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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **MASK MANDATE**

Effective Monday, December 13th, masks/face coverings are required within all indoor Village facilities regardless of vaccination status. This New York State Department of Health determination is based on its evaluation of the current COVID-19 numbers and is in alignment with recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Masks/face coverings are required to be worn by all persons over the age of 2 and those medically able to tolerate a face covering/mask.

### **LIRR**

During a Special Meeting of the Board on Friday, December 10, 2021, Trustees authorized the transfer of \$100,000 to continue to engage the law firm of Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C. regarding litigation against the Village in connection with its refusal to issue certain permits to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and Long Island Rail Road (LIRR). Trustees also directed Special Counsel Joseph Macy to continue to take all necessary steps to appeal (and perfect the appeal) in the case of Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Long Island Rail Road Company v. Incorporated Village of Garden City as well as the case of the Incorporated Village of Garden City v. Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Long Island Rail Road Company, Long Island Power Authority, Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. and PSEG Long Island, LLC. The Village instituted litigation against these parties in an effort to have the poles installed south of the railroad tracks near the Merillon Avenue train station removed.

The Temporary Restraining Order against Garden City was relieved by a higher Court Judge, allowing for the filing of papers on December 15, 2021. The Board of Trustees has approved appeal of the prior judge's ruling regarding the poles and the reconstruction of the Denton Avenue underpass. The Board of Trustees will provide updates when available and when permitted by Special Legal Counsel.

### **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

On Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. William Bradford Turner Post 265 will conduct a brief Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veterans Plaza by the Garden City LIRR Station in conjunction with the Wreaths Across America program. Boy Scouts from Troop 55 will be placing wreaths at the base of each of the seven monuments.

### **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE BRIAN DEVENEY RESIGNATION**

Garden City Associate Village Justice Brian Deveney resigned effective Monday, December 13, 2021. Not only has he been an Associate Justice since 1997, but he also served as a Village Trustee between 1989-1991 and as Mayor between 1991-1993. Mr. Deveney was appointed to the Mayor's Committee on St. Paul's in 1993, serving as Chairman for many years. When that Committee reconvened in 2000 he again served as Chairman. He will again serve as Chairman of the newly formed 2021 Mayor's Committee on St. Paul's. We thank Mr. Deveney for his many

years of service as Associate Village Justice and are extremely grateful for his many years of service to the Village.

### **POOL INTERVIEWS**

If you are interested in working at the Garden City Pool this summer please note the following: You must be a high school senior or older, or worked at the Pool last season to interview for a summer position. Lifeguard, Pool attendant and office staff are needed.

Interviews will be conducted between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the following days:

- Tuesday, December 21, 2021
- Wednesday, December 22, 2021
- Monday, December 27, 2021
- Tuesday, December 28, 2021
- Thursday, December 30 (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Please call the Recreation Office at 516-465-4075 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to set up an interview. As this is for many new prospective employees their first time interviewing for a job, please note the following:

- Dress appropriately.
- Items that will be discussed: Job availability, job description and duties, requirements of the job, past work experience. (Please note babysitting, volunteer work, yard work and household chores as well as coaching and officiating are considered past work experience. Past work experience is not a requirement for the job.)
- Extracurricular and community activities such as clubs, teams, scouts and school plays may be discussed during the interview.
- Pool attendants must be willing to do maintenance and janitorial work as part of their work day.

### **FRIENDS ORNAMENT/TOTE BAG SALE**

The **Friends of the Garden City Public Library** are pleased to announce that, based on popular demand, they are selling ornaments and totes to support the various Library programs. All ornaments are boxed for gifting and have the pineapple logo and "Garden City" imprinted in gold. The glass ornaments are \$13.00 and the plastic are \$10.00, with the Garden City gold pineapple totes selling for \$10.00. Please support the Library by stopping by the Library to place your order or pick up a Garden City themed WELCOME item. Friends volunteers will be offering these items on the lower level of the Library on:

- Each Monday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Saturday, December 18, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Sunday, December 19, from 1:15 to 3:15 PM

In addition, orders can be placed at the Library Circulation Desk. Please write your name, phone number and which ornaments/totes you'd like and the quantity. Orders of five or more will be

delivered to your home. Under five ornaments can be picked up on the designated dates.

**HOLIDAY SANITATION COLLECTION**

Please note there is normal weekly Sanitation collection the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.