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## *Floral Park Village Items*



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### ***ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING APRIL 14, 2015 8:15 PM VILLAGE HALL***

#### ***Message from the Mayor***

*Dear Resident,*

The Village Board will be presenting the proposed Village Budget on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.** at the Village Hall Courtroom.

For the coming fiscal year (June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016), the proposed increase in the Village's tax levy is **1.66%**. This increase is below the State cap on tax levy increases.

The budget proposes a tax rate of \$12.6074 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation compared to the \$12.4294 rate established in 2014-2015. Based on the budget as presented, a typical homeowner in the Village of Floral Park owning the average home with an assessed value of \$36,500 will pay an additional \$64.97 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for Village government services. The total annual Village tax for a home assessed at \$36,500 would be \$4,601.70.

This year, for the first time, New York State is providing a tax refund to property owners in municipalities that do not exceed the State Tax Cap. Consequently, because the Village of Floral Park is not exceeding the tax cap this year, the entire increase in Village property taxes should be reimbursed to Village property owners in the form of a refund from New York State.

Floral Park is one of five full service villages in Nassau County. As a full service village, we provide essential services that include a Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Building Department, Public Works Department, Village Court and a Recreation facility. Within this brochure you will find a page dedicated to the allocation of Village taxes. This will provide you the opportunity to see a breakdown of your taxes as it relates to the areas of service the Village provides its residents.


We recognize that the Village of Floral Park portion represents approximately 1/3 of your total property tax bill, so I want to assure our residents and business owners that this budget represents a conservative and realistic plan for the coming year. The Village Board took every step possible to reduce expenses before looking to increase the tax rate. We believe that given the economic difficulties in the nation, state and county at this time, the budget is a fair and reasonable budget. We are committed and continue to seek to provide village services in the most economical manner possible, and relieve the tax burden on our residents in the future.

We are also committed to maintaining the village's strong financial position. This past Summer, in connection with the issuance of the bonds to finance the Village Pool reconstruction, Moody's credit rating agency improved VFP's already strong credit rating of "Aa3" and assigned an improved credit rating of "Aa3: Outlook Positive." Moody's stated fiscal summary included the following, *"The positive outlook reflects an established trend of structurally balanced operations and ongoing improvement in the village's financial position...Floral Park's financial operations are expected to improve and remain strong given conservative budgeting of expenditures"*. Moody's also noted that, *"Management has been able to contain expenditures through position attrition and general efficiencies."* A strong credit rating allows the village to fund necessary public improvements in the most cost effective manner possible.

Copies of the entire budget document can be obtained at Village Hall. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Village Administrator/Treasurer Gerard Bambrick at 326-6300 or come to our Budget Hearing on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 p.m.

*Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy*

# Allocation of Village Tax for Home Assessed at \$36,500

<p><b><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></b>  <b>\$368.14</b>                  Street Maintenance                  Street Lighting                  Parking                  Snow Removal                  DPW Administration</p>	<p><b><u>GENERAL</u></b>  <b>\$690.26</b>                  General Government                  Staff                  Central Garage                  Engineering                  Insurance                  Contingencies                  Finances                  Vital Statistics</p>	<p><b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u></b>  <b>\$1,150.42</b>                  State and Police Retirement                  Social Security                  Worker's Compensation                  Hospital/Medical Insurance</p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>  <b>\$1,242.45</b>                  Police                  Fire                  Safety Inspection                  Civil Defense</p>		<p><b><u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u></b>  <b>\$460.17</b>                  Refuse Disposal                  Sewer Service                  Shade Trees                  Street Cleaning                  Zoning</p>
<p><b><u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u></b>  <b>\$230.09</b>                  Parks &amp; Playgrounds                  Youth Programs                  Programs for the Aging</p>	<p><b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>  <b>\$184.07</b>                  Debt Reduction                  Bond Interest</p>	<p><b><u>TOTAL TAX</u></b>  <b>\$4,601.70</b></p>
<p><b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>  <b>\$276.10</b></p>	<p><b><u>PER MONTH</u></b>  <b>\$383.48</b></p>	

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>
Appropriations, General Fund	\$ 26,349,844	\$ 27,164,859
Revenues, General Fund	3,336,533	3,519,135
Appropriated Fund Balance, General Fund	0	250,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	23,013,311	23,395,724
Assessed Valuation (after exemptions)	185,152,093	185,571,251
Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$12.4294	\$12.6074

