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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE
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THANK YOU TRUSTEES, WELCOME NEWCOMERS

The Garden City Village Election was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. A total of 1,921 residents voted at St. Paul's Field House. As is customary, the Board of Elections supplied the Village with a list of 292 disabled voters which the Village sent them absentee ballots. There were 881 Village residents who applied to the Village Clerk for an absentee ballot. Approximately 850 absentee ballot applications were received. The March 17, 2022 Board meeting was the last meeting for Trustees Colleen Foley, John Delany and Louis Minuto. I thank them for their many years of service to this Village. I welcome newcomers Bruce A. Torino, Charles P. Kelly and Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr. and look forward to working with them. The annual Organizational meeting will be held Monday, April 4, 2022 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom. Please email Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022.

GCPD PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

In an effort to combat the abuse and unsafe disposal of prescription drugs, the Garden City Police Department has placed a metal drug collection box in the front lobby of the Police Department on Stewart Avenue. Citizens can drop off unwanted or expired medications 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The following guidelines have been set for the Garden City Police Department Drug Disposal Program:

- Accepted – unwanted, unused, or expired prescription and/or non-prescription medications by citizens; pills and patches are accepted.
- Not Accepted - Liquids, syringes, inhalers, aerosol cans, creams, ointments, biohazard waste or restricted controlled substances (illicit drugs).

The Garden City Police Department continues its efforts in addressing the growing use and abuse of opiates in the community as well as the environmental impact when disposing drugs improperly. Therefore, working in partnership with the Citizen's Campaign for the Environment to provide services and work toward solving emerging social and environmental issues, the Department officially launched its Drug Disposal Program in 2015 to help provide a safe, secure and anonymous collection and destruction of unused and unwanted prescription and non-prescription medications. The ultimate goal of this program is to decrease access to dangerous unused, unwanted or expired medications. Studies have shown medications that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. The Department is hopeful that citizens will take advantage of this convenient service, which has been instrumental in reducing obstacles for community members to properly dispose of their medications. The Department has also partnered with local civic groups, Adelphi University, and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in the collection of unwanted, unused and expired medications.

The program has been very successful. During the past year, the Department has collected more

than 500 pounds of unwanted, expired and unused prescription medications. The Garden City Police Department will continue to work with the community to provide solutions that aim to eliminate opiate abuse, while protecting the environment. Through this effort, the Garden City Police Department strives to decrease overdoses and drug crimes associated with this abuse.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: The painting contractor is expected to remobilize later this week to begin rigging operations for painting touch-ups.

Corrosion Control Study: The initial draft is going through quality control. Revisions will be made before the finalized draft is ready.

Lead Service Line Inventory: The lead service line investigation and analysis of Village plumbing permits and house ages is complete. Officials are coordinating sample results with the age of homes and entering all the data into GIS. The initial review of the Village's plans is virtually complete. The draft map shows house/street side services will be presented to the Village.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): Officials are preparing for permanent bid. Revised final interim payment requests and maintenance bond will be provided to the Village once received from contractor. AC Schultes to pull pumps this week.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): Final bid documents are being created, incorporating Well No. 7 into 8 and 12 as one package.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): Design of the facility continues.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): Installed Well No. 11 pump and motor. PSEG, H2M, PRI and the Village had a meeting to discuss the issue with turning off power to the transformer. PSEG has the new transformer in stock and is going to switch out the transformers when the shut down is scheduled. The junction on the site feeds several homes, the school, and a bank. If power was turned off to the site, all those customers would lose power as well. PSEG performed another onsite visit and it was suggested to perform the work at night. PSEG will let us know when the shut down has been scheduled. The generator manufacturer was also onsite to inspect the generator.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): H2M and the Village met with representatives of the golf club late last week. Representatives have given verbal approvals for construction to commence. Planting plan to be reassessed by the golf club and will provide input on what they want for final product.

Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site): Electrical work and interior work continuing. Floor coating systems are also being prepped. Crews are preparing the systems for performance testing by the end of February.

WATER COMPLAINTS - EMAIL US

Back in October 2021, an email address was established so residents can submit any discolored water issues. Please email your complaint to waterissues@gardencityny.net. Please include your contact information and an explanation of your complaint. If you have the ability to send a photo as well please do. If you do not have or do not wish to use email, please call the Water Department at 516-465-4020 and leave a message with your name, address and contact phone number. All emails and information will be forwarded immediately to the Village Water Consultants at H2M who are collecting the information, obtaining water samples as needed and following up to help identify potential causes and solutions.

