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#1 Auto Body

1042 Collision
1042 Fulton Street

#2 Bridal Dress Store

Princess Brides
200 Fulton Street

#2 Chamber of Commerce

Farmingdale Chamber
P.O. Box 1166

#1 Collectibles & Nostalgia

Land of Oohs and Oz
155 Main Street

#2 Financial Institution

Sperry Credit Union
521 Conklin Street

#2 Musical Instruments Store

Farmingdale Music Store
135 Main Street

#1 Beer Selection

Croxley's Ales
190 Main Street

#2 Irish Bar

The Nutty Irishman
323 Main Street

#1 Sports Bar

Croxley's Ales
190 Main Street

#1 Wings

Croxley Ales
190 Main Street

#2 Wings

Wings Over Farmingdale
221 Main Street

#3 Night Club

The Nutty Irishman
323 Main Street

#1 Chiropractor

Dr. Walter Priestley
81 Conklin Street

Congratulations!

FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

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2010-11 BUDGET 0% TAX RATE INCREASE

Dear Fellow Residents:

Happy spring to you all! I have mostly good news to report. Firstly, I want to thank everyone who came out to vote in our recent Village election and for returning Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen and Trustee Cheryl Parisi to the Board and Sal Nicosia as Village Justice. One thing that has been lacking for a long time in the Village is continuity. It takes a long time to get good positive change to occur. Cheryl and Pat have worked very hard on your behalf and knowing we have a great team assembled on the Board makes all the difference.

I am very proud to announce that the Board adopted the 2010-2011 Village budget with a zero increase for the ensuing fiscal year. To be able to accomplish this with no layoffs of staff or cuts in services, and considering the fiscal shape our Country, State and County are in, is testimony to the conservative policies we have instituted over the past two years. It is important to note that all our Village employees have gone without a raise for the past two years. If we hadn't worked together back then, we would not be in good fiscal shape now.

When we voted to reassess the Village, we knew that one half of our residents would enjoy a lower assessment and pay less taxes but the other half would see an increase. The Village was no better off than Nassau County and their broken system. We spent almost 10% of our budget paying refunds to property owners who grieved their taxes. By law we were required to conduct a full reassessment in order to fix the system. The Board felt strongly that since some of our residents would be paying more in Village taxes this year due to this reassessment, we had to make an extra effort to not increase the tax rate so that any change people saw in the Village portion of their taxes was based only on the "Value" of their home not because we raised tax rates.

In the near future you will start to see some additional improvements around the Village from the record amounts of Grant moneys we have received. New signage will be installed at our entrance ways to Main Street. We have received streetscape money to continue our planting projects around town and we were recently awarded a NYSERDA grant to continue our street light replacement program. The same attractive fixtures you see on Main Street, which produce more light and consume less electricity, will be installed in two of our parking lots thereby cutting our electric use in half!

The only bad news I have to share is that we are stalled in our Downtown Master Plan study due to State bureaucracy. We received a very generous BOA grant for \$289,000.00 to complete our studies and to pay for re-codification of our outdated Village code but in order to proceed, we must wait for a signed contract from the State. We hope to have it soon and will keep you updated on its progress.

Lastly, to save taxpayer money we have included the annual Farmingdale Water Report, which we are required to distribute to all our residents, within this Newsletter. In the past this was provided to you by a separate mailing. We have found that all savings add up at the end of the day which ultimately benefits our residents.

Our next Newsletter will include more of our "Fun" stuff – Pops Concert schedule, movie nights and other events on our Village Green.

Enjoy your spring!!

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April Showers will bring May flowers to our Main Street, Village Green, Melville Road Triangle Park, Northside Park and Grengras Park. The Beautification Committee, comprised of volunteers whose efforts are geared toward beautifying our Village, is preparing to plant flowers in our planters, as well as hang Balcom Geranium baskets from our lamp posts along Main Street and in our



park areas. Planting is scheduled for two Saturdays, May 15th and May 22nd at 9:00 AM at Village Hall beginning with coffee and bagels. Our DPW staff will rehang the American Flags and our Village will be ready to celebrate Memorial Day on May 31st followed by a summer filled with lots of events at our Village Green. Since, in addition to Main Street, we are now planting in all our park areas, many more volunteers are needed and welcome. Please bring your gardening gloves and trowels.



