



VILLAGE OF FLOWER HILL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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SPRING 2016

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**Kids start making decisions
for themselves
Before you know it!**

**Don't let your
child become just
another statistic!**

Your invited to a family
conversation designed to
EDUCATE & EMPOWER
all of us on the addictions
that are affecting our
communities.

Bring your Kids

Det. Pam Stark of
The Nassau County
Police Department
will present a
substance abuse education
awareness initiative.

**Drug addiction
can happen to anyone's child
Make sure you know the facts...**

A FAMILY CONVERSATION ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE - On Wednesday, June 8th at 7pm. The Village, along with the N.C.P.D and The Women's Club of Flower Hill, invite you and your family to discuss awareness & prevention concerning substance abuse problems that are affecting our communities. CASA will be joining us as well to distribute informative resource material. Bringing your kids to this meeting will send a message that may be more important than your attendance at a sporting event or school play. Light refreshments will be served and an ice cream truck will arrive at the end of the evening with free ice cream for all!

NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE

Keep an eye out for our new Village Website going live early summer 2016. The improved site will be organized to give you the information you need at a glance. You'll even be able to handle some permits online and stay informed about coming events in the Village.

This summer there will be a new addition to the Flower Hill Park

We are installing a major climbing and play apparatus suitable for children from ages 5 to 12. It is called an Explorer Dome manufactured by Kompan Playgrounds. The Explorer Dome is aptly named because it will allow our children to climb, slide, balance and swing, all while using their imaginations and getting great exercise.

Kompan has installed thousands of these Domes worldwide. The Dome will be installed using a ground surface called Fibar, which consists of engineered wood fibers that knit together to form a safe playground surface that is soft enough to cushion falls yet firm enough for wheelchairs. Fibar is manufactured with only virgin wood and meets all safety standards.

The Village is also planning to build a sports wall adjacent to the basketball court. The wall will be ideal for practicing lacrosse, tennis and other sports. The Women's Club of Flower Hill has graciously donated to the cost of completing the wall.

These two new additions will truly make the Flower Hill Park a destination place for families of all ages.



STONYTOWN ROAD PEDESTRIAN PATH NEARING COMPLETION

The final phase of the pedestrian path that runs from Flower Hill Park to Plandome train station is almost complete. The path runs on the west side of Manhasset Woods Road for 60 feet up the Village border with Plandome Manor and then continues through Plandome Manor to the train station. We have been working with Plandome Manor to see this project to completion. Once done, except for a small portion in the Village of Plandome, there will be a

continuous walkway from Flower Hill Park all the way around Manhasset Bay to Manorhaven .

Walking is a great way to exercise and commute but please take a minute to review some safety recommendations:

Be Visible: Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing and/or reflective clothing or a reflective vest to be visible.

Keep the Volume Down: Don't drown out your environment with your headphones. Keep the volume at a level where you can still hear bike bells and warnings from other walkers, runners and cars.

Hang Up and Eyes Up: Chatting or texting on a mobile device while you walk is as dangerous as doing those things while driving since you are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, passing joggers, bikers or tripping hazards.



Village of Flower Hill Proposes Traffic Congestion And Safety Solution on Port Washington Boulevard

NYS DOT and State Senator Jack Martins provide key assistance

Anyone who drives on Port Washington Boulevard during rush hours appreciates the need for addressing the traffic and safety issues on this state owned road. The congestion on the southbound lanes that back up as far as St. Francis Hospital, the excessive speeding and the insufficient storage in the left hand turn lane for Middle Neck Road, combine to make the road extremely dangerous. An initial traffic study requested by the Village of Flower Hill in conjunction with concerned residents resulted in the NYS DOT checking all the crosswalk signs, installing new signage and reducing the speed limit to 40 mph. The NYS DOT also acknowledged that the Port Boulevard/Middle Neck Road intersection needed further studying and possibly a re-design. This intersection has averaged 2 to 4 accidents a month since the beginning of 2013.

