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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 road improvements throughout the Village, including the Nassau Boulevard railroad station parking lot, the water tank replacement project, upgrades to the Garden City Pool, a 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](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **7N PARKING PERMITS**

Village personnel has begun contacting the Hilton Avenue residents interested in purchasing a parking permit for Field 7N, as per the one year pilot program approved by the Board of Trustees at the June 6, 2019 meeting. Once the permits are sold, a grace period will go into effect. Upon completion of the grace period - which would likely last a week - police officers will begin issuing tickets to non-permit holders parked in the designated spots. The temporary pilot program of restricted parking on the western side of Parking Field 7N is 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. Signage in the parking lot was erected last week. The designated spots will be available to permit holders 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **LED STREET LIGHTS IN DOWNTOWN DISTRICT**

The Village has started taking receipt of the new energy efficient LED street lights that were ordered as part of our capital improvement project. These lights will be replacing the ones on Seventh Street and on Franklin Avenue. Installation on Seventh Street is scheduled to begin the end of June and installation on Franklin Avenue will begin shortly after Seventh Street is completed.

### **ST. PAUL'S**

The Board is expected to approve the preparation and publication of bid specifications for any public work and/or purchasing aspects of the temporary protection plan recommended to the Village by CNY in connection with the stabilization of the St. Paul's site which require competitive bidding.

Through its previously selected vendor, CNY, a short-term "temporary protection plan" is being developed to stabilize the physical buildings at the site for whatever purpose is eventually selected by this Board. Inevitably, some aspects of the temporary stabilization plan will require the Village to follow competitive bidding procedures. Given the need for immediate action to stabilize the buildings, and with the assistance of CNY, the Village Board will be authorizing only that bid specifications and initial competitive bidding procedures be followed without the need for a further Board meeting for each specific matter. The actual award of any contracts competitively bid under the resolution, however, will require a further Board resolution.

## **LIRR THIRD TRACK**

The Board has retained a survey company to assist the Village with analyzing LIRR Third Track surveys and LIRR property right-of-way boundaries and providing such analysis to the Village during the course of the LIRR Third Track Project within the boundaries of the Village.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT WITH SECRET SERVICE**

The Garden City Police Department has entered into an agreement with the United States Secret Service that will allow a Garden City Detective to be assigned to the Electronic Crimes Task Force. The task force was created to assist the Secret Service in the event of a large scale statewide critical infrastructure cyber-attack which would likely affect the Garden City Police Department and/or Village Government. The Garden City Detective assigned to this task force has already received extensive training from the Secret Service in forensic electronic device evidence collection which has proved vital in solving several high profile cases including overdose deaths, burglaries and sexual predator cases. This agreement will provide the Detective with additional resources to investigate these types of crimes. Overtime incurred by the Detective as a member of the task force will be reimbursed as well as fuel and equipment expenses. In addition, there will be additional cost savings to the Village; the Department will no longer be required to pay \$3,200 in yearly investigative application licensing fees.

## **ORIGINAL PROPERTY FOLDER REQUESTS**

Residents may request “original hard copy” property folders of records maintained by the Building Department. Please note that this is the only “original” hard copy that the Village maintains, and (for Village record-keeping purposes) is being completely replaced by an electronic “scanned” copy.

While the Department has made every effort to make its newly scanned electronic copies as clear and “readable” as the originals, we recognize there are some documents (amongst the thousands already scanned) which may be more easily read in “hard copy original” form. As a courtesy, the Village is offering your original hard copy to you as the current homeowner. If you wish to have the “original file,” you must show proof of ownership of the property requested. We anticipate a high volume of requests for these folders, so please allow staff ample time to retrieve the folder, which will be released in a timely matter. The Department will notify you when your request is ready for pickup. Folder requests will be held for 30 days after a call back is made. If residents do not pick up their request it will be discarded. This “folder request project” commenced June 1, 2019 and will end December 31, 2019. After that date, only copies made from the scanned electronic copies will be available.

## **SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE EMAIL ALERTS**

Stay connected! Sign up for Village email alerts through an online portal on Garden City’s homepage. The link is located on the bottom right side of the website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net). Provide your name and a valid email address to immediately begin receiving non-emergency updates, including local meetings and events, road closures, even approved solicitations. Garden

City's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), is a great online source of information for residents.

### **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER**

Rental opportunities at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane are available when the Center is not in use, especially weekend days and nights. The Center's south room is available for events such as birthdays, Christenings and graduations. The room can be divided into two spaces and can hold up to 120 people.

Also available is the lounge area, which provides two standard size pool tables and large screen televisions. This space is perfect for viewing sporting events such as the Super Bowl, World Series, Kentucky Derby, European soccer and similar events. It is suitable for parties of up to 30.

The facility offers comfortable, climate-controlled community rooms year-round at an affordable price from intimate meeting rooms that are perfect for smaller groups or business meetings to parties, family celebrations and so much more. The venue also has a state-of-the-art commercial grade kitchen for the renter's use. Third party catering of your choice is available. The Center also has a renovated outdoor space for gas grilling and patio use.

Please visit [www.gardencityrecreation.org](http://www.gardencityrecreation.org) for additional information or call 465-4075.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT PROMENADES**

Enjoy hospitality Garden City style every week this summer as the Village of Garden City and the Garden City Chamber of Commerce once again present "Friday Night Promenades" on Seventh Street. Festivities kick off at 6 p.m. Seventh Street is closed to all vehicular traffic and parking beginning at 5:45 p.m. Enjoy musical entertainment and plenty of activities for the kids, including balloon art and face painting. Tables and chairs will be set up in the street for additional seating and outdoor dining and dinner specials will be offered at local eateries along Seventh Street.

Promenade dates (and themes) are as follows:

- June 21: Swing into Seventh Street
- June 28: Country Western
- July 5: Red, White, & Blue
- July 12: Rock of Ages
- July 19: Luau Garden City Style
- July 26: Christmas in July
- August 2: Back to the 80's
- August 9: Motown
- August 16: Mardi Gras
- August 23: Frank Sinatra
- August 30: Peace Love & Music
- September 6: St. Patrick's Day
- September 13: The Big Pineapple Circus

