

FARMINGDALE VILLAGE CULINARY QUARTER

On Tuesday November 26, the Farmingdale Village Downtown area was designated as the "Culinary Quarter" to commemorate the many years of food excellence and diversity that our Village offers. Farmingdale Village has a longstanding heritage of diversity and variety of dining options. During the last few years, the Village has quickly gained the reputation of becoming the "go-to-spot" for couples, families and food connoisseurs for dining and nightlife! The Village has grown a tremendous culinary scene filled with a variety of restaurants and tastes for EVERY-ONE. We are thrilled to see people walking around smiling and "Hungry" ready to try something new "Farmingdale Village Style". And now Farmingdale Culinary Quarter is the home to celebrity chef restaurants, ethnic cuisine, pastries, coffee shops, speakeasys and a brewery. Signs are being installed to make this official! Congratulations everyone for making this happen, keep dining here and **"Bon Appetit!"**



Celebrity CIA Culinary Chef Restaurants
317 Main; Chef Eric LeVine
Thyme on Your Side; Chef Kristina Grimes

Coffee/Dessert
Charlotte's
Chocolate Duck: Christina Bisbee
(Food Network Cake Competitor)
Flux

Fine Dining Steakhouse: Harley's

Cultural Cuisine
American / Bar
Chiddy's Cheesesteaks
Dark Horse
Daytona's
Farmingdale Brewery
Library Café
Nuttty Irishman
Palmer's American Grille
That Meatball Place
Vintage

Asian Fusion: TOA Asian Fusion
Chinese
Asian Pot
Ed Young's
Lotus

Dominican: Dominican Restaurant 4

Greek: Grecian Grille

Hawaii/Polynesian: Blue Hawaiian

Irish: Republic

Italian
Creations
Domino's
Frankie's East Side Pizza (Vegan)
La Villetta
Main Street Pizza
Three Bros Pizza (Vegan)
Tre Scalini
Vespa Italian Kitchen

Mexican:
CaraCara Mexican Restaurant
High Tide / Vinoco

Speakeasy & Craft Brewery/Alehouse
Alibi Speakeasy
Charlottes Speakeasy
Lithology

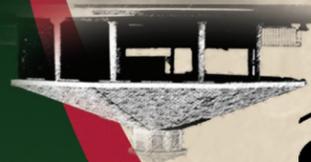
Classic Modern American
Alehouse
Croxley's Ale House

Diner: Whiskey Down

Quick Dining/Bagels
Bagel Hut
SOBOL
Station Market
Stuff A Bagel
Subway

Thai: Tiny Thai

Vietnamese: Spring Roll



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Moving
In The Right Direction

Welcome to the Roaring 20's!

Happy New Year to everyone!! Let's make this another great year for our Village!!

A quick review of Village happenings in 2019 is warranted.

First of all the first quarter of the year was a mild winter with little snow. Let's hope that trend continues!!

March saw a dreary, rainy winter day with the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. However, the turnout was great and it was amazing that everyone was Irish on that one day.



April was the annual Easter egg hunt with an appearance of the Easter bunny. The Village Board adopted the 2019-2020 Village budget which once again was in compliance with New York State's tax cap.

May demonstrated the cooperation and friendliness of Village residents as we welcomed the world's top golfers to the 101st PGA championship at Bethpage State Park which we know is located in the Village of Farmingdale. The champion, Brooks Koepka, celebrated his victory with his team at the Dark Horse!! May also shows the commitment of our Beautification volunteers as they plant beautiful plantings along Main Street, Village Green, 5 Corners, Northside and Gerngrass Park. Our annual Memorial Day parade, with a solemn ceremony at Village Green, is always well attended.



June had the first of the Village Pops concerts on the Village Green. This began their thirty-seventh year of Brad DeMilo's orchestra sharing their talents throughout the summer. The Cultural Arts committee also had its annual Medieval History Day/Renaissance Fair on Village Green.



July and August had weekly Tuesday family movie nights on the Village Green with free popcorn, McDonald's juice, PDQ chicken and donated ice cream. Thank you to our many sponsors for the ice cream. Our bi-weekly event, Music on Main, reverberated on Main Street with great bands playing terrific music. The south railroad parking field (Field #5) was completely renovated and improved in August.



September saw a huge turnout for Cultural Arts Day where many local artists share their paintings, plants and photographs on Village Green. September also saw the addition of trees, greenery and estate fencing on the Northeast parking field known as Parking Field #3. Also, a necessary renovation to our water system at Ridge Road including the hookup of runoff water to the Tulane sump was completed.

The annual Columbus Day weekend fair was held in October with thousands of visitors admiring our Village by strolling up and down Main Street. Also, many children accompanied by older people, who wished they





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were children, dressed in Halloween costumes for the Halloween parade.

At 11am on November 11th, a ceremony that honors the service of our Veterans is held on Village Green. November is also the month the Village prepares for its holiday season as the Beautification Committee does its thing, the holiday tree is lit with a performance by the Saltzman elementary chorus, and a holiday parade kicks off the season.



December was the genesis of two new events, Winter Wonderland and the Family Friendly New Year's Eve celebration. Both events were a huge success. Also, throughout the year, the Cultural Arts Committee sponsors Open MIC night that allows talented people to share their talents with a live audience. December also saw the Village announce to the world,



its Culinary Quarter which emphasizes the many great dining opportunities throughout our Village.

