

December 9, 2020

THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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Village Hall and the administrative offices are open for in-person inquiries and business, and all full-time staff has returned to the on-site workplace. Office hours are between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear a face covering, maintain social distancing of six feet and sign in to a Visitor's Log outside of the office they are visiting. Furthermore, while multiple people can enter Village Hall, only one person will be admitted into each office space at a time and are asked to abide by employee instructions.

PPE DISTRIBUTION IN GARDEN CITY

Mayor Theresa Trouvé helped distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to local businesses in downtown Garden City on December 4. The Village received approximately 50 boxes of PPE kits from Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin's office in late November and worked with the Garden City Chamber of Commerce to identify businesses within the Village that had a need for PPE. Domenick Stanco, deputy superintendent of the Department of Public Works, and Street Department employee Frank Brusack, assisted the Mayor.

A day earlier, on December 3, Hempstead Town Clerk Kate Murray delivered approximately 10,000 facemasks to the Village's first responders in the Police and Fire Departments. Each PPE kit comes fully equipped with the necessities needed to follow appropriate COVID-19 protocols:

- A contactless infrared digital thermometer
- Five face shields
- Eight boxes of 50 three-ply masks
- Two boxes of 100 pairs of powder-free vinyl gloves
- Two gallons of hand sanitizer with a spray pump
- A canister of 1,500 sanitizing wipes

This initiative is made possible through funding from the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act. President Donald Trump signed the \$2.2 trillion stimulus bill into law on March 27, 2020 in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. Garden City was just awarded a \$221,000 reimbursement grant through the CARES Act to help offset COVID-19 related expenditures.

LIVE EVENING COURTROOM APPEARANCES SUSPENDED

Effective Monday, December 14, 2020, there shall be no live evening courtroom appearances. December 14 was scheduled to be our last court for the year. It is unknown how long this current restriction will be in place. The court will continue to conduct virtual and telephonic conferences and continue to dispose as many cases as possible. The court will remain open during normal business hours to accept payments as well as file

paperwork related to cases. Capacity restrictions and PPE requirements will be in place. If you have received a moving violation and would like to adjudicate your ticket remotely, you may either contact the court or simply fill out “section b” on the right side of your ticket, plea of not guilty, and return it to the court by mail. Please include a phone number and write “request remote conference.” For more information, please contact Village Justice Clerk Gregory Cutrone at 465-4080 or gcutrone@gardencityny.net.

BOARD MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of public comment on issues coming before the Board as agenda items for action and the importance of allowing citizens to express themselves on matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board provides a period for public participation at every regular business meeting or special meeting of the Board. Citizens’ questions or comments on formal Agenda items shall be permitted before the Board takes official action on agenda items, as follows:

- Those who wish to make a comment or ask a question are requested to come forward and use the podium so everyone present can hear the comment or question. Comments should be directed to the Board of Trustees.
- Commentators are requested to state their name and address when they approach the podium.
- Comments are limited to 4 minutes per person. There is no sharing of time. If you have 2 minutes of time you are not allowed to give someone else those unused 2 minutes.
- Board members may choose to respond to a question, but those situations will be rare. Generally, we receive commentary and do not engage in back and forth conversation.
- We may ask the commentators a question - the goal of any such question is to understand the comments being made. It may be necessary for members of the Board to ask a question in order to fully understand the comments being made. We may interject to correct a statement presented as fact when it is not. We do so not to embarrass anyone.
- Discussion on any matter shall be made in a civil manner. Insults towards anyone will not be tolerated. Inappropriate and disrespectful comments aimed at others will not be tolerated. Speaking over others will not be tolerated.
- Let everyone who wishes to speak have their say in a polite and respectful manner and allow those present to hear other commentators. We reserve the right to remove disrespectful or rude persons.
- After agenda items are completed, residents are encouraged to participate in the open comment portion of the meetings during which time the Board will entertain comments of any general Village matters not previously presented on the agenda for action by the Board.

CHAMBER TOLL HOUSE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

The Board of Trustees approved an extension agreement for the Toll House license between the Village and Garden City Chamber of Commerce. Trustees granted the Chamber another year at a reduced rent of \$100; the current rent is \$434.30. The Chamber moved Garden City's historic Long Island Motor Parkway Toll Lodge to 230 Seventh Street in 1989 where it became the Chamber's permanent home. It is one of only five Motor Parkway toll collection structures still partially or completely intact and the only one that's been completely restored.

SHED THE MEDS DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

The Village of Garden City, the Garden City Police Department and Nassau County Legislator Laura Schaefer are joining together to host a “Shed the Meds” Drug Take-Back event in Garden City on Saturday, December 12, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Garden City Village Hall parking lot located at 351 Stewart Avenue. All residents are invited to help combat abuse and misuse of prescription medications by safely disposing of unwanted, unused and expired medications.

Drop Off Instructions:

- Keep all medications in the original containers
- Block out name for anonymity
- Do not cross out medication information
- Illegal narcotics may also be dropped off anonymously

Items Not Accepted:

- No thermometers
- No I.V. bags
- No liquids
- No chemo drugs
- No syringes
- No sharps

For more information, contact Legislator Schaefer's office at 516-571-6214 or lschaefer@nassaucountyny.gov.

BUCKLE-UP NEW YORK INITIATIVE

The Garden City Police Department participated in the two-week Buckle-Up New York campaign November 16-29, 2020 in an effort to increase seatbelt and child seat use for all vehicle occupants. As a result, Officers issued 56 tickets for seatbelt and occupant safety violations.

WESTERN NASSAU TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Contractors for PSEG Long Island's Western Nassau Transmission Project have

completed the civil and electrical construction work for the project at this time. Current activities include restoration of items such as sidewalks, curbs and landscaping. This work will occur during daytime hours with the exception of paving, which may occur during nighttime hours, with no major traffic impacts. Restoration work, with the exception of tree plantings to be completed in springtime, will be completed by December 31, 2020. Upon that time, work on the WNTP will officially be complete.