



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

*GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor*

*March, 2005*

## A Message From Village Mayor **GEORGE J. GRAF**

I am pleased to announce that the Village of Farmingdale's website, [www.farmingdalevillage.org](http://www.farmingdalevillage.org), has been remodeled and enhanced to help keep you better informed and abreast of the happenings in our village. The new, easy-to-navigate format, puts a wealth of information at your fingertips. It's packed with information on our Village government including our meeting schedules and upcoming events. We have added an information "ticker" to the top of the web site where any important or breaking news can be posted. This will be used to inform Village residents of special directions or instructions in the event of an emergency or situation that may require resident notification.

We hope that this will be your first place to visit when looking for information about our Village. In our quest to keep our residents as informed as possible we have made it easy for viewers to retrieve copies of the Farmingdale Village Report (our Newsletter), my weekly Farmingdale Observer Column and recent press releases. The Village Directory section includes all the information and contact numbers you might need to call for any assistance or have any questions pertaining to Village services answered. The Village Regulations section allows you to view sections of the Village code, print out certain permits and applications, read our good neighbor rules and read various legal notices. The new Shop Farmingdale section provides a direct link to our Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce where you can learn more about the wide variety of Farmingdale businesses waiting to serve you. We have also added a useful link section where you can quickly get to the Town of Oyster Bay and Nassau County websites as well as other useful sites. The updated website is just another tool that we are providing to help keep our residents as updated as possible on the happenings in our Village. We hope you will visit it often.



**[www.farmingdalevillage.org](http://www.farmingdalevillage.org)**

**Your first place to visit for news and information about our village**

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**Coming Soon: Village Trustee Meeting Minutes (current and past)**

## Dorfmeister Elected Village Trustee



Theodore "Teddy" Dorfmeister, Sr. was elected Village Trustee in the Village Election held on March 15th. Mr. Dorfmeister will serve a one year term. As a Village Trustee, he will continue in his role as the Village Board Liaison to the Beautification Committee, the Gazebo Project Chairman and Senior Citizen Advisor. Mr. Dorfmeister stated, "I look forward to continuing my work with Mayor Graf and the other Trustees to

assure that our Village is the best possible place to live, work and raise our families". He went on to say, "I am very proud to be affiliated with board members who emphasize the practice of open government, accountability, honesty and integrity. We have accomplished a great deal during the past year, by cutting village expenses, reducing water rates and improving the village infrastructure. I am excited about continuing in our efforts to effect positive changes in our Village".

## Farmingdale Chamber Holds Easter Egg Hunt



The Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce held it's annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Village Green on the March 19. For the last ten years, on the Saturday before Easter, the Chamber members hide eggs in the village green and invite our small children to hunt down the plastic eggs that are filled with assorted candy treats.

Pictured with the Easter Bunny are Pete Yovine (State Bank), President, Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce (left), Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf (right), local parents & children and members of Brownie Girls Scout Troup 3729 (Woodward Parkway).

## Village Officials Attend Hawks Dinner



Farmingdale Village Mayor George Graf and Trustee Ted Dorfmeister attended the Farmingdale Hawks Football awards dinner that was held at the Huntington Hilton in Melville last month. The Hawks have been providing youth football and cheerleading programs for more than forty years. Pictured with Mayor Graf and Trustee Dorfmeister are members of the Hawks nine year old football team.

## Rotary Celebrates 100 Years of Service



Farmingdale Rotarians gather around District Governor Larry Jorgensen to celebrate Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Left to right: Dr. Phil Acinapuro, Breakfast Rotary President Tina Diamond, Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele, District Community Service Director Tom Sabellico, Library Director Debbie Podolski and Paul Gatto.

# Beautification Committee Holds First Meeting

The Beautification Committee recently held their kick off meeting for 2005. Village Trustee Dorfmeister, the Committee's Board Liaison, was joined by a diverse group of community members that included some returning committee members from last year, former members (who have not been active over the past few years) and some new members. Mayor Graf, Village Attorney Greg Carman and Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele participated in a lively discussions on many projects and issues that will continue to enhance the unique charm of our Village.

