Message from the Mayor

Dear Resident,

May I extend to you, on behalf of the entire Village Board, warm greetings and hope you are enjoying this wonderful summer in Floral Park. This summer’s warm weather has catapulted our membership enrollment at the Pool, well beyond last year’s numbers. Our all day camps and youth activities report similar increases as well. The morning activities at the Pool; swim team practice, and water aerobics, our all day camps, as well as the usual activities at the Park including tennis, sports instruction, youth activities and our many other summer programs and daily activities require cooperation and coordination as all this recreational activity occurs in the shadow of our Department of Public Works, Buildings and Administration offices with its stream of employees, trucks and other important daily duties and routines. Residents of our village should feel justifiable pride in the Recreation and Pool Center, but we should also appreciate the efforts of all our caring employees who work in such close proximity of each other, safely serving the residents of the Village of Floral Park.

Recently, two residents spoke about some concerns of theirs that gave rise to some very important new work within the Village. The Carlton Street Parking Lot fees are purchased through two large vending machines at the edge of the lot, across from the Police Station. In response to an issue raised, these machines now take credit cards, as new vending machines, wiring and data lines have been installed. On Jericho Turnpike, east of Plainfield, our parking meters were apparently calibrated to provide only one hour, all other Jericho Turnpike meters provided two hours. A longtime Jericho Turnpike business owner explained that many of her client’s treatments exceeded one hour and was causing a hardship, therefore our DPW examined the problem and recommended the solution. Now all meters are calibrated to provide two hours.

These problems also served as the genesis for a new village committee which will examine the various parking codes, permits and issues within our village. I have asked Trustees Rhatigan and Tomecki, several local business leaders and residents to serve on the first parking committee in over 15 years. It is our success as a village that makes for such problems, but our hope is with deliberate and honest examination of the parking issues, we may find that there may be fair and reasonable solutions and recommendations. One of our most important tasks as your village representatives is to listen, examine and, where appropriate, implement solutions.

Finally, the Village of Floral Park has applied for funding from the State of New York in order to support its innovative proposal to create a state of the art Clean Energy Facility with Belmont Park. Just like its sister communities of Long Island that have already created their own electric utility services, such as Rockville Centre, Freeport and Greenport, Floral Park’s proposal could dramatically reduce residents’ monthly utility bills while providing more environmentally friendly and reliable electrical service to its residents. The proposal would also put into place some of the infrastructure at Belmont Park which will be needed in order to support improvements at its 435 acre property that is fully owned and controlled by the State of New York. This proposal was recently presented to the State of New York through the Governor’s Regional Economic Development Council.

May I wish you a great conclusion to your summer and thank you for your support of our great village.

Thomas J. Tweedy, Mayor
E-WASTE PILOT PROGRAM

Currently, New York State Law requires that all municipalities recycle their electronics waste (e-waste) collected from residents and local businesses. E-waste is considered most things with a cord or powered by battery, i.e., TVs, radios, computers, etc. At the present time, appliances such as stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators and air conditioners are not considered e-waste for these purposes, but are recycled for their metal and Freon.

Working with the Superintendent of Public Works and the Sanitation Supervisor, Mayor Tweedy and the Board of Trustees have implemented a pilot program for recycling village residents’ e-waste at no cost. Residents are requested to call the Department of Public Works at 326-6320 for curb-side pick-up of electronic waste. This curb-side pick-up will be the first Wednesday of every month. Effective September 4, 2012, residents will have the option of calling in 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. There will be a designated drop off area by the e-waste container.

This program continues the successful recycling efforts in which Village residents have been so cooperative. The benefits of recycling have allowed our Village to see reduced waste disposal costs over the years and have also provided for a more environmentally friendly place to live, work and raise our children. These efforts not only benefit us now, but future residents of Floral Park as well.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

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

Last year’s program was cut short by Hurricane Irene’s after effects. This year’s program will begin where we left off. All the residents in this year’s program have been notified. While a slight 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. Curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons are required to be concrete by Village code. The placement of concrete has historically proven to be a material with the best economy for the maintenance, repair and replacement.

The Building Department is empowered to enforce current building codes and the Floral Park Zoning Ordinances. The New York State Building Code is the minimum standard of construction to build by. A common misconception is that when someone builds to code that he is building to the ultimate construction standard. This is not the case.

When considering a construction project, it is important to hire an architect that is knowledgeable with the current code changes. Every 3 years New York State revises their codes. Along with revisions to the Residential and Building Codes, the Plumbing, Fuel Gas, and Energy Codes, there is an Existing Building Code that deals with construction in existing buildings. The codes are written for the protection of life and well being.

The Building Department also issues licenses to contractors, electricians and plumbers. When a contractor files for a license, the Building Department checks that the company has a current county license, up to date insurances and, in the case of electricians and plumbers, certificates of competency. The Building Department keeps records to make sure these requirements are up to date.

