



Village of Flower Hill Newsletter Winter 2012



COUNTY PROPERTY TAX GREIVANCE DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

If you pay taxes on property in Nassau County, you have the right to appeal your property's annual assessment. You can do this yourself by visiting the Nassau County Dept. of Assessment website: www.mynassauproperty.com

VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX GRIEVANCE DEADLINE IS FEB. 21

The 2012/13 Village of Flower Hills Tentative Assessment Roll is available for public review from Tues., Feb. 7 until Tues., Feb. 21, 2012. Feb.21, 2012 is the last day to file a grievance on the 2012/13 Tentative Village Assessment. Your complaint must be received by this date. We require an original plus 3 copies of each complaint submitted. Please remember to include any supporting documentation with your complaint. You must verify the Tentative Assessments in your complaint against the published 2012/13 Village of Flower Hill Tentative Assessment Roll prior to submission. Complaints filed with incorrect assessments will be denied. If you are dissatisfied with the determination of the Board of Assessment Review, you may seek judicial review of your assessment pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL). Petitions for judicial review must be filed within thirty (30) days of the last date allowed by law for the filing of the final assessment roll (April 1), or the published notice of such filing, whichever is later. Petition forms for Small Claims Assessment Review may be obtained from the Nassau County Clerk's Office.*****Please note that even though the Village of Flower Hill is an assessing unit the Village adopts the Nassau County Assessment Roll. The roll that is made available to the Village of Flower Hill is received on or before April 1st*****

VILLAGE

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY,

MARCH 20, 2012

Polls will be open from
noon to 9 pm.

the Offices to be filled at
are:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Mayor	Two Years
Trustee	Two Years
Trustee	Two Years
Trustee	Two Years
Justice	Four Years



SNOW SEASON REMINDER

Please remember that the snow plows are unable to plow properly when cars are parked on the roads. **Parking is prohibited on Village streets when two inches or more of snow has fallen or is 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.**

Please be courteous to your neighbors and **DO NOT shovel snow from your driveway back into the plowed street.** The Village Code Enforcer patrols the streets after the plows have gone through and will issue a summons if snow is shoveled or plowed back into the roadway. When snow is pushed back onto the road after it has been cleared it tends to ice over and cause hazardous conditions.

We receive many complaints that our plows block driveways with snow, this is because there is nowhere else for the snow to go. Please shovel that snow back onto your lawn. It will melt!

You must plow out your own driveway., our drivers cannot do it for you. 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, they must plow it back onto your property.

Please follow these guidelines so that a winter storm only becomes an inconvenience and not a danger.

2012 MEETING DATES

We welcome all residents to all of our monthly meetings. By law, all of the actions taken by the Board of Trustees must be done in public, and the monthly meetings are where this occurs. At every Board of Trustees meeting there is an opportunity for residents to bring any topic of concern before the Board. This is your Village; we urge you to attend these meetings to find out what is going on in your local government.

The **Board of Trustees** holds a monthly public meeting on the first **Monday** of each month (unless otherwise noted) at **8 pm**. Public hearings are conducted at these monthly meeting where necessary.

Jan. 9	Apr. 2	July 2	Oct. 1
Feb. 6	May 7	Aug. 6	Nov. 5
Mar. 5	June 4	Tues, Sept. 4	Dec. 3

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** meets on the third **Wednesday** of each month at **7:30 pm**, when there are cases to be heard. This Board addresses building issues where a variance from the Village Code is needed.

Jan. 18	Apr. 18	July 18	Oct. 17
Feb. 15	May 16	Aug. 15	Nov. 14
Mar. 21	June 20	Sept. 19	Dec. 19

The **Building Permit Review Committee** meets on the third **Monday** of each month (unless otherwise noted) at **7 pm**, when there are cases to be heard. This is not a public meeting as it is a meeting of a committee. This Committee determines the suitability of new building projects. When a building permit is received by the Village, the committee reviews the plans and offers suggestions and advice to homeowners on how to best proceed.

Jan. 23	Apr. 23	July 23	Oct. 22
Tues, Feb. 21	May 21	Aug. 20	Nov. 19
Mar. 26	June 25	Sept. 24	No Dec. Meeting

The **Planning Board** does not schedule regular meetings but meets as needed. The Planning Board addresses issues regarding subdivision of property and large scale projects. All Planning Board meetings are noticed in the local press and on the Village bulletin boards.

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

Jan. 25	Apr. 25	July 25	Oct. 24
Feb. 22	May 23	Aug. 29	Nov. 28
Mar. 28	June 27	Sept. 19	Dec. 12

2010 U.S. CENSUS RESULTS FOR VILLAGE OF FLOWER HILL

Total Population.....	4,665
Male.....	2,281
Female.....	2,384
Under 18.....	1,339
20-24.....	199
25-34.....	263
35-49.....	1,037
50-64.....	1,014
65 & over.....	720

Total Housing Units.....	1,523
Owner-occupied.....	1,373
Population in owner occupied.....	4,368
Renter-occupied.....	100
Population in renter occupied...	
.....	274
Vacant.....	50
Vacant for rent.....	6

TAX ROLL INFO UPDATES

In order to avoid late payment penalties, please make sure your tax bill is going to the right place. If you refinanced, paid off your mortgage, or are new to our Village, you may need to update your tax roll info. Please send a written change request to Treasurer Kathy Wade here at the Village Hall, 1 Bonnie Heights Rd., Manhasset, NY 11030.

