

March 29, 2023

THANK YOU

My term as Mayor of the Village of Garden City has come to an end. In the last two years I have addressed many Village issues and have developed Mayor's resident volunteer committees to address Village governance, business development, fire safety and the St. Paul's Main Building. I have met residents who have dedicated themselves to help the Village with their countless hours of research, outreach and public presentation to shed light on the issues impacting our community.

The art of volunteering one's time, expertise and life experiences is the greatest act of selfless activism. The Mayor's committees for fire safety and St. Paul's have hopefully helped residents learn more of what is needed to protect our residents and determine the fate of St. Paul's Main Building via a future public poll.

I negotiated with the L.I.R.R. to obtain extensive landscaping and to save some of the history of the Denton Avenue Bridge, as well as the Cherry Valley underpass. I negotiated long-term agreements with the Garden City Casino and the Garden City Historical Society to maintain those Village institutions. At the Garden City Library, I collaborated with the Architect to improve the new children's wing design to be a special learning place for our children. I was involved with several of our Village infrastructure projects where I was able to create better designs at less cost to our residents. I am proud to have saved the Edgemere Fire House and to have supported our volunteer firemen and women during my term as Mayor. I increased enforcement of our traffic laws and I especially targeted speeding with the help of Commissioner Jackson and the Garden City Police Department.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the resident volunteers and to the great Village workers who work so hard to maintain the character of our Village. Above all, I am grateful to have worked with Ralph Suozzi, Giuseppe Giovanniello, Karen Altman, Paul Blake, John Borroni, Irene Woo, Chief Pearn, Chief Taunton, Chief Parrella, Chief Moody and Commissioner Jackson. My special thanks to Deputy Mayor Tom O'Brien and Trustee Bruce Torino for all their support and hard work. They were always available to volunteer their time and experience to help me during my term in office. Thank you.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor-elect Mary Carter Flanagan, incumbent Trustee Bruce Chester, Trustee-elect Ed Finneran and Trustee-elect Michele Harrington will take their oaths of office on Monday, April 3, 2023 during the Annual Organizational Meeting at Village Hall.

MAIN AVENUE ROAD MILLING/REPAVING

Pratt Brothers, Inc. is milling Main Avenue, between Meadbrook Road and Nassau Boulevard, March 30. Roads are temporarily closed to allow the work to be done. Homeowners have limited access to their driveways, except for when the milling work is being performed directly in front of their property. On Friday, March 31, Pratt Brothers, Inc. is repaving this section of roadway. Roads will be temporarily closed to allow work to be done. If homeowners need access to their vehicles during this time, they will have to be removed from their driveways and parked at the nearest side block before 7:00 AM. There is no access to the train station parking lot. Parking is allowed on the side streets for the train station. Roads are accessible for emergency vehicles in case of emergency. However, emergency vehicles should plan to detour around the street if the emergency is not on the street being milled. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the construction and will attempt to keep the inconveniences to a minimum. Please note this schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

SENIOR CENTER REPAIRS

Work at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane is progressing. According to Building Superintendent Giuseppe

Giovanniello, sheetrock work is done and painting has begun. The fire alarm system was recently repaired and inspected. The kitchen counter and cabinets were delivered earlier this month. Work is anticipated to be completed in mid- to late April. The Center was damaged due to a burst fire suppression system pipe. Trustees engaged Belfor Restorations, of Ronkonkoma, to do the repairs.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND TESTING

Backflow testing is required by the health department to help safeguard the backwards flow of water when a sprinkler system retracts into the ground. This device prevents contaminants such as fecal matter, pesticides and herbicides from being pulled backwards into the municipal water supply. The Village requires every home or business with an active lawn sprinkler system to have an approved backflow device and the device must be tested each year by a NYS Certified backflow tester. Every resident has a backflow test due date one year from their previous test date (from the prior year); these due dates vary from resident to resident. We would like to thank all the residents that actively test their sprinkler systems and devices in order to keep the municipal water supply free from contaminants.

CORROSION CONTROL STUDY

According to H2M, the Village's water consultant, 642 samples have been requested by residents; 640 sample kits have been delivered. H2M has also collected/returned 535 bottles. Pace Analytical completed 523 sample analyses and transmitted results to residents. Orthophosphate is being injected into the water system. The District is taking entry point and distribution sampling to monitor orthophosphate treatment. H2M will perform sampling on 30 residences to evaluate orthophosphate treatment.

REMINDER: NO DOG WALKING ON LIBRARY GROUNDS

With warmer days on the horizon, Garden City Library personnel kindly reminds patrons to refrain from dog walking on the front lawn as this space is dedicated to children's programs. Signs have been installed as a friendly reminder on multiple approaches to the Library: at the corner of Seventh Street and Hilton Avenue, on Seventh Street in front of the Library entrance, at the corner of Seventh Street and Hubbell Plaza and at the West corner of the Library near the parking lot entrance. We appreciate your cooperation to help ensure a clean and safe outdoor space for young patrons to enjoy popular programs.