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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE
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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.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: The painting subcontractor was on site to pressure wash the bottom course of the tank's exterior in preparation of the final finish coat application.

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 scheduled. Design of the facility continues.

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 will continue electrical work and Well No. 15 cleaning. The Well No. 15 motor and pump will also be installed before the cleaning of Well No. 16.

NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT

A new traffic light has been installed at the corner of Fourth Street and Cathedral Avenue. Nassau County Public Works advised Commissioner Kenneth Jackson there is minor work that

has to be completed before the light becomes operational. This corner has been the scene of numerous serious accidents during the past several years, the most recent occurring in late November. Cathedral Avenue has experienced speeding and a significant number of motor vehicle crashes in recent years. Between 2017-2019, 163 accidents were reported, 56 percent of which caused injury. Community requests for traffic calming interventions prompted the opportunity to evaluate Cathedral Avenue. Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP began a study in January 2021 to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a road diet along Cathedral Avenue from 7th Street to St. Paul's Place. During the summer, Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP, presented the results of the calming study. In 2018, after much persistence, Nassau County installed a traffic light at the corner of Third Street and Cathedral Avenue.

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 beginning in the West on Monday, January 3, 2022 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**.

2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

The eighty-eighth published Annual Report, covering the 2020-2021 fiscal year (June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021), is posted on the Village website, 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 residents 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 2020-2021 budget. This is vital in the process of interactive government.

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

Village Offices will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021 in observance of New Year's. Offices will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

SECOND HALF 2021/2022 TAXES DUE

Second half 2021/2022 tax payments are accepted through December 31, 2021. To accommodate our residents, tax payments may be left in the “Letter” slot at the eastern entrance to Village Hall if the office is closed. All payments placed in the “Letter” slot before the opening of business on Monday, January 3, 2022 will be accepted without penalty. Any payment postmarked January 1, 2022 or later will be subject to penalty as required by state law.

NEW YEAR'S WEEK SANITATION COLLECTION

There is regular Sanitation collection this week. Also, as a reminder, the Village does recycle cardboard. Residents can place their cardboard at the curb on rubbish day and the Village crews will pick up the cardboard. You can also bring the cardboard to the Municipal Service Yard (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) with a permit which can be obtained at Village Hall and put in the appropriate bin.