

**\*\*Enclosed with this edition of *Village Items* is your 2014 recycling calendar.\*\***

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## *Floral Park Village Items*



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### *Message from the Mayor*

*Dear Resident,*

It appears that the cleverly worded ballot referendum on November 5th allowing for the expansion of commercial gambling in the State of New York has been approved. The proposed referendum on the ballot stated that it was for the “legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated.” As we had said, no one we know in Floral Park or our sister communities could be against “promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated.” Apparently the majority of New York voters believed the same thing. It is too bad the results have been tainted by the tactics which were used in order to obtain the desired result.

Here in Nassau County, of the over 276,000 ballots cast, almost 244,000 voters turned over to the back of the ballot and voted on the commercial casino gambling referendum issue. According to the Nassau County Board of Elections, 163,245 voted in favor of authorizing commercial casino gambling, while 80,528 voted against it, an over two to one margin. The statewide election night results reported by the State of New York Board of Elections were 1,496,781 yes and 1,123,939 no, for roughly a 57 percent to 43 percent outcome. Therefore, our Nassau County neighbors’ almost 67 percent yes vote was even higher than the overall state results. The high priced lobbyists and well financed public relations experts used to promote expanded commercial casino gambling no doubt think they have finally hit the jackpot in New York. The push to expand gambling, according to *The New York Times* “was a textbook case of how well-financed interests can push Albany to embrace an industry, hiring an army of lobbyists and wooing (the governor) and lawmakers with millions of dollars in campaign contributions.” [*Expansion of Gambling in New York is Approved Nov. 5, 2013, The New York Times, by Thomas Kaplan*].

Despite the rigged game and the stacked deck that the casino interests were dealing to the general public, the voters of Floral Park made their voices heard loud and clear on the possibility of expanded commercial casino gambling at Belmont Park. **Voters in the Village of Floral Park rejected the casino gambling referendum by an impressive margin.** To the extent that any local community that voted to support casino gambling may ultimately be signing off on its own death warrant, Floral Park remains alive and well and as strongly united as ever before. I am proud to serve as the elected leader of a community that sent a message to our neighboring communities, our fellow Nassau County voters and especially to Albany, that **Floral Park voters do not want or need commercial casino gambling at Belmont Park.**

While the sites for the up to seven potential casinos have not yet been selected, the State Legislature has directed that four of them be placed upstate in an attempt to revive upstate tourism, especially in and around the Catskill Region. As for the other three potential sites, the legislation that provided for casino gambling specifies that casinos cannot be sited in Nassau or Suffolk for at least seven years. However, given that our Statement of Principles prepared by Floral Park’s Task Force for the Preservation and Redevelopment of Belmont Park were formally presented with our testimony before State legislators in 2007, seven years can pass very quickly. No matter what happens between 2014 and 2021, when the three other commercial gambling casinos can become fully operational, be assured that the Village of Floral Park will continue to have our voices heard loud and clear concerning what does or does not take place at Belmont Park. We have been good neighbors with Belmont Park for over one hundred years and we intend to remain good, but watchful, neighbors for many decades to come.

On behalf of the entire Village Board, may I extend to you and yours our warmest wishes for a holiday season filled with joy and good cheer and may health, wealth and happiness be your in 2014.

*Thomas J. Tweedy, Mayor*

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

*Stephen Siwinski, Superintendent*

### **Refuse and Rubbish Collection**

The e-waste pick-up is the first Wednesday of every month, except during a holiday week. Residents have the option of calling DPW for curb-side pick-up or dropping off their e-waste at the Village garage on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the designated drop off area by the e-waste container. 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. Please take notice that on holiday weeks (i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, etc.) the Department of Public Works does not pick up bulk items on Wednesdays.

