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Message from the Mayor

Dominick A. Longobardi, Mayor

Mayor's Message: End of Year/2017

If you don't think time flies, trust me, it does. I can't believe we are at the holidays and end of the 2017 year already. It has truly been a wonderful year and many exciting things are happening around our great Village. As we look back on all that has been going on, it actually paves the way for many projects to continue and be completed in 2018. To highlight, here are some of the ongoing projects that we hope to complete in the coming year.

Tiny Town at the Village Recreation Center:

As you are aware, the loss of the beloved great tree at the center of our children's play area has led to plans to completely renovate Tiny Town. To that end, the hard working members of the volunteer Recreation Committee have been meeting with experts and formulating plans to develop the new play area. I have to take time to thank all of the members of this committee as well as Trustee liaison, Frank Chiara, Superintendent Kurt Meyforht and the staff down at Recreation for their continued efforts. This will be a completely modernized compound that will bring many hours of enjoyment to so many of our younger generation. Our hope is to follow a similar process as we have done with many other projects by developing a plan and then inviting the residents to review those plans and comment on what they believe would be good for all of the children. It is planned to do this early in 2018 and hope to begin construction shortly thereafter. Please check our website at www.fpvillage.org for updates.

Road Renovation & Upgrade Program:

Maintenance of our roadways is an ongoing project that takes planning and coordination on the part of many individuals. DPW Superintendent Steve Siwinski and his staff not only plan out our road program but work to keep the roads we have as secure and in the best shape as they can.

Several years ago, the Village Board made the decision to dedicate a percentage of the annual budget to the road program. This has allowed us to leverage those budget monies with our annual borrowing for road construction to complete more projects in a shorter amount of time. In 2018 we plan to renovate Clayton Avenue and Locus Street. Both of these projects are rather extensive in nature involving roadway reconstruction as well as improvements to drainage systems, etc. Currently, engineer's drawings and plans are done and will be going to bid in the very near future.

The New Active Fire Company Pumper Truck and Firehouse Renovations-

Our Greatest Volunteers are those men and women of our Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department who work to ensure the safety and security of our families, homes and businesses. Currently, through Chief Michael Longobardi and his staff and the members of the truck committee established by Active House, the Village Board is reviewing bids for a new, state-of-the-art pumper truck to replace the 25+ year old pumper currently in use. In addition, the Village Board has received proposals for the renovation to the Active Firehouse in order that the new pumper may fit in the building. Over the years, the vehicles have grown in size and capability. In order to ensure that the new pumper truck will meet all federal and industry standards, as well as protect our community and those wonderful volunteers who use this equipment, these renovations to increase the size of the entrance and garage opening are necessary. We anticipate construction to begin in the spring of 2018. I would remind everyone that updating equipment and the training of our fire and rescue personnel are very important and are keys to maintaining reasonable rates on our property insurance, etc. Once again, on behalf of all of us, thank you to the many volunteers who provide us with the safety and security we have all come to cherish.

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Message from the Mayor (continued)

While we look at these upcoming projects, we are lucky to have some help along the way with the expenses associated with all of them. County Legislators Vincent Muscarella and Rich Nicollelo and Assemblywoman Solages have provided grant money to help defray costs. However, I would be very remiss if I did not recognize New York State Senator Elaine Phillips who has worked tirelessly to obtain state funding to help defray the costs of many of these and other projects. I thank all of these individuals and for looking out for us and helping in these efforts.

My term as Mayor began rather tumultuously with immediate calls and negotiations regarding the LIRR Third Track Project. While no one in our community, including all of the Village Board, want to see this project come to fruition, the limitations we faced in preventing this project from becoming a reality led to joint negotiations with our friends in the Village of New Hyde Park which generated a Memorandum of Understanding between us and the LIRR. This MOU will help protect our village from many of the aspects and issues that will arise during the construction phase of the project. The MOU also opened the door for much needed communications between all parties. This will ensure our concerns are met and dealt with in a manner conducive and beneficial to our village. It also led to the receipt of several million dollars in road reconstruction money and improvements such as elevators and renovations to our train stations. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Third Track Task Force and, its leader, Trustee Archie Cheng, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, Senator Elaine Phillips and our consultants, Michael Murphy, Esq. from the firm of Beveridge & Diamond and Vertex engineers for the tireless and overwhelming efforts in providing the Village with the constant concern and information needed to reach this understanding.