Along with the enforcement of the Building Code, the Building Department enforces the Village Zoning Code. This Code limits use of property to districts around the Village. It also defines the limits of the building on a lot. In the residential district, there are requirements for the main structure and accessory structures. Also, there are requirements for fences, central air conditioning, swimming pools, for sale signs, roof replacements, placement of PODs and dumpsters. Special attention should be given to the split or central air conditioning requirements.

The Building Department is now required to take separate permits for air conditioning systems. Air conditioning systems can no longer be tied to a building permit for construction. The Building Department can be contacted to get specific information.

It is important to understand that the Building Department is here for the protection of the residents in the Village. If there are any questions regarding Building Permits, zoning issues or construction issues, you can call the Building Department at 326-6319 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Summer is known to be a busy time around the Floral Park Library. Every day, adults stop in to pick up vacation reading or travel guides, use our internet stations to plan trips or stay in touch with family and friends, or just come in out of the heat and read a magazine or newspaper. Children and teens get their summer reading assignments, participate in our Summer Reading Clubs and programs (sponsored by the Friends of the Floral Park Library), and hang out with friends. Over 300 children and 35 teens registered to take part in the fun.

One of the goals of the Library's long-range plan is to make the library a more welcoming, comfortable space, and based on the feedback we've been getting regarding some of the changes we've already made, we're on the right track. Over the past nine months, we've purchased new Adult and Children's Services desks, and internet workspace. We've relocated the Adult Services desk to a more central location and most of our internet terminals to the adult reading room to improve sight lines for the librarians so they can better see which members need assistance, both around them on the main floor and above on the mezzanine. The Children's Services desk is brighter and more welcoming to children. These improvements were made possible with funds from the Friends of the Floral Park Library.

More recently, we purchased new reading tables and chairs for the Adult Reading Room, with a generous donation from the Doris Lowe Foundation. As we can tell from the number of people who occupy our reading tables now, the updated furniture is a very welcome change. Additional changes will be made over the next few months, mostly involving reclaiming and repurposing space in the library, using furnishings we already have.

Additions have also been made to our database collection. We dropped a few, but picked up Ancestry.com (in-library use only) and Historic Newsday (1940 to 1984). We think they'll be of great interest to amateur genealogists and local history lovers. Other popular databases and learning platforms include Credo Reference, Tutor.com (for students grades 4 and up as well as job seekers), Learning Express, and Mango Languages.

All of this is available, free, to Floral Park Library members. If you don't have a library card, why not sign up for one this September, which is National Library Card Month? Better yet, why wait? For more information, call us at 326-6330.

Floral Park's Weather Anywhere!

New 4V$ software and equipment now allows all web-enabled devices to link up to our Floral Park Village Hall rooftop weather station. Just enter http://RainWise.net/weather/4V$ into your device to see the current readings in Floral Park.

FP Centennial DVD Summer Sale!!

The studio still has a small amount of Floral Park Centennial Commemorative DVD Collections in stock that are now on sale for only $20.00 through August 31st at Village Hall. This is the lowest price to date for the box set containing 4-discs with 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 much more.

Students Wanted!!!

Four Village Studio is accepting applications from high school and college students interested in joining the staff this summer. Membership is open to any four-village area resident, age 15 and older, with no prior experience required. 4V$ 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.

Mayor Tom Tweedy presents a Certificate of Welcome to Matthew Lalor, D.C. of Chiropractic Care of Long Island. 242 Jericho Tpke. Matt, a 2002 graduate and two letter varsity player of FPM, recently matriculated from the College of Chiropractic at the Univ. of Bridgeport. Joining them is Trustee Dom Longobardi, Trustee Mary-Grace Tomecki, FP Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Judy Torre, Deputy Mayor Jim Rhatigan and Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald. We welcome a native son home and are proud Matt Lalor, D.C. chose Floral Park to begin his professional career.
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. While reviewing the actions of the Floral Park Police Department over the last two years, I would like to take this opportunity to apprise the Village stakeholders of the accomplishments of the Floral Park Police Department.

SAFETY AND SECURITY – Summer Vacation Tips:

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 enjoy your summer vacation, please be aware of some basic safety tips:

Make sure your home is protected while you’re away:

- Advise the Floral Park Police Department of your vacation plans and time frame that you will be away.
- Stop mail and newspapers, or ask a neighbor to pick them up every day.
- Put several household lights on timers so they turn on and off at appropriate times.
- Arrange to have grass mowed while you’re gone.
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway overnight - anything that might suggest someone’s home.

