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**THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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**2022-23 BUDGET SESSIONS**

The Board of Trustees will conduct work sessions to review the Tentative 2022-23 Operating and Capital Budgets in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom beginning March 10, 2022. Here is the full schedule:

**Budget Work Session 1**

**Thursday March 10, 2022 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

- Budget Overview
- Building Department
- Recreation, Pool and Tennis

**Budget Work Session 2**

**Wednesday March 16, 2022 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

- Police Department
- Department of Public Works and Water Fund

**Budget Work Session 3**

**Thursday March 24, 2022 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

- Fire Department
- Finance Department
- Other Unallocated Expenses & Revenues
- Administration
- Library

**Budget Work Session 4**

**Wednesday March 30, 2022 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

- Presentation of Changes/Final Budget

**Monday April 4, 2022 7:30 p.m.**

- Adoption of Budget

If you wish to attend any of these sessions, please email Karen Altman, Village Clerk ([kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net)) before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting and she will send you the link.

## **WATER UPDATE**

Residents may have already received a mailer providing an update about lead in our water. As you may be aware, there has been a lot of discussion throughout the Village on the topic of lead in the drinking water. Recently, the Village was informed that a homeowner was diagnosed with an elevated blood lead level and promptly notified their engineering consultant and the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH). The Village immediately had the wells and points of entry to the system sampled for lead. The sampling demonstrated that the water entering the distribution system was non-detect for lead. The NCDOH was also notified by the resident, and they performed an investigation of the residence for lead exposure, part of which was sampling the water for lead. The result of the water sample was above the New York State Action Level of 15  $\mu\text{g/l}$ . The home has a privately-owned lead service line connection to the public water main.

Lead can enter drinking water when plumbing materials that contain lead corrode. The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets and fixtures. In homes with lead pipes that connect the home to the water main, also known as lead services lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water. Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older developments. A 2008 American Water Works Association/Water Research Foundation Study, based on a national survey of utility Lead and Copper compliance reporting, suggested that the percent of lead contribution to a typical home served by a lead water service was as follows:

- Lead Service line 50-75 percent
- Premise Piping 20-35 percent
- Faucets 1-3 percent

### **Important Steps You Can Take to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water:**

Have your water tested. New York State Department of Health has a free lead testing pilot program. Please go to the New York State Department of Health Website: [https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/free\\_lead\\_testing\\_pilot\\_program](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/free_lead_testing_pilot_program). Please note that this program has limited capacity and therefore, you may choose to use a private laboratory. If your water has tested at or above the action level of 15 $\mu\text{g/l}$ , you should either utilize an approved filter or use New York State Certified (NYSDOH-Certified) bottled water for drinking and cooking. A NYSDOH Certification can be seen on the bottle or you can check the following website: [https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/bulk\\_bottle/bottled.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/bulk_bottle/bottled.htm)

Use your filter properly. If you use a filter, make sure you use a filter certified to remove lead (NSF 53 certified). Read the directions to learn how to properly install and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less

effective at removing lead and may even cause lead build-up to enter the water. Do not run hot water through the filter. You may also contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or [www.nsf.org/Certified/Lead\\_content](http://www.nsf.org/Certified/Lead_content) for information on performance standards for water filters.

Learn if you have a lead service line. Contact a licensed plumber to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead. If you are unsure of the material composition of your service line, you may want to consider using a filter or NYSDOH-Certified bottled water for drinking and cooking.

Clean your aerator. Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.

Please visit the following Environmental Protection Agency websites for more information:

**Lead exposure in general:** <https://www.epa.gov/lead>

**Specifically for lead in drinking water:** <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

Please visit the Village website at <https://www.gardencityny.net> for updates and further information. You may also contact the Village at 516-465-4003 if you have any questions.

### **FAULTY DETECTORS**

The Department has responded to numerous emergency calls determined to be faulty detectors. Chief Devyn Moody urges residents to check their smoke and CO detectors monthly to make sure they are working properly.

### **TRACK WORK: HEMPSTEAD BRANCH**

The MTA has advised the Village that they will be replacing the wooden ties along the Hempstead Branch over the course of the next six weeks. Please see the information below for further details:

- This work will take place from just west of Covert Avenue to about Franklin Avenue.
- The MTA is beginning this work on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> and it is expected to last about six weeks.
- This work will be taking place almost exclusively during the weekday daytime hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
  - There is a chance that the MTA will be working on the weekends, but they will let the Village know if they need to work on the weekends and will

provide the Village with advanced notice.

- There is a chance that occasionally the MTA will work some nights but they wouldn't be using any heavy equipment/engines.
- The equipment that the MTA will be using are 15-16 work engines/cars along each track as they replace these ties.
- This work is critical to maintaining the MTA's infrastructure in a state of good repair and ensuring reliable service along the Hempstead Branch.
- There are no service impacts for this work.

### **THIRD TRACK UPDATE**

#### **Double Track Outages:**

During March, four double track outages are scheduled — March 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28. During the weekends of March 19-21 and March 26-28, crews will be removing and installing new track switches. Residents may hear louder noises and feel vibrations during this work.

#### **Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement:**

3TC has substantially completed its work on the Merillon Avenue Station and will now begin the process of restoring the area in its permanent condition. As a result, there will be ongoing punch list work at the station throughout the month. Both elevators are now fully operational and available for use.

#### **Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue Bridge Replacement Project:**

Crews continue utility relocation work to accommodate for the upcoming bridge replacement. As a result, local road closures and detours are in place. Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue are closed from Main Avenue to Railroad Avenue during this activity. Thru traffic is being redirected to alternate routes. Work zone traffic control (WZTC) signage has been posted throughout the closure. A concrete U-box substructure is being installed to support the new bridge superstructure. 3TC will use the box-jacking method (similar to the method used at the New Hyde Park Road underpass) which will allow 3TC to move the bridge into place during a single weekend.

Following utility relocation, steel assembly will begin with an anticipated "bridge push" scheduled for the weekend of April 29. The bridge is scheduled to be removed and replaced with a three-track structure to accommodate the new third track and improve safety.