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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **GAZEBO WALKWAY COMPLETE**

We are happy to report that Village crews have replaced the Gazebo walkway on the Village Green. The project involved removing the old walkway, replacing it with new brick that matches the ones used at the nearby Fire Department monument. The new walkway was positioned away from the tree to keep the bricks from being uplifted by the roots and the parking field curb cut was repositioned to the north to align with the new walkway. Most importantly, the new walkway was designed to rise up to meet with the concrete ramp on the east side of the Gazebo, thereby eliminating the seven- to eight-inch concrete step that was an impediment to accessibility. The remainder of the project will include fresh landscaping in the spring and a new fence along the northern edge of the planting area.

### **COUNTRY LIFE PRESS STATION BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED**

At the December 15 Board meeting, following discussion by Trustees with input from residents, it was decided that the Village will not take over the proposed work at the Country Life Press Station but rather prefers that the existing Train Station structure be removed and the LIRR/MTA's proposed work be compliant with statutory requirements. Further, the Board requests the LIRR/MTA not erect an ancillary structure or shelter at that location, and asks that the LIRR/MTA communicate and collaborate with the Village concerning any proposed work to be undertaken at that location.

### **VILLAGE DUMP CARDBOARD RECYCLING**

During the holidays the Village is allowing all residents to have access to the Village Dump in order to facilitate the recycling of cardboard. No permit will be required on Monday, January 2, 2023. However, proof of residency is required by showing your valid NYS Driver's License with a Garden City address. Residents can access the Dump between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (CLOSED between 11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.).

### **WELCOME OFFICER RODOLFO SULMONTE**

I had the pleasure of administering the oath of office to the newest Officer to join the Garden City Police Department's ranks, Rodolfo Sulmonte, who is currently assigned to the Nassau County Police Academy. Officer Sulmonte was born in Queens and grew up in Levittown. He attended St. Mary's High School and graduated from Island Trees High School in 2010. After high school, he played professional hockey in the Ontario Hockey League and participated in the Islanders Rookie Camp in 2010. After five years in professional hockey, he attended and graduated Nassau Community College. While there, he also began coaching Tier 1 U16 and U18 hockey for the PAL Junior Islanders. He held this position for six years while pursuing a career in law enforcement. "The qualities Rodolfo attained while playing professional hockey and teaching young children should serve him well working for a community-oriented police department such as the Garden City Police Department," Commissioner Kenneth Jackson said.

### **LIBRARIAN WINS EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAMMING AWARD**

Congratulations to Young Adult Librarian Laura Giunta on winning a 2022 Successful Community Service Program Award from the Young Adult Services Division (YASD) of the Nassau County Library Association (NCLA). She was honored for the program, Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt Community Service Project, which was held in October 2022. Ms. Giunta previously won a YASD Excellence in Programming Award in 2018, winning the Most Innovative Program award for the Garden City Public Library's third annual Tweens and Teens Locked-in-the-Library Halloween Party.

### **LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The Garden City Public Library Trustees is preparing for the New Year 2023 with big projects under way and with some Trustees taking on new roles. Trustee Germaine Greco has been elected for the first time as Vice Chair to serve alongside re-elected Trustee Randy Colahan as Chairman, both elected unanimously. Trustee Peter D'Antonio will serve as the Chair of the Budget Committee and the Audit Committee, with newly appointed Trustee Mary Maguire to serve as a member on both committees. Trustee Maguire will also Chair the Building Committee. Continuing Trustee Lola Nouryan will serve as Chair of Personnel and Trustee Greco will remain Chair of both the Policy Committee and Community Relations Committee. The Library Board is looking forward to working together in a combination of familiar and new roles to increase its collective knowledge and strengthen the Board. In the upcoming year, the Library will see the completion of the Children's Room renovation and expects to undergo replacement of the HVAC system, the roof, and the fire alarm system. Further updates to the building are in discussion to continually enhance the services

offered by the Library.

**CORROSION CONTROL STUDY**

According to H2M, the Village's water consultant, 591 samples have been requested by residents; 591 sample kits have been delivered. H2M has also collected/returned 503 bottles. Pace Analytical completed 488 sample analyses and transmitted results to residents. Orthophosphate is being injected into the water system. The District is taking entry point and distribution sampling to monitor orthophosphate treatment.

**OUR CONDOLENCES**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village personnel, I offer condolences to the family and friends of Joseph Caroselli, husband of former Mayor Theresa Trouvé and former member of the Citizen's Budget Review Committee who passed away on Friday, December 16.

**HOLIDAY WISHES**

Best Holiday wishes to all of our residents. Please obey Village traffic regulations and do not drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Happy New Year to our Village Executives, Village personnel, Sanitation and DPW personnel as well as members of the Garden City Police Department and our Garden City Fire Department volunteers. Special Holiday wishes to all our residents who volunteer their time and expertise to serve our Village. Thank you.

**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED - MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023**

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of New Year's Day and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. There is normal weekly sanitation collection.