

Incorporated Village of Floral Park
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 21, 2017

Building Department

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that during the month of October, the Building Department issued 25 building permits with total construction costs of \$829,000, 18 plumbing permits, 7 amended permits, 8 fence permits, 23 electrical permits and 10 sign permits.

Trustee Fitzgerald said that he is truly thankful to live in such a wonderful Village. He thanked all the residents, Village employees and Village volunteers for everything they do and wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Floral Park Conservation Society & Centennial Gardens

Trustee Pombonyo reported that, on Saturday, November 18th, the Conservation Society hosted a very productive volunteer day at the Gardens. About fifty volunteers from FPCS, the Chaminade High School service organizations and Boy Scout Troop 298 spent the day replanting and refurbishing inner and outer bushes and flowers. Approximately 120 donated plants and shrubs, of all sizes, were added. This transformation was spearheaded by FPCS expert, local resident, and volunteer Stephen Koste. Thanks to all for making Centennial Gardens such an extraordinary Village treasure. The Gardens will close for the season on Sunday, November 26th at 4pm.

Ann Gribbins, who was in the audience, was also recognized for her many years of voluntary service, dedication, and contributions to the timeless beauty of the Gardens.

Fire Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that FPDF's recruitment drive continues with high energy. Our Chiefs, firefighters and EMS staff attended this weekend's masses at Our Lady of Victory to speak with our residents about the importance and benefits of volunteering with the fire service. Volunteer Rescue, EMS and Firefighters are needed. Those interested are encouraged to call 516-326-6327 or email info@fpfd.org.

Volunteers from the FPDF, our community, and Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior are departing for Fort Bragg, Camp Lejeune, Fort Belvoir, Marine Corps Base Quantico, and Walter Reed Hospital on December 6th-11th. They will be transporting truckloads of supplies and equipment to 900-1000 wounded warriors and their families. In addition to all the valuable donated items, the NCFE-OWW volunteers will share their love, care and support. Thanks to the NCFE-OWW volunteers and the thousands of generous donors to this important

cause. Representing FPF in the planning, preparations, and on this year's trip will be: Patricia Luger, Lynn Willie, Joe O'Grady, Susan Murphy, Gil Luger, and Joe Gormley.

At the holiday season, FPF reminds everyone that the beauty of the season comes with danger. Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Please inspect holiday lights, keep trees well-watered, consider using battery-operated flameless candles, and be fire smart!

Chambers of Commerce

Attention all shoppers! Trustee Pombonyo reminded everyone that this Saturday, November 25th, is SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY at our Covert Avenue and Floral Park Chamber of Commerce businesses. Please shop locally throughout the holiday season which will be ushered in with the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1st, 5-9 pm at Memorial Park and the Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 2nd, 2-6 pm on Covert Avenue.

Trustee Pombonyo concluded by extending holiday wishes for a Thanksgiving filled with joy and peace to all.

Police Department

Trustee Cheng reported that the Floral Park Department did an excellent job in helping to apprehend a female suspect who, along with two other unknown males, robbed Atelier Jewelers on Woodbine Court on November 11th. Trustee Cheng said it most likely will not be long before the others are also apprehended.

Trustee Cheng wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said how grateful he is to wake up every morning knowing that he lives in such a great Village and to have had the opportunity to raise his children here.

Recreation Center

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation Center has begun its winter season. The hours at the park are now 8:00 am to 4:30 pm daily. All the ball fields will be closed for the season on Monday, December 4th. Centennial Gardens' hours are 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and the last day of the 2017 season at the Gardens will be Sunday, November 26th.

The Recreation Center programs are at the half-way point. Session 2 registration will be held on Wednesday, January 10th and Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at the Recreation/Pool Building from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Program details will be posted on the Village website, *The Gateway* and the winter edition of the Village Items.

As a reminder to all, Village leisure passes will expire as of December 31, 2017. Residents need to re-apply for the new 2018/2019 passes at the Recreation/Pool Building.

The Recreation Committee and the Pool Committee will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Recreation Center will take place on Friday, December 15th at 7:30 pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Four Village Studio

Trustee Chiara reported that Four Village Studio will be celebrating their first 20 years of community television. All year long, the last show in the 4VS weekly program will be dedicated to celebrating this anniversary. They will be airing favorite picks, have celebrity guest appearances and will re-air the Studio's very first show. 4VS flashbacks can be watched every week on Optimum Channel 18 or Fios Channel 28. Trustee Chiara congratulated Jimmy Green and the Four Village Studio staff for providing us with such great community television!

Resident Committee

Trustee Chiara reported that the Resident Committee had its first meeting last week. This committee is focused on welcoming new homeowners and new business owners to our Village, along with familiarizing them with the many wonderful qualities and benefits of living in the Inc. Village of Floral Park. They will be putting together a welcome basket filled with helpful information and some goodies donated by local businesses and deliver them to each new resident or business owner.

Trustee Chiara wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving – enjoy the holiday but don't eat too much!

Mayor's Report

As Trustee Pombonyo said in her report, Mayor Longobardi also asked residents to come out and enjoy the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1st from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Memorial Park. Mayor Longobardi thanked the Chamber, members of the Our Lady of Victory Parish and Father Tom and the Junior Woman's Club for all their hard work in putting together this wonderful event. And, the Clydesdale Horses will be at the festival marching down the streets of the Village! Last year was the first time this festival was held and the Mayor said he is sure it will get bigger and better each year.

Mayor Longobardi said he just saw an online post in which someone said it is only 200 days until the Floral Park pool opens again!

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia from Just the Facts Media for filming this evening's meeting.

Mayor Longobardi said he is very lucky to live in such a wonderful community. Mayor Longobardi thanked the Board of Trustees who give so much of themselves to this Village, the Village employees, volunteers and all the residents – it is a very special place. On behalf of his family, Mayor Longobardi wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said to eat as much as you want!