

March 9, 2022

THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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LANDSCAPER LICENSING

The Village Board of Trustees enacted a new law to regulate and control commercial landscaping functions which include but are not limited to the weeding, cultivation, seeding, planting, cutting, trimming, pruning and maintenance of grass, shrubs, plants, trees or other foliage within the Village. As of March 16, 2022, commercial landscapers must register with the Village. We encourage residents who are using commercial landscapers for activities such as lawn maintenance, tree trimming or gardening to inform them that hardcopy permit applications are available at Village Hall located at 351 Stewart Avenue. Downloadable applications are also available on the Village website, www.gardencityny.net, by clicking the "Landscaper Licensing" tab. Applications may be mailed or dropped off at Village Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Village will not accept incomplete applications. Once the permit is issued, a decal for each permitted landscaping vehicle will be distributed. The fee is \$100 for the first vehicle and trailer; \$25 for each additional vehicle registered with the Village. All permits will expire on December 31st of the year that they were issued. Contact Village Clerk Karen Altman at 465-4051 or email at LandscaperLicensing@gardencityny.net for further information.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The Garden City Police Department Traffic Enforcement program continues to yield positive results. During the month

of February, 894 tickets were issued for various traffic offenses, including 221 for speed-related offenses, according to Commissioner Kenneth Jackson.

2022-23 BUDGET SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees will continue conducting work sessions to review the Tentative 2022-23 Operating and Capital Budgets in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom:

Budget Work Session 2

Wednesday March 16, 2022 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- Police Department
- Department of Public Works and Water Fund

Budget Work Session 3

Thursday March 24, 2022 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

- Fire Department
- Finance Department
- Other Unallocated Expenses and Revenues
- Administration
- Library

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.

- Public Hearing and 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.

VILLAGE SANITATION REGULATIONS

Residents are asked to acknowledge the Village's Sanitation regulations regarding the placing of recyclables before 7:00 PM prior to the day of pick-up. The recycling bins should be put to the curb the day of recycling collection when weather forecasts predict high winds. Cooperation by residents will be greatly appreciated. It is my goal, with the assistance of our Trustees, to address the quality of life issues our residents desire.

WATER TANK

The Village's water tank has been offline for nearly three years. Most recently, welding issues have delayed progress. Exterior painting is now complete; interior painting is expected to be completed by the end of March. In early April, it will take approximately 3-5 days to fill the tank, which Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi expects to be fully online for the high water season. Once filled, the water in the tank must undergo testing prior to being put into service. Originally constructed in 1933, the 89-year-old tank was last rehabilitated in 1992. Emergency repairs were made to the tank's roof due to leaks and holes in 2015.

FAQs ABOUT MARCH 15, 2022 VILLAGE ELECTION

When is the 2022 Village Election?

The Village Election is taking place on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Where Can I Vote?

In-person voting is taking place at St. Paul's Field House. (The last day for the Village Clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to a qualified voter is March 8, 2022.)

What Time Are Polls Open?

Polls are open 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Who Are The "For A Better Garden City" Slate of Candidates?

1. Mary Carter Flanagan
2. Charles P. Kelly
3. Bruce A. Torino
4. Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.

Who Are The “Community Agreement Party” Slate of Candidates?

1. Judy Courtney
2. Michael Daab
3. Tracey Williams

How Many Candidates Can I Vote For?

Choose Four: Trustees (Two-Year Term)

(The four candidates with the most votes will become Village Trustees)

Can I Only Vote For the Candidates Who Live In My Section of the Village?

No. Residents can vote for candidates, village-wide. The positions of Village Trustee are Village wide positions under state and local law and all persons, regardless of where in the Village the voter resides, can vote for any candidate for these positions.

LEAD IN WATER UPDATE

In its ongoing investigation of lead in our water, H2M, the Village’s water consultant, is preparing a Village-wide map of service line inventory based on the Village’s own internal engineering records. This inventory includes galvanized steel, copper, plastic and lead lines. Based on age of construction and other factors, H2M will presume there is a lead service line unless that is superseded by an affirmative document showing a different material. The inventory for the section of service between the water main and customer’s curb valve has been substantially completed. Focus is now on the service material from the curb valves to the residence. If any resident has information regarding the material of this section, please forward this information to the Village.

GCFD ACTIVITY

Chief Devyn Moody has reported that during February, the Department responded to 83 total calls:

- 67 “Signal 8” calls or non-emergency automatic alarms
- 3 general alarms
- 2 extrication calls where volunteers used extrication tools at motor vehicle accidents
- 11 mutual aid calls to assist neighboring Fire Departments

PSEG WORK

PSEG Long Island is scheduling to perform storm hardening work through an initiative called Power On. This program will help strengthen 50 miles of distribution lines per year over the next several years, targeting the most vulnerable circuits across Long Island and the Rockaways. Upcoming work on a circuit includes areas in Garden City.

The project includes:

- Upgrading and replacing existing electric wire with more resilient and durable wire.
 - Installing new and more durable poles. The poles will be similar in height and have a stronger base. In addition, PSEG Long Island will actively

coordinate the removal of old poles with other utilities.

- Installing shorter cross arms atop some poles to help deflect falling limbs instead of catching them.

The work on this circuit is scheduled to begin on or about the week of March 21st. Crews will be working on about .85 miles of the mainline on the following streets in the Village of Garden City:

- Stratford Avenue, between New Hyde Park Road and Hayes Street
- New Hyde Park Road, between Stratford Avenue and Manor Road
- Stewart Avenue, between Fernwood Terrace N and New Hyde Park Road
- Rear property of homes 98-126, 99-121 and 213 on Meadbrook Road between Stratford and Stewart Avenues
- Rear Property of homes 74, 78, 82, and 84 on Roxbury Road between Stewart and North Avenues

There are no anticipated outages related to this project. In the event that a brief outage is required, affected customers will be notified in advance. Customers are being sent a letter explaining the work that will be done. For project information, visit <https://www.psegliny.com/inthecommunity/currentinitiatives/stormhardeningprojects>. If you have further questions, call PSEG Long Island Customer Service at 1-800-490-0025 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Sunday, March 13, 2022 marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, and while modern technology has made it such that we don't need to turn back every clock in the house, you should change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have a smoke and carbon monoxide detector, GET ONE!

The Garden City Fire Department recommends you change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you change the clocks during "Daylight Saving Time" to ensure they get changed at least twice a year. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are life saving devices. Having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms dramatically increases your chance of survival from a fire or carbon monoxide emergency.

At the end of 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill into law that required all smoke alarms sold in New York State to be equipped with sealed-in, non-removable batteries that last for at least 10 years. The new law took effect in 2019 and marks an important step in improving New York's fire safety. Ten-year smoke alarms require little maintenance, and unlike alarms with removable batteries, they are nearly impossible to deactivate. Regardless of the type of alarm in one's home, the Garden City Fire Department recommends cleaning all alarms to remove any debris that might impede their function and to test the batteries, changing them if necessary.

Fires and carbon monoxide emergencies are real and very scary. A working smoke detector works around the clock and alerts you and your loved ones to a fire or carbon monoxide emergency even while you are asleep. When the alarm sounds, you should "Get Out & Stay Out" then call 911 or 742-3300 and advise the Garden City Fire Department dispatcher of the

problem. As a reminder:

Smoke Alarms should be installed:

- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
- In each sleeping room
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics

Carbon Monoxide Detectors should be installed:

- Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story having a sleeping area
- Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story where a carbon monoxide source is located

For more information about smoke detectors, visit the National Fire Protection Association at <https://www.nfpa.org/smokealarms>. For more information about the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department, please visit www.gcfdny.com.