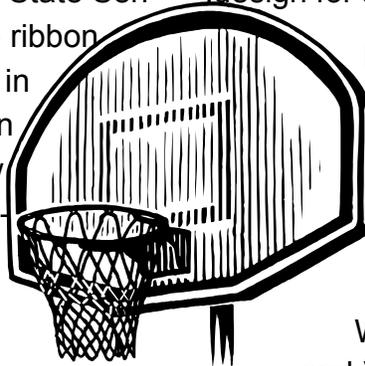


# VILLAGE OF FLOWER HILL SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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## FLOWER HILL BASKETBALL COURT

On July 2, Mayor Phillips, along with State Senator Jack Martins, will be cutting the ribbon on the new basketball court, located in Flower Hill Park alongside Stonytown Road. The funding for this great new recreational facility was partially provided by a State Legislative grant sponsored by Senator Martins.



When thinking about what would make our park a better place, the Board of Trustees observed that there is really no where in the area with a basketball facility except for the local high schools. We made a proposal to Senator Martins and the legislature agreed.

There would be no such facility if not for the donated services of former Trustee and architect Norman Glavas. Mr. Glavas created a plan for park recreational facilities when the park committee was first formed five years ago. He updated the plans this past year to create a de-

sign for a full size basketball court.

Landscape Architect, Arborist and Village resident Ann Frankel volunteered her services, working together with Highway Superintendent Scott Hislop and his crew to create the landscape.

We are truly grateful to Village resident and Village Engineer, Charles Vachris. Mr. Vachris donated many hours of his time and the services of his company, Vachris Engineering P.C., to create the engineering and structural plans for the park. Mr. Vachris prepared the bid package and met with the contractors to make sure we got a first class basketball court at the lowest possible price. As a former high school and college ball player who is still active in the game, this project was close to his heart as can be seen by the beautiful end result obtained. To express our gratitude, the Village is dedicating the basketball court in honor of Charlie Vachris.

### **SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE E-NEWS LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

In order to communicate more effectively, the Village has created a monthly e-newsletter to keep you informed on all of the latest news and events in our Village and the surrounding area. The newsletter is sent out just after each month's Board of Trustees meeting reporting on what is new and of importance each month.

**TO JOIN, VISIT OUR WEB SITE**

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### **DID YOU PAY YOUR VILLAGE TAX BILL?**

All Village taxes were due on July 1, 2014. After that date we must impose and collect a penalty mandated by New York State Law which cannot be waived under any condition. The penalty is 5% for the first month and 1% each month thereafter. Tax bills were mailed out during the last week of May. If you did not receive a tax bill, please call the Village office immediately or log onto the Village web site to pay your bill on-line.

## COMMERCIAL MOSQUITO SPRAY SERVICES REQUIRE YOU TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

In recent weeks we have been seeing advertising for a new type of service offering mosquito spraying of private properties. State law requires the company to notify neighboring properties of the date and alternate dates of the spray. You may have received a postcard or letter if your neighbors are using this service. The Village has no control over these companies as State law forbids us from any regulation.

Given no time window is required, nor notification if the spray will take place on an alternate date, we are asking that if you engage this service for your property, you notify your immediate neighbors of the actual date and time of the spray so they can close windows, keep children and pets out of their yards and remove toys and furnishings.

## 2014 FLOWER HILL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

In honor of Arbor Day, the Village of Flower Hill joined the Women's Club on May 22 to celebrate the beautiful newly planted traffic island at Bridge Road in Manhasset. The intersection of Bridge Road and Mason Drive is the westernmost entrance to the Village. This area is highly trafficked so in the interests of safety the island was redesigned. The Flower Hill Women's Club (FHWC) donated funds to plant three trees and an abundance of beautiful flowers. A proclamation was presented to the FHWC to recognize the good work they do in the community. The landscape design was created by Village Arborist, Ann Frankel, with construction performed by Highway Superintendent, Scott Hislop and his crew, who also did all the planting. Pictured from left to right: Women's Club member Nancy Paganucci, Village Highway Superintendent Scott Hislop (rear), Club member Caroline Kenlon, Mayor Elaine Phillips, Trustee Karen Reichenbach, Village Arborist Ann Frankel. Club President Karen Barnes and Village Administrator Ronnie Shatzkamer.