Along the same lines, New York State continues to squeeze our community in the quest to “renovate and improve” things. The latest, of course, is the proposed development at Belmont Park. To say we are monitoring this situation would be an understatement. I want to thank the Village Hall staff, Police Commissioner Steve McAllister and his staff, the Village Board and the wonderful and caring members of the Belmont Task Force, under the leadership of Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, for their efforts in working to monitor this situation. Due to all of these efforts, and as discussed in a separate Mayor’s Message, our concerns have been inserted into the process. We have strongly advocated for a Community Advisory Board, reached out to prospective bidders and spoken to and are in constant contact with our State representatives (Assemblywoman Solages and Senator Phillips). As new information is available we will continue to update you through all available means.

Changing course to some of the items our Village is working on to help make it easier for our residents and businesses to live and work here we are in the process of preparing an updated and fresh look at our building guidelines. Through discussions with the Floral Park and Covert Chambers of Commerce and many residents, we embarked upon this project to assist and guide our residents and business owners so that the process for building renovations and permitting may be a smooth and easier task. More often than not, delays are caused by confusion and this is designed to lessen the confusion. This effort has been due to the diligent work of our Building Superintendent Steve Siwinski and Trustee Dr. Lynn Pomponyo. In addition, our village is truly blessed to have the wonderful talents of Mr. Frank Gunther, the head of our Architectural Review Board. An architect by trade, his work and knowledge have and continue to be one of the many reasons our village remains the beautiful place it is. I thank them for their time and efforts and look forward to sharing their completed work with everyone in the first quarter of 2018.

Just to touch on a few other upcoming topics, The Village hopes, with the help of our residents and business owners to come to a resolution on the future of Centennial Hall. We are still working closely with our real estate firm regarding the proposals we have received for development of the property while we also consider options for a future public use. We look forward to meeting with everyone shortly into the New Year.

I have spoken at civic and other meetings and about upgrading all of the lighting throughout the Village to more cost efficient and improved LED lighting. We are currently working with an experienced company to set up test sites in certain spots in the Village. We hope to have the sites up and running sometime in February. Once established, we will be seeking your input and opinions regarding this type of lighting. It should be noted that we plan to “piggyback” on other government contracts already in place. This will save us money as well.

The “Welcome Wagon” is coming back. So many times new families and businesses move into our community and have to fend for themselves to figure out what is going on. Something as simple as knowing what day to place garbage and recycling at the curb to complex issues of building renovations can become issues if you are not sure what to do. Our volunteer Resident Committee has embarked upon the project of welcoming these new families by gathering information and providing that to new home and business owners to help everyone feel welcome and know they have moved into a community that wants them to be part of something special. While all of this is currently in the planning stages, the efforts of the members of the Resident Committee and Trustee Frank Chiara have been amazing. They have hit the ground running and have put a lot of time and energy into establishing this program.

Message from the Mayor (continued)

As we look back at many of the plans that have been ongoing in the last year, next year will be a busy one for our Village as we anticipate those plans being instituted and these projects being done. It goes without saying that many of these projects are done with the amazing gifts of time, energy, talents and pure drive of the many volunteers associated with our committees and village departments. At a time of year when we count our blessings, we, and I speak for the Village Board and our Village Justice, Doug Hayden, are truly blessed and honored to be associated with all of these individuals and all of you. We all know that Floral Park is a special place. But it is only that way because of every individual, family and businessperson who takes time to make our lives better in some way. Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts on behalf of our community.

Once again, on behalf of the Village Board and Justice Hayden, may this season bring you all the best of love and joy and may the New Year find you filled with good health, much happiness and true prosperity. Together, let's keep striving for the best Floral Park can be, now and for future generations.

