



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

*GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor*

*April, 2005*

## A Message From Village Mayor **GEORGE J. GRAF**

I recently had the pleasure to participate in this year's Farmingdale Baseball League (FBLI) Opening Day Parade. The parade marks the opening of their 55<sup>th</sup> year of providing baseball and softball programs to our community. The beautiful, warm, sunny day provided the perfect backdrop for the event. As I watched the ballplayers of all ages gather, I could not help but think of how fortunate we are to have the dedicated volunteers from FBLI to not only administer to this tremendous program, but to also make the extra effort to put on this parade so our children can enjoy a special rite of passage, the beginning of the baseball season.

I also could not help but notice the other dedicated volunteer organizations, many who we have acknowledged in previous newsletters. As I watched the apparatus pull up from all our local



fire departments, the auxiliary police start blocking off the side streets and our local color guard from the Cub Scouts assemble, I felt a great deal of pride to be part of this community. While I was invited to march up front with the other elected officials, I choose to march with my son Harrison's team which I am helping to coach. It gave me a very different perspective marching with the players, coaches and managers. I have

said in the past that while the Village is its own municipality, it is one of the several communities of the area served by our school district. It was great to see our neighbors from North Massapequa, South and East Farmingdale, and Massapequa Park and Amityville all enjoying the start of our baseball season.

The parade ended at Allen Park, our beautiful Town of Oyster Bay Park, where I did join my elected colleagues on the Town Showmobile. Thanks to FBLI President Tom Sabellico, we were asked to stop and think about some other special people and volunteers – the members of our armed forces serving our country overseas – in his words, "boys and girls who played ball on the fields of Long Island and who are now serving our country abroad to help guarantee freedom." Listening to the bagpipers playing God Bless America sent chills through my body. The wonderful day ended with the traditional first ball(s) being thrown out, the balloons being launched and the two words we have been waiting for all winter to be yelled out- PLAY BALL!



**Mayor Graf and Trustee Dorfmeister are shown with the color guard from Cub Scout Troop 601.**

## Village Attends Farmingdale Community Summit Expo



Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Canonico (left) and Barbara Griffiths were on hand to answer questions at the Summit Table.

The Farmingdale Community Summit Council held its third annual Expo on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Farmingdale High School gym. The Village, a charter member of the Summit Council, was one of seventy organizations and businesses that had tables at the event. While the event was not in the Village proper, the Summit serves all of the communities that comprise the Farmingdale School District, of which the Village is a vital part. Members from the Village Administrative Office were on hand to answer questions and inform visitors about Village events. The event featured many of our own Village businesses and community organizations. This year thanks to the generosity of our local youth sports groups (Farmingdale Baseball League, Farmingdale PAL, Farmingdale Soccer and the Farmingdale Titans) there was an interactive sports area set up in the commons. Children of all ages were able to try their luck in various sports skill games. It was a great evening to learn more about what makes our community so special.



Village Trustee Tom Langon and Fern Rubino also staffed the village table.



Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele did double duty at the Expo also staffing the Farmingdale Breakfast Rotary table. Shown with Joe is Farmingdale Baseball Director Ike Galanoudis.

## FBHS Holds Founders Day Dinner

The Farmingdale Bethpage Historical Society (FBHS) recently commemorated its 41st anniversary of existence with a Founders Day Dinner at Bella Fortuna on Main Street in Farmingdale. The first chartered meeting took place on April 12, 1964 at the Thomas Powell Home.



L-r: Willis Carman, Village Trustee Benjamin Giminario, MD, Robert Callahan, Sr., Larry Jorgensen, FBHS President, Village Of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf and William Johnston, Village Historian.

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## Auxiliary Police – Making Our Community Safer

The Nassau County Auxiliary Police is a group of community-minded residents that provide an invaluable service to our area. The Farmingdale Auxiliary Police Unit is a recognized arm of the Nassau County Police Department. They patrol in marked vehicles helping to make our community a safer place. They help prevent criminal activity by being an extra set of eyes and ears for the Police Department. They direct traffic at parades and special events and serve during disasters and other emergencies. The presence of the Auxiliary Police, in uniform, on patrol in marked police units, has been proven to reduce vandalism and other crimes in the community. The Auxiliary Police units are part of the area emergency response plans (they assisted during '03 Blackout and during this year's blizzard). I can tell you that our Village life would not be the same if we did not have these dedicated Auxiliary officers.

Much of their work goes unnoticed as they are frequently mistaken for paid police officers. The eight volunteers who make up the Farmingdale Unit logged over 900 hours in 2004. If you are looking for a way to assist your community and want more information, please stop in at Village Hall and pick up one of their brochures which details the requirements to become a member or call Inspector Joann Edling at 516-522-5373.



Nassau County Auxiliary Police Inspector Joann Edling is shown here with Farmingdale Community Summit President Tom Sabellico and Nassau County 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct POP officers Paul Lamonaca and Tom Murphy at the Farmingdale Summit Expo. The Farmingdale Auxiliary unit was there to recruit members and answer questions.

## Eagle Court of Honor for Robert Dearing II



Robert Dearing II accepted a proclamation from Village of Farmingdale Trustee Benjamin Giminaro, MD honoring him on his Eagle Scout Award. Pictured with Robert are: Sisters: Samantha and Jessica, his parents; Heidi and Robert Dearing, Trustee Ted Dorfmeister, Farmingdale Community Summit President Tom Sabellico and Town of Oyster Bay Councilman Joe Muscarella.

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## Village Officials take part in FBI's Opening Day Parade



Mayor George Graf and Village Trustee Ted Dorfmeister both marched in Farmingdale Baseballs (FBLI) opening day parade. Pictured with FBLI players are l-r: FBLI 1<sup>st</sup> VP Frank Nocerino, Trustee Dorfmeister, FBLI President Tom Sabellico, Mayor Graf and Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto.

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## Farmingdale Fire Department Installs Chiefs

The Farmingdale Fire Department announced the results of their recently held elections. Chiefs: Chief John Salerno, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Fred "Skippy" Schumeyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Keith Ryan. Water Witch Engine & Hose Company #1: Captain Keith Ryan Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Paul McGovern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Todd Sexauer and Chief Chauffer Mike McGovern. Hook Ladder & Hose #1: Captian Kenneth Tortoso, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Michael DiBartolo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Pat Tortoso and Chief Chauffer Jeff Feinsilver. Rescue Squad: Captain Kurt Connolly, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Ryan C. Tortoso, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Matthew Bartkowski and Chief Chauffer Jason Hammond. Fire Police: Captain Richard Fitzpatrick, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Rose Amereno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Herbert Vlokhos and Chief Chauffer James McGuire III. Junior Brigade: Captain Joe Sarne, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Alex Letourneau and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Diego Matus.



Village of Farmingdale Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele (second from left) and Village Trustee Tom Langon (left) are shown here with the recently installed Chiefs of The Farmingdale Fire Department: Chief John Salerno (center), 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Skip Schumeyer (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Keith Ryan (right).

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**The Farmingdale Fire Department Fund Drive  
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