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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE
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THIRD TRACK UPDATE

I am working with the Third Track Committee and our Village Officials to address the final design issues regarding the recently inserted reinforced concrete bridge underpass at Tanners Pond Road and Main Avenue completed by the L.I.R.R. this past weekend. We will also begin the enhanced landscaping work on May 15, weather permitting. I have enlisted the expert help of resident Landscape Architects Bill Kuhl and Celia Petersen to assist the Village in the proposed enhanced landscape work. Their involvement has helped us enormously. Paul Rothenbiller of the Third Track Committee has also assisted in the enhanced landscape work as well as Trustee Bruce Chester, who has helped keep us “on track” (no pun intended). I am optimistic that with the assistance of the resident volunteers, the Village Administrator, the Building Superintendent, John Borroni, P.E. and Trustee Chester we will improve the landscape at the areas of our Village impacted by the Third Track Project.

FISCAL STRESS MONITORING SYSTEM

Village Treasurer Irene Woo has reported that the New York State Comptroller's Office has completed its annual financial and environmental review of all municipalities and school districts. The financial review is based on the Annual Update Document (AUD) that the Village provides to New York State for information covering the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021.

The Fiscal Stress Monitoring System evaluates from a budgetary perspective the Village's ability to meet expenditures through generation of revenues by measuring fund balances, operating deficits/surpluses, cash positions and fixed costs. Environmental factors, such as change in population, median household income, unemployment rate and reliance on state aid are also measured and scored. The system provides an early warning of fiscal stress to local governments and allows interested parties to track stress condition trends.

The scores from each indicator determine the stress category (Significant, Moderate, Susceptible to Stress, or No Designation). Scores between 0-44.9 for Financial Factors and 0-29.9 for Environmental Factors fall under the No Designation category.

“Once again, the Village has achieved a score of 'No Designation' under both financial and environmental indicators, which shows that the Village does not meet the threshold of fiscal stress,” Ms. Woo said. “The Village scored 3.3 under both Fiscal Stress and Environmental Stress factors, which are much lower when compared to the categories provided by NYS (All Villages, Long Island Villages, and Large Downstate Villages). The Village's scores remained the same year over year.”

For more information, visit the New York State Fiscal Stress Monitoring System webpage at: www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/index.htm.

WAWNC WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Water Authority of Western Nassau County, which services Village residents who live in the

western most part of the Village, has completed its Annual Water Quality Report/Consumer Confidence Report for 2021. The full report can be found on the Garden City website, www.gardencityny.net; copies are also available at the Water Authority's office located at 1580 Union Turnpike in New Hyde Park. A supplement report, which contains data for each well utilized during 2021, both before and after treatment, is available for review at the Garden City Public Library.

BEAUTIFYING GARDEN CITY

The Village is bursting with color this spring! The Parks and Recreation Department crew of Tom Armato and Jessie Lyons, under the direction of Nursery Manager Steve Barnych, plant approximately 47,000 tulips each spring. Careful attention is paid to the type and color of the tulips, with an eye towards providing bright and attractive displays throughout the Village, according to Paul Blake, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs.

“NO EMPTY CHAIR” CAMPAIGN

From April 25-29, our Police Department participated in the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's *No Empty Chair Campaign*, an enforcement and education initiative that promotes safe driving habits of young drivers particularly in the vicinity of schools, school walking zones and bus stops. The goal of the campaign is to ensure that students develop safe driving habits that will allow them to attend their proms and graduation ceremonies. According to the CDC, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. In 2019, 2,400 teens were killed in vehicle crashes while 258,000 teens were injured.

During this campaign, the Garden City Police Department focused their efforts on the enforcement of excessive speeds, unsafe driving, seatbelt/child use, cell phone and texting violations, passing stopped school bus violations, and underage drinking. As a result of this initiative, the Department issued 128 tickets for various traffic and safety violations including:

- 24 Excessive Speed in a School Zone
- 15 Excessive Speed
- 11 Cellphone/Texting Violations
- 02 Passed School Bus Violations
- 06 Suspended License/Registration Incidents
- 02 Red Light Violations
- 05 Stop Sign Violations
- 02 Unsafe Lane Usage
- 02 Disregarding Traffic Control Signs

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

As a result of their participation in the DEA National Drug Take Back Day, the Garden City Police Department collected 200 pounds of unwanted, unused and expired medications. Adelphi University Public Safety collected 102 pounds of medications. This year's event yielded great results. Residents are reminded the Department accepts unused, expired, and unwanted medications every day. The Garden City Police Department and DEA Drug Take Back Programs help prevent drug abuse and allow for the safe disposal of drugs instead of flushing, burying,

or throwing them out in the garbage, which poses significant environmental and health risks.

NATIONAL GRID GAS MAIN PROJECT

Last week, the National Grid construction team continued pipe testing preparation in the Stewart Avenue median and other work at various locations along Roslyn Road and County Seat Drive in Mineola. Over the next week, neighbors can expect to see the following activities during work hours:

- Pipe testing activity near the Roslyn Road - East Williston Avenue intersection and in the Stewart Avenue median.
- Please note, as part of the pipe testing process there will be some overnight crew presence in East Williston and Garden City.

Traffic Management Updates:

- Westbound traffic on Stewart Avenue between Arthur Street and Kellum Lane will be reduced to one lane during work hours. Eastbound traffic patterns may change during certain activities.
- The U-turn in the Stewart Avenue median between Arthur Street and Kellum Lane will be closed at all times for the duration of the project.
- Northbound traffic on Roslyn Road will be reduced for one lane near East Williston Avenue.
- Our crews will have flaggers present to redirect traffic as necessary.

The New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) has mandated a 12-hour pretest and 12-hour hydro test of the south segment of the Northwest Nassau Natural Gas Integrity project. In total this is a 24-hour test that needs to be done in tandem. The PSC scheduled the hydro test for Thursday, May 5 so the pretest will occur overnight on Wednesday. The majority of the work will occur at the north end of the pipe in East Williston. In Garden City, there will be a small crew, generator, and lighting; however, the footprint and impact will be limited. Residents may notice an increased noise generated from the associated equipment to complete the required testing. Residents can call the outreach team phone number, 516-882-4864 or email NWNassau@NationalGridGasProjectsNY.com.