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April Showers bring May Flowers, but what do May Flowers bring?

May Flowers bring the annual **SPRING PLANTING!** Yes, planning is underway for the annual beautification event here in Fleetwood. We are partnering once again with Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks, which provides funds and volunteers to work during the day. In fact, without them, we would never be able to plant everything in one day. Here's a look at the stats:

We have 56 tree wells in the business district, which require at least 40 plants in each...rounded out that means at least 2,000 plants. Divide that by 24, which is the typical number of plants in a flat, and we're looking at 100 flats of plants that must be delivered, separated, sorted and distributed.

Then, of course, there are the two circles at the parkway entrance, the various urns and planter boxes in front of stores, and the large triangle at the intersection of Fleetwood and Gramatan Avenues. Ms. Blackwood and her team take over the train station every year, planting and making it beautiful. The Milestone School does their part along the steps to the train. In less than 8 hours, a team of community members and outsiders will convert a winter barren neighborhood into a fresh, clean community. I know you're asking yourself..."What can I do?" The answer is a LOT!

JOIN US ON MAY 16, 2008, wearing comfortable clothes and a smile on your face. We'll provide everything else, including your lunch! If you can't make it on May 16, that's ok! We need you to remind store owners to water their plots. It only takes a few minutes as you shop. We need you to pull a weed as you walk by throughout the season, and place it in the garbage. If it takes a village to raise a child, imagine what a community can do with a few thousand plants...

Schedule:

Date: May 16, 2008

Time: 8:00 am Fleetwood Deli-Café for coffee and plant sorting

12:00 pm Lunch

4:00 pm Clean up, load up, and head for happy hour!

Contact: Teppie Lampros, longstocking@covad.net



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Tonight's Agenda:

- * Committee Reports
- * Pat Mozzone, Postmaster
- * Pat Monahan, Quality of Life
- * Charles Stern School Budget

Notes from the Board:

- * **Wow! Check out this newsletter!** You've probably already noticed that this issue is coming to you in *living color*. This is all thanks to our recent purchase of a Brother 3 –in-1 business machine. This appliance allows us to fax, scan, print and copy in color and in large quantities. We will now be able to present ourselves in a more modern and sophisticated manner, and at a lower cost than before. Keep your eyes peeled for our flyers in their new, streamlined design, with color coding for each committee!
- * **T-Shirts:** Our supply of T-Shirts has diminished greatly! Thanks to our membership drives, volunteers, and events we are down to one box of XL t-shirts in the “Heather Gray” style. We are pleased to announce that the 2008 T-Shirt will be a dark blue with a white and gray logo (the new logo). Paul Roland, of Roland Sports, is tracking down the T-Shirts we need in the proper color, and then screen printing will commence.
- * **The FNA is going Green!** Due to the concerns of our ever growing ecological footprint, the FNA has decided to start a new **GREEN** promotion. We will be selling reusable grocery bags with our logo on them! These bags are made of recycled plastic materials, and are a fashionable way to truly make a difference in the amount of trash that flows from our community. With Westchester County considering new plastic bag recycling initiatives, our new FNA bags will be just the ticket! Stay tuned for the debut of our new promotion!
- * **Goals for the year.** Each member of the Board of Directors was asked to come up with a goal for the FNA to achieve to improve the neighborhood and community at large. We would like any members of our community who have suggestions or ideas to forward them to Susan Granata. You can reach her via email at susan@fleetwoodneighbors.org or by phone at 914-668-9148. Stay tuned to the next issue and the next e-news edition for the tally of goals from the board of directors.
- * **Next Board Meeting.** Board meetings are open to members in good standing of the Fleetwood Neighborhood Association. Meetings take place at 131 Villa Street, at 5:00 pm on the third Sunday of each month. Visitors are welcome to attend and may speak during the “open forum” of the meeting. We ask that anyone planning to attend just let Susan know, so she can set a chair for you. Please note that there are cats at this location, so if allergies are a problem perhaps you should phone in...The next meeting is April 20.



