



FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

GEORGE J. GRAF, Mayor

October, 2004

A Message From Village Mayor GEORGE J. GRAF

Greetings. The past six months have been an exciting and challenging period for the new administration. I am extremely proud of the progress that we have made so far and I am very excited about the future.

We have accomplished much in this short period of time and we have laid a solid foundation for the future.

- Your next water bill will have a 10% reduction, the first time in Farmingdale's history that the rate has been reduced. It is our goal to bring revenue in line with expenses. We will continually review the situation to make sure that your rate will always be the lowest they can be.

- Our New Department of Public Works Superintendent, Fred Zamperelle, has already made a significant impact by initiating and supervising the massive DPW cleanup and by implementing many new directives to assure that our streets are clean and safe.

- The Gazebo was completed and a wonderful Farmingdale Pops concert series was held. Under the



direction of new trustee, Ted Dorfmeister, the landscaping and finishing touches will be completed, providing us with a tremendous venue for future concerts and events.

- We have addressed the New York State Comptrollers Audit recommendations by tightening our financial controls and have corrected and eliminated many of the previous administration policies and perks.

- We are adding more code enforcement officers and have continued our aggressive pursuit of ticketing contractors in and around Conklin Street.

As we look to the future, the board and I, are committed to making Farmingdale the best place to live and raise our families. We encourage you to get involved, come to our trustee meetings, join a committee and become part of our team. By working together we can accomplish this goal.

Public Works Facilities Cleanup Underway



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The Department of Public Works facilities have undergone a major cleanup. The village facilities on Ridge Road and Eastern Parkway were in a major state of disrepair. Under the direction of new Superintendent Fred Zamperelle, more than 300 yards of debris (10 thirty yard dumpsters) have been removed, buildings painted, glass replaced, equipment secured and supplies neatly stored and inventoried. The cleanups and repairs are continuing with progress being made everyday.

Dorfmeister appointed Trustee



The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale approved the appointment of Theodore "Teddy" Dorfmeister, Sr. to fill a vacant Trustee seat on the Farmingdale Village Board. Dorfmeister fills the seat vacated by former Trustee Marialyce Denauski. Dorfmeister is a graduate of Farmingdale High School class of 1960 and a life-

long resident of Farmingdale. He recently retired from the United States Postal Service after 43 years and currently works part-time at the BiCounty Postal Federal Credit Union in Farmingdale. He has been active in the community as a den leader with the Boy Scouts of America and as an umpire in the Farmingdale Baseball League. Teddy served in the Air Force and is a charter member of the Farmingdale American Legion Post #449. Teddy is married with three children.

For the last four years Teddy has held the position of Chairman of the Village Green Gazebo Fundraising Committee and has been instrumental in bringing this

project to fruition. "Through his hard work and dedication, Teddy has shown that he is the perfect choice for Village Trustee," said Mayor George Graf. Mr. Dorfmeister has been put in charge of the Village Green redevelopment and Village beautification. One Dorfmeisters hobbies is gardening and he is looking forward to working with the Beautification Committee on upcoming projects.

"Teddy comes to the Board with a history of community service and involvement. It will be refreshing to have a self-starter who will share with the work-load and places the well being of the Village first" stated Trustee Joseph Rachiele. Trustee Thomas Langon added, "Teddy will be a positive asset to our village board. He brings with him the Farmingdale community pride that we need for our village".

Meet your new Superintendent of Public Works

Fred Zamparelle was appointed by the Board of Trustees on July 12th as the new Superintendent of Public Works. Zamparelle brings with him 37 years of experience in public works projects. Among the many major projects he has worked on are: the rehabilitation of the Captree Bridge, the renovation of Northern State Parkway and Long Island Expressway. He is a graduate of Farmingdale High School class of 1966 and a life-long Farmingdale resident. He has been active in the Farmingdale Baseball League for the past 12 years, currently serving on the Executive Board as Secretary.



Since he came on board he has already instituted many positive changes in the Department. The working conditions at the Ridge Road Public Works facilities had been so bad that the workers had filed a grievance with the Village. Zamparelle has led his crew in a massive cleanup that has improved working conditions tremendously. "Even though the buildings, because of decades of neglect, are still structurally in disrepair, at least the work area is now clean and organized, which will hopefully lead to higher morale and more efficient working environments," stated Zamparelle.

Some other improvements you might have noticed throughout the village are: freshly painted parking lots and stop lines, additional garbage cans, repaired and replaced streetlights. "There are still many other projects that need to be addressed such as formulating a plan for the remaining roads that were not upgraded by the Highway Bond and patching holes in the mean time," stated Zamparelle. "It is our privilege to add such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable employee to the staff of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale," said Mayor George Graf.

DeStefano Sworn in as New Planning Board Chairman

Frank DeStefano was recently sworn in as the Village of Farmingdale's Planning Board Chairman. DeStefano, is shown here being sworn in by Village Trustee Ted Dorfmeister. Mr. DeStefano is currently the Commissioner of Planning and Development for the Town of Oyster Bay. He has been with the Town for more than thirty years, previously serving as the Deputy Town Supervisor, Commissioner of Human Resources and Commissioner of Parks. Mr. DeStefano, a 32 year Farmingdale Resident is also a member of The Farmingdale Breakfast Rotary Club. The Planning Board reviews site plans for village. "Frank brings years of experience to our Planning Board," stated Trustee Dorfmeister, "we are confident that his vast knowledge will have immediate impact on the board".

