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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE
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ANASTASIA PAGONIS

During a brief ceremony Thursday evening, October 7, 2021 Mayor Cosmo Veneziale, on behalf of the Village of Garden City, presented a proclamation to Garden City's own Anastasia Pagonis, a 17-year-old Team USA swimmer who made her Paralympic debut at the age of 17 in Tokyo this summer. Ms. Pagonis broke her own record and won the first gold medal of the Games for the United States in the Women's 400-meter Freestyle S11 with a time of 4:54:49. She went on to win bronze in the Women's 200-meter Individual Medley SM11, finishing in 2:45:61. "The Village of Garden City is honored to recognize Anastasia Pagonis for her dedication and hard work in winning two Medals at the Paralympics and representing the United States as well as the Village of Garden City," the proclamation read. "She is a source of inspiration to everyone." Ms. Pagonis, who is blind, attended the Board of Trustees meeting with her mom, Stacey, and her guide dog, Radar. For photos of the proclamation presentation, visit www.gardencityny.net.

PARKING TICKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Board has contracted with FBS Parking Solutions to replace the antiquated parking ticket writer system the Police Department currently uses with their "ConnectSmart Parking" system. Under the current parking ticket program, machines are constantly breaking down, tickets are occasionally unretrievable in the court management system, and the court payment system experiences delays. At no cost to the Village, FBS will provide ticket writers, printers, and software, as well as necessary maintenance and training. FBS will also provide the Village Court with a New York State compliant parking management and payment solution system. According to Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, the Department will realize a savings of \$1,350 per month in maintenance fees as well as additional equipment and operational costs. Over the last five years, Commissioner Jackson estimates the Department has spent approximately \$150,000 on the current program. FBS will act as a third-party collection agency for all delinquent tickets and will be able to file judgments on behalf of the Village. FBS will only collect a percentage of delinquent fines received, not for tickets paid on time or dismissed by the court. The Villages of Mineola, Hempstead, Freeport, Floral Park and Lynbrook already utilize FBS.

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Fire Chief Devyn Moody advises all residents to check all detectors monthly to ensure they are in working order. "We have seen a rise in alarms in residences with non-working and out-of-date detectors," Chief Moody said. "These detectors are your first line of defense to alert you and your family at your home or business." With Daylight Saving Time next month, it's also a good idea to change your batteries as well.

REHABILITATION OF MONUMENTS

A 2020/21 capital project will repair and enhance monuments in the Village, including the World War II monument on Osborne Road. New lighting, flagpoles and benches will also be installed at the Fire Department monument next to the Village Hall complex. Future plans include rehabilitation of the Gazebo walkway garden area.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: No work was performed last week. The contractor and H2M met with a neighbor who made objections about damage being caused last winter due to ice falling from the scaffolding system. The homeowner is to provide costs to the contractor to make all the repairs. An additional inspection of the homeowner's roof is expected.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): Three minor items remain on the punch list. The contractor provided change orders that were requested during construction. H2M is reviewing the same.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): H2M completed performance sampling and is expecting lab results within two weeks. The Department of Health walkthrough video was conducted for Wells 8 and 12.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): The Nassau County Health Department endorsed engineering report has been sent to the New York State Department of Health. A soil investigation was conducted. Preliminary reports indicate that the soil is consistent with backfill.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): H2M is evaluating the blower and enclosure replacement and installation of a roadway to the new treatment building. The concrete around the treatment building was installed. H2M is working on plans for the blower replacement and enclosure at Well 11.

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 started brickwork for hydrogen peroxide canopy. Crews also started installing the AST blower as well as light fixtures in the basement. Next week, crews will clean, set hydrogen peroxide tank and fill carbon vessels.

TREE CITY USA

In recognition of Garden City's 30th year as a designated "Tree City U.S.A." community, a flag is flying at Village Hall and Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake presented Mayor Cosmo Veneziale with a plaque in fitting recognition of this honor during the October 7, 2021 Board meeting. This national recognition, granted by the National Arbor Day

Foundation, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service with the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes communities that meet detailed, objective standards applied to trees on public property. These standards involve ongoing tree planting, maintenance and preservation of trees and the variety of trees planted per year in the community. Evaluations are made based on four standards: a legally constituted municipal tree body, the adoption of tree ordinances, a comprehensive Community Forestry Program and the observance of Arbor Day.