



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

July/August, 2007

## A Message From Village Mayor GEORGE J. GRAF

### Celebrating our Shining Heritage and our Bright Future

On July 8th the Village of Farmingdale marked two very special anniversaries, the 75th anniversary of Village Hall and Fire House and the 25th anniversary of the Village Pops. The months of planning and hard work by the Anniversary Committee resulted in one of the most memorable celebrations in our history. The committee did not miss one detail. The Village Green, Gazebo and Village Hall were decorated with red white and blue balloons, ribbons, streamers, plants and flowers. The newly renovated green area, with its new fountain and freshly planted sod, provided the perfect venue for the event. A beautiful summer day,



that even had an occasional cool breeze, created the fantastic climate for this extraordinary day. It was truly an amazing feeling when I crossed Main Street and entered the green. To see so many people of all ages, sitting, talking, eating and just plain having a great time. I felt a deep sense of pride looking at this remarkable scene. There were face painters, a juggler, pop corn and drinks. Our Fire Department was busy handling a different type of fire –the BBQ grills –providing everybody with delicious hot dogs and hamburgers. The Village Hall and Fire House was open for tours and there were plenty of firefighters on hand to answer any questions. The hard work in getting the Gazebo finished and the new landscaping and layout of the green proved to be extremely worthwhile. We now have our premier village green to host many more special events like we saw this day. The event really signified what makes our Village and community so special. As I read the traditional “minute of history”, to start the 25th year of the Village Pops I was struck



by just how many people were there. It provided me with another opportunity to realize just how fortunate we are to live here and have dedicated residents who take the time and make the extra effort to serve our community. This tremendous event, from the concept through organization and then to completion, was done by volunteers. It was a coming together for a common goal. It truly reinforces what a small group of people can accomplish by working together. I want to thank all who helped make this day so special. Our Trustee Patricia A. Christiansen deserves special recognition for chairing the committee and really making it happen. The Farmingdale Fire Department also has to be signaled out for contributing so much to making the day so special. For those that could not attend, I hope you will have the opportunity to attend one of the future Village Pops or find time to walk through the new Village Green and experience some of what makes our Village one of the most unique communities on Long Island.



# VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE CELEBRATES



On Sunday, July 8th under a picture perfect sky and gentle breezes, residents of Farmingdale celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Village Hall. The afternoon was filled with the 75th Anniversary of the Village Pops. The afternoon event was held at the Village Hall where the public was invited to visit the Village Hall and view pictures and memorabilia which were on display.

During the afternoon, through the efforts of the members of the Fire Department and general members of the community, Farmingdale Meat Market and Michael Dema provided a salad, soda and water were offered to all. There was plenty of popcorn and Mister Softee ice cream cones which were enjoyed by kids and grown-ups.

Many folks enjoyed the cool setting of sitting on the lawn, a project that was spearheaded by the Village Beautification Committee, funded by generous donations from the Women's Club. The Village Clowns made animal balloons, members of the Farmingdale School painted faces, and "Uncle Sam" performed to the delight of the children and young at heart.

A commemorative brochure containing the history of the Village Hall and Village Pops including many historic photos was distributed to the audience. In late afternoon the Village Pops brought the audience's attention to the Village Hall. Christiansen, Chairperson of the Anniversary Committee, and introduced the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Mayor Graf, and Mayor Graf, marched along the brick walkway to the Gazebo to the flag pole at our Veterans' Memorial. An American flag from her family to the Village which was raised up the flag pole by members of the Veterans' Club. The presentation of the colors, the audience joined in singing the Spangled Banner.

Mayor Graf opened this portion of the celebration. He was joined by other elected officials in attendance including Senator Joseph Venditto, Councilwoman Rose Marie Walker, and Joseph Muscarella and Receiver of Taxes, Oyster Bay, Nassau County Legislator Dave New York State Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, Lawrence and members of the current Village Board. Nicosia. All joined in welcoming back former Mayor Carman and Trustees Theodore Dorfmeister, who traveled from her home in North Carolina to Farmingdale for the celebration. He welcomed local clergy and members of the Village Board. Mayor Graf introduced Brad DeMilo, conductor of the Farmingdale Fire Department. He raised his baton and the music began! The concert featured a number of the same musical numbers performed by the Farmingdale Fire Department as well as songs sung by the Farmingdale Fire Department.

During intermission, the Mayor, on behalf of the Village, presented a certificate of appreciation to Councilman Macagnone and Legislator Mejias for their support of the Village to Brad DeMilo for conducting the concert. A member of the band for its entire 25 year history. They were responsible for the activities of the day including the Village Pops; Scherer, Ryan and Tortoso; Commissioners Dilillo and Romeo and members of the Farmingdale Fire Department; Scouts; VFW; members of the band; members of the Village Anniversary Committee: Benjamin and Nancy Johnston, Brad DeMilo, Larry Jorgensen, Frank Budinoff, Michael O'Brien, Kenneth Romeo, Larry Parisi and Trustees Starkie and Christiansen. They who worked so diligently in the refurbishing of the Village Hall. Starkie, Farmingdale Women's Club, Farmingdale Beautification Committee. Before the musical performance, the audience in giving a round of applause to members of the Village for 75 years.

At the conclusion of the concert, all enjoyed the Village Hall. Room of Village Hall. Trustee Christiansen thanked everyone for joining together to celebrate these important events. It was a part of the rich history of our Village.

# CELEBRATES TWO ANNIVERSARIES

Perfect blue sky, plenty of sunshine  
 Farmingdale gathered to celebrate the  
 Fire House Building and the 25th  
 began with open house at Village  
 Court Room and view the recently  
 going back to 1904 and tour the Fire  
 ch were on display.

and masterful cooking skills of the  
 us donations from Kent Seelig of  
 to, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato  
 nks to Heather (and Butch) Starkie,  
 donated ice cream cups, pops and  
 ups alike.

g near the newly refurbished foun-  
 Women's Club of Farmingdale and  
 n's Club and the Fire Department.  
 e Art Society of Farmingdale High  
 ned magic and juggling tricks all to

history of Village Hall, the Fire  
 c pictures and the musical program  
 noon, with the beat of a drum the  
 to the Gazebo. Trustee Patricia  
 y Committee, welcomed everyone  
 who, together with Blanche Oakes  
 walkway of Village Green from the  
 trials. Mrs. Oakes presented a new  
 ch was accepted by the Mayor and  
 etrans of Foreign Wars. After the  
 n the Pledge of Allegiance and Star

ation with the introduction of elect-  
 Kemp Hannon, Supervisor John  
 Councilmen Anthony Macagnone  
 James Stefanich from the Town of  
 Mejias, Joe Belisi (representing  
 ino), Family Court Judge Richard  
 age Board and Justice Salvatore  
 Mayors Joseph Trudden and Willis  
 Vincent Sotis and Mildred DeMarco  
 a just to be part of the Anniversary  
 members of the Farmingdale School  
 onductor of the Pops for the past 25  
 gdale Festival Chorus. The maes-  
 program for the afternoon consist-  
 the band at its first concert in 1983  
 stival Chorus.

the Village, accepted Citations from  
 and presented Proclamations from  
 Pops and Karen Lisk who has been  
 history. The Mayor thanked all who  
 including Fire Department Chiefs  
 on, O'Brien, Schweitzer, Carpenter  
 Fire Department; Boy Scouts; Girl  
 bers of the Festival Chorus; the  
 cy Giminaro, William and Mildred  
 nces Rotondo, Maria Richer, Carol  
 Kenneth Tortoso, Nick and Cheryl  
 He also extended thanks to those  
 of Village Green including Trustee  
 ale Fire Department and the Village  
 program resumed, everyone joined  
 the audience who have been resi-

d dessert and coffee in the Court  
 thanked everyone for attending and  
 anniversaries which are so much a



(l-r) Former Village Trustee, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Fire Commissioner Mildred Demarco, Lifelong Village resident Mildred Corwin, Mayor Graf, Village Historian William Johnston, Trustee Patricia A. Christiansen.



NYS Senator Kemp Hannon, Mayor Graf, Family Court Judge Richard Lawrence.



Joe Belisi, Representing Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, Mayor Graf, TOB Councilman Tony Macagnone, Brad DeMilo, NC Legislator Dave Mejias.



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## ForwardTee Golf.com Opens on Main Street

Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf performed the ceremonial ribbon cutting at ForwardTee Golf.com located at 294 Main Street in Farmingdale. The new store specializes in clothing, equipment and accessories for women golfers. The store also offers seminars and lessons.

Pictured (l-r):

Co owners Catherine and Richard Cole,  
Mayor Graf and Teaching Professional Dana McBee.



## Women's Club of Farmingdale Assist with Village Green Fountain Refurbishing



Mayor George Graf is shown here accepting a check for the repair and refurbishing of the village fountain from the Women's Club. In the early 1970's the Women's Club initiated the drive for the construction of the original fountain in the Village Green. This year they spearheaded a fund raising drive to refurbish it in time for the recently held 75th Anniversary of Village Hall and the Fire House. They raised \$2050 which was used for the project. The Farmingdale Fire Department has also made donations to assist with the refurbishing. Pictured are: Ellen Pence, Frances Rotondo, Nancy Giminaro, Mayor Graf, Dolores Cianciabella, Maria Richer, Maria Ortolani and Helen Ghiorso (missing from photo: Loda Romanelli).



**See Pete's**



**See Pete Go To  
The Hospital**



**See Pete Get  
A Transfusion**

**For Pete's Sake,  
Give Blood**

## Assemblyman Jim Conte Community Blood Drive

**Tuesday, August 21, 2007**

**2:00pm to 7:30pm**

**Farmingdale Village Hall  
361 Main St. Farmingdale**

For more information or to schedule an appointment,  
please call Assemblyman Conte's office at

**631-271-8025**

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