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## Floral Park Village Items



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### *Message from the Mayor*

*Dear Resident,*

#### WHY and HOW



Why? And How? Two very simple questions the answers to which should precede any major undertaking. This is especially true when the proposed undertaking is a mega-project that will cost billions and disrupt the lives of several communities for years to come.

However, since the MTA/LIRR's surprise announcement of their plans to resurrect the Third Track Project this past January, they have been unable to answer these two very simple questions.

With respect to the **WHY**, in a letter dated February 3, 2016, the Mayors of the Mainline Villages asked why was this project necessary in light of LIRR President Nowakowski's already announced 7 point proposal to improve operational efficiencies

along the Mainline, including grade crossing eliminations. In the six months that have followed, despite repeated requests, the MTA/LIRR has been unable to answer this question. If the MTA/LIRR cannot explain why they need to undertake this project, then they should not ask the residents along the Mainline to accept the inevitable disruption to their lives that this project will entail.

With respect to **HOW**, we have been asking the MTA/LIRR for months for basic details about this project. Despite numerous meetings, the MTA/LIRR has not been able to provide us with any detailed plans concerning the project.

Nonetheless, despite the lack of a detailed plan, the MTA/LIRR is proceeding at an alarming speed with the environmental review process. Beveridge & Diamond, the attorneys hired by Floral Park and Garden City, have pointed out that the MTA/LIRR's failure to define the project is denying the impacted communities the ability to meaningfully participate in the environmental review process. Under New York's State Environmental

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### **VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK RECEIVES BOND RATING UPGRADE**

Moody's Investor Service upgraded the bond rating of the Village of Floral Park from Aa3 to Aa2.

In upgrading the Village's already strong bond rating, Moody's noted that "Floral Park's financial position is expected to remain strong given conservative budgeting of expenditures and revenues." Moody's also noted that although the Village officials faced budgeting pressures from New York State's Tax Cap and state aid reductions, the Village has managed to produce structurally balanced budgets for the past five years and to maintain its reserve levels.

The upgraded bond rating translates into tangible savings for the taxpayers of Floral Park because the improved bond rating directly results in lower financing costs for the Village going forward. Consequently, necessary capital improvement projects, such as the Village's multi-year road improvement program, can be financed at lower cost to the Village because of the bond rating upgrade.

### **Message from the Mayor (cont'd.)**

Quality Review Act (SEQRA), it is our right, as an affected community, to participate in the environmental review process. The hastily prepared scoping document lacked essential and fundamental information from which a meaningful review could be conducted by the public, as required by SEQRA. In the absence of a detailed plan, the SEQRA process is premature and the MTA should develop their plan first and **then restart** the SEQRA process.

The second part of the How question is: How is this mega-project going to be funded? In my most recent prior Mayor's Message, I pointed out that *"In the absence of knowing anything about a funding source, the project, thus far, has been allowed to proceed under New York State's SEQRA process. Conveniently, and very likely not coincidentally, this has allowed MTA-LIRR to select itself as the SEQRA lead agency overseeing the review of its own project. However, if this project is receiving Federal Funding, the review would need to proceed under the Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with a federal body acting as the lead agency, ensuring a neutral, objective review."*

Well, the MTA/LIRR recently answered the funding question and, amazingly, stated that they are going to forego federal funding of this project. While that decision conveniently allows the MTA/LIRR to maintain exclusive control over the environmental review process under SEQRA, it has incredibly significant implications. As a result of the MTA/LIRR's decision to forego federal funding, will Long Island commuters

face substantial fare increases to fund this project? How can the MTA/LIRR ask commuters to endure significant fare increases when the MTA/LIRR cannot even articulate a justifiable reason for this project? Or perhaps more importantly, if the MTA/LIRR begins this project without a dedicated funding source, will there be available funds to complete construction? If this project is begun and then the MTA/LIRR has to suspend work while it seeks funds to complete the project, the impact will be devastating.

