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Some brief updates:

We had a good crowd in person and via Zoom for the second St Paul's Survey review and analysis this past Tuesday. BCI presented well and there were several active participants in the Q&A. Additionally, when the subject matter turned to the Recreation Master Plan, it was very apparent that the professionals at BCI were thorough and thoughtful in developing their 10-year plan. All aspects – including sports activities, suggested improvements to our varied programs and our many parks physical plant were included in the plan.

DPW continues on pace in the execution of its \$2.5mm 2025-2026 street maintenance schedule. You can find the schedule on our website and through email announcements. This week the crews were on Plattsdale Road, Brixton Road and Jackson Street.

Although the pool season is behind us, it's full steam ahead on ordering and installing a new slide for the 2026 season. Andy Hill and the team at the Rec Department have completed their due diligence and bid process and have identified a vendor for consideration for the big job.

Finally, we have begun preparations in the Village for the Ryder Cup (week of Sept. 22d). Friday Sept. 26th the Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Festival on 7th Street from 6:00-10:00 p.m. It promises to be a spectacular evening with a myriad of activities, two bands, golf-themed fun, etc...“Be there or be (a) square (golf ball)!!!” Hope to see you around town.

MERILLON AVENUE TRIANGLE

The Traffic Commission is still waiting on revised plans from Nassau County for the Merillon Avenue/Rockaway Avenue triangle. The proposed traffic calming project is intended to control speed, improve intersection geometry, reduce accident potential and enhance pedestrian access in the vicinity of Garden City High School. Accident history at the triangle is concerning; on average per year there's approximately 8 accidents at the triangle when compared to 1.6 accidents on average per year on Stewart Avenue, one of the busiest corridors in the Village. Proposed improvements include alignment modifications to the triangle, coordinated traffic signals with crosswalks and pedestrian signals, lane diet portions of Rockaway Avenue and resurfacing Rockaway Avenue with additional signage and new pavement markings.

EDGEMERE FIREHOUSE UPDATE

The bid opening for the Edgemere Firehouse project was extended to Thursday, September 11 due to multiple bidders asking for more time. The second walkthrough saw eight additional contractors asking for more time on the bids as well. Nearly two dozen contractors attended the first walkthrough in mid-August. Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello is “expecting good numbers to move this project along,” further noting that a few of the contractors are currently doing or have done work for the Village.

THANK YOU, GARDEN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the Garden City community, thank you to Fire Chief James Taunton and members of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department for conducting the 24th annual remembrance ceremony of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Twenty-four years have passed since the attacks though for many it feels like yesterday. We gathered to pay tribute to the many lives lost, recognizing the 23 residents of our Village, 343 members of the FDNY, 23 members of the NYPD and 37 members of the PAPD killed, as well as those who have died of 9/11-related illnesses. We joined in praying for their families and friends whom we hope seek solace in this annual remembrance ceremony. May we all never forget.

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY RESUMES SUNDAY HOURS

The Garden City Public Library resumed Sunday hours on Sunday, September 7, 2025. The Library is open on Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. You can visit the Library 24/7 at www.gardencitypl.org to access online services such as electronic databases and downloadable eBooks, audiobooks and periodicals.

PROPERTY RECORDS SEARCH MODULE

Did you know the [Property Records Search Module](#) can be used to search for information on properties within the Village, such as ownership, taxes due and paid, assessments and lien information? The portal provides historical information up to five years. Properties are searchable by Parcel ID, Owner Name or Address. For any additional information, please contact the Finance Department.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY SERIES PART IV: STRANGER DANGER

This is the final part of the four-part series of articles by the Garden City Police Department addressing back-to-school safety issues. The previous three articles addressed Safe Driving Practices, School Bus Safety, and Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety. This week's article will cover Stranger Danger. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and teachers are encouraged to use this article to help teach their children about Stranger Danger.

It is essential to explain to children that strangers can look like ordinary people, not monsters. A stranger is someone that you do not know very well or do not know at all. Experts recommend that parents or guardians role-play with their children about how someone might approach them, such as offering candy, asking for help, or if they'd like to come and meet their new puppy. You should teach your child to give a firm "NO" and walk away. When you role-play with your children, keep it matter-of-fact and calm so you do not overly frighten them. Part of protecting children is not just pointing out dangers but also teaching them confidence; this will help them to make good decisions in potentially harmful situations.

- Teach your children to trust their instincts. They should trust that feeling in their gut that tells them if something is safe or not. You can describe it as the feeling in your tummy that gives you butterflies if something seems wrong.
 - Tell your children never to approach a vehicle or someone asking for directions; adults do not need advice from children.
 - There is safety in numbers; whenever possible, do not walk alone.
 - Carry your cell phone for use in emergencies.
 - NEVER accept rides from strangers.
 - Parents develop a secret password that only your family knows. Tell your kids they should NEVER go with anyone unless they know the secret password. Tell your children that they should NEVER share this secret password with anyone.
 - If you think someone is following you, go to the nearest school official, business, residence, or Police Officer for help.
 - If vehicle occupants harass you, you should turn around and walk in the opposite direction. The driver will have to turn around or back up to follow you.
 - When you are approaching your home, have your door key ready so you can enter immediately. Immediately advise School Staff or a parent/guardian if someone is taking pictures of you as you walk to/from school.
 - Teach your children that if someone attempts to take them or grab them, they should fall to the ground and start screaming and kicking, bite if necessary, and do anything it takes. They should make as much noise as possible and create as much diversion as possible to draw other people's attention to the area.

If you think something is unusual, report it to police immediately. Information the police need is:

- The vehicle's license plate number, make/model, and color.
- Description of the subject: gender, race, approximate age, weight, and height.

- A description of the subject's clothing.
- Length and color of the subject's hair; any unusual marks, scars, tattoos, jewelry, hat worn, glasses, etc.
- The subject's last travel direction; note whether it is on foot, by bicycle, or by vehicle.

Strangers often use the internet to prey on their victims. Keep home computers in a busy area of the house, and periodically check your child's computer/tablet, cell phone, etc. Children should never give out their name, address, phone number, or school name. Never arrange face-to-face meetings with anyone they meet online. Never go into chat rooms unless their parents say it is okay. Never open emails from someone they do not know, and never go to links they do not recognize. Children should always tell an adult if they see something on the internet that makes them feel uncomfortable.

The Garden City Police Department encourages everyone to take advantage of these safety tips and the others covered in the three previous articles. The Police Department wishes everyone a safe and healthy school year.