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Moving
In The Right Direction!

A LOOK BACK THROUGH 2017

Our Village enjoyed a healthy and prosperous 2017. Some of the highlights include:

* Receipt of a record amount of grant money enabling us to continue with our sign, awning and light program on the shops on Main Street.

* The budget included some increases in mandated pension costs, electricity and defined benefits however we stayed within the New York State tax cap and imposed a very modest property tax increase of 1.5%.



* Services to all Village residents including street maintenance, snow removal and leaf pick up were maintained in the manner our residents expect and deserve.

* Our program to repave Village roads and resolve drainage issues was very successful.

* Our "STEP" (Sidewalk Tripping Elimination Program) has been very successful and will be continued.

* Two of our four Village parking lots were completely renovated. Pavement was installed at Jackson Avenue to create additional parking and property was acquired on north Main Street for an additional parking lot which was constructed. In all instances, new, enhanced lighting was added as well as trees, shrubbery and fencing to screen the lots from adjacent residential properties.

STALLER PUBLIC HEARING ON 331 MAIN STREET (OLD CVS) WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018, 8:00 PM VILLAGE HALL



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* The high pressure system for the north section of the Village was completed and the gas generator for the wells at Ridge Road is up and running. There was no increase in water rates.

* Our Village Fire Department efficiently responded to 1,317 calls during the year and, as in the past, maintained a presence at our fire house 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our residents are confident of their safety knowing these volunteer first responders remain attentive to our safety at all times.

* Main Street has been a hub of activity with 98% of our stores occupied by successful businesses. We have achieved a goal of being a "Cool Downtown" on Long Island. We had four enjoyable Music on Main Street evenings, well attended movies on the Village Green, Cultural Arts events, Farmers' Market, Columbus Day Fair festival, holiday tree lightings, parades and the 35th season of the Village Pops.



* Our Village was beautifully adorned with flowers throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons and decorated with wreaths, trees and lights for the winter holidays.

* Major equipment was purchased for our Department of Public Work and Fire Department replacing some trucks that were over 25 years old.



* We purchased property on Main Street to provide much needed access to Parking Lot 1. This spring benches, trees and plants will be installed to create an attractive passive park in the heart of our downtown.



DROP BOX and ONLINE BILL PAY

Did you know that there was a mailbox just outside of Village Hall doors that you can drop your water or tax bills in? Well, there is. Please take advantage of this Drop Box, rather than mailing, when you can't get to Village Hall during office hours.



You may also pay your water and tax bills online and you may access the portals through our website at www.FarmingdaleVillage.com. A 3% service fee would be added to all online transactions. The Village has added online payment to help our residents avoid late fees and penalties.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Chocolate Duck has renovated the front of their store and has added a "chocolate bakery". Stop in and take a look.



Anyone find the Speak Easy's on Main Street? Heard there are two.

Look for the opening of Harley's American Grille late Spring.



LITTER and RECYCLING

•Please reduce, reuse and recycle materials whenever possible to create less waste, which could end up on our streets and contribute to Stormwater pollution.

•Please pick up trash and litter on your property and put it in the trash. Always use a public trash can for trash in public areas. Recycle any reusable materials, especially cans, bottles and paper. **NEVER** throw litter and debris directly into storm drains. Such debris can wash into waterways and onto beaches, and clogged drains can cause street flooding and traffic congestion.

•**ALWAYS** put your cigarette butts in ashtrays or solid garbage cans, not on the streets. Remember, our parks, playgrounds and beaches are not ashtrays. When an ashtray or garbage can are not available, store extinguished butts in your cigarette pack until you find a proper receptacle.

•Please empty automobile ashtrays into the trash, not out your car window or directly on the ground. Proper disposal will help keep our waterways clean and minimize the risk of fires.

•Please make sure to properly dispose of leftover household chemicals, paints and automotive fluids. These leftover chemicals should never be thrown away. Take them to a household hazardous waste collection center where they can be recycled. Visit the Town of Oyster Bay's STOP program for more information <http://oysterbaytown.com/departments/environmental-resources/solid-waste-disposal-and-landfill-remediation-division/>.

Thank you for helping to keep our environment safe & clean.