

Board of Trustees Reports January 2, 2018

Belmont Park – Trustee K. Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that on Wednesday December 20th, there was an announcement at Belmont Park that a development team led by the New York Islanders and the Oak View Group had won the right to build an arena at Belmont Park. As mentioned in Trustee Fitzgerald's previous Board reports and letters sent to the various participants in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, Floral Park has a number of issues that are of concern to our residents about such a development at Belmont Park. The day following the press conference, December 21st, Task Force member Kevin Flood and Trustee Fitzgerald attended the Empire State Development Corps (ESD) Board meeting. Trustee Fitzgerald did have the opportunity to speak at the meeting at which he again asked that our submitted questions be answered so we can understand the impact to our community. A few points that were addressed by the ESD were:

- The ESD committed at the meeting to establish a Community Advisory Committee. The structure of it should be announced in the coming weeks and we have a commitment that the Inc. Village of Floral Park will be a part of it. The ESD did acknowledge that the communities have submitted valid questions that need to be answered.
- Both the ESD and New York Islanders have agreed to meet with the individual communities in the coming weeks. The Mayor and Trustee Fitzgerald look forward to meeting with both the ESD and the New York Islanders to provide them with a tour of Floral Park in which they can see firsthand our unique concerns so that they can be properly and sufficiently analyzed.
- The ESD at the meeting approved a Conditional Designation of the project. As Trustee Fitzgerald mentioned in his Board Report on December 19th, the process is only now starting. The full environmental review process as well as community outreach will now commence. It was stated at the December 21st ESD Board meeting that they expect this process to take approximately one year. Once completed, the ESD Board will then be presented with a request for a formal designation sometime in the Spring of 2019.

A link to the meeting can be viewed on the Village's website and Trustee Fitzgerald recommends that our residents review it to learn more.

Trees – Trustee K. Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald said he would like to call to our residents' attention a show that he recently produced and hosted on Four Village Studio. It is entitled "Village Trees: Their Importance and Maintenance" and will air for the first time this coming Monday, January 8th at 9:00 pm. As we continue to maintain, as we have for the past twenty years, the standards of being designated as a Tree City USA, Trustee Fitzgerald encourages our residents to review the show which entails various topics on trees and the value that they add to our community. The show can also be viewed anytime under the Watch Now link at www.4VS.org. I would like to thank my guests,

licensed Arborist Richard Gibney, resident Kevin Flood and Studio Manager James Green for his efforts in producing this show as well as the talented group of volunteers behind the camera and soundboard that made the show possible.

Department of Public Works – Trustee K. Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald said he would like to thank our hard working members of the Department of Public Works who have been out working during this cold spell. Their work is much appreciated by our residents.

Trustee Fitzgerald wished everyone a very Happy New Year!

Fire Department- Trustee L. Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo announced that 2018 will be an important year as the Floral Park Fire Department celebrates its 125th anniversary. Established in 1893, the FPDF has responded to countless Signal 10s (building fires) and related emergencies, as well as medical emergency calls. All of Floral Park will be invited to join our fire department in celebrating its rich history of service to our Village. Stay tuned for details throughout 2018.

Fire department training will, of course, continue in 2018. Approximately twelve of our current volunteer EMTs are beginning their refresher program, required every three years, for two evenings a week until March. Floral Park residents and businesses can be assured that our fire department's medical and emergency expertise will always be current.

Floral Park Holiday Celebrations- Trustee L. Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo thanked all in Floral Park for making our Village sparkle and shine throughout this holiday season. The magnificent lighting displays on our homes, lawns, Christmas trees, businesses, firehouses, and in our parks reflect a strong tradition of holiday spirit and sense of childhood wonder for which Floral Park is famous. Great appreciation goes to our Floral Park Public Works, Fire and Police Departments, residents, civic associations, businesses, and Chambers of Commerce for this year's very festive celebrations.

We wish everyone in Floral Park a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

Police Department – Trustee A. Cheng

Trustee Cheng said that while the Floral Park Fire Department will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2018, the Floral Park Police Department will be celebrating its 100th! Details are forthcoming regarding the celebration of this great milestone.

Trustee Cheng thanked the Department of Public Works along with the Police Department and Fire Department for continuing to serve the residents of Floral Park in this very frigid weather we are experiencing.

Floral Park Public Library- Trustee A. Cheng

Trustee Cheng invited residents to look at the Floral Park Public Library's website to see how many programs are offered in all age groups. To name a few: Tiny Tots Storytime; Chefs of d'Future; Teen Cuisine Event; Talking Toddlers; Made with Love, knitting and crocheting groups; Challenge Your Tax Assessment with Donald Clavin as guest speaker; and AARP Defensive Driving Course. Trustee Cheng thanked the Library personnel for all their hard work in putting together these wonderful programs. Please sign up and enjoy one of these great Library events! The library's website is www.floralparklibrary.org

Trustee Cheng wished everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Recreation Center – Trustee F. Chiara

Trustee Chiara said that residents should renew their leisure passes for the 2018-2019 season at the Recreation/Pool Building or the Shelter House.

Registration for Session II classes at the Recreation/Pool Building will be held on Wednesday, January 10th and Thursday, January 11th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Senior registration will take place on Wednesday, January 10th and Thursday, January 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For additional information, you may call the Recreation Center at 326-6336.

Trustee Chiara wished all our residents a happy, healthy and safe New Year. May 2018 bring us all happiness and joy throughout the year.

Mayor's Report – Mayor D. Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi reported that he recently attended several induction ceremonies and that on Wednesday, January 3rd he will be attending the State of the State Address by Governor Andrew Cuomo in Albany. The Mayor said he will give a full report of the Address at the next Board Meeting on January 16th.

Mayor Longobardi echoed the sentiments of his fellow Board Members by thanking our DPW workers and first responders for their continued excellent service to our residents during this very cold weather. Mayor Longobardi asked everyone to check in on your neighbors & elderly residents to make sure they are safe during this spell of frigid weather.

On Thursday, January 4th, the weather service is predicting a snow storm. Hopefully it will not be a major event but, in any case, our DPW crews will be out in full force clearing our streets.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening's meeting.

On behalf of his family and the Village family, Mayor Longobardi wished residents a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!