REMAINING 2022-23 BUDGET SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees continues conducting work sessions to review the Tentative 2022-23 Operating and Capital Budgets in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom. Here is the remaining schedule:

Budget Work Session 4

Wednesday March 30, 2022 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- Presentation of Changes/Final Budget

Monday April 4, 2022 7:30 p.m.

- Adoption of Budget

If you wish to attend any of these sessions, please email Karen Altman, Village Clerk (kaltman@gardencityny.net) before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting and she will send you the link.

STEWART AVENUE MEDIAN WORK

Last week, the construction team continued construction on Stewart Avenue and began work for gas main testing in the intersection of Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue. The outreach team will continue to keep residents and businesses informed during work and give notice of upcoming activities, maintaining social distancing and eliminating any close contact.

Over the next week, neighbors can expect to see the following activities during work hours:

- Construction in the Stewart Avenue median.
- Crew presence in the Roslyn Road - East Williston Avenue intersection.
- Test pitting in the westbound LIE Service Road near Locust Lane.

Traffic Management Updates:

- Westbound traffic on Stewart Avenue, between Arthur Street and Kellum Lane, will be reduced to one lane during work hours.
- 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 to one lane near East Williston Avenue at all times.
- Westbound traffic on Powerhouse Road will be reduced to one lane near Locust Lane during work hours.
- Our crews will have flaggers present to redirect traffic as necessary.

SUBMIT YOUR LEAD REPORTS TO VILLAGE EVEN IF RESULTS ARE 'NON-DETECT'

When the Village of Garden City was notified of a high lead level in the domestic water supply sample at a home in Garden City, officials contacted the Nassau County Health Department immediately for information and any guidance, and simultaneously conducted tests for lead at each of its active well sites where the treated water enters the Village-wide distribution system. Those tests came back "Non-Detect" for lead and the results were shared with the Health

Department. In conversations with the Health Department, preliminary results indicate that the home in question has a lead service line connection to the Village water main. The Village is awaiting a final report from the Health Department's investigation and any recommendations that may be forthcoming.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), lead can enter drinking water when plumbing materials that contain lead corrode, especially where the water has high acidity or low mineral content that corrodes pipes and fixtures. The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures. In homes with lead pipes that connect the home to the water main, also known as lead service lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water. Among homes without lead service lines, the most common problem is with brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and plumbing with lead solder. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) has reduced the maximum allowable lead content -- that is, content that is considered "lead-free" -- to be a weighted average of 0.25 percent calculated across the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures and 0.2 percent for solder and flux.

The Village immediately conducted tests for lead at each of its active well sites where the treated water enters the Village-wide distribution system. Those tests came back "Non-Detect" for lead and were forwarded to the Health Department. H2M, the Village's water consultants, is evaluating the effectiveness of corrosion control treatment throughout the Village. The Village has conducted all required lead and copper compliance mandates as required under the [Federal Lead and Copper Rule](#), including the most recent sampling conducted in 2020, and was found to be in compliance. The Village, which is aggressively monitoring the water supply and is in regular communication with the Health Department during their investigation, will remain vigilant and provide updates as more information becomes available. Residents can immediately request free lead testing kits through the New York State Department of Health. Email FreeWaterTesting@health.ny.gov and provide the following information:

- 1 your name;
- 2 your phone number;
- 3 your e-mail address;
- 4 address for sample location and address for mailing test kit, if different
- 5 county for sample location;
- 6 1st choice for participating laboratory selected from the list below; and
- 7 2nd choice for participating laboratory selected from the list below.

List of Laboratories

- Advanced Analytical Technologies, Orangeburg, Rockland County
- EMSL Analytical, Inc., New York, New York County
- Envirotest Laboratories, Inc., Newburgh, Orange County
- Erie County Public Health Laboratory, Buffalo, Erie County
- NY Environmental and Analytical Labs Inc., Port Washington, Nassau County
- Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research, Valhalla, Westchester County

You should be aware that the results of these samples are not made available to the Village. If you wish, you can forward a copy of the results to the Village Water Department, even if your

results are “Non-Detect.”

RECREATION DEPARTMENT SEARCHING FOR TABLE GOLF BOARDS

Years ago table games were offered at each of the Village’s five neighborhood parks. Among the games was the most popular - table golf. Recreation and Parks Commissioner Paul Blake is on a mission to bring these games back but has hit some bumps in the road. The Connecticut companies stopped manufacturing the game and its parts almost a decade ago. “The boards became useless,” Mr. Blake said. Research has led to a local carpenter from Garden City Park who was able to recreate the tiny pucks and a Chicago pinball company that sells the rubber bumpers. “We’re searching for a Board we could duplicate to get these games back at the parks,” Mr. Blake said. If you have a Board we could duplicate, please contact the Recreation Office at 516-465-4075.