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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 the Nassau Boulevard railroad station parking lot, upgrades to the Garden City Pool, rehabilitation of Village water wells, 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).

### **INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND OPENS AT COMMUNITY PARK**

The Department of Recreation and Parks has opened its newest playground in the Village. The playground, located by the Tennis Center within Community Park, is geared towards inclusive play. All children have a variety of activities within the same play space to enjoy. We urge all residents, especially younger ones, to stop by the playground to enjoy our newest asset to the community.

### **NASSAU BOULEVARD BRIDGE WORK**

The Nassau Boulevard Bridge has been the site of numerous bridge strikes over the years. These accidents result in significant train service disruptions in both directions while LIRR crews determine the bridge's safety and structural stability before restoring service.

Replacing and raising this aging, low-hanging bridge is expected to significantly reduce these types of incidents and delays. Slated to be removed and replaced with a three-track structure, the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project is expected to be completed at the end of October 2019. The schedule for upcoming weeks includes:

Beginning Monday, August 5, and continuing for approximately five weeks, Nassau Boulevard will be limited to a single, southbound lane. Northbound traffic will be directed to follow a detour/traffic management plan, developed in coordination with Village officials, which will guide drivers during the partial closure in using alternate routes.

At least one pedestrian sidewalk under the bridge is scheduled to be available during the construction period. Single traffic lanes are being made available while the bridge is rebuilt to reduce the inconvenience to drivers that a total road closure would result in. As this will be an active construction area, these partial road closures are essential to ensuring the safety of drivers, pedestrians and workers.

Replacing this bridge is an important component of the LIRR Expansion Project. While the underpass will remain two lanes, the track bed will be enlarged to allow for future placement of a third track south of the two existing tracks. The bridge opening (height) will also be increased by about 2 1/2 feet to the state required 14-foot height.

The Nassau Boulevard Bridge is one of seven bridges along the LIRR Main Line that is being

modified. On June 2, the Cherry Lane Bridge in Carle Place was replaced in a similar fashion and along a similar timeline. (See photos on the homepage of [www.lirrexpansion.com](http://www.lirrexpansion.com).)

The LIRR recognizes that these activities may be disruptive and cause some inconvenience. The goal is to complete the work as quickly as possible while maintaining safe and reliable operations. Visit [www.LIRRExpansion.com](http://www.LIRRExpansion.com) for more information about the project. If you have an immediate question about the work in your community, email [communityoutreach@LIRRExpansion.com](mailto:communityoutreach@LIRRExpansion.com) or call the 24-hour Hotline at 203-4955.

### **GARDEN CITY LIBRARY TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE**

Long Island Blood Services will hold a blood drive in their busmobile in front of the Garden City Public Library, located at 60 Seventh Street, on Tuesday, August 13, from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Donors will receive a McDonald's coupon for a free large sandwich or premium salad with any purchase when you register to donate blood. Area hospitals are in need of local residents' help. Each donation can help to save up to three lives. Eligible donors must be between 16 and 75 years of age, with a minimum weight of 110 lbs. and no tattoos within the past 12 months. Sixteen year olds must have parental permission and donors age 76 and over must present a doctor's note. All donors must have valid ID with signature or photo. Donors are encouraged to eat well (low fat) and drink fluids. For medical questions concerning blood donations, call 1-800-688-0900. Call the Library at 742-8405 extension 210 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

### **ALL PARK REUNION SEPTEMBER 7**

On Saturday, September 7, the history and heritage of Garden City's five neighborhood parks will be celebrated with a special "All Parks" reunion, to be held at Tullamore Park. Old Timer's Day is an opportunity to bring people together who shared a very unique and wonderful experience growing up and participating in the summer programs at every park in Garden City.

From daily activities to Travel Days, Special Events and the Olympics, summer days for many years were filled with competitive games and activities, which fostered unique opportunities, built long-standing friendships and created some awesome memories. The highlight was always Olympic Week at the end of the summer where participants competed in a host of sports, games and creative activities.

All activities will be short in duration and modified so that everyone can participate. There will be two distinct teams, led by honorary captains representing each of the parks on each team, each event worth a point thereby creating some fun competition. There will be an after party at Doc Grady's following the event. This year's event will raise money to purchase a specially designed basketball wheelchair for the Viscardi School for the disabled. For additional information or to register, visit:

<http://www.tullamoreparkolympics.com/>.

### **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. 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.