

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

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Two Trustee Positions * One Village Justice

Election Day - Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Village Hall

361 Main Street

Noon - 9:00 pm

You must be a village resident and registered to vote.



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Moving
In The Right Direction!

State of the Village

The Overall State of Farmingdale Village... is GREAT! We are committed to keep the Village moving in the right direction; maintaining a vibrant, great, and safe place to Live, Work and Visit!

FINANCIAL

The State of the Village is robust, not only financially, but with new businesses, as well as residents moving in! Our BOND RATING is the best it's ever been. The revitalization in the Village has provided new housing options, attracted new merchants and retailers, while also offering employment opportunities. This has resulted in an influx of activity in the downtown, with merchant / storefront vacancies down, as well as the redevelopment of the LIRR train station area. Also, real estate values in the Village increased

We have been within the 2% tax cap since its inception (over 10 years) and will continue to do so! Grants enormously help keep our spending down while improving quality of life, services, safety, infrastructure, beautification and more!

As reported in the last newsletter, we have received \$1,450,000 from NY State Senator Kevin Thomas (\$500,000 for new water tower, \$500,000 for Main Street to bury electric wires, \$450,000 for anew ambulance, an ambulance upgrade & gators (for Farmingdale Village Fire Department). We have received \$150,000 Grant from Nassau County for 5 Corners Park rehabilitation. Assemblyman Michael Montesano delivered once again with \$100,000 grant that was utilized toward the reconstruction of our parking fields. All of our parking fields (9) have been completely redesigned providing additional parking as well as beautification of the downtown. The Federal American Recovery Plan (FARP), part of legislation passed by Congress, has awarded the Village \$919,525. To date, the Village has received \$449,762. The money can be used for many projects – we have chosen infrastructure. Thank you to **Senator Kevin Thomas, Assemblyman Michael Montesano, Nassau County, US Congress** and the many other LOCAL OFFICIALS for the support they provide - it's instrumental and truly appreciated!



INFRASTRUCTURE

Several infrastructure projects have been completed recently; are underway, and also being planned in the Village. The Parking field renovations / repaving / rehabilitation are now completed – 9 parking fields were redone! Village roads have been repaved/paved in the last few years using CHIPS funds from New York State.

Five Corners Park, located at the intersection of Melville Road, Main Street, and Fairview Road, is undergoing a rehabilitation. Nassau County approved the project and a \$150,000 grant from Nassau County will be utilized for the rehabilitation project. The project has commenced and some of the upgrades for 5 Corners Park include: a new gazebo, new lighting, new shrubs/plantings, stones, several benches, new signage, and stockade fence along the rear perimeter of the park. Completion is expected in early spring. Thank you Trustee Parisi for spearheading this project!

Work at the new 500,000-gallon water tower, located on Eastern Parkway is progressing and the tower is rising. Completion is expected in late Spring/early May.





REMOVAL OF ELECTRICAL POLES on MAIN STREET

Burial of electric wires along Main Street!! – The Village signed a contract with PSEG LI to put all of the overhead electric wires underground. The project will be handled in 2 phases.

PSEG LI will begin work in April on Phase I - we anticipate 4 months to complete – south of Conklin Street to Prospect Street; Phase II will follow in March 2023 running north of Conklin Street to South Front Street. Again we expect 4 months to complete the second phase of the project. A \$500,000 grant from Senator Thomas is being used for this project in conjunction with Nassau County Grants. There is a tremendous amount of coordination to this project. Not only will the wires be underground, we will have a much brighter Main Street, creating an even safer environment.

We look forward to the completion of these major infrastructure projects!!

NEW BUSINESSES Expansions & Relocations

- Elise's Niece's Café at Back In Time (expansion)
- Cousin's Barber Shop
- Kick'n Chicken
- Nunzi's Restaurant
- Leonza's Treasure Box
- Burgerology
- Cascone & Kluepfel Law Firm
- My Grandmothers Kitchen
- Marketplace at 317
- Fitness On Main (new and moved along Main Street)
- Thomas Russo Law Firm (Conklin Street)
- Farmingdale Brew
- Spirit Taekwondo Farmingdale (Palmer's Center)
- Alibi and others!

- Some Merchants moved to new locations:**
- Weichert Realty (relocated from 109)
 - Step By Step (relocated along Main Street)
 - Le Che Hair Salon (relocated along Main Street)
 - Minuteman Printing (moved across the street)
 - Bell & Whistle (relocated from Palmer's Center)
 - Well Strung Guitars relocated to Conklin Street)

HEALTHY and SAFETY

It's a new year and we hope everyone is healthy! The Village is a walkable and transit-oriented downtown – so keep active and enjoy the parks throughout the Village, as well as the legendary Bethpage State Park with golf courses, bike path/hiking trails, sledding, snowshoeing/cross country skiing and more. Go to their website <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/108>.

