

January 13, 2021

## **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.

## **MAIN LINE SIGNAL TESTING**

The next two weekends (January 16-17 and January 23-24) the LIRR will be performing signal testing in one of its interlockings to the east of New Hyde Park Station. This will result in a Main Line shutdown. The LIRR will also be taking advantage of this outage to conduct track work, namely track surfacing, along the Main Line. The LIRR will be testing new signal infrastructure in and around the New Hyde Park Station. This will result in several key service changes and outages including, but not limited to:

- No train service at New Hyde Park, **Merillon Avenue**, Mineola, Carle Place and Westbury stations.
- As an alternative, use the Hempstead Branch, where weekend service will be increased from hourly to half-hourly, or NICE Bus service. LIRR tickets will be cross-honored on the N22/24 bus routes for service between Hicksville and Mineola, and the N40/41 bus routes for service between Mineola and Hempstead. See [www.nicebus.com](http://www.nicebus.com) for schedules.
- The work will involve several pieces of heavy machinery during the course of the weekends and it will be disruptive to any residents in the immediate vicinity.
- Find the full details and schedule impacts [here](#) on all the different branches.
- Work is weather dependent; dates are subject to change to take advantage of favorable conditions.

## **CATHEDRAL AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

The Board of Trustees is considering the engagement of Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP to prepare a traffic calming study of Cathedral Avenue, as requested by the Traffic Commission. The cost of the study totals \$47,800. Traffic calming is the combination of measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. Traffic calming consists of physical design and other measures put in place on existing roads to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

## **2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT**

The eighty-seventh published Annual Report, covering the 2019-2020 fiscal year (June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020), is now posted on the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), under the “Administration and Organization” tab on the left side of the homepage. The primary purpose of this document is to provide you with an account of the stewardship of Village affairs by your Board of Trustees during the past fiscal year. It is a statement of how your tax dollars were spent during the 2019-2020 budget. This is vital in the process of interactive government. The Report also highlights 2019 as the “year of celebration for the Garden City Centennial and Sesquicentennial.” The Village celebrated two momentous occasions - the 150th anniversary of Alexander T. Stewart’s land purchase and the 100th anniversary of the Community Agreement.

### **SANITATION COLLECTION – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, January 18, 2021. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

	<b>GARBAGE</b>	<b>RUBBISH</b>
Western Half of Village (West of Rockaway Ave)	Tuesday and Thursday	Wednesday, January 27
Eastern Half of Village (East of Rockaway Ave)	Wednesday and Friday	Wednesday, January 27

Residents scheduled for recycling on Monday, January 18th, are asked to put their recyclables out on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### **LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE**

**Train Station Art Glass:** During January, commuters will notice crews installing art glass at the new elevator towers at the Merillon Avenue station. Following the completion of construction, crews will begin commissioning and testing the elevators to ensure complete functionality and safety requirements are met. Crews are continuing brickwork on the new canopy columns and elevator towers along the station platform. Some parking spots will remain unavailable at the station; replacement parking is provided north of Merillon Avenue Station, along Broadway between County Courthouse Road and Herricks Road, on the south side of the street.

**Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue Bridge Replacement:** This month, crews began early utility relocation work to accommodate the bridge replacement at Tanners Pond Road and Denton Avenue. As a result, local road closures and detours are necessary. Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue will close from Main Avenue to Railroad Avenue beginning in mid-January. Thru-traffic will be redirected to alternate routes. The bridge is the last of seven to be replaced or modified as part of the third track project. The bridge will be removed and replaced with a three-track structure to accommodate the new third track and improve safety. An ADA-compliant sidewalk is planned on the east side of the roadway, which will allow pedestrians to traverse safely between the north and south sides of the tracks.