Unfortunately, the MTA/LIRR is getting a free pass from the media on Long Island. In fact, if local leaders are brave enough to raise questions they are attacked. In a recent editorial, *Newsday* accused **Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino** of practicing a "particularly cynical brand of politics" when he raised questions about the impacts that the Third Track Project will have on Floral Park. *Newsday* must have a very odd definition of "cynical." By raising these very legitimate questions, Supervisor Santino was certainly not being cynical. Rather, he was effectively representing Floral Park and other communities and rightfully demanding answers before the MTA/LIRR spends billions of dollars on a mega-project that will disrupt the lives of his constituents - - all for a project the MTA/LIRR cannot even explain why they need to undertake. By any reasonable definition, asking hard questions and demanding answers before billions of dollars are spent and communities are jeopardized by the actions of a bloated and inefficient bureaucracy, is not cynical- - it is the way local government is supposed to work.

**Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy**

## **ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT**

*Denise Day, Deputy Assessor*



**Senior Exemption Applications** are in the process of being printed. As always, the Assessment Department will mail out the renewal applications in September. **They are due back by December 31, 2016.** At this time, there has been no increase in the maximum income limit of \$37,400 established by New York State guidelines. **New** senior applicants can call the Assessment Department for an application.

**Veterans** applications are available and we remind veterans that a Local Law passed in 2000 allows veterans who own shares in cooperative apartment complexes to file for a partial tax exemption.

We also remind and encourage any veteran having a Disability Rating or a change in his or her Disability Rating, to contact the Assessment Department. Change requests and new applications must be submitted by December 31, 2016.

Please contact the Assessment Department at 326-6305 with any questions or for additional information.

# ***DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS***

*Steve Siwinski, Superintendent*



## **Road Overlay and Highways**

The Village has finalized two new road reconstruction projects and resolved a long standing drainage issue. The roadwork on Raff and Lowell and the drainage on Cedar were completed this year. Plans are being drawn up for work on Zinnia, Charles and one block on Daisy between Mayfair and Crocus.

National Grid has been doing extensive work in the Village. The most recent areas are on Locust and around the Lowell project. The Village is requiring the utility company to restore the street to the nearest curb. This cuts down on the development of potholes.

## **Street Sweeping**

The Department of Public Works is responsible for sweeping thirty seven miles of streets in the Village. Each street is scheduled to be swept once a week. In the areas in the business sections, around the churches, and the Long Island Railroad station, sweepers are out before cars arrive. We ask residents and business owners for their cooperation and assistance in keeping the streets clean by not sweeping dirt or grass cuttings into the street. Please remember that the responsibility for a clean Village is shared by all.

Be sure to deposit litter in the receptacles provided throughout the business areas. These receptacles are not to be used as rubbish or garbage cans by merchants or tenants of buildings in these areas. There are currently fifty receptacles throughout the Village.

## **Recycling**

Village regulations require residents and business owners to separate bottles and cans from paper, cardboard and newspapers. Newspaper and cardboard should be tied and placed next to your blue box or other recycling. Paper recycling includes shiny inserts, white paper, other regular mail and all other recyclable paper, cardboard including cereal boxes with waxed insert bag removed, shoe boxes, and corrugated cartons, telephone books, magazines and paper grocery bags, soft and hard covered books, shredded paper in a paper bag, corrugated carton or a clear plastic bag. Empty corrugated cartons must be flat and tied. Not acceptable are plastic coated paper, carbon paper, blueprints, window envelopes, adhesive-backed note paper, and pizza boxes.

Lately there is an increase in mixing of the various recycling items. By mixing these items, the recycling plant reduces the rebate dollars by 30%. The rebate dollars generated from the recycling program goes into the Village Budget and helps reduce taxes.

If you have questions regarding any recycling issues, Please call the Department of Public Works at 326-6320.

## **Refuse and Rubbish Collection**

Please take notice that on holiday weeks (i.e. Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, 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. 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.

If there are any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 326-6320.

## **Sidewalk 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 homeowners to keep them in good condition. Currently, the program is in the John Lewis Childs section of the Village. 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.

## **Parks Program**

Added to the unique look of the Village are our parks, trees and gardens. Our Parks Department is responsible for maintaining 37 parks as well as the traffic islands and trees. These areas were attended to multiple times over the last year. Currently, we are working on our third park reconstruction. We completed Rotary Park, the Emerson Triangle and continue on Colonial Gardens. We are also completing the work on the front lawn at Village Hall.

## **Tree Pruning Program**

There are over 6,000 trees in the Village. Our Tree Department has been working on a trim request list that after Superstorm Sandy was over 850 requests. Through the efforts of our crew, we are down to less than 250 requests. Residents call in up to 8 requests per day during the summer.