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



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

#### **Snow Emergency Routes**

In a recent enactment by the Board of Trustees there are now designated snow emergency routes. Signage will identify these streets. In the event of a declared emergency all cars must be removed from these designated streets so that these streets can be kept clear for emergency vehicles. The streets are Tulip Ave., Floral Blvd., Floral Parkway, Plainfield Ave., Emerson Ave., Lowell Ave., Covert Ave., Iris Ave. (between Tulip and Carnation), King St. (between Plainfield and Flower) Landau Ave. (between Tulip and the Elmont border), Carnation Ave. (between

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Tulip and Raff), Florence St., Adelaide St., Aspen St. (between Floral Parkway and East Poplar), Bellmore St., (between Floral Parkway and Carnation), Terrace Ave., and Jericho Turnpike.

During a snowstorm, 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 roads. Failure to remove your car from the street may result in it being towed.

The Village Code provides that: "*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.*"

Snow plowing usually begins when three inches of snow has fallen on the pavement.

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:

- Designated snow emergency routes
- Major arteries and roads
- Secondary streets
- Dead end streets and parking

#### **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

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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 de-icers to act more quickly, so streets with heavier traffic will show the results sooner than less traveled residential streets. Resident cooperation is essential to the success of snow removal operations. 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.
- ◆ It is often unavoidable for the Department of Public Works to plow 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.

## 4VS NEWS

*James Green, Operations Manager*



### 15-Years On-The-Air!!!

The Staff and Management of Four Village Studio would like to thank all of our loyal viewers for supporting us through these past 15 years. We wish you a healthy and prosperous new year. Enjoy the wonderful holiday season!!!

### Floral Park's Winter Weather!

Follow the winter weather by linking up to our Floral Park Village Hall rooftop weather station. Just enter <http://RainWise.net/weather/4VS> into your device to see the current readings in Floral Park.

### Floral Park Centennial DVD

Less than 20 copies of the Commemorative DVD remain in stock and are available in the lobby at Village Hall.

The reduced sale price of **only \$20.00** will be in effect until the supply is exhausted or by year's end...whichever comes first.

No additional copies will be produced or be sold in the lobby after January 1, 2014. The box-set contains over 7-hours of programs from the 2008 celebration. 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 more!

### Visit: [www.4VS.org](http://www.4VS.org)

4VS shows air every Monday and Thursday evening. Visit our website for the extended program schedule. A redesigned website will debut early 2014.



## VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT

*Honorable Douglas J. Hayden, Village Justice*



The Village Court continues to be active. The Court sessions are conducted every Monday evening at 7:30 PM in the Village Court Room and primarily handle cases involving the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law as well as Zoning Code and Village Ordinance Violations. On average, the Court hears 1700 cases per month.

### **Teen Driving**

Governor Cuomo recently released statistics as part of the National Teen Driver Awareness Week. For example, as of January 2013, there are 331,000 drivers between the ages of 16 to 19 in New York. Statistics continue to show that motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of 16-24 year olds, and the majority of crashes occur during the first six months of licensed driving. According to the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, 75 % of serious accidents involving teens were caused by a critical teen driving error. The three most common errors are driving too fast for road conditions, being distracted and failing to detect a hazard.

As to distracted driving, the Governor of NY issued a crackdown on distracted driving beginning July 4th. Since July 4th and through the Labor Day weekend nearly 28,000 tickets have been issued to distracted drivers. This represents a 365 % increase from the summer of 2012. In addition, the Governor also recently put in place 91 special "texting zones" to give motorists a pull-off area to park and use their mobile devices. Signage is available along the NYS Thruway and State Highways to remind drivers where these Zones are located.

The number of people injured due to distraction-affected crashes has dropped from previous years. Yet, the total number of accidents due to distracted driving is still greater than 300,000 accidents per year. Interestingly, in a study released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that teen girls are twice as likely as teen boys to use cell phones and other electronic devices while driving.

What can be done by parents to help these teen driving issues? The state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) also helps parents monitor their teens driving through the Teen Electronic Event Notification service (TEENS). TEENS is a voluntary free service that notifies the parent or guardian of a minor, under the age of 18, if the minor receives a ticket or in the

event that a conviction, suspension, revocation or accident appears on the minor's driver license record. Parents can sign up for this service on the DMV website ([www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov)).

