

FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

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Moving
In The Right Direction



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Dear Fellow Residents,

I am amazed that the summer is over and the talk of the town is already about the upcoming holiday season. We are in the midst of very exciting times in our little Village. Major issues that affect us all now as well as for the next generation are being studied as we speak. Some of the things the Village Board is working on include:

- New zoning regulations are being studied that will bring change to our Main Street and train station area including TOD (transit orientated development), Mixed Use (retail stores with apartments or condominiums above), and a revitalized Main Street with store sizes and rents that are relevant to owners and residents;
- Grants for our storeowners to rehabilitate their buildings under new design guidelines and standards;
- Federal grants, some of which were recently utilized to change most of our street lighting in the parking lots behind our stores and at our train station saving us thousands of dollars in electricity costs while at the same time giving us more light for our safety;
- Grants to start repairing our walkways to not only beautify our Village but, more importantly, to eliminate trip hazards in front of our stores.

These are just a few of the areas your elected Board is working on. With the thought of change comes fear in some people. This condition is human nature and the Board is aware of these concerns.

We received a \$289,000 New York State BOA grant to do the most comprehensive study possible to understand all the good and bad impacts of the changes that are being contemplated. If there are poor aspects to some of these proposed projects, we will determine if they can be mitigated. If they cannot, let me assure you they will not be implemented. I want to use two recent examples of change that had the community alarmed. When the apartments at 150 Secatogue Avenue were renovated we heard many negatives; too many cars, more children would be enrolled in the school system, and no one would rent them because of their location. Just the opposite occurred. They are fully rented, are beautiful and a welcome addition to our Village. When Stop and Shop was proposed, people said it was going to put Waldbaums out of business, the traffic would be horrific and would devastate our Main Street. Wrong again. Waldbaums stepped to the plate to compete and I believe the traffic going in and out of the Village by Route 109 has been improved. Please get involved and get the facts. We will be holding many public hearings and doing outreach over the next several months. We want to hear from you so we can move forward with confidence and commitment that we are on the right track.

Lastly, I need to share with you the fact that we needed to buy new fire trucks this fall. The cost to repair our twenty-three year old ladder truck and pumper truck have become prohibitive. We will be mailing each resident a fact sheet very soon to give you the information on the options available to pay for this equipment; increase taxes or change the way we provide fire dispatcher service. Once you have the facts, we will provide you communication options to let us know what you think so that you can be part of the decision.

Enjoy the fall harvest time and all its offerings. I look forward to seeing you around the Village!

Butch Starkie



The members of the Beautification Committee prepared Main Street for our Columbus Day weekend by planting mums and cabbages in the planter pots, the street sign baskets, Village Green and also put up cornstalks for all to enjoy during the fall season.



Holiday decorations will begin to appear on November 20th and 27th all in advance of the Tri-Centennial Tree Lighting on November 30th. All volunteers are welcome to join the committee on those Saturdays at 9:00 AM to help transform our Village into a Holiday Wonderland.

All residents of the Village are welcome to become part of the Beautification Committee in one or more ways: attend our meetings, help with preparation and planting on designated days, donate supplies and refreshments on "beautification work" days, contribute to the Village Beautification account. New volunteers are encouraged to leave their name at Village Hall or email Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen at pchristiansen@farmingdalevillage.com.

Special thanks to the staff at our Department of Public Works. Through their diligent efforts, the flowers in our hanging baskets, planter pots, Village Green, Northside Park and Grengas Park looked beautiful all summer and fall.

MANY THANKS

Our community is fortunate to have organizations and businesses step up and offer to help out. This summer, the Village Pops had ice cream donated by Checker Cab and our Movie Nights had ice cream donated by the Rotary Club - breakfast and lunch. McDonald's provided the orange drink. We also were fortunate to have the library provide all the movies. They have the licenses necessary to show them. Two of our movie nights had a band play. They were called The Change. Ray Jergersen played with the St. Kilian players and asked if his band might perform on the Green. The Village Pops is always well attended and our Movie Nights have really caught on. As the year goes on and you think "that would be great to see on the Green" send us an email and let us know. You can find us on the Village website at www.farmingdalevillage.com.