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & TREE LIGHTING

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On December 1st, Mayor Longobardi, the Board of Trustees, Justice Hayden, Commissioner McAllister, former Mayor Tweedy, Fr. Fusco, and members of the Chamber of Commerce, and Jr. Woman's Club were joined by Senator Elaine Phillips, Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages and Nassau County Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen at the 2nd Annual Christmas Festival & Tree Lighting presented by the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Floral Park Jr. Woman's Club and Our Lady of Victory Church. The evening began with a visit from the Clydesdales marching down Tulip Avenue, and included holiday music and caroling, refreshments, and local merchants selling their wares. The night was capped off by the lighting of the Christmas tree and a visit from Santa!



FLORAL PARK RECREATION SESSION II - WINTER 2017

REGISTRATION:

At the Recreation/Pool Building

DATES AND TIMES:

Wednesday January 10 and Thursday January 11
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Senior Registration:

Wednesday January 10 and Thursday January 11
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Adult and youth program fees are \$45.00 for ten weeks (unless otherwise stated). All senior program fees are \$25.00. A 2018/2019 VFP Leisure Pass or 2017 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.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

TINY TOTS GYMNASTICS

First Class Feb. 10

Saturday: 12:30pm - 1:20pm

Ages: 3

Saturday: 2:30pm - 3:20pm

Ages 4-7

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

CREATIVE YOGA FOR KIDS

First Class Feb. 10

Saturday: 1:30pm - 2:20pm

Ages: 4 - 7

Creative thinking introduced by mind connection through yoga poses then let the artistic paths flow.

CARTOONING FOR KIDS

First Class Feb. 5

Monday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

First Class Feb. 10

Saturday: 11:30am - 12:20pm

Pre-Teens Ages: 8 - 12

Grow muscle, Get stronger, Unleash your inner Superhero. Fun workouts that will give kids strength, positive energy, and confidence that will transform you into a Superhero.



ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

AEROBICS

First Class Jan. 22

Days: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Fee \$85.00

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

Nights: Monday & Wednesday

Fee \$60.00

8:00pm - 9:00pm

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 Feb. 5

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 Feb 6

Friday: 11:00am - 12:00pm

First Class Feb 9

Saturday: 10:15am - 11:15am

First Class Feb 10

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

ADULT ZUMBA

Tuesday: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

First Class Feb 6

Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am

First Class Feb 10

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

KNITTING (Adult or Senior Fee)

First Class Feb. 6

Tuesday: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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

SENIOR AGILITY & STRENGTHENING (Senior Fee)

Friday: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

First Class Feb. 9

Includes a variety of indoor walking styles, as well as breathing and stretching techniques. Improves balance.

SILVER SNEAKERS EXERCISE (Senior Fee)

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

First Class Feb. 6

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 Feb. 6

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

~ or ~

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.

SPRING TENNIS LESSONS

Classes begin mid April

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.



RECREATION CENTER

Kurt Meyfohr, Superintendent of Recreation

With registration for the winter-spring Recreation Center youth, adult and senior programs nearing, all residents are reminded that as of December 31 it will be time to renew the VFP Leisure Pass. The 2016/2017 VFP passes will no longer be valid. The **new** 2018/2019 Inc. Village of Floral Park Leisure Pass or the 2017 resident pool pass is required for enrollment in these classes. Forms for the Leisure Pass and Session II programs can be found in the lobby of the Recreation/Pool Building and in the Floral Park Shelterhouse. Programs, descriptions, days and times are listed in this copy of the *Village Items*. For more information residents may call the Recreation/Pool Building at 326-6336.

As the playground has entered into the winter season, several changes go into effect. All fields are closed for several months to allow for seeding and seasonal maintenance. Tiny Town, basketball courts, handball and multi-purpose court number 4 (tennis/pickle ball) will be open for play on days when conditions permit. The Recreation Center will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Throughout the year, the Floral Park Recreation Center is *the* place to be, with a wide variety of activities for youth, adults and seniors. The winter months have a very unique rhythm of their own and the Recreation Center continues to be a hub of the Village. During the fall months, the Recreation Center played host to the Titans football, FP Little League fall baseball, FP Youth Council touch football, Indians soccer and FP Screaming Eagles hockey. During the fall/winter season, the Recreation/Pool Building runs 16 programs as well as being home to approximately 20 different Floral Park committees, clubs and organizations.

