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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

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**MAYOR'S CODE COMMITTEE**

The Mayor's Committee on Building Code Changes will be giving a presentation at the September 8th Board of Trustees meeting that will cover reasons for the recommended changes and how they will be a benefit to our residents. Please make every effort to attend. This is an information session. No decision will be made.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Bauer, Committee chair; Hugh Lacy, chair of the Architectural Design Review Board; and Bob Cunningham, chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals, for the work they did on these changes. These true public servants, as well as the rest of the Committee members, did Yeoman's work on this project. They thoroughly analyzed all the relevant data and spent numerous hours coming up with changes they sincerely believe will benefit all our residents. We should all be very grateful for their efforts.

**STEWART MANOR STATION**

The Long Island Rail Road began a station building improvement project at the Stewart Manor Station on Monday, August 29, 2016. The station will be closed until completion of the project, which is expected in the Fall 2017. A temporary waiting room trailer has been set up next to the station building. Ticket machines will remain in their current location.

The station building improvement project includes:

- New windows, doors, walls, benches and ceiling
- New LED lighting, air conditioning and security cameras
- Complete rehabilitation of the underpass
- Rehabilitation of the station building exterior
- New accessible restroom and waiting area
- New station signage

**9/11 MEMORIAL PROGRAM - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

The Garden City Fire Department will commemorate the 15th anniversary of 9/11 by conducting a short service to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The program will be held on Sunday, September 11th at Noon (with assembly beginning at 11:45 a.m.) on the Village Green (corner of Stewart and Hilton Avenues).

**POOL SEASON TO END ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

With the arrival of Labor Day and the anticipation of school reopening comes the

beginning of the Fall season and the closing of the Garden City Pool. (The Pool will be open for members only from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Labor Day). Much to the credit of the Pool staff, Village residents experienced another safe and enjoyable Pool season. I offer my compliments to the Recreation Commissioner and the entire Recreation staff.

### **VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

### **SANITATION COLLECTION**

Due to the observance of Labor Day, there will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, September 5, 2016. Residences west of Rockaway Avenue will have their garbage collected on Tuesday and Friday and those east of Rockaway Avenue will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday.

Rubbish will be collected on Thursday. Those residents scheduled for recycling pickup on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> should place their recyclables out on Monday, September 12. All other recycling days remain the same.

### **DRIVE WITH CARE - SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT WEEK**

All motorists are reminded that next week marks the opening of the 2016/17 school year in Garden City. Hundreds of youngsters will be walking to and from school, many for the first time. Please drive carefully and pay particular attention when driving in the area of recommended pedestrian routes, bus stops and schoolyards. This will not be any different than prior years in that a few preoccupied young people will inevitably dart out from in between parked cars or fail to look for oncoming traffic when crossing the street.

Please drive slowly. While the police and crossing guards are on duty at school crossing zones, many children will be crossing at unprotected areas. 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.

***A REMINDER TO MOTORISTS THAT THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT IN THE AREA OF SCHOOLS IS 20 MILES PER HOUR.***

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING SCHEDULE**

The date for the next Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Board Room at Village Hall. I hope that you will be able to attend this meeting and future meetings so that you can become involved with your Village.