Studies have shown that parents who actively monitor their teens driving behaviors (limiting peers in the vehicle, enforcing no cell phone or electronic devices as well as radio volume) significantly reduce accidents. More than half are less likely to crash, 71 % are less likely to drive while intoxicated and 30% are less likely to use a cell phone when driving. Hence, parents do make a difference when monitoring their teens driving.

### **Rules on Reporting an Accident:**

Recently I received a phone call asking me for advice in reporting an accident where damage to the vehicles occurred but no injuries. Do I/should I call the police? This is often the common question. If you are in an accident, you are required by the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law to stop and exchange information with the involved drivers. If the accident caused property damage only, then exchange information about your driver's license, insurance, and registration with the involved drivers. If a parked vehicle or other property is damaged you must locate the owner or contact the police. If the property damage of any person is greater than \$1,000 dollars, all the involved are required by the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law to file form MV-104 (report of Motor Vehicle Accident). File this form with the DMV no more than 10 days after the accident.

If a person is injured you are required by the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law to immediately notify the police. All the involved drivers and the police must file an accident report with the DMV. It is a crime to leave the scene of an accident that causes personal injury. The accident will appear on the records of all the involved drivers. An accident listed on your record DOES NOT indicate that you were at fault. DMV does not try to determine fault in an accident.

### **Identity Theft and Cyber Security:**

As businesses increasingly depend on electronic data and computer networks to conduct their daily operations, growing pools of personal and financial information are being transferred and stored online. This can leave individuals exposed to privacy violations. Nationally, the Federal Trade Commission database contains over 8 million consumer fraud and identity

complaints that have been filed with federal, state and local law enforcement from 2008-2013.

The increase in online shopping has created new avenues for identity thieves. Still, studies show that 73% of identity theft is caused by burglary and theft of wallet, purse, or other property that reveals personal identification. Tips for avoiding identity theft are:

- 1 - Keep the amount of personal information in your purse or wallet to a bare minimum. Avoid carrying additional credit cards, your social security card or passport unless absolutely necessary.
- 2 - Guard your credit card when making purchases. Shield your hand when using ATM machines. Don't fall prey to "shoulder surfers" who may be nearby.
- 3 - Always take credit card or ATM receipts. Don't throw them into public trash containers or leave them on the counter when shopping.
- 4 - Do not give out personal information unless you have initiated the contact or are sure of whom you are dealing with (Proceed with caution when shopping online. Use only authenticated websites to conduct business on line).
- 5 - Be aware of phishing and pharming schemes. In these scams, criminals use fake emails and websites to impersonate legitimate organizations.
- 6 - Most importantly, monitor your accounts. Don't rely on your credit card company or bank to alert you of suspicious activity. You are entitled by law to one free credit report per year. Make sure the report is

accurate. If you are the unfortunate victim of identity theft, contact your credit card company and the police immediately. Ask also for a copy of the police report because you will need that report when you file an insurance claim.

#### **Floral Park Woman's Club celebrates 115 years!**

Recently along with our Mayor and other Village officials I had the privilege of attending the Floral Park Woman's Club luncheon celebrating 115 years of tremendous success. It was truly an honor to be present and to join with them on such an incredible milestone! Congratulations and I look forward to many more celebrations of this great Club!

#### **Nassau County Village Magistrates Night**

I had the benefit of attending, along with Acting Justice Perry Criscitelli and Village Prosecutor Archie Cheng and Assistant Village Prosecutors Arthur Walsh and Keith Conway, the continuing education seminar and dinner that covered legal issues that concern Villages throughout NYS. The annual seminar/dinner also celebrates the great work done by those attorneys that are prosecutors and defense attorneys that appear before local courts.

On behalf of our Court and Court staff, I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Safe New Year!!



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

*Chief Luciano D'Amore*



With the beginning of the home heating season, we wish to remind all residents of the importance of proper chimney maintenance and the use of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Please ensure your batteries are new and that you test your detectors regularly.

Please keep a natural Christmas tree watered. Christmas trees account for 200 fires annually, resulting in 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 become a hazard.

Live Christmas trees can become 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 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.

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!

