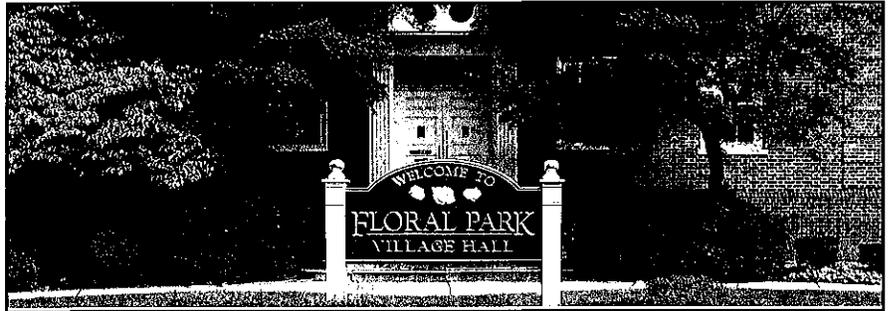


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## Floral Park Village Items



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### *Message from the Mayor*

*Dear Resident,*

My hope is that this message finds you and your loved ones in good health.

With Thanksgiving behind us we are again preparing for another hectic holiday season. Before the gifts are wrapped and preparations for another big family dinner are being readied, I would ask you to join me and take time to reflect on the many blessings we share and cherish those times of togetherness with loved ones, family and friends.

### Recognizing Our Employees

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all our Village employees this year. Mother Nature demonstrated her fury and challenged them with record winter snowfall, spring and summer rainfall, an earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and Halloween snow. Yet through it all, we, our Village and our homes were safe and secure. Issues were addressed in an orderly and calm manner. The preparations and responses for each of these events were deliberate, professional and thorough.

This year has seen many changes in our Village Administration. I wish to compliment the efforts of our new Village Administrator Pat Farrell who, since March of this year, has seamlessly led a transition with a streamlined Village staff. His personal integrity and financial acumen assures the accountability of Village

funds while monitoring expenses and maintaining Village services. Our Village Clerk Susan Walsh, who like Pat, has enunciated her goals and, along with our Village staff, attends to the many important day to day responsibilities that makes our Village run. She has seamlessly transformed the position even given the additional responsibility of two combined positions. Our DPW Superintendent and Buildings Department Superintendent have been combined under the single leadership of Steve Siwinski. Combining these positions has found savings for the Village. Steve Siwinski has worked effectively with our DPW Supervisors and together with our dedicated DPW employees, we reap the benefits of a more productive and safer work environment.

Finally, I would also like to commend our Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, celebrating his one year anniversary with the Village. Our Village Police provide a feeling of security which makes Floral Park unique. The Department's attention to drug abuse among our youth has saved lives and improved the quality of life as in a recent *Newsday* expose about prescription drug abuse and doctor shopping on Long Island. Commissioner McAllister's leadership and the police department members' vigilance are felt by all each day. I cannot think of a more dedicated group of individuals who work as one to attend to the needs of the Village than all the members of our Police Department, Public Works Department, Village Administration as well as our greatest volunteers, the members of our Fire Department. Their diligent efforts keep Floral Park a "Great Place to Live" and we are fortunate to have such hardworking and loyal men and women working on our behalf every day.

### Recognizing Our Veterans

Recently, I joined the entire Village Board in

# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

*Stephen Siwinski, Superintendent*



## **SNOW: A Guide for Floral Park Property Owners and Residents**

*It's the neighborly thing to do!*

If you own property, please remember:

- ◆ To keep the adjacent sidewalks clear of snow and ice. If you are out of town, please make arrangements for someone else to clear the sidewalks.
- ◆ Snow should not be shoveled or blown into the street. This creates a hazard for both the property owner and drivers.
- ◆ Residents who have catch basins in front of their homes can help by keeping ice and snow away from the openings, so the water from melting snow can drain freely.
- ◆ If you have a fire hydrant by your property, please remove snow from the area around the hydrant for easy access in case of an emergency.
- ◆ Resident cooperation is essential to the success of snow removal operations. It is very important that vehicles are removed from the streets. With fewer cars on the streets, snow plows can do a more effective job of clearing snow and ice from Floral Park's 37 miles of roadway.

Please don't take it personally, but often the Department of Public Works plows snow back into your driveway. Pushing snow into a driveway opening or along a car parked on the street is really unavoidable as we work to keep streets passable during all stages of a storm.

### **Safety**

Please instruct children to avoid snow plows. Drivers and workers are concentrating on their jobs.

Young children should not be allowed to play near the street when snow has accumulated. Snow banks make it difficult for motor vehicle and snow plow operators to spot youngsters.

For safety reasons, Floral Park Public Works crews will spread sand and salt on the streets and plow in

the following order:

- ◆ major arteries and roads
  - ◆ secondary streets
  - ◆ dead end streets and parking lots
- Snow plowing usually begins when three inches of snow has fallen on the pavement.

### **Ice**

For people on foot, ice can be worse than snow. It can cause dangerous falls. Property owners are also responsible for removing ice on their sidewalks.

Stock up on ice melt before a storm. Use ice melt with calcium chloride or potassium chloride. It's better for the environment and only a small amount is required to melt ice. Avoid rock salt or sodium chloride as it kills plants and trees and could damage concrete sidewalks. Use ice melt on your driveway entrance and sidewalks early and often to prevent snow packing.

Avoid sand on hard ice. Sand makes hard ice more slippery. If sand is your only option it is available at the Public Works Facility opposite the Recreation Center on Stewart Street.

Please be patient and wait for the Public Works crews to finish. Our crews work through the night when necessary. Many people dig out prior to crews widening out streets only to be plowed back in. If you are able to, please stay off the roads to permit ease of plowing operations and a less dangerous atmosphere for all.

REMEMBER, traffic causes deicers to act more quickly, so streets with heavier traffic will show the results sooner than less traveled residential streets.

