



# FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

May, 2007

## A Message From Village Mayor GEORGE J. GRAF

The last few weeks has been filled with parades, relays, awards and ribbon cuttings, It was a very busy month for the Board of trustees and myself. The Relay for Life was once again held at SUNY Farmingdale. This year's event was a tremendous success. Tom Hickey and the entire Relay team did an incredible job organizing this event. The outpouring of support from the Farmingdale community was noted by the many speakers at the opening ceremony. The event raised over \$92,000. and as always was a huge success. Farmingdale Baseball started the Farmingdale Baseball Season with their opening day parade and we inducted another deserving group of Dalers to the Farmingdale High School Wall of Fame. The events kept us running from school to catering halls to bowling alleys. One of my scheduled events this past month was a ribbon cutting. As I was driving home from work I decided to pass the location for my scheduled ribbon cutting on Saturday. As I drove up I could not help but notice the "Meet The Mayor" sign in the window of Bella Sierra's Pizza at 533 Fulton Street (Route 109) in Farmingdale. In my tenure as Mayor I have attended many ribbon cuttings and events. This was the first that I actually had top billing for. As I arrived at home I wondered what this pre billing would bring. Saturday was going to be another busy day for me. Baseball games, the ribbon cutting and an appearance at the "Strike Out Genocide" bowling event at Farmingdale Lanes. I was anxious to get to Bella Sierra, curious as to who



would be there. I also made sure that I brought my appetite. I was met by the owners Frank and Bill and immediately introduced to their families. While the store has been there for years (as Fulton Street Pizza), the new owners have expanded the menu and added some delicious items. The festive atmosphere was enhanced by the pizza samples and the Zeppoles and rice pudding being passed out. They cooked me a delicious meatball parmigiana hero for lunch that I gobbled up (being very careful as not to splatter my tie with sauce!). There were residents who showed up to try the pizza and actually a few who wanted to ask me some questions about the on going road

work going on in the Village. It was very rewarding to answer their questions and speak one on one with them in a relaxed atmosphere. It was pleasure to be part of the grand opening celebration. Their wonderful hospitality reminded me; once again, what makes the businesses in our Village so unique. We sometimes only think of the Village as only being along Main Street. Bella Sierra is now another reason to pay attention and patronize the other businesses that are in the Village, the many stores along route 109 (Fulton St.) and Hempstead Turnpike (Conklin St.). In many cases you are dealing directly with the owners of the businesses. They have a vested interest in making sure you are treated right and receive the best possible service. I want to remind all of you to shop locally here in the Village. We have some of the best restaurants and a wide variety of stores and vendors that will make sure you are all treated like you were the Mayor.



FBI Parade Grand Marshal NYS Senator Kemp Hannon.



(l-r) Mayor Graf, Tom Hickey, Supervisor John Venditto, Councilman Tony Macagnone.

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Mayor Graf with Bella Sierra's owners Frank Cacioli (l) and Bill Chelune (r).



Trustee Patricia A. Christiansen and Mayor Graf are shown here with Relay participants and TOB Supervisor John Venditto, TOB Councilman Tony Macagnone, NC Legislator Dave Mejias, SUNY Farmingdale President W. Hubert Keen PHD, Relay Chairman Tom Hickey, TOB Councilman Joseph Muscarella.

## Trustees attend Farmingdale Baseball's Opening Day Parade



Trustee Butch Starkie and Patricia A. Christiansen are shown here with FBLI President Joann Vazquez, TOB Councilman Tony Macagnone and Rookie League players at the beginning of the FBLI's opening day parade.



Mayor Graf attended the recent Farmingdale High School Wall of Fame Ceremony. Shown with the Mayor (l) and TOB Councilman Tony Macagnone (r) are inductees: TOB Councilman Angelo A. Delligatti, Keith Gambino Sr. (accepting the award on behalf of his brother FDNY Thomas J. Gambino), Jay Weinstein, Christian Farrell.

## Lamboy Family Chiropractic Holds Kids Day America

Dr. Russell Lamboy once again hosted Kids Day at his office at 245 Conklin St. Kid's Day is a day dedicated to children's health, safety and environmental awareness. There was lots of great food and fun for everyone who attended. All the money raised was donated to the National MS Society.



The mayor is shown with Dr. Lamboy and Kids Day attendees. Pictured with the Mayor is l-r: Roger Schlingloff, TOB Councilman Joe Muscarella, FFD LT. Todd Sexhaur and NC. Auxiliary Police Inspector Joann Edling.



NC. Auxiliary Police Inspector Joann Edling is shown here providing the free child ID cards which included photo and fingerprinting.



# Memorial Day 2007



Parade Grand Marshal -Ex Chief Skip Schumeyer



Local Scouts from Cub Pack 601, Boy Scouts Troop 57 and 261 join Mayor Graf at the beginning of the parade. Joining the group are the newest Eagle Scouts: Tom Risi (L) and John Ninivaggi (R).



Trustee Patricia A. Christiansen, Trustee Butch Starkie, NC Legislator Dave Mejias, Trustee Tom Langon, Mayor Graf, Joseph Belesi (Representing NYS Assemblyman Joseph Saladino), TOB Councilman Tony Macagnone, Deputy Mayor Joe Rachiele.

*The Village Board would like to thank the Farmingdale Fire Department for organizing and coordinating our wonderful parade each year.*



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## Village Passes Three New Local Laws



The Board of Trustees for the Village of Farmingdale was busy at their regular meeting of May 7, 2007, passing 3 new laws designed to improve the development within the Village and to protect existing businesses in the downtown area. The first law creates a park land dedication requirement for those developments which create new lots within the Village. The law mandates the set aside of land by the developer for new parks or the payment of a fee, not to exceed \$10,000 per lot, which will be used by the Village to create new parks or to improve existing ones.

The second new law requires new buildings to be reviewed by the Trustees to insure that their architectural features are good and consistent with standards adopted by the Board. The third new law prohibits the sale of used merchandise or merchandise in disrepair on the streets of the downtown. This law will help improve the appearance of the downtown area making it more appealing to shoppers. All three laws were the subject of public hearings.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, July 8th**



**Village Hall – Fire House**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**2:00 PM**

**Village Pops**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Concert at 5:00 PM**

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