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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **SIDEWALKS AND VILLAGE TREES**

During the June 4, 2021 Board meeting, Trustees discussed Village trees and sidewalks. Trustee John Delany stated that this has been an issue for many years and that some Village-owned trees generate sidewalk repairs. The discussion included mention that (legally, by Local Law in the Village Code) adjacent homeowners are currently liable for repairs to sidewalks, even when Village tree roots cause the damage. According to Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi, during a five-year period (2016-2020), the Village averaged \$531,000 per year in repairs - approximately \$200,000 for aprons/curbs and approximately \$300,000 for sidewalk repairs. The estimated Village tree root influence is estimated to be around 50 percent, possibly up to 60 percent of that \$300,000, based on estimates of the paving program defined in each fiscal year, Mr. Suozzi further noted. Public Works Deputy Superintendent Domenick Stanco explained the process of surveying the sidewalk flags. The Village will continue its policy regarding sidewalk replacement and is reviewing sidewalk defects caused by Village tree plantings, as well as the cost of such remedial repairs to homeowners.

### **WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** At the water tower off Old Country Road, all welding and grinding repairs have been completed. The contractor is working on interior coating repairs due to weld repairs, and tank exterior stripe and intermediate coats.

**Discolored Water Investigation:** H2M had phone conversations with residents with recent discolored water issues. Reached out to Village to obtain record of consumer complaints. Waiting for discolored water presence history to evaluate locations.

**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):** Sample lines and drainage piping continue. Fiber cables pulled through. There is power to the AOP enclosures. Flow water/pressure testing is expected within two weeks. Vaults are expected to be put in place next week. Installation of the peroxide tank and skids is also expected next week.

**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):** We are waiting on POC results for Well No. 10. Results will be submitted to the New York State Department of Health for approval to operate. Contractor will perform site restoration, and install doors and soffits. H2M will prepare preliminary building elevations for the GAC building accordingly. Site plantings will be discussed separately.

**Well Nos. 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** Completed works video was recorded. H2M will contact the contractor to have them complete interim construction.

**Well 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** The generator has been delivered to site, block work to top masonry has been completed and packing has been installed in the air stripping tower. Roof work, concrete placement for decking and setting of the generator will begin. Brickwork is on hold until cast stone for water table is delivered.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Village Hall and also via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the Village website the day before the meeting.

### **LIBRARY SUNDAY HOURS**

The Garden City Public Library will be open on the following Sundays during 2021-2022:

- September 12, 19, 26
- October 3, 17, 24, 31
- November 7, 14, 21, 28
- December 5, 12, 19
- January 9, 16, 23, 30
- February 6, 20, 27
- March 6, 13, 20, 27
- April 3, 10, 17, 24,
- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- June 5, 12

### **LIRR EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE**

During June, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

#### **Wall Construction**

- Sound wall construction will continue along the north side of the tracks, west of Merillon Station

- Work on these sections of wall will continue over the weekend throughout the month of June

### **Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement**

- Crews have begun the process of commissioning and testing the new elevators at the Merillon Avenue station to ensure complete functionality and safety requirements are met. While testing and commissioning takes place, crews will continue to lay thin brick on the interior and exterior of the elevator buildings
- Guardrails and railings are being installed on the stairs and ramps on both the north and south sides of the tracks
- EJ Electric is installing lighting at the station and platform conduit along the right of way, on the north and south sides of the tracks

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Track Installation**

- Ballast will be installed along the south side of the right-of-way during the day to support the future installation of the third track. Once the ballast has been installed, crews will build track between Nassau Boulevard and Herricks Road

### **Double Track Outages**

- Double track outages have been scheduled for the Main Line on **June 12th and 13th** and the Oyster Bay Line on June 26th and 27th
  - To reduce the overall project schedule, the project team will use these double-track outages to complete other activities in proximity to the tracks
  - During these weekends, residents will likely notice increased activity along the right-of-way
  - To ensure restoration of rail service by Monday mornings, crews will be working through the overnight hours

### **LIRR Work Along The Right-of-Way**

- In addition to 3TC's activities, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may take place overnight and on weekends
- For more information, visit the [post](#) in the Community News section of [LIRRExpansion.com](http://LIRRExpansion.com)
- For up-to-date LIRR service changes and/or changes to station access, please visit [www.MTA.info/LIRR](http://www.MTA.info/LIRR)

### **PROMENADES**

Enjoy hospitality Garden City style every week this summer as the Village of Garden City and the Garden City Chamber of Commerce once again present “Friday Night Promenades” on Seventh Street. Festivities kick off at 6 p.m. Seventh Street is closed to all vehicular traffic and parking beginning at 5:45 p.m. Enjoy live music and plenty of activities for the kids, including balloon art and face painting. Tables and chairs will be set up in the street for additional seating and outdoor dining along Seventh Street. Promenade dates (and themes) are as follows:

June 11: Mardi Gras  
June 18: Garden City State of Mind (Billy Joel)  
June 25: St. Patrick’s  
July 2: Subway Series  
July 9: Rock of Ages  
July 16: Shake, Rattle & Roll  
July 23: Christmas in July  
July 30: Back to the 80s  
August 6: Sock Hop and Doo Wop  
August 13: Peace, Love & Music (60s)  
August 20: Frank Sinatra  
August 27: Aloha Luau  
September 3: Country Western  
September 10: The Big Pineapple Circus

### **SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS**

Want to stay connected to the Village and its activities? Sign up for email alerts through an online portal on Garden City’s homepage. The link is located on the bottom right side of the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net). All you’ll need to do is provide your name and a valid email address to immediately begin receiving non-emergency updates about local meetings and events, upcoming festivals, even Village Hall holiday hours, approved solicitations and road closures. Follow our Facebook page as well for daily updates, <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofGC>.