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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.

DONATED IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT THE RAINBOW MONUMENT

A.D.V & Sons Irrigation was very happy with all the work that the Village did to restore the Rainbow Monument and the grounds surrounding it that the company felt moved to donate a sprinkler system to be installed at the Memorial site.

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. The area surrounding the Rainbow Monument was spruced up in May, and included the addition of lighting as well as a photocell for evening illumination. The new sidewalks that approach the monument from the north, east and west, plus the newly installed approach from the direction of the donated flagpole to the south are now all the same width at the base of the monument - six feet by four feet.

"The Village is grateful and happy to accept his donation and we're looking forward to it being installed and further enhancing the grounds of the Rainbow Memorial," Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco said.

RESTORATION OF ALEXANDER T. STEWART BUST

The Board is expected to hire North Shore Architectural to restore the bust of A.T. Stewart at the Garden City Railroad Station, helping to bring its luster back. In addition, they will also refurbish the pedestal that it is mounted on, repairing any cracks or damage and cleaning and restoring the appearance of the pedestal. This project is being undertaken in honor of the Village's Centennial celebration.

NEW HYDE PARK GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION

The New Hyde Park Road grade crossing in the Villages of New Hyde Park and Garden City is one of eight street-level crossings along the LIRR Main Line that will be eliminated as part of the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville. The New Hyde Park Road grade crossing currently:

- poses a safety risk to drivers, pedestrians and LIRR customers
- contributes to noise and air pollution
- longer commutes for drivers and LIRR customers

As trains approach New Hyde Park Station, grade crossing gates are in the down position 32 to 42 percent of the time during AM and PM peak periods, respectively. The need for grade crossing elimination is further illustrated by the six fatal crashes at grade crossing locations in the LIRR Main Line corridor from 2007 to 2017.

The New Hyde Park Road grade crossing is being reconstructed to feature a new, five-lane underpass with pedestrian sidewalks on the east and west sides of the underpass. There will also be a dedicated left-turn lane from southbound New Hyde Park Road to Clinch Avenue.

This reconstructed grade crossing was designed in conjunction with the Village of New Hyde Park and the Village of Garden City and will enhance safety and provide for a quieter and more livable community along the railroad.

In the area of the demolished building at 115 New Hyde Park Road, crews from 3rd Track Constructors will install a new sanitary line and will lay an eight inch, reinforced concrete slab to prepare for the installation of a storm water retention system on 2nd Avenue, between Herkomer Street and New Hyde Park Road. Beginning Monday, July 22, this portion of 2nd Avenue will be closed for the duration of construction of the New Hyde Park Grade Crossing Elimination Project.

As agreed to with representatives from the Villages, 3TC will provide a one-for-one replacement, inside the footprint of 115 New Hyde Park Road, for the on-street parking spaces impacted by this activity.

Please see the detour map for information on how to access the parking lot and navigate around the road closure. To stay informed register for updates at <https://lirrexpansion.com/register-for-updates/>. Contact the project's 24-hour Hotline at 516-203-4955 or email CommunityOutreach@LIRRexpansion.com with additional questions.

EXPANDING PILOT PROGRAM IN PARKING FIELD 7N

The Board is expected to pass a resolution that will authorize expansion of the Parking Field 7N Pilot Program in order to add an additional eight to 30 spaces as determined by Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi, who noted that there are residents waiting for additional spots and some who responded yes to the survey but have not yet purchased permits. "We are asking the Board to open up a range so that we can increase the spaces as necessary," Mr. Suozzi explained.

The Board is also expected to authorize a change in signage in 7N on four two-hour spaces behind 165 Seventh Street from two-hour to one-hour parking to "facilitate the swift movement of parking in that area" and also change the signage for 26 spaces (second double row) behind 730 Franklin Avenue from two-hour to three-hour parking to accommodate patronage of area

businesses.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library's Board Room. Meetings are regularly held on the second Monday of the month, but the Library Board has voted to change the August meeting from August 12th to August 5th.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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 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 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