Earth Day

22 Easy Ways to Reduce your Ecological Footprint

1. Lower your thermostat. Buy a programmable thermostat.
2. Reuse your water bottle. Avoid buying bottled water. In fact, reuse everything at least once, especially plastics.
3. Check out your bathroom. Use low-flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets.
4. Start a compost in your back yard or on your rooftop.
7. Buy compact fluorescent light bulbs. You'll find more on energy-efficient products and practices at [Energy Star](#).
8. Turn off lights and electronics when you leave the room. Unplug your cell phone charger from the wall when not using it. Turn off energy strips and surge protectors when not in use (especially overnight).
9. Recycle your newspapers.
10. Car pool. Connect with other commuters at [eRideShare](#).
11. Consider a car sharing service like [Zipcar](#).
12. Ride a bike.
13. Walk, jog, or run.
14. Go to your local library instead of buying new books.
15. At holidays and birthdays, give your family and friends the gift of saving the earth. Donate to their favorite environmental group, foundation, or organization.
16. Get off junk mail lists. [GreenDimes](#) can get you started. They'll even plant a tree for you!
17. Buy products that use recyclable materials whenever possible.
18. If you use plastic grocery bags, recycle them for doggie poop bags or for small trashcan liners.
19. Bring your own bags to the grocery store. Given a choice between plastic and paper, opt for paper.
20. Buy locally. Find farmers' markets, family farms, and other sources of sustainably grown food near you at [LocalHarvest](#).
21. Consider [organic cleaning products](#) like vinegar, borax, and baking soda.
22. If you have a baby, consider using cloth diapers. To sign up for a diaper service to do the dirty work, check out the [National Association of Diaper Services](#).

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FNA Business Directory

Automobiles

Classic Automobiles, Inc.
655 N. MacQuesten Parkway
Ph. 663-2800
classic_mmc@msn.com

Business Consultants

The King Organization
Martin Rego, President
245 South Fourth Avenue
Ph. 667-4200

Eateries

Artuso Pastry Shop
158 S. 12th Avenue
Ph. 663-8806

Fleetwood Deli-Café
525 Gramatan Avenue
Ph. 665-2258
www.foodsogood.com

Fleetwood Pastry Shop
561 Gramatan Avenue
Ph. 667-3434

Funeral Homes

Riverside Memorial Chapel
21 West Broad Street
Ph. 664-6800

Yannantuono, Burr Davis Sharpe
584 Gramatan Avenue
Ph. 699-9700

Health

Ariel Stein, D.D. S.
General and Cosmetic Dentistry
514 Gramatan Ave., Ste. I-D
Ph. 668-1748

Fleetwood Chiropractic Center
Dr. Robert Russell
Dr. Robin Lucia
25 East Broad Street
Ph. 699-6770

The Wartburg Adult Care Facility
Wartburg Place
Ph. 699-0800
www.thewartburg.org

Houses of Worship

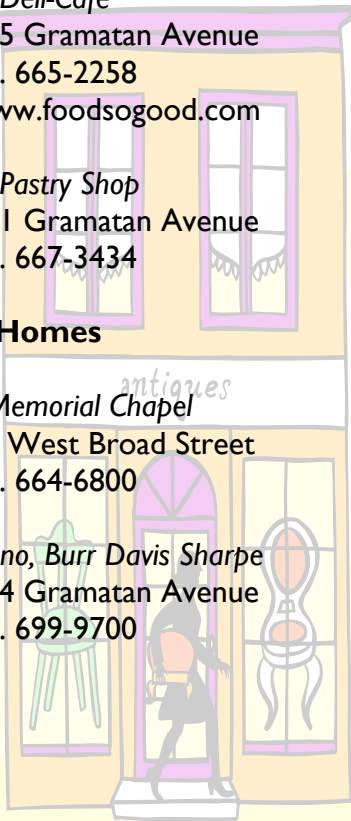
Fleetwood Synagogue
11 E. Broad Street
Ph. 664-7643

Immanuel Lutheran Church
17 E. Grand Street
Ph. 668-4569

Saints Peter and Paul Church
129 E. Birch Street
Ph. 668-9815

Insurance and Taxes

Ed Lombardi Agency, Ltd.
557 N. MacQuesten Pkwy
Ph. 668-5007



FNA Business Directory

Non-Profit Organizations

Fleetwood Pride

Robert Sticca
Ph. 668-7461

Real Estate/Mortgage

Fleetwood Realty

Linda S. Rose, owner
19 West Grand Street
Ph. 664-5000

- * Linda Cole
- * Steve Hess
- * Ellen Rose
- * Egan Warner

Four Seasons Real Estate Center

Darryl Selsey & Elvira Castillo
557 Gramatan Avenue
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- * Isabelle Suspiro
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- * Linda Sanchez
- * Marie Esposito

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- * Margaret Farran
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Important Dates!

April 19—Armory Clean Up and Garden Preparation

May 9/10 - Armory Planting

May 16 - Spring Planting

May 20 - School Board/Budget Vote

May 23 - Dedication of Armory Memorial Garden

July 4 - Fourth of July Celebration at St. Paul's National Historic Site

September 14 - Street Festival

October 19 - Halloween Festival

The Fleetwood Neighborhood Association (FNA) is a community based organization created to promote and benefit the residents of Fleetwood and the City of Mount Vernon.

We have as our mission the fostering of tolerance and community by designing, funding and providing volunteers for projects that illustrate what can be accomplished by a group of persons from all Mount Vernon's cultures working together for a common interest.

The FNA is a federally approved 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization.