



FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

May, 2006

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

The remodeling of our Village Hall office has been recently completed. The computers and software programs have been upgraded and/or replaced and a Local Area Network (LAN) has been installed. It has been my administrations goal to upgrade and update our operating systems. We want to take advantage of the technology available to make our operation as efficient and cost effective as it can be. With the new infrastructure now in place, we have now started to put the technologies to use. One of the additional responsibilities that our new Village Clerk Administrator Dave Smollett has is that of Chief Technology Officer. Dave has a wealth of experience in this field. Under Dave's watchful eye we have begun to implement many new and exciting programs.

LAN - provides access to the internet so we can communicate with the various New York State, federal agencies and internally amongst our own departments. Most of the required documents and reporting that the Village is required to complete has to be sent via the internet. Our internet capabilities now also allow our court to access many federal, state and other electronic databases to check for out of state warrants, and other background information.

ADP employee time system – new biometrics system (handprint scan instead of punch cards) allows for more accurate reporting and timely uploading of all payroll processes. This also helps eliminate mistakes and incorrect readings of the handwritten cards. It also provides a more accurate system for auditing and monitoring of over-



time.

Checklist Software- allows tracking and logging of the building permit process and code enforcement violations. It provides a quick, easy to use history of every permit or code violation.

Village vehicle fuel monitoring system – this system monitors both the maintenance and fuel usage for our vehicles. It allows us to track usage,

utilization and maintenance records. It also can provide an early warning of impending mechanical problems (by reviewing and evaluating the gas mileage, oil usage etc...).

Automated wireless water meter reading system –While the new Sensus system will gradually be installed, the new software will allow us to significantly reduce labor costs while also allowing the Village to implement quarterly or semi-annual billing. It will help eliminate mistakes and will provide early warning and notification of customer water leaks or other problems .The system can read the meter daily –providing a baseline for tracking. A pipe break or serious problem can be discovered with the new system.

These are some of the major projects that are under way. We have many more that we are already working on, such as having our Village Code available electronically, accepting payment for various fees, permits, fines via credit card. You can be assured that we will continue to investigate and evaluate additional software programs that will enable us to provide additional or improved services or reduce the cost of the existing services.

Kevin Walsh Appointed New Village Attorney

The Village Board is pleased to announce that Kevin M. Walsh has been appointed Farmingdale Village Attorney. Mr. Walsh is a partner with Walsh Markus McDougal & DeBellis LLP. He was admitted to the bar in 1983. He holds a B.A. in Political Science (Cum Laude) from Villanova University, and a J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University. He currently serves as the Village Attorney for the Incorporated Village of Massapequa Park and also serves as the council to the zoning board for the



Mayor Graf with new Village Attorney Kevin M. Walsh.

Village of Massapequa Park and the Incorporated Village of Malverne. Among his areas of concentration are Municipal Law, Zoning Law, Real Property Law, Tax Certiorari, Commercial Leasing and Landlord/Tenant Debt Workouts. He and his firm have developed a substantial municipal law practice. They act as special council to a variety of municipal boards, offering advice on administrative, labor, zoning, labor/personnel, real estate, tax certiorari and other legal matters. In addition the firm has been retained by Towns and Villages as special council to assist in the preparation and drafting of master land use plans and zoning ordinances. "Mr. Walsh and his firm bring a tremendous amount of municipal law experience that will greatly assist the Village Board in the future", stated Mayor George Graf. "Their expertise in zoning law and their experience in dealing with master plans will be very helpful as our board looks into the future development of the Village".

Bethpage Credit Union Opens in Farmingdale



Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf is shown cutting the ribbon of the new Bethpage Federal Credit Union (BFCU) branch on route 109 (in the King Kullen Shopping Center). Pictured l-r: Bill Brophy -Branch Manager, BFCU Board Members: Joe Moliterno, Frank Campbell, Sam Piazzola, Mayor Graf, Wayne Grosse, Exec VP, Board member Rich Tucan

Mayor Attends Relay For Life



Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf (right) is pictured with Relay For Life Co- Chairpersons Jennifer Muccioli (center) and Village Resident, Tom Hickey (left) at the recently held American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at SUNY Farmingdale. The relay is about hope, hope that those lost will never be forgotten, hope that those who face cancer will be supported and hope that one day cancer will be eliminated. To learn more visit: www.cancer.org.

