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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

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**THE ROLE OF AVIATION IN GARDEN CITY**

On Tuesday, July 26, I was honored to be asked by the National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NHCFAE) to say a few words of welcome to their members attending a training session at the Garden City Hotel.

Besides urging them to eat at our restaurants and shop in our stores I spoke about the important role aviation played in both Garden City and Nassau County. The first air mail flight was from Garden City to Mineola; Lindbergh took off from the present site of Roosevelt Field and stayed in the old Garden City Hotel; and Mitchel Field was an important World War II air base.

They were very cordial and truly appreciated the fact that I took the time to welcome their group to Garden City. Hopefully they will return next year.

**MTA REPEAL**

Both houses of the State Legislature recently passed a bill (A.10421) that would repeal a new state law that permits the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to undertake or facilitate any type of development on MTA-owned property that "directly or indirectly" supports the purposes of the MTA without regard to local zoning laws or property taxation.

The Governor has 10 days to approve or veto this bill. It is imperative that you reach out to the Governor's office and encourage him to sign this bill. Letters of support can be sent via email to [legislative.secretary@exec.ny.gov](mailto:legislative.secretary@exec.ny.gov).

**LIBRARY ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER**

The Garden City Public Library's elevator will be out of service August through September 2016 due to the complete overhaul of the cab, circuitry and wiring.

To address the needs of patrons, there are computers located on the main level in the Young Adult area with access to the Internet, word processing and the Library's catalog. In addition, computers will be available for use in the quiet-study room. The audio-visual collection (audio books, movies and music CDs) will be brought to the main level for your convenience. These audio-visual materials will be located near the Circulation Department on the display shelves. There will be no movies, programs or exhibits during this time.

For questions and information, please call the Library at 742-8405, extension 210.

## **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 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.

## **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, August 4, and will feature Joel Zelnick and Move! singing rock and roll, swing and contemporary hits from the 50s through present.

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.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS**

The Garden City Public Library needs your help to collect new school supplies for homeless children on Long Island. This is the eleventh year that the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is conducting its "SOS" Supply Our Students Back to School Drive. Each year they pack thousands of backpacks with the school supplies they collect and distribute them through their network of homeless shelters in late August.

Last summer, more than 5,000 backpacks were distributed to kids in need on Long Island. A collection box is stationed in the vestibule of the Library until August 5.

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

During the summer the Board of Trustees will meet only one time each month. The date for the Board Meeting in August is Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at Village Hall. I hope that you will be able to attend the meeting in August and future meetings so that you can become involved with your Village.