



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

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### Moving In The Right Direction

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Dear Residents,

It is often said that the unofficial start of the summer season is Memorial Day and for "Dalers" it traditionally begins with the Fire Department's Memorial Day Parade down Main Street. This year was no exception. Under sunny skies, the Parade stepped off at 10:00 AM from the north end of the Village and marched to Village Green for the ceremonies honoring our Veterans who have protected the freedom we in this country all enjoy. This year, we held a special ceremony to pay tribute to Marine Lance Corporal James D. Argentine, who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afganistan four years ago, by dedicating Prospect Street in his honor. His parents, Jan and Bob unveiled the street sign at the corner of Main and Prospect Streets.

Over the past several months, the Village Board has had multiple Public Hearings on proposed new development in our downtown. I am pleased to report that Bartone Plaza, to be located on South Front Street and Secatogue Avenue has received all approvals from the Village. Shortly, they will receive a demolition permit and building permit and expect to break ground at the beginning of September. This complex, consisting of 115 apartments, two courtyards, underground parking and 13,200 square feet of retail space is expected to be completed by the beginning of 2015. The second phase of their project, located in the private parking area across the street, is expected to be completed at the same time. This building will contain 39 apartments and 6,200 square feet of retail space. Both these projects are the first being built under the Mixed Use Building Code adopted by the Village after the completion of the 2035 Master Plan.

Another Public Hearing was held on an application submitted by Robert Lee for construction of a luxury senior citizen apartment building on Route 109 just to the east of Main Street. This building will consist of 24 two bedroom apartments, and will be staffed with a concierge to serve the needs of the tenants. This application was approved by the Board.

The most recent Public Hearings related to applications submitted by SPA to demolish the vacant stores and construct a mixed use building at 231 - 245 Main Street (between Conklin Street and South Front Street). This building will house 26 apartments and 3,075 square feet of retail space. Those in attendance at the Hearing expressed delight that these vacant stores will be replaced by an architecturally attractive building. The second application presented by SPA relates to their property at 285 Eastern Parkway. This application seeks permission to convert the existing brick building on the corner of Eastern Parkway and Oakview Avenue, once a fruit and vegetable warehouse, as well as construct an additional structure on Oakview Avenue for a total of 27 apartments all consistent with the recommendations contained in our Master Plan for transit orientated development. This Hearing is being continued to August 5th. Together, these projects represent over \$100 million dollars of development in our Village.

The Board spent a great deal of time during the spring working on the 2013-2014 Village budget. Consideration had to be given to replacing 25+ year old trucks as part of our DPW equipment, a new ambulance for the Fire Department, increased pension and health insurance premiums for our employees while maintaining the same services for our residents. With sharpened pencils this was accomplished while imposing a small tax increase of 2%.

Hopefully you have noticed all the improvements that have taken place along our Main Street including new store signs, awnings, and building façade improvements. This work has all been completed with funds from the Nassau County Community Block Grant program. The work will continue as the Village partners with the County and land owners to improve the attractiveness of our Main Street.

Additionally, a new flag pole and light posts have been installed in Village Green thanks to a grant received from Nassau County through Legislator Joe Belesi. The pole was installed to the right of the Gazebo enabling us to comfortably salute the flag during our Village Green events.

We look forward to welcoming soon the following new stores on Main Street: La Bottega, Café Dolce Vita, Zumba, Uva Liquors, Satya Yoga, and Charlotte's Café.

Another update I would like to provide concerns the subdivision on Merritts Road (commonly known as the Hubbard property). The owners are currently before the Nassau County Planning Commission, which must approve all subdivisions, securing their storm drainage, sewer and street approvals. The owners anticipate that they will be pouring pouring foundations for the new homes in the fall.

On May 18th and May 25th volunteers gathered at Village Hall and began the process of spring planting in our Village. Together they hung 120 baskets containing red balcon geraniums on the street lights, planted wave petunias in the pots at six street signs, as well as planting 82 street and park planters with red dracaena spikes, red new guinea impatiens, purple wave petunias and green ivy. In addition, 45 flats of flowers containing 2,160 plants were

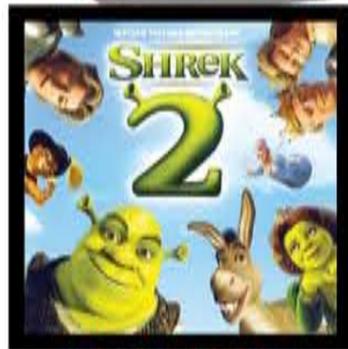


*Farmingdale*  
We've got it All!



