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"on the"
Village Green

July 9 - Paul Blart: Mall Cop

July 23 - Hotel for Dogs

August 6 - Kung Fu Panda

August 20 - Madagascar

September 3 - Raiders of the Lost Ark

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In The Right Direction

Dear Fellow Resident,

Even if I were a master of the English language (which I'm not) I am hard pressed to find the words and feelings to describe the 2009 US Open event at Bethpage Black – awesome, surreal, incredible and, now that it is over, relief.

The list would have to be a mile long to pay tribute to the team effort that went into the planning and execution of the event. Your Board of Trustees, Deputy Mayor Christiansen, Trustees Ekstrand, Barrett and Parisi, worked for months putting together the mailings, scheduling movie nights, securing the trolleybus and various promotions. Legislator Dave Mejias secured a PR firm to help us with all the TV and press releases. Joann Edling and her team of code personnel kept the traffic flowing and our streets safe. Andy Fisch and the DPW personnel worked hard keeping our Village clean and set up the Green for movie nights. Our staff at Village Hall never stopped answering telephone inquiries and facilitated all our mailings. The USGA people, Robbie Zalneck, Danny Sink, Charlie Howe and Hank Thompson worked with us throughout our planning process and were always available when problems arose, right down to Louie the State Police officer who worked the "hill" on Puritan Lane. The list can go on and on.

Most important to me personally are the residents of our Village. I have received emails and notes from people from around the country expressing their gratitude and thanks for a wonderful week in Farmingdale. They were so appreciative of the help they received either with rides when they were lost, or allowing them to make phone calls from our homes or cell to get a ride home, but most especially for the welcoming atmosphere they all felt.

Our Main Street merchants did very well compared to the event in 2002. I went to Main Street every night and polled the crowds. Many people were from out of town but also many of our residents came out to mark the occasion and enjoy the festivities of the week. Golf in Farmingdale was the topic of many conversations. All in all I think the event was a smashing success!

There were some inconveniences for some of our commuters and residents who were at ground zero. We fixed any problems as they arose to the best of our abilities. We made every accommodation where possible, never taking anyone for granted. For the people who believe we came up short, I truly hope you accept our apologies.

We have the greatest gift of all. Bethpage State Park remains, Craig Currier the Superintendent who was the "Hero of the Open" remains and as a parting gift from the USGA, we now have dozens of the planters used at the Open to dress up our Main Street and Village Hall for the rest of the summer.

Please don't forget to enjoy all the events planned for the Village Green this summer. I hope to see you all around town!

Mayor George "Butch" Starkie





On two early Saturday mornings in May, volunteers arrived at Village Hall and after a quick breakfast began planting hibiscus, wave petunias, impatiens, ivy and geraniums in hanging baskets, planters and as ground cover. These plants now line Main Street, enhance our Village Green and beautify the Gazebo at Main & Melville as well as Northside Park.

At the end of May, members of the Beautification Committee assisted the Farmingdale Relay for Life Committee to help bring awareness to their Relay event at the beginning of June by making and putting up over 350 purple bows along Main Street and Melville Road.

The goal of our efforts is to beautify our Village for all our residents and guests. Over the summer we will formulate plans for the fall and holiday season. Our fall planting will take place on Saturday, October 3rd, beginning at 9:00 am at Village Hall. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

For any further information, please contact Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen at pchristiansen@farmingdalevillage.com.

DOWNTOWN IMPACT STUDY MOVES FORWARD

On July 27th we will hold our last work session between our planning committee, Siccardi and Schiff, the Mayor and Board, and the Downtown Revitalization Committee consisting of residents and business owners. The team has worked on identifying areas of the Village "D" district that are susceptible to change and offering future alternative scenarios. The process will identify and study traffic, parking and infrastructure needs. Before any final Master Plan is adopted by the Mayor and Board a number of public hearings will be held. Please stay informed by signing on to "Constant Contact" on our Village website (www.farmingdalevillage.com). All work sessions are open to the public, comment is limited to committee members.