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Stephen G. McAllister, Police Commissioner*



It is hard to believe that it has been one year since the catastrophic storm called Sandy swept through our Village causing tremendous damage in its wake. As always the primary mission of the Floral Park Police Department continues to be the safety of its residents and the preservation of its quality of life. Important lessons learned in the FPPD's response to the storm have been implemented and steps have been taken to better prepare our men and women to better respond to Village emergencies. While reviewing the actions of the 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 and quality of life for the residents and business owners within the Village. In order to better manage the FPPD's response to False Alarms, which are both costly to the Village and dangerous to both the civilian population as well as the responding officers, we have partnered with a company called PMAM. Their "False Alarm Monitoring Service" provides an enhanced database of permit holders and conducts all follow up administrative work to ensure the proper maintenance of Burglar Alarms, thereby reducing the response to "False Alarms". This program has recently commenced and PMAM will be reaching out to all businesses or homes that have alarms.

Our partnership with Fundamental Business Service (FBS) to assist us in the processing of parking violations has already commenced. FBS has provided at no upfront costs to the FPPD handheld scanners which will increase efficiency with regards our parking enforcement.

### **WEBSITE/ONLINE ACCIDENT REPORTS**

The Floral Park Police Department has completely redesigned its website which can be seen at [www.floralparkpolice.com](http://www.floralparkpolice.com). At this site you can find information related to public safety including many educational videos for adults and children. We have also made Accident Reports available online. People involved in an accident can now quickly go online at the above web address and retrieve their accident report. Residents can always come into Police Headquarters and receive in person.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Floral Park Police Department is committed to

providing its Officers with the best available communication system in order to better protect the Village and its residents. As such the FPPD has joined with the Nassau County PD and other City and Village Departments in the P25 500 MHZ Radio System Communication Initiative designed and implemented by Motorola. All equipment and installation costs associated with this initiative are fully funded through Grants under Homeland Security. The Floral Park Police Department has completed the conversion over to this new system.

The older system formerly utilized by the FPPD has now been refurbished and will act not only as a backup system to the newly installed system above but will also serve our Village in Emergency Incident Management thereby effectively increasing the communication and coordination between the various emergency responders.

### **PROCEDURAL MANUAL**

The Floral Park Police Department continues its compilation of a procedural manual. This patrol guide is a living document that addresses the ever changing dynamics of a complex world. The FPPD has assembled systematic protocols which are designed to quantify best practices of modern policing, and will act as a guide or reference for the operations of the Department. Areas of the guide continue to be developed utilizing guidelines established by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and other Agency's Department Manuals and "Best Practices" for guidance.

### **TRAINING**

In the aftermath of the devastating school shootings in Connecticut, members of the Floral Park Police Department have received instruction as instructors as how best to address an "active shooter" scenario. Training in this area will commence shortly so that every member of our Village Department will be better prepared to confront the unthinkable.

In conjunction with the above training we will also train our Officers in an enhanced course of instruction on effective firearms training coupled with control and take down techniques. 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. They also 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.

## ALL ALARM SYSTEMS MUST HAVE A PERMIT

All Homeowners and Business Owners within the Village of Floral Park are required by Chapter 7 of Code of Incorporated Village of Floral Park to register their Home and Business Alarm Systems.

For a **Residential alarm**:  
The registration fee is \$50.  
The annual renewal is \$25.

For a **Commercial alarm**:  
The registration fee is \$100.  
The annual renewal is \$50.

Your fee paid to your alarm company may include your registration fee owed to the Village. You should check with your alarm company. Failure to register the alarm system will result in a penalty fee being charged. To avoid a penalty, register your alarm system with the Village of Floral Park by sending the Alarm permit application and the check to:

**Village of Floral Park Alarm Program**  
**P.O Box 141536**  
**Irving, TX 75014**

-or-

Register and pay online at: [www.floralparkpolice.com](http://www.floralparkpolice.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FLORAL PARK WOMAN'S CLUB



On October 16, 2013, Mayor Tweedy and Senator Jack Martins congratulated members of the Floral Park Woman's Club on the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the club!

