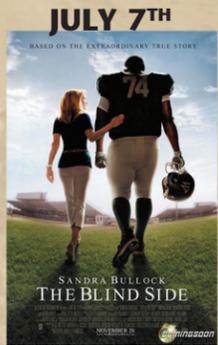


# MOVIES

## Village "on the" Green

**Movies Begin July 7<sup>th</sup>**



**GUEST APPEARANCE  
TWO EXCLUSIVE NIGHTS  
JULY 21 & AUGUST 4**

**FREE**  
Ice Cream, Popcorn and Orange Drink  
Cartoons precede 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

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# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT



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## VILLAGE GREEN REDESIGN

Between 1861 and 1863, young men from this community who worked in the trades of the day and had families, enlisted to serve the Union cause in the Civil War also known as the War Between the States. In 2008 Village resident Patrick Looney initiated his Eagle Scout Project by launching a mission to find and identify the graves of civilians-turned soldiers who left their cozy farms and families to go and serve their country in the Civil War. His project inspired members of the Farmingdale Bethpage Historical Society to lend their support so they joined forces to honor forgotten local heroes from the Civil War. FBHS Trustee Serena Brochu researched library archives, pension records and internet sites to locate the names of those brave men from our community.

The Historical Society undertook the effort to design and purchase a fitting memorial which would be presented to the Village and dedicated on Memorial Day, the 150th Anniversary of this conflict.

While the Village Board had been contemplating relocating the existing War Memorials located within Village Green, no formal plans had been established. Upon agreeing to accept this new memorial, the Board of Trustees formed a Committee consisting of members of the Historical Society, Beautification Committee and Planning Board to come up with a plan to redesign the "monument" section of Village Green. The Committee soon realized the need to engage the services of a Landscape Architect to formulate a plan to properly situate the monuments. A Request for Proposal was prepared and three firms submitted proposals. Landscape Architect Paul Fogelberg was selected to design the project. After meeting with the Committee, it was agreed that a Memorial Walkway would be constructed on the south side of the Green and the existing monuments would be repositioned in chronological order beginning with the Civil War Memorial and providing for space for additional monuments. The design plan was accepted by the Committee and the requisite bid documents for the new brick wall, walkways, moving of the monuments and landscaping were prepared and awarded to the low bid contractors.

While there were weather delays, work began in earnest in April to prepare for the dedication on Memorial Day. The contractors put in long days constructing the brick wall, laying brick walkways, moving and reinstalling monuments and landscaping the entire area.

The Civil War Memorial is called a "Tree of Life"; a portion of the tree is missing representing the shortened lives of the veterans. The bronze plaque attached to the center bears the known veterans' names. The monument sits on a base displaying a representation of a soldier's rifle and pack. The Village is very grateful to the Historical Society for presenting this Memorial to the community.

The "Green" continues to be a work in progress. More wrought iron benches will be added as well as game tables, additional lighting and perennial gardens. The costs for the renovations have been paid through grant monies and parkland funds. Taxpayer dollars have not been used.

We encourage you to visit Village Green this summer and stroll along the new Memorial Walkway. We believe you will find it a respectful and fitting tribute to those from our community who have served our country.



On May 14th and May 21st 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 light posts, planted red geraniums, wave petunias and bacopa 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, 72 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. Members of the Beautification Committee assisted by volunteers from the Fancy Free

Day Program on Main Street hung over 200 bows on all our trees and signs along Main Street and Melville Road to bring awareness to the 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, 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.

Future Beautification dates:  
 Fall planting – Saturday, October 1st  
 Holiday decorating – Two Saturdays, November 19th & 26th

We always need volunteers! If you enjoy flowers and being outdoors, please join your friends and neighbors on “planting days”. Any questions or further information, please contact Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen at [pchristiansen@farmingdalevillage.com](mailto:pchristiansen@farmingdalevillage.com) or 249-0093.

## Village Pops

The Village Pops is starting its 29th season beginning Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00 pm. The schedule for the season is below.

Wed 6/29	Opener/Kick-off
Wed 7/6	Patriotic
Sun 7/17	Picnic Pops
Wed 7/20	Concert
Wed 7/27	Concert
Wed 8/3	Children’s Concert
Wed 8/10	WWII/Closer

### EVE ESKIN BROWN FOUNDATION

Once again this summer, the Eve Foundation will be holding its annual Christmas in July Food Drive. The Village Pops Concerts is one of our donation sites. All food is distributed to local food kitchens and pantries.

**PUBLIC HEARING -  
 JULY 11TH - 7:00 PM  
 FARMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 on the  
 Draft Generic Environmental Impact Study  
 (DGEIS)  
 as it pertains to the Downtown Master Plan**

DGEIS can be downloaded from the Village website as well as reviewed at the Farmingdale Library and Village Hall

*The Transforming  
 of Main Street*  
 Village Engaged In  
 Storefront Facelift Program

## THE TRANSFORMATION OF VILLAGE GREEN