### **Please Do Not Throw Snow Back In The Street.**

The following is a reminder to all residents concerning Snow Emergency - Village code 96.29:

A. When any vehicle is parked or abandoned on any highway or public parking lot within the Village during a snow emergency as defined in Subsection B

hereof, a flood, a fire or other public emergency which affects that portion of the public highway or parking lot upon which said vehicle may be removed by or under the direction of the Commissioner of Police.

B. Declaration of snow emergency: The parking of vehicles is prohibited on all public highways within the Village during a snow emergency. A snow emergency shall exist either upon declaration by the Mayor or from the time when there are at least four inches of snow on the ground and shall continue for 18 hours thereafter.

C. When any vehicle is found unattended on any highway or public parking lot within the Village where said vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, said vehicle may be removed by or under the direction of the Commissioner of Police.

**Refuse and Rubbish Collection**

Enclosed with this edition of *Village Items* is your 2012 recycling calendar.

Please take notice that on holiday weeks (i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, etc) the Department of Public Works does not pickup bulk items on Wednesdays. The disposal of appliances with Freon is done on the third Wednesday of each month on a call in basis only. Please refer to your recycling calendars for any changes such as weight limitations for containers and bundles and limitations on the number of items that can be put out for special pickup. Newspapers should be tied to prevent them from blowing around the Village.

Remember, when in doubt, don't put it out! Please call 326-6320 for any disposal questions.

**Sidewalk Repair Program**

Village sidewalks, when kept in good repair, serve to enhance our neighborhoods and commercial areas. At the same time, they provide safe and pleasing walkways. While sidewalks are Village property, it is the legal responsibility of the abutting property owner to keep them in good condition.

As we come to the close of our 2011 sidewalk program, we are now preparing for 2012. Due to the disruption caused by Hurricane Irene a number of streets targeted for this year were not done. These will be added to next year's list. The Department will be notifying the residents that fall under this program in the spring.

While an inconvenience for residents, the sidewalk program is an important part of maintaining the quality of life and value of a homeowner's property within the community.

**Tree Planting**

Within the next few weeks, the Village tree planting contractor will be planting trees in various locations throughout the Village. All residents who will be getting a tree in front of their home will be notified. There will be a white dot at the curb where the tree will be planted. Public Works will try to fill resident requests for certain species, but the type of tree planted in front of your home will mainly depend on it's availability on the truck when the contractor actually arrives at your location.

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

Please note all village offices will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and December 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Offices will be closed all day December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012.

For the convenience of residents needing to renew parking permits for 2012, Village Hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Stephen G. McAllister, Police Commissioner*



The primary mission of the Floral Park Police Department is the safety of its residents and the preservation of its quality of life. While reviewing the actions of the Floral Park Police Department over the last year, I would like to take this opportunity to apprise the Village stakeholders of the accomplishments of the Floral Park Police Department.

## **Safety and Security**

The Floral Park Police Department is always concerned about the safety of their residents and business owners both within the Village and while venturing beyond our borders. As many of you travel outside the Village to conduct your Holiday shopping, I thought to include some basic safety tips. Four ways to increase your personal safety are:

- ◆ Reduce or eliminate opportunities that may make you a target/victim.
- ◆ Increased awareness in places you are not comfortable in.
- ◆ Trust your instincts regardless of feeling embarrassed.
- ◆ Prepare your schedule daily with safety in mind.

## **Purse/Wallet Safety**

Carry purses, portfolios or briefcases in a manner that will allow you to let go. Straps placed across your shoulder, around your neck or wrapped around your waist have caused injuries because women could not free themselves during a purse snatch. Always be aware of your surroundings and carry your pocketbook clasp towards you, close to your body, tucked in the bend of your elbow as if it was a football. If there is a long strap, wrap it around the bag.

If someone attempts to snatch your pocket book, let go of it, especially if there is a weapon involved. When dining out, the only place for your purse should be your lap. The back of a chair is an easy target for a thief. Never carry a wallet in a rear pocket, use a front trouser or an inside coat pocket.

Be particularly aware of your purse/wallet in crowded situations, such as rush hour trains and buses. If you are jostled in a crowd, be aware that a

pickpocket might be responsible. Beware of arguments or commotions designed to distract you while your pocket or purse is being picked.

Minimize the amount of money, credit cards and valuables you carry by only taking items that are necessary for the day. Divide money between your purse/wallet and pockets. Carry your keys on your person separate from your identification.

## **Walking-Be Street Smart**

Use well-populated and well-lit streets. If you suspect you're being followed, stay away from deserted blocks and head for an area where people are or the nearest open store. If you're driven home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside. Should a motorist bother you while you are walking, reverse your direction. If you are still followed, seek a safe location and yell for help, if possible.

## **While Driving**

Upon approaching your car, look to make sure no one is hiding in or around the vehicle, especially in the back seat. Check your tires for flats. Keep windows rolled up, except for a small opening for ventilation and keep the doors locked at all times.

Keep valuables secured in the trunk, not lying on the seat next to you. Put your purse on the floor of your car. Plan your route before you leave. Displaying a map will send a message that you're unfamiliar with the area.

When stopped in traffic, always leave enough space between your car and the one in front of you. This will allow you to pass easily, if necessary. Keep your car well maintained and the gas tank at least half full to avoid getting stranded.

Should you suspect that you are being followed, make several turns down active streets. If the vehicle continues to follow, head for the nearest police station, fire house, or open store. Avoid driving to your home. If someone attempts to force you off the road, remain calm and blow your horn continuously to attract attention. If forced off the road, stop, put your car in reverse and back away.

### **When Parking Your Vehicle**

Try to park in a well-lighted area to discourage a personal attack and reduce the risk of your car being stolen. Look around before exiting your car. Close all windows and lock the doors. Take any valuables with you.

### **At Home**

Have your keys ready before you get to the door. Make sure your entrance area is well lit. If you live in an apartment close the lobby door behind you, especially if a stranger is approaching. Make all visitors and delivery persons use the doorbell. Place your name on the inside of the mailbox where only the mail carrier will see it. If a name must be on the outside, use only the last name, e.g. The Smiths.

