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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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TROPICAL STORM HENRI

Tropical Storm Henri dumped several inches of rain and triggered flash flood warnings in Garden City over the weekend but spared the area from high winds as its track turned further east than originally expected. As the storm approached, all Department Heads and Supervisors readied vehicles and equipment. All contractor work sites and equipment were secured, along with any Village-related fieldwork sites. The Village coordinated with other governmental agencies, including the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management and PSEGLI.

Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi provided Mayor Cosmo Veneziale with an update regarding the Village's readiness, which was then communicated to the entire Board of Trustees. Mayor Veneziale personally thanks the Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation Department, Sanitation Department, Public Works and Village Administration for the coordinated effort during the storm.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Department and Mechanic Shop looked over several pumps, chainsaws, trucks and pay loaders to make sure they were all in good working order. In addition, all equipment got fueled up on Friday. "We were prepared for flooding, downed trees or anything else Mother Nature threw at us," DPW Deputy Superintendent Domenick Stanco said. Street Department employees were called in to pump out catch basins at various areas throughout the Village that were flooding streets. Basins were at and overcapacity in some locations. Crews also put out barricades in flooded areas to close off streets in case the storm intensified. On Friday and again on Sunday crews cleaned debris in front of catch basin inlets.

The Fire Department was able to rescue several occupants who were trapped in their vehicles and assisted the Police Department in preventing countless other vehicles from becoming trapped in flooded sections of the Village. On top of the flooding condition calls, the Fire Department responded to 13 alarms over the weekend. "We were coordinating and preparing for the past week in anticipation of the hurricane hitting Long Island. The chief's office attended numerous Zoom conferences with the County and we were kept up to date with the path of the storm," Chief Devyn Moody said.

Numerous resources were made available with the help of Nassau County and the Office of Emergency Management. All apparatus and equipment was refueled and operational in the event of an emergency. "As with every storm/natural disaster that may occur, members were stationed at the firehouses for emergency response throughout the Village in case an emergency presented itself," Chief Moody added.

Between August 21 and 23, Police Officers responded to 29 storm-related calls, including a transformer fire, an accident, a house fire, dislodged manhole covers, flooding

conditions, disabled vehicles, burglary alarms, fire alarms and fallen tree limbs. Further, the Water Department was also on site to monitor and maintain all Village well sites in the case of power failure.

The storm tracked further east than originally predicted, sparing the area from high winds and downed trees. In fact, only one tree fell as a result of the storm, on Clinton Road near Pell Terrace. “We actually had a fairly quiet weekend,” Recreation and Parks Commissioner Paul Blake said. Crews spent Friday and Saturday preparing for the storm by securing anything that could be blown away, and by preparing equipment and vehicles for the storm. Pool staff removed all umbrellas from tables and stacked chairs. Recreation facilities were closed on Sunday as per Commissioner Blake.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

The Board has engaged Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP to prepare a neighborhood traffic calming study of the locally owned “numbered” streets between Franklin and Rockaway Avenues at a cost of \$32,500. This was first requested at the November 19, 2020 Traffic Commission meeting. Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP just completed a road diet traffic calming study of Cathedral Avenue, from Seventh Street to St. Paul’s Place. The proposed road diet would transform Cathedral Avenue, which is Nassau County-owned, from a four-lane road without shoulders into a three-lane road with shoulders – one travel lane in each direction from St. Paul’s Place to 6th Street with a two-way left-turn lane. Shoulders could be paved, turned into dedicated bike lanes or created with curb extensions. Following feedback provided by residents, Board members and Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, Creighton Manning will finalize the report and conceptual plan so that it can be adopted by the Board of Trustees, if desired, and then submitted to Nassau County for review and approval. To view the PowerPoint presentation and read the draft report, please visit the Village website, www.gardencityny.net.

THIRD TRACK AND DENTON AVENUE BRIDGE

As all residents of our beloved Village are acutely aware, the Long Island Railroad’s Third Track Expansion Project has had a significant impact upon each of us. We recognize that you have many questions concerning the Project and how it will continue to impact the Village, particularly with respect to the Denton Avenue Bridge and potential changes to the roadway and bridge design. At the current time, the Village is actively engaged in litigation with the Long Island Railroad over issues involving the electric utility poles and the Denton Avenue area. As a result, we cannot discuss the particulars of the pending litigation. As of this date, no plan for the reconstruction of the Denton Avenue Bridge and the related roadway has been finalized. As this information becomes available, we will share it with you and look forward to receiving your input. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work to improve and preserve our Village now and for the future.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: The contractor has completed foundation/grout repairs this week and the painter expects to remobilize next week to complete the exterior coatings.

Discolored Water: H2M continues its investigation into discolored “rusty” water. H2M and the Village have also received “blue” water complaints from two buildings. H2M has made suggestions to the Village to mitigate such issues and will provide a report this week. Water meets all regulatory standards.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): Well No. 7 is 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.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): H2M completed performance testing of the Well 12 AOP system and sent samples to Pace Analytical. Sample results are expected within two and a half weeks. H2M and the Village will then flush/rinse Well 12 carbon filters and sample for arsenics.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): The Board approved H2M’s proposal for design and permitting of Well 9’s AOP treatment. The survey has also been completed and soil borings and the soil investigation are being coordinated.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): Crews continue electrical work in the treatment building and for the new switch gear. Once the summer ends, Well 11 will be rehabilitated and the site electric equipment will be upgraded.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): Received approval from the New York State Department of Health to operate wells with treatment to system. Wells 13 and 14 are able to run to system through treatment. Well 13 is currently running to system without treatment. The Board approved H2M’s proposal for completion of the permanent design and construction. Bond amendment to replace GACs and lower profile of building was also approved. The Village will introduce Well 14 through the treatment system. Once Well 14 is stable, Well 13 will be sent through treatment to system.

Wells 15 and 16 Hilton Park site): Crews installed interior and site piping and conduits from the building to the generator pad. The hot water heater was also installed.

7N PARKING PERMITS

At the August 19, 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved changes to the 7N parking program for 67 Hilton Avenue residents. The Board voted to reduce the parking fee from \$275 to \$0 for the following year that commences September 1. In addition, the Board expanded the spaces needed to allow for one permit per apartment. Finance Department employees are in the process of renewing the applications for existing permit holders and mailing applications to all other residents of 67 Hilton Avenue. Once the additional spaces have been allocated and signage placed, the remaining permits can be issued. In the meantime, residents can provide completed applications with the required documentation to the Finance Department at Village Hall.

NEW POOL HOURS

Effective Monday, August 23, Pool hours are now Noon to 8:00 p.m. until further notice.