GARBAGE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MAIN STREET Trash Pick-Up Moves to Rear of Stores

On June 11th, Mayor George Starkie, Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen and Trustee Cheryl Parisi met with Supervisors of Sanitation for the Town of Oyster Bay, Ray Starke and Pete Wagner. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of moving trash pick-up along Main Street for buildings fronting on Main Street from Front Street to Prospect Street. After walking our four municipal parking lots, the Supervisors agreed that consideration could be given to picking up trash from the municipal parking lots at the rear of these buildings thereby eliminating the unsightly look of trash twice each week on our Main Street. Removing garbage waiting for pick up from Main Street will be aesthetically pleasing as well as eliminate any health issues created by restaurants offering outdoor seating in our downtown. Further discussions were also held regarding the Town's current S.O.R.T. program and expanding to add additional items that can be recycled and picked up by Town of Oyster Bay.

Meetings will be scheduled with all affected building owners to review these proposed changes before they are implemented.



Progress Made on Village Property Revaluation Mailer Needs YOUR Attention

The team of Standard Valuation Services and Michael Haberman Associates have completed their preliminary work. This included:

- the collection of data for the 2,312 parcels in the Village of Farmingdale;
- the review process of all information obtained; and
- the initial analysis of data obtained. They are now ready to send out the Data Mailer to all property owners in the Village of Farmingdale. The following information will give you an idea of what a Data Mailer is used for and the importance of returning it to Village Hall.

Having accurate property data is essential to a successful reassessment. The end goal is to have all properties valued fairly and consistently. If all properties are valued fairly, we can ensure that all property owners are paying their fair share of the tax burden.

Detailed descriptive information is necessary to accurately value a property. Just as it is necessary for an appraiser to inspect, measure and photograph your property when performing a valuation for mortgage purposes, detailed information is necessary in a reassessment.

For the Village of Farmingdale project, we will be utilizing property information obtained from the Nassau County Assessment Department. Since we are not going door to door and collecting property information from scratch, the County Records will be our starting point. This property information will be supplemented and enhanced based on a review of the Village property records as well as the information obtained from the responses to the data mailer. The data mailers are printed reports containing property descriptions.

The data mailer is a positive means of including property owners in the reassessment process.

After all records are updated and discrepancies are resolved, the valuation process can commence. Based on the data collected, along with an analysis of recent sales of similar homes in your neighborhood, we will utilize a computer assisted mass appraisal technique to estimate every home's current market value.

Since we will be comparing the physical attributes of properties to those properties that have recently sold, if property descriptions are in error or are incomplete, it will be difficult to obtain meaningful valuations. When data is in error or unreported, estimates of value can become skewed which can lead to confusion and frustration among property owners.

Therefore **all property owners are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the information listed** and provide corrections to data presented in the mailer in the event of discrepancies. Whether correct or in need of revisions, please acknowledge, sign and return the data mailers to Village Hall.

If you need assistance with the data mailer or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call the Village's reassessment consultant, Standard Valuation Services, at 516-248-6922.



ART IN THE PARK September 12th 10:00 - 5:00 pm Village Green

Raindate: September 13th

FROM THE OFFICE OF VFD - CHIEF RYAN

Since April 2009 the Farmingdale Fire Department has responded to 61 general alarms and 55 ambulance calls. On May 13th, the Department assisted Nassau County with a Medi-Vac Operation (helicopter landing) at 807 Fulton Street for a motorcycle accident. During the U.S. Open the Department provided a pumper on scene. We worked in conjunction with the Plainview and Bethpage Fire Departments to provide fire protection for the golf course. Also, the Department marshalled the 17th hole during the Open. As always, please check your Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide batteries and have an evacuation plan and a meeting place in the event of a fire in your home.

Village Pops

7:30 pm - Village Green

Wednesday - July 1, 8, 22, 29, August 5 and 12
Sunday - July 19 - 5:00 pm

Eve Foundation will be at each concert collecting food donations for abused and battered women.

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