MAIN STREET GOING "GREEN" TRASH RECEPTACLES RETROFITTED

Recycling helps our world in many ways. It saves natural resources, energy, and money. It also reduces water contamination and the need for landfills. If we recycle used cans and bottles we won't have to use as many of our natural resources to make new cans and bottles.



It was brought to the Village Board's attention by Margaret (Maggie) Miller, a Cadette Girl Scout who is working towards her silver award, that we did not have public recycling bins here in Farmingdale. She suggested to us that now would be a good time to get some. Maggie researched several different companies. It turned out that retrofitting the trash receptacles that are currently in place along Main Street for recycling was the most cost effective way to get started, and made the most sense. Due to the large number of trash receptacles currently in place, it made more sense to replace the lids on a portion of them and to identify them as recycling bins. The new lids and plaques are black with white decals.

As you are walking along Main Street, please remember to recycle your cans and bottles in the receptacles that have been converted into recycling bins. Let's make the village really "GO GREEN".



RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Since the Village's recycle day was changed by the Town of Oyster Bay to Monday morning, we have received a number of complaints from our residents about having to use black plastic bags for garden and lawn refuse and the fact that this refuse as well as the yellow recycle cans are curbside over the weekend. We have been advised by the Town that that garden and lawn waste may be placed in pails and does not have to be in black plastic bags. As a reminder to our residential residents, trash should not be placed at the curb prior to 5:00 PM for pickup the next morning. We would ask that you refrain from putting out recycle material



Changing Main Street

Recipients of Grant Awards

The Village has begun its Commercial Rehabilitation by awarding up to \$300,000.00 in grant money to building owners who applied. The money will be used for new facade improvements, awnings, signs, and lighting. The new design guidelines that the Village is adopting will be implemented in order to give a fresh new look to Main Street.

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| 1. Nutty Irishman | 13. 280 Main Street |
| 2. AT & T | 14. 320 Conklin Street |
| 3. Cell Phonz | 15. 185 Main Street |
| 4. Alexis Unisex | 16. 305 Main Street |
| 5. Farmingdale Meat Market | 17. Moby Drugs |
| 6. 256 Main Street | 18. 199 Main Street - Laundromat |
| 7. 242 - 244 Main Street | 19. Paul Gatto Gallery |
| 8. 236 - 238 Main Street | 20. 291 Conklin Street |
| 9. Singas - 313 Main Street | 21. 261 Main Street - Grecian Grill |
| 10. 212 - 220 Main Street - Frank's Stogis | 22. 266 Main Street |
| 11. 207 Main Street - Barber Shop | 23. 316 Main Street - Florist |
| 12. 330 Conklin Street - Bergen Tile | |



TRASH REMOVED FROM MAIN STREET!

If you happen to be on Main Street on Monday or Thursday evenings, we hope you will notice that since the beginning of August, trash is no longer piled up along the curb. The Village Board had received complaints from our residents as well as our merchants that the trash awaiting pick-up was both unsightly and unsanitary. Since many of our restaurants offer outdoor dining in the spring, summer and fall months, having garbage in close proximity was a deterrent to many diners. After a series of meetings with our property owners and site visits with representatives of the Town of Oyster Bay over the last several months, arrangements were made to pick up the trash in the rear of the properties fronting on Main Street from North Front Street to Prospect Street.

This effort was well received by the Town as well as the property owners. Special thanks to our local property owners and commercial and residential tenants on Main Street for their complete cooperation in relocating their trash pickup to the rear of their property and to the Commissioner and Supervisor of Sanitation of the Town of Oyster Bay for their assistance in implementing this program in our Village.