## LIBRARY

*Tracey Simon, Library Director*



In between all your holiday errands, we invite you to drop by the Library to sit a while, take in a program, or pick up a little "gift" for yourself, such as a book, movie, or some music. (Unlike that itchy reindeer sweater, you can return them without a receipt.) We have something new almost every day.

Speaking of new, we now have a scanner for public use. Located next to our 15-minute internet terminal, you can use it to scan photos, documents, and book pages, and save it to a USB drive for printing out at home (using your personal drive) or at the Library. We're also working to upgrade our website in early 2014. It will be easier to search as well as have a sleeker look.

This is also a giving time of year. We would like to thank **AAA Taxi** for their donation of \$2,000 in seed money to begin digitizing *The Gateway*. We've started with the years 2003 through 2012, and we will make them available for patrons to view at their leisure. Best of all, they will be searchable. We expect to digitize the editions we have on microfilm (back to 1926!) as other funds become available.

Another way to give is by doing. The Library is working with the Floral Park Woman's Club to provide homebound service to Floral Park

cardholders who are unable to get to the library because of illness or disability. For more information regarding eligibility, contact Woman's Club Chairwoman Brigidann Turadek at 516-384-0506, after noon.

Worried that winter weather will keep you from coming to the Library? Let your personal computer or mobile device be your own personal branch. You can download ebooks and audiobooks directly from our website, [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org). Click on "Ebooks and Media" on the left-hand side, then the "Get started" link at the bottom of the page. If you need help downloading to your device, you'll find instructions on the left-hand side of the "Ebooks and Media" page. You can reserve books, too. Our databases are available 24/7, and you can have your questions answered 24/7 by a live librarian by clicking on the "Ask a Librarian" logo on our homepage.

Check out 4 Village Studio TV in mid to late December. I had the pleasure of being interviewed by ellen o'brien for her show, *CAREERfare: Women, Work, Wisdom*. It was a fun way to let the community learn more about the Library.

On behalf of the Library staff, I would like to thank the community of Floral Park for its support throughout the year, and wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a safe and healthy winter.



**RECREATION CENTER ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**  
*Friday, December 20, 2013 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Rink*

*Holiday Sing-a-long, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Free Skating and a Visit from Santa!*

## RECREATION CENTER

Kurt Meyfohrt, Superintendent of Recreation



With registration for the Session II, Winter/Spring programs nearing, all residents are reminded that the *NEW* 2014-2015 Floral Park Leisure Pass is required for enrollment in these classes. Session II programs are scheduled to begin mid to end of January 2014. Interested residents may find program descriptions, times, fees, start dates, and registration information in this copy of the *Village Items*. Forms for the *NEW* 2014-2015 Leisure Pass and Session II programs may be found in the lobby of the Recreation/Pool building and in the Park Shelterhouse. Information for the *NEW* 2014-2015 Leisure Pass may also be found in this issue of *Village Items* and on the Village website, [www.fpvillage.org](http://www.fpvillage.org).

As the seasons change, so does the flow of the many activities at the Floral Park Recreation Center. With fall baseball, football games, and soccer practices over, the park shifts gears for the winter season. Going indoors with 29 weekly classes and close to 20 organizations using the Recreation/Pool Building, the facility remains busy.

This past fall, the Recreation Center, with assistance from its wonderful staff, played host to Liz's Day. Fall tennis lessons were well attended on weekdays and on Saturday mornings. The multiple pleasant days of the fall found Tiny Town a busy spot for the youngest set on weekdays and weekends.

Wendy Bilka did another great job of coordinating two weekends of tennis play as part of the 34<sup>th</sup> Jim Krug/Fall Tennis Classic. With registrants competing in 15 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 Breakfast held at the Floral Park Recreation/Pool Building on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Long time and new time friends socialized and were greeted by Mayor Tom Tweedy and Deputy Mayor Jim Rhatigan, while enjoying a continental breakfast served by the recreation staff. Throughout the morning, players viewed photos of tournament ranging

from 2001 through this past season.

