

Department of Public Works

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that PSE&G is still trimming trees around the Village. DPW's management team is in constant contact with them to discuss the trimming and removals of our trees before the trimming or removals occur.

The reconstruction of Charles Street, Zinnia Street and a portion of Daisy Avenue has been completed. There are still some punch list items that need to be completed, particularly on Daisy, before the engineer who oversaw the projects will sign off on them.

The Village has received a few complaints about residents placing garbage at the curb a few days prior to their scheduled pick up. Besides it being a violation of the Village Code, placing garbage at the curb early diminishes to a certain extent the beauty of Floral Park. Trustee Fitzgerald reminded all residents to not place garbage at the curb until no earlier than sunset of the day immediately preceding the scheduled pick up.

Construction at Wendy's on Jericho Turnpike has started. Superintendent of Building Department Stephen Siwinski has reached out to the construction company to make them aware of the hours in which they are allowed to operate.

Fire Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Floral Park Fire Department has completed four nights of intensive training at the Nassau County Fire Services Academy in Bethpage. Collaborating with the Academy's firefighting instructors, our Floral Park Chief Staff and firefighters practiced extinguishing challenging fires with rekindling in a model concrete garden apartment complex, a multi-story tower building, a row of attached stores with a warehouse facility, and a house. The structures were purposely set up and arranged to replicate our own Floral Park buildings as well as those of some of our surrounding mutual aid communities. Firefighting strategies and safety procedures were presented, practiced and reviewed. In addition, monthly company drills are held at each firehouse. The topics encompass all areas of fire operations and safety. Our Floral Park Fire Department is to be commended for their excellent performance at the Fire Academy; round-the-clock commitment to the safety of our Village's residents and businesses; often difficult, voluntary service; and generous giving of their time.

As the summer months approach, the Floral Park Fire Department, in conjunction with the Village of Floral Park, reminds residents and businesses about fire safety. First, when driving, please be aware of your surroundings. The Fire Department urges all to watch out for and yield the right-of-way to police and fire vehicles responding to emergencies. Every second counts in both fires and medical emergencies. In addition, please take precautions when operating propane barbecue grills. Call the fire department immediately if there are any signs of leaks or other serious problems, so all will enjoy a safe summer.

Police Department

Trustee Cheng reported that one of our residents contacted us that the gate at the end of Tunnel Street was unlocked on June 3rd. Police Commissioner McAllister advised us that he met with the MTA police on June 2nd concerning the condition of the fence. MTA police advised that the tree stumps should be removed and the fence replaced but an engineering study had to be performed first. It appears that the berm that holds up the track could be undermined if the stumps were removed. Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski also called the MTA about the condition of the gate and fence. At some point, the railroad workers or MTA workers left the gate unlocked and on June 4th the Floral Park Police Department put their own lock on the gate. The MTA has replaced the lock.

Trustee Cheng said we have had a few car break-ins during the night on Zinnia Street. The Department of Public Works has informed our street light contractor to repair broken street lights in the area. Floral Park Police are also stepping up patrols. Please remember to lock your cars at night. It appears that perpetrators are checking for unlocked cars. Also, if you can, please leave a light on outside, as it might deter problems.

As of May 31st, there were 1,068 moving violation summonses issued since January 1. That number is up 11% from last year at this time. Also, 3,643 parking violations have been issued and there were also over 1,400 car stops.

The old column in *The Gateway*, “Behind the Badge” is being resurrected on our website. Expect to see an article about every two months.

Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Cheng reported that on April 19th, Jane Zuckerman, our ‘young adult librarian’ was honored for her hard work by Senator Phillips for National Library Worker’s Day. Congratulations to Jane!

The Library Board will be meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:30 pm.

The summer reading program kicks off on Sunday, June 25th at 2:00 pm on the Library lawn. No registration is required and all are invited to attend.

Recreation Center

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation is a hub of activity. The Little League is already close to their play offs. Men’s basketball begins June 19th. Men’s volleyball starts on June 19th and women’s volleyball is on the 20th. Orientation for summer employees was held on June 2nd. We have an energetic group of young adults whose goal it is to create a wonderful summer experience for all our residents. A code blue AED system is being installed at the Recreation Center for assistance with emergency situations. The Recreation staff is being trained on the system. We are awaiting architectural drawings of possible new designs for Tiny Town. Once these drawings are received the Recreation Committee will review them and seek residents input for the design. The renovation of the Shelter House is progressing nicely. The Floral Park Conservation Society Cocktail Garden Party is being held on Friday, June 9th at Centennial Gardens. This is the Conservation Society’s annual fundraiser and it is a great way to spend a spring night with neighbors and friends. It begins at 5:00 pm and ends at sundown. Early bird tickets may be purchased on line for \$35 or at the gate the night of the event for \$40.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Longobardi reported that last week was Memorial Day and, unfortunately, the parade had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. However, the gathering was held at the American Legion Hall. Mayor Longobardi thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and the Department of Public Works for all their help and he thanked the men and women of the American Legion who organize this yearly event. Even though the weather did not cooperate, it was still a wonderful day.

On Tuesday, May 29th, Mayor Longobardi attended the 2nd Field of Honor Celebration at Memorial High School honoring those people currently serving in the military who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting our freedom and to honor all of our fallen heroes. Students run this wonderful program in which they also honor their fellow senior students who plan on entering the military upon graduation from high school. As this has become a yearly event, Mayor Longobardi hopes everyone will plan to attend next year.

Mayor Longobardi attended the National English Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Sewanhaka High School in which 60 students were inducted. It is wonderful to see these students, many of whom will be attending college in the fall, rewarded for their hard work.

Mayor Longobardi said that each year prior to the Memorial Day Parade, the Fire Department holds its annual inspection. Our greatest group of volunteers have the opportunity to ‘shine’ as all the equipment is in tip top condition. But these volunteers, who respond to our calls for help day and night, shine every day.

Mayor Longobardi recognized three young Boy Scouts from Troop 4 who were attending the Board of Trustees Meeting in order to fulfill their Communications Badge. Mayor Longobardi welcomed them to the meeting.