## BUDGET SUMMARY 2015-2016

DEPARTMENT	2014 / 2015	PERCENT	2015 / 2016	PERCENT	CHANGE
Board of Trustees	\$ 21,500.00	0.08%	\$ 21,500.00	0.08%	\$0.00
Village Justice	\$ 249,871.00	0.95%	\$ 269,694.00	0.99%	\$19,823.00
Mayor	\$ 11,500.00	0.05%	\$ 11,500.00	0.04%	\$0.00
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 773,014.00	2.93%	\$ 831,511.00	3.06%	\$58,497.00
Purchasing	\$ 63,500.00	0.24%	\$ 63,300.00	0.23%	(\$200.00)
Assessment	\$ 89,175.00	0.34%	\$ 93,160.00	0.34%	\$3,985.00
<b>STAFF</b>					
Law	\$ 197,100.00	0.75%	\$ 197,100.00	0.73%	\$0.00
Personnel	\$ 41,500.00	0.16%	\$ 41,500.00	0.15%	\$0.00
Engineer	\$ 1,500.00	0.01%	\$ 1,500.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Elections	\$ 3,265.00	0.01%	\$ 3,290.00	0.01%	\$25.00
<b>SHARED SERVICES</b>					
Buildings	\$ 802,649.00	3.05%	\$ 896,704.00	3.30%	\$94,055.00
Central Garage	\$ 409,465.00	1.55%	\$ 466,041.00	1.72%	\$56,576.00
Central Mailing	\$ 20,000.00	0.08%	\$ 20,000.00	0.07%	\$0.00
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police	\$ 6,635,978.00	25.18%	\$ 6,812,211.00	25.08%	\$176,233.00
Fire	\$ 338,300.00	1.28%	\$ 367,000.00	1.35%	\$28,700.00
Animal Control	\$ 3,000.00	0.01%	\$ 2,500.00	0.01%	(\$500.00)
Safety Inspection	\$ 346,602.00	1.32%	\$ 353,510.00	1.30%	\$6,908.00
Civil Defense	\$ 7,050.00	0.03%	\$ 7,050.00	0.03%	\$0.00
Health	\$ 4,900.00	0.02%	\$ 4,900.00	0.02%	\$0.00
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
DPW Administration	\$ 231,516.00	0.88%	\$ 246,988.00	0.91%	\$15,472.00
Street Maintenance	\$ 1,403,445.00	5.33%	\$ 1,505,502.00	5.54%	\$102,057.00
Snow Removal	\$ 61,700.00	0.23%	\$ 54,800.00	0.20%	(\$6,900.00)
Street Lighting	\$ 165,114.00	0.63%	\$ 166,163.00	0.61%	\$1,049.00
Off-Street Parking	\$ 161,908.00	0.61%	\$ 166,419.00	0.61%	\$4,511.00
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	\$ 27,000.00	0.10%	\$ 27,000.00	0.10%	\$0.00
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Programs for the Aging	\$ 9,640.00	0.04%	\$ 9,640.00	0.04%	\$0.00
Parks	\$ 330,333.00	1.25%	\$ 269,761.00	0.99%	(\$60,572.00)
Playgrounds, Recreation Centers	\$ 596,337.00	2.26%	\$ 648,134.00	2.39%	\$51,797.00
Youth Programs and Projects	\$ 142,206.00	0.54%	\$ 139,894.00	0.51%	(\$2,312.00)
Historian	\$ 250.00	0.00%	\$ 15,250.00	0.06%	\$15,000.00
Celebrations	\$ 52,500.00	0.20%	\$ 52,500.00	0.19%	\$0.00
<b>HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>					
Zoning & Planning	\$ 36,250.00	0.14%	\$ 36,250.00	0.13%	\$0.00
Refuse and Garbage	\$ 1,833,055.00	6.96%	\$ 1,893,907.00	6.97%	\$60,852.00
Street Cleaning	\$ 122,007.00	0.46%	\$ 127,240.00	.047%	\$5,233.00
Noise Abatement	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Storm Sewers	\$ 45,100.00	0.17%	\$ 52,800.00	0.19%	\$7,700.00
Shade Trees	\$ 300,882.00	1.14%	\$ 315,717.00	1.16%	\$14,835.00
Emergency Tenant Protection	\$ 2,140.00	0.01%	\$ 2,140.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Co-op Agreements	\$ 300,100.00	1.14%	\$ 314,900.00	1.16%	\$14,800.00
<b>VILLAGE GENERAL</b>					
Self-Insurance	\$ 437,000.00	1.66%	\$ 457,000.00	1.68%	\$20,000.00
Special Items	\$ 936,509.00	3.55%	\$ 913,122.00	3.36%	(\$23,387.00)
Employee Benefits	\$ 6,774,570.00	25.71%	\$ 6,916,613.00	25.46%	\$142,043.00
Library Fund	\$ 1,416,563.00	5.38%	\$ 1,385,098.00	5.10%	(\$31,465.00)
Debt Service	\$ 941,850.00	3.57%	\$ 982,050.00	3.62%	\$40,200.00
	\$ 26,349,844.00	100%	\$ 27,164,859.00	100%	\$815,015.00

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

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**Village Justice**

Douglas J. Hayden

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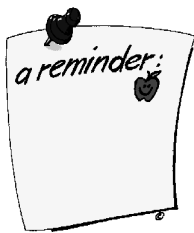
**Village Administrator**

Gerard M. Bambrick

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**Village Clerk**

Susan E. Walsh



**We are currently preparing for the 2015 tax collection process. Residents are reminded to contact us at 326-6305 with any of the following changes:**

- When there is a change in the billing or mailing address of the property owner.
- The property has been recently purchased or sold. As a property owner you cannot rely solely on the mortgage or your attorney to notify the village.
- The mortgage has been satisfied or refinanced with a different bank or financial institution.

**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.