As the playground enters into the Winter season, several changes will go into effect. All fields will be closed for several months to allow for seeding and seasonal maintenance. Tiny Town, basketball courts, tennis court #4, handball wall, and the multi-purpose rink will be open for play on days when conditions permit.

With registration for the Winter-Spring Recreation Center youth, adult and senior programs nearing, all residents are reminded that the new 2014-2015 Floral Park Leisure Pass is required for enrollment in these classes. Forms for the Leisure Pass may be found in the lobby of the Recreation/Pool building and in the Floral Park Shelterhouse. Registration for the Winter-Spring Youth, Adult and Senior Programs are set for Tuesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 16, 2014, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Recreation Pool building.

After the "peak period" Summer season the less crowded playground permits the opportunity for on-going facility upgrades and renovations. The Park Shelterhouse has been undergoing repairs to the siding damaged during last year's Hurricane Sandy. Thanks go out to Recreation employee Steve Galasso for his expertise on this project. Thanks go out to the DPW crew of Supervisor Russ Mazzola, Larry DeCiantis, Jack Stincione, Rich Lombardi, Vincent Prizzi, Liam Korsak, Matt Kuehnlitz and Joe Langone, for all their time and effort put into this project. Special thanks also to DPW Superintendent Steve Siwinski and General Foreman Rich Albertson for overseeing this project.

The Annual Floral Park Recreation Center Christmas Tree Lighting is set for Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>. The multi-purpose rink will be open and residents may enjoy skating to familiar holiday tunes. Refreshments will be served and after the official tree lighting, youngsters can expect a visit from Santa and his elves. Skating begins at 7:00 pm and the lighting ceremony set for 7:30 pm.

## ***RECREATION CENTER "HAPPENINGS"***



Russ Mazzola and Jack Stincone making repairs to the siding on the Shelterhouse which was damaged during Hurricane Sandy last year.

Mayor Tweedy, Deputy Mayor Jim Rhatigan and Floral Park's "Family of Tennis Players" attended the Annual Awards Breakfast on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Marie Martone and her gardening class explore Centennial Gardens.

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK**  
**RECREATION LEISURE PASS**  
**2014-2015 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
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**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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

## FLORAL PARK RECREATION SESSION II WINTER 2014

The 2014/2015 VFP leisure pass or 2013 resident pool pass is required for registration. 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 14 & Thursday January 16, 2014  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
In the Recreation/Pool Building - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### **Youth Programs**

**TINY TOTS GYMNASTICS** Fee \$40.00  
First Class Feb. 1

**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  
First Class Feb. 1

**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  
First Class Feb. 1

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

Children enjoy nature walks, plant vegetables, and flowers. Program will be in the Recreation/Pool building during inclement weather.

### **Adult & Senior Programs**

**AEROBICS** (\*17 Week program) First Class Jan. 20

**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 class for those who wish to maintain good physical condition.

**ADULT YOGA** Fee \$40.00

**Tuesday** 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM First Class Jan. 28

**Friday** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Class Jan 31

**Saturday** 10:15AM - 11:15AM First Class Feb. 1

Focus on balance, flexibility, strength, and toning.

**ZUMBA GOLD** Fee \$40.00

**Tuesday** 6:30PM-7:30PM (Med.) First Class Jan. 28

**Saturday** 9:00AM-10:00AM(Starter) First Class Feb. 1

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  
First Class Jan. 28

**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  
First Class Jan. 29

**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  
First Class Jan. 28

**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**  
(12 week program) Fee \$15.00

First Class Jan. 28

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

OR

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

Low impact and toning exercises specifically for older adults who wish to exercise with an instructor's guidance. Step by step instructions, simple techniques to improve range of motion, balance, and joint mobility.

**BARRE/PILATES**

Fee \$40.00

**Fridays** 1:00 - 2:00pm

First Class Jan. 31

Barre exercise to sculpt thighs a lift the seat. Pilates to help build flexibility, muscle strength, and endurance.



## **2014 VILLAGE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

Applications for 2014 summer employment are available on the following pages, and at Village Hall and the Recreation Center or you may go to [www.fpvillage.org](http://www.fpvillage.org).

