

Inc. Village of Floral Park
Board of Trustees Reports
September 2, 2020

Department of Public Works – Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald

Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald reported that the Department of Public Works is in its final stages of restoration from the recent storm repairing curbs and sidewalks that were damaged. DPW will be line striping crosswalks and stop lines in anticipation of school re-openings. Storm drain projects in various locations throughout the Village are underway. The drainage project at Emerson/Lowell Avenues is almost complete except for the street repave, Depan/West Hitchcock Avenues is almost done and then they will move on to Crocus/Elm Avenues.

Finally, Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald offered a public service announcement to advise residents that the N-24 bus route on Jericho Turnpike has removed some stops in Floral Park as part of its streamlining of bus routes to hasten trips. N-24 bus service is still available to Floral Park, however, please visit www.nicebus.com to review passenger information for the new bus schedule and bus stops that have recently gone into effect.

Recreation and Pool Departments – Trustee Pombonyo

Floral Park has begun its transition from summer to fall, especially at the pool and rec center. This summer's sunny season at the pool was enjoyed by all. The enthusiasm, spirit and cooperation have been awesome, thanks all around, and the final day of swimming for members and residents will be Labor Day.

If you've taken a trip to the park, especially during the evening hours, you will be amazed by the large number of residents and families who come to swim, play tennis and other sports, watch our Little League games, or simply stroll to take it all in. For a pleasant summer evening experience, try our own Village park. We're open until 10pm every night in September.

And, speaking of Little League, it's tournament time! Our baseball and softball teams have had exciting seasons, and our 10U and 12U baseball teams (athletes 8-10 and 10-12 years old) are successfully making their way through the playoffs, competing to win championships. (Breaking news! Our 10U team just defeated Carle Place to win the District 29 championship. Very exciting, congratulations to all!) Other championship games and our Floral Park intra-league games are scheduled this week and next, with the season ending on September 14th.

Love baseball and softball? Come to cheer on our hometown teams. Tournament schedules will be posted on our Little League website at floralparklittleleague.com . Good luck to all our champions!

Now, we're focusing on fall and Recreation Session I programs. For youth, there's Kids Zumba, Tiny Tots Gymnastics, Creative Yoga, Gardening and, new this year, Youth Tennis. For adults and seniors, there's Aerobics, Cardio Kickboxing & Toning, Interval Fitness Training, Yoga, Zumba, Knitting, Agility & Strengthening, Exercise, Gentle

Movement and Tennis lessons. Registration will take place on September 16th and 17th at the rec center.

Watch for our Fall Recreation flyer and all the details on the Village website and email, and postings on our Village and Pool Facebook pages.

Conservation Society – Trustee Pombonyo

The Centennial Gardens' brick path and surrounding area are also bustling with activity every evening. Bicyclists and joggers enjoy rides and runs around the perimeter of the Gardens. Walkers on the path and others benefit from their outdoor fitness activities in the outer area as well. You can get a spectacular view of sunset from all spots, especially on the Floral Parkway side. Make your evening extra special with a trip to the outside of our beautiful Gardens.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce and Our Businesses – Trustee Pombonyo

It's back-to-school time, perfect for SHOPPING, DINING & TAKING OUT LOCAL! Visit our local businesses. It's convenient, enjoyable and productive.

Back-To-School – Trustee Pombonyo

We wish our students of all ages a happy back-to-school season. Although 2020-21 will be a new experience, we wish everyone success and enjoyable times with friends. And, for all our motorists, please drive carefully. School is open. Keep our children safe.

Fire Department – Trustee Cheng

The annual Knights of Columbus and Keith Fairben Blood Drive was held on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Our Lady of Victory. 182 appointments to donate blood were made and all scheduled openings were filled. There were some walk-ins and those individuals were not turned away. 182 pints of blood were collected. I have been informed that 182 pints of blood can be used to save approximately 550 lives. Thanks to all of the residents who donated to the Fire Department for organizing and assisting in this worthwhile and lifesaving endeavor.