After a patient and persistent effort, we now have a commitment from the NYS DOT to do a complete study of this intersection. This commitment is the result of coordinated efforts by Senator Jack Martins, our Mayor, Elaine Phillips, and the administration of St. Francis Hospital who are directly affected by any proposed changes and have a strong interest in solving the traffic and safety problems. Notwithstanding the NYS DOT's commitment, it is estimated that any changes will take at least five years. Understanding the need for a more timely solution that specifically addresses the safety issues, Mayor Phillips has requested that the Village be allowed to erect traffic control devices in the interim.

The Village of Flower Hill has proposed erecting overhead Speed Display Signs on both sides of Port Washington Boulevard. Speed Display Signs are an effective and affordable tool to slow drivers. Studies have shown that these signs produce 10%-20% reductions in average speeds along with an increase in compliance with the posted speed limit.

The proposed locations of the cantilevered poles that will hold the signs are as follows: northbound - between Farmview Road and East High Road; southbound - north of Oaktree Lane. Senator Jack Martins has provided the Village with State grant funding for the entire cost of the equipment and its installation. The Village is now waiting for approval from the NYS DOT and feedback from the community. Flower Hill strongly believes that by slowing traffic, there will be a reduction in the number of accidents at the Middle Neck Road intersection and provide for a safer Port Washington Blvd. Contact the Village with any questions or concerns at 627-5000.



The Village will be marking storm drains with stainless steel medallions.

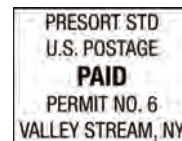
These drains are meant only for rain water and snow melt and are not trash receptacles. Anything put into these drains flows back to Manhasset Bay and Hempstead Harbor. Do not place pet waste, leftover lawn fertilizer, used oil, trash, or anything else into these drains. Pet waste can be disposed of with your trash; lawn fertilizer should be swept up and kept to be applied later. Used oil can often be returned to stores that sell motor oil or brought to the Town of North Hempstead's next residential collection on Sunday, May 22nd at North Hempstead beach north lot.

The Village of Flower Hill is a member of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee and the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee. For more information on Manhasset Bay and Hempstead Harbor and how you can help protect and preserve it, visit www.manhassetbayprotectioncommittee.org or hempsteadharbor.org.



Trustee Karen Reichenbach

Village of Flower Hill
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On April 5, 2016 Trustee Karen Reichenbach passed away after an extended battle with cancer. We have lost a valued Trustee who was a strong advocate for our residents and a staunch supporter of our environment. Karen lived in the Village for 23 years, with her

husband Herb and their two daughters, Samantha and Jenna.

Karen possessed a rare mixture of toughness and compassion that made her so effective in everything that she did. She was our representative on the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee, and chaired the Village's Tree Committee. She was instrumental in Flower Hill attaining the prestigious Tree City USA designation with the National Arbor Day Foundation, a program started in 1976 with the goal of greening up cities and towns across America. During her tenure as Chair of the Tree Committee, 265 new trees have been planted in the Village.

Please join us on May 25th, at 9 am at the Flower Hill Park located across from the Village Hall where we will be dedicating Arbor Day to her memory and honoring her by planting a beautiful new tree in our Village Park.

FLOWER HILL ARBOR DAY 2016

The Village will celebrate Arbor Day on **Wednesday, May 25 at 9 am** in Flower Hill Park. This will be a very special day as we are planting a large Red Morning Maple in memory of Trustee Karen Reichenbach, the founder of the Village Tree Committee and the person responsible for having Flower Hill named as a Tree City USA. Karen's family will be present as we dedicate a plaque and the tree to her. We will also be thanking PSEG for donating 42 trees to the Village which we will plant throughout the park and Village and celebrating Flower Hill's second year as an official Tree City USA.

VILLAGE TAXES DUES NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2016

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 7th, 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.

LOCAL ISSUES

Support the Village of East Hills in their efforts to reduce aircraft noise over Nassau County.

<http://www.villageofeasthills.org>. June 2 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Wear orange if you support this cause. www.wearorange.org.

There is an online petition for the re-opening of the Sixth Precinct as it was prior to the merger. www.reopenthesixth.com