When recording an outgoing message on your answering machine, avoid leaving your name, phone number or a message that you're not at home. A good message is, "We are unable to answer the phone, please leave a message. Say it confidently.

If a stranger asks to use the phone, keep your door locked and tell them you will place the call for them. If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1. Keep him/her out of your home. Should you arrive home and find signs of a burglary, STAY OUT. Call 9-1-1 from a pay phone or a neighbor's house. Wait there for the police to arrive.

### **Elevator**

When waiting for an elevator, leave the lobby/hallway if someone makes you feel uncomfortable. Check the elevator's mirror before entering. Stand between the control panel and door when in the elevator. Exit the elevator if someone enters that makes you feel uneasy. If you feel the need to give an excuse you can say "Oh, I forgot my mail. If accosted, press as many buttons as possible to try and get the elevator to stop at the next floor.

### **LIRR, Subway and Bus**

Use only entrances marked by a green indicator, there is a token clerk present 24 hours a day. Have your token, money LIRR Pass or metro card available. Use designated waiting areas during off-peak hours. Ride in the conductor's car during off-peak hours. Sit in the center of the car, away from the door, to avoid a purse or chain snatch.

Cover jewelry; turn stone rings toward the palm side of your hand. Stay awake and aware and exit with the crowd. Wait and walk close to the wall. Wait for the bus on the sidewalk away from the curb. Sit near the front of the bus. Be aware of your wallet/purse to avoid a pickpocket.

### **ATM**

Be aware of suspicious people near the entrance. Use well lighted, well-populated ATM's. Avoid ATM's that have unlocked doors or are directly out on the street. Block bystander's view when doing your transaction. Use mirrors, positioned at the ATM, to see behind you. Put your money away and take your card and receipt before exiting an ATM. Your card is exclusively for your entry only. Make sure the door closes behind you.

The Floral Park Police Department remains committed to the safety and security of the Village of Floral Park. We continue our educational and enforcement efforts with regards to underage drinking, drug abuse - specifically marijuana and prescription pills, and the subsequent anti-social behavior as a result of public intoxication that continue to plague our Village. The Floral Park Police Department remains vigilant in the inspection of any and all commercial entities; i.e. delis, restaurants, and bars. Premises are checked for violations such as "serving underage patrons" or improper permits. Violations will continue to be summonsed and owners have been put on notice that these types of behaviors are unacceptable and will be monitored.

The FPPD also continues to address the above listed concerns through a public awareness campaign, our 3rd drug surrender program in partnership with the DEA and increased visibility and presence of Police Officers at locales where this behavior typically occurs, e.g. Centennial Gardens, Memorial Park, etc. Several arrests of drug dealers have taken place during the last year but, while diminishing the supply somewhat, the demand continues.

### **Operation S.A.V.E.D. – Setting Adolescent Values through Education and Deterrence:**

The SAVED program has commenced. This initiative focuses on juvenile delinquent behavior with an emphasis on diversion, education, and effective tracking and trending of juvenile offender behavior.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT (Cont'd.)**

The FPPD working in conjunction with the Nassau County DA's Office Youth Court and Probation Department, as well as selected students of Floral Park Memorial, who act as Judge, Defense, Prosecution and Jury, will preside over diverted cases which involve minor offenses typically committed by our young adolescents. Sentences are handed down by their peers usually involving some type of Community Service. Since our Village has over 4,000 residents under the age of 21 (25.5%), I felt that this was an important effort for the FPPD to engage in. The program has heard its first case and all participants felt it was a success.

### **Records Management System**

The Floral Park Police Department (FPPD), completed the upgrade to the existing Record Management System software "IMPACT", so that Officers can stay on patrol while preparing the necessary paperwork for most incidents, thereby increasing the efficiency and visibility of our Officers.

### **Communications**

The existing mast pole that supports our communications systems was in dire need of upgrading but expected costs made the process, while necessary, daunting. The FPPD was able to acquire a "slightly used" antenna to replace the existing pole at no cost to the Village. The project will commence in the Spring.

### **Procedural Manual**

The Floral Park Police Department continues the long and tedious process of compiling a procedural manual. This patrol manual will assemble systematic protocols designed to quantify best practices of the FPPD, and will act as a guide or reference for the operations of the Department.

Areas of the guide continue to be developed by the members of this Department utilizing other Agency's Department Manuals and "Best Practices" for guidance.

### **Training**

A course of instruction on effective control and take down techniques has been developed by one of our officers and has commenced at a local Village Martial Arts Dojo. All patrol officers will have the opportunity to learn tactics and techniques that will

both protect themselves as well as the person who resists or acts out against said officer.

Two patrol officers received a two week course of instruction from the NYPD on "Truck Safety". This course provided the officers with the knowledge to effectively stop oversized vehicles that traverse through our Village. This information has been shared amongst their respective squads and "truck safety" has now become a priority for our Department.

Many of our officers continue to receive training in gangs, guns, narcotics, tactics and effective "tools of the trade" from the FBI, HIDTA, NCPD and NYPD.

Training will continue to be a paramount mission for all members of the FPPD so that they are properly equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities that will better protect our Village.



