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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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NASSAU BOULEVARD BRICK WALLS

The brick walls at the Nassau Boulevard Railroad parking lot are deteriorating. According to Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello, the coping stone is coming off, loose bricks are falling onto the sidewalk on Nassau Boulevard, the planters sitting atop the walls are cracked and water infiltration is causing severe, irreparable damage. Mayor Cosmo Veneziale directed Village personnel to re-bid the project as soon as possible to avoid further deterioration as winter nears. If the project cannot be re-bid and the work commenced this year, the plan will be to protect the walls from further damage, with restoration work commencing next spring.

NEW POLICE OFFICER

It was Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson's honor to introduce Police Officer Thomas Imperatore to the Board of Trustees, the newest member of the Garden City Police Department. Officer Imperatore attended and graduated from Adelphi University. As a former resident, he also volunteered with the Garden City Special Police from 2011 to 2014 until he became a New York City Police Officer in July 2014. He served seven years in the New York City Police Department prior to being offered the opportunity to join Garden City's ranks. As a member of the NYPD he was not only a patrol officer but also served as a Neighborhood Community Officer. During his time in the city, he received the Cop of the Month award as well as numerous citations from the local Senate, the Community Council and the Community Board. Commissioner Jackson spoke highly of Officer Imperatore's efforts as a Special Police Officer, praising his outstanding volunteer work when Superstorm Sandy hit. "He sold me then and he sold me now. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to bring him back here," he said. "I congratulate you on your appointment. You will be a great asset to the Police Department," Mayor Cosmo Veneziale added. To see pictures of Officer Imperatore taking his oath, visit the Village website, www.gardencityny.net.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: The prime contractor was on site performing miscellaneous work: filling of anchor bolt grease boxes, repairing the overflow pipe coupling and piping u-bolt replacements.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): Three minor items remain on the punch list. The contractor provided change orders that were requested during construction. H2M is reviewing the same.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): H2M completed performance sampling and is expecting lab results within two weeks. The Department of Health walkthrough video was conducted for Wells 8 and 12.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): The Nassau County Health Department endorsed engineering report has been sent to the New York State Department of Health. A soil investigation was conducted. Preliminary reports indicate that the soil is consistent with backfill. Design of the facility continues.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): H2M is evaluating the blower and enclosure replacement and installation of a roadway to the new treatment building. The concrete around the treatment building was installed. Well 11 work will be pulled. H2M will provide a plan to the Village for review of the new blower.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): Received approval from the New York State Department of Health to operate wells with treatment to system. Wells 13 and 14 are able to run to system through treatment. Well 13 is currently running to system without treatment. Design has started on the GAC Building and associated site work. The Village will introduce Well 14 through the treatment system. Once Well 14 is stable, Well 13 will be sent through treatment to system.

Wells 15 and 16 Hilton Park site): Crews performed formwork for the booster pad and hydrogen peroxide canopy, painted interior piping and installed blower for the air stripping tower and installed hydrogen peroxide secondary containment piping into the new treatment building. Next week, crews will pressure wash the filter vessel, install new iron media and install the ceiling. Well 16 rehabilitation work will be scheduled shortly.

VILLAGE AUDITOR APPOINTMENT

The Board of Trustees accepted a resignation letter from Courtney Rutt Rosenblatt for the Village Auditor position effective September 9, 2021 with no change in compensation or other terms and conditions of her employment. The Board, as Trustee John Delany stated at the September 16, 2021 Board meeting, would like Ms. Rosenblatt to spend more full time in the Human Resources area. As a result, Adam Lipke, CPA, has been appointed to the non-unionized position of Village Auditor effective, September 10, 2021, with no change in compensation or other terms and conditions of employment that have previously existed for him as a unionized Senior Accounting position under the CSEA Supervisor's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

FOR FIVE COFFEE ROASTERS

For Five Coffee Roasters received final site plan approval for additional parking behind 147 Seventh Street. The Planning Commission recommended this project for approval on August 4, 2021 and the Architectural Design Review Board did the same on July 27, 2021. The Garden City location is scheduled to open in 2022.

GC FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

“Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” is the theme of this year’s Fire Prevention Day and Open House, to be held Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Fire Headquarters on Stewart Avenue. Join the Garden City Fire Department for safety demonstrations, refreshments, fire hose squirt, balloons and the fire safety “smoke house.” For more information, visit <http://www.gcfndny.com>.