

VILLAGE OF FLOWER HILL SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT 11 AM

FLOWER HILL PARK

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Ceremonial Tree Planting

Children's Planting Activity

Free Tree Giveaway

Tree Education Q & A with an Arborist

Refreshments



This event is made possible by a NYS DEC Arbor Day grant and the hard work of our Village Tree Committee: Trustee Karen Reichenbach, Residents Zachary Mankes, Howard Bernstein, Village Arborist Ann Frankel, Building Inspector James Gilhooly, Code Officer Robert Rockelein and Village Administrator Ronnie Shatzkamer.

Flower Hill has always been known for its lush foliage and beautiful mature, stately trees. After Hurricane Sandy, the Village lost hundreds of trees, many of them large older trees which created our lovely shaded streets. It is in the best interests of the Village, residents and the environment to replace these trees but we must do so with caution and care. The main purpose of this event is to educate all of us as to the purpose, value and beauty of the right tree planted in the right place and to encourage and support future tree planting and replacement throughout the Village.

VILLAGE ELECTION RESULTS

On Tuesday, March 19, 2013, the annual Village election was held at the Village Hall. There were four candidates vying for three Trustee positions. The results were:

Robert McNamara—207

Eileen Mills—183

Tab Hauser—164

Roy Nelson—103

TRUSTEE AVIVA PINTO RETIRES

After serving the Village in various capacities for over twelve years, Trustee Pinto announced her retirement from the Board of Trustees. Ms. Pinto served on the Landmark Commission, Planning Board and as a Trustee, the latter for more than nine years. Her financial background was utilized as she served as Chair of the Village's Budget Committee. Ms Pinto will remain active in the community, devoting much of her free time to the Port Washington Library Board.

VILLAGE TAX PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2013

Your tax bill should arrive in the mail during the first week of June. If your mortgage company receives the bill, it would be wise for you to check on whether or not it was received. If you have not received a bill by the week of June 5th, please call the Village Hall to obtain a duplicate bill.

Village taxes must be paid on time. Late charges begin to accrue on July 2nd. Under New York State Law there is no excuse or exemption from late fees. If you are new to the Village, please be sure we have the correct address for your tax bill. Please be aware that we may not accept cash for payment of taxes. Payment by credit card is available through the Village website for a small additional fee.

NEW BUSINESSES IN FLOWER HILL

The Village’s commercial zone has been revitalized over the past few months. We welcome the following new businesses to the Village:

At 1085 Northern Blvd.: Pookie & Sebastian, offering the latest on-trend women’s fashion and Wild Fig, featuring healthy Mediterranean cuisine, soups, salads, wine and beer. Coming soon to 1033 Northern Blvd. is Altamoda, a discount Italian designer men’s and women’s boutique and at 1047 Northern Blvd., Long Island Sports Cars, an automotive dealership for the exclusive brands of Aston Martin and McLaren.

We urge you to shop locally and support all our Flower Hill businesses.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Trash cans:

There is no reason to have your trash cans at the curb of your home for pick up. The Village’s contract with the carting company provides that they pick up your trash at the side or rear of your home. We pay extra for this service so please take advantage of it. If you must bring your garbage out to the curb the day before pick up (for example, for pre-approved large item pick up) remember that is a violation to have your trash in front of your home earlier than 5 PM the evening before pick up. You may be subject to a violation and fine if you do so.

Shrubs in the roadway:

Our Highway Department has noted there are many homes with shrubbery hanging over or into the road. Please make sure that any greenery interfering with sight lines or the ability to walk along the road is trimmed back far enough so that any re-growth will not interfere with safe passage. This is a Village Code violation that affects the safety of drivers and pedestrians, please comply.

FERAL CATS

We have been receiving complaints about the growing feral cat population in some areas of the Village. The Town of North Hempstead offers a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program that addresses this growing problem.

A feral cat is an unsocialized cat. Either it was born outside and never lived with humans, or it is a house cat that has strayed from home and over time has thrown off the effects of domestication and reverted to a wild state. Feral cats are not adoptable because they are not socialized to humans.

The TNR program involves humanely trapping, neutering, vaccinating and ear tipping feral cats and returning them to their outdoor homes. This works because the number of feral cats decline; the annoying behaviors of mating cats, such as yowling, fighting and spraying are greatly reduced; the cats are vaccinated which is healthier for the cats and the community at large; the cats continue to provide natural rodent control.

