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A cartoon precedes the movie and starts around dusk. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair. Come early, bring your dinner and enjoy Village Green! We hope to see you all there!
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Dear Residents,
Even though this past winter was not as harsh as those we've experienced in recent years, we welcome the beautiful spring days and evenings. I would like to encourage you to read this Newsletter as it contains an update of Village matters as well as a preview of events to come this summer.

At our April Organizational Meeting, the Trustees and I thanked Trustee Tom Ryan for his service to our Village over the past four years and extended our warm wishes for continued success in his career at AA Home Care in Washington, DC. We welcomed Dr. Walter Priestley as a Trustee and look forward to working together over the next four years.

BEAUTIFICATION

April showers certainly bring May flowers. With the help of so many volunteers, flowers can be seen throughout our downtown and in our parks. 115 flowering baskets were hung by the Junior Brigade of the Village Fire Department on Main and Conklin Streets, 826 plants are in pots lining Main Street and Conklin Street, 1120 impatiens have been planted at the Main Street/Melville Road Triangle, 1080 impatiens are at Northside Park, 108 impatiens are in the gardens at Gergras Park, 84 petunias and geraniums line the street sign baskets at Main Street intersections and over 1,000 plants have been planted at Village Green. Beautification is a fully volunteer event. SPECIAL THANKS to all the dedicated volunteers including members of the Beautification Committee, Women's Club of Farmingdale, Hardscrabble Girl Scouts, Farmingdale Village Junior Firemen, Village Department of Public Works staff and Village Trustees who give of their time and talent to improve the attractiveness of our Village.



NEW STREET LIGHTS

In our efforts to conserve energy and improve efficiency, the Village has purchased LED cobra fixtures to replace the 600 lights that line our residential Village streets, Route 109, Conklin Street as well as the parking lots. The cost of the fixtures and installation was approximately \$250,000 but the savings will be \$40,000 annually in electricity expenditures. These LED's have a longer life span which will eliminate constant outages and repairs, come with a 10 year warranty, are brighter and burn one-half of the wattage of our previous bulbs. Installation began several weeks ago in Zone 1, the north section of the Village, and all fixtures will be installed by mid-July.

VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

At their annual Department meeting in April, Keith Ryan, Sr. was elected Chief, Ryan Tortosa will serve as 1st Assistant Chief and Michael DiBartolo was elected 2nd Assistant Chief. We are very grateful to these gentlemen for agreeing to serve in these positions for the next two years. During their installation in early April, they reported the nature of the calls received during the previous year. From fully involved house fires, automobile accidents, brush fires, hazardous material spills, falling tree limbs blocking streets, a myriad of health emergencies, including chest pains, falls, broken bones, a total of 1,191 calls were received during every hour of the day and night and each and every call is answered by a full crew of trained volunteers ready to handle every emergency. As residents, we





are so fortunate to have these trained men and women available to help in our times of need. Our Village Fire House is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with a trained dispatcher. For all emergencies, please dial 516-249-0070. If you observe a non-emergency problem with a fire hydrant, water main break, obstruction on a street, power outage, etc., please call the non-emergency telephone number – 516-531-9820 – and advise the dispatcher. The proper authorities will be notified so that the problem can be resolved.

The Junior Brigade, under the direction of Phil LoNigro, has joined with other departments throughout Nassau County to establish a monument commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Nassau County Junior Firefighters Association in Eisenhower Park. Together they raised over \$100,000 to purchase the monument and volunteered their time constructing the surrounding area with shrubbery and plants. Our Village Junior Firemen attend training sessions, work with our firemen both at the fire house and as needed to tend to equipment at fires. They assist the Village Beautification Committee with the spring and holiday programs. At the age of 18, upon completion of the necessary requirements, they become firemen and are expected to perform all duties. We are very grateful for their service.

BUDGET

The Board spent a great deal of time during the spring working on the 2016-2017 Village budget. Consideration had to be given to maintaining the services our residents expect and deserve, replacing outdated equipment, increased pension and health insurance premiums for our employees, infrastructure needs, including road rehabilitation, as well as providing for the future. With sharpened pencils, our 2016-17 real estate tax levy is \$3,697,607 which indicates a modest decrease of \$42,273 from the prior year's tax levy. Since our tax levy is under the state mandated tax cap, all eligible residents will qualify for the property tax relief credit. This budget was adopted on April 13, 2016. Standard & Poor has rated the Village AA status, the highest rating we have ever experienced.

DOWNTOWN

During the past several months we have seen new signs, awnings and lighting on several storefronts on Main Street and welcomed Starbucks to Jefferson Plaza. We are looking forward to the opening of The Meetball Place, GTE Sports Bar and Vespa Restaurant on Main Street and George M's Burger Bar, Farmingdale Green Dry Cleaners and MoCA, an Asian bistro, at Jefferson Plaza.

