly to streams or other water bodies.

Pet waste contains bacteria that can make people sick and excess nutrients that can deprive fish of oxygen. If left on the ground, it can wash into our waterways, harming the fish, wildlife and communities that depend on the waterways. **DO NOT DISPOSE OF PET WASTE IN OUR STORM DRAINS.** Leaving pet waste on the ground is also illegal and can come with a \$250 fine. Use a pooper scooper or plastic bag to pick up waste. Dispose of the waste in your own garbage pail in a sealed, nonleaking bag. Do not throw it out in your neighbor's garbage can.

## SIDEWALK TRIPPING ELIMINATION PROGRAM - 'STEP'

The Village continues to make improvements in infrastructure and is offering a 50/50 matching grant to pay for up to two sidewalk panels. Residents are encouraged to participate in this program to eliminate sidewalk tripping hazards.

Building permit fees are waived for participants in this program. Applications to participate in the grant program are available at Village Hall. Once the application is made a Village inspector will visit the proposed location and determine eligibility.

The Village will supply the contractor and ensure that all work meets Farmingdale Village code. Payment shall be made in advance of the work being performed. The program is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH DEDICATES 'THIN SPACE'

On September 17th, St. Thomas Church dedicated "Thin Space", their new outdoor garden space for prayer, reflection and meditation in the heart of the Village. In her opening remarks, Mother Christine Petersen-Snyder commented that the Church believes that an important part of spirituality is hospitality to the world and offers this space to friends and neighbors. Their hope is that it becomes a place for everyone to seek refuge and peace from the many stresses of daily life.



Mother Christine described the significant labyrinth, reclaimed benches and writing desk noting it was the completion of Phase I of the project. Phase II will include additional plantings and a water feature enhancing the peacefulness of the space.

At the entranceway to "Thin Space" on Conklin Street, Mother Christine blessed the new garden, cut the red ribbon and welcomed all to enter. She was joined by neighboring clergy, members of the congregation and elected officials.