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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 Nassau Boulevard railroad station rehabilitation work, upgrades to the Garden City Pool, rehabilitation of the St. Paul's comfort station, Village water well treatments, the 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).

### **SAFEGUARDING GARDEN CITY'S WATER SUPPLY**

Trustees adopted two bond resolutions to fund the purchase of an Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) filtration system for the removal of emerging contaminants at Water Well Nos. 8, 10, 11 and 12, including 1,4 dioxane. A bond resolution in the amount of \$8.3 million for Well Nos. 8 and 12 and another in the amount of \$8.15 million for Well Nos. 10 and 11. In anticipation of a possible grant award of up to \$5 million per project, the Village must expend at least \$3 million of the approximate \$8.3 million in anticipated costs at Well Nos. 8 and 12 and the \$8.15 million in anticipated costs at Well Nos. 10 and 11 to plan and construct the proposed treatment. Grant monies are being offered through the Federal Clean Water Infrastructure Act.

Currently there is no filtration system in place to combat 1,4 dioxane, a by-product present in many goods, including paint strippers and antifreeze, and in some consumer products like deodorants and shampoos. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1,4 dioxane is a "likely human carcinogen."

### **LIBRARY BATHROOMS TO BE RENOVATED**

Three bathrooms adjacent to the front desk and Children's area at the Garden City Library – one handicapped bathroom, one children's bathroom and one adult bathroom - will be renovated in the coming months. Trustees awarded the bid to Flagship Contractors, Inc. out of Brooklyn. Work could commence within the next month.

### **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) that 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. To date, the Building Department has received approximately 1,000 requests; slightly over 100 folders have been sent to residents, according to Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello.

If you wish to have the “original file,” you must show proof of ownership of the property requested. 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.

### **ST. PAUL’S COMFORT STATION**

Work on the St. Paul’s comfort station has been dormant since May due to subpar work, particularly the unsatisfactory laying of tiles on both the walls and floor. Water was visibly pooling in certain areas, tiles were discolored and many of the floor tiles had sharp edges. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi sent a letter to the contractor in May, advising that Village officials were not accepting the job and that all the tiles must be removed and replaced. Alternatives for the proper completion of the project were then sized and brought before the Board of Trustees for approval. Village personnel met with the architect on site last week. Trustees have approved several change orders that, among other things, revise construction drawings. Mr. Suozzi is working to expedite this work so that the comfort station can be available for use during the fall soccer season.

### **NON-RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT FEE INCREASE**

There has been an increase in the annual non-resident railroad parking permit fee from \$400 to \$500, effective with applications for October 1, 2019. This increase applies to permits for the Nassau Boulevard and Stewart Manor railroad station parking fields only. According to Village Treasurer Irene Woo, 88 permits are available for sale to non-residents; 70 spots in the Stewart Manor railroad station parking field and 18 spots in the Nassau Boulevard railroad station parking field. The date for the upcoming sale of these permits will be posted on the Village website.

### **LIRR 3<sup>RD</sup> TRACK EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATES**

To date, significant progress has been made on the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville. While the duration and intensity of work depends on the project element under construction, the 3rd Track Constructors team is phasing in specific project elements to reduce the amount of disruption in any given community at any given time. All updates can be found under the "[LIRR 3rd Track Information](#)" tab on the left side of the Village of Garden City homepage. A detailed breakdown of current and future construction work can be found by clicking this [tab](#). This month in Garden City, work continues on the following:

### **Nassau 1 Interlocking**

The project includes substantial improvements to the Nassau 1 Interlocking, where trains switch from track-to-track at junctions or crossings. Work during August, which includes overnight and weekend work, features:

- LIRR crews working along the right-of-way to elevate the track bed to meet the new height that will come with the new Nassau Boulevard Bridge
- LIRR work trains will deliver ballast; LIRR work trains and crews will tamp down the delivered ballast
- During the overnight work, LIRR crews will be out in force and to maintain their safety, lights, flag personnel, and other precautions will be deployed

### **Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement**

The western halves of the platform on the north and south sides of the tracks that were removed in June and July are being rebuilt. Once the western halves of the platform are reopened, the team will begin the process of removing the eastern halves of the platform on the north and south sides of the tracks so that they may be rebuilt. The new platforms will accommodate 12-car trains, instead of limited to the 10-car train lengths today. This month, construction crews are:

- Setting rebar and pouring piers on the eastern halves of the north and south side platform
- Installing platform panels and rub boards – boards along the platform edge
- Installing tactile warning strips
- Installing temporary lighting, speakers and cameras

Signage is displayed to alert commuters of the ongoing construction activities. To board/exit trains at the Merillon Avenue station, be prepared to board and exit all trains (westbound and eastbound) from the first six cars.

### **Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project**

Just east of Merillon Avenue Station, work on the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project began in July. Slated to be removed and replaced with a three-track structure, the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project is expected to be complete at the end of October 2019. It is one of seven bridges along the LIRR Main Line being modified. 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. During August, work has intensified and includes early morning and weekend work:

- Nassau Boulevard is limited to a single, southbound lane
- At least one pedestrian sidewalk under the bridge is scheduled to be available during the construction period
- Partial road closures are essential to ensuring the safety of drivers, pedestrians and workers
- In coordination with Village officials, the LIRR Expansion Project team developed a traffic management plan that will guide drivers to use alternate routes

### **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:

- August 23: Frank Sinatra
- August 30: Peace Love & Music
- September 6: St. Patrick’s Day
- September 13: The Big Pineapple Circus