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**THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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**LOWERING VILLAGE FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF**

The Village follows protocol for lowering and raising Village flags, taking direction from the New York Governor's Office. On August 26, 2021 Governor Kathy Hochul directed flags on all State buildings be lowered to half-staff on Friday, August 27, 2021 to honor the United States service members and innocent civilians killed in Afghanistan during a terrorist attack on Hamid Karzai International Airport. The memorial act was concurrent with the half-staff order already in place August 25, 2021 through August 31, 2021 to honor New York State Police Trooper James J. Monda, who died in the line of duty while on marine detail on the Great Sacandaga Lake. The Village complied with the Governor's orders.

**LABOR DAY POLICE PATROLS**

This Labor Day weekend, the Garden City Police Department, along with various other Police Departments throughout Nassau County, will be participating in the Statewide *STOP DWI* and National *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement initiatives targeting Intoxicated and Drugged Drivers. This initiative will be enhanced by funds provided by the Nassau County Traffic Safety STOP DWI Program and the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. As per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 38 percent of all traffic crash fatalities nationwide during the 2019 Labor Day weekend involved a drunk driver. "During this initiative, the Department will be deploying additional enforcement patrols on Village roadways, strictly enforcing all DWI laws," Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson said. "These patrols play an important part in preventing holiday tragedies that seem far too common." The Garden City Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**NEW ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

The Board of Trustees of the Garden City Public Library are pleased to announce that Ralph Guiteau has accepted the position of Assistant Library Director of the Garden City Public Library effective September 13, 2021. Mr. Guiteau brings 14 years of experience in public libraries, working at the Syosset Library where he has headed the Media Department while also providing Adult Reference and Readers' Services and hands-on computer and ebook training. Due to budgetary reasons, the position is a hybrid position. Mr. Guiteau will function as both an Assistant Library Director and Senior Librarian, working with Library Director Marianne Malagon, as well as the various Department Heads. During his tenure in Syosset, Mr. Guiteau created and implemented the "Library of Things" lending program, co-created a pop culture convention and successful spin offs, led book and film discussions, organized retro game nights and many other successful programs and events. Mr. Guiteau is also a former President of the Nassau County Library Association's Media Services Division. He and Ms. Malagon worked together at the Syosset Public Library for more than a decade.

## **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

Chief Devyn Moody and the Officers and Members of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite all Village residents to join the Department for its annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Village 9/11 Memorial located at the Village Green and Gazebo at the corner of Hilton and Stewart Avenues. The remembrance service will be held Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The service pays tribute to the 23 Garden City residents that perished during the attack on the World Trade Center, the 343 members of the FDNY, 23 members of the NYPD and 37 members of the PAPD killed, as well as those who have died of 9/11-related illnesses.

## **NON-RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS**

The Non-Resident Parking Permit application process will be done via a lottery this year. If you are interested in purchasing a permit, please mail or bring the following items to Garden City Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530 no later than **4:00 pm, Friday, September 17, 2021**:

- Completed, signed Non-Resident Railroad Parking [Application](#). (The requested Railroad Station - Stewart Manor or Nassau Boulevard - must be selected.)
- Check in the amount of \$500 made payable to the Incorporated Village of Garden City.
- Copy of valid vehicle registration for the car to be used in the parking lot.

Please note that as in past years, there is a limit of two applications per household. All winners of non-resident parking permits will be notified on September 20, 2021. Parking permits are effective for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. If you have any questions, please call (516) 465-4166.

## **ROAD PAVING**

Road Work Ahead (RWA) began performing sewer and drain casting replacements and adjustments this week in preparation for road paving on Mulberry Avenue, from Washington Street to Russell Road. Temporary road closures may occur to allow work to be done. The road is accessible for emergency vehicles.

## **WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** The contractor completed approximately 80 percent of the sampling line heat trace installation. The painter expects to remobilize next week to complete the exterior coatings.

**Discolored Water:** H2M continues its investigation into discolored “rusty” water. H2M and the Village have also received “blue” water complaints from two buildings. H2M has submitted a letter report to the Village.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** Contractor on site last week to fix caustic leak and perform more punch list work. Three minor items remain on the punch list. The contractor provided change orders that were requested during construction. H2M will review.

**Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** H2M completed performance testing of the Well 12 AOP system and sent samples to Pace Analytical. Sample results are expected within two and a half weeks. The NC Department of Health will conduct its own sampling and walkthrough of the site.

**Well No 9 (Wilson Street site):** The Board approved H2M's proposal for design and permitting of Well 9's AOP treatment. The survey has also been completed and soil borings and the soil investigation are being coordinated.

**Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** The site has been cleaned and paving completed. Electrical work will continue next week.

**Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** Received approval from the New York State Department of Health to operate wells with treatment to system. Wells 13 and 14 are able to run to system through treatment. Well 13 is currently running to system without treatment. Design has started on the GAC Building and associated site work. The Village will introduce Well 14 through the treatment system. Once Well 14 is stable, Well 13 will be sent through treatment to system.

**Wells 15 and 16 Hilton Park site):** Crews will continue small and large interior pricing, iron media change out and electrical work.

#### **SANITATION COLLECTION – LABOR DAY**

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage collection on Monday, September 6, 2021. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule is as follows:

##### **Garbage:**

Western Half of Village: Tuesday/Friday  
(West of Rockaway Avenue)

Eastern Half of Village: Wednesday/Saturday  
(East of Rockaway Avenue)

##### **Rubbish:**

Entire Village: Thursday, September 9, 2021

##### **Recycling:**

Normal Weekly Collection – No Changes

#### **ST. PAUL'S STAINED GLASS WINDOW REMOVAL**

The Board of Trustees rescinded the bid that was awarded to LoDuca Associates, Inc. for removal of the stained glass windows at St. Paul's as they were unable to meet the insurance requirements. The Board will rebid the project.

#### **TRAFFIC CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT**

The Police Department would like to remind all motorists that Garden City Schools opened on September 1 and all other schools in the Village will be opening the following week. The Department asks all drivers to be aware of children walking and riding bicycles to school and to be very careful when driving in the vicinity of schools, student walk routes and bus stops. With the start of the school year the Department will be

deploying additional traffic enforcement officers at various locations in the Village, particularly at school-related locations. In addition, the Department will be placing its mobile speed indicator sign and a marked police vehicle at various locations to deter speeding and other aggressive driver offenses. The Department is also publishing various “Back to School” safety articles for the next four weeks.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES**

It's that time of year again. Summer vacation is almost over and schools are reopening. With that in mind the Garden City Police Department has put together a four-part Series of Articles to address Back-to-School Safety Issues. Part One will address “Safe Driving Practices,” Part Two “School Bus Safety,” Part Three “Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety” and Part Four “Stranger Danger.”

When schools are opening in the morning and closing in the afternoon, the areas around schools are very busy and crowded. Parents and other adults can do much to improve traffic safety around our schools by driving cautiously, teaching their children safe practices and limiting vehicle trips. In some cases, parents and other adults may be the cause of safety concerns. Drivers should obey all traffic laws and apply the following safety practices.

- When dropping off or picking up children at school, avoid parking on the opposite side of the street from the school. If you have to park on the opposite side of the street, NEVER call your children to your car. Always meet them on the school side of the road and walk them to your car. Also talk with them about what to do if you are not there on time.
- Make sure children are careful opening car doors. Children should always get in and out of your vehicle through the rear curbside door.
- Drivers should not double park or block traffic. Parking or waiting in red zones such as disabled parking areas and no stopping zones is prohibited.
- Do not block school buses or use areas designated for buses only.
- Never stop or park in a crosswalk or within the posted crosswalk “No Parking” area. Students and other pedestrians rely on the crosswalk and need the visibility that the posted no parking buffer provides to cross the street safely.
- Do not violate the law by using the excuse “I’ll just be here for a minute,” when picking up or dropping off students.
- Do not make U-turns within school zones and avoid turning around in neighboring driveways. It’s hard enough to see children and even harder when you’re backing up or making U-turns.

- When backing up from a driveway or garage, be aware that children may be walking or bicycling to or from a school or school bus.
- Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.
- Learn the traffic patterns at the schools to avoid being a disruption.
- **SLOW DOWN!** You're free to drive even slower than the posted school zone speed limit and should always be considered when conditions warrant it such as: heavy rain, snow, fog, icy roads, darkness, or heavy traffic conditions.
- **NEVER** pass a stopped school bus when its red flashing lights are on. Whether you are behind the bus or approaching from the opposite direction, you must come to a full stop and remain stopped until warning lights are off. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Association (NHTSA), from 2010 to 2019, 1,199 people were killed nationally in school transportation related crashes.

Motorists should keep in mind that young children usually see and hear differently than adults. Children only have two-thirds the peripheral vision adults have and they have difficulty determining the source of a sound. They are still learning to judge distance and speed. When a car is coming toward them, they cannot accurately judge how fast it is traveling or how long it will take to cover the distance. Children focus on one thing at a time. If they are playing with friends or riding bikes it is unlikely they are aware of your car. Children are spontaneous and have trouble stopping an action once started. Children also tend to overestimate their abilities, thinking they can run across a street before the light changes or a car approaches. If parents and other motorists make it a habit to incorporate these safe practices into their routines, the risk of injury or death to anyone in the school zone will be greatly reduced.