Call the Town at 311 if you need assistance with feral cats in your neighborhood.

**TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
S.T.O.P.—STOP THROWING OUT
POLLUTANTS**

Saturday, June 8th

**North Hempstead Beach Park North Lot
175 West Shore Road, Port Washington, NY
11050-3049**

The S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) program offers residents of North Hempstead the opportunity to dispose of their household hazardous waste in an environmentally friendly manner. Many people do not realize that ordinary household products, such as aerosols and cleaners, can be corrosive, explosive, or toxic if mixed indiscriminately with regular household garbage.

WHAT POLLUTANTS CAN BE ACCEPTED:

- Electronic Waste (Anything electronic device with a plug except a kitchen appliance)
- Rechargeable, lithium, button and car batteries
- Compact fluorescent bulbs
- Air conditioning refrigerants
- Ammonia and solid bowl cleaner
- Anti-freeze
- Bug and rodent killers
- Bleach and disinfectants
- Chemistry Kits
- Drain cleaners and degreasers
- Fertilizers and herbicides
- Mercury products
- Non-latex paints
- Paint thinners and brush cleaner
- Photography chemicals
- Some polishes and wood preservers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Spot removers and other solvents
- Unused oven cleaners
- Unused flammable liquids (fire starter)
- Weed killers
- Explosives, fireworks, ammunition, radioactive materials, and commercial or industrial wastes are not accepted.*

FLOWER HILL WOMEN’S CLUB

The Flower Hill Women’s Club is a social organization that any resident of the Village can join. They hold various events and outings throughout the year such as an annual Easter Egg Hunt, flower arranging class, luncheons, cocktail parties and more. They warmly welcome all new members. To become a member or inquire about our events please contact Deana Durso membership chair at djdurso@aol.com.

**VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES
2013—2014 BUDGET**

The 2013/2014 Budget has been approved in the amount of \$3,246,219. This budget has decreased by 99,436 or 2.97% from last year’s adopted budget total of \$3,345,655. There is no increase to the tax levy as the amount of property tax to be received by the Village will remain at \$1,975,853 with a tax rate established at \$32.36. The Village’s expenses have been reduced by 3.43% overall which will offset the 7.12% reduction of revenues.

Budget reductions in the revenue line items in the areas of Licenses & Permits, Sales of Equipment, and Penalties & Interest. Increases to revenues are from a State Aid FEMA Grant and some minor non-property tax items. The Budget Committee incorporated an Appropriated Fund Balance line in the Budget and made a fund transfer to the newly created Capital Reserve Account. This account is designated as a “savings account” for future road work and/or equipment.

Reductions in the expense line items are in the areas of Finance, Legal and Highway Dept. The Budget Committee allocated funds for improvements to the Village Park in lieu of a major road project this year since all Village roads have been improved and re-paved within the past ten years. Increases to expenses are in the line items of Judicial, Staff, Shared Services, Village Insurance Policies, Sanitation, Employee Benefits & Transfer to other Funds.

The entire Budget can be found on Village website.

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SHOP AT YOUR LOCAL FARMER'S MARKET

Farmer's Markets promote regional agriculture by providing small family farms the opportunity to sell their locally grown products directly to consumers, and to ensure access to the freshest, most nutritious locally grown food the region has to offer. In our area we have the following markets:

Port Washington Organic Farmers' Market:

Town Dock, Main Street; Saturdays, 8 am – 12 noon • June 9 – October 27.

Roslyn-North Hills Farmers' Market: Christopher Morley Park, 500 Searingtown Road; Wednesdays, 7 am – 1 pm, May 30 – November 21.

For a link to other local markets visit:

- www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp
- Sustainableli.org

CRIME PREVENTION

There have been two burglaries in the past few months in the Roslyn and Manhasset portions of the Village. Please exercise caution by locking doors and windows and activating your burglar alarm. The police recommend that you lock your car and do not leave any valuables in the car. Also make sure your garage door opener is out of view especially if your garage is attached to your house. Make your home look occupied when you are away. Leave on lights, don't allow newspapers and circulars to build up in the driveway, have your lawn mowed regularly.

If you see anything or anyone who looks suspicious to you, call 911. Nassau County 911 is for all calls, not just emergencies.

You can contact the Nassau County Police Third Precinct for a security survey of your home by calling 573-6300.