## THANK YOU TAB HAUSER

Deputy Mayor Tab Hauser is retiring from service to the Village as he and his wife Maureen move to their dream home on the water. The Hauser's have been Flower Hill residents for 23 years. Tab first became active in the Village as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals in 1994. In 1996 he ran for the Board of Trustees where he has continuously served until the present. In 2012 Mayor Phillips appointed Tab to the position of Deputy Mayor. Tab has been an invaluable member of the Flower Hill team, also serving as the Village's emergency manager. He has attended countless hours of trainings and meetings and was instrumental in bringing the Village into the Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management group. Tab was in Florida on vacation when Hurricane Sandy hit. He left his family and returned to the Village on the first flight he could get to assist us here. He immediately set up emergency communications at the Village Hall. Tab was out in the field directing LIPA crews to downed wires and he personally responded to every phone call and email we received. We wish him and his family all the best and will always consider Tab to be an honorary Flower Hill resident.

## TIPS FOR A FUN & SAFE SUMMER



Now that the warm weather is finally here after one of the worst winters in recent memory, everyone is enjoying being outdoors. Please observe the following common sense suggestions so we can all enjoy the summer!

**Slow down & drive carefully**—Summer means more pedestrian traffic, be it walkers, bicyclists, and children playing in the street. Please be cautious.

**If walking after dusk, carry a light**—no need to carry a flashlight, your cell phone flashlight will suffice. Many of our roads are not lit at night and those that are may not allow cars to see you until it is too late. It's advisable to wear light colors if possible and walk facing traffic.

**Please be aware that outdoor noise carries**—try to be considerate of your neighbors particularly after 10 pm if you are entertaining, playing music outdoors or the kids are simply playing outside.

**Remember to curb your dog**—no one likes to see dog poop anywhere! We provide clean up bags in the park but when walking in the street please carry a bag or two.

**If you are going on vacation, tell a neighbor**—remember to stop your newspaper delivery as well. Ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your house while you are away. Don't forget to set your alarm if you have one.

**Conserve water**—according to experts, your lawn needs an inch of water per week in the summer. This is best done by watering slowly twice a week in the early morning hours. Please observe the odd/even watering days.

**Stay cool**—drink plenty of water and stay indoors when the temperature goes zooming. Remember not to leave children or pets in a closed car. Wear light colored clothing and a hat. Don't forget the sunscreen!

## IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER VISIBLE FROM THE STREET?

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.

## FREE STREET FRONT TREES STILL AVAILABLE

Once again this fall, we will be planting trees in the right-of-way (ROW) in front of resident's homes, by resident request only. If you are interested in having a tree planted in the ROW in front of your home please notify the Village office and complete a form to be placed on the request list. Depending on the number of requests, we will be able to determine how many trees we can purchase and then either plant trees for all submissions or if necessary we will hold a lottery among all those interested to determine who will be selected to have a tree planted. Only one tree per property owner is permitted. If selected, we ask that you water and maintain the tree. Please be aware that the Village has no liability for any damages that may be caused by planting.

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## FLOWER HILL CELEBRATES BUILDING SAFETY MONTH



Building Inspector James Gilhooly is committed to ensure that all building done in the Village results in safe and sustainable structures. With the summer building season upon us, during the month of May the International Code Council held an event at the Town of Hempstead that drew residents, builders and building professionals to learn about the latest in safety and sustainability. The goal of the campaign is to improve public safety by increasing awareness about how building codes and code officials improve and protect the places where we live, learn, work and play. Mr. Gilhooly took an active part in this event as a representative of the Village of Flower Hill.

All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Code officials work day in and day out to keep the public safe. Our community has recently experienced a huge surge in the number of new homes, additions and upgrades being applied for. The goal of the Building Department is to ensure that all construction meets or exceeds building code criteria for safety, efficiency and sustainability. The New York State and Village Building Codes focus on soundness, general and fire safety, storm worthiness, and structural integrity. Every building permit that we issue contains a number of required inspections that must be performed during and after construction. These inspections guarantee that no aspect of construction is overlooked. For more information visit the Village website and click on the Building Department tab.