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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **ENFORCING OUR LOCAL LAWS**

In an effort to respond to resident complaints as to the lack of enforcement of our Local Laws, effective July 1, 2022, the use of gas fueled leaf blowers are strictly prohibited. Violation of this law will result in fines to companies and residents who do not comply with this new law. Landscaping Contractors must be licensed with the Village and display Village-issued decals. Moreover, residents who do not comply with Village Laws regarding recycling and garage disposal will no longer be issued warnings; summonses will now be issued. The Garden City Police Department will be monitoring our roads for persons who are speeding and not obeying traffic laws. Please remember the posted speed limit in our Village is 30 MPH. Please drive safely and enjoy the Fourth of July holiday.

### **2022 LANDSCAPING PERMITS**

As you may know, in March of this year, the Village passed a law which requires all landscapers who work in the Village to obtain a Village of Garden City license. In an effort to encourage compliance with this law, we are asking residents to make sure that their landscaper is properly licensed by the Village. On the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), is a current listing of the landscapers licensed to work within the Village. We are asking that you please review the listing and make sure that your landscaper is on it. Although we already have over 100 companies registered with the Village Clerk's Office, we still need your help to ensure your landscaper knows that they must have a Village of Garden City license before they can work on your property.

### **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

New York State's Environmental Facilities Corporation has awarded the Village of Garden City an additional \$3,653,794 in Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grants to help offset the costs of installing AOP (Advanced Oxidation Process) and GAC (Granulated Activated Carbon) filter systems at various well sites, it was announced by Governor Kathy Hochul June 23, 2022. Garden City was one of 11 municipalities to receive funding. The Village has already been awarded approximately \$26 million in WIIA grants.

### **TREE LIMB TRIMMING TO EXPAND VISIBILITY OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

Garden City Police annually perform Village-wide checks and create a list of locations where trimming or removal of tree branches could extend the visibility of traffic lights for approaching traffic. Officers will also report locations when observed on their daily patrols. Throughout the year, the Recreation and Parks Department routinely corrects these types of conditions when advised by the Police Department. This is another example of various Village Departments working together to improve the overall safety of residents and visitors alike.

### **2022-23 ONLINE TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Residents can access the 2022-2023 Tax Payment System as follows:

*Bill Payment Center “Quick Link” on the Home Page, or*

- Tax and Water Billing Information Tab

Payment Options:

- ACH Debit Payment (No Additional Fees)
- Visa, Mastercard or Discover (Additional Fees Apply)

First half payments are due by July 1, 2022 to avoid penalties. Second half payments are due by January 3, 2023 to avoid penalties. To take advantage of the discounted full year amount, the full year tax payment must be made by June 30, 2022. Any questions regarding tax payments, please contact Angella Ciolino at (516) 465-4156.

#### **FOURTH OF JULY DWI CRACKDOWN**

In a joint effort to stop impaired driving, prevent injuries and save lives, the Garden City Police Department along with various other Police Departments throughout Nassau County will be participating in the “DWI Crackdown” Enforcement Initiative targeting Intoxicated and Drugged Drivers. The Nassau County Traffic Safety STOP DWI Program, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the New York State STOP DWI Coordinators Association are funding the Fourth of July initiative. This American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk- driving crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, 11,654 people died as a result of alcohol impaired related vehicle crashes in 2020, a 14 percent increase from 2019.

Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson states, “During this initiative, July 1, 2022 through July 5, 2022, Police Officers will be assigned to monitor the Village’s roadways, strictly enforcing all DWI laws.”

The Garden City Police Department reminds everyone that they can download the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation "Have a Plan" mobile app, which is available for Apple, Droid and Windows smartphones. The app enables New Yorkers to locate and call a taxi or rideshare service and program a designated driver list. It also provides information on DWI laws and penalties and how to report a suspected impaired driver.

#### **FOURTH OF JULY - VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

Residents are reminded that Village Hall will be closed Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day. Village Hall will re-open Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. There is a regular sanitation schedule the week of July 4, 2022.

#### **SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GCFD**

As the 4th of July weekend is upon us, here are some safety tips to keep you and your family safe this upcoming holiday weekend. Every year, about 10,000 people are treated for injuries in hospital emergency departments due to the mishandling of live, misfired and waste consumer fireworks. In addition, fires resulting from fireworks cause over \$100 million in direct property damage. Many U.S. cities are seeing a surge in consumer fireworks usage by the public. The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals. Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. Using them puts your property at risk. Hand-held sparklers burn at 1,200 degrees. Children are at special risk of injury from

fireworks, and account for more than a third of emergency room visits for fireworks-related injuries. Children between the ages of 5 and 9 are more than twice as likely as people in other age groups to be injured by fireworks. A few ideas from the National Fire Protection Association to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler.
2. Loud and proud. Noisemakers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

For those that will be behind the barbecue this weekend, follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- Grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave grill unattended.
- Make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

For more safety tips and information on how you can serve our community as a volunteer firefighter please visit <http://www.gcfny.com>.

#### **SUMMER BOARD MEETING DATES**

The Board of Trustees will meet for Regular Meetings on the following dates this summer: Thursday, July 21 and Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room.