The Centennial Gardens and Bird Sanctuary officially closed on Sunday November 26 for the season. Many thanks to volunteers from the Floral Park Conservation Society, Con-Kel Landscapers, Department of Public Works, Jeb Dodson (irrigation specialist), staff members of the Floral Park Recreation Center, and AHRC Nassau Day Program, who help make this popular facility flourish. The gardens attracted a wide variety of birds this summer including Ruby-throated hummingbirds, gray catbirds, blue jays, cardinals, robins, black cat chickadees, house wrens, American goldfinches, and northern yellow shafted-flickers. In October, the gardens also hosted the "Grow with Me" Day for fifth graders sponsored by the Hance Foundation.

On February 16, 17, and 18, 2018, the Gardens will again host the Great Backyard Bird Count. The Recreation Center's bird expert Don Haug will be on hand to feed the birds as residents come down to observe and count. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society use information from the Great Backyard Bird Count to get the "big picture" about what is happening to bird populations. The longer this data is collected, the more meaningful it becomes

scientists investigate far-reaching questions, like: How will the weather and climate change influence bird populations? Why some birds appear in large numbers during some years, but not others. Where are these species from year to year, and what can we learn from these patterns? How will the timing of birds' migrations compare with past years? How are bird diseases, such as West Nile virus, affecting birds in different regions? What kinds of differences in bird diversity are apparent in cities versus suburban, rural, and natural areas? We invite you to participate! For at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, simply tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see.

This fall, the Recreation Center hosted the 37th Annual Jim Krug Tennis Classic run by the Tennis Director Wendy Bilka, with the help of Sr. Director John Michon and Superintendent Kurt Meyfohr. This staple of the Recreation Center continues to flourish. In late September, participants in all 2017 tournaments met at the Recreation/Pool Building for the annual awards ceremony. MC John Michon introduced Mayor Dominick Longobardi, and Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald and Lynn Pombonyo. Mayor Longobardi thanked Superintendent Meyfohr, Director Wendy Bilka and the staff for creating a wonderful playing experience for all and congratulated all players.



Again this fall, the night supervisor Richard Clifford III along with assistant Shana Joseph oversaw the fourth year of the fall volleyball league for women and men. Twenty teams had a very enjoyable time extending their season on Monday and Thursday nights. This year's fall champions were Dat Ace Doe and Moscow Mules.

The Annual Floral Park Recreation Center Christmas Tree Lighting took place on Friday December 15th at the Recreation Center. Families, many from the Screaming Eagles Hockey program, enjoyed the old fashioned event by listening to Christmas Carols and skating around the rink. Everyone enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies, while waiting for a visit from Santa. Santa arrived with his elves and distributed candy canes to all the "good" little boys and girls.



Incorporated Village of Floral Park
2018/2019

RESIDENT LEISURE PASS APPLICATION

(For Residents who are not current VFP Pool Members.)

Name: _____
First / Last Date of Birth

Name: _____
First / Last Date of Birth

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Children's Names	Date of Birth	Age	School as of September 2018
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST:

- Show one photo ID for each adult applicant (18 years and over) at current address.
 - Provide a Current Utility Bill (within the last month) at applicants current address.
 - Provide a Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate Per Child
- A photo will be taken for each pass processed at the Recreation/Pool Building.

