

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING VILLAGE ELECTION

BY EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM GOVERNOR CUOMO, THE VILLAGE ELECTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH.

We are waiting for further instructions on our Village Election concerning Absentee ballots. Any ballots that were left after 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18th, will be saved until the instructions are given. Thank you for your understanding.

Governor Cuomo has issued an Executive Order putting all elections off until after June 1, 2020. We will keep you posted when we hear of a new date.

MANY OF OUR RESTAURANTS ARE OPEN AND OFFERING ONLINE AND CURBSIDE PICKUP! MANY ARE OFFERING SPECIALS AS WELL. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF ORDERING OUT, PLEASE THINK OF OUR VILLAGE RESTAURANTS!!



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516-249-0093

FARMINGDALE VILLAGE REPORT

Moving In The Right Direction

Due to Government Executive Orders

Farmingdale Village Hall will be closed until further notice.

The Governor has issued an Executive Order that restricts the number of people that may come to work. For the safety of our employees, we have reduced our work force to a skeleton crew.

While we understand that many of you are receiving daily updates from local and national news outlets, local health organizations regarding the spread of this virus and the suggested health responses, the Village Board and I wanted to let each of you know that we continue to follow the developments concerning the virus, are continuing to work with local and state authorities and will be continuing to provide you with periodic updates on the steps we have taken at the Village level to not only inform our residents but also those steps taken to protect our residents and our employees and to prevent the spread of the virus in our Farmingdale community.



Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony J. Addeo

The Board and I began addressing the Coronavirus pandemic several weeks ago when we learned, from our relationships with local and state officials, that the pandemic would likely affect many Long Island Communities, including our Village. Beginning at that time the Village took aggressive measures to ensure the health and safety of its residents and employees. For example, the Village has been participating in contagion prevention and mitigation as directed by the New York State and Nassau County Boards of Health. And, the Village has taken additional precautions beyond what has been required by local and state officials to ensure the safety of its employees and the public that we serve. Several weeks ago, all Village departments and personnel began taking steps to help reduce the possibility of introducing the coronavirus into our community following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, recommendations. The Village underwent a stringent cleaning and disinfection in accordance with CDC Protocols. In an additional effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus, our Village Clerk, working closely with myself and the Board, assessed the required staffing for essential Village services. The Village workforce was thereafter reduced to ensure the proper functioning of the Village while also safeguarding against the unintended spread of the virus. The rigorous sanitizing protocols continue and our essential staff continues to practice social distancing and other CDC suggested protocols. We will be operating at reduced staffing levels for the near future; rest assured that Village operations must and will continue. This may require changing the scheduling of some services. While no such change is necessary at this time, if such change becomes necessary we will provide notice via our Village website. As we outlined in the DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER we ask for your understanding and cooperation in these trying times and ask that anyone having business with our Village should do so by email (info@farmingdalevillage.com), or telephone. For non medical emergencies (urgent matters only - water main breaks, etc.) you can call into the Farmingdale Fire Department Non-Emergency Line at (516) 531-9820. Medical emergencies please call 516-249-0077 or 911. The Village has been in contact with the Town of Oyster Bay and garbage service will continue as usual. There is a dropbox to the left of the front entrance to Village Hall for payments, building applications and FOIL requests. Payments can also be mailed. When calling Village Hall, your calls will be forwarded to the Dispatcher, who will then contact the appropriate person. The Mayor and Village Administrator will be made aware of all phone calls received from residents.

In closing, the Board and I want you to know that we are in constant contact with our Village Clerk and department managers. Rest assured that we continue to monitor the pandemic and will modify our response plan in accordance with the best interests of our residents. We will continue to advise of additional precautions and actions and ask that you continue to follow for announcements and actions as directed by health agencies, through our Village website, and local and national news outlets. The Board and I sincerely believe that we Dalers, the greater Farmingdale community, understand that by working together we can defeat the coronavirus in Farmingdale.

To get up to date information from Farmingdale Village, sign up for our constant contact email service. Go to the home page of www.farmingdalevillage.com. If you scroll down on the right hand side there is a constant contact portal. Enter your email and follow the prompts to join and get the latest important Village information.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding during these unprecedented times in our community. We are all in this together and we will get through this unprecedented global crisis. On behalf of The Board of Trustees and myself we wish everyone good health and stay safe.

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
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VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY Coronavirus Update

According to the US Center for Disease Control “the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water. Conventional water treatment methods, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or inactivate the virus.

The Chlorine level maintained in our water system is sufficient to perform this disinfection. After consultation with the Long Island Water Conference and other water suppliers, our wells are providing chlorine residuals of 1.5 ppm which is the recommended level at this time. The bottom line is our water supply is safe and is still being tested at the usual weekly schedule.

The Village Administration, Water Department, Department of Public Works, and Fire Department have reviewed and are prepared to activate as needed, our Emergency Response Plan for a Pandemic Event, and the recommendations of the Office of Public Water Supply Protection of the Nassau County Department of Health.

