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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, upgrades to the Garden City Pool, 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.

GARDEN CITY POLICE HELP SOLVE TRANSNATIONAL FRAUD SCHEME

In June 2018, Garden City Detectives discovered that two victims received calls from persons claiming to be IRS Agents directing them to deposit large sums of money to a local bank in Garden City to pay off back taxes or be arrested. Upon investigation, Detectives determined these calls to be a scam and arrested two subjects as they attempted to withdraw the money from the bank. The Detectives determined that these individuals were part of a large group conducting similar scams throughout the country, which also included Social Security and Drug Enforcement Administration scams.

IRS Agents, along with investigators from NYPD, the Tax Administration and the U.S. Attorney's Office worked with the Garden City Detectives in an ongoing investigation to develop more information regarding additional suspects. As a result, in October 2018, IRS Agents and Garden City Detectives arrested four subjects for conducting these scams. The investigation by all agencies continued, resulting in the arrest of three additional subjects on August 26.

"This case is an excellent example of collaboration and cooperation between multiple law enforcement agencies, which included federal, city and local authorities in the arrest of the participants of a major scheme to defraud numerous victims throughout the United States," Commissioner Kenneth Jackson said.

"The victimization of American taxpayers by individuals impersonating Internal Revenue Service employees is a serious crime," Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration Inspector J. Russell George said. "I would like to thank the U.S. Attorney's Office, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, the New York City Police Department and the Garden City Police Department on their outstanding efforts resulting in this indictment."

NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill added, "These indictments reflect the lengths that criminals will go in order to fraudulently separate honest people from their hard earned money. I congratulate the NYPD detectives, our law enforcement partners, and the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for their hard work in dismantling this illegal operation."

Richard P. Donoghue, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, said his office, together with federal and local law enforcement partners, will continue working tirelessly to hold accountable scam artists who perpetrate telephone frauds. Jonathan D. Larsen, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, New York, added, "IRS-CI will continue to apprehend those who victimize the public while posing as government officials both abroad and here at home."

The scheme is estimated to have netted over \$2 million from victims across the United States. If convicted, the defendants face up to 20 years' imprisonment.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Chief Thomas Stryko and the Officers and Members of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite all Village residents to join the Department for its annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Village 9/11 Memorial located at the Village Green and Gazebo at the corner of Hilton and Stewart Avenues. The remembrance service will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The service pays tribute to the 23 Garden City residents that perished during the attack on the World Trade Center, the 343 members of the FDNY, 23 members of the NYPD and 37 members of the PAPD killed, as well as those who have died of 9/11-related illnesses.

LIBRARY TO RESUME SUNDAY HOURS SEPTEMBER 8

The Garden City Public Library will resume Sunday hours beginning the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8, 2019. Four special events are planned for Sundays this fall. On Sunday, September 8, at 2 PM, the Library will host author Tom Phelan, who will speak about his engrossing memoir *We Were Rich and Didn't Know It*, which is about growing up on a small farm in Ireland. He-Bird, She-Bird, an Americana musical trio, will provide an entertaining program of contemporary folk, country, bluegrass and gospel music on Sunday, September 22, at 2 PM. Then on Sunday, October 20, at 2 PM, the Paul Effman Band will perform vocal and instrumental hits from the 1930s through the 1980s in an elegant jazz style. Join opera singer Tanisha Mitchell at "I Hate Classical Music – The Orchestra and the Diva" on Sunday, November 24, at 2 PM. Additional special Sunday programs will be announced throughout the year.

The Library will be open from 1 to 5 PM on the following Sundays from September 8, 2019 through June 14, 2020:

September 8, 15, 22, 29 (1st closed for Labor Day weekend)

October 6, 20, 27 (13th closed for Columbus Day weekend)

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15, 22

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 23 (16th closed for President's Day weekend);

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 19, 26 (12th closed for Easter)

May 3, 17, 31 (10th closed for Mother's Day and the 24th closed for Memorial Day weekend)

June 7, 14

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

SANITATION/RECYCLING COLLECTION

Due to the observance of Labor Day, there will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, September 2, 2019. Residences west of Rockaway Avenue will have their garbage collected on Tuesday and Friday and those east of Rockaway Avenue will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday. Rubbish will be collected on Thursday. Recycling will be collected on Monday, September 2nd.

CHANGES TO POOL HOURS

Please note that Garden City Pool hours have changed. Below are the hours for the remainder of the season:

- **August 26-30** **12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- **August 31-September 2** **10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
- **September 3-8** **12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**