

Friends of Station Square

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ENTRYWAY TO A “FAIRY TALE”

Back in June, the Wall Street Journal ran an article which referred to our neighborhood as the “Fairy Tale” of Forest Hills, and I think we can all agree that the tale begins in Station Square. It has been a quarter century since the Millenium Landscaping Appeal run by Friends of Station Square enabled us to order the trees, shrubs and perennials that have since matured and adorn the Square now. Every year since 2000 we have supervised the maintenance of this landscaping and we hope to keep it blooming for many years to come. FOSS has no paid staff – only volunteers - and our finances depend entirely on the generosity of local residents and businesses for which we are exceedingly grateful. We are a registered 501 © 3 non-profit organization which means all donations are tax deductible. Even a small amount shows that you care about the Square and makes you a member and supporter – a friend. A report on our finances will be presented at our annual meeting (see overleaf).

FOR EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON

Nowhere is this saying more appropriate than in a garden, where there is definitely “a time to plant and a time to uproot.” Over the past 25 years the garden that is Station Square has developed a pattern that regular passers-through look forward to. Spring is heralded with the first daffodils blooming, closely

followed by flowering shrubs and the planting of pansies. When the daffodils start dying back, our peonies and roses announce the beginning of summer. Then it is also safe to plant the plethora of annuals in the center beds, after which we can watch them gradually spread until we can no longer see the underlying soil (see center photo). When cooler weather arrives the perennials in the station embankment start to falter and it is time to plant chrysanthemums and kale which should (fingers crossed) last until Thanksgiving. December is a time to uproot all the dead annuals and hold onto the memories of the previous nine months of blooms.



Photo credit: Wendy Bachman

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

We have three new residents on the Square bringing tasty and tasteful offerings. Lorilil Jewelers has been a staple in our neighborhood since 1963 and moved from their location on Continental Avenue. The Sullivan Archive (selling fine and unusual furniture) is a newcomer, as is Forest Hills Pizzeria which finally opened after months of anticipation. We wish them all the best of luck.

We have good news on the construction front as well. First of all, the alterations to the Long Island Rail station are not affecting Station Square (and specifically our aging sprinkler system) as much as we had feared. And secondly, we are told that the scaffolding on the Forest Hills Inn Cooperative should be removed this winter so that the building’s charming façade will again see the light of day.

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THANK YOU!

Once again proceeds from our annual raffle covered approximately 30% of our costs. It was made possible by the generosity of several Board members and local businesses who supplied our prizes. These included Dirty Pierre's, Jade, Pahal Zahn, Station House, 5 Burro Café, Dee's, Radici, Meli Estiatorio and Aigner Chocolates plus the West Side Tennis Club and the concert promoters. And, of course, many thanks to all those who bought raffle tickets.

We are also grateful to the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation which again provided hand watering for the annuals in the center beds (previously this incurred a separate cost).



Friends of Station Square Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd
7:30 PM

In the lobby of the Inn at
One Station Square
All are welcome



Please help us to continue taking care of our Square. Your support is what makes it happen.

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Forest Hills, NY 11375

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