I HEREBY APPLY FOR A LEISURE PASS FOR THE INC. VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK RECREATION CENTER. I UNDERSTAND AS THE PATRON INDIVIDUALLY, AND/OR ACTING ON BEHALF OF APPLICANTS IN FULL THAT I SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR PERSONAL INJURY (CAUSED BY SELF, A PATRON, GUEST OR ANY OTHER PERSONS) AT THE VFP RECREATION CENTER, CENTENNIAL GARDENS, ON VILLAGE PROPERTY, OR DURING ANY ACTIVITY, FUNCTION, ARRANGED OR SPONSORED EVENT. IT IS MY OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR ANY COSTS INVOLVED UPON PRESENTATION OF A STATEMENT THEREOF. PARTICIPATION IN ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONS, ARRANGED OR SPONSORED EVENT SHALL BE AT SUCH PERSON'S OWN RISK. I AGREE THE INC. VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, THE VFP RECREATION CENTER, EMPLOYEES, AND RESIDENTS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGE TO SUCH PERSONS, OR THE PROPERTY OF SUCH PERSONS, OR BE THE SUBJECT TO ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, INJURY, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION OR DAMAGES, AND I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, ABSOLVE, INDEMNIFY AND AGREE TO HOLD THEM HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM. I AGREE WE WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREOF AND ACCEPT ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND AGREE TO THE POLICIES AND RULES OF THE VFP RECREATION CENTER AS THE PREREQUISITE FOR USE OF THE FACILITY. 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. NOT VALID AS A VFP POOL PASS. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE READING. I AGREE THAT ANY PHOTOS TAKEN DURING MY USE OF THE FACILITY MAY BE USED AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Recreation Center Use Only below this line:

Employee Signature: _____ Date Processed: _____



LIBRARY

Patricia Eren, Library Director

Over the past year, the staff of the Floral Park Library have worked hard to offer more exciting, educational and fun events for our patrons. We hope we've accomplished our 2017 New Year's resolution of better meeting the needs of the Floral Park community. We are always eager to hear from you with possible suggestions to further enhance our already vibrant library. Many have volunteered suggestions for further bus trips and we are happy to respond. At this time, we are hoping to offer a bus trip to West Point in the spring, followed by a bus trip to Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn in the fall. Check the library's calendar and the village website for details as we are still in the planning stages.

We see our new Quiet Reading Room is always being utilized by patrons working diligently at the tables or relaxing by the fireplace with a good read. We are now hoping to expand our Teen Area upstairs. We appreciate our teens coming in to the library to work and meet up with friends. So, we would love to offer a spacious environment in which they can study. We've also begun sectioning off an area in our Children's Room to accommodate our tweens, those children in grades 4-6 who also want some space of their own, separate from the little ones. The library staff are committed to providing a welcoming, educational and safe environment for our young patrons.

And, we will continue to offer programs of interest to all ages in the upcoming year. This December, we had a musical holiday celebration with Catherine Doctorow, daughter of renowned author, E.L. Doctorow. Her concert included such holiday classics as "Winter Wonderland," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Deck the Halls". The library was decorated with candy canes and yuletide treats for all to enjoy this holiday season.

The library set up a "giving tree" this year to accept donations of new hats, scarves, gloves and socks to be donated to the needy of Anna House at Belmont Racetrack. Anna House is a sanctuary of play and learning for the children of the backstretch families at Belmont. Donations were accepted under the library's tree from November 27 thru December 15. Library staff and patrons were happy to contribute in the spirit of the season to those less fortunate.

The staff of the Floral Park Library want to wish you and your family the happiest of holidays and all the best in 2018. See you in the library!





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 5th out of top 20 in the New York State for 2016. Floral Park has been recognized as being safer than 96% of US cities.

Check out this interactive map of the 50 safest cities in America:

<http://security.protection1.com/50-safest-cities-in-america/>.

COMBATING HEROIN ABUSE

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

The Floral Park Police Department is now registered through the NYS Department of Health as an **Opioid Overdose Prevention Program**. Both Sgt. Will Doherty and Officer John Groshans lecture extensively on combating heroin abuse and the administration and use of NARCAN as an overdose antidote. Sgt. Doherty recently had an article published in the New York State Chief's Chronicle on our efforts in combating the heroin epidemic. Each patrol officer has been trained and equipped with NARCAN, an opioid/heroin antidote, along with other lifesaving equipment e.g. AEDs, oxygen, etc.

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 merely arrest our way out of the problem of drug addiction, P.A.A.R.I. committed police departments also:

- ◇ Encourage opioid drug users to seek recovery
- ◇ Help distribute lifesaving opioid blocking drugs to prevent and treat overdoses
- ◇ Connect addicts with treatment programs and facilities
- ◇ Provide resources to other police departments and communities that want to do more to fight the opioid addiction epidemic.

We have installed both a needle drop box along with a prescription drug drop box in our Headquarters lobby. To date, we have collected over 340 lbs. of drugs that have been destroyed and can no longer be utilized for illicit purposes.

The FPPD continues to participate with the DEA in their "Operation Takeback". You can drop off any unused prescription medications, no questions asked. So clean out your cabinets and closets and help remove the possibility for illicit use by your children, grandchildren, family and friends.

WEBSITE / ONLINE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS

The Floral Park Police Department has completely redesigned its website 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 available online Motor Vehicle Accident Reports. People involved in a motor vehicle 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.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

The Floral Park Police Department is in the process of upgrading their telephone system replacing the old copper wiring system with a state of the art system. This will ensure continued quick response to citizens' calls as Verizon upgrades their system to all fiber systems. The Nassau County Police Department is also in the process of upgrading all local PD 911 systems. The FPPD has already installed needed components for when the upgrade occurs later this year.

The Floral Park Police Department has established a Truck Inspection Unit which has begun monitoring and inspecting trucks and trailers that traverse through Floral Park's highways and byways. Each of our Police Officers assigned to this unit have received extensive training and are certified by New York State as "Truck Safety Inspectors". Grant funding has helped provide the necessary equipment for the Officers to properly conduct the inspections of these trucks. Truck Scales for weighing tonnage was purchased through a Grant, and three of our Officers received training over a 3 day course of instruction.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAINING : ALICE Instructor Certification

Training (2 days) – 11/8-11/9/17

Hosted by: Floral Park Police Department

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training instructor led classes provide preparation and a plan for individuals and organizations on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. Whether it is an attack by an individual person or by a terrorist group intent on conveying a political message through violence, ALICE Training option based tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional “lockdown only” approach. ALICE Training Institute was established by a former police officer fifteen years ago and ALICE Training continues to be the leading active shooter response program in the country due to the Police / Law Enforcement community.

Lockdown was the standard active shooter response method for many years, but almost every police officer in America has had a conversation similar to this with their children: “If you ever see someone with a gun other than mommy, daddy or a police officer, you need to run fast.”

Police officers know the volatile dangers of any aggressive intruder and active shooter event. These attacks can happen unexpectedly and produce devastating outcomes within a few short minutes making even the fastest law enforcement response time futile.

According to the FBI’s 2014 report on active shooter situations, 69% of incidents lasted less than five minutes. Consequently, 60% of incidents ended before police arrived. Police officers understand the necessity of teaching proactive safety and response tactics to citizens.

The Floral Park Police Department has acquired patrol rifles and each member has completed two intensive instruction courses on their use. Every member on patrol has been qualified to carry a rifle while on duty and each radio car will be equipped with a Patrol rifle. All sworn members of the Police Department have received two rounds of “Active Shooter” training utilizing the schools at Our Lady of Victory and Floral Park Memorial High School as our training grounds.

In conjunction with the above training, we have also trained our Officers in an enhanced course of instruction on effective firearms training coupled with control and take

down techniques. All patrol officers have had 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. Officers Marrinan, Mayo and Hayes act as our Firearms Instructors. Officer Groshans continues to provide much needed insight and share valuable information with not only our school children but to various civic groups and our PTAs.

Officers Timm and Naughton have provided hands on CPR / AED training to various groups including our recreation staff and local school teachers.

Lt. Suppe, Sgt. Doherty and Officer Groshans, all NYS certified instructors, provide much needed in-service training including Use of Force Guidelines, Domestic Violence and other legal briefings to the men and women who serve our Village.

Our Officers continue to receive training in gangs, guns, narcotics, tactics and effective “tools of the trade” from the FBI, HIDTA, NCPD and NYPD.

