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**THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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**MASK REQUIREMENT LIFTED, SOCIAL DISTANCING ENCOURAGED**

On June 17, 2021, the Village lifted the mask requirement in all Village facilities. It is recommended, however, that those who are not fully vaccinated continue wearing a mask while inside all Village facilities. Social distancing is still encouraged.

**WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** At the water tower off Old Country Road, the contractor completed the exterior tank intermediate coat and began application of exterior tank finish coatings. The contractor continued with interior water cavity finish coatings.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** Construction is completed and in operation. The contractor is working on ordering parts for punch list items. Permanent construction to be incorporated with permanent construction of Well Nos. 8 and 12.

**Well Nos. 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** Fiber cable placement is complete and outlets have been installed in the GAC building. Valves for vaults have also been installed. The peroxide tank and skids were delivered. Peroxide piping and wiring of skids/annunciator panel to be completed. Vaults to be placed. Wiring of control panels in AOP enclosures. Flow water/pressure testing is expected within two weeks; performance testing will follow.

**Well 9 (Wilson Street site):** The Engineering Report was submitted the week of May 3, 2021. H2M will provide the Village with a proposal for design of an AOP treatment system.

**Well Nos. 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** Installed doors. Received approval from the New York State Department of Health to run Well No. 10 to system. The Nassau County Department of Health conducted site inspection for completed works. Crews will perform site restoration, pave the driveway and prepare Well No. 10 for start-up.

**Well Nos. 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** NYSDOH plan review comments were received on June 17. H2M responded to the comments on June 18. H2M submitted performance test results to NYSDOH. Waiting for NYSDOH approval of plans and subsequent approval to operate.

**Well 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** Completed brick work for blower room. Completed installation of structural steel around air stripping tower. Install trusses. Brickwork is on hold until cast stone for water table is delivered.

**WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

Please be advised that the installation of the water main for the “Water Main Improvements on Meadow Street, Grove Street, Commander Avenue and Lindbergh Street” project will begin on Thursday, June 24. The pipe installation will begin on Grove Street, at the intersection of Willow Street, and will continue north on Grove Street. The project will include replacing distribution water mains, hydrants, and transferring water services (defective water services will be replaced). The project is expected to take approximately six months to complete. Local road closures may occur, however residents will have access to their driveways at the end of each day. Any sidewalks, driveways or grass areas that are disturbed will be fully restored. The road will be open for emergency vehicles. Working hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Questions? Call Craig Bandini, Project Engineer, at 465-4009.

### **GARBAGE IN REAR OF HOUSE, TRASH AT THE CURB**

Except for a few places along major thoroughfares, garbage is not to be left at the curb but will be picked up in the rear of the house by Sanitation crews. According to Local Law 5-1978, “Containers with garbage should be placed at the rear of the premises and shall not be kept or placed upon the street, sidewalk, other public place nor upon the front yard of the premises. Containers with rubbish shall be placed at the curb or near the front property line of the premises, preferably near the driveway entrance, or at such other location as may specifically be approved by the Department of Public Works, before 7:30 a.m. on the designated collection day but not earlier than 12 hours prior thereto, and shall not be placed upon the street or sidewalk. After collection, empty rubbish containers shall be promptly removed from the collection point.” With regards to recycling, residents should place their green recycling bucket at the curb before 7:00 a.m. Further, curbside placement of rubbish/trash is not permitted prior to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. The Village consistently receives complaints concerning garbage and recycling being left at the curb days before its scheduled pickup. Before a summons is issued, a warning letter will be mailed to you. Police will enforce this Village Code and issue summonses, if necessary. For further information on garbage collection schedules, visit the Sanitation and Recycling page on the Village’s website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG; KEEP DOGS LEASHED**

Village Code mandates that you remove dog waste from public streets and public areas. This regulation included in the Village Code is important in helping the community maintain the quality of life for everyone. Owners are responsible for keeping dogs on leash or on their property. Further, walking dogs in parks and ball fields is prohibited. According to Section 55-3 of the Village Code, “No owner shall suffer or allow an animal to run at large in the Village elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or on the premises of another person with the knowledge and consent of such other person. Any owner who fails to exercise due care in preventing such animal from running loose or at large shall be guilty of a violation.” The Code defines “at large” or “running loose” as “not under the control of the owner either by leash, cord, chain or similar device not over six feet in length.”

