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VILLAGE SANITATION SERVICE

The rumor that the Village is outsourcing residential sanitation service is simply not true. This was never even discussed by the Board of Trustees.

Though the Village continually explores the opportunity to selectively subcontract or outsource certain services to improve economy and efficiency, no decision has been made to outsource sanitation services nor is a decision imminent. Moreover, no consideration is being given to eliminating backdoor pickup.

LIRR THIRD TRACK PROJECT

The ridiculously short comment period for Governor Andrew Cuomo's resurrected third track project ends on June 13. This is totally unfair. Please contact the Governor's team and say no to the project and this total "rush job."

Written comments can be submitted until 5:00 p.m. on June 13, which marks the close of the scoping period, via the project website at www.AModernLI.com or by mail to: Edward M. Dumas, Vice President, Market Development & Public Affairs, LIRR Expansion Project, MTA Long Island Railroad, MC 1131, Jamaica Station Building, Jamaica, NY 11435.

I urge you to include your name and address on emails so that your message will not be discarded as "anonymous." All comments received will become part of the public record and will be considered as part of the project studies.

The LIRR has opened a Project Information Center on the south side of the Mineola Station. It will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays; and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. If you can, please visit the Center and express your opposition to this unfair scoping session schedule and short time frame for responses as well as the proposed plan.

THE BELMONT FESTIVAL AT GARDEN CITY - FRIDAY, JUNE 10

The Belmont Festival Committee is in the process of finalizing the 19th Annual Belmont Festival at Garden City, which will be held Friday, June 10th, on Seventh Street (between Franklin and Hilton Avenues) between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Entertainment, live music and plenty of activities for all ages are planned and as always, great food. The young dancers from Broadway Bound will again perform this year. Jerry & the Newcomers, Fivestone and New Vintage will also return to provide live music all night long. There will also be pony rides, face painting and balloon twisting. Also returning this year is the popular

children's poster contest.

In order to accommodate the event as safely as possible, Seventh Street will be cleared of parked vehicles starting at 4:00 p.m. and will be closed to all traffic at that time. Parking fields to the rear of the stores (7S and 7N) will remain open. If your car is parked on Seventh Street, please make sure that it is removed prior to 4:00 p.m. so that the Police Department does not need to take action to move these vehicles.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Enjoy a day of shopping on the grounds of The Garden City Historical Society Museum, 109 Eleventh Street, Garden City, at the Society's 11th Annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. (The Society suggests parking in the public lots near Lord & Taylor.)

Vendors will offer a wide variety of merchandise, including furniture, antiques, household items, jewelry, collectibles and more. Refreshments are available for purchase at Cornelia's Café, staffed by volunteers from the Society.

The Society's consignment shop, the A.T. Stewart Exchange, located on the lower level of the Museum, will be open all day. The shop offers unique merchandise, old and new. The Museum will also be open for guided tours throughout the day.

For additional information about the Flea Market, call 516-746-8900 or email store@atstewartexchange.org.

NASSAU COUNTY DOG RUNS

I am pleased to report that Nassau County offers several dog runs in the area where you can take your dogs to allow them to run without a leash. The following is a listing of locations within the County:

- Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, Merrick and Stewart Avenues - 572-0347
- Old Bethpage Restoration, Old Bethpage, 1303 Round Swamp Road - 572-8400
- Christopher Morely Park, Seasingtown Road, south of the LIE - 571-8113
- Bay Park, First Avenue, East Rockaway - 571-7245
- Cedar Creek Park, Merrick Road, east of Wantagh Avenue - 571-7470
- Nickerson Beach Park, 880 Lido Boulevard, Lido Beach - 571-7700
- Wantagh Park, One King Road, just south of Merrick Road - 571-7460

Please remember that all dogs in New York State must be properly licensed and all rabies certifications must be updated. For more information consult the Village website for the new regulations to license your dog in Garden City.

As a reminder, dogs are not permitted to run freely in our Village parks. If you are going to walk your dog, make sure that the dog is on a leash and be considerate of your neighbors by cleaning up after your dog and by properly disposing of the waste. In consideration of your neighbors and the

health and quality of life within our Village, I ask that all cooperate with this law so that it will not be necessary to have the Police Department issue appearance tickets to violators.

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, June 11, 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 Bay Park, 1st Avenue in East Rockaway. 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, June 16th at 8:00 p.m. I encourage all residents to attend Board of Trustees meetings so as to be thoroughly informed of Village issues from a first-hand perspective.