

**Inc. Village of Floral Park
Board of Trustees Reports
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Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo

Floral Park in the News

For all of you early risers who watch News 12 before sunrise, we hope you enjoyed last week's three mornings of the Spotlight on the Village of Floral Park. Monday's theme was "Main Street" featuring visits to six of our newer businesses and interviews with the owners and directors of: Jameson's Restaurant, The Hance Family Foundation, and Tulip Cigars on Tulip Avenue; Floral Park Chemists and Dancin' Queens Dance Studio on Jericho Turnpike; and Here and Now Yoga on Verbena Avenue. Thanks to the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce and Vice President Shane Parouse for coordinating "Main Street."

Tuesday's Recreation Center spotlight was fun-filled with entertaining interviews about park operations, field care, team sports activities, arts and crafts, wellness, the swimming pool programs, and roller hockey. The Rec Center spotlight was coordinated by Park Superintendent Kurt Meyfohrt and Deputy Village Administrator Darlene Lanza.

Wednesday highlighted our very own Centennial Gardens and Bird Sanctuary featuring Conservation Society (FPCS) President Dennis McEnery, sharing its extraordinary history and commending our FPCS Volunteers who inspire and maintain its beauty, with those FPCS Volunteers presenting the Rose, Lavender and Children's Gardens and our Gardening classes; Birds and Birdwatching; and our magical October 26th Fairie Forest Festival. The joys of the gardens were there for all to experience, and we thank the dynamic News 12 Reporters and Camera Technicians for showcasing our Village for all Long Island to see.

Police Department

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Pink Patch Month for our Floral Park Police Department who commemorate this special time and lead in this important fight. We thank our FPPD and encourage you to join them with your support.

We also applaud our Liz's Day charity and Volunteers. On a very rainy Saturday, they joyfully gathered our Village together, and raised thousands and thousands of dollars for women's cancer research and the Cold Spring Harbor Lab.

FPPD directed patrols are aimed at monitoring areas of our Village where concerns are reported, often at Civic Association meetings, and enforcement then becomes a higher priority. Some of the current directed patrols include sections of Jericho Turnpike where double parking occurs; fire/emergency lanes, often on and adjacent to Tulip Avenue, where dangerous, illegal parking occurs; and stop signs, especially in the North End, where violators don't come to full stops. In the 2024 calendar year to date, FPPD has issued 445 summonses for stop sign violations.

And we remind you once again of Lieutenant William Doherty's important September 19th post: "Door-to-Door Home Improvement Scams" warnings with sections on "What to Watch Out For" and "Ten Things You Can Do to Avoid Construction Scams" and all other kinds of scams. Please check the Floral Park Police Department Facebook page and share.

Chambers of Commerce and Our Businesses

October is a busy month for our two Chambers of Commerce. Our Floral Park Chamber holds their Dinner Meeting this Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM at Trinity on Jericho Turnpike. Businesses may register at: floralparkchamber.org

And coming this Saturday, October 5th, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, will be the 27th Annual Covert Avenue Street Fair. Families will enjoy the live music, giant craft fair, children's rides and inflatables, a pumpkin patch, food trucks, and more. So spend a BEST DAY with us on Covert Avenue!

Conservation Society (FPCS)

Before you head to the Street Fair, stop at Centennial Gardens on the Floral Parkway side for a bit of weeding to help out our FPCS and Village. The Weed-Out starts at 9:00 AM this Saturday, October 5th.

Then, it's twenty-five days and counting until the tiny fairies and fourteen fairy villages arrive at Centennial Gardens for our magical FAIRIE FOREST FESTIVAL! Be a fairy or come in your Halloween costume on Saturday, October 26th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and feel the magic!

Trustee Frank Chiara

Fire Department

On Saturday, October 5th, the Floral Park Fire Department will be at the Covert Avenue Street Fair along with the Stewart Manor Fire Department for a fire prevention presentation. They will be there between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM for all who are interested.

On Sunday, October 6th, at the Fire Department Headquarters, there will be an open house where all residents are welcome to stop by with their children and get some great safety tips on fire prevention.

For anyone who is interested or is considering joining the Fire Department we encourage them to come by those two events and meet some of our wonderful volunteers and find out more about the opportunities in the Department. The Floral Park Fire Department is always looking for new members. Please consider joining!!

Library

This month the Floral Park Library will be hosting College Prep classes for High School students and parents. There will be sessions for Seniors on October 8th, for Juniors on

October 29th, and for Freshman and Sophomores on November 5th. All programs start at 7:00 PM and registering for the classes is suggested.

