



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

October, 2006

## A Message From Village Mayor GEORGE J. GRAF

**O**ur annual Columbus Day Fair was held October 5th through the 9th. The weather was beautiful for most of the weekend and the turnout certainly showed. I hope most of you were able to get to the street fair and walk through our downtown area. The craft vendors always provide a wide variety of interesting trinkets, gifts and fun items. It was great to see so many of our terrific restaurants selling and sampling their foods. It was a regular "Main Street Buffet". All types of food and drinks for everyone's tastes. From Apples to Zeppoles -they were all there for the taking. The event draws not only Dalers but people from all over Long Island. While I was leaving the 4 Star Variety store I met a couple from Massapequa who were raving about the wonderful selection of items in the store. They "had no idea" that we had such fantastic stores on Main Street. I hope that our own Village residents also discovered what our town has to offer. Of course, it's never too late. As always, I urge all of you to shop Farmingdale! The fair was a lot more than just shopping. For me the best part is always the parade. The Farmingdale Fire Department once again did themselves. The parade was one of the liveliest ones I can remember. The enthusiasm of the fire departments (from as far as Point Lookout), the marchers and the bands was unbelievable. Bag



pipers, drum and bugles, kickline, cheerleaders, classic cars and hundreds of our residents enjoying the charm of Farmingdale. The night was capped off with the best fireworks show (in my memory) that we ever had. It lasted long and ended with a bang (actually many bangs!) A culmination to one terrific weekend. I have to thank the Farmingdale Fire Department for a job well done. Thanks are also in order for the Nassau County Police 8th precinct and the Nassau County Auxiliary Police for their efforts not only during the parade, but for the whole

weekend.

October was also Fire Safety month. The Farmingdale Fire Department held their annual open house where they presented programs on home fire safety, offered blood pressure screening and demonstrated their skills, equipment and services. They provided very valuable life saving information and had very informative exhibits. I thank them for providing this important service. October also marks the end of daylight savings time. The Farmingdale Fire Department and I want to remind you to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are functioning properly and that the batteries are charged. As always please enjoy all the season has to offer and remember to drive carefully and watch for children playing.



2006 Columbus Day Fair.



Congressman Pete King (3rd from left) and TOB Councilman Anthony Macagnone joined Mayor Graf, Trustees Rachiele, Christiansen and Starkie in marching in this year's parade.

# Tricentennial Tree Moved

On Wednesday, October 11, 2006, a significant change took place in the Farmingdale Village Green. The large blue spruce tree, planted in 1987 to mark the Village's Tri-Centennial, was repositioned to its new home adjacent to the Gazebo. The tree was moved in an effort to preserve its future. The original location became too small and light inhibited to allow for growth. That and the infestation of mites and bag worms necessitated the move. In its new location, the tree will be exposed to more sunlight thereby enabling it to grow robustly.

Concerns of residents were evident at two meetings held to discuss the transplanting of the tree. During these meetings, held on Saturday, September 30th and October 8th, with Village Trustees Starkie and Christiansen, Mr. Starkie advised those attending of the problems currently being encountered by the tree and the fact that if the tree were not moved its survival could be compromised. After much discussion and consideration of alternate plans, a walking tour of the Village Green was conducted and the consensus of opinion was that the relocation of the tree would be vital to the survival of the tree.

At 6:30 AM, Wednesday, October 11th, Trustee Starkie and crews from his garden center and farm along with members of the Department of Public Works, headed by Mr. Fred Zamparelle, began tying up the branches of the tree, to avoid any limbs from breaking during the move, digging around the perimeter, and removing the plaque that had been installed at the base of the tree to commemorate its planting in 1987. They removed the shrubbery surrounding the tree and once the area was cleared, a ninety inch tree spade lifted the tree and moved it to its present location closer to the Gazebo. The tree has been anchored so that it will not sustain any damage during winter weather. Two Bradford Pear trees located in front of Village Green at Main Street were also removed as they were starting to interfere with the utility lines and they were starting to raise the sidewalks. The Village would like to thank Trustee Starkie for his generous donation of time and materials to facilitate the tree move.

Additionally, the Beautification Committee has been making plans to add decorations to the Village Green and Main Street, beginning with the upcoming Holiday Season and continuing throughout each season of the year. The large trees within the Village Green will be trimmed and new walkways are planned. The Women's Club is studying plans to renovate the fountain and additional shrubbery and flowers will be planted to further enhance the Gazebo. The Village will also use funds from a Nassau County Block Grant that was secured by Legislator Dave Mejias. The Board of Trustees and the Beautification Committee encourages all interested residents to get involved and to help make our Village green the focal point of Farmingdale.



