

# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

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## Moving In The Right Direction:


## STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Dear Residents,

Despite some dismal weather, once again “Dalers” have viewed the Memorial Day Parade and witnessed Veterans Services at Village Green. Many Memorial Day parades on Long Island were canceled but not the Village of Farmingdale – we are Daler strong! We are now ready to begin our summer events. Our Main Street is once again adorned with beautiful flowers, welcoming banners and new American flags on the lamp posts.

I would like to encourage you to read this Newsletter as it contains an update of Village matters as well as a preview of events to come this summer.

## BEAUTIFICATION



April showers certainly bring May flowers. With the help of so many volunteers, flowers can be seen throughout our downtown and in our parks. 123 flowering baskets were hung by the Junior Brigade of the Village Fire Department on Main and Conklin Streets, 826 plants are in pots lining Main Street and Conklin Street, a total of 3,006 impatiens have been planted at the Main Street/Melville Road Triangle, Northside Park, Gerngras Park, Village Green and 84 petunias and geraniums line the street sign baskets at Main Street intersections. Beautification is a fully volunteer event. SPECIAL THANKS to all the dedicated volunteers including members of the Beautification Committee, Women's Club of Farmingdale, Hardscrabble Girl Scouts, Farmingdale Village Junior Firemen, Village Department of Public Works staff and Village Trustees who give of their time and talent to improve the attractiveness of our Village.

## PARKING

With the increased vibrancy in our downtown, we listened to your concerns about parking and purchased the vacant parcel of land at 137 North Main Street, providing 50 spaces. The land was cleared, paved and fenced last fall and striping and landscaping were completed this spring. Additionally, the Village's property at Jackson Avenue and Melville Road (just north of the railroad tracks) was paved and fenced, adding 50 spaces for Village parking. The small vacant lot (former taxi stand) on Conklin Street was also purchased by the Village to allow for rear access to the adjacent stores. This area will be repaved within the next several weeks.

The Village has also acquired 254 Main Street (formerly Victor's Jewelers). Plans include demolishing the building and providing a passive park area and walk through from Main Street to Parking Lot 1.

Parking Lot 2 is currently being reconstructed. A revised layout with all new drainage, lighting and landscaping, with irrigation, including a stand of Leyland Cypress trees along the Prospect Street perimeter and Locust trees within the lot are being installed. This plan eliminates tripping hazards and the additional fixtures will provide better lighting for those utilizing the lots. Anticipated completion is the end of June, weather permitting.



*A cartoon precedes the movie and starts around dusk. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair. Come early, bring your dinner and enjoy Village Green! We hope to see you all there!*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO Farmingdale Library for providing the movies,  
LI Checker Cab for the ice cream and McDonalds for the drink.**

*Farmingdale*  
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Reconstruction of Parking Lot 3 will commence soon thereafter. This work will begin with the burial of power lines by PSEG which will be followed by construction of all new drainage, lighting and landscaping (with irrigation). The lot will be done in two phases in order to continue to have parking available during the buildout. The estimated time for reconstruction is eight weeks, with favorable weather and contractor scheduling.

## VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

At their annual Department meeting in April, Keith Ryan, Sr. was elected Chief, Ryan Tortoso will serve as 1st Assistant Chief and Michael DiBartolo was elected 2nd Assistant Chief. We are very grateful to these gentlemen for agreeing to serve in these positions for the next year. During their installation they reported the nature of the calls received during the previous year. From fully involved house fires, automobile accidents, brush fires, hazardous material spills, falling tree limbs blocking streets, a myriad of health emergencies, including chest pains, falls, broken bones, a total of 1,227 calls were received during every hour of the day and night and each and every call is answered by a full crew of trained volunteers ready to handle every emergency. As residents, we are so fortunate to have these trained men and women available to help in our times of need. Our Village Fire House is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with a trained dispatcher. For all emergencies, please dial 516-249-0070. If you observe a non-emergency problem with a fire hydrant, water main break, obstruction on a street, power outage, etc., please call the non-emergency telephone number – 516-531-9820 – and advise the dispatcher. The proper authorities will be notified so that the problem can be resolved.

We also thank the Fire Department for organizing the recent Spring Fair and look forward to their annual Columbus Day Fair in the fall.

