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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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EDGEMERE ROAD FIREHOUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Edgemere Firehouse Feasibility Study was presented to the Board of Trustees during a Special Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at Village Hall. The presentation was in accordance with the Mayor's efforts to preserve, revitalize and optimize the use of Village assets in an economically prudent manner. The engagement of Old Structure Engineering, P.C., which resulted in the plans presented, was in keeping with the Village's continuing efforts to explore options and determine the feasibility of having the Village buildings well designed and functional for present and future generations of residents. Moreover, determining the maximum size of the apparatus door openings at the Edgemere Firehouse will also help in standardizing apparatus size as part of a Village Fire Safety Master Plan. One of the recommendations of the Village's Fire Safety Committee was to update and modernize Firehouses 2 and 3 to accommodate, if needed, an Engine and Truck company. The benefit of having three firehouses with equipment distributed to each location is lower response times.

The firm is providing engineering investigation and analysis services to determine and then design the feasible alteration of the existing firehouse building and potential additions. The study reviewed design criteria - including keeping the building's historic architectural features, vehicle criteria and numerous options that would accommodate fire apparatus at the west end site. The study resulted in two preferred options and another to be considered. The next step is to engage an architectural firm to work with the Fire Department and Building Department to prepare detailed plans on which construction costs can be obtained. To view the full study, please visit our Village website, www.gardencityny.net. Questions about the study? Contact Trustee Bruce Torino, Fire Commissioner and a member of the Mayor's Fire Safety Committee, at btorino@gardencityny.net.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: Waiting for final POC and IOC results from Pace Labs, from the second set of samples requested by the Nassau County Department of Health. Once final sample results are received, a completed works request will be issued.

Corrosion Control Study: H2M met with the Village to discuss options on corrosion control treatment. Interim treatment with 55-gallon drums is moving forward. H2M met with the Village for a pre-design meeting on August 3, 2022.

Lead Service Line Inventory: The lead service line investigation and analysis of Village plumbing permits and house ages is complete. The draft map showing house/street side services will be presented to the Village. Follow up steps to complete inventory are under discussion. Additional building permits provided by the Village for review. The revised draft Lead Service Line inventory narrative was sent to the Village on April 28, 2022.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): H2M provided permanent final bid plans and specifications to the Village for review.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): H2M is waiting to receive Health Department

approvals for interim treatment design.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): H2M is looking to schedule a meeting with the Village to review preliminary plans prior to design kickoff.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): H2M is waiting on additional sample results from the lab. Dehumidifiers have been installed. H2M will be scheduling a final walk through with the Nassau County Health Department.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): The contractor continued installation of exterior brick facade and insulations. The south wall is complete.

Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site): The contractor painted piping in the Well No. 15 pump station. Valve testing was aborted since too many valves were inoperable. Crews are waiting for the arrival of new electronic valves for operation of iron removal plant.

SPEED AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 14-21

Mayor Cosmo Veneziale and Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson announce from August 14-21, 2022 the Garden City Police Department will be participating in the New York State Speed Awareness Week Initiative, a high visibility mobilization aimed at reducing speed related crashes. During this campaign, Officers will be intensifying enforcement of excessive speed violations in an effort to reduce vehicle crashes. According to the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, in 2021, 35 percent of all traffic fatalities in New York were caused by speeding; 389 people lost their lives and 2,256 people suffered serious injuries in these preventable collisions.

Traffic enforcement remains a top priority of the Police Department. During the first six months of 2022, 5,635 traffic tickets were issued; 1,152 were for speed violations. The Traffic Commission has installed numerous speed indicator signs throughout the Village. In addition, the Traffic Commission has approved the installation of additional warning devices at various crosswalks. Additional school speed zones were added while other established zones were improved.

RESTRICTIONS ON LAWN SPRINKLING

New York State has placed Long Island under a drought watch due to low precipitation levels and high temperatures. Residents are asked to conserve water whenever possible. Lawn sprinkling and garden irrigation of any outdoor lawn, field, garden, hedge, shrub or tree, whether by automatic system, manual sprinklers or hand watering, may be done only during the period from April 16 to November 30 each year. Residents are reminded that watering hours are from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days and even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days. Thank you for your cooperation. Below are a few tips.

- Water lawns only when necessary
- Water in the early morning to reduce evaporation and maximize soil hydration
- Keep your grass taller, longer grass is healthier with strong roots and needs less water
- Utilize water from rain barrels, dehumidifiers or air conditioners to water plants
- Sweep to clean driveways and sidewalks, instead of using a hose
- Fix leaking pipes, hoses, and faucets
- Only use your dishwasher and washing machine with full loads

The National Weather Service is predicting above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation for the rest of the summer. Small actions to help reduce water usage can make a

big difference.

IDENTITY THEFT CASES

The Garden City Police Department has investigated numerous identity theft cases in the Village, with almost a dozen more cases reported in the last week. If you believe you may be a victim of identity theft, please contact the Department at 516-465-4100.

LIFEGUARD SHORTAGE

Due to a projection of shortage of lifeguards, the Garden City Pool will be making the following adjustments to its schedule and swim lessons through the end of the season:

Swim Lessons

- The final day of 4th session of swim lessons will be Friday, August 12. All members that are registered for swim lessons will get a full refund for the 4th session.

Hours of the Facility

- Beginning Tuesday, August 16 the Pool will be open 7 days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We apologize for the inconvenience and should anything change, we will let you know. As always, our number 1 priority is the safety of our members.

As college students head off to school, the Garden City Pool is looking to hire those 16 or older who can commit to the Pool through Labor Day. Please stop in the Pool Office for more details. We are looking for Nassau County Certified Lifeguards, as well as attendants and a pump house helper.

BLOOD DRIVE AT LIBRARY AUGUST 24

New York Blood Center recently announced a blood and platelet emergency. The Garden City Public Library will be holding a blood drive on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting room on the lower level of the Library. Due to the region's ongoing heatwave, summer travel and a recent spike in COVID-19 cases have caused a significant decrease in donations over the past several weeks. Area hospitals are in need of local residents' help. How can you help? Register to donate. Every registered donor will benefit in three ways!

1. Batter up and win! Every registered donor will receive a voucher for 2 free NY Mets tickets (electronic fulfillment). Prizes hold no cash value and are non-transferable.

2. Tap into saving lives! Every registered donor will receive a voucher to redeem a free pint of beer, cider, wine or soft drink at their local participating brewery or restaurant. Dozens of establishments are participating in "Pint for a Pint" across the region. Prizes hold no cash value and are non-transferable.

3. Give blood - save lives – feel good. Each donation can help to save up to three lives. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood – cancer patients, accident victims and other need red blood cells, platelets and plasma every day, including weekends and holidays.

Appointments are strongly preferred, walk-ins are welcomed only if capacity permits. To

schedule an appointment, please visit the Garden City Public Library website at www.gardencitypl.org, you can scan the QR code below with your phone and type in Garden City, click on the link below or you can also call 1-800-933-BLOOD to schedule an appointment or for any medical questions concerning blood donations.