Completed applications will not be accepted until Tuesday, January 7, 2014 beginning at 8:30 am. 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-serve basis and will not be accepted through the mail slot.

The hiring criteria for 2014 Summer employees are as follows:

- \* Returnees from last Summer season will be given first consideration.
- \* Applications from residents will be considered first.
- \* **Lifeguard Application:** The minimum age requirement for a lifeguard is 16 years of age by January 1, 2014. Up-to-date lifeguard certification, current CPR & first aid certifications, working papers (under the age of 18 years old) proof of a physical exam administered no earlier than June, 2013 must be presented with the application.
- \* **Park/Pool Attendant Application:** The minimum age requirement for all other summer positions is 17 years of age by January 1, 2014. Working papers and proof of a physical exam administered no earlier than June, 2013 must be presented with the application.

All applicants should be aware that there will be no time off permitted for Summer vacations simply because it is such a short season.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Susan Walsh at Village Hall at 326-6300.

### **VILLAGE ITEMS AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL**

As mentioned in our prior *Village Items*, in our continuing efforts to reduce costs, *Village Items* is now available by e-mail. Many of your neighbors are receiving this *Village Items* by e-mail. If you would like to receive future issues by e-mail, please sign up at [comments@fpvillage.org](mailto:comments@fpvillage.org), and let us know by giving us your name, address and e-mail address.

### **ASSESSMENT DEADLINE**

Residents are reminded that December 31, 2013 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 516-326-6305, or visit Denise Day at her new office in the Building Department located at Pool and Garage Road.



### **HOLIDAY HOURS**



Please note all Village offices will close at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Offices will be closed all day December 25, 2013 and January 1, 2014.

For the convenience of residents needing to renew parking permits for 2014, Village Hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.



Application for *New* Employment  
Summer 2014 (Seasonal Only)

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

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

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you been hospitalized during the past year? \_\_\_\_\_ (Y) \_\_\_\_\_ (N)  
(If yes, provide date and reason for hospitalization)

\_\_\_\_\_

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- ☞ The minimum age requirement for summer positions is **17 years of age by 1/1/2014**. 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, 2013.
- ☞ All applicants are subject to Nassau County Civil Service approval.
- ☞ Completed applications will *not* be accepted until Tuesday, **January 7, 2014** beginning at 8:30 am. All applications must be brought into Village Hall and left with the receptionist. (Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis and are time-stamped upon receipt at Village Hall.)
- ☞ **Working papers, if applies, 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 Village Hall if you have any questions at 326-6300.



NEW EMPLOYMENT FOR **LIFEGUARD ONLY**  
**Summer 2014**

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

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

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you been hospitalized during the past year? \_\_\_\_\_ (Y) \_\_\_\_\_ (N)  
(If yes, provide date and reason for hospitalization.)

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- ☞ Lifeguard applicants must be 16 years of age by January 1, 2014 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, 2013 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 Tuesday, **January 7, 2014** beginning at 8:30 am. Applications must be brought into Village Hall and left with the receptionist. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis and are time-stamped upon receipt at Village Hall.
- ☞ **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 Village Hall if you have any questions at 326-6300.

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Thomas J. Tweedy



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Dominick A. Longobardi      Kevin M. Fitzgerald

**Village Justice**  
Douglas J. Hayden

**Village Administrator**  
Gerard M. Bambrick

**Village Clerk**  
Susan E. Walsh

**Important Village of Floral Park  
Phone Numbers**

**Police & Fire Emergency.....911**  
Police & Fire Non-Emergency.....326-6400  
Administration.....326-6300  
Assessment.....326-6305  
Building Department.....326-6319  
Court Office.....326-6325  
Fire Department Business Office.....326-6327  
Library.....326-6330  
Voice Mail (after 4:30 p.m.).....326-6300  
Public Works Department.....326-6320  
Recreation Shelter House.....326-6334  
Recreation/Pool Bldg.....326-6336

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**\*\*ENCLOSED IS YOUR 2014 RECYCLING CALENDAR\*\***

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