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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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VILLAGE BOARD APPOINTS NEW PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Following an exhaustive search, the Board of Trustees has appointed Anthony DeRosa to serve as Superintendent of Public Works effective June 1, 2022 (or upon Civil Service approval) for the balance of the official year, ending on April 3, 2023, at a salary of \$160,000. The position has been vacant for nearly 18 months.

WATER TANK UPDATE

The painting contractor has completed tank disinfection and Village personnel operated distribution valves in order to begin filling the tank last week. The Nassau County Department of Health required post-construction soil samples, which were taken on May 23, 2022. Tank filling continues this week.

GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWER BAN BEGINS MAY 28, 2022

A seasonal ban on gas-powered leaf blowers begins this Saturday, May 28, 2022 and runs through Labor Day. In the Fall, the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) reopened a Gas Powered Leaf Blower discussion that had been ongoing within the Village and the EAB, which sought community input and made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. These efforts resulted in the Village adopting the seasonal ban and requiring the licensing of commercial landscapers, which is now in effect.

MEADOW STREET WATER MAIN INSTALLATION

A.I.A. Allen Industries will be continuing installation of the water main on Meadow Street beginning on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. They will be working on Meadow Street, from Clinton Road to Washington Avenue and from Washington Avenue to Franklin Court East. During this time there may be road closures or portions thereof. It is advised to use alternate routes during this work. Questions or concerns? Please call Craig Bandini at Village Hall at (516) 465-4009.

TALL GRASS ENFORCEMENT

You may notice there are a lot more residents with tall grass this spring. While the Parks and Recreation Department is issuing enforcement letters, I have been informed of an initiative called "No Mow May" which urges people not to mow their lawns in May for environmental reasons. Any residents participating in this movement must cut their lawns by June 1, 2022 or they will be issued a violation notice.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SPECIAL PATROLS

This Memorial Day weekend, the Garden City Police Department, along with various other Police Departments throughout Nassau County, will be participating in the STOP DWI Enforcement Initiative targeting intoxicated and drugged drivers. This initiative will be enhanced by funds provided by the Nassau County Traffic Safety STOP DWI Program and the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson states, "During this initiative, the Department will deploy extra patrols on Village roadways, strictly enforcing all DWI laws. These patrols play an important part in preventing holiday tragedies that seem far too common." The Garden City Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday. "They are doing a fantastic job in trying to enforce our traffic laws. I've seen firsthand cars being pulled over. I cannot believe that our residents do not respect the traffic laws in their

own community, especially near schools. I really thank you for what you're doing."

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE OF HONOR, CEREMONIES

On Monday, May 30, 2022, there will be a Memorial Day Parade of Honor held in the Village of Garden City, under the Auspices of American Legion William B. Turner Post 265 and the American Legion Auxiliary in association with The Kiwanis Club of Garden City, which will distribute American flags. Parade participants will begin to assemble at 9:00 a.m. on Cherry Valley Avenue between Stewart Avenue and 10th Street. The parade will commence at 10:00 AM eastbound on 10th Street to southbound Franklin Avenue, to eastbound 7th Street, and end at the 7th Street Gazebo in front of the Garden City Hotel. A ceremony will be held at the gazebo following the end of the parade.

Long Island Chapter of the 42nd Division Association will also conduct a Memorial Day observance at the 42nd Division monument located at Clinton Road and St. James Street South on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 12 Noon.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, May 30, 2022, Memorial Day. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

	GARBAGE	RUBBISH
Western Half of Village (West of Rockaway Avenue)	Tuesday and Friday	Thursday, June 2, 2022
Eastern Half of Village (East of Rockaway Avenue)	Wednesday and Saturday	Thursday, June 2, 2022

Residents scheduled for recycling on Monday, May 30, 2022 are asked to put their recyclables out on Monday, June 6, 2022.

REDUCED OVERDUE FINES AND AMNESTY PERIOD

The Board of Trustees of the Garden City Public Library has voted to reduce fines on Library materials, effective June 1, 2022. To kick things off, there will be NO FINES at all on the materials you return to the Library between Sunday, June 5 and Saturday, June 11. Reducing overdue fines is a trend among numerous public libraries in both Nassau and Suffolk counties in an effort to encourage returning readers rather than block access to books and other materials. Effective June 1, 2022, all 25 cent daily fines for books will be reduced to 10 cents; all \$2 per day fines on media (DVDs, CDs, video games, etc.) will be reduced to \$1 per day; and Museum Pass late fines will be reduced from \$20 to \$10 per day (though the next patron admission charge will remain in effect, if applicable). The Library Board also announces "Fine Amnesty Week." Overdue fines will be waived on returned Library materials from Garden City or other Nassau Library System libraries, between Sunday, June 5 and Saturday, June 11, 2022. Payment for lost or damaged items, or patrons' unpaid overdue fines from prior returns, will be reduced in half during the same period.

2022 GAZEBO CONCERTS

In cooperation with Steve Dassa Entertainment, the Garden City Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce its schedule of summer concerts. All shows are performed at the Gazebo on Village Green, located at the corner of Stewart and Hilton Avenues. Shows begin promptly at 7:15 pm. In the event of rain, shows will be moved indoors to Cluett Hall, on the grounds of Saint Paul's School, 295 Stewart Avenue. Due to the limited seating at Cluett Hall,

proof of residency in the Inc. Village will be required for admission to the show. Here is the schedule of concerts:

- July 14: The Fireflies – “You Were Mine” and other classic hits.
- July 21: The Sky’s the Limit – A Duprees tribute band performing the hits of the legendary Duprees and other popular tunes.
- July 28: Tangerine – Featuring Stan Zizka, Edie Van Buren and Charlie Aiello performing the best music of the last 50 years.
- August 4: 1910 Fruitgum Co. – “Simon Says,” “1,2,3 Red Light” and more great 60s tunes.
- August 11: Southbound - Long Island’s Classic Country band.
- August 18: Manhattan Skyline - Great lead voices and terrific harmonies by this popular group.

For additional information about these shows, please call Garden City Recreation and Parks at (516) 465-4075.