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PROPOSED CHANGE TO VILLAGE ZONING CODE FOR RING ROAD

At last week's Board of Trustees meeting, there were several comments from the public about the proposed Marriott Residence Inn that would be located on the southern portion of Ring Road. The developer's requested approval is for a zoning change only that would allow hotel usage in this zone. Actual approval of the hotel itself is subject to further review by the Village's Planning Commission and Architectural Design Review Board.

For close to one year, the Garden City Zoning Change and Review Committee has been working on this request for a code change to allow a hotel in this area. The committee consists of two Village Trustees, the chair of the Planning Commission, the chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals and a representative from the Architectural Design Review Board. Committee members represent approximately 75 years of combined service to Garden City and they did yeoman's work, making sure that the zoning change to allow a hotel in the area would not be detrimental to the safety and quality of life of our community.

As approved at the Trustees meeting, the due diligence materials will be available for inspection in our Building Department and in the Garden City Public Library. Be assured, your Board of Trustees would not approve anything in our Village that would be detrimental to our residential and business communities.

TOWN RECOGNIZES GARDEN CITY POLICE DETECTIVE

Congratulations to Garden City Police Detective Richard Pedone on receiving the Town of Hempstead's Police Service Award. Commissioner Kenneth Jackson nominated Detective Pedone for his contributions to the Village in his capacity as Youth Detective, Community Police Officer and Investigator. He serves as the Police Liaison and Project Pride Officer to the Garden City School District and also conducts many safety awareness lectures throughout the community. We all owe Detective Pedone our gratitude and appreciation for all he does for our community.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6. Residents are reminded that clocks should be set back one hour. This is also a good time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide batteries. In fact, it is recommended that you install new batteries twice a year to be sure they are always working properly.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN - MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

Please let us all have a happy and safe Halloween. Remember that our young people will be out "trick or treating" not just during the day, but at night as well. Please exercise care when driving and drive slow as many young people will be crossing our Village streets when it is dark.

HALLOWEENFEST AT THE GC BIRD SANCTUARY

The Garden City Bird Sanctuary will hold "Halloweenfest" this Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., a fun-filled afternoon for the kids. Children should come dressed in costume to enjoy games, crafts and prizes. Admission at the gate is \$5 per child; 3 or more children costs \$15. There is no rain date.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees' meetings for the month of November are November 3 and November 17, 2016. I encourage all residents to attend Board of Trustees meetings so as to be thoroughly informed of Village issues from a first-hand perspective. I hope to see you at a Board of Trustees meeting.