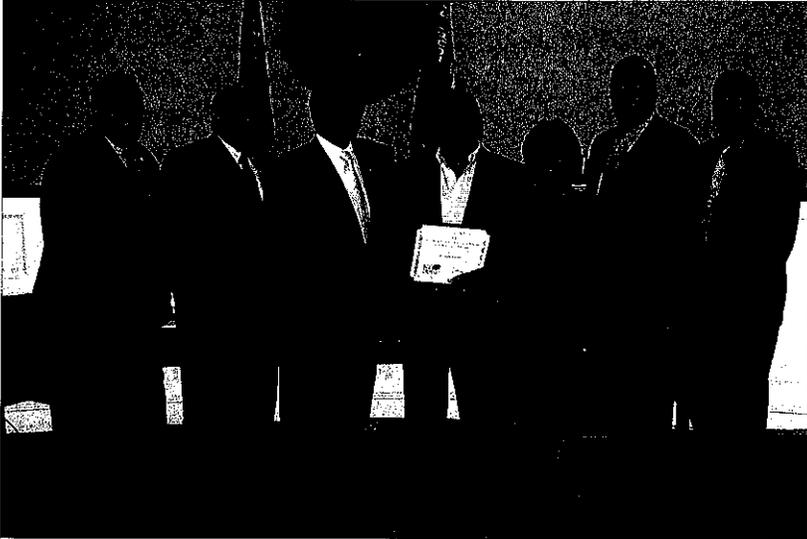
## **COVERT AVENUE & FLORAL PARK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

With holiday shopping already begun, we urge all of our friends and neighbors to shop locally. Floral Park has some really great shops and local businesses.

Our business districts are located on Covert Avenue, Tulip Avenue and Jericho Turnpike. As you look for that "perfect gift" for that "special someone", think about shopping for it right here at home. Please visit the Covert Avenue and Floral Park Chamber of Commerce websites at [www.covertavechamber.com](http://www.covertavechamber.com) and [www.floralparkchamber.org](http://www.floralparkchamber.org) for a list of local businesses or information on how to purchase a chamber gift certificate good at any member business.

## LONG-TIME VILLAGE EMPLOYEES HONORED

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tweedy and the Board of Trustees presented NYCOM Public Service Awards to six employees who have reached mile-stones in their careers with the Village. Also honored, but unable to attend the meeting were Lt. Michael Reid, 35 years, Jim Karpowicz, 35 years; and Office Frank DeMasi 30 years.



Michael Naylor was honored for 25 years of service with the Department of Public Works. He is currently Highway Supervisor.

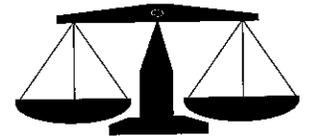
William Zask was honored for 25 years of service and is currently in the Sanitation Department.



Joseph Oswald was honored for 30 years of service with the Police Department. He is currently a Sergeant with the FPPD.

# VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT

*Honorable Douglas J. Hayden, Village Justice*



The Village Court continues to be active hearing cases every Monday night. The average monthly amount of cases involving Vehicle and Traffic Law Violations, Village Zoning Violations and violations of Village ordinances is approximately 1,500.

## Auto Accidents

Some sobering thoughts and data have been recently released. Did you know that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention said in 2011 that the cost of medical care and productivity for losses associated with motor vehicle crash injuries was over \$99 billion, or nearly \$500, for each licensed driver in the United States? In addition, every 10 seconds an American is treated in an emergency department for crash related injuries.

The leading causes for the above and the documented loss of life last year of 32,788 people in motor vehicle accidents are based on offenses that are often before our Court: speeding, running of red lights, distracted driving due to cell phone and texting while driving and stop sign violations.

## Texting and Cell Phone Use

In 2010, studies confirmed that 5,474 people were killed and 448,000 people were injured due to these two violations. Law enforcement now looks to see if texting and/or cell phone use was at issue when they come upon an accident scene. As we read about these horrific accidents, and read more about vehicles suddenly crashing into the back of other vehicles, the assumption of texting and driving will now be the leading theory of causation.

## Protecting our young drivers

What is further problematic is that motor vehicle crashes continue to be the leading cause of death for teenagers and those up to the age of 34. Awareness and continuing education of the importance of safe driving habits simply saves lives. The Court, on numerous occasions, has requested that defensive driving classes be taken by the defendant along with community service before a plea will be accepted. The hope and belief is that further education will enforce the seriousness of the offense and serve as a deterrence of future repeat offender status.

## Village Court Night

Acting Village Justice Perry Criscitelli, Village Prosecutor Archie Cheng and Assistant Village Prosecutors Arthur Walsh and Keith Conway, along with myself, attended the Nassau County Village Court continuing legal education seminar that focuses on legal issues that are common as well as uncommon but have been dealt with in Village Courts. This continuing legal education and other seminars are conducted throughout the year and serve as proactive educational/legal issue updates on areas of the law that are prominent in Village Courts.

On behalf of the Court and in recognition of our outstanding staff, Village Court Clerk Donnie Phillips, Laura, Sharon and Karyne, our Court is well served by their dedication and support.

With the above said, please stay safe on the roadways and enjoy a Happy Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas.

### ASSESSMENT DEADLINE

Residents are reminded that December 31, 2011 is the filing deadline for all village property tax exemptions including the senior citizen exemption. If you need assistance, please call the Assessment Department at 516-326-6306.

# LIBRARY

Tracey Simon, Library Director



## Library Making Progress on Long-Range Plans

Last fall, the Library sat down with a committee of more than 20 community members, library staff, and members of Village government, past and present, to discuss where they'd like to see the Library five years down the line. Over the following months, recommendations were discussed and prioritized, and the resulting long-range plan was accepted earlier this year. Not one to let grass grow under our feet, the Library has already begun to fulfill those directives, nearly all of which we are making happen without using taxpayer money.

One of the first priorities was to make the library a safer, more welcoming, and accessible space. To date, we have installed two additional Internet terminals to reduce waiting time, and we are about to do some rearranging of the Adult Reading Room/Reference Area to improve traffic flow, create more comfortable areas for reading and working, and enhance security. We have purchased a new Reference desk and Children's Services desk through the generosity of the Friends of the Library. The new desks, which we anticipate will be delivered early next year, will be positioned so that they have a better view of their respective rooms, and in the case of the Reference desk, of the Circulation area. In addition, the internet computers will be moved into the Adult Reading Room so that the reference librarians can better monitor their usage. The Friends of the Library have also purchased 20 folding chairs so that more people can take advantage of our programs, which are growing in popularity.

Among our future plans is a dedicated Teen Space. Since we can't do everything at once, we have spruced up our existing teen area on the mezzanine with artwork created by our teens. We invite you to check out the bold graphics and Keith Haring-inspired montages.

