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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **TREE LIMB TRIMMING TO EXPAND VISIBILITY OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

Garden City Police created a list of locations throughout the Village where trimming or removal of tree branches could extend the visibility of traffic lights for approaching traffic. The Recreation and Parks Department has advised that all locations have been cut back. In addition, throughout the year, the Recreation and Parks Department routinely corrects these types of conditions when advised by the Police Department. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi noted that this is another fine example of various Village Departments working together to improve the overall safety of residents and visitors alike.

### **LITIGATION REGARDING UTILITY POLES**

A state Supreme Court judge this month dismissed a lawsuit filed by the Village of Garden City against the MTA over the installation of 120-foot steel utility poles installed on the north and south sides of the LIRR tracks (between New Hyde Park station and Garden City High School). In December 2020, the law firm of Berkman Henoch Peterson Peddy & Fenchel, P.C. was engaged to pursue litigation for the purpose of removing certain utility poles placed alongside the railroad's right-of-way within Garden City. At this time, Mayor Cosmo Veneziale said the Village is evaluating all available legal options.

### **WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** At the water tower off Old Country Road, the contractor continues with application of exterior tank finish coating and scaffolding removals. H2M completed interior water cavity holiday testing of the applied finish coat.

**Discolored Water:** H2M had phone conversations with residents with recent discolored water issues. H2M also reached out to the Village to obtain record of consumer complaints. Waiting for discolored water presence history to evaluate locations, etc. H2M investigated additional discolored water complaints

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** Well No. 7 is 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):** Continue H2O2 portico roof. Complete terminating wiring, continue piping large and small piping and continue with site cleanup.

**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 wired exhaust fans, heaters and some lights in the treatment building, also installed pressure switch in Well No. 10 discharge piping. Site restoration and clean up continues, as does the installation of lights and heaters treatment building.

**Well Nos. 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** Received NYSDOH approval for plans on July 8, 2021. Submitted sampling results to obtain permission to run wells to system. Well No. 13 is ready to run. Additional sampling of the air stripping tower is required before Well No. 14 can run to system. Sampling is expected to be performed mid-week next week, pending approval.

**Well 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** Continued brick and roof work. Installed structural beams around the air stripping tower opening and began roof work around the air stripping tower.

### **FRANKLIN AVENUE DINING**

The Board of Trustees is considering the discontinuation of the “Temporary Revocable License Agreements for Use of Village Owned Property” for Calogero’s, located at 929 Franklin Avenue, Novita, located at 860 Franklin Avenue, Revel, located at 835 Franklin Avenue and Waterzooi, located at 850 Franklin Avenue. The agreements are set to expire on December 31, 2021. The Village would be exercising its rights, as stated in Paragraph One: “License may be terminated by the Village at any time at will in the Village’s sole discretion, without any liability or recourse to the Village.” Since COVID restrictions have been lifted, the Village would like the structures removed and the parking lots reverted back to their original state. The structures must be removed and the parking lots reverted back to their original state by Friday, July 23, 2021.

### **LICENSE AGREEMENT EXTENSION – GARDEN CITY CASINO**

The Board of Trustees is expected to authorize Mayor Cosmo Veneziale or Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi to execute a proposed license agreement with the Garden City Casino. The term of the proposed license agreement is from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2041. By way of background, the Village-owned Casino has operated as a Tennis & Social Club since 1895. Members are asking the Board to approve a multi-year extension of the agreement, which expires in January 2022. (The original agreement expired in May 2019. The previous Board approved two short-term extensions – the first until January 2021 and the second until January 2022.)

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Village is expected to apply for a \$50,000 multi-modal grant under the category of “municipally owned roads and streets.” The Village received information about applying for this grant from New York State Assemblyman Ed Ra. The Multi-Modal Program via the New York State Department of Transportation provides reimbursement funding for five specifically authorized transportation capital project "modes" found in State Transportation Law 14-k and NYSDOT Program Policy.

### **JEWELRY THIEF**

On June 24th, 2021 Garden City Police arrested Robert McCoy, 41, for allegedly removing assorted jewelry from two different residences in Garden City as he was employed by the homeowners to complete construction work. Any other residents who may also be a victim are asked to contact Detective Madden at Garden City Police at 516-465-4150.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW WEBSITE**

The Garden City Police Department recently launched a new website, <https://gardencitypolice.net>. Visitors can obtain auto accident reports, fill out forms and applications directly online, including FOIL requests and Consent to Search, and learn about all the E-services offered, including overnight parking permits, language access services and more.