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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.

STEWART FIELD UPDATE

The Stewart Field/Motor Parkway parking field project is complete, according to Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi. The lights were delivered and installed in early December. The remaining historical aspects of this project include the creation of historical signage by the entrances, although the location of the signs and the messaging have not yet been designed and approved. These historical markers will help educate visitors to the significance of the roadway.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2020 CALL LOG

During the 2020 calendar year, the Garden City Fire Department responded to 896 calls for assistance, including numerous mutual aid calls at the end of the year. On Dec. 21, the Department provided assistance to the Carle Place Fire Department at the scene of a working house fire. On Dec. 27, the Department assisted the Franklin Square and Munson Fire Department at a working fire in Garden City South.

Here in the Village, firefighters responded to a fire at the Garden City Country Club on Dec. 18, which was quickly extinguished in the first floor ceiling of the Golf Pro Shop building. The Department also responded to an auto accident with entrapment on Clinton Road and Stewart Avenue on Dec. 26. Members had to use extrication equipment to remove one passenger.

Chief Thomas Strycko thanks the 99 volunteer members of the Department for their dedicated and faithful service. Mayor Theresa Trouv  added, "I am proud of our firefighters for their complete dedication to the challenging tasks that they face on a daily basis. We are fortunate to have them." Interested in joining the Department? Email membership@gcfny.com or visit www.gcfny.com/recruitment for more information. All of your firefighting and emergency training will be available to you free of charge from both the Nassau County Fire Service Academy and through fire department in-house training.

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS

A reminder to residents who have a natural Christmas tree or wreath to dispose of, please leave them at the curb on your regularly scheduled recycling collection day. They will be collected by the Department of Public Works and rendered at the Village Yard for use around trees and shrubs as mulch.

Please assist the Village by removing tree stands, strands of electric lights and plastic bags from the discarded trees and cooperate with your neighbors by disposing of them only on the scheduled recycling collection days. If you have an artificial Christmas tree for disposal, call the Sanitation Department for a special pickup at [465-4031](#) or [465-4032](#).

BRIDGE STRIKES IN THE VILLAGE

The Garden City Police Department reported three bridge strikes in five days during December. Although clearance height signs, including solar power units, are clearly marked in the area and the site of Long Island Rail Road overpass bridges, incidents of bridge strikes continue in the Village.

On Dec 22, a truck traveling southbound struck the Cherry Valley overpass. The 39-year-old male operator sustained chest pains and was transported by NYU ambulance to Winthrop Hospital. He was charged with disregarding bridge clearance signs. The next day, a truck traveling southbound struck the Cherry Valley overpass. The 28-year-old male operator was charged with disregarding bridge clearance signs and operating a commercial vehicle without proper endorsement. On December 27, a U.S. Postal vehicle struck the Chestnut Street overpass. The 45-year-old operator was cited with disregarding bridge clearance signs. There were no reported injuries.

For safety issues, it is always recommended that commercial vehicle operators use a commercial GPS system, as illustrated on the GPS.gov website, which states Consumer GPS devices/apps generally do not warn drivers of restricted roads, low bridges or other information relevant to commercial motor vehicles.

A recent study of bridge strikes found the following:

• **Cherry Valley Avenue**

2018 = 8

2019 = 17

2020 = 11

• **Nassau Boulevard**

2018 = 6

2019 = 4

2020 = 1

• **Chestnut Street**

2018 = 8

2019 = 7

2020 = 2

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE EMAIL ALERTS

Stay connected! Sign up for Village email alerts through an online portal on Garden City's homepage. The link is located on the bottom right side of the website, www.gardencityny.net. Provide your name and a valid email address to immediately begin receiving alerts about, for example, local meeting times and locations, Village Hall holiday hours, even approved solicitations and road closures. Garden City's

website, www.gardencityny.net, is a great online source of information for residents.