Additionally, there will also be a class on the New Digital SAT on October 15th, at 7:00 PM, which is open to all High School students and their parents.

Both will give students and parents a chance to learn and prepare for what is ahead of them moving from high school into college.

The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the Annual Lawn Sale, and all those who supported it. The event was very successful.

Details on these and other scheduled events can be found on the Library's website at www.floralparklibrary.org.

Trustee Jennifer Stewart

4VS

The air conditioning system has been installed and functioning well, the Studio has also been painted and refreshed from floor to ceiling. There is one show slated for filming and will also be used this month for training the Studio's new volunteers. For more information and all upcoming events visit 4vs.org.

DPW

The Highway Department Crews have been at work patching our Village streets. The stop bars have been refreshed on Charles Street and on the back section of Fuller Avenue. Crews have begun preparing leaf machines for the fall season. The Parks Department has planted beautiful mums throughout the Village and as well as cleaned and maintained all parks. The Maintenance Department has installed new meter heads on Tulip Avenue, these meters can now be used in conjunction with the Flowbird app. The Sanitation Department has collected 50 tons of household waste, 11 tons of paper, 8 tons of commingled plastics and 20 tons of bulk rubbish. The paving of Stewart Street and Terrace Avenue has been completed.

New York State DOT placed a traffic camera on Floral Blvd to collect volume data as per federal requirement on Sunday, September 29th. It will be picked up on or before October 5th.

MTA/LIRR

It has been widely reported in the media that the Floral Park Railroad Station is part of the 2025-2029 Capital Projects. This is exciting news for our community and our commuters. At this time we don't have any more detailed information to share. If you have any concerns, please report them to the MTA at MTA.info.

Trustee Michael Longobardi

Building Department

A proposal for a large-scale mixed use development project located at 144-162 Jericho Turnpike will be discussed for the first time at the next North End Civic meeting on October 17th, at 7:00 PM at the pool building. The developer will be announcing their concept for the development and will be available for questions.

The construction has started for the proposed restaurant at 99 Covert Avenue and is expected to take less than a year to complete. The proposed restaurant will be a combination of Italian and American food with Pizza, sandwiches, and salads. There will be indoor and outdoor seating as well as a pickup window; a much-welcomed addition to Covert Avenue.

The owner/developer of the Covert Fire property has notified the Village they are ready to start construction and foundation work is expected to begin soon. Construction at One Carnation Avenue is ongoing and expected to be completed by February 2025. There will be electric utility pole work along Tulip Avenue across from the new building which is expected to start this month. At the recent ARB meeting last week, there was a hearing for a proposed subdivision at 155 Beech Street. That proposal is moving to the next steps for review.

As a reminder, all ductless air conditioning systems require a permit prior to installation to ensure compliance with the zoning and building codes. Please check the Building Department website for a full list of requirements and permit applications. AC units and associated service lines are not permitted to be mounted on the front wall of a home. Please call the Building Department to ask questions or obtain assistance for permitting.

Recreation and Pool

Construction was completed outside the recreation center on Stewart and Terrace Avenues, which included resurfacing, as well as a new cross walk and ramps being installed, where Terrace Avenue and Stewart Street meet, for a safer path to the park. A new pathway was installed at the main entrance of the park as well as all new striping and parking lines. Thank you to DPW for all their hard work and efforts to greatly improve this area as well as have it complete before Liz's Day. Despite the misty rain this past Saturday, early reports indicate Liz's Day was a success. Thank you to all who came out to support this great cause.

Fall activities are ongoing at the park. Starting up this month are the Youth Council Fall Football and Screaming Eagles Hockey. Registration is still open and spots are available for fall session one programs. There are youth, adult and senior programs available for all who are interested. Stop by the pool building for a list of what is open and sign up for Fall activities.

Town-Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC)

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at Town of Hempstead Town Hall, One Washington Street in Hempstead. If you want to make a noise complaint

regarding air traffic, you can call 1-800-225-1071. You can also go to our Village website which has the links under the TVASNAC noise complaint contact information page on our home page.

Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

There is a lot going on in our Village. It's always great to see people out and about and participating in the various events. I'm looking forward to the Covert Avenue Street Fair on Saturday, October 5, 2024.

We are in the season where we will start planting trees. If anyone is interested in getting a tree planted in front of their house please contact the Department of Public Works.

I would like to thank the Herrald Courier for covering our Board Meetings. We appreciate that.