In addition to many medical, dental, spa and therapeutic locations in the Village, there are numerous sports and fitness related merchants. Here are a few highlights: On Main Street: Blink Fitness, GoldFish Swim School, Fitness On Main St., Step by Step Dance Studio, Crayton's Martial Arts Academy, The Runner's Edge, and BrickWell Cycling and Multisports shop. On Route 109: MB Dancers dance studio and Kempo Self Defense & Fitness; and on Conklin Street, Spirit Taekwondo.

- Stay Healthy – for a little inspiration try something New! Perhaps GOLFING, or TRY RUNNING! Trustee Walter Priestley ran the 50th NYC Marathon November 7th, 2021; averaging 26 miles in 10 minutes. we are extremely proud of him! The race spans across five boroughs and around 30,000 people competed/ran in the event. In March of 2019 Trustee Cheryl Parisi competed in the United Airlines Rock 'n Roll Marathon, ½ Marathon, 5K race in Washington DC and won her division in the 1/2 marathon!



This sculpture can be found on Village Green.



BEAUTIFICATION

We love our beautiful plants via our Beautification Committee and our re-constructed parking fields!

Thank you to Trustee Cheryl Parisi, the Village beautification committee volunteers, and the Fire Department and Juniors for the wonderful efforts decorating for the holidays and throughout the year! We have about 300 hanging baskets this year along with plantings on Village Green, Northside Pocket Park, 5 Corners Park and our parking fields. We will also have street pots.

The Village has received a gift of six sculptures from the estate of former Village resident Sven Brost. Sven was born



in Sweden and moved to Farmingdale in 1961. He bought a little fish market called Captain Andy's that later became Captain Andy's Restaurant. We thank the Borst family for their generous gift to the Village. They are located throughout the Village - Village Green, parking field 2, parking field 4, parking field 3, and 5 Corners Park. A plaque will be placed by each sculpture.

If you would like to be a part of Beautification, please email Trustee Parisi at cparisi@farmingdalevillage.com



SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, March 13th, 2:00 pm - St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - Saturday, April 9th, 11:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt/Meet the Easter Bunny On the Green
 - Saturday, May 21st, Long Island Special Olympics Spring Games at Howitt Middle School
 - Sunday, May 22nd, Ikebana Workshop – at Village Hall
 - Monday, May 30th, 10:00 am - Memorial Day Parade
 - Saturday, June 4th - FFD Spring Fair
 - June - November, FARMERS MARKET Sundays 10 -3
- Wonderful to have Schneider's Farm here!!

Summer 2022: (dates to be announced)
Village Pops (celebrating 40 years); Movie Nights; Music on Main; Open Mic Nights on the Green; Theater On The Green and More!!
Sign up for Constant Contact to keep up with all that is happening in the Village.

MERCHANTS / BUSINESSES

There was high vacancy along Main Street in 2008 with many empty storefronts during the economic downturn. Thank you to the owners of Croxley's for your faith in choosing our community. We are delighted and proud of your positive impact on our downtown!

We take pride in acknowledging and welcoming everyone & are committed to helping businesses thrive on Main Street! And this is probably most evident by the continued influx of new businesses; recent openings and several merchants with multiple businesses.

There are many stories like this & we are thrilled that so many residents, organizations and businesses call "Farmingdale Village" their home!! Many businesses downtown have been operating here for decades, although some have changed ownership, some highlights include:

- o Carman, Callahan & Ingham LLP's (1928)
- o Farmingdale Music & Arts
- o Farmingdale Meat Market 75 years!
- o The Chocolate Duck
- o Minuteman Press
- o Goodyear – 25 years
- o MOBY Drugs - Ralph & Vinny, 42 years in 2022!!
- o Stuff-a-Bagel

Others have celebrated important milestones, such as: Palmer's (18 years), Caracara Mexican Grill, The Library Café celebrated 10 years and going strong ...and Candy's Jewelry, Lithology & many more!!

BID Business Improvement District

The Farmingdale Business Improvement District (BID) was formed in May 2021 and is the first Long Island BID to be formed in over two decades! The Farmingdale BID promotes commerce for the businesses in the district and has been paying for commercials on News12. The BID can apply for grants, plan and fund parades, community events and more!

The BID has a Board of Directors – including Nick DeVito (Charlottee's), Tony Kathreptis (CaraCara), Joe Garcia (Weicholz Realty), Joe Fortuna (The Nutty Irishman and 317), Walter Priestley (trustee), Willis Carman (Carman, Callahan & Ingham), Maria Josephine Winant (Le Che), Chris Werle (Croxy's) and Christina Bisbee (Chocolate Duck).