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**THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**  
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**WATER UPDATE**

At the water tower off Old Country Road, the painting contractor continues to blast and prime coat roof dimple repairs. Interior welding of previously installed roof couplings also continued. Once blast and prime coating is complete, stripe coating can begin.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** Construction is completed and in operation. The contractor is working on ordering parts for punch list items. Permanent construction to be incorporated with permanent construction of Well Nos. 8 and 12.

**Well Nos. 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** Conduit work for the Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) enclosures continues at this site. The steel ladder has also been installed in the new GAC treatment building. Flow water/pressure testing is expected within the next two weeks. Conduit work at 12B is expected to commence this week.

**Well 9 (Wilson Street site):** The Engineering Report was submitted the week of May 3, 2021. H2M will provide the Village with a proposal for design of an AOP treatment system.

**Well Nos. 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** Water quality sampling taken for Granular Activated Carbons (GACs) at Well No. 10 and the air stripping tower. Bacteriological re-samples were negative. We are waiting on the results of arsenic, POC's, etc. Submittal of those results to the New York State Department of Health for approval to operate will continue. Site restoration will begin.

**Well Nos. 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** H2M will contact the contractor to have them complete interim construction ASAP. H2M will prepare preliminary building elevations for the GAC (Granular Activated Carbon) building accordingly; site plantings to be discussed separately. H2M will prepare the completed works video once plan approval is received.

**Well 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** GACs and a generator have been installed. Block work for the building is beginning. Masonry work and installation of some interior piping continues.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

The Board of Trustees has engaged the professional services of H2M Architects and Engineers to assist the Village in completing a Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA) and reviewing its Emergency Response Plan (ERP). In October 2018 America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) was signed into law. It requires all community drinking water

systems serving more than 3,300 people to develop and/or update the RRA by June 30, 2021 and ERP no later than December 31, 2021.

### **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

The Village Board has reappointed Thomas Donato of Michael Haberman Associates, Inc. to perform assessment services for the Village for the ensuing fiscal year. Trustee Bruce Chester requested Mr. Donato make a presentation at a fall Board meeting regarding property values, noting that residents, particularly those living in the Estates, are concerned about loss of value in their homes due to the Long Island Railroad poles being erected along the Main Line.

### **2021 POOL REGISTRATION**

As you are aware, in April the Nassau County Health Department again revised its COVID-19 capacity protocols for the upcoming Pool season. Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake announced at the April 22, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting that the Pool could open June 12 with no capacity limits, as per notification he received from Health Department officials. However, Mr. Blake later learned that effective April 26, 2021, last summer's 50 percent occupancy limits are still in effect and will be enforced.

Prudence dictates that the Recreation Department prepare to open on June 12 with 50 percent capacity limits in effect, using the dedicated swim sessions and registration procedure that was in effect last year, but will be ready to switch over to "full operation" should the Health Department lift those capacity rules. With the facility's large deck, picnic and grass areas, as well as the snack bar, the Pool can accommodate its normal capacity of more than 1,300 patrons and successfully social distance at six feet without a mask and anything less than six feet with a mask.

Residents should be aware that COVID-19 capacity limits could be lifted by the time the Pool opens for the season on June 12, or sometime later during the summer. Recreation Department personnel remain in constant contact with the Nassau County Health Department.

To accommodate members at this time, there are two sessions per day. Members will be allowed to sign up via online or by phone (483-1714) two days in advance to reserve a session. Members can only reserve ONE AM or PM session a day at this time. Each session will accommodate a maximum 600 members. Members will only be permitted in the facility with a reservation. If guidelines change members will be notified.

