

Inc. Village of Floral Park
Board of Trustees Reports
May 17, 2022

Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Fire Department

Longtime Department member and officer Ex-Captain Martin (Marty) Cook was honored for his decades of service to the Rescue Company. There, he is credited with treating those in need with expert skill and caring; leading his company in important medical emergency training; and saving many lives. The Rescue Company, Fire Department and Village Board expressed their great appreciation to Ex-Captain Marty Cook and his family as he retires. The Rescue Company was also praised for their medical service to all in Floral Park when they are seriously ill or injured. This includes responding to sixty rescue calls during the month of April.

And many of our volunteer firefighters lent their services to Elmont this past week, providing mutual aid for a house fire ignited by lightning.

Department of Public Works

Pothole repairs continue. Contact DPW at 516-326-6320 if you spot potholes in need of immediate attention.

Spring beautification is under way with the addition of planter boxes on Tulip Avenue and the soon to be arriving colorful hanging baskets of flowers on Tulip, Covert and Jericho.

Truck Day for our preschoolers was a big success as children and families enjoyed seeing and exploring Village trucks, fire engines and police cars at DPW. Thanks to My First School, DPW, FPPD and FPPD for this special annual tradition.

Chambers of Commerce and Our Businesses

Enjoy *Shopping and Dining Local* in Floral Park and Stewart Manor as the summer months approach and outdoor dining returns to our Village.

Save the dates to welcome back our fun-filled Chamber of Commerce Street Fairs. The Floral Park Chamber's will be held on Tulip Avenue on Sunday, June 12th at 1pm. The Covert Avenue Chamber's will take place on Saturday, October 15th.

Centennial Gardens/Conservation Society

Centennial Gardens was at its most beautiful as the community gathered for Hance Family Fun Day, and over 1100 runners and walkers competed in Emma's Mile, the 5K and Pee Wee races. Featured were games, arts and crafts, photos, raffles, food, race medals and trophies, and a perfect day with family and friends. Thanks to the Hance Family Foundation, Conservation Society volunteers, Village staff and all the volunteer groups and individuals who lovingly contributed to this special day that honors Emma, Alyson and Katie Hance and brings our community together.

Trustee Frank Chiara

Police Department

This is National Police Week. National Police Week is a time for police officers, as well as all of us, to honor police officers who have lost their lives or limbs in the course of duty. It allows the country to honor their sacrifice, remember their good deeds and show support for their families. Citizens and civilians can celebrate by showing some appreciation and gratitude to the police officers around them.

As I always mention, we in our Village are fortunate to have such a professional, dedicated Police Department keeping our community safe. Our Department will always have our support! We appreciate all that they do and continue to wish them to be safe!!

Building Department

On Tuesday, May 11th the owners of the Centennial Hall property, the Friedman Group, presented their request for variances for the Centennial Hall project. Residents who attended had an opportunity to voice their concerns about the project. We are currently waiting for the ZBA decision on the variances.

On Saturday May 7, 2022, I had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for three really impressive young men who were awarded the Eagle Scout distinction, one of the highest honors in the Boy Scouts. It recognizes their many accomplishments, with core values of faith, commitment and service to others. All three, from Boy Scout Troop 4, presented themselves and acknowledged the mentorship and support they received from their Scout Leaders, their peers and their families who assisted them with their journey to Eagle Scout. Those awarded the Eagle Scout were: Zachary Cataldo, Ethan Hallock and Kurt Rubenacker. Congratulations to all three and thanks to all who supported them along the way. I wish you all the best and good luck in your future endeavors.

Trustee Jennifer Stewart

Thank you to Mrs. Kerry Connolly and Mrs. Allison Cannon who ran Saturday's Hance Family Foundation Family Fun Day. It was so wonderful to be back at this amazing 5K and Family Day at our beautiful Centennial Gardens. Thanks are also needed for our DPW and PD who make sure everything runs well behind the scenes. Congratulations to all the runners and raffle winners! Looking forward to 2023!

Recreation Department

Little League is in full swing, as is tennis and many other fun programs, please check the recreation website for full details. On Wednesday May 11 the rec center had its annual registration night for summer programs and it was a huge success. There are still some spots available in the all-day program for kids, residents are encouraged to sign up soon, spots are going quickly!

Registration is in full swing for the pool. At this time, we have over 80 more family memberships than at this time last year, Summer 2022 is looking to be one of the best yet! Opening Day is Friday June 3, at 4 PM, sign up now to be there for our first jump event, with a DJ and some special events.

LIRR/3TC

Work continues on the sound wall along Charles Street and there is some access work happening at Main Street. Thanks to the efforts of our Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick and the board, we continue to monitor the work occurring in our village, trying to mitigate any negative effects for our residents. Next steps include planning for beautification at the following locations: Tunnel

St, Main and Hanover Streets. If you have any questions or concerns about the 3TC project, please email me at jstewart@fpvillage.org.

Trustee Michael Longobardi

Floral Park Library

The Library's very active agenda for kids and adults continues with a schedule of events and activities some of which include Game Night for Grownups is a ten-week program. Bring your own board games, enjoy the company conversation and have some fun playing your favorite board games. Project Hope offers free, anonymous and confidential support, coping tips, information on community resources and more. No registration required. Made with Love knitting group is a night of conversation and charitable works. This program brings together people doing something they love for a good cause. Their items are donated when done to charitable organizations in need. The Young Engineers program this month they will explore the galaxy in a Star Wars themed Lego shop. Good Vibrations Tuning Therapy is a relaxing program to restore balance and health. This is a two-hour program and you can register on line or call the Library.

Other programs include yoga, story time for 3–4-year-olds, arts programs, playtime for 6 months to pre-K, and English language learner classes. These and many other events are listed on the library website: www.floralparklibrary.org.

Four Village Studio (4VS)

Shows currently running include the Author Corner with Stephanie Larkin, Inspiring Stories with Bill Corbett Jr., Uncorked and others. FPPD: Village Focus features our Floral Park Police and some rights and wrongs of a car stop and FPPD: Behind the Badge with Lt. Will Doherty discusses an active shooter situation and what to do. Please visit www.4vs.org for dates and times as well as the complete list of shows.

Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who made the Hance Family Fun Day and 5K Race a big success. It was a great crowd reminiscent of pre-pandemic attendance levels and it was great to see!

This week, the Deputy Mayor and I hosted tours of the Village Hall with third-graders from John Lewis Childs School (JLCS). The students visited Village Hall, the Police Department and the Fire Department. The students had lots of interesting questions and it was fun, engaging and enlightening. The future of Floral Park will be in great hands. Thank you to all of the JLCS teachers for coordinating this event.

I would like to thank Brandon Duffy from Blank Slate Media and Felix Procaccia from Just the Facts Media for attending. Thank you.