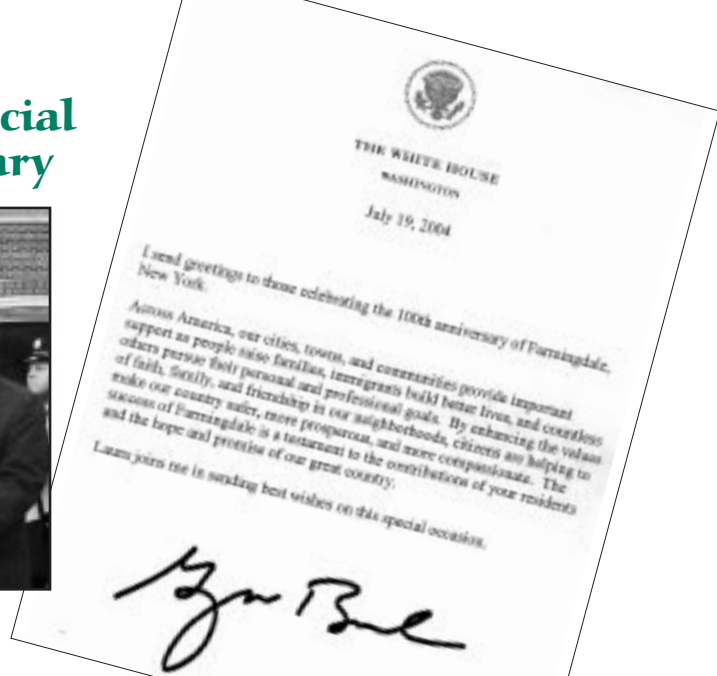


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Village Receives Citations and a Special Letter to Celebrate 100th Anniversary



Town of Oyster Bay (TOB) Supervisor John Venditto is shown here presenting a 100th anniversary of incorporation citation to Mayor Graf. Pictured l-r: NYS Assemblyman Joe Saladino, TOB Councilwomen: Rose Marie Walker and Mary McCaffery, Supervisor Venditto, Mayor Graf, TOB Clerk Steven Labriola, TOB Councilman Angelo Delligatti.



New York State Assembly recognizes Village with proclamation commemorating 100 years. Shown with Mayor Graf (left) are our New York State Assemblymen Joe Saladino (Center) and James D. Conte (right).

Village Parking Field #1 Renovation Nears Completion



Village of Farmingdale Mayor George Graf and the Board of Trustees announced that recent renovations to the Village Parking Field #1 (located behind the Farmingdale Meat Market and Moby Drugs) are nearing completion. After a review of the initial renovation plans, the Village Board was instrumental in redesigning them to add an additional 19 parking spaces (at no additional cost). Mayor Graf stated, "not only will the new spaces help alleviate congestion, we were also able to add additional handicap parking in the middle of lot (closer to Moby Drugs) to make it easier for handicapped individuals to shop in town".

Ornamental lighting, signage and landscaping will be added in the next few weeks. The trees and landscaping will be provided through a recent New York State Forestry Grant of \$15,000 that provides funds for the planting of trees on publicly owned property throughout the village. Mayor Graf added, "I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation, from our business owners, employees and residents during the recent construction, the temporary inconvenience will certainly be outweighed by the new enhancements".

Farmingdale Community Summit Council Presents Gazebo Fund Check



The Farmingdale Community Summit Council held a "Broadway on Main Street" at Terry G's on Main Street to raise funds for the completion of the Farmingdale Village Gazebo. Representatives from many of Farmingdale's youth, educational and service organizations along with many other guests were treated to a sensational night of food, music and song. Performers Gina Sabellico and Brian Knoll sang classic Broadway songs from the past nine decades. Shown here are Farmingdale Community Summit President Tom Sabellico (left) and Summit Development Committee Chairperson Tina Diamond (right) presenting Mayor Graf with a \$1000 check for the Gazebo fund.



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State Comptrollers Report- Village Takes Corrective Actions



The Village has begun to implement changes as outlined in the corrective action plan supplied to the New York State Comptrollers office. The Comptrollers audit identified excessive spending and a lack of accountability by the previous village administration. The audit identified many areas of concern that included excessive legal fees, unnecessary cell and telephone expenses, inappropriate charges for meals at local restaurants, unsubstantiated charges on village credit cards, and improper use of village vehicles (A copy of the audit report is available at Village Hall or on the village website at: www.farmingdalevillage.org).

The Village has:

- Signed a new Attorney Retainer Agreement that specifies services covered, recognizes that cost proposals for additional legal services can be solicited and details other requirements involving litigation.

- Village officials Credit Cards have been cancelled.
- A written policy on use of cell phones and vehicles is being written
- Vehicle mileage logbooks have been placed in applicable village vehicles.
- The former Mayors Ford Expedition is now being used for code enforcement.
- Outlined the requirements for claim vouchers and necessary support documentation.
- When Conference registration fees include meals, the Village will not pay additional costs incurred for dining out.
- Past practice of Village Meetings regularly being held in restaurants has been stopped.

The Mayor and the Trustee's will continue to work with the New York State Comptrollers office to assure that all the problem areas have been addressed and properly corrected.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Village Hall: 516-249-0093

Village Clerk- John Giordano, CMC,RMC: 516-249-0093

Taxes, assessments, licenses. water billing, parking permits
senior citizen taxi coupons, street light outages,
public information

Public Works- Fred Zamparelle, Superintendent: 516-240-0111

Street maintenance, curbside tree planting

Village Water District- Donald Ott, Supervisor: 516-249-6770

Garbage Collection- 516-677-5848

Building Department- 516-249-0093 Ext. #220

Permits and certificates of occupancy

Justice Court- Court Clerk: 516-293-2292

Parking and moving violations

Registrar- Lillian Kowalski: 516-249-1045

Birth and death certificates

Code Enforcement- 516-249-0093 Ext. # 221

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