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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 Nassau Boulevard railroad station rehabilitation work, rehabilitation of the St. Paul's comfort station, Village water well treatments, the stabilization 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.

SPECIAL ST. PAUL'S WORK SESSION REGARDING STABILIZATION

The Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at Village Hall on Thursday, September 12, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. for a work session for the purpose of discussing the stabilization of the St. Paul's building and any other business as may lawfully come before the Board. All four of the following companies will be in attendance: Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners LLP; CNY; Thorton Tomasetti; and VHB.

Now posted on the Village website, www.gardencityny.net, are several documents referring to the stabilization work at St. Paul's, including a St. Paul's condition assessment, Phase I environmental site assessment; cultural resources due diligence memo; temporary protection assessment report; and the St. Paul's budget study for immediate action plan. You can review all these documents in the "Village Notifications and Alerts" section of the homepage.

WATER UPDATE

The Village continues to proceed with its Emerging Contaminates Action Plan to address the issues of 1,4 Dioxane, PFOs and PFOAs in the water supply and to prepare for the approaching deadline of the new drinking water standards introduced by the New York State Department of Health.

We recently completed our first pilot testing program for the new treatment systems. These pilot programs are a Department of Health required first step in the process and we are awaiting the laboratory testing results from this program. In addition, we also continue to pursue the acquisition of supplies, including additional filtration systems that will be needed as the action plan progresses.

Lastly the Class Action lawsuit that the Village is a party to, in order to hold the companies that caused this contamination responsible, continues to move forward through the legal process.

REPLACEMENT OF NASSAU BLVD. BRIDGE

The LIRR Expansion Project is part of a multibillion-dollar modernization of the Long Island Rail Road, the largest investment the railroad has received in decades. A major component is replacement of the Nassau Boulevard Bridge, which will modernize key infrastructure and reduce the frequency of truck strikes and the delays that result.

The bridge is scheduled to be removed and replaced with a three-track structure over a single weekend on October 4-6 when the existing bridge will be removed and the new one will be lifted and rolled into place. Following the “roll-in” of the new bridge, tracks, power, communications and other systems will be reinstalled in time for the morning commute on Monday, October 7. To complete the work on time, the Main Line will be taken out of service beginning early Saturday morning, October 5.

To achieve this rapid timeline and ensure the safety of drivers, pedestrians and workers, temporary traffic detours are essential. Nassau Boulevard is currently limited to a single, southbound lane. At least one pedestrian sidewalk under the bridge is available. In order to prepare for the roll-in of the new bridge, Nassau Boulevard from Atlantic Avenue to Main/Merillon Avenue will be fully closed (northbound and southbound) to pedestrians and vehicles from Sept. 30 to Oct. 8. A detour map can be viewed at www.lirrexpansion.com, go to Community News/Garden City-Garden City Park.

NEW HYDE PARK ROAD GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION

Another major LIRR Expansion Project component is the New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing elimination, which will improve safety and traffic flow, increase the reliability of LIRR service and reduce noise levels. Preliminary utility relocation work began last spring and in the past several weeks, crews began drilling soldier piles along New Hyde Park Road that will allow for future excavation of an underpass beneath the railroad tracks.

To alleviate traffic congestion near the New Hyde Park Road grade crossing during the construction period, 3TC is implementing a new traffic restriction at the intersection of Clinch Avenue and New Hyde Park Road. A temporary barrier will prevent motorists traveling southbound on New Hyde Park Road from turning left onto Clinch Avenue. This traffic modification has been coordinated with both the Villages of Garden City and New Hyde Park. In the coming months, a temporary bypass road will be constructed in advance of major construction activities (avoiding a complete closure of New Hyde Park Road).

In addition to the above, work continues on the Merillon Avenue station enhancements, sound attenuation wall construction and LIRR right-of-way modernization. Residents are

encouraged to visit www.lirrexpansion.com for up-to-date project details and to register for eblasts. For more information, contact the project's Information Hotline at 203-4955 or e-mail CommunityOutreach@lirrexpansion.com. Please visit www.mta.info/lirr for inquiries related to rail service changes.

RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS

Annual resident parking permits for the railroad parking fields will be on sale at Village Hall beginning Monday, September 16 at 8:30 a.m. Permit cost is **\$150** (payment by cash, money order, check payable to the Incorporated Village of Garden City and/or Master Card/Visa/Discover, in person only). Renewal applications will be mailed on September 13. Applications returned via mail must be updated and contain a copy of a valid registration and check.

The Incorporated Village of Garden City will be selling a limited amount of railroad parking permits for Stewart Manor and Nassau Boulevard railroad stations for Non-Residents. The sale date is Wednesday, September 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Garden City Village Hall. **All sales will be first come, first serve.** Details of the sale are listed below:

- Must show a valid vehicle registration.
- Permit cost is **\$500** (payment by cash, money order, check payable to the Incorporated Village of Garden City and/or Master Card/Visa/Discover).
- Permits are valid only in Stewart Manor Railroad Station or Nassau Boulevard Railroad Station between Tuesday, October 1, 2019 and Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

For any questions, please call Garden City Village Hall at 465-4000.

THANK YOU GARDEN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the Garden City community, we wish to thank Fire Chief Thomas Stryko and members of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department for conducting the touching 18th year anniversary ceremony of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It was a very moving experience and assisted many of us to get through that difficult day.

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) that 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. 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.

CONSTITUTION WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17 - 23

The Colonel Aaron Ogden Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has asked me to proclaim the week of September 17-23 as “Constitution Week” in Garden City. Our nation’s Constitution, adopted September 17, 1787, provided a fundamental document for freedom and independence, which no other country in the world has been able to emulate. We all have cause to pause and to reflect on this great heritage given to us by our forefathers. Residents are urged to fly the flag all week in observance.

FINAL FRIDAY NIGHT PROMENADE

The final “Friday Night Promenade” of the season is Friday, September 13, on Seventh Street. This week’s theme is “Big Pineapple Circus.” 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 along Seventh Street.