VILLAGE WATER

We have had a favorable response to our quarterly water billing and are on schedule with our plan of upgrades to our water system. The booster pump upgrade for the north quadrant of the Village is currently underway along with electrical improvements at the well sites. Work has begun on the installation of the gas generator to operate the wells in case of power failure at the Ridge Road site. Funds for this generator were provided by a grant from the office of Nassau County Legislator Rose Marie Walker. Both projects will be completed by the end of August.

By law we are required to inform you of yearly results of water pump data and water quality. I am happy to report to you that we still enjoy unfiltered, pure water and we met all test result requirements. The full report may be seen on our Farmingdale Village website.

Reminder – Are you opening up an in-ground pool or starting up the irrigation system? Now is the time to complete your annual backflow prevention device inspection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Once "Dalers" have viewed the Memorial Day Parade and witnessed Veterans Services at Village Green, we are ready to begin our summer events. Our Main Street is once again adorned with beautiful flowers, welcoming banners and new American flags on the lamp posts.

Our Village Green will be busy with activities again this summer. The Village Pops will begin their 34th season on Wednesday evening, June 29th at 7:30 and continue to August 10th. Movie nights commence on Thursday, July 7th at dusk and continue to August 18th. And, of course, there's free ice cream at the concerts and popcorn and ice cream for the movies!

The Village Merchants Association has organized Restaurant Week for June 13th through June 18th and our Fire Department will be conducting their Spring Fair on Sunday, June 12th.

I encourage all to be part of Village government and invite you to attend Board meetings. Our monthly meeting is held on the first Monday of each month and work sessions are held on the third and fourth Monday evening beginning at 7:00 PM.

Come to Main Street – patronize our shops and restaurants and enjoy the entertainment on the Green. Have a fun and safe summer. We hope to see you around the Village.



Our weekly Farmer's Market will be returning to Village Green beginning Sunday, June 5th through mid-November. The Market is under the direction of Mary Schneider. Make sure to stop by to pick up fresh produce, baked goods and condiments.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to former Mayor George "Butch" Starkie on being named to the Farmingdale High School Wall of Fame in recognition of his achievements in business and community endeavors and to JoAnn Edling, our Village Building Inspector and Auxiliary Police Chief and Director of Civil Defense for being recognized by Nassau County for serving 40 years with the Auxiliary Police and volunteering 300 hours of service in 2015.



LITTER & RECYCLING TIPS

- Reduce, reuse and recycle materials whenever possible to create less waste, which could end up on our streets and contribute to Stormwater pollution.
- Pick up trash and litter on your property and put it in the trash. Always use a public trash can for trash in public areas. Recycle any reusable materials, especially cans, bottles and paper. NEVER throw litter and debris directly into storm drains. Such debris can wash into waterways and onto beaches, and clogged drains can cause street flooding and traffic congestion.
- Always put your cigarette butts in ashtrays or solid garbage cans, not on the streets. Remember, our parks, playgrounds and beaches are not ashtrays. When an ashtray or garbage can are not available, store extinguished butts in your cigarette pack until you find a proper receptacle.
- Empty automobile ashtrays into the trash, not out your car window or directly on the ground. Proper disposal will help keep our waterways clean and minimize the risk of fires.
- Make sure to properly dispose of leftover household chemicals, paints and automotive fluids. These leftover chemicals should never be thrown away. Take them to a household hazardous waste collection center where they can be recycled. Visit the Town of Oyster Bay's STOP program for more information <http://oysterbaytown.com/departments/environmental-resources/solid-waste-disposal-and-landfill-remediation-division/>.

WELCOME

New employees - Ann Rodenberg to our Village Hall staff and Lynn Ventura to the Building Department.

6th Annual Restaurant Week of FARMINGDALE Village June 13 - 18

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Christians Parkside Cafe 48 Motor Avenue • 516-694-1000 3 Course Dinner - \$24.95	Croxley's 190 Main Street • 516-293-7700 3 Course Dinner - \$23.95	Hush Bistro 291 Main Street • 516-293-4874 Ask Upon Arrival	Jade Palace 252 Main Street • 516-694-6688 Ask Upon Arrival
Library Cafe 274 Main Street • 516-752-7678 3 Course Dinner - \$23.95	Lotus Garden 345 Conklin Street • 516-249-2940 3 Course Dinner - \$23.95	Mary's Pizza & Pasta 611 Main Street • 516-586-5917 3 Course Dinner - \$23.95	The Nutty Irishman 323 Main Street • 516-293-9700 3 Course Dinner - \$20.95
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