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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **DENTON AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT THIS WEEKEND**

The anticipated “bridge push” at Denton Avenue and Tanners Pond Road is scheduled for this weekend, April 30 and May 1, weather permitting. A concrete U-box substructure has been installed, which supports the new bridge superstructure. 3TC will use the box-jacking method (similar to the method used at the New Hyde Park Road underpass) to move the bridge into place during a single weekend. The bridge is scheduled to be removed and replaced with a three-track structure and is the last of seven bridges to be replaced or modified under the LIRR Expansion Project.

This work will result in a Main Line outage that will cause significant changes to service along the Port Jefferson/Huntington, Oyster Bay and Ronkonkoma branches. The track will go out of service at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 30, when dismantling of the existing track will begin. At approximately 9:00 a.m. crews will begin placing the new bridge into place and the tracks will be operational by Sunday evening:

- Port Jefferson/Huntington
- Ronkonkoma
- Oyster Bay

### **WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** The contractor was on site preparing for the final grade and began topsoil and seeding and asphalt paving. The contractor remobilized on April 25 to continue with interior water cavity painting touch-ups.

**Corrosion Control Study:** The final draft is expected to go to the Village next week.

**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 will be provided by the Village for review.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** Crews are preparing for permanent bid. Revised final interim payment requests were mailed to the Village, and the contractor mailed the revised maintenance bond directly to the Village. AC Schultes will proceed with raising the well pier and casing extension this week.

**Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** H2M re-ran performance testing for Well No. 12.

**Well No 9 (Wilson Street site):** The engineering report has been sent to the New York State Department of Health. Facility design continues.

**Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** PSEG out on-site new transformer installed and power restored to site. Crews will continue remaining electrical work.

**Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** Crews tested and sampled concrete, stripped foundation forms, delivered insulation and damp proofing. H2M is approximately 75 percent complete with final design documents.

**Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** The contractor will drill a hole through the well foundation for well casings, sample wells and iron vessels, and continue controls work.

### **NATIONAL GRID GAS MAIN PROJECT**

Over the next week, neighbors can expect to see the following activities during work hours:

- Construction activity on Clinton Avenue and Roslyn Road, County Seat Drive and Court House Drive and on Stewart Avenue.
- Pipe installation in the Stewart Avenue median.

Traffic Management Updates:

- Westbound traffic on Stewart Avenue, between Arthur Street and Kellum Lane, will be reduced to one lane during work hours.
- The U-turn in the Stewart Avenue median, between Arthur Street and Kellum Lane, will be closed at all times for the duration of the project.
- National Grid crews will have flaggers present to redirect traffic as necessary.

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### **NEW POOL MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

The Garden City Pool is issuing new membership cards this year. Old cards will not be valid. Every Pool member, regardless of age, must get a new card. Cards will be issued in a different color to discourage use of the old cards. To receive your new membership card, please stop by the Garden City Pool beginning May 13. Photo hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Pool opens for the season on Saturday, June 11 at 12 noon.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The Mayor's Advisory Business Development Committee members will include the following:

- Trustee Lawrence Marciano Jr., Chairman
- Jack Hartog
- Michelle Beach Harrington
- Kate Schmidt
- Stephen Ripp
- Richard Williams

The Mayor's Advisory Village Governance Committee members for 2022 will include the following;

- Donald Macleod, Chairman
- Richard Corrao Jr.
- Jeff Rathgeber
- John Cantwell
- Jack Hartog
- Effie Campbell
- Sivan Chapman

- Peter D' Antonio

I will also be forming a Mayor's Advisory Open Space Committee to identify all Village open space and provide an inventory of all said properties to update the Village Property Master Plan. Residents experienced in real estate, real estate law, real estate accounting, planning, surveying and the like should submit resumes for consideration to Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net.

### **ORGANIC TURF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

An Organic Turf Management program provides many benefits to the Village. With traditional fertilizers, we are concerned about people "rolling in the turf" and picking up the material, some of which is not good for humans. We are also concerned about all of the chemicals which will eventually leach down into the water source. Organics do not present such issues, and if allowed enough time to work, will result in stronger, better turf, according to Paul Blake, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs.

Organics require time to work. In most cases, it takes between three and five years to see any substantial improvement to the turf. This is due, in part, to the materials having to detoxify the soil from the previously used materials. At St. Paul's, we are entering just our third year of the Organic Turf Management. Our program is managed by a company called Alternative Earthcare, which has been in the Organic Turf Management business since 1996.

Here are the components of our program; these are applied at various times during the year, in different combinations:

- Corn Gluten – This all natural product is an excellent source of nutrition, containing approximately 10 percent nitrogen. Additionally, it also helps with crabgrass and weed control.
- 6-0-0 Liquid Organic Fertilizer – This product is used in conjunction with Compost Tea, and supports root enhancement. It also helps the soil to hold water longer, and increases the bacterial and fungal activity in the soil.
- Compost Tea – Made from two simple ingredients, compost and water. This is a very powerful source of nutrients for the turf, as well as a food source for the microorganisms in the soil.
- Liquid Humates – This is a premium, natural product which is derived from Leonardite, an oxidation product of lignite coal and mined from near surface pits. It stimulates beneficial soil microorganisms, and penetrates the soil quickly, going directly to the roots of the turf for rapid absorption.

### **ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT STATION NO. 2**

Asbestos abatement at Fire Station No. 2 on Edgemere Road was completed on April 20. The general contractor has begun brick work. According to Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello, work is "progressing nicely." In February, the Board engaged PAR Environmental Corporation for asbestos abatement at a cost of \$255,500 and Seaboard Weatherproofing & Restoration for temporary weatherproofing and masonry work at a cost of \$370,768. This month, the Board engaged the professional services of Environmental Planning and Management, Inc. to provide asbestos abatement air sampling/project monitoring services.