Our crews also take down dead, diseased or dying trees. Since Sandy, many trees have been removed.

We will be starting our fall tree planting list. If you wish to have a tree planted in front of your house, please contact the Department of Public Works at 326-6320.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Stephen G. McAllister, Police Commissioner*



### **Safety and Security**

Floral Park again has been rated as one of the safest cities in America ranking 17<sup>th</sup> out of the top 50 in the nation. Check out this interactive map of the 50 safest cities in America at <http://security.protection1.com/50-safest-cities-in-america/>. Floral Park is recognized as being safer than 96% of US cities.

### **Combating Heroin Abuse**

The Floral Park Police Department has responded to numerous calls for assistance with regards to heroin/opioid (Oxycotin) use and abuse. The Floral Park Police Department took a proactive approach with regards to heroin/opioid abuse and engaged in the following initiatives to help alleviate this ongoing problem:

1. The Floral Park Police Department is now registered through the NYS Department of Health as an **Opioid Overdose Prevention Program**. Both Sergeant Will Doherty and Officer John Groshans lecture extensively on combating heroin abuse and the administration and use of NARCAN as an overdose antidote.
2. Each patrol officer has been trained and equipped with NARCAN, a opioid/heroin antidote along with other lifesaving equipment e.g. AEDs , oxygen, etc.
3. The **Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative** (P.A.A.R.I.) was started to support local police departments as they work with opioid addicts. Rather than arrest our way out of the problem of drug addiction P.A.A.R.I. committed police departments to:
  - a. Encourage opioid drug users to seek recovery
  - b. Help distribute life saving opioid blocking drugs to prevent and treat overdoses
  - c. Connect addicts with treatment programs and facilities
  - d. Provide resources to other police departments and communities that want to do more to fight the opioid addiction epidemic.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

*John Florio, Sr., Chief of Department*



The Fire Department is currently in the process of doing building inspections. Each member will have a Fire Department picture I.D. introducing themselves.

Your 100 percent volunteer Fire and Rescue Companies will be having Fire Prevention Day in October. All companies will have their units on display and members available to explain why and how their operations are handled. Your neighbors are the ones who make

up the **100 percent volunteer department**. Come down during Fire Prevention Week and talk to any member about their life in the Emergency Service. There will be demonstrations taking place, some of which you may participate in.

Last year, the department answered over 1,500 fire and EMS calls. If interested in joining, call 516-326-6327 and a leave message.

## **LIBRARY**

*Pat Eren, Library Director*



Summer is over and the library is preparing for a busy fall. Be sure to note that after Labor Day, the library's weekend hours will resume. We will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 am—5:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 -5:00 pm.

For the first time ever, the library is sponsoring a bus trip on October 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by Prime Time Travel. The day will begin with a wine tasting at Pugliese Vineyards, followed by an Italian buffet lunch at Touch of Venice. Afterwards, it's a visit to scenic Greenport for some shopping, browsing or relaxing by the water. The trip ends with a farm stand stop where you can purchase local produce, flowers or goodies. The \$99 fee includes: deluxe motor coach transportation, tour escort, lunch, wine tasting, cookies or chocolates (served on the bus) and gratuities. You can sign up for the tour at our reference desk. Be sure not to miss this fun-filled day!

In addition to the many programs and fun events planned by Miss Kathy and Miss Jane for the youth of our Village, the library is planning its first annual Fall Family Fun Festival on the library lawn, weather permitting. (In the event of rain, we will relocate to our library's Meeting Room.) This festive event is scheduled for Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm. We'll have a fun-filled, educational puppet show, games, balloon sculpting and more! And, the library will have its very own pumpkin patch where your child can choose that perfect pumpkin. So, stop by and join in the fun.

You may have noticed the work being done in our library. We ask that you bear with us as we are in the midst of making our library an even nicer place to visit. By the year's end, we hope to offer our patrons a new Quiet Study Room to be located where our current circulation desk now stands. A new circulation desk will be installed nearby. Once completed, our patrons who require quiet for study and work will be pleased to find a comfortable, inviting location in our library, complete with fireplace. We are excited about this improvement and are confident our patrons will be too. We thank the Friends of the Library for making this possible with their funding. As always, we appreciate our truly wonderful community of library patrons and thank them for all their patience and support throughout the years.

