

Flower Hill Newsletter

Spring 2009

2009 PAVEMENT & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The following streets are on the schedule:

- Elm Lane from Walnut to end
- Pine Tree Lane from Boulder to end
- Boulder Road from Crabapple to Birch
- Walnut Lane from Crabapple to Boulder
- Oaktree Lane from Crabapple to Port Washington Blvd.
- Dogwood Lane from Walnut to Birch
- Northwoods Road from Dogwood to Birch
- Woodhill Lane from Crabapple to Oaktree
- Waring Drive from Cardinal to Port Washington Blvd.
- Drake Lane intersection at Mallard Road
- Hemlock Road intersections with Reni Road & Mallard Road
- Sycamore Drive from Ridge to Center
- Portions of Manhasset Woods Road and Bonnie Heights Road

NASSAU COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TO VISIT FLOWER HILL

On June 1, 2009 at 8 pm, Greg Caronia, Director of the Nassau County Office of Emergency Preparedness is coming to Flower Hill to give a seminar on Hurricane

Preparedness. Please remember that we live on an island left vulnerable to the Atlantic Ocean and while we have been hit by hurricanes in the past, most of us have never

experienced the worst of a major hurricane.

Join us in learning how we can be prepared to survive a worst case scenario.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents:

Spring is on the way! Flower Hill Park is starting to turn green. I hope you have had an opportunity to visit the park, it really is magnificent thanks to the hard work of our Village Highway Dept. and resident Ann Frankel. Ann is a professional arborist and landscape designer. She is responsible for choosing the unique plantings as well as the design of the park. We all owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

I am pleased to report that the three incumbent Trustees who ran

for re-election were returned their posts. They are Trustees Tab M. Hauser, Aviva Pinto and Avery Ryan.

The 2009—2010 Village Budget has been adopted. This year's budget is \$4,373,775.00 The good news is that once again we were able to reduce the Village tax rate. The rate has been reduced to \$23.21 down from last year's \$25.33. This means that most of you will see a reduction in your Village taxes.

We are about to go out to bid for the 2009 Village Paving and Drainage project. We are going to reconstruct

several streets in various areas of the Village. Our Highway Supervisor, Scott Hislop, studies all Village roads and comes up with a list of the most deteriorated and in need of repair each year. Please see the sidebar of this page for the list of roads to be affected.

The Village is planning a series of shows to be held on our new outdoor park stage this summer. So far we have made plans for a live band, a movie night and a family magic/comedy show. We will inform you of the details shortly.

Charles W. Weiss

IMPORTANT VILLAGE TAX INFORMATION

This year's Village tax bills will be mailed on June 1, 2009 and are due by July 1, 2009. If you have a new mortgage company or if you have paid off your mortgage, please submit a letter to the Village Treasurer with the updated information on where the tax bill should be sent. If you are a new homeowner in the Village, please make sure you change the name on the tax records and supply us with a mailing address for your tax bill.

All name and address changes should be made before May 25 to ensure proper mailing. If you do not receive your tax bill by June 15, please call the Village to request a copy of the bill. Under NY State Real Property Tax Law, the Village is not responsible for tax bills that are not received by property owners. The State mandates a penalty of 5% to be assessed on July 2 with 1% additional each month thereafter on all unpaid tax bills. **PAYMENT OF VILLAGE TAXES IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY WHETHER OR NOT YOU RECEIVE A BILL!**

If you have any questions regarding assessments, filing for exemptions, or tax amount due, please contact Kathy Wade, Village Treasurer.

The Village Hall is now equipped with an AED defibrillator. Staff and elected officials will be receiving training for the AED as well as adult CPR. We hope we will never need to use it but it's nice to know it's there.



VILLAGE CODE QUALITY OF LIFE REGULATIONS

Now that the warmer weather is here, please observe a few rules that will make life in Flower Hill more pleasant for everyone.

- Remember to pick up after your dog. We provide bags and receptacles in the Village Park for this purpose but please carry a bag with you and use it wherever you may walk your dog.
- Landscapers and contractors may only work between the hours of 8 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday and 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday. No work is permitted on Sundays or Federal Holidays. If you are doing work on your own home please be considerate of your neighbors.

LOCAL LAW UPDATES 2009

The following new legislation has been added to the Village Code in order to improve the quality of life here in Flower Hill.

The Board of Trustees adopted a law requiring that all road openings be repaired in a timely manner as well as in accordance with industry standards.

Also adopted was a law dealing with the expiration of building permits. In order to ensure timely completion of work being done in the Village, the Board has instituted a timeline for the expiration of building permits, with fees and penalties for failure to comply.

The Board enacted a law prohibiting parking on public roads when there is 2" or more of snow. This is to allow the snow plows to clear the roadways without having to get out, go up to a home and ask that the cars parked in the street be moved. No parking will remain in effect until the snow stops falling and the roads have been cleared.

The Board also clarified the definition of accessory structure as defined in the Zoning Code.

IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER VISIBLE FROM THE STREET?

In an emergency, could Police, Fire or Emergency personnel easily find your house? Too many homes in the Village do not have numbers that are easily visible from the street. NY State Building Code requires a clearly posted house number.

Please remember that this is for your own protection.



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