



FRANKLIN SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION FSCA

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Dear Community,

Despite discontinuing meetings for the summer, the FSCA board has been hard at work on our community's behalf. At this time we would like to notify everyone of the changes that have occurred in the last few months as well as update you on some of our activities.

First, we would like to announce the installation of our six lamppost banners along the Hempstead Turnpike and New Hyde Park Rd/Franklin Avenue intersection. They are displayed with the permission and assistance of Councilman Bruce Blakeman's office. We hope the banners foster and encourage a sense of hometown pride within our community. Four of the banners promote "Living, Shopping & Dining" in Franklin Square and two of the banners offer congratulations to our 2020 Graduating classes, who have had many of their end of year celebrations cancelled. The FSCA would like to add more banners, but we need help to do so. We recognize the difficult times that many of our community members are living in. The economic uncertainty weighs heavily on our mind. For this reason, the board decided to forgo sending membership renewals for those memberships that expired or are expiring this year and instead, extend the terms of membership to them through the end of 2020. We recognize that as paid members in our organization you have demonstrated that your community is important to you, but at this time we recognize that family comes first. If, however, you find yourself able to contribute to the important work that the FSCA continues to do, we ask that you please renew your membership upon receiving the renewal notification. If you have not joined already, please visit our website at fsqcivic.org, and click on "Join The FSCA" to join us and ask your friends and neighbors to do so as well. It is the revenue from these membership dues and our fundraisers that allowed us to install those banners you see in one of our business districts. If you like them and want to see more of them, we can do that, but need the continued help and support of our fellow community resident and business members.

The next piece of information we would like to share with you is unfortunately disappointing. We have had to cancel our Community Yard Sale for the fall. We know how much many in our community have been looking forward to this event (as have we!), however, our board has received word from the Town of Hempstead that all park permits through the end of September are being revoked. This is being done in the interest of keeping

all TOH residents safe and healthy. In the past, we had hoped that the delay of this event was just a postponement. At this time, however, we believe it is in the best interests of everyone to offer refunds via the tender they were received to all registrants of this event. We promise as soon as we are safely able to do so, we will schedule the event again.

Lastly, some members have asked for a dog park in Franklin Square. Rather than just to rely on a couple of members' requests, we created a survey that was open to the public from Tuesday July 14, 2020 thru Wednesday August 5, 2020. We advertised our survey via our email list, posted the survey link on various Franklin Square social media groups, and our website was also put in the LI Herald as part of an article they published about having a dog park in Franklin Square. The results of the survey and the comments were sent to the TOH on August 18, 2020. The FSCA has no official position about having or not having a dog park, but decided it was in the best interest of the community for the TOH to have as much information as we could gather to help them decide on whether or not to have a dog park in Franklin Square and if so where would some of the community like to see it placed. [Click here](#) to view the graphic results of the FSCA Dog Park Survey. [Click here](#) to view the comments received on the FSCA Dog Park Survey.

With that, we would like to notify you all of our next meeting date. It will be held virtually and streamed live on Facebook on Tuesday, September 22nd 7:00 pm. We hope you all can join us. Information regarding a guest speaker, if we are able to schedule one, will be announced at a later date.

Sincerely,
Katherine Tarascio
President