Again, I wish to thank our volunteers from the Fire Department for the job they did to ensure the safety of our residents during and after Tropical Storm Isaias. As you will see from the Fire Department call numbers for the month of August, the entire department was extremely busy. Calls for the month of Aug.: Rescue - 82; Rest of Department – 33.

LIRR Third Track – Trustee Cheng

The following are updates: Work is continuing at the MTA substation on Plainfield Avenue. Retaining and sound wall work will commence on the north side Right of Way on or about September 21st. We have finished reviewing the landscaping plan for the intersection of Terrace and Plainfield Avenues and work there will commence shortly. Also, New Hyde Park Road has reopened for vehicular traffic.

CREW – Trustee Chiara

The CREW committee is continuing its Jam sessions through the Fall Season. All young adults who play an instrument and have an interest in music are welcome to share this fun opportunity to hone their skills. Marco Conelli and friends will be jamming, sharing their

expertise and experiences of playing in a band and songwriting. The sessions are every other Wednesday evening by the shelter house in the rec. center. Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm will be the next session.

Building Department – Trustee Chiara

The Building Department had its first in person Architectural Review Board meeting last Wednesday evening since the pandemic hit. All went extremely well due to the efforts of our building staff, Renee and Lucille. They put a lot of energy into organizing and preparing for this meeting. Renee was able to electronically display the submitted plans of the applicants along with zooming the meeting to members that were not on site. It was a very well run, safe meeting with all the applicants leaving satisfied. Thanks.

Library – Trustee Chiara

The Library will be resuming its normal business hours next week, after Labor Day. Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays 10am to 9 pm, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am to 6pm, Saturdays 9am to 5pm and Sundays 1pm to 5 pm. Masks must still be worn and please no congregating.

Many library programs are still being offered virtually. On Friday, a Tinkerbelle type fairy will read a book to our little ones for a virtual story time on the library's You Tube channel and Facebook page. Please check www.floralparklibrary.org for details on this event and for future events. The summer reading program has come to an end and all participants were entered into the Teen Summer Club raffle. Congratulations to Gabby Keeley, the winner of a goodies basket from the Tulip Sweet Shop.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi welcomed life scout Matt Santos, Floral Park Scout Troop 55, who is working on his citizenship badge. Trustee Pombonyo also recognized Matt for the award that he received from the Floral Park Lion's Club for his essay on being a good citizen. Mayor Longobardi invited Matt to lead all in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Longobardi invited Village Justice Douglas Hayden to swear in Joan McAllister as Clerk to Village Justice, her newly appointed position. The Mayor and Board of Trustees congratulated Joan and welcomed the McAllister family to the meeting followed by photos.

Mayor Longobardi commented that it is now September and that the Fall season is upon us. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many fall events are cancelled. The Village invites the residents to the annual September 11th Remembrance ceremony scheduled on Friday, September 11th at 8:30 am at Village Hall.

Thank you to Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, the Floral Park Police Department and the Public Works Department for making the August 28th "Back the Blue" rally at Memorial Park safe and peaceful for all of those who participated.

Floral Park schools are opening and the buses will be running. Please drive safely and obey all STOP signs and speed limits. The Floral Park Police will be enforcing all traffic laws to protect the safety of all, especially the children. Please drive carefully.

The Village Election is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from noon to 9PM. All polling locations have all COVID safety protocols in place to ensure a safe voting experience. There are two Trustee candidates on the ballot.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Andrew Weiss, Village Noise Abatement Officer who represents the Village along with Trustee Archie Cheng at the Town of Hempstead's Town-Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC). Mayor Longobardi welcomed Elliot Weld from 'Blank Slate Media' (New Hyde Park Herald Courier). He also thanked Felix Procaccia from 'Just the Facts Media' for videotaping the Village meeting(s). Mayor Longobardi wished all of the residents well and reminded all to stay safe during the pandemic and continue to wear masks and socially distance responsibly. Please enjoy the rest of the summer. Thank you.