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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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The Board of Trustees and staff continue to work on numerous projects, including road improvements throughout the Village, including the Nassau Boulevard railroad station parking lot, the water tank replacement project, upgrades to the Garden City Pool, a temporary protection plan for the former St. Paul's School building and other matters. I encourage you to attend Village Board of Trustees meetings; the schedule can be found on the Village's website, www.gardencityny.net.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CLINTON PARKING FIELD

Valente Contracting began reconstruction of the Clinton Parking Field on Monday, June 10. The parking lot is located behind 500 Old Country Road (Breslin) and to the west of Clinton Road. Concrete work will be completed first, followed by the reconstruction of the asphalt lot. Every reasonable effort will be made to inconvenience the public as little as possible. Work will be staged to accommodate reasonable parking throughout the reconstruction. Access to the lot will be limited to one entrance/exit during the reconstruction. Schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

BOARD GREEN LIGHTS PILOT PROGRAM IN PARKING FIELD 7N

Following a June 6th public hearing in which several residents of 67 Hilton Avenue spoke, the Board of Trustees voted 6-1 in favor of authorizing a temporary pilot program of restricted parking on the western side of Parking Field 7N. Trustee Louis Minuto was the nay vote and Trustee Mark Hyer was absent. The pilot program entails 35 parking spaces which will be designated for a period of up to one year for persons residing in the premises adjacent to Field 7N, at a fee of \$275 for the duration of the pilot program. The designated spots will be available to permit holders 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More details regarding the program will follow in the coming weeks.

ORIGINAL PROPERTY FOLDER REQUESTS

Residents may request "original hard copy" property folders of records maintained by the Building Department. Please note that this is the only "original" hard copy that the Village maintains, and (for Village record-keeping purposes) is being completely replaced by an electronic "scanned" copy.

While the Department has made every effort to make its newly scanned electronic copies as clear and "readable" as the originals, we recognize there are some documents (amongst the thousands already scanned) which may be more easily read in "hard copy original" form. As a courtesy, the Village is offering your original hard copy to you as the current homeowner. If you wish to have the "original file," you must show proof of ownership of the property requested. We anticipate a high volume of requests for these folders, so please allow staff ample time to retrieve the folder, which will be released in a timely matter. The Department will notify you when your request is ready for pickup. Folder requests will be held for 30 days after a call back is made. If residents

do not pick up their request it will be discarded. This “folder request project” commenced June 1, 2019 and will end December 31, 2019. After that date, only copies made from the scanned electronic copies will be available.

ST. PAUL’S COMFORT STATION

The original tile work at the St. Paul’s comfort station was unsatisfactory. Alternatives for the proper completion of the project are now being sized and will be brought before the Board of Trustees for approval. Trustees have three alternatives to choose from: proceed with the same sized tile; tile the walls but use an epoxy coating on the floor; or choose tiles for the wall and floor that are "more representative of a commercial bathroom." There is no advantage, time wise, in selecting any of the choices. “Time, while important, is not the focus,” Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi said. “The right outcome is driving this.”

COMMUNITY PARK SECURITY CAMERAS NOW ONLINE

The Village has invested nearly \$70,000 to make needed improvements to the security system at Community Park. The Board approved funding to repair the existing system with technology that can be used when the new security system is installed in 2020-2021. In consult with Garden City Police, it was determined that the cameras and wiring at the Pool, Tennis Courts and the Clubhouse in particular need replacing. The new equipment is now part of the centralized system, which connects directly to Police Headquarters. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi advised the Board that the cameras in the Pool complex are fully functioning and online.

ST. PAUL’S CONSTRUCTION FENCING

Temporary construction fencing will be erected at St. Paul’s for the purpose of providing a safety barrier under a "temporary protection plan" being developed to preserve and protect the buildings. The Department of Public Works will begin preparing specifications for the erection of the fencing. Through its previously selected vendor, CNY, a short-term "temporary protection plan" is being developed to preserve and protect the physical buildings at the site for whatever purpose is eventually selected by this Board. Whatever the eventual usage, however, certain "preserve and protect" work must be accomplished under any temporary protection plan to secure the buildings, and the erection of a construction fence around the property is a necessary preliminary step to the temporary protection and any re-purposing of the buildings. Funds are available in the Capital Projects Account.

FRIDAY NIGHT PROMENADES

Enjoy hospitality Garden City style every Friday this summer as the Village of Garden City and the Garden City Chamber of Commerce once again present “Friday Night Promenades” on Seventh Street. Festivities kick off at 6 p.m. Seventh Street is closed to all vehicular traffic and parking beginning at 5:45 p.m. Enjoy musical entertainment and plenty of activities for the kids, including balloon art and face painting. Tables and chairs will be set up in the street for additional seating and outdoor dining and dinner specials will be offered at local eateries along Seventh Street.

Promenade dates (and themes) are as follows:

- June 14: Garden City State of Mind
- June 21: Swing into Seventh Street
- June 28: Country Western
- July 5: Red, White, & Blue
- July 12: Rock of Ages
- July 19: Luau Garden City Style
- July 26: Christmas in July
- August 2: Back to the 80's
- August 9: Motown
- August 16: Mardi Gras
- August 23: Frank Sinatra
- August 30: Peace Love & Music
- September 6: St. Patrick's Day
- September 13: The Big Pineapple Circus

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN SUMMER

The Garden City Public Library will be closed on Sunday for the summer beginning Father's Day, June 16, 2019. The Library's regular hours from Monday through Saturday remain unchanged. Regular Sunday hours will resume after Labor Day beginning Sunday, September 8th. You can visit the Library 24/7 at www.gardencitypl.org to access online services such as electronic databases and downloadable eBooks, audiobooks and periodicals.