FLOWER HIL WELCOMES NEW RETAIL MARKET

The Meat House will be opening soon at 1085 Northern Boulevard. This concept specialty grocer got its start in California and is expanding on the east coast. The Meat House features a full service, custom butcher and will provide gourmet groceries to accompany their meat selection.

The 1085 Northern Boulevard shopping center also currently has plans on the table for several other new tenants. We look forward to their arrival.



TRASH PICK UP

Please do not bring your garbage to the curb on pick up days. The carting company, will come to your side yard or backyard to pick up your garbage. If you have a large, heavy or unwieldy item you will need to call the carting company to arrange for a special pickup, in which case you should bring the item to the curb no earlier than the night before the scheduled pickup. You are entitled to one large item for pickup per week and should make arrangements in advance with Meadow Carting directly by calling 338-0121.

There is no trash pick up on the following legal holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

If your pick up day falls on one of these holidays, your trash will be picked up on the next regular pick up day.

Recycling is picked up on all of the same days as your regular pick up. See next page for recycling information.

VILLAGE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

When there is a legal requirement to publish a notice in a newspaper, the Village of Flower Hill uses the following local papers:

Manhasset Press, Port Washington News, Roslyn News

You can find Village notices in the legal advertisement section of each of these papers.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

The effect of a winter storm on your home and property can be significant. Addressing storm exposure in advance is the best way to reduce loss potential. The following guidelines may be beneficial in reducing the negative effects of winter conditions:

- Inspect and repair roofs.
- Ascertain the ability of roofs to withstand possible heavy snow accumulation to prevent collapse.
- Inspect roof drains. Clear all debris that could cause clogging.
- Check sump pumps for proper operation to prevent flooding.
- Check that exposed pipe has been properly insulated.
- Check that sprinkler system has been drained and winterized.
- Check that generators are operational.
- Ensure that temporary heaters are UL listed and approved and have adequate clearance from any combustible materials.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

RECYCLING PAPER & CARDBOARD		RECYCLING METAL, GLASS & PLASTIC	
<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers, magazines & catalogs • White or colored paper • Construction & wrapping paper • Index & greeting cards • Paperback books • Corrugated cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardcover books • Envelopes with plastic windows • Cardboard drink containers • Telephone books • Cereal boxes, waxed paper • Take out containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal cans, foil wrap & trays (labels removed) • Plastic bottles & jugs made of PETE or HDPE plastic • Clear & colored glass bottles & jars (no lids) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Styrofoam or plastic bags • Motor oil, paint containers or pesticide containers • Aerosol cans • Mirrors, windows, safety glass • Light bulbs • Ceramics, drinking glasses, broken glass
<p>Pack in brown grocery bags or tie with twine, flatten cardboard and tie in bundles approximately 2'x2"x6". Place on top of or next to your recycling can.</p>		<p>All containers must be rinsed with labels removed. Place in recycling can.</p>	

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

There is no requirement that you use an official Town of North Hempstead recycling can. If you would like to obtain a Town container, they are available at the Town of North Hempstead Solid Waste Management facility at 802 Shore Road in Roslyn. They are open from 9 to 4:45, Monday through Friday. The cans are \$12 each and proof of Town residency is required for purchase. You may also use a recycling container purchased at any hardware store or home center. If the container is not marked "Recycling", we recommend labeling it with a permanent marker. It's also a good idea to put your address on the container in the event the wind blows it away.

ROTARY CLUB OF MANHASSET—OPERATION: SOLDIER COLLECTION DRIVE

The Manhasset Rotary Club in a joint effort with the Manhasset Schools, St. Mary's School and the Manhasset community is launching "Soldier Donation/Operation Shoe Box". This project is being coordinated with the Army National Guard and will ship needed supplies to our troops in Afghanistan and other areas overseas. Their goal is to ship shoe boxes with designated supplies to our troops abroad in time for Easter (April 8, 2012). The collection will continue until February 14. They are seeking the following items:

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| White socks | Cotton swabs | Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Shaving cream |
| Double-edge razors | Tampons | Sanitary pads | Deodorant | Eye drops |
| Chap stick | Powdered drink mix | Gum | Nuts | Body wash |
| Bar soap | Body powder | Medicated creams | Stamps | Envelopes |
| Pens | Instant oatmeal | Hot cocoa mix | Cup of soup | Tea bags |
| Instant coffee | Granola bars | Power bars | Gummy bears | small bags of chips |
| Small bag of pretzels | Candies | Packing tape | Shoe boxes | |

A DROP OFF BIN IS LOCATED AT THE AMERICVAN LEGION POST AT 27 BAYVIEW AVE., MANHASSET. CALL 633-7686 FOR MORE INFORMATION.