

The Franklin Square Historical Society **NEWSLETTER**

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41st Annual Dinner of the Franklin Square Historical Society



Thursday, April 28, 2022—at 6:00 p.m.

We will be honoring
**Franklin Square 2022 Citizen of the Year—
Philip Malloy**
and the
**First Responders of the
Franklin Square & Munson Fire Department**

*Please note: there was as error in our original flyer
This event will start at 6:00 p.m. (not 5:00 p.m.)*

DINNER RESERVATION (Dinner cost - \$49 per person; Child's Dinner - \$25) - Respond by April 11

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Number in Party _____ Check \$ _____ Cash \$ _____

Members of your party: _____

Mail to: The Franklin Square Historical Society, Box 45, Franklin Square, NY 11010.

For telephone questions call Nancy Youngfert at 516-352-8376.

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50-50 Raffle—There's Still Time to Join In!

As announced, our next 50-50 raffle winner will be drawn at our Annual Dinner on April 28. It's a 50-50 raffle, so the more people who participate, the more the winner will receive. At the moment, the winner's check will be \$125. However, every additional ticket you buy now will mean more support for the museum and will also make the raffle winner's check larger!

Use the tickets at the right to enter. They cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Make your check out to the FS Historical Society and mail it to: Franklin Square Historical Society, PO Box 45, Franklin Square, NY 11010.

SPRING 50/50 RAFFLE – \$2 each / or 3 for \$5

Name _____

Phone # _____

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Reminder—Member Renewals Sustain Our Programs

We know you're busy and we hate to nag, but more than half of our members have not yet renewed. If you're among those who just haven't gotten around to it, please take a moment now. Choose the membership level that's right for you:

Individual

- ☐ Regular—\$25
- ☐ Contributing—\$30
- ☐ Supporting—\$50
- ☐ Patron—\$100

Couple . Family

- ☐ Regular—\$35
- ☐ Contributing—\$40
- ☐ Supporting—\$60
- ☐ Patron—\$110

Name *(please print)* _____

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A Look Back At The History of Franklin Square

by Paul van Wie

In 1979 the European American Bank at 925 Hempstead Turnpike (formerly the Franklin Square National Bank) was renovated. The old banking room, dating from 1929-1939 was entirely gutted and remodeled. In the process, the marble tellers cages and banking tables were slated for destruction.

The bank thoughtfully permitted the Historical Society to remove the architectural elements and furnishings from the banking room on a weekend in 1979. The team of members who salvaged the items was led by Vice-President William Capozziello. As a result, parts of two teller's cages, two marble and glass banking tables, and various matching accessories such as lamps, wall display units, and waste baskets were removed and reconstructed in the Museum then located in the John Street School. The operation was a complex and challenging task.



Then the Museum needed to vacate the John Street School. The cages and tables were disassembled and stored in the John Street School basement. Eventually they were moved to Washington Street School and reassembled, only to be disassembled once again when the space needs of the school increased. The various pieces were finally moved to the Franklin Square Museum in stages, beginning in early 2019.

The banking tables are each supported by two black marble legs; the marble displaying white streaks. There are brass ornaments on the end sides of each leg. The glass table tops rest on metal foundations which provided space for deposit slips and other paperwork. The tables feature brass lamps and included ink wells. Each table is just over three feet high and the glass tops measure sixty-one inches long and thirty-two inches wide.

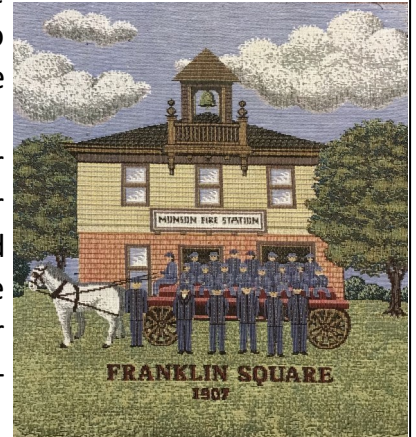
These tables, which have journeyed across Franklin Square, are a centerpiece of the Society's historically significant Franklin Square National Bank collection. They assist in illustrating an important chapter in the history of American banking.



The FS Historical Society - Fire Department Pillow

As we honor our Franklin Square Munson Fire Department, we have found a way for our members to memorialize the early years of the Department. A handsome 16 x 16 inch pillow has been created with an image from our photo collection of the firehouse ca. 1907 with the first horse-drawn vehicle used by firefighters.

The pillow will be available for \$35 and will be on display at our dinner on April 28. If you would be interested in owning one (or more) of these pillows, please call Bill Youngfert at 516-775-7260 and leave your name, phone number and how many pillows you would like to order. If there is enough interest to satisfy the minimum needed for the production of the pillows, you will be contacted to confirm payment.



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Hello,

My name is Matthew Meaney, and I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 163 in Rockville Centre, and a candidate for Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest award. I am currently working with the Franklin Square Historical Society to build several raised beds in which to plant grasses native to the Hempstead Plains area. This native garden that we will establish will be important to the educational programs of the FS Historical Society. During their visit to the museum, students from the various elementary schools in our town will have the opportunity to plant and tend to the native garden. This experience will be beneficial to the students, as it will allow them to connect to the past and get in touch with the history of our community. In addition to the construction of the raised beds, another part of my project will be identifying the native oak trees on the museum land. We will then plant two of these oak trees on the property to enhance the grounds.

All work on the project will be done by volunteers from the Boy Scouts and the Historical Society. However, we will be requiring funds to purchase materials (wood, brackets, etc.) to construct the beds and to buy the plants for the garden. We would very much appreciate any financial donations to be used for the project. All donations should be in the form of checks made out to the Franklin Square Historical Society.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Matthew Meaney

Spotlight on Our Supporting Businesses

PLATTDUETSCHER PARK RESTAURANT, CATERING & BIERGARTEN

Located at 1132 Hempstead Turnpike in Franklin Square, this business was started in 1902 in Brooklyn. It moved to its current location when, in 1911, fourteen acres were purchased from a German farmer in Franklin Square for a retirement home and restaurant. The General Manager is Matt Buck. They have over 100 full time and part time employees during peak season. It is not only a German restaurant and biergarten plus a catering facility. They also serve as a clubhouse for various German cultural groups and consider it a part of their mission to up-



hold and pass on traditions and heritage from their German ancestry to new generations of Americans. They also take their role in the community seriously and host fundraisers and special events each year to give back. They are open some Wednesdays 4:30 – 9 PM (weather dependent, so check their social media), Thurs. 4:30 – 9 PM, Fri. 3 PM – Midnight, Sat. 12 PM – Midnight, Sun. 12 PM – 8 PM. They may be contacted at 516-354-313 and their website is at: <https://www.parkrestaurant.com>.

FOXX DENTAL

Foxx Dental is located at 157 New Hyde Park Road in Franklin Square. The business was started in 2014 and the owner is Dr. Michele Renard, a local Franklin Square resident who grew up in Elmont. They have over 8 employees. At their state-of-the-art facility, they provide the most comprehensive array of cosmetic, restorative, and preventive dental procedures available today. Their extensive selection of dental treatments is designed to meet all of your dental needs, as well as those of every member of your family. They have a vested interest in the community and surrounding areas. They stress that they are here for the long term to care for families, friends and neighbors. They are open Tuesday 9 am – 2 pm; Wednesdays 9 am – 5 pm, Thursday 10 am – 7 pm, Friday 9 am – 3 pm, Saturday 8:30 am – 2 pm. Their website is at: <https://www.foxxdentalfs.com> and may be contacted at 516-299-8604.



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