

VILLAGE OF FLOWER HILL WINTER 2013—14 NEWSLETTER

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VFH CAR DECALS

Years ago, the Village distributed car decal stickers emblazoned with the Village initials, VFH, in red on a white background. Many residents placed these decals on their rear bumper as a display of civic pride. We would like to reintroduce this practice, not just to show pride in our Village, but as a means of identifying which vehicles belong to our neighbors. Just today, a resident called about a vehicle that has been parked in front of his home overnight. He called the police and was awaiting their response but if the car had a sticker, he would know it belonged to a neighbor.

We are distributing two decals per residence, however if you require additional stickers, please visit the Village Hall. The decals won't give you any special privileges but they will boost the profile of our Village while also serving as a safety measure.

SNOW REMINDER: parking is prohibited on Village streets when two inches or more of snow has fallen or is in the forecast by the National Weather Service. This will allow all streets to be plowed curb to curb. Parking may be resumed when the snow has stopped falling and the roads are cleared. DO NOT shovel snow from your driveway back into the plowed street. If you use a plow service, please advise your contractor that they may not plow the snow from your driveway onto the road or your neighbor's property.

RECYCLING INFO - FOR MORE INFO CALL MEADOW CARTING 338-0121

The Village gets many complaints about what appears to be the mishandling of recycled material by our Village carting company, Meadow Carting. We held a meeting with representatives from Meadow Carting and the Town of North Hempstead to clear up this issue once and for all.

The chart below outlines what the Town Dump will accept and can be used as a guideline for recycling:

PLASTICS #1, 2, 4, 5, 6	Bottles, food containers, detergent bottles, personal care bottles, cleaning supply bottles	Must be rinsed
METAL & GLASS	Cans, clean aluminum foil & tins, bottles, jars	Rinsed, labels removed
PAPER & CARDBOARD	Newspapers, magazines, phone books, loose paper, folders, corrugated cardboard, clean pizza boxes, food boxes, mail, cereal boxes	Stacked & tied or in paper bags

TO OBTAIN A RECYCLING CONTAINER, BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY TO TOWN OF N. HEMPSTEAD SOLID WASTE MGMT., 802 WEST SHORE RD. MON-FRI, 9-4:45. 484-8613

2014 VILLAGE MEETING DATES

The **Board of Trustees** holds a monthly public meeting on the first **Monday** of each month (unless otherwise noted) at **8 pm**:

Jan. 6	Apr. 7	July 7	Oct. 6
Feb. 3	May 5	Aug. 4	Nov. 3
Mar.3	June 2	Tues, Sept.2	Dec. 1

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** meets on the third **Wednesday** of each month at **7:30 pm**, when there are cases to be heard:

Jan. 15	Apr. 16	July 16	Oct. 15
Feb. 19	May 21	Aug.20	Nov. 19
Mar. 19	June 18	Sept. 17	Dec. 17

The **Architectural Review Committee** meets on the fourth **Monday** of each month (unless otherwise noted) at **7 pm**, when there are cases to be heard:

Jan. 27	Apr. 28	July 28	Oct. 27
Feb. 24	Tues., May 27	Aug. 25	Nov. 24
Mar. 24	June 23	Sept. 22	Dec. 29

The **Village Justice Court** is held on the fourth (conferences & arraignments) **Wednesday** of each month (unless otherwise noted) at **6:30 pm**.

Jan. 22	Apr. 23	July 23	Oct. 22
Feb. 26	May 28	Aug. 27	Tues., Nov. 25
Mar. 26	June 25	Tues., Sept.23	Thurs., Dec. 18

The **Planning Board** does not schedule regular meetings but meets as needed. All Planning Board meetings are noticed in the local press and on the Village bulletin boards.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

At the December 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board enacted provisions to create an Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The ARC will review building permit applications that have been referred to the committee in order to make recommendations for their approval to the Board of Trustees. We believe that this oversight will protect the value of your home and property by ensuring that all new construction in the Village is appropriate, and of good quality.

The purpose of the new law is as follows:

“The purpose of this local law is to preserve and protect the unique character of the Village and to encourage the creation of buildings, structures, landscape settings and appurtenances, and use of property within the Village in ways that maintain this character. Toward that end the Board is concerned about:

- 1. Excessive uniformity or similarity, dissimilarity or inappropriateness or poor quality of design of the exterior of buildings or structures in the Village.*
- 2. The improper placement of buildings or improved surfaces or the excessive disturbance of natural features of a site in relation to the surrounding area. “*

The ARC will conduct individualized reviews with the purpose of encouraging and supporting homeowners, building owners and architects/builders in the appropriate use of land and in maintaining the physical and visual appearance of the Village.

In the past, all building permit applications with exterior changes that could potentially affect surrounding neighbors or the look of our community, were referred to the Building Permit Review Committee which had no powers under law. By replacing that committee with the ARC, we ensure that the future Flower Hill will remain as beautiful as the Flower Hill of today.