Our Village Junior Firemen continue to attend training sessions, work with our firemen both at the fire house and as needed to tend to equipment at fires. They assist the Village Beautification Committee with the spring and holiday programs. At the age of 18, upon completion of the necessary requirements, they become firemen and are expected to perform all duties. We are very grateful for their service.

## FARMER'S MARKET

Our weekly Farmer's Market returned to Village Green on Sunday, June 4th and will continue through mid-November. The Market is under the direction of Mary Schneider. Make sure to stop by to pick up fresh produce, baked goods and condiments.



## BUDGET

The Board spent a great deal of time during the spring working on the 2017-2018 Village budget. Consideration had to be given to maintaining the services our residents expect and deserve, replacing outdated equipment, increased pension and health insurance premiums for our employees, infrastructure needs, including road rehabilitation, as well as providing for the future. With sharpened pencils, our 2017-18 real estate tax levy is \$3,760,026 which indicates a modest increase of \$62,419 from the prior year's tax levy. Since our tax levy is under the state mandated tax cap, all eligible residents will qualify for the property tax relief credit. This budget was adopted on April 17, 2017.

Standard & Poor has rated the Village AA status, the highest rating we have ever experienced.

## DOWNTOWN

During the past several months we continue to see new signs, awnings and lighting on several storefronts on Main Street and welcomed Candy's Jewelry, Vinoco and Uncle Tony's Restaurant to Main Street. We are looking forward to the opening of the expanded Vespa Restaurant on Main Street and George M's Burger Bar, and MoCA, an Asian bistro, at Jefferson Plaza.

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

All are welcome to participate in Open Mic Night sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee of the Village of Farmingdale. To register, email: Nico.padden@gmail.com



## WATER

The booster pump upgrade for the north quadrant of the Village is nearing completion along with electrical improvements at the well sites. Work has begun on the installation of the gas generator to operate the wells in case of power failure at the Ridge Road site. Funds for this generator were provided by a grant from the office of Nassau County Legislator Rose Marie Walker. Both projects will be completed by the end of August.

By law we are required to inform you of yearly results of water pump data and water quality. I am happy to report to you that we still enjoy unfiltered, pure water and we met all test result requirements. The full report may be seen on our Farmingdale Village website at [www.farmingdalevillage.com](http://www.farmingdalevillage.com). On the Home page scroll down on the right hand side until you 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

**Reminder** – Are you opening up an in-ground pool or starting up the irrigation system? Now is the time to complete your annual backflow prevention device inspection.

## SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Included within this year's budget was the sum of \$20,000 to help residents replace broken sidewalks. If you are interested in participating, please call Village Hall for an application.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Village Green will be busy with activities again this summer. The Village Pops will begin their 35th season on Wednesday evening, June 28th at 7:30 and continue to August 9th. Movie nights commence on Thursday, July 6th at dusk and continue to August 17th. And, of course, there's free ice cream at the concerts and popcorn and ice cream for the movies!

The Village Merchants Association organized our recent Restaurant Week and are providing four Live at Five on Main music fairs. They are scheduled for July 13th and 27th and August 10th and 24th.

The Cultural Arts Committee is busy making plans for Art in the Park and



entertainment on the Green on Sunday, September 10th beginning at noon.

I encourage all to be part of Village government and invite you to attend Board meetings. Our monthly meeting is held on the first Monday of each month and work sessions are held on the third and fourth Monday evening beginning at 7:00 PM.

**Come to Main Street** – patronize our shops and restaurants and enjoy the entertainment on the Green. Have a fun and safe summer. We hope to see you around the Village.

## GOOD NEIGHBOR COURTESY

Please bring your recycle and garbage cans to the REAR of your home as soon as possible after pickup. Do not place your cans on the street until after 5:00 pm the night before pickup. Also, try to park in front of your home, as your neighbor may be expecting company and they need the space in front of their own homes.

## STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

Pet waste contains bacteria that can make people sick and excess nutrients that can deprive fish of oxygen. If left on the ground, it can wash into our waterways, harming the fish, wildlife and communities that depend on the waterways. Leaving pet waste on the ground is also illegal and can come with a \$250 fine. • Use a pooper scooper or plastic bag to pick up waste. • Dispose of the waste in your own garbage pail in a sealed, nonleaking bag. • Do NOT throw it out in your neighbor's garbage can.

**DO NOT DISPOSE OF PET WASTE IN OUR STORM DRAINS.**

