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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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Village Hall and the administrative offices are open for in-person inquiries and business, and all full-time staff has returned to the on-site workplace. Office hours are between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear a face covering, maintain social distancing of six feet and sign in to a Visitor's Log outside of the office they are visiting. Furthermore, while multiple people can enter Village Hall, only one person will be admitted into each office space at a time and are asked to abide by employee instructions. Please don't forget to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

## **EMERGING CONTAMINANTS UPDATE**

The following is an update regarding the Village's ongoing proactive approach to combatting emerging contaminants in its water supply:

### **Wells 7, 10 & 11**

The installation of the new AOP systems at Wells 7, 10 and 11 is complete. The Village, along with assistance from its water consultants, H2M, has also completed all the performance and stress testing of the systems to ensure they are fully operational. Lastly, we have completed the required Health Department water sampling and are awaiting the laboratory results. The Nassau County Department of Health has approved the engineering plans and technical specifications and has sent that approval recommendation to New York State for its approval, which we expect to also receive. One point to note, once we receive State approval, we should be able to start receiving the grant money that was awarded to us for this project last year. Lastly, we are awaiting Nassau County Health Department approval for the performance testing that was conducted, which we anticipate to receive. Once the County approves it, it will need to go to the State for its approval. That would be the final step in this process.

### **Wells 13 & 14**

Construction is progressing quickly at Wells 13 and 14 at the Garden City Country Club. The new AOP units are in place and the piping work to and from the new system, the GAC filters and the wells is also progressing rapidly. On a separate note, I'd like to thank the Garden City Country Club, which has been very amenable during this very disruptive process in the middle of their golf course.

### **Wells 15&16, 12&8**

We are preparing to start construction at these sites within the next few weeks.

## **YOUR FIRE SAFETY**

We are aware that there are numerous rumors, incomplete facts and incorrect statements being circulated by a few in the Village about the recent home fire on Hilton Avenue. We

have provided information on our website (material that was originally written in response to a letter of inquiry from a resident) for our residents so they have accurate information and to ensure everyone that our Volunteer firefighters force of almost 100 members not only responded quickly but also strongly and in a timely manner to the recent fire on Hilton Avenue. The information is presented with the assistance of the Fire Department Chiefs. To read more, please visit our website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), and click on the “Notifications and Alerts” section.

### **PRIORITIZING CAPITAL PROJECTS**

At a recent Board meeting, Trustees discussed and prioritized nearly a dozen budgeted capital projects in light of the current financial environment. The projects, which total \$8.7 million, include:

\$ 111,000	Library Roof
\$ 198,000	Roof at DPW Garage
\$ 235,000	Improvements to Sewer Buildings
\$ 385,000	Mechanic Shop Lift
\$ 870,000	Improvements to Sewer Lines
\$ 907,500	Village Hall HVAC - <b>DEFERRED</b>
\$1,159,000	Library HVAC
\$1,515,000	Village Hall Repointing - <b>DEFERRED</b>
\$ 204,000	Village Curbs and Sidewalks
\$1,157,000	Road Repairs
\$1,990,000	Replacement of Water Mains

After discussion, Trustees agreed to defer \$2.4 million in projects, namely repointing at Village Hall and the Village Hall HVAC system.

### **NEW SEAT BELT LAW**

A new seat belt law took effect November 1, 2020. Backseat passengers in a motor vehicle who are 16 years of age or older are now required to be restrained by a safety belt. A citation for a violation will be issued to the passenger. The maximum fine is \$50.

The law also applies to backseat passengers in a taxi or livery who are 16 years of age or older are now required to be restrained by a safety belt. A citation for this violation can be issued to a parent or guardian of such passenger only if the violation occurs in the presence of the parent or guardian.

### **TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD FIREMATIC AWARDS**

Congratulations to Ex Chief Richard Chiarello and Ex Chief Leonard Rivera, who were recently awarded Town of Hempstead Firematic Awards during a ceremony held on #NationalFirstRespondersDay at Town Park, Point Lookout. The annual ceremony commemorates local fire departments for the heroic service they provide year round.

## **LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

The Street Department began leaf pickup this week. Monday and Wednesday crews were in the West before moving to Estates North. Next week, crews will move on to Estates South and then the Mott section. The Recreation and Parks Department has been picking up leaves in the Central section all week. Several piles on First Street, however, were unable to be picked up as there were cars parked on top of the leaves.

During this collection season, the Village's website is updated weekly to allow residents to track the collection process. The notice is listed on the Home Page under "Notifications and Alerts." We ask that residents observe the following guidelines:

- Place only leaves in the street. Other items such as sticks and old plant material may damage machinery and slow down operation.
- Do not place leaves on medians and malls as this will kill or damage the grass. For reasons of safety, our streets are cleaned of leaves on a more frequent schedule than are the medians.
- Avoid parking cars over leaves as this slows our operation considerably and is also a fire hazard. Cars can be damaged or destroyed by fire as a result of their being parked on dry leaves.
- Please do not obscure fire hydrants by piling leaves around them.

## **CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES**

Sunday November 1, 2020 was the end of Daylight Saving Time, and while modern technology has made it such that we don't need to turn back every clock in the house, you should change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have a smoke and carbon monoxide detector, GET ONE!

The Garden City Fire Department recommends you change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you change the clocks during "Daylight Saving Time" to ensure they get changed at least twice a year. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are life saving devices, and having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms dramatically increases your chance of survival from a fire or carbon monoxide emergency.

At the end of 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill into law that required all smoke alarms sold in New York State to be equipped with sealed-in, non-removable batteries that last for at least 10 years. The new law took effect in 2019 and marks an important step in improving New York's fire safety.

Ten-year smoke alarms require little maintenance, and unlike alarms with removable batteries, they are nearly impossible to deactivate. Regardless of the type of alarm in one's home, the Garden City Fire Department recommends cleaning all alarms to remove any debris that might impede their function and to test the batteries, changing them if

necessary.

Fires and carbon monoxide emergencies are real and very scary. A working smoke detector works around the clock and alerts you and your loved ones to a fire or carbon monoxide emergency even while you are asleep. When the alarm sounds, you should "Get Out & Stay Out" then call 911 or 742-3300 and advise the Garden City Fire Department dispatcher of the problem. As a reminder:

**Smoke Alarms should be installed:**

1. In each sleeping room
2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors should be installed:**

1. Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story having a sleeping area
2. Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story where a carbon monoxide source is located

For more information about smoke detectors, visit the National Fire Protection Association at <https://www.nfpa.org/smokealarms>. For more information about the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department, please visit [www.gcfldny.com](http://www.gcfldny.com).

**VETERANS DAY**

Although the ongoing pandemic has cancelled this year's Veterans Day ceremony, we'd like to thank our veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving during wartime and those currently serving in the military fighting for those same freedoms. Veterans Day offers an opportunity to reconnect to the source of this nation's innumerable freedoms. It is an important day by which we ground ourselves in the reality that our way of life has been changed and made possible by those who have served.

**WESTERN NASSAU TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

• **Village of Garden City:** Throughout the weeks of November 2, 2020 and November 9, 2020, crews will be along Stewart Avenue and Cherry Valley Avenue near the Wyndham West Condominiums, performing restoration work. The work is planned for daytime hours. No major traffic impacts are expected with these activities.

• **Village of Garden City:** Throughout the weeks of November 2, 2020 and November 9, 2020, crews will be demobilizing the marshaling yards within the project area. The work is planned for daytime hours. No major traffic impacts are expected with these activities.