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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 the LIRR Third Track and its impact on Garden City, the water tank replacement project, the water main replacement project on Pine Street, the concept plan for the former St. Paul's School building and other matters. I encourage you to attend Village Board of Trustees meetings and meetings of your Property Owners' Associations.

## **SECURITY UPDATE AT THE GARDEN CITY LIBRARY**

The Security Infrastructure Project, which began in 2018, includes additions and upgrades to security systems in the Library. The Garden City Police Department has been of great assistance in addressing the Library's security needs, and Library Administration is grateful to Commissioner Ken Jackson, Inspector Michael Doyle and Detective-Sergeant William Grimes for their help. It is hoped these improvements will act as a deterrent.

According to Library Director Marianne Malagon, with the assistance of the Village, the Library has been able to make many significant improvements in security in the past year, with more on the way:

### **Planning:**

- Garden City Police Department provided a detailed security assessment
- The Library Board hired a consultant for Library security to advise and initiate the projects
- Evacuation maps were designed and hung throughout the Library

### **Security Infrastructure Improvements Made to Date:**

- New digital camera system and software have been set up with connection directly to the GCPD, plus additional cameras – including some specialized – inside and outside of the building
- Window alarms and motion sensors added
- Recreation and Parks crews trimmed trees and bushes

### **Security Infrastructure Work in Progress:**

- Access controls will be added on doors separating employee areas and other secure zones
- Convex mirrors to be added throughout Library

### **Staff Training:**

- The Garden City Police and Nassau County Police Division of Homeland Security provided two Situational Awareness training sessions for staff
- Internal communications have been streamlined. Employees have been empowered to act urgently, and when necessary to contact the Garden City Police Department

**Future improvements Planned for 2019-20:**

- Security coverage will be added during the daily operational hours of the Library. The combination of our existing staff and use of a private security firm will provide extended oversight to maintain a safe environment for patrons
- A planter to serve as a security barrier will be purchased and installed near the front entrance
- A telephone system, which will include a PA system, will be purchased and installed
- Cellular phone coverage will be strengthened on the lower level

**WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

The water main replacement project on Pine Street is progressing on schedule, according to Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco. The contractor has finished installing the new main and installing new fire hydrants. The next phase of the project will include tying the new main into the existing mains on the cross streets (Clinton Road, Washington Avenue, etc). This work will include some temporary shut-downs in water service. All residents will be given prior notification before any shut downs occur and the work will be done as quickly as possible in order to minimize the duration of the shut down.

**TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING SCHEDULE**

This week Harder Tree Service Inc. began pruning Village trees on Fourteenth Street, east of Franklin Avenue, and in Parking Fields 8, 9W, 6E and 2S. Parking spots are being coned off in order to allow adequate spacing for safety. Please note this schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

**LIRR EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE - ROAD CLOSURE**

Progress is being made on the LIRR expansion project and 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Constructors (3TC) wants to make sure that you're aware of a road closure in New Hyde Park, which is needed to accommodate the Covert Avenue Grade Crossing Elimination Project.

On Monday, April 15, 2019, a long-term closure of Covert Avenue, between 1st Avenue and 5th Avenue, began. The closure will last approximately six months. Detours, created in coordination with Nassau County and Village officials, have been established to help get around the closure.

Vehicles heading in either direction are being directed to take the following roads around the closure: Jericho Turnpike, Tulip Avenue, Covert Avenue (south of 10th Avenue), Stewart Avenue and New Hyde Park Road. Commercial trucks heading in either direction are being directed to take the following roads around the closure: Jericho Turnpike, Tulip Avenue and New Hyde Park Road.

For more information please click [here](#). Also note, during construction Covert Avenue businesses will remain open and accessible to the public. To find out more about the businesses, please visit [“Open for Business”](#) page at [LIRRExpansion.com](#).

While we recognize that this work may be disruptive, your Community Ambassador team is available for you. Should you have any questions, email [CommunityOutreach@LIRRExpansion.com](mailto:CommunityOutreach@LIRRExpansion.com) or call the 24/7 hotline at 516-203-4955.

### **ADELPHI SHADOW PROGRAM**

Over the winter, Village Clerk Karen Altman worked with Laura Riker, a career services specialist in the Robert B. Willumstad School of Business at Adelphi University, to set up a “Shadow Program” for the university and the Village. Two students were paired with Finance and Human Resources. One met with Village Treasurer Irene Woo while the other met with Village Auditor Courtney Rosenblatt. Both students shadowed Ms. Woo and Ms. Rosenblatt for several hours and also attended a Board of Trustees meeting. Mrs. Altman hopes the Shadow Program will be offered annually.

The Village has worked with Adelphi students in the past, often hiring interns to work in the various Departments. Several interns are currently helping with the scanning project in the Building Department and others have worked in the business office and the Clerk’s office.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Recreation and Parks Department’s annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 20th at St. Paul's Fields (by the playground). This year three hunts will be held beginning at 10 a.m. SHARP with three age divisions: Preschool to K, Grades 1 and 2 and Grades 3 to 5. (Don't forget to bring an Easter basket)! Special eggs will be stuffed and hidden for all divisions. Each hunt will also feature a grand prize (an Easter basket filled with goodies) which will go to the youngster who finds the egg marked “#1 Lucky Egg.” For further information on the Hunt, please call 465-4075.

### **EASTER VINTAGE CAR PARADE**

The 64th annual Garden City Easter Vintage Car Parade, presented by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Walk Street, is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. Cars will start assembling at 10:00 a.m. in Parking Field 9E, on the east side of Franklin Avenue between Ninth and Eleventh Streets. The parade will exit Parking Field 9E promptly at 1:00 p.m. Cars will travel south on Franklin Avenue to Seventh Street, west to Hilton Avenue where the parade will terminate.