

**Board of Trustees Reports  
December 19, 2017**

**Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald - Belmont Park**

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that many news agencies have reported that there will be a press conference on December 20<sup>th</sup> in which it will be announced that the New York Islanders will be awarded by the ESD (Empire State Development) the land at Belmont Park that was in the RFP (Request for Proposal). The Village submitted a letter to the ESD in advance of the listening session that was held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, at the session, only a limited amount of questions were allowed to be asked and answered. As the vast majority of our questions remained unanswered as elected representatives of Floral Park, we need to ensure that our residents' concerns be heard and that they deserve answers to these questions in order to fairly gauge the impact.

As it appears, the first step in what needs to be a multi-step process, is concluding on December 20<sup>th</sup>. To that end, we again respectfully ask the New York Islanders' management and the National Hockey League (NHL) to urgently meet with us to discuss the concerns that we have brought forth and that have gone unanswered to this point in time. In addition, Trustee Fitzgerald called upon all decision makers in the process to respect Belmont's neighbors and design a master plan for Belmont Park to ensure that this proposal and any future developments are complimentary to each other and most importantly least impactful to its surrounding neighbors while providing benefits to all.

As mentioned earlier, there will be additional steps including the full SEQRA process that will be forthcoming and we need to be educated on the potential impacts of the proposed arena and ensure that all of them are addressed. Trustee Fitzgerald would, therefore, respectfully ask our residents to once again educate themselves on what impact this proposal can have on our Village and its century-old way of life. Although rather lengthy, a good place to start is to read the letter that Trustee Fitzgerald and the Mayor sent to the ESD on December 8<sup>th</sup>. It can be found on the Village website and in the next few weeks we will be breaking down the over 100 questions in more detail.

**Trustee Lynn Pombonyo – Floral Park Businesses In The News**

Trustee Pombonyo announced that the Friday, December 15th section of the Newsday LIHome's cover story features "Downtowns Under the Radar." The centerfold goes on to describe and show photos of "10 downtown hubs with quieter buzz." Included in the stories of the ten are Nassau and Suffolk localities such as Oyster Bay, Sayville, Glen Cove, Garden City and, of course, Floral Park. Five of our businesses are described, and a young New Hyde Park resident is quoted as saying, "When you don't want to travel so far and be close to home, it's '*Floral Park*' a great place to go." We think so too.

Congratulations go to our great Floral Park businesses and both Chambers of Commerce!

### **Trustee Lynn Pombonyo - Fire Department**

Speaking for our fire department, Chief Michael Longobardi, the chief staff, firefighters and rescue company, Trustee Pombonyo wished all a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. We are indeed blessed to be living, working and raising our families here in Floral Park.

### **Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **Trustee Frank Chiara - Recreation Center**

Trustee Chiara reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Recreation Center was a great event. The falling snow added to the spirit and made Santa and his Elves' trip to the Recreation Center a little easier. Trustee Chiara thanked Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt and his staff for making it such an enjoyable evening.

Trustee Chiara reminded residents that registration for the second session programs at the Recreation Center will take place on Wednesday, January 10 and Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Seniors can register on Wednesday, January 10 and Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please remember to renew expiring leisure passes at the Pool Building.

Trustee Chiara wished all our residents a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Healthy and Happy New Year! May this season bring us all some happiness and joy leading us into a hopeful and Happy New Year! Merry Christmas from the Chiara family!

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Longobardi thanked his friends from the Rotary Club for coming to this evening's meeting. The application submitted by the Rotary Club will be discussed during the second session where we go over the details of the application. We will talk to the Police Department and the Fire Department to see what the implications might be on the Village and let you know our decision.

On behalf of the Longobardi Family, the Mayor wished our Village Family and all our residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!