A mask must still be worn when entering the Pool and walking around the facility. Tables and chairs have been spaced out six feet apart; please do not move them. Guests and non-member family members will not be permitted at the Pool at any time during the 2021 Pool season. Only Pool members during designated reservation Pool sessions will be permitted into the facility. Please note these policies may change based on local health regulations and COVID-19 protocols. No mask allowed in the Pool at any time. Sessions are as follows:

- June 12-27 Weekends: AM Session 9 -12 p.m./PM Session 3 - 8 p.m.
- June 14-25 Weekdays: AM Session 12 - 4 p.m./PM Session 5 - 9 p.m.
- Starting June 28 Monday: AM Session 12 - 4 p.m./PM Session 5 - 9 p.m.
- Starting June 29 Tuesday – Sunday: AM Session 9 - 2 p.m./PM Session 3 - 8 p.m.

Register online at [www.gardencityrecreation.org](http://www.gardencityrecreation.org) (you must have a password to register online. If you do not have a password, you must prove residency first by visiting the Recreation Office at 108 Rockaway Ave). All applicants will be verified for valid residence upon receipt. Any applications that do not meet the residency requirements will be void.

### **VILLAGE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

LiRo GIS, Inc. of Mineola will provide an inventory and condition assessment of the Village's street and parking field networks and make recommendations for a pavement management program for a cost of \$39,828. Seven firms responded to the RFP; LiRo GIS, Inc. is the second lowest bidder. This study, which will assess conditions on every road in the Village, also includes lane miles associated with parking fields. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi noted that a similar assessment was last performed five years ago and did not include parking fields. "We want a third party to look at it because it takes all the politics out of it, if you will. There could be pressure to pave a road that functions well from an engineering perspective but doesn't look aesthetically nice. Having a report from a third party really quantifies everything," Mr. Suozzi said.

### **2021-22 ONLINE TAX PAYMENT AVAILABILITY**

The online tax payment system for the 2021-2022 tax year is available as of June 1, 2021. First half payments are due by July 1, 2021, to avoid penalties. Second half payments are due by December 31, 2021, to avoid penalties. To take advantage of the discounted full year amount, both payments must be made simultaneously by June 30, 2021. You can access the 2021-2022 Tax Payment System via the Bill Payment Center "Quick Link" on the Home Page.

#### **Payment Options:**

- ACH Debit Payment (No Additional Fees)
- Visa, MasterCard or Discover (Additional Fees Apply for Credit Card Payments)

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Department at 465-4156.

### **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

On Monday, May 31, 2021, under the direction of the William Bradford Turner Post - American Legion, the annual Memorial Day observance in our Village will commence at 10:30 a.m. at the Village's War Memorial on Seventh Street, just west of the Library, where official ceremonies will take place. Residents are invited to honor the service and sacrifice of those who died. American Legion Commander Frank Tauches, Mayor Cosmo Veneziale and members of the Board of Trustees look forward to seeing you at the ceremony.

### **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SPECIAL PATROLS**

This Memorial Day weekend, the Garden City Police Department, along with various other Police Departments throughout Nassau County, will be participating in the STOP DWI Enforcement Initiative targeting intoxicated and drugged drivers. This initiative will be enhanced by funds provided by the Nassau County Traffic Safety STOP DWI Program and the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson states, "During this initiative, the Department will deploy extra patrols on Village roadways, strictly enforcing all DWI laws. These patrols play an important part in preventing holiday tragedies that seem far too common." The Garden City Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

### **HOLIDAY COLLECTION**

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, May 31, 2021, Memorial Day. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

	<b>GARBAGE</b>	<b>RUBBISH</b>
Western Half of Village 2021	Tuesday and Friday	Thursday, June 3,
(West of Rockaway Avenue)		
Eastern Half of Village 2021	Wednesday and Saturday	Thursday, June 3,
(East of Rockaway Avenue)		

Residents scheduled for recycling on Monday, May 31, 2021 are asked to put their recyclables out on Monday, June 7, 2021.

### **JUNE 3 BOARD MEETING IN PERSON, VIA ZOOM**

The June 3, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting will be held in person at Cluett Hall and via Zoom beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Here is the link to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912837908?pwd=M3lvYkgzUS9Ma21QUgovTmlSVWF3dz09>

Meeting ID: 859 1283 7908- Passcode: 3v3aKE

To dial by phone - 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 859 1283 7908 Passcode: 448351