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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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EDGEMERE FIREHOUSE RFPs

The Edgemere Firehouse Request For Proposals (RFPs) were received by the Village and are currently under review by the Village's engineers and input from the GCFD. The RFPs were for the alteration and restoration of Station No. 2 based on the structural analysis prepared by Old Structures Engineering, P.C. and program developed with the Garden City Fire Department. Upon completion of this review process there will be the opportunity for consultation and comment by Village residents which will occur prior to any further action being taken. The Board of Trustees will vote to engage the most qualified Architectural / Engineering firm who responded to the RFP, issued by the Village for Option 3 as analyzed by the structural engineering firm, Old Structures Engineering P.C. All residents are invited to visit the Village website to see the structural engineering reports and to view the RFP and responses. Any questions and/or comments can be emailed to Trustee Bruce Torino, Fire Commissioner, at btorino@gardencityny.net.

LIRR LANDSCAPING PLAN

We continue to work with the L.I.R.R. to complete the enhanced landscape plan as well as the proposed Merillon Avenue site alterations and Euston Road closing. I have requested final reports from the Police and Fire Departments for the latest proposed road and site changes to insure public safety is maintained and emergency response is not impeded. Moreover, we are waiting to receive final cost estimates for the proposed road and site changes, including lighting baffles and additional island landscaping.

INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

The Board is expected to engage Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP to provide professional engineering services related to the design, product selection and installation of three temporary speed humps at three locations in the Village that are yet to be determined. The speed bumps will be wide enough for use on the numbered streets. The Board of Trustees approved the preparation of a neighborhood traffic calming study in the amount of \$32,500 in August 2021.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello provided an update on Department activity with respect to permit applications. Approximately 800 building permits have been filed for residential projects and approximately 750 building permits have been filed for commercial projects. Mr. Giovanniello noted these numbers are consistent with prior years."The Department continues to thrive as far as applications are concerned," he said, thanking his staff for all their hard work. He further noted there are currently 12 special projects underway in the Village, including 555 Stewart Avenue, 1111 Franklin Avenue, the former Sears building; 1200 Franklin Avenue, the former Lord & Taylor building; and the Cathedral of the Incarnation, which is installing an elevator and renovating its basement. Construction work has been very active in the Village, Mr. Giovanniello added.

CORROSION CONTROL STUDY

According to H2M, the Village's water consultant, 569 samples have been requested by residents; 565 sample kits have been delivered. H2M has also collected/returned 469 bottles with 24 more scheduled for pickup. Pace Analytical completed 450 sample analyses and transmitted results to residents. Orthophosphate is being injected into the water system. The District is taking entry point and distribution sampling to monitor orthophosphate treatment.

CURB, SIDEWALK AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

On Tuesday, November 22, Pratt Brothers, Inc. will be milling Commercial Avenue, between Clinton Road and the Village line. Roads will be temporarily closed to allow work to be done. Homeowners and business owners will have limited access to their driveways, except for when the milling work is being performed directly in front of their property. Roads will be accessible for emergency vehicles in case of emergency. However, emergency vehicles should plan to detour around the street if the emergency is not on the street being milled.

On Wednesday, November 23, Pratt Brothers, Inc. will be repaving this section of roadway. Again, road closures will occur to allow work to be done. If homeowners and business owners need access to their vehicles during this time, they will have to be removed from their driveways and parked at the nearest side block before 7:00 AM. Road will be

accessible for emergency vehicles in case of emergency. However, emergency vehicles should plan to detour around the street if the emergency is not on the street being repaved. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the construction and will attempt to keep the inconveniences to a minimum. This schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

BURGLARY PREVENTION

There have been several recent burglaries reported throughout Nassau County. With days getting darker earlier and the upcoming holiday season, the Garden City Police Department urges residents and business owners to take extra precautions in protecting their premises. To assist, Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson offers the following recommendations:

- If you have an alarm, use it at all times, even if you are leaving the residence for just a few minutes.
- Trim overgrown shrubbery and trees where someone would be able to conceal him/herself.
- Check exterior lighting. This includes the back and sides of the home. Ensure they go on at dusk.
- Check windows and door locks; make sure they are in working order.
- Keep all doors and windows locked when you are home, away or just in your back yard.
- Homeowners should consider additional locking devices specifically for sliding doors, as well as alarms.
- Move and secure items that could be used to facilitate entry through ground floor windows.
- Close your drapes, blinds and window treatments at night as a deterrent.
- Surveillance and alarm systems should be routinely checked to ensure proper operation.
- Consider a panic alarm or keeping a telephone near the bed.
- Leave an interior light on or use a timer. Leave a radio or television on when out of the house.
- Discontinue any deliveries while away on business or vacation.
- Ensure that deliveries delivered to your residence are removed promptly by a family member or neighbor.
- Inventory, photograph and have an appraisal conducted on valuable items.
- When approaching or leaving your home, be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles.
- Varying your routine can be an additional deterrent.
- Do not enter your residence if you think someone may be inside; notify the police immediately.
- If you hear or see someone in your home, exit if you can and discretely call the police right away.
- Do not try to confront the intruder.
- If a burglar does confront you, remain calm; comply with the burglars' instructions. Remember your life is more valuable than your property. Try to memorize a description of the subject. When the subject leaves, call the Police by dialing 911.

In addition to these recommendations, the Garden City Police Department urges all residents to be aware of suspicious activity around them, and to call 911 promptly during the following situations:

- Call when your alarm or a neighbor's house/car alarm goes off.
- Call when there are suspicious noises or persons in your yard or a neighbor's yard.
- Call when you see a suspicious person and/or vehicle.
- Try to obtain a plate number and a good description of suspicious vehicles.
- Try to obtain a good description of all suspicious persons and/or possible suspects.
- Call when you observe activity at a neighbor's residence when you know they are away.
- If you see a door or window to a neighbor's home ajar, open or broken, call the police.
- If you see a neighbor's car door or window ajar, open or broken, call the police.
- Call when your dog barks due to some type of activity outside, particularly at night.

Neighbors can help the Police Department in the prevention of burglaries and apprehension of suspects. There have been numerous incidents where the keen observation of residents has resulted in the apprehension of persons committing criminal acts. In addition, residents with surveillance systems are encouraged to notify the Police Department when it is possible their system recorded a crime or other suspicious activity either on their property, in the street or on an adjacent property. Surveillance systems, such as video systems, Ring cameras, and Nest cameras, have proven to be significant tools in the prevention of criminal acts, as well as in the apprehension of suspects.

2022 TURKEY TROT

The Garden City Police Department advises the 45th annual Garden City Turkey Trot races will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. The Challenger Division Race begins at 8:30 AM, the 1.4-mile Fun Run

begins at 9:15 AM, and the 5-mile race begins at 10:00 a.m. All three races start and finish at St. Paul's. Street closures will begin at approximately 8:00 AM, which may cause some inconvenience with travel in the area. To assist with your travel needs, visit <http://www.gcturkeytrot.com/course.html>, which provides maps of all three races.

THANKSGIVING SANITATION SCHEDULE

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup or recycling collection on Thursday, November 24, 2022. The holiday week collection schedule will be as follows:

Garbage Collection:

Western half: Monday and Friday

Eastern half: Tuesday and Saturday

Rubbish Collection:

Entire Village: Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Recycling Collection:

Thursday collection rescheduled to Thursday, December 1, 2022