

July 19, 2023

Addressing traffic concerns village-wide has been a top priority for your Board of Trustees, and you have likely heard about those efforts and are beginning to see the results. Permanent speed humps have been installed on Fourth Street after a notable reduction in speeding was documented with the temporary speed humps. The temporary speed humps will now be moved to a new location where residents are asking for a solution to excessive speeding. Board approval for installation of a raised crosswalk with bump outs on Seventh Street in front of Dunkin Donuts was on last night's agenda. I thank the residents who first raised the issue of traffic calming and advocated to bring it to our Village and the outstanding efforts of our Traffic Commission, Charlie Kelly (chairperson), Larry Marciano, Ed Finneran and Mike Sullivan who have worked hard to see the village-wide studies completed and most importantly to see the recommendations being implemented. Traffic is one of the most frequent complaints I hear from residents, and in addition to the safety concerns, we all know how it impacts the quality of life in our community. The Village has dedicated one of the Latest News sections on our website to traffic, and I encourage everyone to follow this and continue to share your input as we work on this important issue.

### **POOL ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

Please consider donating the Garden City Pool annual food drive to benefit The INN. Donations will be accepted July 22-25 in the Pool Lobby. Donation most needed include canned goods, ground coffee, canned soup, peanut butter, pasta, hot and cold cereals, rice, pancake mix, syrup, powdered milk, jelly, canned stew and chili, bottled water, juice boxes, brown paper lunch bags and toiletries. Needed baby items include baby formula, baby food, cereal and diapers, especially sizes 4 and up.

### **TREE LIMB TRIMMING CONTINUES**

Recreation and Parks crews are busy with resident and Police Department requests for trimming and pruning, and removing damaged and leaning trees around the Village, according to Recreation and Parks Commissioner Paul Blake. Annually, Garden City Police perform Village-wide checks and create a list of locations where trimming or removal of tree branches could extend the visibility of traffic lights for approaching traffic. Officers also report locations when observed on daily patrols. This is another example of various Village Departments working together to improve the overall safety of residents and visitors alike.

### **TRAFFIC COMMISSION UPDATE: PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS INITIATIVES**

The Traffic Commission has established pedestrian safety as the top priority under the traffic safety umbrella. Some remedies to enhance pedestrian safety will be expensive (e.g., multiple bump outs or a choker on a Village street) but some will not. For example, the pedestrian crossing across Cathedral Avenue at Seventh Street. This crossing is especially problematic because it involves crossing a T intersection when some traffic (westbound) has a green light. We are currently seeking a signal change from the County to include an "all red" segment. Meanwhile, we have added a no right turn on red for northbound traffic to solve part of the pedestrian's (usually a middle school student) problem. There has also been signage put up alerting drivers to the crossing pedestrians. Similarly, the pedestrian crossing/crosswalk from Dunkin' Donuts on 7th Street to the Town Meat Market will be improved to enhance pedestrian safety. The changed crosswalk will have curb bump outs (to end the illegal parking at the edges of the crosswalk making pedestrians invisible) and a raised crosswalk (again, making pedestrians more visible) making it clear that the Village favors pedestrians, especially in pedestrian heavy areas like central 7th Street. We are also awaiting delivery of new pedestrian crossing signals for setup at both the Village Hall crosswalk on Stewart Avenue (8th Street) and the LIRR/GC Hotel crossing. This would change these signs from their always blinking status to pedestrian activated and will, hopefully, make pedestrians using these crossings safer. Regarding crosswalks, the TC is moving forward with final design on the South Avenue crosswalk, near Rockaway Avenue. Completing this pathway will assist those residents and Adelphi students walking or bicycling to downtown. Check back next week for continued updates.

### **CHILDREN'S SHOWS IN THE PARKS**

Recreation and Parks has scheduled the following remaining shows for children in our neighborhood parks:

- Monday, August 7 at 6:30 pm – Magic by Amore at Nassau Haven
- Tuesday, August 15 at 6 pm - "Jungle Jam" Puppet Show at Hemlock Park

All performances are free. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit and enjoy! Rain dates will be scheduled if the weather

is less than perfect.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN GARDEN CITY**

- **FRIDAY, JULY 21** 10:00 a.m. [Chair Exercise with Felicia](#) at the Senior Center
- **FRIDAY, JULY 21** 6:00 p.m. [Friday Night Promenade](#): Christmas in July on Seventh Street
- **MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 24-28** 10:00 a.m. [Free Playground Program](#) at all five neighborhood parks for Grades 1-8.
- **MONDAY, JULY 24** 1:30 p.m. [Monday Movie Matinee: \*She Said\*](#) at the Library
- **TUESDAY, JULY 25** 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board Meeting at Village Hall
- **TUESDAY, JULY 25** 8:30 p.m. Christmas in July Movie: *Elf* at the Pool. Free for members; \$2 for guests of members.
- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26** 7:00 p.m. Teen Game Night at the Library. Registration required.
- **THURSDAY, JULY 27** 11:00 a.m. Healthy Make and Take Meals with Cornell Cooperative Extension at the Library. Registration required.
- **THURSDAY, JULY 27** 7:15 p.m. Concert on the Village Green: Old Time Rock and Roll