FIREARMS TRAINING



In October, Firearms Instructors Officers Marrinan, Hayes and Mayo conducted AR 15 training for Floral Park Police Officers at the Freeport Range. Pictured are Officer Hayes, Officer Mayo, Sergeant Gagliano, Officer Keteltas, Officer Kratochvil, Officer Sebber, Officer Lauria, Officer King, Sergeant Derenze and Officer Marrinan. Training will continue to be a paramount mission for all members of the FPPD so they are properly equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to better protect our Village.

LONG-TIME VILLAGE EMPLOYEES HONORED

On December 5th, Mayor Longobardi and the Board of Trustees presented NYCOM Public Service Award Certificates to five employees who have reached milestones in their careers with the Village.



Richard Albertson was honored for 35 years of service with the Department of Public Works.

Thomas Mack was honored for 35 years of service with the Recreation Department.



Thomas Asfar was honored for 25 years of service with the Department of Public Works.



Also honored, but unable to attend the meeting were Paul Abbruzzese, 40 years with the Police Department, and Evelyn Schultz, 35 years with the Administration Department.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Michael Longobardi

Your Floral Park Fire Department is a 24/7/365 **VOLUNTEER** department providing full fire protection and primary advanced life support emergency medical services. We are running ongoing recruitment drives and looking for new members to join our Family. Why not consider becoming one of us and be part of this great team. It's a rewarding experience unlike anything else.

With the winter months upon us, we remind everyone that fire safety should be practiced all year long. Please ensure that your home has multiple smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. They should be tested monthly. If you have the models that take batteries, they should be changed every six months, when you change your clocks. If your carbon monoxide detector should go off, you should immediately leave the home and call 911. We will enter the home with the proper meters and verify if there is a problem and what needs to be done. Do not remain in the home.

As the holidays approach, while live Christmas trees are very beautiful, they can also be very dangerous. Please keep them watered regularly and away from matches or open flames, such as candles. Well-watered trees make a great holiday decoration; dry, not watered trees are a dangerous holiday hazard. Christmas tree fires account for numerous fires resulting in injuries and death and millions in property damage every year.

Please keep your chimneys, as well as your boilers, cleaned and serviced. Routine maintenance can lead to clean, efficient burning and clean air for your safety.

Finally, while driving, if an emergency vehicle or a member with his/her blue light on comes up behind you, calmly and safely pull to the side and let them pass. They are responding because someone is in need of emergency assistance and seconds count. When approaching a scene ahead of you with emergency vehicles and lights going, consider just going around the block to get past it. They are usually active scenes with members working and walking all around to help your neighbors. Approaching and driving through the scene is dangerous for you and is dangerous for us. Help us help you or your neighbors and take the extra few seconds to drive around the block and avoid the scene. It keeps all of us safe.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the fire department, please call us at 326-6327 and leave a message. As always if you have an emergency call 911. Stay safe.



4VS NEWS

James Green, Operations Manager

CELEBRATING TWO DECADES!!!

All through 2018, Four Village Studio will be acknowledging our first 20 years of community television. All year long, the last show(s) in the 4VS weekly program block will be dedicated to celebrating the studio's first two decades. History capturing field shoots, host/producer favorite picks, celebrity guest appearances, award-winning productions, and even "the studio's very first show", will be among the many programs featured during our year-long commemoration. Please be sure to watch "4VS Flashback" every week, on Optimum Channel 18 or Fios Channel 28, as we delve into the studio archives!

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Four Village Studio is currently recruiting local students to become members of our production team. 4VS is a student-driven organization that always welcomes new volunteers from the four-village area. The studio provides excellent career-building experience and mentorship for our young staff members. High school (age 15 and older), college or graduate students, who are interested in video production, are encouraged to call the studio at **516-326-1150** or email **4VS@4VS.org** to arrange appointment for an informational interview.