This is really the tip of the iceberg. Many other events occur throughout the year. None of this could happen without the commitment of many volunteers, Village employees and the Farmingdale Village Merchants Association. A very big thank you to all!! Your Village Board looks forward to a fabulous 2020 and wishes everyone a Happy safe, healthy New Year!!

In an effort to keep our Village residents properly informed and to keep Village government transparent, please check the website, the Farmingdale Village Facebook page or sign up for Constant Contact for important announcements.



THANK YOU FARMINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Incorporated Village of Farmingdale and the Farmingdale Village Merchants Association wish to thank the Farmingdale School District for helping make the first annual Winter Wonderland a success. Your teachers and students shared their talents for the whole world to see.

Mr. Corey Sterler and his students (Steven Tarricone, Jake Oemcke, Maevae O'Meara, Peter Pascarella, Jaeden Ammonds and Anthony Matalone) designed outstanding cutouts for children to put their heads through and have their picture taken.



Ms. Laura Steffen and members of the National Art Honor Society, namely Amber Rose Faber, Christina Wang, Ryan Roth, Laura Villatoro, Gianna Morales, Jenna Cottone, Melina Giorgou, Ed Hoshler and Rebecca Morales, made certain that the cut outs were painted perfectly.

On a cold, dreary Saturday morning Ms. Barbara Ginexi and her window painters,

Gabriella Pyros, Caroline Koury, Maggie Seidel, Ava Monteleone, Danny Lian, Dakota Capolino and Annaliese Callahan braved the elements and painted beautiful seasonal scenes on the former CVS building. Thank you also to Mr. Staller for allowing the students to paint his building.

On Sunday afternoon, Ms. Irene Smykowski and her Northside Junior Chorus sang for approximately a half hour traditional



holiday songs. The huge audience that gathered at the gazebo appreciated all the chorus's hard work and practice. Not only was the chorus cute, their performance was outstanding.

A special thanks to Ms. Rose Marvel, Director of Fine Arts, who coordinated the teachers and students and also helped make this event a success.

Thanks also to Vespa, 317 Main, Whiskey Down and

Chiddy's Cheesesteaks for participating in the Best Decorated Window voting process. The vote resulted in a tie. The winners and congratulations go to Divine Olive and the windows painted by the Farmingdale art students!!

We look forward to working with the school district next year. Thank you for sharing your teachers and students and demonstrating their talents.



GRANTS

Our Village has been fortunate in obtaining various grants in the 12 months ended December 31, 2019.

We were awarded Community Development Block Grant funds from the federal government of \$325,000. This grant consists of \$200,000 for signs, lighting and awnings for Main Street, \$25,000 for residential rehabilitation and \$100,000 for Village Hall IDA improvements.

County legislators Rose Walker and James Kennedy awarded \$128,000 for fire department gear racks and a washer and dryer to clean turnout gear.

State Assemblyman Michael Montesano was instrumental in awarding \$100,000 (DASNY) for road improvements.

New York State Senator Kevin Thomas and Vision Long Island were able to untangle a \$500,000 water improvement grant (DASNY) that was misplaced or tangled up in NYS Dormitory Grant. It was awarded in 2017 and we kept asking.

Long Island Business Association has awarded a \$100,000 grant to study the economic benefits of Farmingdale's revitalization through TOD. We hope to communicate their findings in a subsequent newsletter.

New York State Senator Kevin Thomas has awarded a \$500,000 grant (DASNY) to bury the electrical poles on Main Street from Prospect Street to South Front Street. Your Village Board is studying this with PSEG and attempting to determine the realistic cost to complete this project.

Standard & Poor's Rating Services has reaffirmed the Village's "AA" long term bond rating, the highest in Village history, when the Village authorized the issuance of \$4,800,000 in bonds for water and road improvements. This rating indicates a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.



DPW Crew cleaning up leaves - thanks for a great job men!



Cultural Arts Gingerbread House Contest - House on left was awarded 1st prize and the house on the right was the People's Choice winner! Contratulations!!

SENATOR THOMAS CONGRATULATES NICK PARISI

We wish to acknowledge Farmingdale Village Planner Nick Parisi's Contribution!



Nick has been on the ARB and Planning Board for 10 years and in the role of chairman serving on Farmingdale Village Planner and ARB (Architectural Review Board) for 2 years. The Architectural Review Board sets forth standards for development and renovation for the main corridors of the village along Main Street and Conklin Street in the Business Zone and along Route 109 and part of Fulton Street and the Office Resident Districts.

In his role, Nick had a commitment to maintain a feeling of traditional village charm while being able to compete in a continually changing world of commerce. And that involves helping to select appropriate Architectural styles that represent the language of Farmingdale. The palette of colors and styles for awnings and signage and all changes to façade and signage are presented to the ARB for approval.

Being a long term village resident, Nick spent years prior to this role talking to our merchants, property owners and working with the Village of Farmingdale. During that time, he designed over 50 village merchant signs, "On the Green" signs, village signage; helping to secure Grants and researching ways to enhance Main Street facades by restoring the objectives set forth in the Farmingdale Design Guidelines, per the Downtown Farmingdale Village code.

Notably; Nick was on board at a key time for Farmingdale Village; during which a Revitalization was happening (and still is); so, this made Nick's task even more crucial. And the result of that can be seen everywhere; simply by walking throughout the Village

On behalf of myself, The Village Board; businesses and residents; we thank Nick for his contribution; which will be seen by all; for many years in the future!

