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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Garden City Police Department participated in the 36th Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Garden City Pool. During this program, Detectives Roumeliotis and Hennessy greeted residents and discussed issues that affect the safety and welfare of this community.

National Night Out involves over 16,000 communities from all 50 states. The annual event is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Citizen involvement is vital in our fight to build a safer community. Residents are urged to:

- Report crime or suspicious activity as soon as it happens,
- Take necessary steps to prevent crime,
- Join and/or support local community organizations that address crime and quality of life issues,
- Discuss with your family what to do in case of emergencies,
- Help make children aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and
- Advise them what to do when approached by strangers.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: H2M performed visual inspections of the interior wet floor. Crews continue with the interior stripe coat at the bell and exterior tank finish coatings. H2M holiday testing will follow once the contractor finishes the interior dry stripe coat. Holiday testing is a “non-destructive test method applied on protective coatings to detect unacceptable discontinuities such as pinholes and voids.”

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. 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): Crews continue flowing water to the site. Pressure testing will take place next week. Trojan will continue programing in the AOP

buildings next week. Performance testing for Well No. 12 is expected within the next few weeks.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): The Engineering Report was submitted the week of May 3, 2021. H2M will provide the Village with a proposal for design of an AOP treatment system.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): Once electrical work in the treatment building and for the new switch gear is complete, Well No. 10 can operate to system.

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 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 completed brick work and installed the FRP grating on the GAC trench drain and swept and cleaned the interior first floor. Crews will also install interior piping and continue roof work.

SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS

There have been some delays in the delivery of speed indicator signs for certain areas in the Village, according to Commissioner Kenneth Jackson. The Police Department is still expecting delivery of the New Hyde Park signs this month. The signs for Stewart Avenue, in the vicinity of the Garden City Country Club, and Rockaway Avenue, in the vicinity of the Cherry Valley Club, are delayed. Commissioner Jackson is hoping for delivery by September. The signs, which indicate the posted speed limit and your speed as you approach them, are already located on Clinton Road and Rockaway Avenue, near Garden City High School. These additional signs will serve as another tool to help mitigate speeding in the Village. Commissioner Jackson and I want all of our residents to drive safely and at the posted Village speed limits. We are stepping up traffic safety enforcement on all Village roads and anticipate the final recommendations from the Cathedral Avenue Traffic Study to be issued shortly.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY

Long Island Blood Services will hold a blood drive at the Garden City Public Library on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM in the Large Meeting Room on the Lower Level of the Library. Area hospitals are in need of local residents' help. Each donation can help to save up to three lives. Appointments are strongly preferred; walk-ins are welcomed only if capacity permits. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code located on the Garden City Library's homepage, www.gardencitypl.org, and type in Garden City. You can also call 1-800-688-0900 to schedule an appointment or for any medical questions concerning blood donations. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and CDC guidelines, Long Island Blood Services requires masks to be worn during the entire session.

LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE

During the month of August, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

3rd Track Installation

- Crews will continue the installation of third track between Nassau Blvd. and Herricks Rd. in August
- Ballast will be installed along the south side of the right-of-way during the day to support the future installation of the third track
 - Work will occur between New Hyde Park Road and Tanners Pond Road, as well as between Tanners Pond Road and the Merillon Avenue Station
 - Residents and businesses may hear noise and/or feel vibrations during this activity
 - Click [here](#) for more information on this activity
- Once the ballast has been installed, crews will prepare to build third track

Wall Construction

- On the north side of the tracks, from Nassau Boulevard heading east along Atlantic Avenue, crews will begin to prepare the area for wall construction

Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement

- Crews have begun the process of commissioning and testing the new elevators at Merillon Avenue Station to ensure complete functionality and safety requirements are met
 - Elevators will be ADA-compliant and will provide easier access to the platforms on both sides of the station
- Guardrails and railings are being installed on the stairs and ramps on both the north and south sides of the tracks
- Precast platforms will be installed on the north side of the right of way during the month of August
- EJ Electric is continuing to install lighting at the station and platform conduit along the right of way, on the north and south sides of the tracks

New Hyde Park Road Underpass

- During August, crews from EJ Electric will be installing electrical conduit beneath the New Hyde Road underpass
 - This activity will require a single lane closure to complete
 - Flaggers will be present to assist with two-way traffic during this operation

LIRR Work Along The Right-of-Way

- In addition to 3TC's activities, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may take place overnight and on weekends
- For more information, visit the [post](#) in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com

For up-to-date LIRR service changes and/or changes to station access, please visit www.MTA.info/LIRR.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings for 2021-22 continue on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Please note all meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.** Zoom meeting links will continue to be made available on the Village website and Village Facebook page ahead of the meeting for anyone interested in attending. The links will no longer be made available to the public at large if anyone calls in to the Zoom Meeting and is disrespectful, vulgar and/or abusive in any way.

2021

- August 19, 2021
- September 16, 2021
- October 7, 2021
- October 21, 2021
- November 4, 2021
- November 18, 2021
- December 9, 2021

2022

- January 13, 2022
- February 3, 2022
- February 15, 2022 (Tuesday is also the Grievance Day Hearing)
- March 3, 2022
- March 17, 2022
- April 4, 2022