The goal of the Beautification Committee is to retain our small town charm, create a pleasant atmosphere for all our residents and visitors and provide a unique environment which will help us maintain a thriving downtown business climate. During the past year, the Committee has assisted the Village Board in the selection of the benches that will be used throughout the Village. Currently there is one bench at Village Green and 5 at the pocket park at Northside. Within the next several months, checker/chess board tables will be installed at the Park. All this new equipment was secured completely with Grant funds. There was no cost to the Village taxpayer.

For any additional information, kindly contact Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen at Village Hall (249-0093) or email: pchristiansen@farmingdalevillage.com.

ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY REPORT 2009 Water Quality Testing Public Water Supply Identification No.: 2902821

The Inc. Village of Farmingdale is pleased to present to you this year's Water Quality Report. It is required to be delivered to all residents of our Village in compliance with Federal and State regulations. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We also want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

The source of water for the Village is groundwater pumped from the Magothy aquifer beneath Long Island, as shown on the figure below. Generally, the water quality of the aquifer is good to excellent, although there are localized areas of contamination.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all Federal and State requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water supply, please contact the Water Department Supervisor at (516) 249-0111 or the Nassau County Department of Health at (516) 227-9692. We want our valued customers to be informed about our water system.

The USEPA established a Lead and Copper Rule that required all public water suppliers to sample and test for lead and copper at the tap. The first testing was required in 1992. All of our results were excellent indicating that the Village's corrosion control treatment program was effective in preventing the leaching of lead and copper from your home's plumbing in to your drinking water. The same testing was last conducted in 2007 with the same excellent results. The Village will conduct its next round of sampling and testing in 2010.

The Inc. Village of Farmingdale routinely monitors for different parameters and contaminants in your drinking water as required by federal and state laws. Last year, as in the past, your tap water met all the State Drinking Water Health Standards. This report and the table of laboratory test results, shown on page 3, present an overview of last year's water quality. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. Most of these constituents are naturally present in the water such as minerals and other inorganics. For more information on contamination and potential health risks, please contact the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

WATER CONSUMPTION

The population served by the Inc. Village of Farmingdale during 2009 was 9,091. The total amount of water withdrawn from the aquifer in 2009 was 422 million gallons, of which approximately 75.3 percent was billed directly to consumers. During 2009, the Village utilizes a step billing schedule, as shown on the next page, with the average consumer being billed at \$2.50/1000 gallons.

STEP SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES (Annually)

Consumption (gallons)	Charges
0 to 20,000	\$50.00 (min.)
20,001 to 45,000	\$2.35/thousand gallons
45,001 – 75,000	\$2.55/thousand gallons
75,001 – 100,000	\$2.85/thousand gallons
Over 100,000	\$3.40/thousand gallons

WATER CONSERVATION

In 2009, the Inc. Village of Farmingdale continued to implement a water conservation program in order to minimize any unnecessary water use. However, the pumpage for 2009 was 5.7 percent less than in 2008. This is most likely the result of the Village's water conservation program and the cooler and wetter weather conditions during the summer months of 2009 compared to 2008.

Residents of the Village can also implement their own water conservation measures such as retrofitting plumbing fixtures with flow restrictors, modifying automatic lawn sprinklers to include rain sensors, repairing leaks in the home, installing water conservation fixtures/appliances and maintaining a daily awareness of water conservation in their personal habits. Besides protecting our precious underground water supply, water conservation will produce a cost savings to the consumer in terms of both water and energy bills (hot water).

