



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

January, 2007

## A Message From Village Mayor GEORGE J. GRAF

Now that winter has finally arrived, the inevitable white stuff can't be far behind. While we have seemed to dodge the winter bullet up until now, we can probably expect some snow soon. Our DPW team is ready for whatever old man winter has in store for us. Their equipment has been tuned, the sand and salt purchased and snow emergency plans drawn. There are over 18 miles of roads in the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale. The responsibility for plowing and maintaining these roads lie within different jurisdictions (Nassau County, New York State and the Village). While the majority is the responsibility of the Village Department of Public Works (DPW), there are some major thoroughfares that are maintained by other agencies. Main Street, Melville Road and Merritts Road are maintained by Nassau County while Fulton Street (Route 109) and Hempstead Turnpike/Conklin Street (Route 24) are maintained by New York State. All designated snow emergency routes are sanded, salted and plowed first. Next are feeder streets to allow access to main roads followed by dead end streets and cul-de-sacs. Any cars parked on a snow emergency route (designated with red street signs) **MUST** be moved off the street when the snow begins to fall. It is imperative that every effort is made to remove cars from the streets. This will help get your road plowed more quickly and efficiently. Please remember that Village law requires that residents must



remove parked cars from the street for a minimum of 18 hours after a snowfall of two or more inches. If your household does not have adequate off street parking, make arrangements with a neighbor, who does, to park in their driveways. This will enable the DPW personnel to clear our roadways and facilitate safe traveling throughout the Village. Residents are also responsible for keeping their sidewalks free of ice and snow. Please do not blow or shovel snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street. It is a hazard to all vehicles. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home make sure it remains visible and free of snow. If you have elderly or special needs neighbors, please check on them to see if they require any assistance. Please take extra care when driving in bad weather. If we all follow the rules we can get through whatever Mother Nature brings us this winter.



The village equipment stands ready for whatever Mother Nature has in store for us.

**For information regarding snow clearing operations please call the proper agency:**



Village Maintained Roads: Department of Public Works: 516-249-0111  
 Nassau County Maintained Roads: NC DPW: 516-571-6900  
 New York State Maintained Roads: State Transportation Department:  
 631-952-6778  
 Town of Oyster Bay Maintained Roads:  
 Highway Department: 516-677-5757



## Farmingdale Baseball 10U Greendogs Receive Certificates



The FBI U10 Greendogs received certificates of recognition at a recent trustee meeting. They were honored for winning the Plainedge Youth Baseball Tournament this past summer. The Greendogs are shown with the Mayor and Team Manager Vin Mavaro (back center) and Coach Ike Galanoudis.

## 8th Precinct Attends Trustee Meeting



8th Precinct Deputy Inspector and Commanding Officer Mike Cronin (r) and POP Officer Paul Lamonaca (l) were guest speakers at a recent trustee meeting. Deputy Inspector Cronin briefed the audience on the past year. Cronin said that major crime - robberies, homicides, burglaries, etc. - are down 8.5 percent from last year. "I understand that it is the smaller things like graffiti and vehicle and traffic issues are what concern you," he said. "The good thing is the majority of graffiti is being reported and most of it is not gang related." "This is the close of my first year as commanding officer of the 8th Precinct," Cronin explained. "I have maintained an excellent working relationship with the village. The Village Board thanked the 8th Precinct for being receptive to the needs of the Village.

## Mayor Graf Attends Chamber of Commerce Dinner



Mayor Graf attended the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner where he installed the new board members and also congratulated and thanked out going President Pete Yovine (State Bank) for his service and welcomed incoming President Debbie Podolski (Farmingdale Public Library). Pictured l-r: Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, Mayor Graf, Pete Yovine, Debbie Podolski.

## Mayor Graf performs "First Pour" at Farmingdale Starbucks



Mayor Graf is shown with Starbucks Farmingdale Store Manager James Cavolo performing the ceremonial "first pour". The new store recently opened in the renovated Farmingdale Plaza.



Back Row: Village of Farmingdale Trustee George Starkie, Village of Farmingdale Building Dept. Superintendent Ron Craig, Village of Farmingdale Deputy Mayor Joe Rachielle, Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Pete Yovine, Village of Farmingdale Public Works Superintendent Fred Zamparelle, Fulton Street Plaza Owner Gus Vorillas, Star Bucks Regional Manager John Dunn. First Row- Starbucks employees, Village of Farmingdale Trustee Tom Langon, NC Legislature Dave Mejias, Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf, Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce President Debbie Podolski, Nassau County Legislature Ed Mangano, Starbucks Manager James Cavolo, Starbucks District Manager Arlene Figueroa.

