

Village of Flower Hill Newsletter Fall 2009

FALL LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

For residents who have garbage pickup on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays:

Friday, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11.

For residents with garbage pickup Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays:

Saturday, November 7, 14, 21, 27, December 5, 12.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL

Meadow Carting
338-0121

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice any street light outages, please report them to the Village office at 627-5000. We will ensure that the repair is done.

NEW SNOW PARKING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

Snow season is fast approaching. We take pride in the fact that our hardworking Highway Dept. always has our roads cleared as quickly as possible, however, the snow plows are unable to plow properly when cars are parked on the roads. After last winter, the Board of Trustees agreed that the solution to this problem would be to **prohibit parking 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.**

During the first two snow events, Village Code Enforcement and local police will only be issuing

warnings to serve as notice or a reminder of the new regulations. After that, summonses will be issued with fines, at the discretion of the Village Justice.

If you are having company or expecting a service or repair call, please remind your visitors to park in your driveway if snow is expected, so they will not be ticketed.

Also please remember that shoveling snow from your driveway, into the street is prohibited. Please shovel it onto your lawn. We receive many complaints that the plows block driveways with snow because there is nowhere else for the snow to go. You must plow out your own driveway.

Snow is a major inconvenience for all of us. But by working together we can ensure that our roads are both safe and passable.

2010 MEETING DATES

The Board of Trustees meet for their regular monthly meetings and public hearings on the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted:

January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, Tuesday July 6, August 2, Tuesday September 7, October 4, November 1, December 6

The Board of Trustees hold a monthly work session which is open to the public, on the last Monday of each month unless otherwise noted:

January 25, February 22, Wednesday March 31, April 26, Tuesday May 1, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27, October 25, November 29, December 27

The Zoning Board of Appeals meet on the third Wednesday of each month:

January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

From time to time, meeting dates may change. Please consult the Village Website www.villageflowerhill.com for updates

POD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

POD stands for Point of Dispensing for the dispensing of medication or immunizations in the event of an emergency.

The Village of Flower Hill in conjunction with the Nassau County Dept. of Health, Town of North Hempstead, the Villages of Munssey Park, Plandome, Plandome Heights, Plandome Manor and the Manhasset School District have joined together under an agreement to create a POD for the benefit of our residents. The location will be at Manhasset High School.

Volunteers with or without medical background are needed to work at the POD. Training is

provided by the Nassau County Health Dept. One of the benefits of volunteering is that all volunteers will be the first to receive emergency treatment.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Village Administrator in person, by phone or e-mail at vclerk@villageflowerhill.com include your contact information.

Two hour training sessions are ongoing and being offered at locations throughout the County usually during the evening.

The County is planning to activate the POD for the H1N1 flu vaccination so your help is urgently needed.

H1N1 VIRUS EXPERT ON "THE REAL FACTS"

Dr. Marvin Tennenbaum, Medical Director of St. Francis Hospital and a highly regarded Infectious Disease Specialist, visited the Village Hall at the October 2nd Monthly meeting to give a presentation on the H1N1 flu, often misstated as "swine flu".

Dr. Tennenbaum's talk was very informative. He advised that the vaccine is completely safe as it is made up of components previously found in regular annual flu vaccines. He explained how the virus works and who is most at risk.

There was a question and answer period for everyone to ask about their own personal health situations and what precautions should be taken.

On behalf of the residents who attended, the Mayor and the Board are deeply grateful to Dr. Tennenbaum for sharing his time and expertise.

FALL/WINTER WALKING/JOGGING SAFETY TIPS

As the days grow shorter and we have fewer daylight hours for exercise. Many of our residents enjoy our beautiful roads for walking or jogging.

Please keep the following advice in mind to ensure your safety:

- At dusk, dawn or night, wear reflectorized clothing for visibility. It's a good idea to carry a flashlight or clip on an LED light. During the day wear bright, light colored clothing.
- Make sure drivers see you. When stepping out from behind a parked vehicle or other obstacle, slowly step out and make sure you are visible. If possible, make eye contact with the driver.
- Walk facing traffic. Look both ways before crossing. Be aware of all traffic, particularly vehicles making a right turn on red.
- It's always safer to walk with a friend than on your own. Carry a cell phone in case of emergency. Make sure your cell phone has an ICE (In Case of Emergency) number in your phone directory.



FALL BLOCK PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

The Board of Trustees would like to offer its thanks and congratulations to Block Party Chairman Norman Glavas and his hardworking committee for a job well done on the Flower Hill Block Party held on Sunday, September 13. Despite the one day rain delay, the committee was able to get the party together with the cooperation of the Village Highway Dept. and the local police.

SEN. CRAIG JOHNSON'S FOOD & COAT DRIVE

Senator Craig Johnson and his staff have announced that they are working with *Island Harvest* by collecting non-perishable goods for hungry Long Islanders from now until Nov. 18th. Donations payable to *Island Harvest Ltd.* Will also be accepted.

They are also partnering with *Coats for Kids* to collect new and gently used winter coats for children and adults until Dec. 31st.

All donations may be dropped off at the Senator's district office at 151 Herricks Rd, Room 202 in Garden City Park between 9 am and 5 pm. Pick ups can also be scheduled by calling 746-5923.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

At the August meeting the Board enacted a moratorium on the installation of solar panels and wind turbines. Rather than discouraging these energy efficient applications, the Board wants the time to do an in depth study on the pros and cons of different types of installations in order to control the look of the Village. A committee to review standards was appointed by the Mayor.

The Board voted to increase fines for construction done without a permit. These fines may be easily avoided by obtaining the proper permits before commencing construction.

The code was also amended to require the approval of a site development plan prior to the issuance of a demolition permit. The reason behind the enactment of this local law was to prevent demolition of an existing building when there are no approved plans and therefore the potential that an empty lot would be left for months at a time.

Local laws were also enacted regarding flood damage prevention, sidewalk maintenance and liability, and commercial signage.

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT SYSTEM IN EFFECT

The Village has entered into an agreement with *BlackboardConnect CTY*, under the New York State Office of Government Services contract. This service enables the Village to send out emergency messages or other phone message of importance to Village residents. The system has the capability of targeting the entire village or any portion of it such as a single block or street. The system can also send phone messages to home telephones, cell phones, e-mail addresses and text messages.

The data base for telephone numbers comes from information that is in the public domain. If you have an unpublished phone number or a number under a different name, we do not have access to that number. We also have a limited data base for cell phone numbers and e-mail. If you would like any of your private information included, please contact Ronnie Shatzkamer, the Village Administrator. None of your information will ever be used for any purpose other than to keep you updated on important Village news and events.

CHANGES IN THE FLOWER HILL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Before the end of the year, you will see several changes on Northern Blvd. *Landmark Diner* is doing the final finishing work on their new two story restaurant and will be open before Thanksgiving.

The Mobil station on the corner of Northern Blvd. and Port Washington Blvd. will have a whole new look with an update, modern *On The Run* snack shop. Also on the same block, the old car wash has changed hands. The new owner is an experienced car wash operator, who will be renovating the building. The new enterprise will be called *All American Car Wash*.

Unfortunately *Kreiss Furniture* is leaving their location at the corner of Northern Blvd. and Old Northern Blvd. *T-Mobile* will be opening a new corporate store at this location with a whole new interior renovation.

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