# FROM THE CHIEF'S OFFICE

By: Chief John Salerno, Farmingdale Fire Department

*We are pleased to introduce a new addition to our newsletter. Periodically we will include safety tips provided by our Farmingdale Fire Department. We hope you will find them informative.*

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH, so it's time to think about the safety of our family and loved ones. With winter approaching, we will be starting up our heating systems, fireplaces and other heating equipment. Remember none of these systems have run in months. This may be a good time to call your oil company, gas utility or local chimney cleaner in order to get a quick check up of your heating system. Home heating units can produce deadly Carbon Monoxide gases that are colorless, odorless, and tasteless, these gases can slowly creep up on you and your family. Carbon Monoxide can cause sickness or death in a very short period of time. A small pinhole leak in the flue pipe or boiler that's not in proper working order can fill your house with Carbon Monoxide gases and you'll never know it. All this can all be prevented with a few simple precautionary measures, just like the smoke detectors in your home the batteries in the Carbon Monoxide detector must be changed at least (2) two times a year. So make sure when you replace your smoke detectors batteries you change the batteries in your Carbon Monoxide detector as well. Smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors are responsible for saving countless lives. Remember just changing a battery can prevent most deaths.

What should I do if my Smoke detector or Carbon Monoxide detector goes into alarm?

1. First thing to do is get everyone out of the house.
2. Second thing is to call you local Fire Department.

If your Smoke detector or Carbon Monoxide detector



**The FFD held it's annual open house on October 8th.**

goes into alarm the one thing you don't want to do is just ignore it; that can be the worst mistake of your life. Signs of possible Carbon Monoxide poisoning can easily be mistaken for general flu like symptoms; the most common sign is a constant dull headache. That's not saying that if you have a dull headache you have Carbon Monoxide poisoning, but if more then one family member has that same headache it may be something more serious and worth looking into. Many people disregard these symptoms, as a change in weather or it's that time of the year where everyone gets sick and in some of those incidents the result are deadly.

So don't become a statistic; change your batteries and have your burner checked; these simple steps can mean the difference between Life and Death. Any questions concerning Carbon Monoxide Detectors or Smoke Detectors placement can be answered by contacting your local Fire Department.



**The Farmingdale Fire Departments Color Guard is shown here kicking off the 2006 Columbus Day Parade.**





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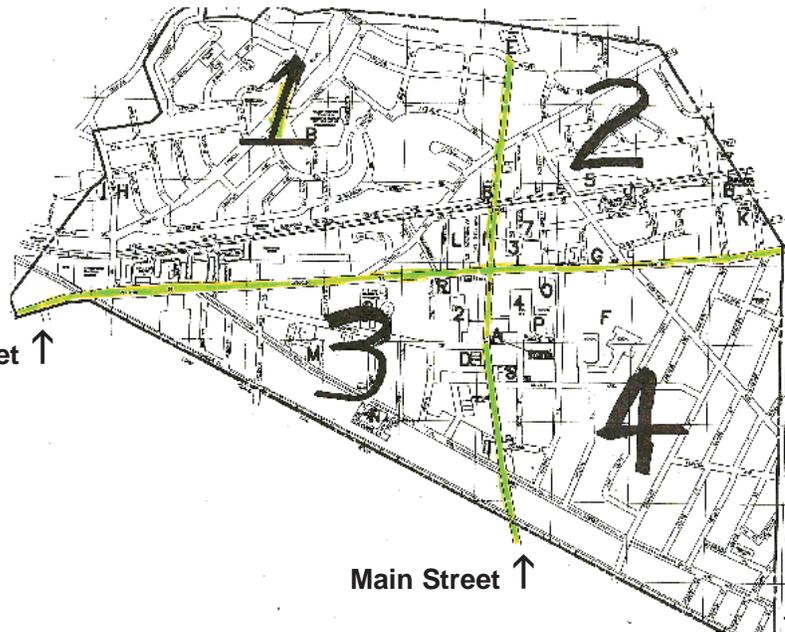
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## 2006 Leaf Pickup Schedule



Conklin Street ↑



Main Street ↑

Leaves will be picked up by zones. Each Zone will have two (2) scheduled pickups – four weeks apart. The Town of Oyster Bay will pick up bagged leaves on trash days, twice a week. Homeowners who have landscapers are required to have them remove the leaves.

**Zone 1: North of Conklin and West of Main-**

Week of 10/30/06 thru 11/03/06  
Week of 11/27/06 thru 12/01/06

**Zone 2: North of Conklin and East of Main-**

Week of 11/6/06 thru 11/10/06  
Week of 12/4/06 thru 12/08/06

**Zone 3: South of Conklin and West of Main-**

Week of 11/13/06 thru 11/17/06  
Week of 12/11/06 thru 12/15/06

**Zone 4: South of Conklin and East of Main-**

Week of 11/20/06 thru 11/24/06  
Week of 12/18/06 thru 12/22/06

**Next Trustee Meeting: Monday, November 6th @ 7PM**  
**Tricentennial Tree Lighting Ceremony: Wednesday, November 29 @ 6 PM**

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