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Moving In The Right Direction!

Dear Residents,

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony J. Addeo

As many of you have heard Mr. Staller has withdrawn his application to build a theater and 54 apartments on his property at 333 Main Street. Mr. Staller has not given the Village a reason for his withdrawal but I believe he listened to our residents and realized that the project, as presently designed, was not going to be approved by your Village Board.

During the past six years that I have been Mayor, the Village has undergone a renaissance that was begun by formulating a Master Plan primarily for the redevelopment of the downtown business district and to adaptively reuse old warehouses and blighted properties near the train station.

Numerous downtown business locations have been reenergized and investment has been and continues to be very strong. We want the investment in businesses in the downtown corridor to continue until all locations are occupied and flourishing. The Board is addressing the parking issue and is in process of rehabilitating all of the municipal parking lots. The Village has added parking lots that are village owned and has an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Farmingdale School System to use the Howitt parking lot on Cherry Street after 4:00 PM. The Board will continue to explore additional ways to increase parking. Additionally, the Village intends to continue its aggressive neighborhood paving program and is also considering new street signage to upgrade the names of each street.

This essentially brings us to where we are today. The entire Board has listened to the public the past few months. The Board has knocked on resident's doors, talked to them in passing and encouraged them to attend the last public hearing, listen and make an informed decision. We were thrilled at the large turnout. People care about and love our Village. Thank you to the many residents who came to the two public meetings and library presentation and expressed how happy and satisfied they are with the way the Village presently looks and how it has changed for the better. Also thank you for the residents who know and appreciate the Village Board's efforts to constantly attempt to improve our Village.

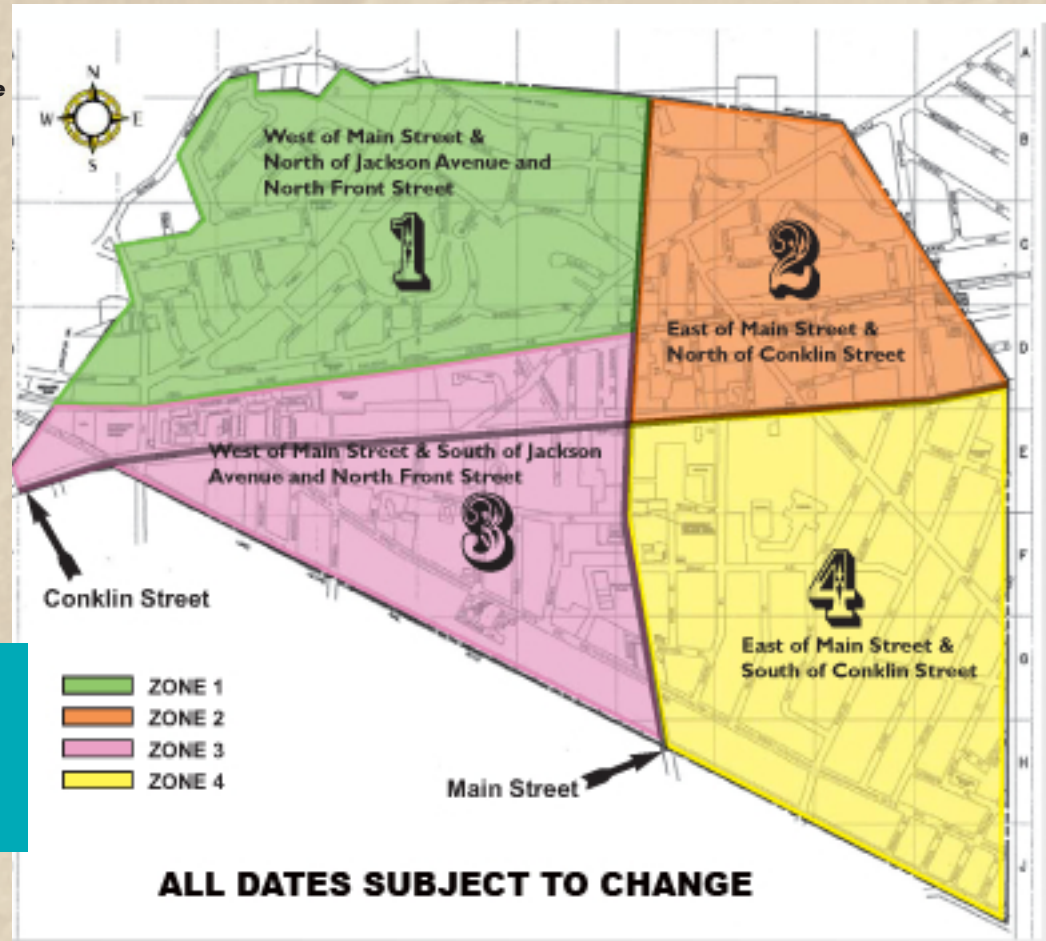
However, the Village has been in the redevelopment mode for the last six years and it appears to me and the community, that further redevelopment needs a significant pause. I am calling for all of us to continue to keep our Village moving in the right direction and, of course, making decisions with the best interest of the Village always foremost in our minds.

