



FRANKLIN SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
FSCA

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Dear Community,

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our last general meeting of the season on June 18th. Our general meetings will resume this September after what we hope will be a happy and healthy summer for everyone. I would also like to thank everyone for their continued support as we, as an organization, navigate this moment in history we are all living through. We've all been required to make some changes in how we live and operate, and I would like to thank the board for all of their hard work this past season. I would especially like to thank VP Jon Israel for all his hard work getting us on line. Without him, our virtual visits with all of you and with each other would be impossible.

At our June meeting we had several special guests. Dr. Anthony Santella of Hofstra University joined us to answer all your Covid-19 questions. A list of those questions and his answers can be found on our website. We greatly appreciate his attendance and candid answers to all of our inquiries.

We also had our award recipients from our local graduating classes of 2020. These young ladies and gentlemen overcame unprecedented obstacles this academic year and we were very excited to celebrate with them that evening. Each school, using our FSCA "civic" minded criteria, selected these six students.

Hopefully, you've all by now had a chance to see in person all of the Hometown Hero banners on display both at the VFW and at Rath Park. If not, you can view them on our website in a video created for the Fourth of July by board member Glenn Jersey III. It provides a fantastic 'birds eye view' of some of our banners on display. Click [here](#) to see the video.

We also would like to inform everyone that as of right now, our Community Yard Sale event is on for Sunday September 13th. If you have been doing some clean out while in quarantine, this provides a great open-air, appropriately physically spaced opportunity for you to off-load some of it. The remainders of the seller spots are going quickly. There are some new rules and regulations in place aimed at keeping everyone as safe as possible, so for more information please see the posting on our [website](#) regarding this event.

We have some unfortunate news to report. It was brought to our attention early in June that some of the buntings that were put up along the chain link fence on Naples Ave in front of the

9-11 Memorial, the Gazebo, the Veterans Memorial and the Franklin Square Historical Society Museum, were stolen. The buntings were donated by and put up by three organizations, two of which are the Franklin Square Civic Association (FSCA) and the Franklin Square Historical Society (FSHS). Our treasurer Frank Culmone conducted a thorough inquiry into the matter, asking all organizations if they had removed them for storage. He also contacted the Franklin Square Civilian Patrol, Rath Park personnel, and the Franklin Square and Munson Fire Department to make them aware of the situation and to ask if they had any information, which they did not. We have filed a police report with our local precinct. The Rath Park personnel also contacted the Town of Hempstead (TOH) and learned that the surveillance cameras that they installed last year at Rath Park do not cover that area.

Thusly, the Franklin Square Civic Association, Franklin Square Historical Society, Franklin Square and Munson Fire Department, and the VFW Post 2817 sent a letter to the TOH, specifically Councilman Blakeman's office, requesting the installation of additional security cameras in that area to protect our memorials, gazebo, and museum.

Lastly, we have three upcoming projects we would like to make you aware of. The first two are our Dog Park Survey and a Soccer Field Survey, which will be available for anyone living in our community to fill out on our website. A few members informed us at our last two general meetings that there is an interest among some community members in seeing a dog park and a soccer field. While the FSCA cannot fund such endeavors, we can help gauge community interest and communicate those opinions to the proper place at the TOH Parks Department.

The third project consists of a petition to the TOH regarding several issues of concern surrounding Averill Park. A member of the FSCA contacted the board to make them aware of two issues residents are having with the current state of the parks upkeep. These include sidewalks that are damaged and lifted up and the removal of trees that left and eyesore view of a deteriorating building. The nearby residents have started a petition to communicate to the TOH that these issues require attention. We would like to help them circulate this petition more broadly so that all who want to sign it have an opportunity to. Please check our website soon for more info on these projects.

Sincerely,
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President