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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 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](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **SESQUICENTENNIAL AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION THIS SATURDAY!**

The Village is celebrating two momentous occasions in 2019 - the 150th anniversary of Alexander T. Stewart's land purchase and the 100th anniversary of Garden City's Community Agreement. As the official kick-off, the Village is hosting a Centennial and Sesquicentennial celebration on Saturday, May 25, 2019 (rain date May 26) on the St. Paul's fields.

The family event is open to all Village residents and will include live music, dancing, children's activities and food fare brought to you by various food trucks. The St. Paul's Field will also showcase some fascinating examples of Village history. The night will be topped off with a fireworks display. Other events will take place throughout the Village in the months following the celebration, including a September Gala hosted by the Historical Society and an interfaith Mass October 20, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Even the Friday Night Promenades will host a special "Salute to Garden City" night. New York State will recognize the Village with a resolution, the Village's milestones will be put into the Congressional record and Nassau County will light the Dome in Mineola in the Village's colors in October.

### **NIGHT WORK ON THE LIRR RIGHT-OF-WAY AT MERILLON AVENUE STATION**

Two work activities are scheduled to take place overnight at or near Merillon Station. Some of this work requires shutting down LIRR service on one of the tracks - in part to protect worker safety and maximize efficiency, so it is often conducted at night and on weekends when fewer trains are running. Work associated with creating a new platform on the northwest side of the tracks began the week of May 13.

This work includes removing the remaining columns from the old platforms and setting footings in the ground for columns that will support the new platform sections. There will also be some platform work on the southwest side. This platform work will continue during weeknights for the next three weeks. Additional platform work will follow.

On Main Line Tracks 1 and 2, the LIRR is continuing to replace rail ties that have exceeded their useful life or exhibit signs of damage. It is important that these ties are replaced in advance of certain components of the LIRR Expansion Project (Third Track). The rail tie replacement work in this area is scheduled to take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The LIRR recognizes that this work on the right-of-way can be noisy and disruptive and apologizes to residents who are impacted. The goal is to complete the work as quickly as possible while maintaining safe and

reliable operations. For questions and comments, contact Andy Kraus at 203-4955 or [CommunityOutreach@LIRRExpansion.com](mailto:CommunityOutreach@LIRRExpansion.com).

### **POOL MEMBERSHIP**

This year membership rates have been reduced 18 percent across **ALL** categories. For example, residents can save \$110 for a family pass to the Pool this season. 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. Registration details can be found in your Pool Brochure, which was mailed to every household, or by visiting [www.gardencityrecreation.org](http://www.gardencityrecreation.org). Look for Goggles, our Pool mascot, who is around town spreading the good news about reduced rates this season! Be sure to stop and say hello!

### **JUNE 6 PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

The Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing Thursday, June 6, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on a revised Local Law to authorize a temporary Pilot Program of restricted parking on 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. The designated spots would be available to permit holders 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additional spots may be needed at the discretion of the Village.

### **ADELPHI UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2019**

Mayor Theresa Trouvé attended Adelphi University's 123rd commencement ceremony Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. In introducing Mayor Trouvé, Adelphi President Dr. Christine Riordan spoke positively about the relationship the university has with the Village of Garden City and the students warmly welcomed Mayor Trouvé to the ceremony. "As you know we are located in Garden City and we have a fantastic relationship with the Village. I am very pleased and proud to say Mayor Trouvé has joined you for your graduation," Dr. Riordan said. "Literally hundreds and hundreds of students on both the undergraduate and graduate levels received their diplomas," Mayor Trouvé said. "It was a joyful commencement."

### **RAINBOW MONUMENT CONCRETE WORK**

The area surrounding the Rainbow Monument off Clinton Road has been spruced up, including the addition of lighting as well as a photocell for evening illumination. The sidewalks that approach the monument from the north, east and west, plus the newly installed approach from the direction of the flagpole to the south are now all the same width at the base of the monument - six feet by four feet. Irrigation is expected to be installed sometime after Memorial Day.

Restoration efforts first began at the site back in 2017, as the Village prepared for the 100th anniversary celebration of Camp Mills, which was located in the southeast area of the Village during World War I. The monument is located on Saint James Street South. Camp Mills received

troops from across the country for deployment to France, including the famous 42nd (Rainbow) Division. A ceremony commemorating its centennial was held August 12, 2017.

**KEVIN OCKER**

Kevin Ocker, long time chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, resigned, effective May 16. “Kevin brought new life into the parks and recreation area,” Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi said. “He put us in a very nice place as he transitioned out.” On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank Mr. Ocker for his many years of dedicated service to this Village and its residents.