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**THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**  
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**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON ST. PAUL'S UPDATE**

The Mayor's Committee on St. Paul's has been working non-stop. The latest research and work of the Committee is now on public display at Village Hall in the form of progress drawings for potential adaptive reuse and photo montages of the history of St. Paul's. I recommend all residents visit Village Hall to see the extraordinary work prepared by the resident volunteers.

**WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tank:** The Village received official authorization to put the water tank in service. Caldwell continues to work on addressing punch list items this week, including the overhead door.

**Village Sampling:** H2M dropped off 21 sample bottles were dropped off last week September 6, 2022 by our office to residents requesting sampling; sample pick-up is scheduled for Friday, September 9th. The next scheduled drop off for sample bottles is 9/13

**Corrosion Control Study:** H2M responded to Nassau County Department of Health comments from August 29, 2022 and is currently waiting for Health Department review.

**Lead Service Line Inventory:** H2M prepared self evaluation forms for Village wide distribution via a QR code on mailing. Forms will also be available through the QR code on the instructions for any homeowner requesting lead sampling. Project submitted to NYS for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** Permanent construction bids were opened on September 1, 2022. H2M is reviewing bid proposals. Recommend award of contracts for the September 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

**Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** H2M responded to Nassau County Health Department comments. Bids were opened on September 1, 2022. H2M is reviewing proposals. Recommend award of contracts for the September 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

**Well No 9 (Wilson Street site):** H2M met with the Village last week to review preliminary plans prior to design kickoff.

**Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** H2M will be scheduling a final walk through with the Nassau County Health Department.

**Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** H2M met with the Garden City Country Club representatives and the landscaper last week.

**Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** Crews are waiting for the arrival of new electronic valves for operation of iron removal plant.

**LIBRARY CLOSED FOR ABATEMENT WORK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19**

The Garden City Public Library will be closed beginning Monday, September 19 through Friday, September 23, 2022 for asbestos abatement, the next step in the renovation timeline. Upon reopening, Storytimes, book discussions, and toddler play will be held in the "Kids Corner," located between the Young Adult and Reference sections (formerly the Periodicals area, which has also been relocated). In addition, programs will be held on the Lower Level for larger groups and crafts. Overflow materials, including Parenting books and holiday reads, have been relocated to the second floor. Signage has been posted throughout the Library, and staff will be on hand to help patrons navigate the temporary layout.

The Children's Room renovation project began Monday, September 12, 2022. The Library was closed to the public for the first day of construction. Crews built a wall to separate work areas from the public areas for safety. Please note that all September "Monday Movie Matinee" events have been canceled. Further, The Friends of the Library has suspended daily collection of donated books. Instead, donation days will be held, and when one is scheduled in the near future, the date and time will be announced. Please check the Library's website, [www.gardencitypl.org](http://www.gardencitypl.org), and social media pages, or call 516-742-8405 for the most current information.

**PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS IS ILLEGAL**

With the commencement of the new school year, Garden City Police Officers have been assigned to monitor bus routes and bus stop locations in an effort to detect and enforce vehicles passing stopped school buses. On September 8, a

motorist on Old Country Road was issued a ticket for passing a school bus.

Motorists are reminded that while approaching a school bus either from the front or behind and its yellow lights are flashing, the bus is preparing to stop. It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on the top of the bus are flashing. These flashing lights mean the bus is either picking up or discharging students. If the bus's red lights are flashing, **YOU MUST STOP** and remain stopped until red warning lights are off. This includes school buses that are on the opposite sides of divided highways, on multiple lane roadways, in parking lots and on school grounds.

The first conviction for a person illegally passing a school bus carries a fine of \$250 to \$400, 5 points on your license and/or 30 days in jail. The second conviction, both of which were committed within a period of three years, carries a fine of \$600 to \$750, 5 points on your license and/or 180 days in jail. The third conviction or subsequent convictions, all of which were committed within a period of three years, carries a fine of \$750 to \$1,000, 5 points on your license and/or 180 days in jail.

#### **THANK YOU GARDEN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

On behalf of the Garden City community, we wish to thank Fire Chief Matthew Pearn and members of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department for conducting the 21st annual remembrance ceremony of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It was a very moving experience and assisted many of us to get through that difficult day.

#### **LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE**

During September you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

##### **UTILITIES**

- Crews from EJ Electric will continue the process of removing temporary utility poles across the entire project alignment.
  - In some areas, workers may have to access private property in which case the project will coordinate in advance with individual business/property owners.

##### **WALL CONSTRUCTION**

- Crews will continue to install wall panels on Herricks Road near Merillon Station.
- On 9/01, crews installed security fence from Nassau Boulevard to Herricks Road.

##### **MERILLON AVENUE STATION ENHANCEMENT**

- Throughout September, crews are installing the snow melt system under the north side platform.
- There will be ongoing punch list work, including the installation of permanent handrails, infill panels, and platform barriers, at the station throughout the month.

##### **LANDSCAPING**

- With planting season underway, the project has remained committed to landscaping and other design elements – such as the planting of trees, shrubs, and other greenery – that will enhance a completed project and contribute to the beautification of the corridor.
  - Throughout September, landscaping maintenance will continue on the north and south side of the station.

##### **DOUBLE TRACK OUTAGES**

- The LIRR Expansion Project is nearing completion. In the next few months, weekend rail service will be modified to allow the contractor, 3TC, and LIRR to finish work on the track, signals, switches, and stations. LIRR also will be performing non-project work during the weekend double-track outages (DTOs). Completing this intensive work in conjunction with the project will reduce the overall time and level of disruption required for these essential transportation upgrades.
  - 9/17 – Project work will take place from Denton Avenue to the east end of Mineola Station
  - 9/24 – Project work will take place east of Mineola switch to Meadowbrook Parkway
- To best plan your trip, use the [LIRR TrainTime app](#). You can also [download the special timetable](#) for your branch.

**ADDITIONAL LIRR WORK ALONG THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- In addition to the activities described above, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way at various times.
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may be taking place overnight and on weekends.
- For more information, visit the [post](#) in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com.