## MOVIES

## Village Green "on the"



*"Kids"* July 11th  
Photoshoot  
with  
"Live characters"



Aug. 8th

Aug. 15th

Aug. 22nd

*"Farmingdale... We've got it All"*

Enjoy FREE popcorn, ice cream and juice.

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!

Hope to see you all there!



## SCOTT PAKS BEING PURCHASED \$200,000 GRANT RECEIVED

The Board of Trustees on behalf of all of our residents express special thanks to Congressman Peter King for the recent grant of \$200,000 to the Village Fire Department for the purchase of Scott Paks, the breathing apparatus used by our firemen in fires. The Scott Paks currently in use no longer meet required standards, we had no choice but to replace them. To replace this equipment with taxdollars would require a 6.25% tax increase just for this equipment. The Village is very grateful to Congressman King for facilitating this grant.

## GOSLINE FAMILY DEDICATE BENCH



The Gosline Family recently donated a bench in Village Green in memory of their parents, Marion and Charles and their Aunt Mildred, to the Village. Pictured are members of the family at the dedication with Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen and Trustee Cheryl Parisi.

## DOWNTOWN MP IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

On Sunday, March 17th, the first St. Patrick's Day parade in the Village took place. Large crowds came out to see the marchers, enjoy activities on Village Green and visit the restaurants on Main Street who offered many specials for the day. The Committee is busy planning more events for the summer and fall seasons.

Please come out to support these events. They can be found on the Village website: [www.farmingdalevillage.com](http://www.farmingdalevillage.com).

## VILLAGE POPS

Now in the 32nd year, the Pops continue to perform on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm. The dates are July 3, 10, 24, 31 and August 7. On Sunday, July 21st, the Pops will perform at 5:00 pm. All performances take place on Village Green.

## MAIN STREET CONGESTION

Your Village Board is working together with Nassau County, the owner of Main Street, and New York State DOT to implement left hand turning lanes from Main Street to Conklin Street in both directions. It was identified in the Downtown Master Plan 2035 as a way to mitigate traffic congestion on Main Street. This will allow Main Street through traffic to continue moving. Parking spaces at the corners will be eliminated to make room for the left hand turning lanes. An informational public meeting will be held prior to the implementation of turning lanes.

## MAYOR'S COLUMN (cont'd from page 1)

planted at Village Green, Northside Park, Main Street/Melville Road triangle, and Gergras Park. Beautification is a fully volunteer event. This year our volunteers were joined by a detail from the Marine Corps Recruiting Substation in Hicksville under the direction of Sergeant Thomas J. Heinsohn. In addition to the Marine Corps volunteers, SPECIAL THANKS also to all the dedicated volunteers including members of the Beautification Committee, 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.

Now that we have "officially" begun the summer season, I invite you to come and enjoy the Village Pops on Wednesday evenings, movie nights on Thursdays evenings, Car Shows on Friday evenings and Live Downtown events organized by the Downtown Implementation Committee scheduled for two Sundays, July 14th and August 11th. These events are all being held on Village Green and Main Street. And, don't forget, the weekly Farmer's Market held every Sunday at the entrance to Parking Lot 3 on Main Street. Specific dates and times for these events can be found on the Village's website.

Finally, 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 every Monday evening beginning at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to stop by Village Hall any Monday evening.

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand



## HARDSCRABBLE GIRL SCOUTS GOLD AWARDS

The Hardscrabble Association of Girl Scouts recently honored Sarah Golshar and Kelly Meyer, Gold Award recipients. Village of Farmingdale Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen and Trustee Cheryl Parisi presented Sara and Kelly with a Proclamation congratulating them on achieving this prestigious award.

## MANY THANKS

We are very fortunate to have LI Checker Cab, McDonald's, and the Farmingdale Public Library make our Movie Nights such a success. Without their participation, we could not do what we do! THANK YOU!!!!



## New Stores on Main Street