While it was only the first meeting, a sharing of ideas, concerns and issues were addressed and dis-



**Village Attorney Greg Carman (left) and Trustee Dorfmeister (right) review Village Green improvement ideas with the Beautification Committee.**

cussed. In addition to the on-going projects such as the tree well and flower box programs, new projects such as the Gazebo landscaping, parking lot fencing, enhancing the Village Green area, and eliminating sidewalk clutter were discussed. Some items the committee can run with right away, while some have to be discussed at future Trustees' meetings. The meeting's outcome demonstrated that a small group of concerned individuals can start the ball rolling on projects and

can make a difference in making changes to the Village in which we live. If you would like to help out or want more information, please call Village Hall at 516-249-0093.

## Good Neighbor Rules

As the warm weather approaches and we move on to outdoor activities and projects, the Village Administration would like to remind you of our good neighbor rules:



- Heavy landscaping equipment, such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers and edgers, are prohibited from use on Sundays and holidays and before 8:00 a.m. on all other days.
- Regular trash is collected at the curb each Tuesday and Friday by the Town Of Oyster Bay. Yard waste and other garbage cannot be brought to the curb until after sunset on the night before a scheduled pickup.
- Landscapers must remove debris or store it out of sight on the property.
- Empty garbage cans should be brought in within 2 hours after pickup.
- Lawns must be cut to within 5", fences kept in repair and your property must be kept free of debris.
- It is every property owner's responsibility to assure that their sidewalks are in good condition and their trees and branches do not pose any hazards to passer-bys.

- Please also remember to curb your dog and "scoop the poop"

By observing these few rules, we can assure that our village street will be as safe and clean as they can be.



## Village, FBHS Honor Mabel Greenidge on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The Village of Farmingdale and the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society (FBJS) honored village resident Mabel Greenidge at a recent FBHS meeting a few days after her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Greenidge has lived in the village for 60 years and has been a FBHS member for the last 28 years.



**Pictured with Ms. Greenidge are l-r: FBHS President Larry Jorgensen, Mayor George Graf and Village Trustee Ted Dorfmeister.**



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## Our Turn to Answer the Bell

When a loved one suffers a heart attack or is involved in an accident, our first response is to call "911" and anxiously wait for an ambulance or rescue truck to arrive. The same is true if we are the unfortunate victims of fire. Either our personal experiences, or through hearing from our friends and family, we all know about these types of experiences. Luckily, for those of us who live in the Village of Farmingdale, and our surrounding communities, we have dedicated volunteers who are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to respond to these types of tragedies. When "911" or the Fire Department receive calls that residents need assistance, these brave men and women immediately leave the safety and comfort of their homes to come to the aid of their neighbors. Remember that these volunteers run into buildings and situations that other people are running out of and away from.

The public should know that the Fire Department provides many services beyond fire and rescue calls. They provide fire prevention programs at our local elementary schools and hold open houses to increase community awareness of fire safety. In addition, they are the strongest supporters of community and patriotic events, lending pomp and pageantry, music and color guards to all parades and events.

Our Fire Department volunteers also put in many hours that are not seen by the public. They undergo rigorous



training and education, and are required to obtain certification and re-certification. They also maintain a fleet of rescue vehicles that our homes and our lives literally depend on. Yet our Village Fire Department is completely voluntary. They do not receive any pay for their services. Because of the sizes of our Village and surrounding communities, a fully staffed and salaried Fire Department is not feasible.

The Village Board, in our continuing effort to support our volunteer firefighters, recently passed a new law that provides a tax exemption on owner occupied real property owned by members of the Village of Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Department. Qualified members can receive a 10% exemption on the assessed value of their Village property, resulting in a 10% decrease in their Village property tax. If a member actively serves the Department for twenty years or longer, he or she is eligible for the exemption for the remainder of their lives. The Village Board hopes that our volunteers will take advantage of this opportunity to save money on their Village property taxes as a sign of the appreciation of all of our Village residents.

Our Village Fire Department currently has their annual fund drive underway. It is the one time during the year that the Fire Department is "ringing the bell" hoping that you will respond. I strongly encourage you to support our Village Fire Department by making a donation. We can not take for granted the work they do.

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