

**June 15, 2016**

Floral Park is the wrong place for bad guys. That fact was again illustrated by the Floral Park Police Department whose rapid, professional response led to the capture of one of the more notorious criminals on Long Island. Within minutes after a Floral Park resident called in a criminal trespass, FPPD had the felon contained and a perimeter established. FPPD called in additional agencies as well as additional FPPD members. The hunt was on. The coordination among the various agencies was spectacular. It was now just a matter of time before the cat caught the mouse. And we did!

I have often said that security and safety is a feeling we enjoy in Floral Park and not simply something we quantify. We must find that fiscal balance of course, but today we all breathe easier knowing another bad guy came to Floral Park and found out just how effective our Police Department is. To all the members of our outstanding Police Department - **Congratulations on a job well done!!**

On behalf of a grateful Village, may I extend our deepest gratitude for your dedicated efforts and service to this Village and her residents each day.

While not nearly as exciting, may I report on some important projects and actions taken by the Village:

- > Over the last 18 months, the FPPD has hired four new **Police Officers** replacing retiring members.
- > **Our Pool Opened** for its Second Year.
- > **Road Program: 2015-16** Completed- Lowell Avenue & Raff Avenue Reconstruction Projects; Cedar/Hickory New Drainage Piping & Road Reconstruction. **2016-17** Design & Planning Phase: Zinnia Street, Charles Street, Daisy Avenue from Floral Blvd. to Crocus Avenue.
- > **Parks Improvements: Rotary Park Completed** including a new freestanding vintage clock, landscaping, brick plaza, bench seating & information kiosk. Starting in July: **Emerson Triangle Park** - new design, landscaping, electric, lighting & seating; **Colonial Gardens Park** a new public space with new electric, lighting, landscaping, seating & brick pathways.
- > **Shelter House:** Planning Phase for new additional fully accessible Public Meeting Space.
- > **Belmont Recharge Basin:** Next step, plan review by New York State Office of General Services.

In the coming weeks, we expect to launch our new Village Website. Please check back for information and updates on the Third Track and thank you for your efforts, whether by attending the scoping hearings or submitting comments.

Enjoy a safe Floral Park summer!