

November 11, 2020

## **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.

## **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON SEVENTH STREET**

Garden City Police conducted a Pedestrian Safety Detail on Seventh Street on October 26, 28 and 30 with the following results:

- 11 tickets for illegal U-turns
- 2 tickets for failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk
- 5 tickets for miscellaneous violations
- 1 ticket for a suspended registration

In addition, 34 Operation Safe Pedestrian tip-cards were issued advising people of the dangers of not utilizing crosswalks when crossing the street.

## **TANNERS POND ROAD/DENTON AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

The Tanners Pond/Denton Avenue Bridge is the last of seven bridges to be replaced or modified as part of the third track project. The bridge is being removed and replaced with a three-track structure to accommodate the new third track and improve safety. An ADA-compliant sidewalk is also planned on the east side of the roadway, which will allow pedestrians to traverse safely between the north and south sides of the tracks.

During November, crews are relocating above- and below- ground utilities. As a result, Tanners Pond Road / Denton Avenue will be periodically closed at the bridge, from Railroad Avenue to Main Avenue, during this activity. During this closure, vehicles can continue to utilize Tanners Pond Road onto Main Avenue and Denton Avenue onto Railroad Avenue. New Hyde Park Road and Nassau Boulevard can be utilized as alternate north/south routes.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT PLANS REVIEW**

The Board has authorized \$58,300 to fund third-party plan review of two major projects happening in the Village: NYU Langone Health ambulatory care center located at 1111 Franklin Avenue (\$25,000), the former site of Sears, and 555 Stewart Garden, the site of a 150-unit residence (\$33,300). International Code Council, out of Country Club Hills, Illinois, will provide the services.

## **OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM EXTENDED**

The Board of Trustees extended the Outdoor Dining Program on Seventh Street through December 31, 2020. At the request of the Chamber of Commerce, Seventh Street is only closed Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays – not Sundays. The Village and Chamber kicked off the program, “Summer in the Streets,” back in June. Seventh Street will continue to be closed to pedestrians only for outdoor dining between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

## **PICK UP YOUR PROPERTY FOLDERS – DEADLINE APPROACHING**

Time is running out. If you requested your original property folder from the Building Department, please pick it up at the Building Department as soon as possible. According to Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello, there is no space in the garages to store them. If residents do not pick up their request it will be discarded. To date, more than 4,000 folders have been returned to residents. Unless extended by the Board of Trustees, the deadline for

Village residents to request their property folders is December 31, 2020. After that date, only copies made from the scanned electronic copies will be available. Residents may request “original hard copy” property folders of records maintained by the Department. Please note that this is the only “original” hard copy that the Village maintains, and (for Village record-keeping purposes) is being completely replaced by an electronic “scanned” copy. While the Department has made every effort to make its newly scanned electronic copies as clear and “readable” as the originals, we recognize there are some documents (amongst the thousands already scanned) that may be more easily read in “hard copy original” form. As a courtesy, the Village is offering your original hard copy to you as the current homeowner. If you wish to have the “original file” you must show proof of ownership of the property requested. The Department will notify you when your request is ready for pickup. Folder requests will be held for 30 days after a call back is made. This “folder request project” commenced June 1, 2019. For further information, please contact the Building Department at 465-4040.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

Remaining regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings for 2020 are as follows:

- Thursday, November 19, 2020
- Thursday, December 10, 2020

Meetings are open to the public and will be taking place in St. Paul’s Cluett Hall, unless otherwise noted. The room will be set up to comply with social distancing rules. Those who wish to attend must wear face masks.