WATER TREATMENT

The Inc. Village of Farmingdale Water Department provides treatment at all wells to improve the quality of the water pumped prior to distribution to the consumer. The pH of the pumped water is adjusted upward to reduce corrosive action between the water and water mains and in-house plumbing by the addition of sodium hydroxide. The village also adds small amounts of calcium hypochlorite (chlorine) as a disinfecting agent and to prevent the growth of bacteria in the distribution system.

WATER QUALITY

In accordance with State regulations, the Village of Farmingdale routinely monitors your drinking water for numerous parameters. We test your drinking water for coliform bacteria, turbidity, inorganic contaminants, lead and copper, nitrate, volatile organic contaminants, total trihalomethanes and synthetic organic contaminants. Over 135 separate contaminants are tested for in each of our wells numerous times per year. The table presented on page 3 depicts which constituents were detected in your drinking water. It should be noted that many of these constituents are naturally found in all Long Island drinking water and do not pose any adverse health effects.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The NYSDOH, with assistance from the local health department, has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how rapidly contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility of a water supply well to contamination is dependent upon both the presence of potential sources of contamination within the well's contributing area and the likelihood that the contaminant can travel through the environment to reach the well. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is,

or will become contaminated. See the chart for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from three (3) drilled wells. The source water assessment has rated the wells as having a very high susceptibility to industrial solvents and two (2) of the wells as having a high susceptibility to nitrates. The elevated susceptibility to industrial solvents is due primarily to point sources of contamination related to commercial/industrial facilities and related activities in the assessment area. The elevated susceptibility of nitrates is due to residential land use and related practices, such as fertilizing lawns, as well as the commercial/industrial activities in the assessment area.

A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting the Village Hall. Copies of a Supplemental Data Package, which includes the water quality data for each of our supply wells utilized during 2009, are available at the Inc. Village of Farmingdale – Village Hall located at 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York and the Farmingdale Public Library.

If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly Village Board scheduled meetings. They are normally held the 1st Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. (work sessions at 7:00 p.m.) and all are posted on the Village website.

TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

Constituents	Violation (Yes/No)	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Constituent
Inorganic Constituents							
Copper	No	Aug. 2007	ND - 0.03 ⁽¹⁾	mg/l	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	No	Aug. 2007	ND - 2.68 ⁽¹⁾	ug/l	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	No	03/30/09	2.9 - 32.5	mg/l	n/a	No MCL ⁽²⁾	Naturally occurring
Manganese	No	03/30/09	ND - 10	ug/l	n/a	MCL = 300	Naturally occurring
Chloride	No	03/30/09	4.1 - 14.1	mg/l	n/a	MCL = 250	Naturally occurring
Iron	No	03/30/09	ND - 40	ug/l	n/a	MCL = 300	Naturally occurring
Nitrate	No	03/30/09	0.2 - 3.0	mg/l	n/a	MCL = 10	Runoff from fertilizer and leaching from septic tanks and sewage
Calcium	No	03/30/09	0.8 - 2.7	mg/l	n/a	None	Naturally occurring
Magnesium	No	03/30/09	0.3 - 1.4	mg/l	n/a	None	Naturally occurring
Perchlorate	No	03/30/09	ND - 1.0	ug/l	n/a	AL = 18	Fertilizers, road flares
Synthetic Organic Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicides							
None Detected	--	--	ND	--	--	--	--
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Total Trihalomethanes	No	09/17/09	ND - 4.5	ug/l	--	MCL = 80	Disinfection By-Product

Definitions:
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).
Micrograms per liter (ug/l) - Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).
pCi/L - pico Curies per Liter is a measure of radioactivity in water.
Non-Detects (ND) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
⁽¹⁾ - During 2007 we collected and analyzed 20 samples for lead and copper. The 90th percentile level is presented in the table. The action levels for both lead and copper were not exceeded at any site tested. Resampling is scheduled for 2010.
⁽²⁾ - No MCL has been established for sodium. However, 20 mg/l is a recommended guideline for people on high restricted sodium diets and 270 mg/l for those on moderate sodium diets.