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**THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**  
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**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN POSITION**

The Village depends upon its residents to volunteer and perform many valuable services. There is an opening on the Library Board of Trustees. This Board has five members (four of which are from each section of the Village (Central, East, Estates, West) and one member who is an "At-Large" position, which means that person can be from any section of the Village. This Board has a five-year term.

The position that is open as of December 31, 2021 is from the East Section of the Village. If you are interested in applying for this position, please follow this procedure:

- a. submit a resume or similar information describing your interest, including why you would like to serve on the Library Board, along with your qualifications.
- b. please send your information to Karen Altman, Village Clerk (465-4051) [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net), by Monday, January 10, 2022.

**PSEG CIRCUIT TRIMMING**

Weather permitting, PSEG-Long Island is scheduled to begin a circuit trim in the next week, portions of which include areas in the Village. The below streets have customers that are being notified of the work:

- 10TH STREET
- 11TH STREET
- 15TH STREET
- 6TH STREET
- 7TH STREET
- 9TH STREET
- ANDOVER COURT
- ARTHUR STREET
- BEECH STREET
- BIRCH LANE
- CARTARET PLACE
- CHERRY VALLEY ROAD
- CHESTNUT STREET
- COMMERCIAL AVENUE
- COUNTY SEAT DRIVE
- COUNTY SEAT ROAD
- ELEVENTH STREET
- ELM STREET
- FILBERT STREET
- FOURTEENTH STREET
- FRANKLIN AVENUE

- GOLF CLUB LANE
- HILTON AVENUE
- KELLUM PLACE
- MAGNOLIA AVENUE
- MARIA LANE
- MEADOW STREET
- OLD COUNTRY ROAD
- RODERICK LANE
- SAINT JAMES STREET SOUTH
- STEWART AVENUE
- SUFFOLK LANE
- WILMAR PLACE

### **WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** The electrical subcontractor has remobilized and begun installing conduits and equipment boxes inside the tank. The site subcontractor is expected to mobilize on January 10, 2022 to complete site piping tie-ins and trenching for electrical work.

**Discolored Water Complaints:** H2M is mapping discolored water detections and investigating complaints as they are registered. H2M sent the draft blue water report to the Village.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** The contractor has completed all punch list items. Allowance credit paperwork to be revised and sent to Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi.

**Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** Plan revisions for the permanent building will be ready for bid this month. H2M is reviewing with Village operators the chance of taking Well 8 through AOP to test and submit to the Department of Health.

**Well No 9 (Wilson Street site):** Soil borings were completed on December 23, 2021.

**Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** Crews poured the epoxy floor in the AOP treatment building.

**Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** H2M is progressing with permanent design. The contractor is exploring options of removing, re-planting or planting new landscaping on the south side of the site. Architectural landscaping (trees) plan is being prepared now.

**Wells 15 and 16 Hilton Park site):** Crews continued electrical work, completed well 15 cleaning and began installing the ceiling. The Well No. 15 and No. 16 motor and pump will also be installed before the cleaning of Well No. 16.

### **BRIDGE STRIKES IN THE VILLAGE**

In 2021, there were a total of 29 bridge strikes in the Village. The Garden City Police Department reported five bridge strikes in two weeks during December alone. 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 December 10, Officers investigated two separate incidents on Cherry Valley Avenue where a

truck struck the train trestle. Both drivers were charged with disregarding bridge clearance signs. That same day, Officers responded to Chestnut Street where a vehicle struck that train trestle. That driver was also charged with disregarding bridge clearance signs. A week later, a truck struck the Cherry Valley Avenue train trestle. The operator was charged with operating the truck without a commercial vehicle license, and disregarding bridge clearance signs. Then, on December 24, a tractor trailer struck the Cherry Valley train overpass. The trailer sustained extensive damage and its contents spilled onto the roadway. The driver was charged with disregarding bridge clearance signs.

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**

2019 = 17

2020 = 11

2021 = 23

- **Nassau Boulevard**

2019 = 4

2020 = 1

2021 = 0

- **Chestnut Street**

2019 = 7

2020 = 2

2021 = 6

### **COVID PROTOCOLS**

Masks/face coverings are required within all indoor Village facilities regardless of vaccination status. This New York State Department of Heath determination is based on its evaluation of the current COVID-19 numbers and is in alignment with recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Masks/face coverings are required to be worn by all persons over the age of 2 and those medically able to tolerate a face covering/mask. The New York State COVID protocols will also be in effect at the January 13, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, including mask wearing regardless of vaccination status for in-person attendees, social distancing and participation via Zoom.

### **SNOWSTORMS - HELP US HELP YOU**

Looking ahead to the possibility of future snowstorms, the following suggestions are offered in an effort to reduce inconvenience to residents and to assist the Village in serving your needs:

If possible, wait until the Village plows the street to clear the snow from your driveway entrance. If you can't wait, shovel or blow the snow onto your property. Do not shovel or blow snow back into the street.

When you hear that a storm is expected, move your car off the street into your driveway. This will speed up the plowing operation and make the streets safer for travel.

Park your car, or cars, as close to the end of the driveway as is safely possible. This eliminates the need for shoveling the entire driveway to free your car when the storm has ended and the roads are safe to travel.

If you are unable to shovel snow or are going to be away, make arrangements to have the snow cleared from your sidewalk. Please remember that you are responsible to shovel your sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm. This will be enforced by the Police Department. This is also applicable to the business community.

Please clear snow away from all hydrants so that the Fire Department can reach them without delay. Also, make sure that the snow is not blocking the address number to your house.

To facilitate safe garbage collections, a clear path should be made from the sidewalk to where the garbage is kept. If this is not possible, it is suggested that the garbage be carried to the curb for pickup.