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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **SPEEDING**

In addition to the Department's already rigorous traffic enforcement program, several modifications have been made to address excessive speed and other aggressive driving violations throughout the Village. Some of these include:

- One Officer has been added to the Traffic Enforcement Squad.
- Officers assigned to overlapping tours have been assigned to traffic enforcement details.
- A Decoy vehicle has been deployed to known high-speed locations.
- A portable speed indicator sign has been assigned to high complaint areas.
- While their main function is patrol, members assigned to the Patrol Division have been directed to address Stop sign violations on their posts as well as other violations that commonly occur in residential areas.

During the first six months of 2021, Officers have issued more than 5,000 traffic tickets. The Officers' traffic enforcement efforts have had a significant impact on the reduction of the number of auto crashes in the Village this year as compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019. Results of the Cathedral Avenue Traffic Calming Study will be presented at the July 15th Board of Trustees meeting.

### **LIRR EMPLOYEES**

Trustee Bruce Chester and six residents comprise the Village's LIRR Committee. At a recent meeting with representatives of 3TC/LIRR and the Village, two main concerns were discussed: railroad workers parking on Village property and the bright work lights along Merillon Avenue. The Garden City Police Department has been advised to ticket anyone illegally parked. According to Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, personnel have been assigned to monitor the issue, particularly along Main Avenue where resident complaints include LIRR employees parking in two-hour parking zones for a prolonged period of time and also parking in front of fire hydrants.

### **VILLAGE TREE PLANTINGS**

The Recreation and Parks Department will be going out to bid towards late summer, with expected tree plantings in the fall. According to Commissioner Paul Blake, the Department did not do a planting in the spring because some growers had their stock damaged last August during Tropical Storm Isaias. "By holding off until the fall, we will be getting better trees than we would have in the spring," he said. There is currently a list of approximately 185 trees to be planted in the Village this fall. Last year, the Village lost more trees than usual due to Tropical Storm Isaias. "That's why we're planting more than we usually would," Mr. Blake said. Since Sandy, the Village plants, on average, 120-140 trees each year (and removes approximately 100-120 in a typical year too).

## **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 began interior water cavity holiday testing of the applied finish coat. Approximately 30 percent of interior water cavity finish coatings remain.

**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):** 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):** Continue control wiring in the AOP enclosures, installed hydrogen peroxide suction, discharge piping and injection quills. 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):** Received Nassau County approval to run the system. The contractor is finishing any outstanding items per the Department of Health comments. Site restoration and clean up will take place, as will installation of lights and heaters.

**Well Nos. 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** NYSDOH has no further comments; currently waiting for the Heath Department's comments for full approval. Drainage piping was installed for the AOP enclosures.

**Well 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** Installed trusses, sheeting and cast stone water table. Continuing brickwork. The hydrogen peroxide tank has been delivered.

## **4<sup>th</sup> of JULY CRACKDOWN RESULTS**

The Garden City Police Department, along with various other Police Departments throughout Nassau County, participated in a "DWI Crackdown" Enforcement Initiative targeting Intoxicated and Drugged Drivers over the Fourth of July weekend. The Nassau County Traffic Safety STOP DWI Program, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the New York State STOP DWI Coordinators Association funded the initiative. The holiday is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk driving crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, "From 2015 to 2019, there were 1,339 drivers killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes over the Fourth of July holiday period — 38 percent of the drivers killed were drunk." During this initiative,

July 2, 2021 through July 5, 2021, Police Officers were assigned to monitor the Village's roadways, strictly enforcing all DWI laws:

- On July 3, Officers arrested a 59-year-old male on Cambridge Avenue for DWI and passing multiple Stop signs.
- On July 4, upon investigation of a vehicle stopped on Washington Avenue impeding traffic, Officers arrested a 21-year-old male for Aggravated DWI (more than .18 percent Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)).
- On July 5, as a result of a traffic stop investigation on 9th Street, Officers arrested a 23-year-old female for DWI and driving without her vehicle's headlights activated.

### **2021-22 SANITATION COLLECTION SCHEDULE AND REGULATIONS**

The 2021-22 Sanitation/Recycling collection schedule is now available on the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), for your reference. Please click on the "Departments" tab, then the "Public Works" tab to open the schedule. The sanitation guidelines have also been mailed to all Village residents. Collections are from curbside on your assigned pick-up day, except as noted on the holiday schedule. The recycling container should be used for commingled recyclables only and placed at the curb on the night prior to your scheduled collection, but not before 7:00 p.m. Paper should not be placed in the green recycling container. As a follow up to the enforcement of Village sanitation regulations, warning letters and fines will be issued to residents and commercial owners who do not comply with Village regulations.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE**

During July, August and September, the Board of Trustees meets once a month. The dates are Thursday, July 15th, Thursday, August 19th and Thursday, September 16th, 2021 beginning at 7:30 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Board Room at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. The July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the last meeting to also be held via Zoom.

- July 15, 2021 at Village Hall and via Zoom
- August 19, 2021 at Village Hall
- September 16, 2021 at Village Hall