



FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

April, 2006

A Message From Village Mayor **GEORGE J. GRAF**

I want to congratulate and welcome our two newly elected Trustees: Patricia A. Christiansen and George "Butch" Starkie. I also want to acknowledge, thank and commend the other candidates for taking the time to run for the trustee positions. Even though they did not win, I know they will stay involved and continue to provide their thoughts and input to my administration. I want to thank the Concerned Citizens Association of Farmingdale (CCAF) and their President Mike Grello for hosting the "Meet the Candidates Night" at their March meeting. The meeting featured all seven trustee candidates, the two candidates for Village Court Justice, Deputy Mayor Rachiele, Trustee Langon and I. Each candidate was given eight minutes to speak and answer questions. All the candidates spoke well and I compliment them on how they presented their views and ideas. The resounding bottom line was and still is, that they love living in Farmingdale and want to be part of keeping our fair village a great place to live. It was a tremendous opportunity for all residents and community members to see first hand what they were all about and ask them questions about their platforms. It was very unfortunate that more Village residents did not attend. I know that everybody is busy and on any



given night there are multiple events, meetings and chores to do. The bottom line is: our residents missed the chance to see, hear and interact with the candidates. I hope that in the future more of our residents will come to these type forums to learn about the people and board who govern the Village. I am pleased to say that we have seen new residents attending our last trustee meeting and budget workshops. I also once again invite all Village residents and community members to attend our monthly trustee meetings and become part of our open government. If you can't attend please visit our website: www.farmingdalevillage.com to keep abreast of the happenings and goings on. If you have questions, concerns, ideas please feel free to write or call Village hall. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.



Village Board of Trustees: l-r: Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele, Patricia A. Christiansen, Mayor George Graf, George Starkie, Tom Langon.

Meet Your New Trustees

George "Butch" Starkie



George (Butch) Starkie grew up in Massapequa Park in the Farmingdale school district. He attended Parkway Oaks, Mill Lane School, Howitt Middle School and is a 1975 graduate of Farmingdale High School. He went on to graduate with honors from the School of Hard Knocks and continues to earn credits in this field every day.

Butch is a local business man who currently owns and operates Starkie Bros. Garden Center on Main Street, and All Pro Horticulture Inc. (a seed & fertilizer company) on Motor Ave., both in Farmingdale. He also owns and operates a 85-Acre nursery farm in Cutchogue, L.I since 1986, and just recently purchased Pinewood Perennial Farms, an 18-acre wholesale business, also in Cutchogue.

Butch purchased his property on Main Street in 1982 and has been an active member of the community for many years. He is a member of the CCAF, CAC and has been very involved with the Farmingdale School District as an advocate of the tax payer. In 2000, he earned his place on

the Farmingdale High School Tec Wall of Fame. He has resided in Farmingdale Village for the past 12 years with his wife Patti and their four children, George (Hank), Heather, Lucas and Nicholas. Butch and his family are active members of St. Kilian Parish.

When Butch is not working or sitting on the Village Board, his favorite past times include reading, flying helicopters and barbecuing for his family and friends.

Patricia A. Christiansen

Patricia A. Christiansen is a second generation Farmingdaler, the daughter of Mildred Lanni and Arthur Corwin. She is graduate of St. Kilian School, Queen of the Rosary Academy and State University College at Farmingdale. Pat has been active in the community for many years and served as a Girl Scout leader, Treasurer of Catholic Youth Organization and as a volunteer at St. Kilian Social Ministry. She is past manager of the SHA Shop at Sacred Heart Academy and volunteer at Chaminade High School. She continues to serve as a member of the Farmingdale Bethpage Historical Society, St. Kilian's Women's Guild, Liturgy Committee and Baptismal Ministry. Pat's strong commitment to her family and community is buttressed by her strong administrative background. Formerly an executive assistant at Syska & Hennessy, Consulting Engineers in New York City, she has been office manager of Hogan & Hogan in Locust Valley for 13 years where she was privileged to work with the late New York State Supreme Court Justice, Howard T. Hogan who, at one time, served as a Trustee and Mayor of the Village of Farmingdale. Patricia and her husband Donald have resided in Farmingdale for the past 33 years where they raised their two children, Nicole and Peter.



**Village Justice
Sal Nicosia
swears in
Trustees
Christiansen and
Starkie.**

Dorfmeister presented Citation



Former Trustee Ted Dorfmeister was presented with a citation from Mayor Graf at the April 3rd Trustee meeting thanking him for serving as a trustee for this past year.

Doctor Giminaro recognized for his service to the Village



Doctor Benjamin Giminaro (r) was presented with a plaque from Mayor George Graf at the April 3rd Trustee Meeting. Dr. Giminaro was honored for his 19 years of service to the Village.



Mayor Graf swears in Village Justice Sal Nicosia.

Fire Department Presents Check for Gazebo Revitalization



Mayor Graf speaks at the Meet the Candidates Night hosted by the Concerned Citizens Association of Farmingdale (CCAF). The forum featured all seven trustee candidates and the two village justice candidates.



Farmingdale Fire Department Chief John Salerno (r) presents Mayor George Graf with a \$1000 check to be used for the revitalization of the Village Green. This is the 14th year that the Farmingdale FD has donated money, which they raised from their Columbus Day Fair, to the Village for beautification projects.

Village of Farmingdale Walking Tour

VILLAGE SCHOOLS, PAST & PRESENT

Sunday, May 21, 2006

2:00PM, Village Green

Stroll through our Village and learn about the 200 Year history of our schools presented by the

Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society

Contact Bill Johnston, Village Historian

@ 516-249-3099 for more information



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Shop Farmingdale- Save Gas!

With the arrival of warmer weather comes the other inevitable seasonal rite of passage, rising prices at the gas pumps. With \$3 prices already here and expectations to go higher all us really do need to carefully look at how to conserve and get the most for our hard earned money. Our village offers a wide variety of restaurants and eateries featuring a world wide array of cuisines. The Village is pleased to announce that a new restaurant, Viva Juan, will be opening soon at 169 Main Street (the old Melanies/Side Car Café). From Bagels to Zeppoles, for breakfast, lunch, dinners or snacks there is a business waiting to serve you. In addition to the gas savings you most likely will receive better service and a greater value from our local establishments. Our shopping district not only offers you wonderful restaurants, but a potpourri of stores for all your needs: hardware, health and beauty, flowers, gifts, baked goods, printing and much more. Please take the time to walk the downtown area and see first hand what our local merchants have to offer. Our fair town also has a plethora of professionals (doctors, dentists, accountants, lawyers) waiting to assist and care for you. While the majority of the stores and businesses are on Main Street, please remember that there are many other businesses within the village boundaries that will offer you the same savings and values. Fulton Street Plaza, Conklin Street and Route 109 all have a wide variety of stores to assist you with all your needs. Please try and make an extra effort to patronize the special businesses that support our local non profit and charitable organizations. To learn more about our local businesses you can visit our web site (www.farmingdalevil-

[lage.org](http://www.farmingdalevil-) or [.com](http://www.farmingdalevil-.com)) and go to the Shop Farmingdale box on the left column. Click on the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce link to see the listings. Our local chamber does so much for our community also. Please support their members so they can continue to support us. You can also click on shop locally to get money saving coupons for many of our local stores. While the gas savings will certainly help, there is, in my opinion, a much greater value by shopping in town- meeting and seeing your neighbors and community members. The village takes on a very unique personality of its own in the summer one that you really have to experience for yourself. We'll see you in town!



Viva Juan will be opening soon at 169 Main Street, the old Melanies.

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