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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

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**ROSH HASHANAH**

The Board of Trustees and Village Staff join me in extending wishes for a very Happy New Year to our Village residents and friends of the Jewish faith.

**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON CODE CHANGES SEEKING INPUT**

Following its September 8, 2016 presentation on suggested changes to the Village's building codes, the Mayor's Committee on Building Code Changes is interested in receiving comments from all interested parties, including residents as well as members of the real estate, architecture and design and construction industries. The entire PowerPoint presentation is available for review on the Village's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net). All suggestions and/or comments should be emailed to Village Clerk Karen Altman at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net).

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

All residents and friends are invited to attend the Annual Inspection and Open House on Sunday, October 16, at 12:30 p.m. The program will be conducted at Fire Headquarters and in the employee parking field located on the west side of Village Hall on Stewart Avenue. This year's theme is "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years." There will be home fire safety demonstrations, giveaways, free refreshments and more.

Your Fire Department does an outstanding job to protect our lives and homes. I hope to see you at the Firehouse and hope that you are able to stop by to show your support for them. I'm sure that your entire family will enjoy the program.

**RESURRECTION CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**

Long Island Blood Services report that supplies of blood are at low levels following the summer slowdown in donations. To help replenish needed supplies, Resurrection Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive, Monday, Oct. 3, from 3:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the church gym.

Most healthy adults can give blood every 56 days. A donor should be 16 to 75 years of age (16 year olds must have parental permission, and age 76 and over need a doctor's note), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health on the day of donation. For a full list of eligibility requirements, call 1-800-688-0900. To schedule an appointment, call Linda Wardley at 746-4426, ext. 12. Resurrection Lutheran Church is located at 420 Stewart Avenue.

## **YIELD TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES**

It is important to remember to yield to all emergency response vehicles. According to SAFE-NY, an emergency vehicle is defined as a police vehicle, ambulance or fire truck. These vehicles may have red, white or a combination of red and white lights which, when responding to an emergency, are constantly moving.

If approached (from the front or rear) by an emergency vehicle whose lights and sirens are activated, the driver of every other vehicle must yield the right of way. In yielding the right of way, a driver must drive immediately to the right hand edge or curb of the roadway, parallel to the roadway, and clear of any intersection. A driver must stop and remain stopped until the emergency vehicle or vehicles have passed, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

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

The dates for the next regular Board Meetings are Thursday, October 6 and Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. These meetings will be held in the Board Room at Village Hall. I hope that you will be able to attend some of these meetings so that you can become involved with your Village.