



## **Movies Begin July 9th**











**FREE** ice cream, popcorn and orange drink for everyone. Cartoons preceed the movies for about 15 minutes and begin around dusk. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Movies are every other Thursday. Hope to see you there!!

# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

Inc. Village of Farmingdale 361 Main Street Farmingdale, New York 11735





Farmíngdale <sup>We've</sup> got ít All !



Mayor George "Butch" Starkie Deputy Mayor Patricia A. Christiansen Trustee Cheryl L. Parisi **Trustee William Barrett** Trustee Ralph Ekstrand

like to thank Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen and ALL the volunteers of the Beautification Committee who came out on two Saturdays in mid May and worked to enhance our Village with all the flowers and hanging baskets. The flowers look great and will only get better as things grow and fill in.

I also want to thank the new businesses that opened recently on Main Street. Biacci is a women's apparel store that is located next to Chase Bank across the street from the Fire House. Cascarino's Brick Oven Pizzeria & Ristorante, located in the store formerly occupied by Two Brother's Pizza, did extensive renovations and just opened to rave reviews. What an incredible job they did on their building! Thank You to the ARB (Architectural Review Board) for working with the owners to enhance the look of our downtown. Singas Pizza, located next to the Variety Store, opened this week. I have not had a chance to stop in and check out the fare as yet, but I am looking forward to it. Wild Wild West Saloon (formerly the Inn on Main) and Fatty Belt Buckles opened earlier this year. After talking about all this food, it might be a good time to plug Weight Watchers. They meet every Wednesday evening in the basement of the Methodist Church on Main St. and Grant Ave. I've 🧫 lost 40 lbs since September and they are running an Open House on June 16th, so please stop down AFTER you try out the new restaurants, then go shopping for new clothes when you lose all those extra pounds. All of this and you don't have to leave the Village! Please help me welcome these new and old neighbors to the Village. So many people have expressed their disappointment about not having a clothing store on Main Street. Well here is your chance to help this business and keep Main Street active.

Being in business for over 30 years has taught me to listen to my customers. They are the people who have brought me success. If you leave a store without making a purchase, please take a minute to tell the staff what you were looking for. The store owners are anxious to please. Many of the new items I carry are a result of a customer inquiry or request. With our economy still hurting, I hope you will patronize our Downtown and help our local business people get past these very challenging times.

I am looking forward to the upcoming summer. Brad DeMilo and the Village Pops will be performing on Wednesday evenings beginning the last week in June and we have a wonderful selection of movies starting in July - all on our Village Green.

The other important news is that we have finally received our BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area) contract from the State. This is the funding we were waiting for to finish our Downtown Master Plan and to pay for all the traffic studies and costs to update our code to allow for "Smart Growth." Please keep informed of meetings by going to our Village web site as we make progress.

lus grant we received. We will have shovels in the ground this summer. Come to Main Street – patronize our shops and restaurants and enjoy the

entertainment on the Green. Have a fun and safe summer. I hope to see you around the Village.



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Dear Fellow Residents,

Spring weather has finally arrived and summer is approaching very soon. I'd

We are finally going out to bid for brick and concrete work that is part of the stimu-















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> On May 15th and May 22nd an "army" of volunteers gathered at Village Hall and began the process of spring planting in our Village. After some coffee, juice, bagels and muffins at Village Hall they unloaded the flower delivery trucks, gathered their trowels, gardening gloves and ladders and working together hung 85 baskets containing red balcon geraniums on the street lights, planted red geraniums and wave petunias in the pots at six street signs, and planted 84 street and park planters with red dracaena spikes, white geraniums, purple wave petunias, red balcon geraniums and vinca. In addition, 77 flats of flowers were planted at Village Green, Northside Park, Main Street/Melville Road triangle, and Grengras Park. The plants were fertilized and watered and now that Mother Nature is

cooperating by providing some warm and sunny days, we expect the Village to look just beautiful this spring and summer.

Members of the Committee have also lent their assistance to our local Relay for Life Committee. Junior Girl Scout Troop 3110 assembled over 350 purple bows and members of the Beautification Committee hung these bows up and down Main Street and Melville Road on all our trees and signs to bring awareness to the upcoming Relay event at Farmingdale College.



Beautification is a fully volunteer event and special thanks to all the dedicated

volunteers; Village residents and non-residents, Girl Scouts, Junior Firemen, Fancy Free Day Program Participants, DPW and Village staff, Mayor and Trustees who gave of their time and talent to improve the attractiveness of our Village. We always need volunteers! If you enjoy flowers and want to give us a hand please e-mail Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen at pchristiansen@farmingdalevillage.com.