Also, mark your calendars for a Friends of the Floral Park Library mini-book sale. This sale will be held at the library on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-4:00 pm and Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm. Stop by and find some great reading selections in great condition at great prices. As always, Sunday is bargain sale day. If you own a Friends tote bag, fill it for \$4.00. Or, purchase a Friends tote and fill it for \$6.00.

As always, be sure to check our newsletter or website at [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org) to keep current with all that's happening at our library. We're sure you'll find workshops or classes to suit you. And, if not, please know that we're always willing to hear your suggestions and will try to accommodate.



**Talented mural artist and Public Works employee Mark Minero, was recently honored with a celebration in our Children's Room. Stop by and see his beautiful work.**

***WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESSES!!***



**JC Asian Bistro**  
***230 Jericho Turnpike***

**Delight Hair Salon**  
***372 Tulip Avenue***



**Twisted Frozen Yogurt**  
***175 Tulip Avenue***

## **RECREATION CENTER**

*Kurt Meyfohrt, Superintendent of Recreation*



With the fall and winter months fast approaching the Recreation Center reflects on another great summer. Youth recreation programs began on the first official Monday of summer vacation. Our programs provide athletic and creative entertainment for over 1,000 energetic children weekly during the summer months. At night, the volleyball and basketball courts were again the place to be. These summer leagues provide great competition and spirited bragging rights for our village players. Again this fall, the Department of Recreation will be offering a fall volleyball league.

Throughout the fall season, the Recreation Department's fine maintenance staff, under the direction of supervisors Don Haug, John Michon, Richard Clifford, and Brian Dunn, maintain and condition six baseball diamonds, the football field, tennis courts and the various playing fields and surfaces. The Recreation Center playing fields serve as the busy site for Fall Little League, Titans Football, Youth Council Touch Football, FP Indians Soccer, and the FP Knights Youth Baseball Teams.

The FP Recreation family of tennis players enjoyed a warm summer season of play. The Har-tru courts saw a variety of adult, teen, and youth matches, as well as lessons each day. Wendy Bilka coordinated the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Krug Tennis Classic. Many improvements were made this past spring to the Recreation facilities. In addition to the purchase of a new tennis court roller and a field conditioner, the volleyball and basketball courts were patched and re-painted; while a pickleball court was added to the multi-purpose court #4. The hockey rink and handball court are in the process of being re-painted, and field #2 is scheduled to receive new sod on the infield this fall.

Centennial Gardens and Bird Sanctuary is open from April to Thanksgiving time. The Gardens' seasonal color and many walking paths are enjoyed by residents. While taking in the scenery, residents enjoy the views and watch the many birds who call the Gardens home. During the year, our Gardens host the Hance Family 5K walk/run, and the Grow with Me project. Centennial Gardens is the home of the Floral Park Conservation Society which hosts a garden party every spring to raise monies that help keep the Gardens beautiful.

Moving indoors, our Recreation Center offers more than two dozen weekly classes and hosts over 20 community organizations annually. Our Recreation/Pool Building is a hub of activity all year round. Registration for Session I, Fall programs will be held at the Recreation/Pool Building on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the Recreation Center is again pleased to offer a variety of programs to the residents of the Village. Old favorites will be back, such as our Boot Camp, Zumba, Yoga, and Aerobics for adults, and the Silver Sneakers and Knitting for seniors. For the children, we offer Cartooning, Gardening, Superhero Workout and Gymnastics programs.

The 2016/2017 Floral Park Leisure Pass is required for enrollment in Recreation programs as well as the use of the facility. Residents can obtain their pass by completing the Leisure Pass form and returning it to the Recreation/Pool Building. A photo must be taken of each individual applying for a pass in person. Appointments for photos may be needed for residents who are unable to visit the Recreation Center during regular business hours. Hours of operation to obtain a VFP Leisure Pass are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Applications for the 2016/2017 Leisure Pass and Session I programs may be found in the lobby of the Recreation/Pool Building and in the Park Shelter House. The VFP Leisure Pass application is available in this copy of *Village Items* or on the village website at [www.fpvillage.org](http://www.fpvillage.org).

The Annual Floral Park Recreation Center Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Center. At this old-fashioned event, families will be treated to Christmas carols and skating around the rink while awaiting a visit from Santa. Light refreshments will be provided during the event.

