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CROWN CASTLE

Crown Castle, the Verizon contractor tasked with installing updated antennas in residential yards, has called Village Counsel and asked for a meeting. To date they have ignored our requests to provide proof that they have valid easements and can install equipment in residential back yards. Several weeks ago they tried to install enhanced equipment in several residential yards with no proper documentation. The police were called and the installers were told to leave. Both counsel and Village officials will meet with their representatives and perhaps a reasonable compromise can be worked out.

FRIDAY NIGHT PROMENADES

Every Friday during the summer Seventh Street will be closed for the popular "Friday Night Promenades" from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

I encourage residents and visitors to make it a point to come down to Seventh Street to enjoy outdoor dining, restaurant specials with added food options this year, live entertainment, face painting, balloon animals and much more. Shops will remain open during the evening for your convenience.

Remaining promenade dates (and themes) are as follows:

July 8: Pirates & Mermaids
July 15: Saint Patrick's Day
July 22: Christmas in July
July 29: Big Pineapple Circus
Aug 5: Aloha Luau
Aug 12: Country Western
Aug 19: Swing Into Seventh (Big Band)
Aug 26: Sock Hop and Doo-Wop
Sept. 2: Peace, Love & Music (Woodstock Revisited)
Sept 9: The 80s
Sept 16: Garden City Spirit

Please be sure to check out this column each week to see what other fun activities are added to this exciting event.

RUBBISH COLLECTION

I have gotten a few complaints lately with regard to rubbish that is being left at the curb longer than the 12 hours that is permitted by Village law. I ask that you please be mindful of your neighbors and not to bring rubbish to the curb before 7:30 p.m. the night before your scheduled rubbish pick up.

Thank you for your cooperation and by adhering to this guideline, I know that your neighbors will appreciate it as well.

DRIVE WITH CARE - SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

All motorists are reminded that with schools closed, there are many more children around the neighborhood. Please pay particular attention when driving in the area of pedestrian crosswalks. Some children may be preoccupied and will inevitably dart out from in between parked cars or fail to look for oncoming traffic when crossing the street. Please drive slowly especially when you see youngsters. Parents are urged to discuss safe practices with their children and to remind them that it is very difficult for passing motorists to see them and affect a safe stop.

SHOP AND DINE OUTDOORS IN GARDEN CITY

The residents of Garden City are very fortunate to have viable retail businesses on Seventh Street, Franklin Avenue and New Hyde Park Road where there is a good variety of quality merchandise and family dining experiences available to be enjoyed. Please support these businesses and enjoy the products, variety and outstanding customer service. Keep in mind that these merchants save you from traveling outside the Village for your needs.

CONCERT AT GAZEBO

Once again, compliments are due to the Recreation Department for arranging the 2016 season's outstanding Concert Series at the Village Gazebo, located on the Village Green at the corner of Stewart and Hilton Avenues.

Next week's program is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, and will feature Manhattan Jazz.

The program will begin at 7:15 p.m. and admission is free. Please bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a very pleasant evening. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Cultural and Performing Arts Center at Cluett Hall at St. Paul's School. Please call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 if you have any questions pertaining to the concert.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

During July and August the Board of Trustees meets once a month. The dates are Thursday July 21st and Thursday, August 18th at 8:00 p.m. These meetings are held in the Board

Room at Village Hall. I encourage all residents to attend Board of Trustees meetings so as to be thoroughly informed of Village issues from a first-hand perspective.

S.T.O.P. PROGRAM

The Town of Hempstead Sanitation Department will conduct its monthly S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) program on Saturday, July 10, 2016. The program, which is held at various locations throughout the Town of Hempstead, will make hazardous waste facilities accessible to as many residents as possible.

Saturday's program will be held at the Town of Hempstead's Parking Field L2, located on Division Avenue in Levittown. The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Under the S.T.O.P. program, residents are able to take polluting materials to the facility and have them disposed of by a registered, professional disposal company, free of charge. The facility will **not** accept the following materials: ammunition, explosives, fireworks, infectious or medical waste, propane or oxygen tanks, radioactive materials, unlabeled materials and fire extinguishers. Non-conforming or damaged propane tanks can be returned to the establishment that refills your barbecue grill tanks.