Commissioner Dr. Eisenstein, and the Nassau County Department of Health are asking people to remain calm and attentive, and to practice general sanitary precautions such as:

- * Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- * Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- * Avoid contact with people who are sick
- * Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing DO NOT use your hands
- * Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- * Stay home if sick

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MONEY

The Village has grant money through HUD that can be used to help homeowners who need assistance with maintaining their homes. Please call Village Hall at 516-249-0093 for the requirements to participate in this program. Please ask for Barbara Kelly.



FARMINGDALE VILLAGE UPDATES Coronavirus Update

- All public meetings are cancelled at Village Hall until further notice (Board of Trustees, Planning and Zoning Board)
- All Village sponsored community events are cancelled/postponed until further notice
- Many merchants throughout Farmingdale Village are open for takeout, curbside and delivery. Several stores / merchants are open to the public but hours may vary. Call / check the businesses social media / websites for details
- Please consider donating to those in need during this crisis. Whether its helping a neighbor, shopping for seniors, family members or donating within the local community
- Farmingdale Village is collecting non-perishable food donations for the needy in the local community. Donations can be dropped off and placed in the food pantry box located outside the entrance to Village Hall from 8:30am -4:30pm Monday - Friday
- St. Kilian’s Social Ministry is collecting donations – and are open for assistance and donations Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am – Noon. Donations can be brought to the entrance door that faces Elizabeth Street (140 Elizabeth Street). Please do not bring donations to the Outreach building outside of those times or to our door that faces Conklin Street, which will be used for assistance only. If you cannot get to us during those hours with your donations. There are wooden bins in the back of the church that are available for donations.
- While schools throughout the nation are closed – the Farmingdale School district issued a memo regarding meals for students that receive free/reduced meals that can be picked up at 3 locations on weekdays – Howitt Middle School (west building, main entrance, 7:30-9:30am), Saltzman East Memorial School (main entrance parking lot, 8-9am) and Bethesda Junior Academy (Amityville, in parking lot, 8-9 am). Student ID is required to pick-up the meals. Any questions email: foodservicesupport@farmingdaleschools.org.
- Check the Village website and Nassau County Health Department website for updates: www.farmingdalevillage.com, Nassau County Health Department (link for COVID-19 Nassau County Health Department webpage) Stay Safe & Be Well

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70TH ANNIVERSARIES - Ahern’s and Citrano’s

While we are struggling to get our heads around the Coronavirus and what a difference a week makes, we are also a Village that prides itself on knowing our neighbors.

We are a Village that everyone returns to, or never leaves! Here are two examples of what a wonderful life we have here in the Village.

THE CITRANO’S - Loretta and Sal

Loretta was born in 1930 in a house at 222 Staples Street. Sal was born at 94 Grant Avenue in 1925. They both attended and graduated from the old Main Street school. After they were married, they bought a vacant lot and had a house built at 345 Staples Street and have been there since.

Their families were longtime friends, so Salvatore Citrano and Loretta Marino grew up together, but with a five year difference in their ages, they didn’t have much to do with each other. That changed when Sal was 17 and enlisted in the US Navy Reserve and went off to war while Loretta was just starting high school. They struck up a correspondence and became pen pals until the war ended. Upon his return, Sal took Loretta to her senior prom at Farmingdale High School. They started dating, fell in love and married in 1950. 70 years of marriage brought two beautiful daughters, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Citrano’s have purchased a bench along Main Street to celebrate their milestone anniversary. Hopefully we will be able to install the plaque soon!



THE AHERN’S - Tess and Jerry

Tess and Jerry Ahern were married on September 24, 1949 at Saint Martin of Tours Church in Bethpage. They are both “Dalers,” having graduated from Farmingdale High School in 1943 and 1944. Tess is also a graduate of Saint Kilian School Class of 1939. Jerry is a WW II Army Vetran, having served in Germany. An interesting side note is that Tess’s father, Dr. George T. McMurray was on the committee that started St. Kilian School in 1926 and her husband, Jerry, was on the committee that tore it down. they have been members of the Parish through it all.

The story of the Ahen family has always revolved around the home they live in on Conklin Street. Dr. McMurray, bought the house in 1922 and set up practice ther as a family physician. Tess was born and raised int he house with her older brothr, George, and sister, Mary. jerry and his six siblings were raised on Central Avenue int he home that was the first post office in Central Park, which is now known as Bethpage. Because Bethpage did not have a high school in those days, Jerry attended Farmingdale High. They met through Tess’s brother and the rest is history.

Tess and Jerry have lived in the house on Conklin Street since 1953 raising eight children there. Four girls, four girls, four blondes and four brunettes have been coming back and forth to their home for 67 years. Tess and Jerry have always loved farmingdale Village and that is why their family decided to honor them with a bench to celebrate their milestone anniversary. In addition to their eight children, they have 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The plaque on the bench near whiskey Down Diner was unveiled on February 3, 2020. All four generations were represented at the unveiling.



PARKING FIELD 4 - RECONSTRUCTION

In an effort to minimize any inconvenience, the Village has started the complete renovation of Parking Field 4 (behind Harley’s and 317 Main Street and St. Kilian) We hope to have the work completed by mid May. The parking field will be done as all of the others - more parking, more lighting, signage, and landscaping.