As always, we invite you to attend our regularly scheduled board meeting on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 pm. We hope to see you all on Main Street.

Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday to everyone.

6TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD CONTEST

The Sixth Annual Long Island Gingerbread and Chocolate House Competition is set for Saturday, December 8th at the Chocolate Duck, 310 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York. Calling all Bakers - this year's theme for entries is Winter Wonderland. The entries can be any structure or any Long Island inspired Gingerbread or Chocolate house original creation. For additional information and entry forms contact: Christina Bisbee, cakegirl70@aol.com, 516-249-0887. Long Island Cares will be at the event, helping to fight hunger in our community, please bring a non-perishable food donation, a check or gift cards to donate to Long Island Cares. Sponsored by Cultural Arts Committee of the Village of Farmingdale.



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

All Dates Subject To Change

ZONE 1:
Oct. 22 - Oct. 26
Nov. 26 - Nov. 30

ZONE 2:
Oct. 29 - Nov. 2
Nov. 19 - Nov. 23

ZONE 3:
Nov. 5 - Nov. 9
Dec. 3 - Dec. 7

ZONE 4:
Nov. 12 - Nov. 16
Dec. 10 - Dec. 14



Farmingdale has been nominated Long Islands Best Downtown for 2019. Please vote for your hometown daily till December 15th.

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CULTURAL ARTS DAY - ART IN THE PARK

It was a wonderful day in our Village of Farmingdale with the Village Green exhibiting the artwork of artists from approximately twenty Long Island towns. It was Cultural Arts Day at its finest. The Gazebo also had its share of talent including Storytelling performers from the Farmingdale Public Library, as well as the Broad Hollow Theater, Step-by-Step dancers, and musical entertainment. The public was able to enjoy these performers under



a seated tent. The entertainment at the Gazebo continued until the evening.

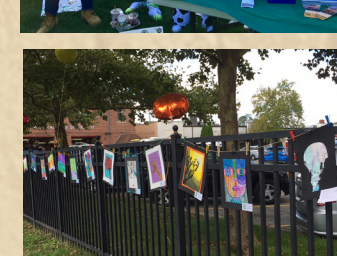
The variety of artwork had four sections – local artists, students painting on-site by the Tiny Tots Art School, Farmingdale High School students and 60 pieces of artwork done by the Farmingdale Elementary students for the Clothesline Art. The residents of the Hardscrabble Apartments also had the opportunity to display artwork of family members.

The artwork was judged and blue-ribbons awarded along with a gift certificate from our local restaurants which included (Caracara, Vespa, Palmer's, Library Café, Nutty Irishman and Croxley-Ale) as well as a gift certificate from Barnes and Noble donated by the Farmingdale State College to a high school student. The high school students who participated in this event will also have

the opportunity to exhibit their artwork at the Farmingdale Public Library for viewing.

