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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 improvements to the Village's infrastructure, the LIRR Third Track and its impact on Garden City, the water tank replacement project, the concept 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.

PUBLIC HEARING MAY 9

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, on a proposed Local Law to authorize a temporary Pilot Program of restricted parking at the western side of Garden City Parking Field 7 which entails 29 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. Additional spots may be needed at the discretion of the Village.

The Police Department sent a questionnaire to 104 residents of 67 Hilton Avenue and received 46 total responses; 26 residents were in favor of the \$275 parking permit, 19 residents were not and one resident returned the survey but did not provide an answer. Two residents requested two permits each.

The pilot program for Field 7N would designate parking spots along the west end of the lot, near Hilton Hall, for permitted resident parking only; 20 spots against the apartment building; seven spots just to the south; and two additional spaces in the southwest corner of the lot. Permits, at a cost of \$275, would be in effect 24 hours a day/seven days a week for a full year beginning on the date of issuance. Signage in the rest of the lot will be adjusted as well.

The hearing will take place during the regular Board of Trustees meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room.

POOL MEMBERSHIP

Enjoy reduced membership rates this summer at the Garden City Pool. Feedback received from questionnaires and online surveys regarding memberships have indicated that price point was a major concern in a resident's decision to join the Pool. This year membership rates have been reduced 18 percent across ALL categories. Enjoy lower rates and more events this year, including Fun and Games Night on Saturday, July 27th, Halloween Night on Tuesday, July 30th and Epic 80s Day on Saturday, August 24th. Be on the lookout for your Pool Brochure. Visit www.gardencityrecreation.org for more information. Goggles, our Pool mascot, will be handing out Pool brochures at the Nassau Boulevard train station early Friday morning, May 10. Be sure to stop and say hello!

PESTICIDES

As part of the Village's Integrated Pest Management Turf Program, pesticide applications will be made to prevent grub damage on athletic field turf. Listed below is the May spraying schedule for our parks. If a park is listed, all grass areas are off limits for 24 hours. The parks will be open the following day beginning at 3 p.m. Monday, May 20th [St. Paul's Recreation Complex] Tuesday, May 21st [Nassau Haven, Stewart Field, Grove Park and Community Park Fields] Visual notification markers will be posted in each facility. We ask all to cooperate and comply with all notification markers. Application altered due to inclement weather will be rescheduled to the following week. Applications will be made by NYS certified pesticide technicians as required by NYS DEC rules and regulations.

NASSAU BOULEVARD TRAIN STATION BRICKWORK

The Village will be undertaking a renovation of the Nassau Boulevard railroad station parking lot. With the additional demands being placed on the station due to the third track project, and with the deterioration of the brickwork, the Village felt the station parking lot and retaining walls needed to be repaired and/or replaced. The Village Engineering Department is currently creating a plan for renovation that will be placed out for public bid. The biggest challenge that's faced with this work is the condition of the existing bricks. Every effort will be made to retain and reuse as many as possible, but until the job is awarded and crews can be brought in to evaluate their condition we won't know how much can be retained. The specifications for the job will reflect this and it will contain different plans based off of the amount of bricks that can be reused.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIREFIGHTER ROEPER, POLICE OFFICER ROUMELIOTIS

Garden City Volunteer Firefighter Dan Roeper and Police Officer Steve Roumeliotis both received Law & Order Awards during ceremonies recently hosted by William Bradford Turner American Legion Post 265. Law and Order Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of top law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical personnel and units. To read more about this year's honorees, and to see photos from the ceremony, please visit the Village website, www.gardencityny.net.

YARD CLEANUP - BE GOOD TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

The Village reminds all that we have ordinances in our Village code that require homeowners to maintain their homes, including the structure itself, appearance, lawn, hedges and shrubs. For example, homeowners are prohibited from allowing hedges to overflow onto sidewalks. We receive numerous complaints about this condition as it impacts fellow residents from walking on sidewalks or riding bicycles. Spring is here. Please take a hard look at your landscaping. We are all neighbors. The condition and appearance of your home and yard reflect not just on you but also on the value of your neighbors' homes. We will be actively issuing tickets for any violations. Lawn cutting or any power gardening equipment is only permitted to be done during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

GCPD TO PARTICIPATE IN BUCKLE-UP NEW YORK ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The Garden City Police Department will be participating in the Statewide *Buckle-Up New York* enforcement initiative May 20 through June 2. The enforcement of seat belt and child restraint laws saves lives. During this initiative, highly visible patrols and checkpoints will be conducted throughout the Village, targeting non-compliance to occupant restraint laws including child safety seat laws. The goal of the Garden City Police Department's Occupant Restraint Enforcement Program is to drastically reduce personal injuries and fatalities due to auto accidents through education and enforcement. Studies have shown that wearing a seatbelt can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 45 percent. According to the New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), statistics show unrestrained or improperly restrained occupants account for 21 percent of highway deaths in New York, greater than alcohol-related factors and speeding.

Commissioner Ken Jackson advises the Department's participation in this effort has been made possible through funding received from the GTSC with assistance from the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board. The following is a brief overview from the New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) regarding seatbelt/occupant laws for driving with passengers under the age of 16:

- ✓ All front seat occupants regardless of age must wear safety restraints. The driver is responsible for all front seat passengers under age 16.
- ✓ All rear seat passengers under age 16 must wear safety restraints.
- ✓ All children under 4 years old must be restrained in a federally approved child safety seat.
- ✓ Children ages 4, 5, 6 and 7 must be properly restrained in an appropriate child restraint system.
- ✓ Effective November 1, 2019, children under two years of age must be placed in a rear-facing child seat.
- ✓ Drivers will be assessed three points against their driver's license for the conviction of occupant restraint laws regarding child passengers under 16 years of age.