While Traveling:

- Make sure you don’t pack unnecessary items and that your valuables are protected.
- Clean out your wallet or purse before you go; take only essential credit cards.
- Carry your purse close to your body, or wallet in an inside front pocket. Better yet, take a "fanny pack" or wear a money pouch under your clothes.
- Pack as lightly as possible. Lots of heavy, cumbersome bags will slow you down and make you more vulnerable to getting robbed.
- Keep a separate record of the contents of checked luggage. Keep anything of value such as medicine and jewelry in a carry-on that stays with you.
- In unfamiliar locations, you and your family should try to blend in with the crowd and not look too much like tourists.
- Don’t display expensive jewelry, cameras, bags, and other items that might draw attention.
- Check maps before you go out so you can tour confidently.
- Stick to well-lighted, well-traveled streets at all times.
- Leave an itinerary of your trip with someone at home in case you need to be contacted. Carry an extra passport photo with you just in case you need to replace a stolen passport.
- Don’t use your home address on your luggage tags. You don’t need to let anyone know where your empty house is located. Consider using your business card instead.

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 will join with the Nassau County Police Department 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 began the conversion over to this new system in July 2012 and expect completion in September 2012.

PROCEDURAL MANUAL

The Floral Park Police Department has made tremendous strides forward in its compilation of a procedural manual. This patrol guide has assembled systematic protocols which are 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 guidelines established by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and other Agencies’ Department Manuals and “Best Practices” for guidance.

TRAINING

After completion of a two week Officer Survival School given by the FBI at West Point, the Floral Park representative will now assume the role of trainer and an enhanced 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.

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.
The Village Court continues to be active. The Court sessions are conducted every Monday evening at 7:30 pm in the Village Courtroom and primarily handles cases involving the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law as well as Zoning Code and Village Ordinance violations. On average, the Court hears 1,700 cases per month.

SCHOOL BUSES/SCHOOL ZONE ENFORCEMENT

With the school season upon us, the Court would again like to stress to all residents the importance of operating your motor vehicle in a safe manner, especially when in school zone areas and when approaching any school bus that is picking up or dropping students off. Violations of passing a school bus when its lights are flashing and warning sign engaged is a violation of the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law. This type of violation can result in significant points to one’s license as well as significant fines. For the safety of our children, I urge all operators of motor vehicles to exercise caution in and around school areas and in proximity of school buses, and that we all adhere to the posted traffic signs, warnings and traffic control devices that surround these school areas. The above also applies to young students who have just received their license and will now be driving to school. Remember, it is your license and not your friends’ in the car that will be at stake. It is a privilege and not a right to be granted a license by the State. Say no to peer pressures and drive responsibly. Sadly, we are constantly reminded each school year of tragedies that take place on our roadways here on Long Island. Please drive safely and enjoy your school years.

SCHOOLS—BULLYING AND THE WEB

On July 10th Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law new rules designed to protect children against cyber bullying. The law, taking effect next year, will require school officials to investigate complaints of bullying that happen online and to respond in ways to prevent acts of bullying from recurring. The new law requires teachers and administrators to undergo training and to recognize cyber bullying cases. The new law will augment the Dignity for all Students Act of July 2010. That law requires school districts to create policies to recognize and respond to harassment, bullying and discrimination, but did not specifically include online activities. The law was necessary according to its sponsors because of the alarming statistics that have been recently studied. For example, it is estimated in 2011 that 16% of New York high school students reported that they had been bullied through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites or texting in the previous year. Further studies have reported through the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that this "electronic aggression" can lead to emotional distress, behavioral problems and physical violence. The hope and intent of this law is to protect our students and children.

TEEN TEXTING AND DRIVING

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently released a study that the first federal statistics revealed that 58% of high school seniors admitted to texting or emailing while driving. According to Ray LaHood, the National Transportation Secretary, texting and cell phone use behind the wheel is “a national epidemic”. It should be noted that various states have "raised the ante" and have begun to seek criminal charges against those charged with texting while driving when an accident occurs. Recently in Massachusetts, an 18 year old boy was charged with vehicular homicide due to texting when driving and the negligent operation of a motor vehicle in the 2011 death of another young man. The sentence was 2½ years in prison. Cell phone records were introduced to confirm the texting at the time of the accident. Reports have shown that distracted driving deaths are most common in teens and blamed for about 16% of teen motor vehicle deaths. Some good news from the CDC studies showed that more teens are wearing seat belts. Only 8% said they rarely or never wear seatbelts, down from 26% in 1991. Overall, teen deaths from motor vehicle crashes are down 44% in the last decade.

THE GOOD WIFE

Yes, I have a good wife but what I was referring to was the summer excitement of our Village Courtroom being used to film a court scene in the TV drama “The Good Wife”. We are proud that our Court and various homes/businesses have been used by the producers of this very popular series. It is a tribute to the beauty of our Village and the tremendous decor and setting that our Village Court offers. And, no, I was not offered to play the Judge but will be curious to watch the show when it airs and the scenes depicting our Village.

