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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Please be advised there will be a special BOT meeting next Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss leaf blowers in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom. Please contact Karen Altman at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net) before 3:00 p.m. on February 1 if you'd like the meeting link.

### **ASSOCIATE VILLAGE JUSTICE STEPHEN BUCARIA**

Mayor Cosmo Veneziale has appointed Stephen A. Bucaria an Associate Justice of the Village of Garden City to serve during the ensuing official year for a term expiring on April 4, 2022. He is appointed to serve the unexpired term of Associate Justice Brian T. Deveney, who resigned the position as of December 13, 2021. Mr. Deveney has served as an Associate Justice since 1997. We thank Mr. Deveney for his many years of service.

### **VINYL POOL LINER**

A capital project in the Recreation Department can begin ahead of schedule thanks to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The project was originally scheduled for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year. The original estimate to replace the vinyl liner in the main pool has increased from \$175,000 to \$250,000. There has been a substantial increase in the cost of the vinyl material used for the liner from the time the project was originally budgeted, and the disposal costs of the old liner have also increased greatly. According to Village Treasurer Irene Woo, the Village was allotted aid of \$102 per resident for a total of \$2.2 million. The Village has received half of the aid for this year and is authorized to use part of the funds from the ARPA funding for the project. When the Pool closed for the summer season, deterioration was much worse than anticipated, according to Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake. The liner was installed in 2003 and came with a 10-year warranty. "The existing liner has outlived its expected life span," Mr. Blake said.

### **CROSSWALK SIGNS**

Village Engineer Craig Bandini has advised that crosswalk signs with directional arrows have been installed at four locations on Clinch Avenue, Greenridge Avenue and New Hyde Park Road, noting that these signs were not included in Third Track Constructor's (3TC) Traffic Control Plan for this area during the LIRR's third track expansion project.

### **WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** The electrical subcontractor continued installing conduits and equipment boxes inside the tank this past week. The site subcontractor also completed electrical trenching, light/camera post bases and a temporary door.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** As-builts are under H2M review. The final contractor payment has

been sent to the Village. Well No. 7 construction documents are being incorporated into the Well Nos. 8 and 12 permanent structure bid. Well No. 7 rehabilitation is included in the bid package.

**Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** Well No. 8 is being prepared for performance testing. Well No. 12 will be submitted to the Health Department for final works approval. The permanent project will be available to bid the first week of February.

**Well No 9 (Wilson Street site):** Soil boring results indicate the building should be south of the abandoned ground storage tank and west of the existing booster building.

**Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** H2M is preparing a punch list for interim work. Well No. 11 has been cleaned and prepared for installation. The blower will be ordered for the Well No. 11 packed tower aerator.

**Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** H2M is progressing with permanent design. The contractor is exploring options of removing, re-planting or planting new landscaping on the south side of the site. Architectural landscaping (trees) plan is being prepared now.

**Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** Well Nos. 15 and 16 pump bowl assemblies and motors have been installed. Electrical work and interior work is continuing. Crews are preparing for performance testing by the end of February.

### **SNOWSTORMS - HELP US HELP YOU**

Looking ahead to the possibility of a major winter storm this weekend, the following suggestions are once again offered in an effort to reduce inconvenience to residents and to assist the Village in serving your needs:

- If possible, wait until the Village plows the street to clear the snow from your driveway entrance. If you can't wait, shovel or blow the snow onto your property. Do not shovel or blow snow back into the street.
- When you hear that a storm is expected, move your car off the street into your driveway. This will speed up the plowing operation and make the streets safer for travel.
- Park your car, or cars, as close to the end of the driveway as is safely possible. This eliminates the need for shoveling the entire driveway to free your car when the storm has ended and the roads are safe to travel.
- If you are unable to shovel snow or are going to be away, make arrangements to have the snow cleared from your sidewalk. Please remember that you are responsible to shovel your sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm. This will be enforced by the Police Department. This is also applicable to the business community.
- Please clear snow away from all hydrants so that the Fire Department can reach them without delay. Also, make sure that the snow is not blocking the address number to your house.
- To facilitate safe garbage collections, a clear path should be made from the sidewalk to where the garbage is kept. If this is not possible, it is suggested that the garbage be carried to the curb for pickup.

