

# MOVIES

## "on the" Village Green

"Farmingdale... We have it All"

Family Fun for Everyone!



JULY 9



JULY 16



JULY 23



JULY 30



AUGUST 6



AUGUST 13



AUGUST 20

FREE Popcorn - Drinks - Ice Cream

A very special thank you to our supporters: The Farmingdale Library for the movies, Checker Cab for the ice cream, McDonalds for the orange drink and the Village for the popcorn. Cartoons precede the movies for about 15 minutes and begin around dusk. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Movies are on Thursday evenings. Main Street is full of options for your dinner so feel free to come early and eat on the Green. Hope to see everyone "On the Green".

Farmingdale We've got it All!



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# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT



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Moving In The Right Direction



## GOOD NEWS ABOUT WATER!

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor Patricia A. Christiansen  
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Trustee William Barrett  
Trustee Tom Ryan

Dear Residents,

I wish to thank everyone who attended our meeting on April 20th during which we informed those present of some issues facing our Village Water Department. For those who were unable to attend, following is a brief summary of our discussion.

In 2009, the Village was given misinformation leading us to believe that our three wells were threatened by toxic plumes from the north, particularly from the Fireman's Training Academy, Town of Oyster Bay Landfill and Claremont Metallurgy. We were also led to believe that we were in need of a fourth well to meet demand from our residents. After meetings with representatives of the Department of Environmental Conservation and our engineers, H2M, it became clear that this was not the case. The DEC demonstrated that remediation wells had been put in place which would prevent the toxins from infiltrating our wells and our engineers provided us with information which clearly indicated that our well capacity far exceeded any demand.

Prior to these facts being confirmed, we were informed that if we were to have to remediate our wells due to toxic plumes the cost would have been between six and ten million dollars and an annual maintenance cost of approximately \$250,000. With this in mind, the Village Board sought proposals from South Farmingdale Water District, Bethpage Water District and Suffolk County Water Authority to share services which would decrease the burden of this remediation from our residents. We received the proposals and both Bethpage and Suffolk County merited review.

Once the misinformation regarding the plumes and need for a fourth well was corrected, the Village Board embarked on a study of the most efficient method to update our system and continue to provide **CLEAN, UNFILTERED WATER** to our residents for the next generation.

Some facts relating to our Water Department: The Village has a population of 8,744 with 2,125 water service connections, three supply wells, 2 storage tanks, 222 fire hydrants and 30.9 miles of water mains. On an average day we pump 0.97 million gallons and our recorded history shows a maximum of 2.02 gallons in one day. We have the capacity to pump 5.4 million gallons a day. With this in mind, it is quite clear that there is no need for a fourth well at this time. The water is monitored and tested in accordance with all federal, state and county regulations and the water provided to residents meets or exceeds all regulatory standards.

We do, however, have capital needs to improve the infrastructure. These include a high zone creation to increase pressure in the north area of the Village, rehabilitation of our elevated water tank, a generator at our Ridge Road wells and rehabilitation to the ground tank. We also require replacement of outdated electronic equipment, communications upgrading, upgrades and rehabilitation at well 2-3 and replacement of low zone boosters at Ridge Road. The total cost of these upgrades to our infrastructure will be approximately \$3.3 million.

How are we going to pay for these improvements? The Trustees and I spent countless hours reviewing these needs with our consultants and engineers to establish a plan and determine the most cost effective manner to implement that plan. There is no doubt that these improvements must be done. The first step will be to bond the funds needed and establish a repayment program for the next 20 years. This repayment will be accomplished by adjusting the way that we bill our customers. Rather than receive an annual bill for water which had varying rates based on consumption, water customers will be billed quarterly beginning in August. By now customers west of Main Street have received their last annual bill and customers east of Main Street have received a bill through April 30th. We are calling this our "true up bill". Our current system provided for water supply costs to be included within consumption rates. For greater transparency, each customer will be charged \$96 per year as a service charge and \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons based solely on consumption. Our commercial customers will have an annual service charge of \$196 and a consumption charge of \$3.75 per thousand gallons.

**THESE RATES ARE GUARANTEED FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.**





## LETTER TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS FROM THE MAYOR (CONT'D)

Our average customer consumes 150,000 gallons per year. Under our present system, that customer would pay \$426.50 annually. Under our new rate schedule, that customer would pay \$433.50 annually, an increase of \$7.00 annually. With this new rate schedule, the revenue will be sufficient to pay for the bond.

The Village Board compared this plan to the proposals received from the surrounding Water Districts and the financial aspect of our plan clearly outweighs that which was offered to us. It also allows the Village to have local control of its Village asset, owned and operated profitably for 106 years, retain total control of all costs, no pollution control devices, local immediate response to emergencies (current response time is less than 15 minutes) for water main breaks, firematic issues and storms.

**THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE HAS THE BEST WATER GOING AND WE INTEND TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!**

On other matters, it appears that spring and summer are soon to arrive. Our Village Beautification Committee will be planting flowers on Saturday, May 16th – please come to Village Green and volunteer your help.

Village Pops Concerts will begin at the end of June and Movie Nights will start in early July. This Newsletter contains further details about these two popular traditions.

The kick off to our summer season is Memorial Day and I hope you will join with us at the Parade on Monday, May 25th beginning at 10:00 AM. This year the VFW will have a ceremony at Village Green following the parade when they will dedicate a new monument along our Memorial Walkway to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Enduring Freedom.

I apologize for the lengthiness of this letter but felt it important that all our residents become aware of the issues we are facing and how they are being addressed by the Village Board.

If you have any questions, stop in at our Board work sessions held on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. Look forward to seeing everyone on Memorial Day.

## RESTAURANT WEEK

**Mark your calendar! Plan a date night!** Restaurant Week is Monday, June 15th - Saturday, June 19th. This is a great opportunity to check out our many restaurants on Main Street. Check the Community Events page on the Village website to see what restaurants are participating. The list will be there after May 31st.

## VILLAGE POPS

Now in the 34th year, the Pops continue to perform on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm. The dates are July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, and 12. All performances take place on Village Green. Once again this year we are extremely grateful to **Checker Cab** for providing free ice cream for the concerts! We hope to see everyone there! Don't forget your lawn chair and maybe think about coming early to enjoy dinner in town! We have many new restaurants to enjoy!

## ANNUAL STORM WATER REPORT

The Annual Storm Water Report can be found on the Village website by going to the following link:

[www.farmingdalevillage.com/2015ADWQR.pdf](http://www.farmingdalevillage.com/2015ADWQR.pdf)

This link will take you directly to the report. You can also go the website and click on the rectangle on the right side of the home page that says: The 2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



NEWLY PURCHASED TRUCKS



NEW and OLD PLOWS

The Department of Public Works, located on Ketcham Lane off Ridge Road has had many improvements and upgrades over the last year. New trucks have been purchased along with plows and the installation of a natural gas line.



DPW YARD at KETCHAM LANE



SOME OF OUR EXISTING FLEET OF TRUCKS

## ART IN THE PARK

Art in the Park is returning to the Village Green. Co-sponsored by the Farmingdale Village Merchants Association and the Women's Club of Farmingdale it will be held on Saturday, September 19 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with a rain date of Saturday, September 26.

Applications can be obtained on the Village website under Community Events and clicking on the link or at Village Hall after May 31st.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for our Second Annual Music Festival to take place on Main Street over the September 12-13 weekend! Should be an outstanding weekend with well known bands! Watch the website and the next newsletter for all details!