

Village of Flower Hill Newsletter Summer 2010

SUMMER IS HERE, PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

Now that school is out, our children are outdoors playing. We are fortunate to live in a community with so many young people. This is also the time of year when our newest drivers, our college students, are home for the summer. This combination warrants extra care when driving. Not all of our Village streets have stop signs at every corner. This is a situation we strive to avoid. Instead, we rely on your good sense and caution. When driving on Village streets, please SLOW DOWN! Your rate of speed on a residential street should not exceed 25 mph. Be aware of hills and curves that prevent you from seeing oncoming traffic and slow down. On corners that do not have a stop sign posted, please come to a rolling stop at the very least. Together we can make this a safe and enjoyable summer!

SAVE THE TREES



The Village escaped with minor damage from the June 24th storm that devastated our neighboring areas. By having your trees regularly checked and pruned, you can avoid a lot of problems later on. According to the U.S. Forest Service you should remove branches that could fall and cause injury or property damage, trim branches that interfere with lines of sight on streets or driveways, and remove branches that grow into utility lines. Pruning can best be used to encourage trees to develop a strong structure and reduce the likelihood of damage during severe weather.

2010 SUMMER SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday night, July 16 at 9 pm we will have a family movie on the lawn featuring **Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark**. Bring your own blankets and chairs, we provide the popcorn!

We are proud to present an evening of **unplugged rock and roll with Ron Rizzo and James Ryan** on **Saturday night, August 7 at 8 pm** on the lawn stage. Ron and Jimmy appeared at last year's block party and were a smash hit. This event will be held rain (in the Village Hall meeting room) or shine.

Our final movie night of the summer will be held on **Friday, August 20 at 9 pm**, the film to be shown will be announced at a later date.

VILLAGE IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE PWMOEM (PORT WASHINGTON— MANHASSET OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

The Village of Flower Hill has joined our neighbors Munsey Park, Plandome, Plandome Heights and Plandome Manor in becoming a part of the PWMOEM. By being a part of this group, the Village is now a member of NorthShoreAlert.org, a mass notification system designed to keep residents and businesses on the Port Washington peninsula, north of Northern Blvd, informed of emergencies and certain community events. By registering with NorthShoreAlert.org, time-sensitive voice messages from the Villages, Town, or Police, Fire, and Water special districts where you live or work may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, e-mail accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices.

The system can be used for both emergency purposes and other important civil matters. For example, in the case of a missing child the police can pick a point on the map, draw a quarter mile radius, and within a minute they can telephone every home within that circle and send out a notice that this child is missing with information on what the child looks like in order to easily identify him or her. Another example is that the mapping feature can be used to pinpoint coastal homes if there was a possible flooding condition. On the non-emergency side, the system could be used to advise people of important civil matters, such as upcoming elections and street closures.

The existing Flower Hill emergency contact list is automatically incorporated into this system, however, you may add other contacts such as e-mail, cell phone, text, work numbers, vacation home, adult children or parents. You can also specify what type of communications you want to receive at each of your contacts. Go to www.NorthShoreAlert.org to sign up.

RECIPE FOR A HEALTHY CESSPOOL

If you have a problem with your cesspool, refrain from using detergents in your washing machine. Use enzyme conditioner from the hardware store and/or "Mayor Walter's Cesspool Rejuvenator Recipe". Former Mayor John Walter has passed on his time-tested formula for clearing out your cesspool:



2 packages of dry yeast

1/2 cup sugar

2 cups of warm (not hot) water or non-fat milk

1/2 cup flour

Mix thoroughly in an ovenproof bowl. Place in a warm (200 degree) oven for two hours, stir lightly after first hour. Remove after two hours and stir.

Pour some of the mixture down each toilet and flush. Pour some into the kitchen sink drain (do not rinse) to deodorize the waste pipe and break-down grease build up.

This recipe puts new yeast enzymes into your cesspool to start breaking down the fats. Do not use detergents for at least a day or two. This works especially well if you are not going to be home for a few days. Before you go on vacation make a double batch and use as the last thing before you leave the house. It will work wonders for your piping and cesspool while you are away.

LIPA CRITICAL CARE PROGRAM

The Long Island Power Authority has a program to identify customers who rely on life-support equipment. When a severe storm is forecast or some other event that may cause a power outage occurs, LIPA will call critical care customers so they can make advanced preparations.

LIPA urges customers who qualify to enroll in this program. All that is required is a medical certificate from a physician or the County Board of Health so they can note the account and tag the meter as "critical care".

There are 11 devices that meet the criteria for life support equipment. They are:

- Apnea Monitor
- Curraise Respirator
- Positive Pressure Respirator
- Suction Machine
- IV Feeding Machine
- Tank Type Respirator
- Respirator/Ventilator
- Hemodialysis Machine
- Rocking Bed Respirator
- Oxygen Concentrator
- IV Medical Infusion Machine

For more information call 1-800-490-0025 or visit www.lipower.org.

DID YOU PAY YOUR TAX BILL?

All annual Village Taxes were due without penalty by July 1, 2010. Beginning July 2 a 5% penalty will be added to your base tax amount. Each month thereafter, an additional 1% will be added.

Under New York State Tax Law, it is the responsibility of the property owner to pay the taxes due, regardless of whether or not your bill was received.

If you have not received your tax bill, please call us to request a copy. We cannot waive any late fees.

IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER VISIBLE?

As you drive around the Village, you will note that many homes do not have their house number posted in a location that is visible from the street. This is a violation of the Village Building Code which subjects you to a summons and fine. A clearly posted number is a courtesy to your visitors, however more importantly, a missing or inconspicuous number is a great danger to life and safety.

In an emergency, fire, ambulance and police services may need to locate your house quickly. This is especially important in our community as the house numbers do not always follow a regular odd-even numbering pattern. A clearly posted house number in a visible location can save valuable minutes that may mean the difference between life and death.

Be a good citizen and help our emergency services to be able to find your home quickly.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Our Village is one of the first in the state to enact regulations for installation of solar panels and wind turbine as alternative energy sources. The Board wants to ensure that any installations are appropriate to the site and not be an eyesore to neighboring property owners.

The Board also passed new legislation that increases the amount of surety bonds on new construction. This is to ensure that any project that is started is finished without leaving an unsightly, partially finished building site.

The Village has awarded a paving contract for the reconstruction of the few remaining roads in the Manhasset area that have not yet been repaved in the last few years.

Stop signs have been placed at the intersection of Mason and Old Pine Drives to slow the through traffic on Mason that occurs as it is used by many as a shortcut to the train station.

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