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I am happy to report that the NYS Senate and Assembly has, by a huge margin, passed a bill taking away the vastly expanded powers that the approved NYS budget gave to the MTA. We are told by the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) that the Governor may veto this bill even though it passed the NYS Assembly 97 to 0. Sadly NYCOM also believes that there are not enough votes to overturn a veto. We shall hope for the best.

SPECIAL MEETING

A meeting of the Garden City Board of Trustees will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in the Garden City Library Meeting Room for the purpose of considering the setting of a public hearing on a proposed Local Law in connection with the establishment and regulation of an Affordable Housing Density Bonus, together with related SEQRA compliance and such other business as may lawfully come before the Board.

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:

June 24: Fiesta Friday
July 1: Red, White and Blue
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.

FIREWORKS INJURIES

As adults we know that it is illegal to possess and/or use fireworks. The main reason they became illegal is because they cause injury. Residents are reminded that the Police Department will be on alert to interdict illegal fireworks use to prevent community disruption and often needless injury. I strongly urge parents, who are the ultimate and most effective preventers, to ban the use of fireworks.

INDEPENDENCE DAY - THE FOURTH OF JULY

Retail sales will be prohibited in the Village between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4. Certain exceptions are restaurants, delicatessen items and alcoholic beverages.

In observance of Independence Day, municipal offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 and will reopen on Tuesday, July 5.

There will be no garbage and recycling pickup on Monday, July 4, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the outstanding student athletes who played for the Garden City High School teams. It is truly a testament to the students for all of their hard work and dedication to not only their school work but the team that they played on.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE WITH CARE

At this time of year please continue to keep in mind that some of our young people are now out of school and will be playing in their neighborhoods. Please pay particular attention when driving as 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

During July and August the Board of Trustees will meet 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.