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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT

On Tuesday, April 20, shortly after 11:00 a.m., the Garden City Police Department was notified by the Nassau County Police Department of a confirmed shooting incident at Stop & Shop on Cherry Valley Avenue in West Hempstead. The Department was advised of one fatality and two confirmed injuries. The subject fled the scene, some accounts stating North towards Garden City. Garden City Officers and the Nassau County Police Department immediately locked down the area. Nearby Village facilities, Recreation Centers, all schools and Adelphi University went into lockout status.

A short time later, Hempstead and Garden City Detectives traced the subject to a Terrace Avenue location. Garden City, Hempstead and Nassau County secured the area. At approximately 3:00 p.m. the subject was located and Garden City, Hempstead and Nassau County personnel converged and the subject was placed under arrest.

WATER UPDATE

The AOP Treatment at Well 11 is now online and delivering water to the system. The lab results for Well 11 for 1,4-Dioxane came back as “Non-Detect,” which means it is not detectable by the NYS-Certified Lab that performs the testing. This is the goal that the AOP Treatment was designed for.

Well 7's AOP Treatment is ready to go to system and Well 10 should be online in May. Wells 13 and 14 are undergoing final AOP performance testing and will be online by June. Wells 8 and 12, 15 and 16 are still under construction but are progressing on schedule for a June online date. For more updates, please visit the Village website, www.gardencityny.net, and click on the “Departments” tab on the left side of the homepage.

Sandblasting of the new Water Tower commenced on April 12th and is continuing through this week. The Water Tower is currently on schedule for completion in July.

All construction activities at our Well sites are progressing on schedule.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Finance Department continues working with FEMA in providing information related to COVID-19 and Tropical Storm Isaias:

- **COVID-19** – Since the start of the pandemic, the Village has incurred about \$364,000 of COVID-related costs. Costs include expenses for PPE, cleaning and disinfecting, overtime and technology. Some of these costs have been deemed

non-reimbursable (approximately \$33,000). To date, the Village has received \$210,000 of reimbursements from both FEMA and the Town of Hempstead.

- **Tropical Storm Isaias** – Darcia Palmer, Deputy Village Treasurer, has been spearheading the extensive process of gathering all information and documents required by FEMA by working closely with various Village employees and vendors. It is a Village-wide effort from employees from the Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Police Departments to provide information to the Finance Department staff who works with the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES) to submit complete and accurate information. Total estimated costs related to the Tropical Storm to date are \$1.1m, of which FEMA is expected to reimburse 75 percent of the costs.

Village Treasurer Irene Woo continues to work with representatives from the MTA Construction & Development team to obtain reimbursement for the Nassau Blvd. Train Station project. The Village has incurred \$1.1m for the restoration of the parking lot. Thus far, the Village has received \$857,000 from the LIRR Expansion Project Community Benefits Fund.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 via Zoom beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please note the time change. The meeting Zoom info is as follows:

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85314813860?pwd=NUIlyNXlaRTVjV2o0b0ZLSXUrMGZpZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 1481 3860

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Passcode: 788264

NATIONAL GRID WORK CONTINUES

Last year National Grid completed an installation to allow for robotic inspections of the natural gas line on South and Stewart Avenues. After the installation last year, National Grid can now send a robotic PIG through to monitor the health of the existing infrastructure, rather than continually excavating and impacting roads. This process began in April 2021 and is expected to be complete by the end of May 2021.

Construction is taking place on the Stewart Avenue median Monday – Friday. Infrequent weekend work may be necessary at times. In order for the PIG to travel through the infrastructure, it will need to be charged at various locations. National Grid is working to mitigate sound as much as possible and try to limit charging to daytime hours, though this

process may require charging into the early AM hours. All Stewart Avenue work is being done in the median:

- Stewart Avenue and Franklin Avenue
- Stewart Avenue and Butler Place
- Stewart Avenue and Emmet Place
- Stewart Avenue near US Marine Corps. HQ

Work is intermittent between each location. Traffic remains open near work zones. Once work is completed for the day, work zones will be plated and allow for regular vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic to resume. This work schedule is subject to change due to weather. Additional information is available on the Village website, www.gardencityny.net, under the “National Grid” tab.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Like many other communities across the United States, the Village of Garden City will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 30. The Recreation and Parks Department will plant a commemorative tree on the west side of the Village Hall property, between the Fire Department and the Village Gazebo. A small ceremony acknowledging the holiday will commence at 10 a.m. Residents are welcome to attend; please wear masks and follow social distancing protocols. First celebrated in 1872, Arbor Day was established as a way to encourage farmers and homesteaders to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, food, fuel and beauty to open areas. In New York, Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April. Trees are essential to a healthy environment, helping to provide clean air and creating rich aesthetics for all. They are vital to our economy and contribute greatly to our everyday lives by providing paper for many different uses, lumber for homes and businesses, maple syrup, fruits and nuts and decorations during the holidays. They add beauty to attract new business and tourism to our great state, as well as numerous other benefits.

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

Did you know that in September 2020 the Garden City Police Department partnered with LexisNexis to provide access to motor vehicle accident reports online? Involved motorists are provided with information directing them to the website where they can obtain reports. [Links](#) are also provided on the Village and Police Department websites. Moving forward, reports will still be available for pick up at Garden City Police Department Headquarters for persons involved in an accident. Reports taken prior to September 3, 2020 are only available at Garden City Police Department Headquarters. Reports are usually available in 5 to 7 business days. When you enter your request at the LexisNexis website and your report is not ready, you will receive an email when it becomes available. You will also be notified by email if your report has been amended.