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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **INCIDENTS OF GRAFFITI**

The Police Department is investigating reports of graffiti at various locations in the Village, including the Denton Avenue overpass, Nassau Haven Park, Garden City School Bus Garage, Garden City Nursery School, and Community Park. According to Paul Blake, Recreation personnel cleaned the graffiti in both Nassau Haven Park and Community Park. The Long Island Rail Road is responsible for its removal at the Denton Avenue overpass, according to Public Works Superintendent Anthony DeRosa.

### **EDGEMERE FIREHOUSE ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The Edgemere Firehouse engineering feasibility study has been awarded. Old Structure Engineering, P.C. is providing engineering investigation and analysis services to determine and then design the feasible alteration of the existing Edgemere Road Firehouse building and potential additions. Engineers have been on site and are reviewing existing AutoCad documents for the redesign.

### **NASSAU BOULEVARD TRAIN STATION BRICK WALL**

The Nassau Boulevard train station brick retaining wall will soon undergo a major preservation/restoration at a significantly lower cost than previously expected. The original masonry walls are being restored per my direction, resulting in significant savings in contrast to the original masonry wall replacement design details which would have lost most of the original historic masonry. Original cost estimates for replacement of the wall were approximately \$900,000. The project, which was deferred in May 2021, will now cost approximately \$150,000. Village personnel are currently checking references and the Board of Trustees is expected to award the project at the July 21, 2022 Board meeting. The freed up money could now be repurposed for other capital projects, Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi said.

### **DENTON AVENUE/MAIN AVENUE REDESIGN**

The Village continues to work with 3rd Track Constructors (3TC) on the Denton Avenue/Main Avenue road redesign. Village officials have submitted a re-design and are awaiting feedback from 3TC.

### **CHERRY VALLEY TRAIN TRESTLE REPLACEMENT**

In June, the MTA/LIRR began a project to replace the Cherry Valley train trestle. The work to build the new abutments is expected to be completed before school begins in September. The new trestle is currently being built in Pennsylvania and will be disassembled and moved to the Cathedral property, which is currently being leased by the MTA. The trestle will be reconstructed and put into place next spring. At Mayor Cosmo Veneziale's request, he, along with other Village officials, met with the Village's LIRR government liaisons and the project manager in late May to discuss, among other things, preservation aspects of the plan. The Village

is awaiting design documents as soon as they are available.

### **2022-23 SANITATION COLLECTION SCHEDULE AND REGULATIONS**

The 2022-23 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. Non-compliance of Village sanitation regulations continues to be a quality of life issue. Warning letters have been mailed and fines will be issued to residents and commercial owners who do not comply with Village regulations.

### **CONCERTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

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 p.m. In the event of rain, shows will be moved indoors to Cluett Hall, on the grounds of St. Paul’s School, 295 Stewart Avenue. Due to 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.

### **LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE**

During the month of July, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

#### **UTILITIES**

- Crews from EJ Electric will continue the process of removing temporary utility poles across the entire project alignment.
  - In some areas, workers may have to access private property in which case the project will coordinate in advance with individual business/property owners

### **TANNERS POND RD / DENTON AVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

- Sidewalk drainage pavement and refurbished granite from the original Denton Avenue Bridge is being installed on the south side of the bridge and is expected to continue through mid-July.
- The project team is coordinating closely with the Village of Garden City to finalize the design of the new traffic configuration and re-open the roadway.
  - As a result, local road closures and detours are in place for the time being.
  - Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue is closed from Main Avenue to Railroad Avenue. Traffic is being redirected to alternate routes, and work zone traffic control (WZTC) signage has been posted throughout the closure.
  - A vehicular detour map for the area can be found [here](#).

### **WALL CONSTRUCTION**

- Crews are currently installing security fencing along the top of the newly installed wall from Nassau Boulevard to approximately Cornelia Avenue.

### **MERILLON AVENUE STATION ENHANCEMENT**

- 3TC has substantially completed its work on the Merillon Avenue Station. The process of restoring the area in its permanent condition has begun.
  - As a result, there will be ongoing punch list work, including the installation of misc. handrails, infill panels, and platform barriers, at the station throughout the month.
- During the first week of July, on one night during the overnight hours, surfacing equipment is expected to be moved from Divide 1 (approx. Urban Ave) to New Nassau 1 (approx. Merillon Ave Station)

### **LANDSCAPING**

- With planting season underway, the project has remained committed to landscaping and other design elements – such as the planting of trees, shrubs and other greenery – that will enhance a completed project and contribute to the beautification of the corridor.
  - Landscaping has begun and will continue throughout July.

### **ADDITIONAL LIRR WORK ALONG THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- In addition to the activities described above, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way at various times during the month.
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may be taking place overnight and on weekends.
- For more information, visit the [post](#) in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com.

### **MEADOW STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

The Board of Trustees has engaged L.K. McLean Associates, P.C. to evaluate the existing catchment area and design drainage improvements for a portion of the eastern section of the Village and to also create a comprehensive assessment that shall include various strategic plans with estimated pricing for improving the drainage in the existing catchment area at a cost of

\$42,800.

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