4VS ON THE WEB

The Four Village Studio website offers visitors many of the same elements available on our cable channel. The site's simple design allows easy navigation to view hundreds of 4VS Programs, to scroll the studio's Community Billboard, or access the Weather Station.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Siwinski, Superintendent

RECYCLING

Enclosed with this edition of *Village Items* is your 2018 Recycling Calendar and Refuse Chart. Please note that the Department of Public Works has set new regulations for disposing of mattresses and box springs. The department now requires residents to fully encase all mattresses or box springs being discarded within a sealed plastic bag. Plastic bags to contain all bedding are available at department stores, home improvement centers, home supply businesses, and online at a modest cost. **Any bedding not fully encased in a sealed plastic bag placed at the curbside or other designated area for collection by the Department of Public Works will not be picked up and a violation issued.** Please see attached insert.

We would also like to remind you that the Village of Floral Park recycles. Please separate bottles and cans from paper and cardboard. Newspapers and cardboard must be tied. Please call Public Works at 326-6320 to schedule electronics recycling (e-waste) and Freon pickup.

2017 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & TREE LIGHTING





2018 VILLAGE **summer** EMPLOYMENT

Applications for 2018 summer season are available on the following pages, at Village Hall, the Recreation Center and on our website, www.fpvillage.org.

Be aware that all applicants' skills, experience & residency will be considered first, so please make sure you include this information on the application. Completed applications will be accepted beginning **January 3, 2018** at Village Hall, One Floral Boulevard. Working papers (only if under the age of 18) and proof of physical are required with the application.

*** Lifeguard Application:**

The minimum age requirement for a lifeguard is 16 years of age by **January 1, 2018**.

Up-to-date lifeguard certification, current CPR & first aid certifications, working papers (under the age of 18 years old) and proof of a physical exam administered no earlier than June, 2017 must be presented with the application.

*** Park/Pool Attendant Application:**

The minimum age requirement is 17 years of age by **January 1, 2018**. Working papers and proof of a physical exam administered no earlier than June, 2017 must be presented with the application.

When submitting an application, please keep in mind that since the summer season is a short one, summer vacations will not be permitted.

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



ASSESSMENT DEADLINE

Residents are reminded that **December 31, 2017 is the filing deadline for all village property tax exemptions. Senior Exemption Renewal Applications** were mailed out in September. 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 and **Volunteer Firefighter** applications are available on our website as well as at Village Hall and at the Assessment Department located at 1 Pool & Garage Road. We remind the 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 the December 31st deadline.

If you are a **new property owner** in the village or you are a property owner who has a mailing address change or a bank change, please contact the Assessment Department as soon as possible to update our records and direct future tax bills and correspondence to the correct address or bank.

Contact the Assessment Department at 326-6305 for additional information or questions you may have on any of these issues.



Application for *New* Employment
Summer 2018 (Seasonal Only)

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.) _____

IMPORTANT

- ☞ The minimum age requirement for summer positions is **17 years of age by 1/1/2018**. 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, 2017.
- ☞ All applicants are subject to Nassau County Civil Service approval.
- ☞ Completed applications will be accepted any time after January 3, 2018. All applications must be brought into Village Hall. Consideration will be based on skills, experience and residency.
- ☞ Working papers, if applies, and proof of physical must be submitted with application and will not be accepted without same.
- ☞ Be aware that since the summer season is a short one, summer vacations will not be permitted.

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 2018

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.) _____

IMPORTANT

- ☛ Lifeguard applicants must be **16 years of age by 1/1/2018** 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, 2017 with this application.
- ☛ Since summer season is a short one, summer vacations will not be permitted.
- ☛ Completed applications will be accepted any time after January 3, 2018.
- ☛ 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

Mayor
Dominick A. Longobardi



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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 Chiefs Office.....326-6327
Library.....326-6330
Public Works Department.....326-6320
Recreation Shelter House.....326-6334
Recreation/Pool Bldg.....326-6336
4VS326-1150

www.fpvillage.org
4VS –Cablevision Channel 18 / Verizon 28

HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note all Village offices will close at noon on December 22nd and December 29th, and will be closed all day December 25, 2017 and January 1, 2018. For the convenience of residents needing to renew parking permits for 2018, Village Hall will be open from **8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, December 27th.

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