

UPCOMING EVENTS

5TH ART IN THE PARK

Saturday, September 19th (raindate: September 26th)
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Village Green on Main Street
 Come enjoy Main Street and all it has to offer!

2ND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 1pm-9:30pm - Buckwheat Zydeco (8-9:30)
 Sunday, Sept. 20 - 1pm-7:30 pm - Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels (6-7:30)
 20 artists, including Gene Casey & the Lone Sharks, Stanton Anderson Band, Kerry Kearney & more.

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

Thursday, October 8th - Monday, October 12th



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FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

Moving In The Right Direction

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
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Dear Residents,

While summer is typically a time for rest and relaxation, our Village has been busier than ever. I encourage you to read this Newsletter as it contains a lot of updated information relating to current events.

We have all been enjoying the weekly Village Pops Concerts and movie nights and are very much looking forward to the 2nd Annual Music Fest on September 19th and 20th coupled with the 5th Art in Park exhibition at Village Green on September 19th, the Columbus Day Fair on October 8th to the 12th and the Gingerbread House competition to be held at the end of November.

I invite all residents to join me and the Trustees at our Village Board meeting on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 PM and Work Sessions on the 3rd and 4th Mondays of each month beginning at 7:00 PM.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Included within last year's budget was the sum of \$20,000 to help residents replace broken sidewalks. Those submitting applications were entered in a lottery and 62 residents received a grant to cover the cost of two flags of sidewalk at their homes. This year's budget includes an additional \$20,000 and those who were not chosen in the initial lottery will be receiving letters to participate in this year's program.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S EXEMPTION CHANGES

Recent changes have been made to the income level limitations for Senior Citizens to receive exemptions for real property taxes. Following is a listing of the old limits as well as those that have been enacted.

Annual Income Old Limits	Annual Income New Limits	Percentage of AV Exempt from Taxation
Less than \$24,000	Less than \$29,000	50%
At least \$24,000, but less than \$25,000	At least \$29,000 but less than \$30,000	45%
At least \$25,000, but less than \$26,000	At least \$30,000 but less than \$31,000	40%
At least \$26,000, but less than \$27,000	At least \$31,000 but less than \$32,000	35%
At least \$27,000, but less than \$27,900	At least \$32,000 but less than \$32,900	30%
At least \$27,900, but less than \$28,800	At least \$32,900 but less than \$33,800	25%
At least \$28,800, but less than \$29,700	At least \$33,800 but less than \$34,700	20%
At least \$29,700, but less than \$30,600	At least \$34,700 but less than \$35,600	15%
At least \$30,600, but less than \$31,500	At least \$35,600 but less than \$37,400	10%

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TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

The completion of Phase I of Jefferson Plaza is expected around Labor Day. This building contains retail space and 115 residential apartments, 84 of which have letters of intent for rental of the units. Moco Sushi has signed a letter of intent to lease over 6,000 square feet of the first floor retail space. With the completion of Phase I, Front Street, adorned with trees and new street lights, will be open to vehicular traffic at the end of August. The pedestrian walkway to the train station is open.

Phase II of Jefferson Plaza was opened in December 2014 and the residential portion of the building is fully occupied. Retail space will soon be occupied by Starbucks, George Martin Burgers and a salon and spa.

The Cornerstone, located across from Phase I on the north side of the tracks will be under construction beginning in the fall. This building will contain 42 residential units.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VILLAGE

Farmingdale Village has been voted the best downtown by Best of Long Island Press, a position which had been held by Huntington Village for the past eleven years. The Village was also listed in the top ten Villages on Long Island by Long Island Business News and also acknowledged as one of three Long Island Villages with a positive population growth.

TURNING LANES ON MAIN STREET

After traffic studies of our downtown were completed several years ago, it was recommended to the Village that turning lanes be installed on Main Street to alleviate congestion at the intersection of Main Street and Conklin Street. With the help of government grants and inter-governmental cooperation between the Village, Nassau County and New York State these left turn lanes have been constructed. This will enable those vehicles traveling north and south or making right turns to proceed rather than wait behind a vehicle making a left hand turn. Our traffic experts are confident that this will improve travel at this intersection.



Thank you to Village Historian BILL JOHNSTON for 25 years of service

The Village is deeply grateful to Bill Johnston for 25 years of service as our Village Historian. Throughout these past twenty-five years Bill has shared his passion for history with so many members of the Farmingdale community. Just some of Bill's contributions included the "Minute of History" presented at the weekly summer Village Pops concerts, annual holiday tree lighting ceremony, annual walks noting historical sites in the Village, tri-centennial celebration and Village Hall celebration in 2007. He and his wife Mildred were founders and have served as officers and Trustees of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society. We have been privileged to have had one of the finest gentlemen in our Village, Bill Johnston, serve as our Village Historian.

We are pleased to announce that Serena Carter Brochu has agreed to serve as our Village Historian and was sworn into office on August 5th.



WATER DEPARTMENT

By now you will have received your first quarterly water bill. This bill covers water consumption for the months of April, May and June. It is due and payable without penalty and interest by August 31st. You may pay your bill in person at Village Hall, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, by mail or online. The next bill will be sent out at the end of October for payment by November 30th. Water rates are guaranteed to remain the same for the next five years.

The Village's engineers, H2M, are in the process of preparing bid documents for much needed improvements to our water system including booster pumps for the north area of the Village, installation of a generator at the Ridge Road wells and updated communications equipment. These much needed projects will be undertaken in the fall.

BEAUTIFICATION

The Village Beautification Committee was extremely busy this spring planting flowers to enhance our downtown and Village parks. Despite some inclement weather, spring flower planting was completed prior to our Memorial Day parade. Together our volunteers hung 115 flower baskets on the street poles and planted 3,960 plants in pots along Main Street and in Village Green, Northside Park, Gergras Park, in front of Village Hall and the Fire House, and at the Main Street/Melville Road triangle. Volunteers included members of the Beautification Committee, resident and non-resident men, women and teens, Village Junior Firemen, students from the Senior Class of Farmingdale High School, members of the Crossroads Baptist Church, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and our Village Department of Public Works staff, and Village Trustees. We are all very appreciative of the continuing efforts of our DPW staff for maintaining the all the plants.

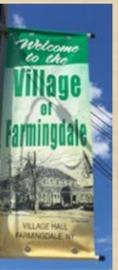
Fall decorations will adorn our Village prior to the Columbus Day Fair and holiday decorations will soon follow in November.

Please consider joining our volunteers several times each year as we all work to beautify our Village.



VILLAGE WELCOMES VISITORS TO MAIN STREET

After the receipt of a streetscape grant, the Village installed welcome banners along Main Street and in our municipal parking lots. These banners depict some of the historic buildings in our Village with sketches that were drawn by Paul Gatto. We are grateful to Paul for allowing us to use his art work and to Nassau County for providing us with these grant funds. These banners further enhance the appearance of our downtown as well as provide a welcome to visitors to our Village.



Paul Gatto was recently honored by the National Museum of Catholic Art & Library at its Roman Gala held at the Embassy of Italy in Washington, DC for his painting "The Morsel". We congratulate Paul on receiving the International Artist Award.