The Village Green Gardens were in full-bloom along with our Flower Fountain, and hanging plants.

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand, village board, and village staff, the Cultural Arts Committee, the Women's Club of Farmingdale, Farmingdale Schools' Administration, high school and elementary faculty members, and the Farmingdale Public Library all supported this successful Cultural Arts Day.



FISCAL HEALTH of the VILLAGE

Farmingdale Village renaissance continues and I'm pleased to report that Standard & Poors Global Ratings has evaluated Village finances and determined that the village is fiscally healthy with a stable outlook. The "AA" rating continues to be the highest rating in Village history. Part of that evaluation recognized the expansion in the local economy and that we've held the line on taxes by not exceeding the New York State Mandated Tax Cap. The AA rating positively reflects S & P's opinion of the Village's:

- * Strong budgetary performance, with operating surpluses
- * Very strong budgetary flexibility, with an available fund balance of 49% of operating expenditures;
- * Very strong liquidity

S & P went on to say that they do not expect to change the rating within the outlook's two year rating period. With the Village revitalization continuing, the village plan is to use series 2018 bond proceeds to finance the village's bond anticipation notes permanently and fund various capital projects. Infrastructure bond authorizations that were recently approved by the Board of Trustees, include:

Reconstruction of Parking Lot 4 in the Business district and Parking Lot 5, the South Parking Lot at Farmingdale's LIRR Station - which is going to be a great complement to the newly MTA rehabilitated historic Farmingdale Railroad Station. In addition, we're planning more road improvements, a New Water Tower and the Demolition of the Existing Elevated Water Tank, as well as a New DPW Garage. Whew!

Something new for daily parkers who use daily metered parking at the LIRR Station: The Village has entered into an agreement with "paybyphone" so that you'll be able to pay for parking by an app and we will be providing an option to pay at a pay station meter that will be located at the station near the stair underpass. These upgrades will begin to happen over the next few months. Notice of these new options will be made well in advance of implementation. In the meantime, daily parkers using the current metering system continues. Kudos to the MTA for the improvements at the historic Farmingdale LIRR station, they have done a great job!! Completion is anticipated this fall. The LIRR recently announced completion of the double track project from Farmingdale LIRR station to Ronkonkoma, which should enhance service.

Farmingdale Village Beautification Committee: Wow!! Special thanks to Trustee Cheryl Parisi, and the wonderful efforts of the Village Beautification Committee, our junior firefighters, the Fire Department, and the many volunteers for helping beautify the village and of course our DPW crew makes sure that all plants are watered and thriving! Everyone does such a spectacular job!!

Check out the Village website for upcoming events and information www.farmingdalevillage.com, and @Farmingdale11735 on Facebook for more event information.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MONEY



The Village has grant money through HUD that can be used to help homeowners who need assistance with maintaining their homes. Please call Village Hall at 516-249-0093 for the requirements to participate in this program. Please ask for Barbara Kelly.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas and bare soil, and across sloped lawns. As it flows, this runoff can collect and transport soil particles, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, leaves and grass clippings, litter, animal wastes, and other potential pollutants. A heavy rainstorm isn't the only time that pollutants are collected and carried towards streams, rivers, wetlands, or lakes. A relatively light rain or flow from a garden hose or lawn sprinkler can start the process by moving pollutants into the street or storm drain. During the next precipitation event, these pollutants and others are picked up and carried further, eventually being deposited in a stream, lake or wetland. Contrary to popular belief, most storm drains or storm sewers do not carry stormwater to wastewater treatment plants. Instead it flows directly to streams or other water bodies.

SAVE THE DATE

- November 17 - Holiday Parade - Noon
Kickoff from Northside
 - November 24 - Small Business Saturday
 - November 27 - Village Tree Lighting - Village Green
7:00 pm
 - November 30 - Gergras Park Tree Lighting
7:00 pm
 - December 8 - Ginergerbread Contest
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 - March 10 - St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - May 27 - Memorial Day Parade
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