Heritage Park Personalized Bricks

For only $85.00, you can become part of Floral Park’s history by purchasing a personalized brick for placement in the walkway of Heritage Park across from Village Hall. Pick-up an order form at the Library, Village Hall or the Recreation/Pool Building. For additional information, please feel free to call 326-6311.
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 FP Indian’s Soccer, the FP Titan’s Football, F.P. Little League Fall Ball and Girls’ Softball Program, the FP Youth Council Touch Football, and the FPSSA Screaming Eagles Hockey. Weekday nights and weekends are filled with events that have thousands of residents journeying to this popular village site.

Sun-filled skies greeted over 1,400 registered campers during the Summer 2012 Recreation Program. Once again, the All Day Program, Primary Recreation Program, and the Youth and Teen Tennis Programs, were filled to capacity. The Arts and Crafts/Pre-school Program planned 8 fun-filled weeks, each with a special theme to engage the younger children involved in these programs. Boys and girls in the Morning Sports Program enjoyed playing various sports including volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer, football and cheerleading. At the conclusion of each sport, campers got to participate in Championship Thursday, where the champion teams were crowned. For adults, 56 spirited teams with over 700 residents competed in recreational and competitive divisions of volleyball and basketball. The Adult Tennis Program was highlighted by Friday and Saturday lessons for both beginners and intermediate players. In preparation for the Jim Krug Fall Tennis Classic, players of all levels sharpened their skills during three mini-tournaments in the months of May, June, and July.

Changes also take place in Centennial Gardens during the upcoming fall season. Residents can look forward to the colorful fall foliage, as well as the migratory birds. The Gardens is open 7 days a week from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. and will remain open until Thanksgiving time.

Many thanks for the fun filled summer of 2012 go to the Supervisors at the Recreation Center. These unsung heroes include Wendy Bilka, Rich Blewitt, James Clancy, Rich Clifford, Elaine Fitzmaurice, Rich Fitzmaurice, Steve Galasso, Don Haug Sr., Don Haug Jr., Eric Kroeger, Lauren Krouse, Greg Mayerhofer, John Michon, Kaitlin Montoi and Mary Jane O’Malley.
FLORAL PARK RECREATION

The 2012/2013 VFP leisure pass or 2012 resident pool pass is required for registration. Adult and youth program fees are $45.00 for ten weeks (unless otherwise stated). All senior program fees are $20.00. 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:
Monday Sept. 10 & Wednesday Sept. 12, 2012
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

SESSION 1      WINTER 2012

ADULT YOGA
Instructor: Wendy Bilka
Tuesday 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm First Class Sept. 25
Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm First Class Sept. 28
Instructor: Danielle Seuling
Saturday 10:15 am - 11:15 am First Class Sept. 29

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

ZUMBA GOLD
Instructor: Jenna Naab
Tuesday 6:30 pm-7:30 pm (Medium) First Class Sept. 25
Instructor: Casey Naab
Saturday 9:00 am-10:00 am (Starter) First Class Sept. 29

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

KNITTING CLASS Sr. Fee $20.00 / Adult Fee $45.00
Instructor: Martha Amburt First Class Sept. 25
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 $20.00 / Adult Fee $45.00
Instructor: Lynne Martino First Class Sept. 26
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 time.

SILVER SNEAKERS EXERCISE Fee $20.00
Instructor: Josephine Alongi First Class Sept. 25
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 am – 10:30 am

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 $20.00
Instructor: Josephine Alongi First Class Sept. 25
Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am – 11:30 am

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

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 instructor’s guidance. Class is 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.

Youth Programs

TINY TOTS GYMNASTICS Fee $45.00
Instructor: Wendy Bilka First Class Sept. 29
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 $45.00
Instructor: Wendy Bilka First Class Sept. 29
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 $45.00
Instructor: Marie Martone First Class Sept. 22
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) Fee $85.00
Instructor: Wendy Bilka
Days: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday First Class Sept 17
8:30 am – 9:30 am ~or~ 9:45 am – 10:45 am
*Baby sitting for day classes only - space is limited*

Nights: Monday & Wednesday Fee $60.00
6:45 pm – 7:45 pm ~or~ 8:00 pm – 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.

PILATES Fee $45.00
Instructor: Tara Hayes First Class Sept. 28
Friday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Instructor: Danielle Ferreiro First Class Sept. 29
Saturday 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Focuses on development of balance, through core strength, flexibility and awareness to support efficient movement.
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 Hotline (voicemail 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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Call: 1-800-319-7410
E-mail: erhc@planenoise.com

*New* Hotline for Aircraft Noise
(Sponsored by the Port Authority of NY & NJ)
Call: 1-800-225-1071
E-mail: 9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov

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