FBHS Hold 42nd Founders Day Dinner



The Farmingdale Bethpage Historical Society (FBHS) recently held their 42nd annual Founders Day Dinner at Rose Marie's Restaurant in Farmingdale. Pictured (l-r): FBHS President Larry Jorgenson, Former Village Trustee Ted Dorfmesiter, Former Village Trustee Dr. Benjamin Giminaro, Village Trustee Patricia Christiansen, Long Time FBHS member (and Pat's Mom) Mildred Corwin, Village Historian William Johnston, President of the Nassau County Historical Society Denward W. Collins, Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf.

Walking Proud

Mayor Graf writes a weekly column in the *Farmingdale Observer*. This column appeared in the May 5 edition.

As I walked down Prospect Street towards the Village Green, I heard the distinct sound of bag pipes in the distance. As the music grew louder, I saw a Police Car dash down Main Street towards Waldbaums and I knew the beginning of the parade was not too far behind. As I saw the first fringes of old glory appear, I started to run as fast as my legs would let me, hoping to catch up with the color guard. With a little help from my marching friends, the parade stopped long enough for me to settle in and take my place in the procession. I joined Village Trustee Christiansen and started marching toward Allen Park. Marching in Farmingdale Baseball Leagues (FBLI) parade is always a special treat for me. This year was even more meaningful as the parades Grand Marshal was the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 516. As we marched closer to Route 109, I couldn't help but notice the eight men marching in front of me. They marched, in cadence, side by side. As we turned off Main onto Motor Avenue, I was touched to see a young woman step off the curb and shake one of the veteran's hands; she thanked him as she moved back onto the side walk and then wiped a tear from her face. It was at this point that I noticed one of the marchers in front of me. He was still marching in perfect step, head held high, arms moving in perfect rhythm. He never missed a step, all the way through Allen Park and right up to the showmobile. I could not help but feel his pride as he marched along the parade route. I did not think that that memorable vision could be surpassed. Not until I had the honor of standing next to the veterans as our Star Spangled Banner was sung. I was humbled as I looked at these brave men, at attention, proudly saluting the flag. Their eyes and facial expressions said it all. FBLI President, Tom Sabellico reminded the crowd that we owe a certain amount of gratitude to them and their comrades. He also asked us to remember and to think about and support our current soldiers stationed around the world. The ceremonial first balls were thrown, Take Me Out To The Ball



I-r: FBLI President Tom Sabellico, VFW Post 516 Commander Doug Makosky, Parade Chairman Dave Aitchison, TOB Councilman Tony Macagnone, Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf, VOF Trustee and FBLI Asst Dir. Tom Langon, VOF Trustee Patricia Christiansen, TOB Councilwoman Rose Walker.

Game sung and the green and white balloons were released, signifying the start of the Farmingdale Baseball Season. I watched the families gather up their little ball players and head home. As I walked back to the parking lot, there in front of me I saw, the veteran in the black VFW jacket, walking back to his car-still in perfect step! It was a perfect ending to a very memorable day.

Village Officials Attend FHS Technology Honor Society Awards at the Air Power Museum



Pictured: Air Power Museum Volunteer, Bob Miller, Village of Farmingdale Deputy Mayor Joe Racheile, Honor Society Inductee, Town of Oyster Bay Councilman Anthony D. Macagnone, Village

Diet Center Opens



Village Mayor George Graf is shown here cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the Diet Center located at 754 Fulton Street (Route 109), The Diet Center offers one on one counseling for weight loss, They are offering 40% program fees when you enroll by 6/3/06. Pictured I-r: John Danna, Theresa Danna , Owner, Mayor Graf, Cindy Kidder, Massapequa and Lindenhurst Diet Center owner.



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Village Attends Farmingdale Community Summit Expo

The Farmingdale Community Summit Council held its fourth annual Summit Expo and Health Fair at Farmingdale High School on May 11. There were over sixty five tables comprised of the who's who of our community. Service organizations, youth sports groups, local businesses, charitable organizations, health agencies, police and fire department representatives and private individuals. The Village is proud to be a charter member of the summit. The Village Trustees want to thank our colleagues who staffed the table. Deputy Mayor Rachiele and Trustee Langon did double duty assisting at the Village table and helping at the Breakfast Rotary (Joe Rachiele) and Farmingdale Baseball (Tom Langon) tables. Trustees Christiansen and Starkie were also on hand to answer questions and speak with the many organizations present. Mayor Graf assisted Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto and Nassau County Legislature Dave Mejias in picking the raffle prize winners. In addition to the Annual Expo and Health Fair, the Summit is responsible for other community events, including Farmingdale Reads, Farmingdale Remembers and Farmingdale Jumps. The proceeds from the Expo and Jumps are used to assist Farmingdale families in need. The summit meets the second Thursday of each month at the Farmingdale Public Library at 7 pm. Come to a meeting and get involved.



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