As the Recreation Center prepares for Old Man Winter, several changes will go into effect. Residents are reminded that the Recreation Center hours as of Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, weather permitting. As of Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, all playing fields will close for several months to allow for seeding and seasonal maintenance. The following areas are open for play during the winter season: Tiny Town, the basketball courts, tennis court #4, the handball wall, and the multi-purpose rink.

# FLORAL PARK RECREATION SESSION I FALL 2016

## REGISTRATION:

At the Recreation/Pool Building

## DATES AND TIMES:

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Senior Registration:

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Adult and youth program fees are \$45.00 for ten weeks (unless otherwise stated). All senior program fees are \$25.00. 2016/2017 VFP Leisure Pass or 2016 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 change or cancellation.*

*Program fees are non-refundable.*

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### TINY TOTS GYMNASTICS

**First Class Sept. 24**

Saturday: 12:30pm - 1:20pm

Age: 3, 4, 5

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

### JEDI BOOTCAMP

**First Class Sept. 24**

Saturday: 1:30pm - 2:20pm

Age: 6-11

Awaken your inner Jedi Master through kicks, spins, lunges using your mind, body and balance.

### SUPERHERO WORKOUT

**First Class Sept. 24**

Saturday: 2:30pm - 3:20pm

Age: 9-12

Grow muscle, Get Stronger: Unleash the inner Superhero. 10 weeks of fun workouts that will give kids strength, positive energy, and confidence and will transform you into a Superhero.

### CARTOONING FOR KIDS

**First Class Sept. 26**

Monday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learn to draw cartoon characters, storylines, or create your own characters. Colored pencils required and not included.

### CHILDREN'S GARDENING

**First Class Sept. 24**

8 Week Program

Saturday: 9:00am - 9:45am

Explore gardening, planting, animals and insects. Enjoy nature walks and crafts. Class meets at Centennial Gardens (use the Floral Pkwy entrance) and will be held in Rec/Pool Building during poor weather.

## ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

### AEROBICS

**First Class Sept. 12**

**Days:** Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

**Fee \$85.00**

8:30am - 9:30am or 9:45am - 10:45am

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

### AEROBICS

**Nights:** Monday & Wednesday

**Fee \$60.00**

8:00pm - 9:00 pm

A 17 week step aerobic/floor program for those who wish to maintain good physical condition and instill the discipline of exercise.

### ADULT BOOT CAMP

**First Class Sept. 26**

Monday & Wednesday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Designed to build strength and fitness through a variety of intense exercises.

### ADULT YOGA

Tuesday: 7:45pm - 8:45pm

**First Class Sept. 27**

Friday: 11:00am - 12:00pm

**First Class Sept. 30**

Saturday: 10:15am - 11:15am

**First Class Oct. 1**

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

### ADULT ZUMBA GOLD

Tuesday (Medium): 6:30pm-7:30pm

**First Class Sept. 27**

Saturday (Starter): 9:00am-10:00am

**First Class Oct. 1**

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

### KNITTING (Adult or Senior Fee)

**First Class Sept. 27**

Tuesday: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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

### SILVER SNEAKERS EXERCISE (Senior Fee)

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am-10:30am

**First Class Sept. 27**

A 12 week exercise program without leaving your seats. A benefit for beginning or experienced exercisers. Increases flexibility and muscle tone.

### SILVER SNEAKERS/GENTLE MOVEMENT

**(Senior Fee)**

**First Class Sept. 27**

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30am - 11:30am

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Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30am - 12:30pm

A 12 week program including low impact and toning exercises designed specifically for older adults to improve your range of motion, balance, and joint mobility.

### FALL TENNIS LESSONS Classes begin mid September

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00am

**Fee:\$ 55.00**

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Saturday: 8:00am or 9:00am

**Fee:\$ 45.00**

Proper mechanics, use of racket, strategies, and all the basics will be addressed each week.



