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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE
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LIRR LANDSCAPING

The LIRR Third Track Contractor, 3TC, and subcontractor, Sweet Hollow Nursery, is proceeding with the approved enhanced landscaping plan at Main Avenue. The new enhanced landscaping work includes large specimen shrubs and trees in accordance with the enhanced landscaping agreement I and the Third Track Committee negotiated. Oversight of the landscaping work is headed by Trustee Bruce Chester and resident volunteers Paul Rothenbiller and Celia Peterson, landscape architect. The recently installed enhanced landscaping has provided immediate impact to Main Avenue from Tanners Pond Road to Merillon Avenue. The landscape work will continue for the next several weeks, moving eastward to Strawberry Field.

WATER TANK FILLING COMPLETE

Filling of the new water tank is complete, a final step in a long process to replace the one million gallon storage structure. Water quality samples were taken on June 10, 2022. H2M is awaiting those results in order to request completed works from the Nassau County Health Department. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi expects to be fully online for the high water season. Originally constructed in 1933, the 89-year-old tank has been offline for nearly three years. It was last rehabilitated in 1992; emergency repairs were made to the tank's roof due to leaks and holes in 2015.

FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Following up on Fire Safety Committee recommendations made in November 2021, Trustee Bruce Torino advised the Board that the Fire Chiefs have been looking very closely at the internal recommendations. While things don't appear on the surface as moving along, they actually are, Trustee Torino said. To boost enrollment, the Department received a \$21,000 donation from a firm that GCFD members met at a convention in Cleveland. The funds created a recruitment video filmed back in January to encourage residents to join the Department's ranks. To see the video, visit joingcfny.com. Further, the Committee recommended standardizing the configuration of Engine companies when they are purchased in the future. The Department currently has three engines - each situated at a fire station and made by three different manufacturers. If the fleet is standardized, volunteers could train on one engine, which would alleviate concerns when apparatus goes out of service. It would also make the training and qualification process much easier, according to Chief Matthew Pearn.

NATIONAL GRID WORK

Over the next week, neighbors can expect to see the following activities during work hours: Continued commissioning activity for the newly installed infrastructure on Stewart Avenue. Please note that this may require extended working hours. As commissioning progresses, National Grid will begin to demobilize and backfill the work zone.

Traffic Management Updates:

- ✓ Westbound traffic may be reduced to one lane on Stewart Avenue, between Arthur Street and Kellum Lane.
- ✓ The U-turn in the Stewart Avenue median between Arthur Street and Kellum Lane will be closed at all times for the duration of the project.
- ✓ Our crews will have flaggers present to redirect traffic as necessary.

GCFD MAY ACTIVITY

Chief Matthew Pearn reported that during May the Department responded to 113 total calls:

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

TREE CITY USA

The Village of Garden City has earned recognition as a 2021 Tree City USA. The Arbor Day Foundation’s program highlights a community’s commitment to planting and caring for trees. Garden City is part of a network of more than 3,600 Tree City USAs with a combined total population of 155 million. This is the 31st year Garden City has been designated as a ‘Tree City.’ This is great news. I congratulate Commissioner Paul Blake and the Recreation and Parks Department.

In April 2021, the Village celebrated Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony on the Village Green. Members of the Village’s Beautification Committee and Recreation Commission joined Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake and Recreation Assistant Superintendent Sandy Young in planting a red maple behind the Gazebo. The Arbor Day observance is one of four requirements Garden City must achieve in order to be designated a “Tree City USA” by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service with the National Association of State Foresters. The award recognizes communities that meet detailed, objective standards applied to trees on public property. Garden City also met the other three requirements: a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; and an annual community forestry budget of a minimum expenditure per capita.

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.

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS DURING SUMMER

The Garden City Public Library will be closed on Sunday for the summer beginning Father’s Day, June 19, 2022. The Library’s regular hours from Monday through Saturday remain unchanged. Regular Sunday hours will resume after Labor Day beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022. You can visit the Library 24/7 at www.gardencitypl.org to access online services such as electronic databases and downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, and periodicals.