The Board is constantly striving to improve the attractiveness of our downtown area and this is one more step to further enhance our Main Street.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Incorporated Village of Farmingdale will be flushing water mains throughout its service area as a part of its regular Distribution System Maintenance Program. Flushing will commence on Friday October 29th 2010 at approximately 10:30 PM and will be finished by approximately 3:00 AM October 30th.

This program is designed to remove any accumulation of dissolved materials which may have settled in the mains. Slight water pressure variations or discolored water conditions may occur during this period. REMEMBER, THE WATER IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE TO DRINK. Water uses, such as laundering of clothes, may be affected due to coloration of water.

If you have questions please call Village Hall @ 516-249-0093.

**LEAF PICKUP
SCHEDULE:**

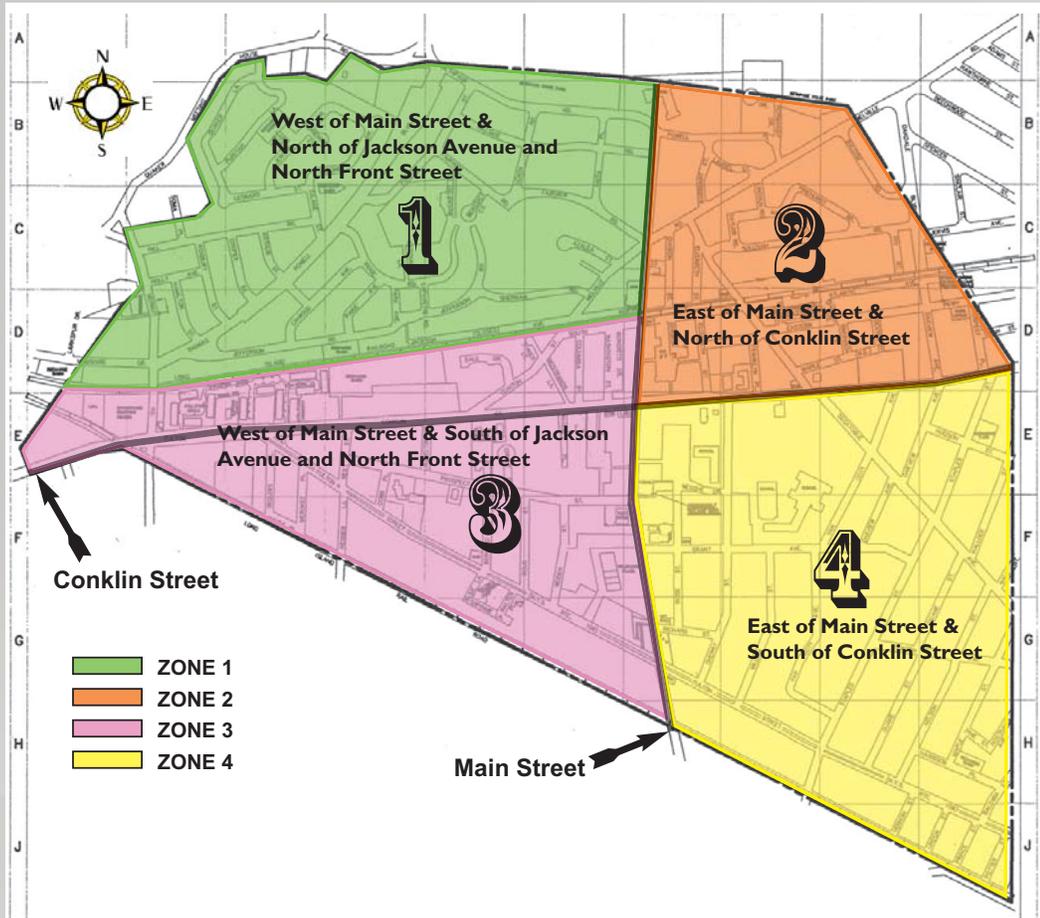
Zone 1:
October 25-29
November 22-26

Zone 2:
November 1-5
November 29-
December 3

Zone 3:
November 8-12
December 6-10

Zone 4:
November 15-19
December 13-17

All dates are subject
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