



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

*GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor*

*October, 2005*

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

The Incorporated Village of Farmingdale has taken its first steps towards its Smart Growth endeavors. This Administration has been hands on in its commitment to enriching the quality of life in our Village. We have contracted with Vision Long Island, a non-profit organization that specializes in working with municipalities to develop smart growth initiatives, to work with the Village to help develop a program to involve our village residents on ways to redevelop blighted areas in our community.



The Village is committed to Smart Growth initiatives. A shining example of our commitment is the new parking lot at Daleview Nursing Home. For many years, a non-conforming boarding house stood on that property. Over the past few years, it had become the recipient of numerous housing and property maintenance violations. The lack of parking resulted in spill over onto the streets causing additional concerns for neighbors. We took the initiative and put the owner of the boarding house in contact with Daleview. By bringing the two parties to the table, we were able to produce a beneficial and desirable outcome. The over flow parking on the side streets has been eliminated and Daleview residents now have an expanded patio area to enjoy!

As for the boarding house situation, that leaves only one left in the Village. My administration and I have been in close contact with the owner, who is in the process of converting it into a legal two family residence. The property will receive a major facelift which includes windows, roofing, siding and fences while maintaining the old world charm of a house with scallops and arches. This conversion will help eliminate parking and other problems associated with the transient nature of boarding house residents.

The final chapter of the 150

Secatogue Avenue story is coming soon. Since the water pipe break and the subsequent evacuation last year, the Village has been monitoring the status and progress of the required repairs. The property owner has made them and we have received receipts and bills to verify completion. I am very pleased to say, that as a result of efforts by Village Prosecutor, Tom Sabellico and our code enforcement officer Joann Edling, the building owner has pled guilty to **all 175** outstanding violations, and has paid the Village a fine in the amount of \$22,000. The Village had previously received more than \$10,000 for 17 prior summonses. The Village and our code enforcement team will continue to monitor the repair progress to assure that they remain in compliance with the Village and state building code.

We look forward to Fairfield Properties renovating and restoring this historic housing stock within our Village. Fairfield has a rock solid, 30 year reputation of providing superior care and service for all its properties. They maintain immaculate grounds and utilize innovative programs that compliment the needs of the community. The rehabilitation of 150 Secatogue will be a major start for the smart growth in the area.

Please be assured, that we will continue to aggressively pursue smart growth initiatives for all the blighted areas in our village. We invite and welcome all village residents to be part of our smart growth plans.



**Artists rendering of proposed renovation to 150 Secatogue Ave.**

## “New” Village Cars



Through the efforts of Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele and Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Fred Zamparelle, the Village was able to purchase four 2001 and 2004 “medium mileage” cars for a total of \$24,000. These very well maintained automobiles have 4 cylinder engines that will save the Village a substantial amount in fuel and repair bills. These vehicles have replaced the 1992/93 Chevy Caprices with large police interceptor V-8 engines. The Village is also installing a computerized gas/mileage tracking system. This system will not only monitor fuel usage but will monitor the maintenance history of each vehicle to ensure they receive proper servicing. Pictured with the four recently purchased cars are Building Superintendent Ron Craig and Code Enforcement Supervisor Joann Edling.

## Ben & Jerry's Opens on Main Street



Pictured with Ben & Jerry's founder, Jerry Greenfield (center) and our local children are (l-r): Village Attorney Greg Carman, Village Trustee Tom Langon, Village Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele, Village Mayor George Graf, Ben & Jerry's owner Mark Lindenmann, Village Trustee Ted Dorfmeister, Village Planning Board Member Ken Orobona, Farmingdale Community Summit President Tom Sabellico, local merchant/Chamber Member Kevin Bagnasco, Zoning Board Member Dr. Larry Lembo. Farmingdale was chosen to be Ben & Jerry's first year round store in Nassau County.

## Village Pops Performs for 23<sup>rd</sup> Year



Village Pops Founder and Director Brad DeMilo is shown here directing the Village Pops. This past summer the Pops continued their wonderful tradition of providing our community with Wednesday nights filled with music.

## Village Donates Funds To YES



Farmingdale Village Mayor George Graf presents a check to YES Community Counseling Center Assistant Director Mark Wenzel. Over the years, the village has traditionally donated money to the YES Community Counseling Center. This year, the board of trustees decided to double the allocation to \$4,000. YES Community Counseling Center, incorporated as Youth Environmental Services, Inc., is a non-profit community based organization which provides counseling services to youth, families, and adults residing in Farmingdale and southeastern Nassau County. YES is presently working with the Farmingdale Public Schools ongoing gang prevention program and runs a recreation program twice a month at Howitt Middle School.

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup>



Hans Juergensen, a resident of Daleview Care in Farmingdale recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Village of Farmingdale Prosecutor Tom Sabellico presents Mr. Juergensen with his proclamation commemorating this milestone.

## Village Rallies To Help Katrina Victims

The front of the Farmingdale Fire Department was the site of two fund raisers for the victims of hurricane Katrina in September. The Farmingdale Fire Department held a "lemon-Aid" fundraiser selling lemonade, cakes and soliciting donations from passing motorists. Through their dedicated effort over \$12,000 was raised. The following week, a joint effort by our Breakfast and Lunch Rotary clubs, raised an additional \$2800 by collecting donations from passing motorists. We can be proud of the generosity of our community.



Pictured L-R: Village Trustee Ted Dorfmeister, Breakfast Rotary President Joe Rachiele, Rotarian and Community Summit President Tom Sabellico, Luncheon Rotary President, Ruth Betz, CPA, Rotarians Erol Ross and Yasuo Usui. Other Rotarians (not pictured) who participated: John Cuccia, Jim Anderson, Nancy White, Diane DiLorenzo, Kevin Bagnasco with son Connor and daughter Alexandra, Bob Chapman, Stu Sinclair, Frank Bondiotti, Frank Moore, Greg Carman, Len Constantinopoli, Yesh Purandare, Farmingdale Village Mayor George Graf and Village of Farmingdale Trustee Tom Langon



Mayor Graf works Main Street collecting funds from Main Street Motorists.



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## DPW Update



### Clean Up Continues



### Leaf Pickup



### Free Wood Chips

The days are getting shorter, the temperatures are getting cooler and the leaves are beginning to fall. While the arrival of Fall may catch some of you by surprise, it has not gotten past the watchful eye of our Village Department of Public Works Superintendent Fred Zamparelle. Fred and his staff have been diligently preparing the leaf collecting and other equipment that will be needed for the fall and winter seasons. The leaf removal program will be starting this month. His department has also been continuing the extensive cleanup and repairs at the Eastern Parkway facility. The remarkable turnaround is certainly noticeable. He has reclaimed the overgrown areas and turned them into clean well organized storage areas. The Village's equipment and supplies are now neatly inventoried and maintenance schedules set and followed.

Fred is habitually looking for ways to improve the department's efficiency, provide more services while reducing or maintaining our operating costs. An excellent example is the new free wood chips program. Farmingdale community residents can now pick up free wood chips at the Eastern Parkway facility between 8AM and Noon, on the following Saturdays: 10/22 & 10/29.

In the past, trees and brush that had been removed during the previous year were carted away at an extra expense to the Village. This year, the trees and brush have been turned into wood chips eliminating the cost of removal while providing them free of charge to our residents. As the leaves begin to fall, please remember to drive carefully and always watch out for children playing in the leaf piles.



The Village fall and winter equipment is now neatly stored in the newly created storage area.

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