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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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Village Hall is open. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear a face covering, maintain social distancing of six feet and sign in to a Visitor's Log outside of the office they are visiting. Furthermore, while multiple people can enter Village Hall, only one person will be admitted into each office space at a time and are asked to abide by employee instructions.

## **GARDEN CITY CASINO**

The Garden City Board of Trustees has been in contact with members of the Garden City Casino Board, contrary to several media posts stating otherwise. We consider the Casino an asset in this community and look forward to negotiating a long-term agreement with its members. "We are interested in working out a plan with Casino members that both parties can be comfortable with," Mayor Theresa Trouvé said. To read the Board's full statement regarding the matter, please visit the "Village Notifications and Alerts" section of the Village website at [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

## **POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE PLAN**

Garden City Mayor Theresa Trouvé thanks the community stakeholders and representatives who participated in the collaboration with the Village that resulted in the formation of the Garden City Police Reform Plan. Village of Garden City Committee on NYS Police Reform meetings were held in October and November. In addition, Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson also participated in Nassau County's Police and Community Trust Initiative (PACT), comprised of community stakeholders and representatives from throughout Nassau County. This plan was developed after a comprehensive review of police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices, and consultation with community stakeholders. This plan will enable the Garden City Police Department to continue its robust community-oriented policing strategies while working towards further reducing racial disparities in policing.

To view the plan, visit the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net) or click [here](#). Please take time to review the draft and provide us with any comments and/or suggestions you may have. We value your input. Please use the following methods to provide your input to the Village: Email [policereform@gardencityny.net](mailto:policereform@gardencityny.net) or mail comments to Police Reform 351 Stewart Ave. Garden City, NY 11530.

## **WATER**

Anytime there is disruption to the water system such as shut-offs that may be required for a water main replacement or if there is a fire call in your area that requires the Garden City Fire Department to open a hydrant, there is the possibility of sediment being stirred up in the system. This could cause residents to experience cloudy or discolored water.

The best way to clear the discoloration is to run the COLD water, preferably from a faucet that is closest to where the water service enters the house. It could take a while; it might have to run for 30-40 minutes but it will clear up. The Garden City Water Department, in turn, will do everything it can to minimize it by opening hydrants in the area to draw the sediment away from the houses. One additional note, if you notice discolored water don't run your hot water until it clears. Running the hot water will draw sediment into your hot water heater and it could take a few days for that to clear.

### **SEVENTH STREET GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT**

National Grid will be performing infrastructure upgrades along Seventh Street, between Hilton and Franklin Avenues, in the coming month. Natural gas main replacement includes street excavation and laying of the new main, temporary and permanent restoration of any disturbed areas, replacing National Grid gas customers' individual gas service lines, where required, and connecting the new piping to the new main. In accordance with NYS requirements, National Grid gas meters in most instances will need to be relocated to the outside of the home or business at no charge. Project duration is approximately 45 days, Monday through Friday, with non-weekday work sometimes required. The current plan is to install the main on the south side of Seventh Street, which will impact street parking; however two lanes of traffic will be maintained during the entire duration of the project. Residents will have full access to the businesses.

### **LIBRARY OPEN FOR BROWSING, 60-MINUTE VISITS**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Garden City Public Library's most important priority is to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect the health and safety of Library users and employees.

Visitors may visit the library to browse or study for up to 60 minutes. Inside the Library, masks must be worn over the nose and mouth *at all times*, and in coordination with this rule, consuming any beverage or food is also not allowed inside the Library building. Visitors must sit six feet apart from others at Library tables; rearranging furniture to sit closer is not permitted. All study rooms and computer areas remain closed. Congregating in groups is not allowed. The Library reserves the right to require visitors to leave who are not following these and other Library rules and policies.

Library materials should be returned only to the front book drop or inside the lobby on carts marked "RETURNS ONLY." Items will be checked in and backdated to their return date after 96 hours quarantine. Although fines will accrue on overdue materials, they can be paid online (\$5.00 minimum) or on your next visit to the Library. Please also note: Friends of the Library is not accepting book donations at this time.

Librarians may assist patrons with questions about reading or other information needs by phone or email as well as in the Library. Patrons seeking staff assistance at the Library must keep six feet distance and stand behind floor markings and desk partitions. Patrons who wish a staff consultation (Reference, Readers Advisory) must sign the logbook. For contactless assistance, Librarians can also help patrons find the reading, media, or

information they seek through the many virtual services offered. For academic assistance or online learning, Librarians can suggest one of the databases, where a research article can be sent to your email account or printed for you to pick up. To reach a Reference Librarian for assistance, call the Library at 742-8405 x5236 or enter your question in the form on the Library's website.

The Library will not hold meetings or programs in the building until further notice. For virtual programs, please check the Library's website and Calendar of Events as well as the Library's Facebook pages for updates and information on the Library's online resources, services, and virtual programs.

The Library has a range of services, including virtual or contactless options to meet the needs of residents. To check out items using the contactless EXPRESS Pickup service seven days a week, simply call the Library or fill in the form on the website. Visit the Library's website for many online services, media resources and virtual activities. The Library Board and Administration will review these procedures, as needed, for safety.