Another goal is to improve communication between the Library and the community. So far, we have improved our website. You'll have easier

access to our research resources, information about the library and upcoming programs, and more. You can also sign up to have our bi-monthly newsletter and other news sent directly to your email box. Check it out at [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org), and please let us know what you think. We've also put up bulletin boards to accommodate information about upcoming library programs and community news.

In other library news, if you don't know by now, Kindle owners can now take advantage of free downloadable e-books from the Library, just as those with Nooks, iPads, Sony E-Readers, and others have been doing for over a year. Go to our website, click on "E-Books and Media," and you'll be taken to the Nassau Digital Doorway. Click on "MyHelp" and learn how to get started.

We want the Library to be a place where you want to spend your time and be the community resource you deserve. May everyone have a happy and prosperous 2012!

### **DID YOU KNOW??????**

Courtesy of the Citizens With Disabilities Committee

This time of year begins the joy and excitement of that time honored tradition, Holiday Shopping. As you run from store to store, remember that it's "OK" to stop and hold the door open to help an individual in a wheelchair or simply move slower than the rest of the crowd.

Those open handicap parking spaces in the parking lot require permits to use them. They are NOT for "just running in for two minutes to pick up something" or "I'll just be a second."

Please be considerate of those individuals who may require a little assistance getting around. It is important that we remember everyone and his or her special needs this time of year. That extra ounce of kindness definitely goes a long way.



Please call 326-6300 for a large print version of Village Items.

# FLORAL PARK RECREATION SESSION II WINTER 2012

The *NEW* 2012/2013 VFP leisure pass or 2011 resident pool pass is required for registration. An application is included in this edition of *Village Items*. Adult and youth program fees are \$40.00 for ten weeks (unless otherwise stated). All senior program fees are \$15.00. Applications are available at the Recreation/Pool Building or the Park Shelter House. Call 326-6336 for additional information.

*Classes are subject to cancellation.  
Program fees are non refundable.*

## REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES:

Tuesday January 17 & Wednesday January 18, 2012  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
In the Recreation/Pool Building - 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor

## Youth Programs

**TINY TOTS GYMNASTICS** Fee \$40.00  
Instructor: Wendy Bilka First Class Feb. 4

**Saturday** 12:30 PM – 1:20 PM Ages: 3 and 4

**Saturday** 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM Ages: 5, 6, and 7

Introduction to the art of gymnastics. Including stretching, low impact tumbling and beginner gymnastic techniques.

**YOGA FOR KIDS** Fee \$40.00

Instructor: Wendy Bilka First Class Feb. 4  
**Saturday** 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Ages: 4-9

Basic to intermediate levels of Hatha style yoga helps increase strength, flexibility, circulation, and well-being.

**GARDENING** Fee \$40.00  
Instructor: Marie Martone First Class Feb. 4

**Saturday** 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Ages 3-10

Explore the magic of gardening. Children will enjoy nature walks, plant vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

## Adult & Senior Programs

**AEROBICS** (\*17 Week program) First Class Jan. 23  
Instructor: Wendy Bilka

**Days: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday** Fee \$80.00  
8:30AM – 9:30AM OR 9:45AM – 10:45AM

\*Baby sitting for day classes only - space is limited\*

**Nights: Monday & Wednesday** Fee \$55.00  
6:45PM – 7:45PM OR 8:00PM – 9:00 PM

A 60 minute step aerobic and floor program for those who wish to maintain good physical condition and instill the discipline of exercise.

**ADULT YOGA** Fee \$40.00

Instructor: Wendy Bilka

**Tuesday** 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM First Class Feb. 7

**Friday** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Class Feb.10

Instructor: Danielle Seuling

**Saturday** 10:15AM - 11:15AM First Class Feb. 4

Focus on balance, flexibility, strength as well as body relaxation. Emphasis on strengthening / toning muscles.

**ZUMBA GOLD** Fee \$40.00

Instructor: Jenna Naab

**Tuesday** 6:30PM-7:30PM (Medium) First Class Feb. 7

Instructor: Danielle Seuling

**Saturday** 9:00AM-10:00AM(Starter) First Class Feb. 4

A dance workout that includes basic rhythms like Salsa, Meringue, Belly Dancing, Flamenco, Tango, and Samba.

**KNITTING CLASS** Sr. Fee \$15.00 / Adult Fee \$40.00

Instructor: Martha Ambrust First Class Feb. 7

**Tuesday** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Expert needle worker teaches beginner and intermediate levels of the art of knitting and stitching.

**LINE DANCING** Sr. Fee \$15.00 / Adult Fee \$40.00

Instructor: Lynne Martino First Class Feb. 8

**Wednesday** 11:00 AM– 12:00 PM

Designed to introduce a variety of line dance steps. Registration will be the first day of class, 30 minutes prior to scheduled times.

**SILVER SNEAKERS EXERCISE** Fee \$15.00

Instructor: Josephine Alongi First Class Feb. 7

**Tuesday & Thursday** 9:30AM – 10:30AM

A 12 week program of exercises without leaving your seats. A benefit for beginners as well as those experienced in exercise. Those interested in increasing flexibility and muscle tone will enjoy this class with the instructor's guidance.

**SILVER SNEAKERS/GENTLE MOVEMENT**

Fee \$15.00

Instructor: Josephine Alongi First Class Feb. 7

**Tuesday & Thursday** 10:30AM – 11:30AM

OR

**Tuesday & Thursday** 11:30AM – 12:30AM

A 12 week program of low impact and toning exercises designed specifically for older adults. This class is for the fit senior who has the ability to exercise with your instructor's guidance. This combined with step by step instructions on the fundamentals of body alignment through basic poses. Simple techniques will improve your range of motion, balance, and joint mobility.

