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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, 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.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE GARDEN CITY POOL

On July 4, a large and enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the annual Family Fun Day at the Garden City Pool. A full day's worth of activities were held, including some old favorites such as tug of war, sack races and the popular wet water balloon toss. These events were joined by several newcomers, including the first Garden City Pool hot dog eating contest, a whipped cream pie eating contest, which drew some 60+ competitors, and the first annual Garden City Pool Cardboard Boat Regatta.

The Boat Regatta drew 19 entries and was quite competitive. Teams were given two large cardboard boxes and two rolls of duct tape to construct their craft. Some of the boats were quite seaworthy while others unfortunately found the bottom of the Pool fairly quickly. A large crowd gathered to cheer the sailors on and the entire event was well received. To further compliment the day, the band "Squeaky Clean" provided music and conducted dance contests.

All in all, it was a great day to be at Garden City's summer destination, the Garden City Pool! If you've not taken advantage of the 18 percent price reduction in memberships, there's still plenty of time, and plenty of special events coming up. Memberships may be purchased at the Pool Office at any time during pool hours. Call the Garden City Pool at 483-1714 or visit www.gardencityrecreation.org. To view photos of Family Fun Day, visit www.gardencityny.net.

ST. PAUL'S MAILBOX

A year ago, the Village reactivated the St. Paul's email that was in use many years ago. Total Technology Solutions got the email - stpaulscomments@gardencityny.net - up and running. The Board encourages residents to send their suggestions and/or concerns regarding St. Paul's via this email. Village Clerk Karen Altman is monitoring the inbox.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CLINTON PARKING FIELD

Valente Contracting continues reconstructing the Clinton Parking Field, work that first began in early June. The parking lot is located behind 500 Old Country Road (Breslin) and to the west of Clinton Road. Concrete work is being completed first, followed by the reconstruction of the asphalt lot. Every reasonable effort is being made to inconvenience the public as little as possible. Work is being staged to accommodate reasonable parking throughout the reconstruction. Access to the lot is limited to one entrance/exit during the reconstruction.

Schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

DRUG DROP OFF BOX

In an effort to combat the abuse and unsafe disposal of prescription drugs, the Garden City Police Department has a metal drug collection box in the front lobby of the Police Department on Stewart Avenue, where citizens can drop off unwanted or expired medications 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The following guidelines have been set for the Garden City Police Department Drug Disposal Program:

Accepted - unwanted or expired prescription and/or non-prescription medication by citizens; pills and patches are accepted.

Not Accepted - Liquids, syringes, inhalers, aerosol cans, creams, ointments, biohazard waste or restricted controlled substances (illicit drugs).

The Garden City Police Department continues to find solutions to address the growing use and abuse of opiates in the community as well as the environmental impact when disposing drugs improperly. Therefore, working in partnership with the Citizen's Campaign for the Environment to provide services and work toward solving emerging social and environmental issues, the Department officially launched its Drug Disposal Program in 2015 to help provide a safe, secure and anonymous collection and destruction of unused and unwanted prescription and non-prescription medications. The ultimate goal of this program aims to decrease access to unwanted or expired medication. The Department is hopeful that citizens will take advantage of this convenient service, which has eliminated the obstacles for community members to properly dispose of their medications. The Department has also partnered with local civic groups, Adelphi University and the Drug Enforcement Agency in the collection of unwanted, unused and expired medications.

The program has been very successful. During the past year, the Department has collected more than 400 pounds of unwanted, expired and unused prescription medications. The Garden City Police Department will continue to work with the community to provide solutions that aim to eliminate opiate abuse. Through this effort, the Garden City Police Department strives to decrease overdoses and drug crimes associated with this abuse.

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.

CATHEDRAL AVENUE PAVING

Nassau County began paving Cathedral Avenue on Friday, June 28th. Crews are paving the entire length of the roadway, from Fulton Avenue in Hempstead to Cherry Valley Avenue near the Garden City Schools Administration Offices. Please use caution in the area and expect periodic delays.

BOOK COLLECTION SUSPENDED

The Friends of the Garden City Public Library has suspended the collection of book donations through Labor Day, September 2. The group will conduct inventory on the books that have already been received. The Friends apologize for any inconvenience. For more information about the work of the Friends, please contact the Library at 516-742-8405 or visit www.gardencitypl.org.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES KICKS OFF THIS WEEK

Once again, compliments are due to the Recreation Department for arranging the 2019 season's outstanding Concert Series at the Village Gazebo, located on the Village Green at the corner of Stewart and Hilton Avenues. The concert schedule kicks off this week. Here's the lineup:

- July 11: Songs in the Attic - a tribute to Billy Joel
- July 18: Six Gun - Country music
- July 25: Shirley Alston Reeves - original lead singer of the Shirelles who had hits such as “Soldier Boy,” “Will You Love Me Tomorrow” and “Mama Said”
- August 1: The Devotions - Songs from the 50s and 60s
- August 8: Manhattan Skyline - Contemporary mix of music from the 60s through the 80s

The program will begin at 7:15 p.m. Admission is free. Please bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a very pleasant evening. Concerts are held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Cultural and Performing Arts Center in Cluett Hall at St. Paul's. Please call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 if you have any questions pertaining to the concert.

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 along Seventh Street.

Promenade dates (and themes) are as follows:

- 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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

During July and August the Board of Trustees meets once a month. The dates are Thursday July 18th and Thursday, August 15th at 8:00 p.m. These meetings are held in the Board Room at Village Hall. I encourage all residents to attend Board of Trustees meetings so as to be thoroughly informed of Village issues from a first-hand perspective.