# FROM THE CHIEF'S OFFICE

By Chief John Salerno, Farmingdale Fire Department

## Winter Safety

Mr. Winter has been nice to us so far, but as expected the cold weather has arrived and the snow can't be far behind. With that in mind we need to start thinking about winter safety.

### Clearing Snow and Ice

*Clearing snow and ice from driveways and sidewalks is hard work. To prevent injuries, follow these safety tips from the National Safety Council, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and other prevention organizations.*

- Dress warmly, paying special attention to feet, hands, nose, and ears.
- Avoid shoveling snow if you are out of shape. If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel snow unless your doctor says it's okay.
- Do light warm-up exercises before shoveling and take frequent breaks.
- If possible, push snow in front of you. If you have to lift it, pick up small amounts and lift with your legs, not your back. Do not toss snow over your shoulder or to the side.
- Don't drink alcohol before or while shoveling snow. Never smoke while shoveling.
- Use rock salt or de-icing compounds to remove ice from steps, walkways, and sidewalks. Sand placed on walkways may also help prevent slipping.
- If you use a snow blower (also called a snow thrower), follow these safety guidelines:
  - Read the owner's manual before starting your snow blower. Make sure you understand all the recommended safety steps.
  - Make sure all people and pets are out of the way before you begin.
  - Do not put your hand in the snow blower to

remove impacted snow or debris. Turn the machine off and wait a few seconds. Then use a stick or broom handle to remove the material.

- Do not leave the snow blower unattended when it is running.
- Fill up with fuel before you start, when the engine is cool.

Many injuries occur each winter as people try to keep their homes warm and get around in cold, stormy weather. December, January, and February are the leading months for home fires and associated deaths in the United States. About one-third of the 3,250 home-fire deaths in 1998 occurred during these three months. Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home-fire deaths in the U.S. and the leading cause during December and January. Each year, more than 700 people die of hypothermia (low body temperature) caused by extended exposure to cold temperatures both indoors and out. About half of these deaths are among person's age 65 and older; men in this age group are more likely than women to die from hypothermia. Risk factors for hypothermia include older age; alcohol abuse; homelessness; poverty; mental illness; chronic diseases such as hypothyroidism; dehydration and malnutrition; and prolonged exposure to materials that promote heat loss (e.g., water, metal).

If we all obey these simple winter tips we will be able to enjoy this summer with all are fingers and toes. The Farmingdale Fire Department Chiefs Office wants you to have a safe and wonderful winter Any questions regarding safety please feel free to contact us : 516-531-9820



### Fire Department presents check to Village

1st Assistant Chief Skip Schumeyer of the Farmingdale Fire Department presents a check for \$1,000 to Farmingdale Mayor George Graf and Trustee Patricia Christiansen for the Village Beautification Fund. The money was raised during the Columbus Day Fair.



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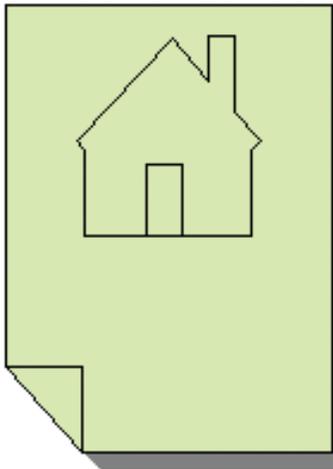
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## Village Attorney Walsh Announces Changes In Zoning Law



At its meeting held January 2, 2007, the Board of Trustees amended the Village's zoning laws to limit the number of new residential homes in the B Residential District. The Trustees amended Section 105-63 to increase the lot width required for new lots from 50 feet to 60 feet. The measure also increases the required lot size from 5,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet. The new law, which is Local Law 1 of 2007, will prevent many possible subdivisions which were possible based upon the old standards.



The Trustees have been studying zoning standards since it put in place a moratorium in June of last year. Local law 1 was enacted by a unanimous vote of the Trustees. It is the first of what might be a series of zoning amendments designed to preserve and protect the Village and its residents from overdevelopment. "For years, our open spaces have been reduced by a proliferation of subdivisions. This new law will protect and preserve much of the open space in the B Residential District." Mayor Graf.

The Trustees also considered a local law which would permit office/residences on certain streets in the B Residential District. If passed, this law would allow owners along Conklin, Fulton and West to have office/residences. "Many of these lots are deep and all border on busy streets. We are trying to increase the choices for developing these lots with uses which are low impact but valuable. Hopefully, many owners will restore some of the beautiful old homes along these streets with an economically viable use which does not negatively impact the surrounding areas." Mayor Graf. The Trustees reserved decision on the law. A vote is expected at the next Trustee meeting.

**NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, February 5, 2007 7:30 PM**

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