# RECREATION CENTER

*Kurt Meyfohrt, Superintendent of Recreation*

With registration for the Session II, winter-spring programs nearing, all residents are reminded that the **NEW** 2012-2013 Floral Park Leisure Pass is required for enrollment in these classes. Session II programs are scheduled to begin at the end of January. Interested residents may find program descriptions, times, fees, start dates, and registration information in this copy of the *Village Items*.

Forms for the **NEW** 2012-2013 Leisure Pass and Session II programs may be found in the lobby of the Recreation/Pool Building and in the Park Shelter House. Forms for the **NEW** 2012-2013 Leisure Pass may also be found on the Village Website as well as this edition of the *Village Items*.

As the seasons change, so does the flow of activities at the Floral Park Recreation Center. After seeing the park in full operational mode during the busy months of June, July and August, the park changes gears and is used by many organizations. The Recreation Center welcomes the F.P. Indian's Soccer, the F.P. Titan's Football, F.P. Little League Fall Ball and Girls Softball program, the F. P. Youth Council Touch Football, and the FPSA Screaming Eagles Hockey. Weekday nights, and weekends are filled with events that have thousands of residents journeying to this popular village site.

Once again, the Recreation Center, with assistance from its wonderful staff, played host to the Annual Liz's Day in October.

Fall tennis lessons were well attended on weekdays and on Saturday mornings. Many pleasant days in the Fall found Tiny Town a busy spot for the youngest set seven days a week. Wendy Bilka did a marvelous job of coordinating two weekends of tennis play as part of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Jim Krug Tennis Classic (inaugurated in 1979). With registrants competing in 16 divisions, players of all skill levels enjoyed the opportunity to display their tennis skills to colleagues and family members who attended many of the championship rounds. The Floral Park "family of tennis players" celebrated their end of the season at the Annual Awards Ceremony held at the Floral Park Recreation/Pool Building. After a few opening remarks by MC John Michon, Mayor Tom Tweedy congratulated the dozens of tournament winners and runner ups and thanked Superintendent Kurt Meyfohrt and staff for their efforts on behalf of participants of all ages and skill levels.

There were several highlights during the actual awards ceremony. The winners of the three one day tournaments received a can of tennis balls, winners and runners up of the Jim Krug Tennis Classic received a tee-shirt

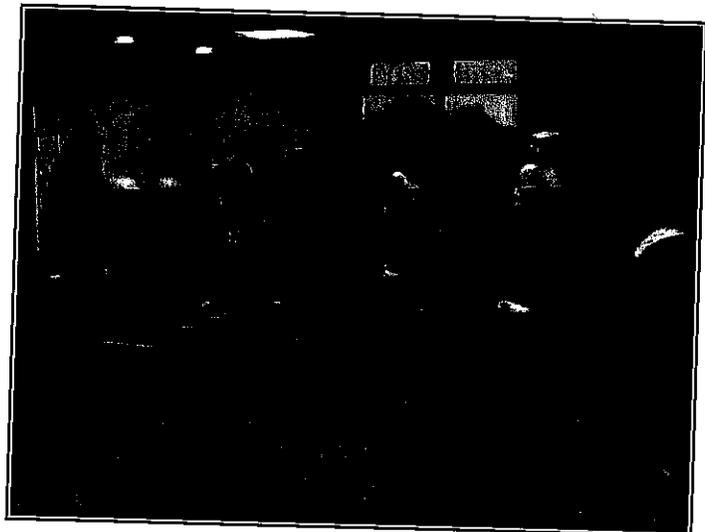
designed by Superintendent Meyfohrt. Participants in all of this season's tennis tournaments received a 2011 tennis visor. Trustees Dominick Longobardi and Kevin Fitzgerald were on hand to honor winners of the many divisions. Results of the tournaments can be found on the village web site at: [www.fpvillage.org](http://www.fpvillage.org) under Recreation/Pool.

As the playground enters into the winter season, several changes will go into effect. All fields will be closed for several months, starting December 5, 2011, to allow for seeding and seasonal maintenance. Tiny Town, the basketball courts, the multi-purpose tennis court, handball wall, and the multi-purpose rink will be open for play on days when conditions permit. The winter park hours are 8:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m..

## CHILDRENS GARDENING



## AEROBICS CLASS



**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK  
RECREATION LEISURE PASS  
2012-2013 LEISURE PASS APPLICATION  
(FOR NON-POOL MEMBERS—LIST NAMES OF APPLICANTS ONLY)**



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names	Date of Birth	Age	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**MEMBER ELIGIBILITY**

All applicants must be a current resident of the Inc. Village of Floral Park. Immediate members of the family include father, mother, school age children, and working sons/daughters 23 years of age or younger.

**GUESTS**

The village reserves the right to limit guests and privileges.  
Guests must accompany a member who presents a leisure pass upon request at all times.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:**

- 1) One picture ID per adult (18 years and over) with applicant's name
- 2) One current utility bill (within the last month) at current address
- 3) A birth certificate or baptismal certificate per child
- 4) One photo per pass (1" x 1") driver's license size (place names on back of photo)

I hereby apply for a leisure pass for the Inc. Village of Floral Park Recreation Center. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations thereof and accept all conditions as stated wherein. Any falsification in the application information can result in the cancellation of the leisure pass and loss of privileges. Passes not valid if holder moves outside of the Inc. Village of Floral Park.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

*Recreation Center Use Only Below This Line*

Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Leisure Pass #: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 VILLAGE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Applications for 2012 summer employment are available at Village Hall, the Recreation/Pool Building or at [www.fpvillage.org](http://www.fpvillage.org).

Completed applications **will not** be accepted until Tuesday, January 3, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

All applications must be brought into Village Hall and left with the receptionist where they will be time-stamped.

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and **will not** be accepted through the mail slot.

