



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

April, 2007

## A Message From Village Mayor GEORGE J. GRAF

April was a very busy month in Farmingdale. It never ceases to amaze me how much goes on in our community. As if the duties of being Mayor and Trustee don't keep the Village Board busy enough, each week we are presented with community events, business functions and a plethora of fund raisers. We can't make them all but we do try to make as many as we can. Spring Break provides me with a week away from my teaching responsibilities and affords me opportunities to attend some of these events (that are held during normal business hours!).



I had the pleasure of being able to attend the April meeting of the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce at Palmers American Grille. I always enjoy meeting with the local Chamber members and discussing their needs. The Chamber does so much for the Village and the surrounding community and I always try to attend when my teaching schedule allows me to. I was able to give their members a short update and answer some questions. The lively meeting and great food had me energized for my next stop. I was invited to speak with the residents of the Hardscrabble Senior Apartments on Main Street. When I walked into their community room I was met with applause and cheers. Honestly, I had to turn around to see if someone else had walked in behind me! Their sincere greeting did not stop them from asking some good tough questions. It was a pleasure to speak with them about the happenings in the Village past and present. I was pleased to see them nodding their heads when I mentioned "the original Von Lessens" and their enthusiastic reactions when I discussed upcoming improvements at the Village Green. The seniors, many of them long time residents of the Village and the community, actually asked more questions and provided me with more suggestions and comments than at our liveliest Trustee meetings. They were thrilled to hear about the new lighted crosswalks that are going to be installed at Main and Prospect and they were equally excited about the Village Green renovations and the new pocket park by Northside School. I was thrilled to learn that many of them take advantage of the special Senior Citizen Discount Taxi Program that the Village sponsors. What really impressed me was their vast knowledge of the many different topics that I discussed. Their hard hitting questions were sometimes tough, but they listened to my answers and explanations. Usually to their satisfac-

tion. All but the one resident, who from start to finish, demanded a nice clothing and shoe store on Main Street! I did promise her that we will continue to work towards attracting that type of store to the Village. I had the added pleasure of speaking with many of them after the meeting; reminiscing, discussing issues and answering more questions about the upcoming changes in town. I also was able to attend the Farmingdale Community Summit Council meeting at the Library. I was able to spend some time with Nassau County Comptroller Howard Weitzman and discuss some issues involving the Village. I also found it

very interesting that many of his ideas for lowering taxes and revitalizing downtown areas within county are not very far from many of the ideas we are looking at. Mr. Weitzman, a former Village Mayor himself, was very pleased to hear about some of plans for the in and around the train station and was impressed with many of the changes we have made so far.

### Mayor Graf Meets With Nassau County Comptroller Weitzman



Mayor George Graf recently attended the Farmingdale Community Summit Council's monthly meeting that Nassau County Comptroller Howard W. Weitzman spoke at. Mayor Graf spoke with Mr. Weitzman about the high property tax situation, village issues and the visioning process. Pictured: l-r: Mayor Graf, Comptroller Weitzman and Summit President Ken Ulric.

# Village Participates in 5th Annual Summit

The Farmingdale Community Summit Council held its fifth annual Summit Expo and Health Fair at Farmingdale High School on March 20th. There were over sixty five tables comprised of the who's who of our community. Service organizations, youth sports groups, local businesses, charitable organizations, health agencies, police and fire department representatives and private individuals. The Village is proud to be a charter member of the summit. The Village

Trustees want to thank our colleagues who staffed the table. In addition to the Annual Expo and Health Fair, the Summit is responsible for other community events, including Farmingdale Reads, Farmingdale Remembers and Farmingdale Jumps. The proceeds from the Expo and Jumps are used to assist Farmingdale families in need. The summit meets the second Thursday of each month at the Farmingdale Public Library at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.



TOB Councilman Joseph Muscarella, New Island Hospital Administrative Assistant Georgette Zoe Toulis, TOB Councilman Anthony Macagnone, Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf, New Island Hospital Vice President Community Relations Pat Stickle.



Farmingdale Library Director and Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce President Debbie Podolski, Village of Farmingdale Trustee Patricia A. Christiansen, Nassau County Police Officer Paul Lamonaca (8th Precinct POP Unit)

## Daleview Volunteers Recognized



Deputy Mayor Joe Rachielle attended a special ceremony at the Daleview Care Center to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who care for the elderly at the center. Picture l-r: seated: Volunteers: Loretta Zahn and Tina Weiss. Standing: Daleview Care Center Administrator Mary Ann Mangels. Director of Recreation and Volunteer Services Coordinator Mary Roeill and Deputy Mayor Rachielle.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Sunday, July 8th



Village Hall – Fire House  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
2:00 PM

Village Pops  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Concert at 5:00 PM

## Chamber Hosts Egg Hunt

## Mayor Graf Attends Farmingdale Chamber Meeting



The Farmingdale Chamber of commerce once again held their annual Easter Hunt at the Village Green. Village Mayor George Graff is shown here with: The Easter Bunny (aka Dr. Chris Wider), Chamber President Debbie Podolski and Chamber Treasurer Pete Yovine.

Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graff recently attended the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting at Palmers American Grille in Fulton Street Plaza. The Mayor updated the group on current projects underway in the Village and spent a brief time answering questions. The Chamber meets the first Thursday of every month. Pictured: Back row l-r: Mathew Murphy (VP Mortgage Warehouse), Master George Crayton, Jr. (Crayton's LooangFooPai), Mayor George Graf, Farmingdale Chamber President Debbie Podolski (Director Farmingdale Public Library). Front Row: Tina Diamond (VP-Farmingdale Board of Education), John Neglia (Business Service Manager, Bethpage Federal Credit Union).



## Mayor Graf visits the Hardscrabble Seniors

Mayor George Graff recently visited the residents of the Hardscrabble Senior Citizen Apartments on Main Street. The Mayor updated them on recent developments and upcoming changes within the Village and also spent time answering their questions.



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## FARMINGDALE RELAY FOR LIFE 2007

The Annual 12 hour event that celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society is scheduled for May 4th and 5th at Farmingdale State University.

Relay for life represents: **HOPE** that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten

**HOPE** that those who face cancer will be supported

**HOPE** that one day cancer will be eliminated

You can help by forming a team, walking if you are a cancer survivor, becoming a sponsor, donating a raffle item or becoming a volunteer. For information on joining or making a team contact: Arlene Soete: (516) 694-1872, e mail: soetea@aol.com. Survivors can contact Sal and Christina Risi at (516) 755-6258 or e mail: risi6@aol.com. Sponsors can call: Anne Balfour at (516) 799-8164, e mail: abalfour@optonline.net. Chinese Raffle donations call Beth Beneville at (516) 795 7513, e mail: beth@nrsi.com. Volunteers can contact Tom

Hickey at (516) 293-5236 or e mail him at trhjan29@aol.com. You can also visit the American Cancer Society's web site at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

**Please become part of the Farmingdale team that supports the Hope!**



Mayor George Graf is shown here presenting Relay for Life Event Chairperson Tom Hickey with a proclamation honoring and acknowledging his efforts and dedication to raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

**Farmingdale Relay For Life 2007**

**We'll Walk to the Ends of the Earth For a Cure For Cancer!**

May 4th - 5th 2007, 6pm - 6am  
Farmingdale State University

**I've Been Touched by the Relay For Life and I'm Passing It Forward!**

**NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING: Monday, May 7, 2007 7:30 PM**

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