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GARDEN CITY UPDATE - NEWS AND INFORMATION

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The Board of Trustees and staff continue to work on numerous projects, including the LIRR Third Track and its impact on Garden City, the water tank replacement project, water quality issues, personnel matters, zoning matters, the concept plan for the former St. Paul's School building and the proposed budget and other matters. We encourage you to attend Village Board of Trustees meetings and meetings of your Property Owners' Associations. Meetings of the Property Owners' Associations are held almost every month – please check their respective websites.

FISCAL STRESS MONITORING SYSTEM

Village Treasurer Irene Woo has reported that the New York State Comptroller's Office has completed its annual financial and environmental review of all municipalities and school districts. The financial review is based on the Annual Update Document (AUD) that the Village provides to New York State for information covering the last fiscal year end, May 31, 2018.

The Fiscal Stress Monitoring System evaluates from a budgetary perspective the Village's ability to meet expenditures through generation of revenues by measuring fund balances, operating deficits/surpluses, cash positions and fixed costs. Environmental factors, such as change in population, median household income, unemployment rate and reliance on state aid are also measured and scored. The system provides an early warning of fiscal stress to local governments and allows interested parties to track stress condition trends.

The scores from each indicator determine the stress category (Significant, Moderate, Susceptible to Stress, or No Designation).

“Once again, the Village has achieved a score of 'No Designation' under both financial and environmental indicators, which shows that the Village does not meet the threshold of fiscal stress,” Ms. Woo said.

Visit the New York State Fiscal Stress Monitoring System webpage at: www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/index.htm.

2018 ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

Allen Industries working for Valente Contracting began installing new dry wells (catch basins) on Eleventh Street, between Carteret Place and Cherry Valley Avenue, on Tuesday, March 26. Work began on the northwest corner of the intersection of Carteret Place. Temporary road closures may occur to allow work to be done. The road will be accessible for emergency vehicles. Please note this schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A mailing has been sent out from a company called the Volunteer Firefighter Alliance asking for a donation to be made. Please be aware this fundraiser is not related to the Garden City Fire Department and no donations made to this organization will be sent to the Garden City Fire Department or any other Volunteer Fire Department on Long Island. It is your choice who you donate to but The Volunteer Fire Alliance is not sponsored by any local fire department and as per their website only 30 percent of funds actually are used towards services and public education.

JOINT EAB/REC COMMISSION MEETING

At a joint meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board and the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs held March 26, guest speaker Robert Shipley, assistant vice president for facilities management at Adelphi University, discussed the use of green seal certified building cleaning products, the release of beneficial insects, including lady bugs and praying mantis, for the control of aphids on ornamental plant materials in Adelphi's landscape. Additionally, Mr. Shipley discussed the use of organic turf products that are used in the care and maintenance of approximately 20 acres of campus open space. Mr. Ocker requested a list of those products and their specifications.

UTILITY WORK ON/NEAR NEW HYDE PARK ROAD

Utility work associated with construction of an under-grade crossing at New Hyde Park Road has begun. Work related to sewer, water and natural gas service is taking place at various locations in the area of the LIRR right-of-way at New Hyde Park Road, both north and south of the tracks. This utility work will make it possible for future excavation that will allow New Hyde Park Road to run under the LIRR tracks, improving safety and eliminating the bottleneck that exists at that location.

Work on construction of the underpass is scheduled to begin in October 2019 and continue through July 2020. Utility work will result in single or multiple lane closures or full road closures. Detailed "Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Plans" or MPTs have been developed that include flaggers, signage and traffic control devices, to warn and direct drivers and pedestrians. During the next month, scheduled utility work in this area of Garden City and New Hyde Park includes:

- Sanitary Sewer Installation @ New Hyde Park Road North of LIRR tracks - multiple lanes closed
- Water Main Installation @ Clinch Avenue and Greenridge Avenue - full road closure at north end of Clinch Avenue
- Gas Main Installation @ 2nd Avenue North of LIRR Tracks - single lane closed
- Water Main Installation @ New Hyde Park Road South of LIRR Tracks - multiple lanes closed
- Water Main Installation @ New Hyde Park Road North of LIRR Tracks - multiple lanes closed

WATER TOWER UPDATE

The Village has received final approval from the Nassau County Department of Health for air quality monitoring which will take place during demolition at the water tank site off Old County Road. The paper work is being re-filed and provided there are no other delays, demolition could begin the week of April 1, according to Joseph DiFrancisco, Public Works superintendent. Village officials have been in contact with the school district, which is making adjustments to school bus stops in the area and notifying residents in the immediate area.

STEWART FIELD

Mayor Brian Daughney and Trustee Mark Hyer met with the Nassau County Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee this month to attempt to finalize the Village's plans to rehabilitate, enhance and preserve a portion of county-owned land north of Stewart Field. There were rumors floating that the Village wanted to create a road between Ring and Clinton Roads. Mayor Daughney assured County officials that this is not included in the plans the Village has for the area.

Back in December, the Mayor executed a license agreement with Nassau County permitting the Village to access the property, which is adjacent to Stewart School, and utilize it for public parking and ballfields access, as well as promote access to the historical site of the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway. The Village has been engaged in negotiations with Nassau County government for some time regarding the parcel of land. It has been the hope of the Village to use that area for additional parking.

The license agreement itself recites that it is in contemplation to have a longer term lease but the lease approvals require a substantially longer period of time as they must go through the county Legislature. Between now and when the lease agreement is completed, the county is giving us a permit to occupy the area, clear it and use it for parking. Officials are hoping to have the area cleared by late spring and will spend up to \$200,000 for any work that the Village deems necessary to clear decades of overgrowth in the area in order to make the land usable for much-needed parking at the site. This agreement addresses the parking problem, it clears out overgrowth and it helps promote the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway. "We will get additional parking for about 45 cars," Mayor Daughney said.

BULLET PROOF VEST PURCHASES

The Police Department has received nearly \$4,000 in Federal grant money to cover the purchase of eight bullet proof vests. According to Commissioner Jackson, the Department has also filed a grant request with New York State to cover the remaining cost of the vests.