The hiring criteria for 2012 summer employees is as follows:

- ◆ Returnees from this past summer will be given first consideration. Applications will be mailed to their homes shortly.
- ◆ Applications from residents will be considered first.
- ◆ The minimum age requirement for lifeguards is 16 years of age by January 1, 2012. Up-to-date lifeguard certification and current CPR and first-aid certifications **MUST** be presented with the application.
- ◆ The minimum age requirement for all other summer positions is 17 years of age by January 1, 2012.
- ◆ Applicants under 18 years of age **MUST** submit working papers.
- ◆ All applications must be accompanied by proof of a physical exam performed no earlier than June, 2011.
- ◆ **Applicants should be aware that there will be no time off permitted for summer vacations.**

Contact Susan Walsh at Village Hall if you have any questions at 326-6304.



## 4VS NEWS



### **FP CENTENNIAL DVD HOLIDAY SALE**

The Floral Park Centennial DVD Collection is on sale for **only \$25.00** through December 31<sup>st</sup> at Village Hall. The box set contains 4-CD's with over 7-hours of programs plus an 8-page booklet. Included are the Centennial Fireworks Display, the Centennial Parade, the Floral Park History Walk, a tour of Centennial Gardens, over 100 Historical Floral Park Photographs and much more.

This keepsake, limited edition collection, makes a great holiday gift for both current and former residents. Get your copy while supplies last.

4VS is also offering free home delivery through December 31<sup>st</sup> for senior citizens and homebound residents living in the four-village area. Call the studio at 326-1150 to arrange a delivery purchase.

### **Students Wanted!!!**

Four Village Studio is accepting applications from high school and college students interested in joining the staff. Volunteer membership is open to any four-village area resident, age 15 and older, with no prior experience required. 4VS provides an excellent opportunity to gain invaluable career building skills. Those interested are invited to call 326-1150 to schedule an informational interview or to obtain further details.

**Website: [4VS.org](http://4VS.org) ~ Email: [4VS@4VS.org](mailto:4VS@4VS.org)**

**APPLICATION FOR *NEW* EMPLOYMENT  
SUMMER 2012 (SEASONAL ONLY)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been hospitalized during the past year? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(If yes, provide date and reason for hospitalization.) \_\_\_\_\_

***IMPORTANT***

- ◆ The minimum age requirement for summer positions is **17 years of age by 1/1/12**. ALL applicants UNDER 18 years of age **MUST** submit working papers with their applications.
- ◆ All applications must be submitted with proof of a physical exam performed no earlier than June, 2011.
- ◆ All applicants are subject to Nassau County Civil Service approval.
- ◆ Completed applications will not be accepted until January 3, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. All applications must be brought into Village Hall and left with the receptionist where they will time-stamped.
- ◆ Applications dropped through the mail slot will not be accepted. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first served basis.
- ◆ Working papers, if applicable, and proof of physical must be submitted with application and will not be accepted without same.
- ◆ ***All applicants should be aware that there will be no time off permitted for summer vacation.***

I have reviewed and agree to the above-mentioned requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Contact Susan Walsh at 326-6304 if you have any questions.

**NEW EMPLOYMENT FOR LIFEGUARD ONLY  
SUMMER 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been hospitalized during the past year? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(If yes, provide date and reason for hospitalization.) \_\_\_\_\_

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- ◆ Lifeguard applicants must be 16 years of age by January 1, 2012 and present proof of up-to-date Nassau County Board of Health lifeguard certification and current CPR and first-aid certification. (If you are renewing your certification or are in the process of obtaining certification for the first time, you must indicate that fact under "Special Training" above and advise us of the date that certification will be received.)
  - ◆ All applicants are subject to Nassau County Civil Service approval.
  - ◆ All applicants UNDER 18 years of age **MUST** submit working papers with this application.
  - ◆ All applicants must provide proof of a physical exam performed no earlier than June, 2011 with this application.
  - ◆ **All applicants should be aware that there will be no time off permitted for summer vacation.**
  - ◆ Completed applications will not be accepted until January 3, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Applications must be brought into Village Hall and left with the receptionist where they will be time-stamped. Applications dropped through the mail slot will not be accepted. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis.
  - ◆ **All applications that are received without the necessary documents will be returned.**

I have reviewed and agree to the above-mentioned requirements.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Susan Walsh at 326-6304 if you have any questions.

## **WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESSES**



### **HOME SWEETER HOME**

**344 Jericho Turnpike**

Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Mary-Grace Tomecki, Deputy Mayor Jim Rhatigan and Trustee Dominick Longobardi joined Mayor Tom Tweedy in presenting a Welcome Certificate to Donna Dertinger of Home Sweeter Home Design Center. Interior Designer Donna Dertinger and partner Vinnie Ambrosh recently welcomed family and friends to the Grand Opening of their beautiful new location in Floral Park.