#### **HYDRANT FLUSHING** June 11th

The flushing of water mains by the Village of Farmingdale Water Department will start at approximately 10:30 pm on June 11th and last until approximately 3:00 am June 12th. The flushing of hydrants is performed during the Spring and Fall of each year as part of its regular distribution system maintenance. The purpose of the program is to remove any accumulation of dissolved materials which may have settled in the mains. The dissolved material is primarily attributed to iron resulting from the slight natural corrosion of unlined water mains and fittings within the distribution system. Iron can result in brown - red colored water complaints. It should be known that iron is only an aesthetic health concern and has no impact on the safety of the water supply. THE WATER IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE TO DRINK. The Spring and Fall flushing program results in the cleaning of the water mains which in the long term will reduce discolored water complaints and may improve local flow and pressure conditions.

The goal of the Water Department flushing program is to reduce the number of consumer complaints associated with "rusty" or "discolored" water. System disturbances involving the use of hydrants from street sweeping, fire fighting activities and unauthorized use and main breaks have the potential to generate consumer complaints. Consumer complaints will be tracked internally to determine if the flushing program is successfully in reducing water quality complaints. The flushing program is designed to be proactive (preventing complaints) as opposed to being reactive (flushing after a complaint is received).

For further information or assistance, you may call the Water Department during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.



The Village Pops, under the direction of Brad DeMilo, will be back on Village Green for their 28th season. The program will begin on Wednesday, June 30th and end on Wednesday, August 11th. There will be one Sunday performance. The program begins at 7:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. In the event of inclement weather, performances are held in the Howitt Middle School Auditorium. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday	June 30	7:30 pm
	Patriotic Melodies	
Wednesday	July 8	7:30 pm
	Concert	
Sunday	July 18	5:00 pm
	Picnic Pops featuring St. Kilian Players	
Wednesday	July 21	7:30 pm
	Concert	
Wednesday	July 28	7:30 pm
	Concert	
Wednesday	August 4	7:30 pm
	Children's Concert	
Wednesday	August II	7:30 pm
	Finale: Music of WWII	

### **3rd Annual ART IN THE PARK**

Art in the Park on Village Green on Main Street will be on Saturday, September 25th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, with a rain date of Sunday, September 26th.

Artists of all kinds are invited to display and sell their pieces. You must be 16 and older and can obtain an application at www.farmingdalevillage.com.

Art in the Park is sponsored by the Women's Club of rider raised dollar directly to the cause. Farmingdale and received 2nd Place for Community Improve-If you care to support the PMC and the Jimmy Fund ment Projects from the GFWC-NY. It is an event that brings by making a monetary contribution, there are two methods of community as well as visitors to Main Street. There will be making a contribution: baked goods to purchase, raffles to buy and music to listen I. Check - make payable to PMC-Jimmy Fund and mail to 60 to as well as enjoying artwork from the 50+ artists displaying Bethpage Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735. their works.



### THE EVE FOUNDATION

Once again this summer, the Eve Foundation is holding its annual Christmas in July Food Drive. As in the past, the Village Pops has been one of their collection sights. All food collected is distributed to food kitchens and pantries in the area. Please remember to bring canned foods with you to the Village Pops. In these hard times, more people are in need of food year round. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

#### **PAN-MASSACHUSETTS CHALLEGE (PMC)**

On August 7th and 8th, Steve and Denise Bongiorno, Village of Farmingdale residents, will be participating in the PMC, a two-day bikeathon across the State of Massachusetts. This fundraiser supports the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a pioneer in the development of cancer research, through its' Jimmy Fund. The Bongiorno's, both cancer survivors, have been involved in this event for 8 years. This year, they will be joined by their college aged children, Thomas and Alyssa. They will ride together with other team members of Matthews Ducks, a team formed in honor of a 5 year old boy from Huntington afflicted with liver cancer. They will be joined by 4,500 other cyclists from 36 states and 8 countries who are all committed to fundraising minimums of \$4,200. During PMC Weekend, 2,500 volunteers will donate their time to assist riders in various ways to safely complete the ride. The end result of their collective efforts will be over \$31 million raised and donated.

The Pan Mass Challenge was founded in 1980 and since its' inception has contributed \$270 million to the Dana Farber. The PMC is a model of fundraising efficiency. In 2009, for the third consecutive year, the PMC donated 100 percent of every

2. eGift by credit card - go to PMC's website at www.pmc.org. Click egift. You will be prompted for the team rider ID number, which is TT0080. Follow the instructions from there.