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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **MEET AND GREET**

The Village Governance Committee will host a "Meet and Greet" with several Village Trustees on Tuesday, February 22nd at the Village Senior Center on Golf Club Lane from 7-9 p.m. The monthly Meet and Greet, held the fourth Tuesday of each month, is an opportunity for residents to engage directly with BOT members without going through any third parties or having to wait until the end of a Village Board of Trustees meeting. There will be a maximum of 3-4 Trustees at each meeting to avoid any violations of the Open Meetings Law, although all eight are invited to each Meet and Greet. The monthly meetings do not have an agenda; Trustees are available to discuss multiple issues and concerns. If you have a specific question, please feel free to come, ask your question and leave. It is part of the structure of the Meet and Greets.

### **SEVENTH STREET BANK ROBBERY**

Officers responded to Seventh Street for a report of a bank robbery Monday, February 14. A subject described as a male/white, 6 feet tall, 40-50 years of age, and wearing a black knit hat, black jacket, blue jeans, brown boots, and a black mask, reportedly walked up to a teller and handed her a demand note. After receiving an undisclosed amount of money from the teller, the subject fled the scene westbound on Seventh Street. On February 15th, NCPD Detectives arrested the 49-year-old subject in West Hempstead. He was also charged with two additional bank robberies that occurred in Mineola on February 12th and in Merrick on Feb. 9th.

### **FAQs ABOUT MARCH 15, 2022 VILLAGE ELECTION**

#### **When is the 2022 Village Election?**

The Village Election is taking place on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

#### **Where Can I Vote?**

In-person voting is taking place at St. Paul's Field House. Absentee ballots are also available.

#### **What Time Are Polls Open?**

Polls are open 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

#### **Who Are The "For A Better Garden City" Slate of Candidates?**

1. Mary Carter Flanagan
2. Charles P. Kelly
3. Bruce A. Torino
4. Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.

#### **Who Are The "Community Agreement Party" Slate of Candidates?**

1. Judy Courtney
2. Michael Daab

### 3. Tracey Williams

#### **How Many Candidates Can I Vote For?**

Choose Four: Trustees (Two-Year Term)

(The four candidates with the most votes will become Village Trustees)

#### **Can I Only Vote For the Candidates Who Live In My Section of the Village?**

No. Residents can vote for candidates, village-wide. The positions of Village Trustee are Village wide positions under state and local law and all persons, regardless of where in the Village the voter resides, can vote for any candidate for these positions.

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

The Board of Elections provides the Village with a listing of residents who are permanently disabled. When the ballot has been finalized, the Village automatically sends those residents absentee ballots. All other residents have the option of requesting an Absentee Ballot Application for one of the several reasons listed on the Application, including, but not limited to, if they are out of the Village on Election Day, have a temporary illness, or under the Governor's Executive Orders, they do not feel comfortable coming out of the house to vote due to concerns of contracting COVID.

If they do want an Absentee Ballot, they must fill out an Absentee Ballot Application, which is available in both English and Spanish on the Village website under "Business/Clerk's Office." This form needs to be filled out and either mailed to the attention of the Village Clerk, Karen Altman, at 351 Stewart Avenue, or dropped off to her attention at Village Hall. Residents can also request the form via email at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net) or, if they do not have access to a computer, they can call 465-4051. It will be mailed to them unless they want to come to Village Hall to pick it up.

The last day for the Clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to a qualified voter is March 8, 2022. The last day for the Clerk to mail absentee ballots to qualified voters is March 9, 2022. The last day for the Clerk to receive personal applications for an absentee ballot from the applicant or the applicant's agent is March 14, 2022. Upon receiving a personal application, the Clerk will deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant, or his agent. Whichever method is used to submit the Application and obtain the ballot (i.e. via mail or personally), the Village Clerk must receive the ballot itself no later than the close of polls on Election Day.

#### **POTHOLE REPAIRS**

Pothole repair is ongoing in the Village. Roving crews are addressing problem areas that the Department of Public Works is aware of and responding to calls from residents for specific concerns. If a resident sees a pothole and wants to alert the Department for repairs, please call the DPW dispatcher at 465-4031/32 and the Highway Department will be notified. Also, as a reminder, the Village does not maintain all of the streets in the Village. For example, Nassau Boulevard, New Hyde Park Road, Cathedral Avenue, Clinton Road, Washington Avenue and sections of Stewart Avenue, Rockaway Avenue and Old Country Road are Nassau County-owned and maintained. We cannot fix those streets but as always the Village attempts to have the County make repairs in a timely fashion.

### **2021-2022 ONLINE TAX PAYMENT AVAILABILITY**

The online tax payment system for the current 2021-2022 tax year is only available until February 18, 2022. As of February 19, 2022 only water bill payments will be accepted online. Online tax payments will resume on June 1, 2022 for the new 2022-2023 tax year. For current tax balances, or payment methods available, please contact the Tax Department at 516-465-4156.

### **SOLICITATIONS**

At this time, no one has permission to solicit in the Village. Applications to solicit for any cause must be made to the Village Clerk in writing, before soliciting is permitted. Following an investigation of the person and organization, a license to solicit may be granted. Certain reasonable restrictions may be placed on a license. They include: hours of solicitation, the number of solicitors, the locality and period of time for which permission is granted. All persons soliciting donations are required to carry identification cards.

A Local Law the Board of Trustees passed in 1982 prohibits all unwanted commercial solicitations and distributions on all private residential property in the Village; and further prohibits non-commercial solicitations and distributions on private property to the extent desired by the resident. The Law was designed to protect residents from unwanted invasions of the privacy of their homes. Concerns from residents regarding the nuisance caused by door-to-door solicitations prompted its passage. It also reflects concerns that burglaries have taken place by thieves posing as salesmen to gain entry or to learn if occupants are at home. Residents can submit a "Do Not Solicit" form, which is available on the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).