Our Local Law also requires dog owners to clean up after their dogs when they have relieved themselves upon any areas used in common by the public. These areas include

median strips, curbs, gutters, park areas, streets, etc. Regulations require that dog waste be placed with the rubbish for curbside collection on Wednesdays and be containerized or placed in a properly secured plastic bag. It must NOT be placed in storm drains for obvious health reasons. Adhering to the law is being respectful of your neighbors as well as the environment.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNOUNCED**

Mayor Veneziaie appointed a Fire Safety Committee, which he is a part of along with Deputy Mayor Tom O'Brien and Chief Devyn Moody. Residents experienced in firefighting and fire safety were interviewed. The number of resident volunteers was so great that subcommittees have been formed to address major issues, such as:

#### **Master Plan/Risk Assessment Subcommittee:**

- Bill Castoro
- William Ford
- Matt O'Grady

#### **Emergency Action/Response Plan Subcommittee:**

- Billy Bedell
- Kirk Candan
- Christopher Corbett

#### **Facilities/Apparatus Needs Analysis Subcommittee:**

- Joe Plati
- Thomas Faranda
- Michael Rendino
- Bill Sollin

#### **Legal/Case Studies/After Action Report Subcommittee:**

- Bruce Torino
- Jason Danisi
- T.J. Michon
- Larry Nedelka

Subcommittees report to Mayor Veneziaie, Chief Moody and Deputy Mayor O' Brien. Final reports and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees and Village residents.

Mayor Veneziaie also appointed a **Village Governance Citizens' Committee** consisting of the following members:

- Donald MacLeod
- Michele Harrington
- Jack Hartog
- John Cantwell
- Effie Campbell

- Stephen Ripp
- Peter D'Antonio
- Ed Finneran
- Sivan Chapman

### **COMMERCIAL TRUCK INSPECTIONS**

Truck inspections are conducted to help ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians. They also help the Police Department in minimizing deterioration and damage to Village roads, Commissioner Kenneth Jackson said. Violations such as defective breaks, unsafe tires, overweight vehicles, illegal transport of hazardous materials and loose/unsecured loads pose a significant danger to the wellbeing of residents as well as the environment, the Commissioner added. The following is a breakdown of truck inspections since January 2021 and the number of tickets issued for various traffic and safety violations:

**January 6, 2021:** A commercial vehicle inspection was conducted on New Hyde Park Road. Nine trucks were inspected of which five were placed out of service. Thirty-three tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations, including three hazardous material violations and three unsecured load violations. In addition, two truck drivers were charged with driving with suspended licenses.

**January 13:** Officers conducted a truck inspection on Clinton Road. Thirteen vehicles were inspected with three being placed out of service. Forty-five tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations, including 18 overweight violations and one unsecured load violation. One operator was charged with driving with a suspended license.

**March 2:** GCPD and NYS DOT conducted a commercial vehicle inspection on Clinton Road. Ten trucks were inspected of which three were placed out of service. Forty-six tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations including six overweight violations, four Hazmat violations and one unsecured load violation.

**March 10:** A truck inspection was conducted on Clinton Road. Eleven trucks were inspected; five were placed out of service. Forty-two tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations, including three Haz-Mat violations and one overweight violation.

**April 22:** A truck inspection was conducted on New Hyde Park Road. Ten vehicles were inspected, of which seven were placed out of service. Forty-five tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations.

**April 29:** A truck inspection was conducted on Clinton Road. Seven trucks were inspected; four were placed out of service. Forty-nine tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations, including an unsecured load violation. Two operators were charged with driving with suspended licenses.

**May 6:** A truck inspection was conducted on Clinton Road. Eleven trucks were inspected; five were placed out of service. Sixty-four tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations, including three unsecured load violations and 10 overweight violations. One operator was charged with driving with a suspended license.

**May 24:** A commercial vehicle inspection was conducted on New Hyde Park Road. Ten trucks were inspected, of which, three were placed out of service. Thirty-two tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations, including an unsecured load violation and three hazardous material violations.

**June 11:** Seven trucks were inspected at a Clinton Road checkpoint. Three vehicles were placed out of service and 38 tickets were issued for various traffic and safety violations, including two weight violations, six Hazmat violations and three unsecured load violations.

### **PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS**

The Police Department is currently seeking candidates for part-time Crossing Guard positions. Interested persons can contact the Commissioner's Office at 516-465-4110.

### **DISCOLORED WATER: HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT**

Discolored water complaints need to be reported to the Water Department at 516-465-4020. Residents should leave a message if no one answers the phone and provide their address, name and a contact phone number. H2M is gathering the data as part of its investigation into causes so that they can help us plan mitigation strategies. The Water Department often times will assist the resident in the short-term while they also share the information with H2M, which is looking at the long-term solution(s).

### **2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Garden City Recreation and Parks invites residents to the "2021 Summer Music on the Village Green" concert series, held Thursdays beginning at 7:15 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Social distancing must be maintained while attending concerts. During inclement weather concerts will be held at Cluett Hall. Here's the musical line up:

- July 15: Rag Doll (Four Seasons Tribute Band)
- July 22: Warren Schein (Hits From Perry Como, Mel Torme and More)
- July 29: The Terecels (Rock and Roll from the 50-60s)
- August 5: Hour Glass (Music of James Taylor)
- August 12: Stan Zizka & The Del-Satins (Doo Wop and More)
- August 19: Radio Flashback (70s Hits)