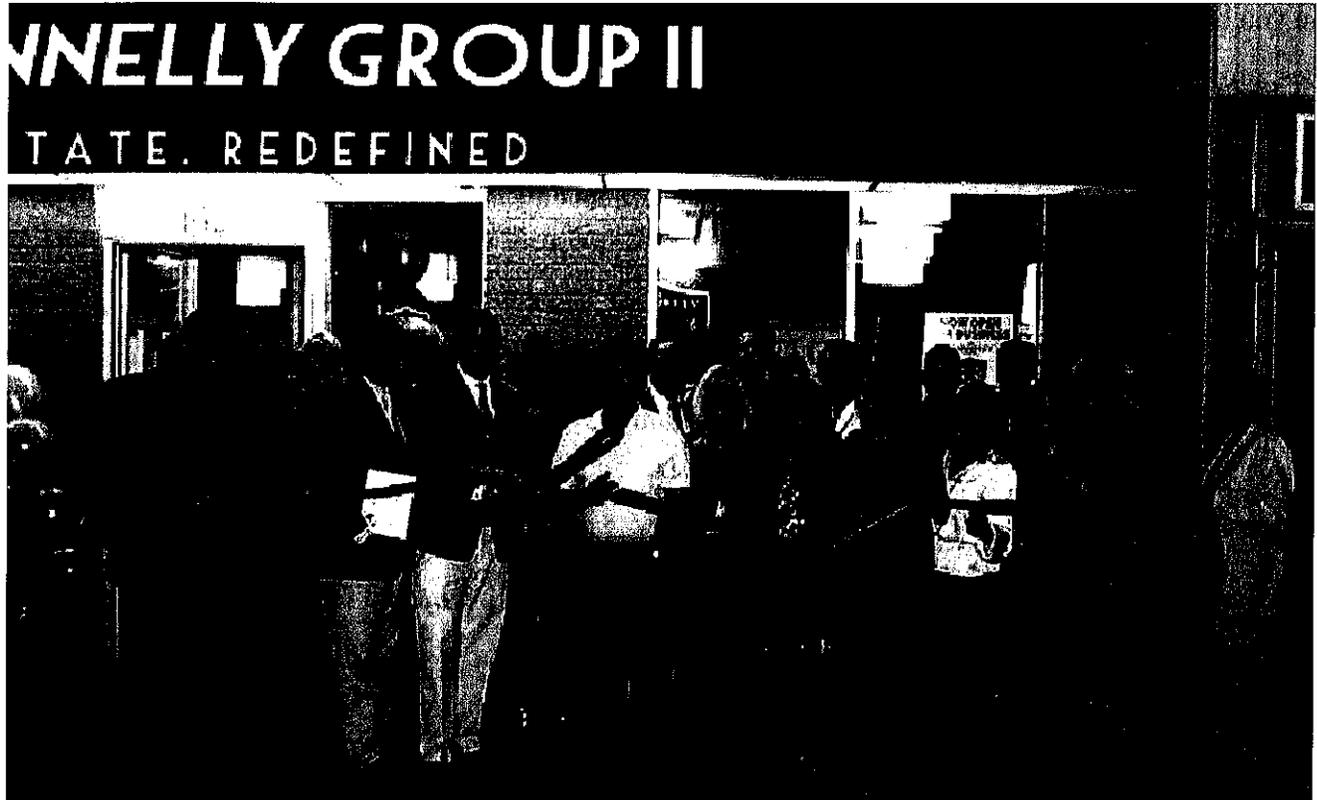


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### **THE DONNELLY GROUP II**

**142 Plainfield Avenue**

On September 16, Mayor Tweedy, Trustees Dominick Longobardi and Mary-Grace Tomecki, and Floral Park Chamber of Commerce President Sal Bonagura presented a Welcome Certificate to new business owner Ryan Donnelly and his staff of The Donnelly Group II located at 142 Plainfield Avenue.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

*1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Vincent Modica*

The Floral Park Fire Department, in an effort to maintain the vital emergency services residents have become accustomed to, are currently recruiting new members. Openings are available for both EMT and/or fire fighting positions. Please consider joining and giving back to the community.

In October, the Department participated in Fire Prevention Month. Visits to schools, street fairs and the JLCS Harvest Fair were conducted. Residents and their children experienced our smoke house trailer, learning how to react to a house fire.

The number of Fire and Rescue alarms continues to increase from year to year. With the beginning of the home heating season, we wish to remind all residents the importance of proper chimney maintenance and the use of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide is a real threat in today's homes because houses are sealed and insulated much better than in the past. The better insulation will keep carbon monoxide inside your home and not allow your home to ventilate as it did 20-30 years ago. Please ensure your batteries are new and that you test your detectors as recommended in the manufacturer's directions.

To ensure your holiday safety, we ask that you please consider the following excerpt from the US Fire Administration — "What is a holiday party or even the traditional Christmas morning scene itself without a beautifully decorated tree?" If your household, as those of more than 33 million other American homes, includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion to keep the tree watered. That's good advice and not just to create a fragrant indoor winter wonderland atmosphere. Christmas trees account for 200 fires annually, resulting deaths and injuries and more than \$6 million in property damage. Typically shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well watered trees are not a problem; dry and neglected trees can be.

Are you aware that a live Christmas tree can be fully engulfed in flames in less than ten seconds? Have you recently practiced a real fire drill and escape plan with your family? Please ensure that you have a designated meeting place outside your home—perhaps your neighbor's front steps would be a good suggestion.

The Chief's staff, officers and your 100% volunteer fire department wish to extend to our residents and their families a very healthy and happy holiday season!



## ***EAST COAST POWER AND GAS PROGRAM***

The Village of Floral Park and the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) of which Floral Park is a member, is proud to announce the offer of an 8% discount on the cost of natural gas to residents and businesses within the Village.

Village residents and businesspersons can take advantage of an agreement between the NCVOA and East Coast Power and Gas, an independent retail energy supplier. The program is simple: by enrolling with East Coast Power and Gas, the way natural gas is delivered to your home remains the same, only the cost changes. National Grid will continue to send your bill and provide delivery and emergency response service. As an East Coast Power and Gas customer, residents natural gas rate each month is guaranteed to be 8% lower and businesses are guaranteed to save 8.625% on the sales tax as well as receiving the 8% discount.

There is no long-term commitment and you can opt out of the program at any time. If you are interested in enrolling, please call East Coast Power and Gas directly at 516-442-0155.

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**Important Village of Floral Park  
Phone Numbers**

**Police & Fire Emergency.....911**  
Police & Fire Non-Emergency.....326-6400  
Administration.....326-6300  
Assessment.....326-6300  
Building Department.....326-6319  
Court Office.....326-6325  
Fire Department Business Office.....326-6327  
Library.....326-6330  
Mayor's Voice Mail (after 4:30 p.m.).....326-6300  
Public Works Department.....326-6320  
Recreation Shelter House.....326-6334  
Recreation/Pool Bldg.....326-6336

[www.fpvillage.org](http://www.fpvillage.org)

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Dominick A. Longobardi      Kevin M. Fitzgerald

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Douglas J. Hayden

**Village Administrator**

Patrick E. Farrell

**Village Clerk**

Susan E. Walsh



**RECREATION CENTER ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**

*Friday, December 16, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Rink—Holiday  
Sing-a-long, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Free Skating and a Visit from Santa!*