**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK  
RECREATION LEISURE PASS**

**2016 - 2017**

**LEISURE PASS APPLICATION**

(LIST NAMES OF ALL APPLYING FOR PASS)

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

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Pass # \_\_\_\_\_); Wife's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Pass # \_\_\_\_\_)  
Office Use Only Office Use Only

<u>Children's Names</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School</u> as of September 2016	<u>Pass #</u> Office Use Only
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:**

- 1) One current picture ID *Per Adult* (18 yrs. and over) with name on it.
- 2) One current utility bill (within the last month) at current address.
- 3) A birth certificate or baptismal certificate per child

I hereby apply for a leisure pass for the Inc. Village of Floral Park Recreation Center. I agree we will 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. 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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Recreation Center Use Only Below This Line:

Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **VILLAGE UPDATES**

### **Centennial Hall**

On May 19, 2016, the second “public visioning” meeting regarding the future of Centennial Hall was held at Village Hall. The meeting was well attended and featured a presentation by CBRE, Inc. CBRE is the commercial real estate firm that was awarded the contract by the Village to market the property and explore potential uses for it. It is anticipated that shortly after Labor Day, CBRE will issue a Request for Proposals to seek more formalized proposals for possible development of the property.

Whether the Village retains the property for some public use or whether the property is sold or leased to be developed in a manner in keeping with the characteristics of the Village, has yet to be determined. Another public visioning meeting will be held after proposals are received.

### **Former Patterson Fuel Oil Company Property (“Magnolia Estates”) and Colonial Gardens Park**

Carriage Hill Developers has spent the last several months seeking the approvals it required from Nassau County to proceed with its development plans for the nine lot sub-division at the site of the former Patterson Fuel Oil Company Property. We are informed they have now received these approvals from the County and will commence construction shortly. They are in contract with five purchasers for custom built homes on the site.

Across the street (the intersections of Revere Drive West and Adams Street), at the renamed “Colonial Gardens Park”, renovations have begun and the costs of the renovations are being paid for from the proceeds of the sale of the property. The paver walkways are installed and new benches will be added. Also, a community public notice board will be installed. All of the “hardscape” will be finished shortly and the landscaping will be completed in the fall, depending on the availability of the plantings.

Much of the renovation work is being accomplished by our talented Public Works employees. The design of the park is the vision of our Superintendent of Public Works and Buildings, Steve Siwinski, a licensed architect, working together with the Village’s Colonial Gardens Park Committee, consisting of Trustee Dr. Lynn Pombonyo and local residents David Crowley, Frank Gunther, Emily Kruzynski, Roger Kuehnlenz, Dennis McEnery, Bernadette Smith, and George Tietjen.

### **Koenig’s**

In the fall of 2015, Victor Koenig’s restaurant was purchased by Questus Capital. The property consists of the former Koenig’s restaurant and two adjacent parking lots on South Tyson Avenue, Mayflower Avenue and Tyson Avenue.

Questus proposes to modify Koenig’s building by renovating it from a two story to a four story building with a restaurant use on the first floor and 16 apartments on the upper three floors.

In one of the currently vacant lots, Questus proposes to build a new four story building with the first floor consisting of the lobby of the new building and the balance dedicated to parking and the upper three floors consisting of 21 one and two bedroom units. The remaining lot will be utilized as a parking lot. Questus will provide 79 parking spaces in total.

Questus development proposal for the former Koenig’s property and the adjacent lots is currently winding its way through the Village’s review process. It has already received the required parking variance from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. They must still obtain approvals from the Village Architectural and Site Plan Review Board.

Over the summer, Questus appeared before the Village Board to seek approval for its proposed parking lot. The Village Board deferred the decision on that permit pending the outcome and subject to the comments received from the Village’s Architectural and Site Plan Review Board.

### **Village Website Upgrade**

The Village hired David Finkelstein of Quarksoft, LLC to give the Village’s website an upgrade and facelift. We are hopeful that the “new and improved” website will be up and running in the next several weeks.

**Important Village of Floral Park  
Phone Numbers**

<b>Police &amp; Fire Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Police & Fire Non-Emergency.....	326-6400
Administration.....	326-6300
Assessment.....	326-6305
Building Department.....	326-6319
Court Office.....	326-6325
Fire Department Chief's 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*

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**Mayor**

Thomas J. Tweedy

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**Trustees**

Kevin M. Fitzgerald      Dominick A. Longobardi  
Dr. Lynn Pombonyo      Archie T. Cheng

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**Village Justice**

Douglas J. Hayden

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**Village Administrator**

Gerard M. Bambrick

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**Village Clerk**

Susan E. Walsh

**VILLAGE ITEMS AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL**

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