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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, 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.

DRIVE SLOWLY - SCHOOL IS OPEN

All motorists are reminded that this week marks the opening of the 2019/20 school year in Garden City. Hundreds of youngsters are walking to and from school, many for the first time. Please drive carefully and pay particular attention when driving in the area of recommended pedestrian routes, bus stops and schoolyards. This will not be any different than prior years in that a few preoccupied young people will inevitably dart out from in between parked cars or fail to look for oncoming traffic when crossing the street.

Please drive slowly. While the police and crossing guards are on duty at school crossing zones, many children will be crossing at unprotected areas. Parents are urged to discuss safe practices with their children and to remind them that it is very difficult for passing motorists to see them and stop safely. The Police Department reminds motorists that the posted speed limit in the area of schools is 20 miles per hour.

Commissioner Kenneth Jackson advises that the Department will be deploying extra patrols in and around the schools enforcing traffic infractions that affect the safety of students, including speeding in a school zone and passing a stopped school bus.

GARDEN CITY POOL

The Pool will be open on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The areas and times of the Pool available for swimming will be limited depending on the number of lifeguards we have on duty. This weekend Friday, Sept. 6 through Sunday, Sept. 8 the Pool will be open from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Once again the areas of the Pool that are open for swimming will be dependent on the number of lifeguards we have on duty each day.

LIRR THIRD TRACK PROJECT UPDATE

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](#). Residents can also visit

www.lirrexpansion.com for updates. During September, you will see crews continuing construction activities in Garden City:

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 have been rebuilt and reopened. Temporary platforms have been installed to accommodate six-car station access. Similar to the work seen and heard during August, construction crews, in September, will:

- Complete the removal of the eastern halves of the platform on the north and south sides of the tracks so that they may be rebuilt
- Excavate the area and set pre-cast footings, and set rebar and pour piers
- Signage will be displayed to alert commuters of the ongoing construction activities
- To board/exit trains at Merillon Avenue Station, please be prepared to board and exit all trains (westbound and eastbound) from the first six (6) cars
- Once this project element is completed, the new platforms will accommodate 12-car trains, instead of limited to the 10-car train lengths today

Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

Just east of Merillon Avenue Station work continues on the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project:

- In the Merillon Avenue Station parking lot and on the northwest side of the Nassau Boulevard roadway, crews from 3TC are building the new three-bay bridge structure
- During the next Main Line double track outage, over the weekend of October 4-7, the existing bridge will be removed and the newly built, three-bay bridge structure will be rolled in, in a similar fashion to what was done at [Cherry Lane](#)

To prepare the existing area for the new bridge, the following activities will take place:

- Excavating and setting pre-cast footings
- Setting formwork and installing rebar supports for the new bridge
- Installing a retaining wall and widening the bridge abutments

Prior to the full closure of Nassau Boulevard during the week preceding the roll-in of the new bridge, traffic will be impacted:

- Nassau Boulevard is limited to a single, southbound lane
- At least one pedestrian sidewalk under the bridge is available
- As this will be an active construction area, these 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

Replacement Parking for Merillon Avenue Station and Nassau Boulevard Bridge Work

Portions of the parking lot at Merillon Avenue Station continues to be utilized by the construction team

- Replacement parking is provided north of Merillon Avenue Station, along Broadway, between County Courthouse Road and Herricks Road, on the south side of the street
- In coordination with the Town of North Hempstead, parking restrictions will be lifted for the duration of these project activities
- Once the bridge replacement is complete, the majority of the parking spaces will be returned to service

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 in September, which includes overnight and weekend work, will feature:

- 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

New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination Project

Following the reopening of Covert Avenue in New Hyde Park, work will begin on the New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination project

- A temporary bypass road will be constructed, in advance of major construction activities beginning, to avoid a complete shutdown of the very busy New Hyde Park Road
- The New Hyde Park Road grade crossing in New Hyde Park and Garden City is one of eight street-level crossings along the LIRR Main Line that will be eliminated. 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

In September, you will begin to see crews preparing for this project element:

- Crews will drill soldier piles on the southwest side of New Hyde Park Road, in the grassy area just west of the active roadway
- Sections of soldier piles are installed by vibratory hammers, in sequence, forming the wall for earth support

- Activity is not anticipated to require a lane reduction along New Hyde Park Road

New Hyde Park Road Traffic Alteration

As a result of feedback from emergency service personnel and elected officials in New Hyde Park and Garden City, traffic along New Hyde Park Road, south of the tracks, will be modified:

- A barrier will be placed in the middle of New Hyde Park Road, at the intersection with Clinch Avenue
- For vehicles traveling southbound on New Hyde Park Road, the new barrier will prevent left turns onto southbound Clinch Avenue
- For vehicles traveling northbound on Clinch Avenue, the new barrier will prevent left turns onto southbound New Hyde Park Road
- Signage will be placed in and around the intersection to ensure driver safety

Wall Construction

As part of 3TC's commitment to the community, the installation of retaining and sound walls will improve the quality of life for residents living near and around the LIRR tracks. From New Hyde Park Road to Herricks Road along the right-of-way on the south side of the tracks:

- Support of excavation work will begin, in advance of the construction of a retaining wall
- Crews will also begin installation of a ground-mounted sound wall parallel to the retaining wall
- From Nassau Boulevard to Herricks Road, specifically, crews will continue to install wall sections, on top of the existing retaining wall, along the north of the tracks

LIRR Work Along Railroad Right-of-Way

In addition and complementary to 3TC's activities, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way. These activities may include:

- Regular track inspection and maintenance; Rail tie replacement; Grade crossing elimination preparatory work
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may take place overnight and on weekends
- For more information, visit the post in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com

LIRR Station Access and Service Changes

For up-to-date service changes and/or changes to station access, please visit MTA.info/LIRR

PSEG ELECTRICAL RELIABILITY WORK

PSEG Long Island is scheduling to perform work in the area on Wednesday, Sept. 4, Thursday, Sept. 5 and Friday, Sept. 6. In order to ensure the safety of customers and work crews, it will be necessary to temporarily turn off electric service. Outages are scheduled to take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and are expected to last approximately three hours. PSEG is making every effort to keep the outage time as short as possible and is notifying affected customers to make them aware of the work. **Please contact PSEG at 1-800-490-0025 to find out if your house will be affected.**

2019/20 PAVING SCHEDULE UPDATE

The following is the curb, sidewalk and road improvements paving schedule for 2019/20:

1. Eleventh Street – **Completed**
2. Repairs to Merillon Avenue and Kensington Road – **Completed**
3. Rainbow Memorial - **Completed**
4. “Little” 7th St – Sidewalk replacement – **Completed**
5. Clinton Parking Field - **Completed**
6. Pine Street – **In Progress**
7. Parking Field 9E – Area south of Ninth Street
8. Parking Field 8
9. Meadow Street, Grove Street, Commander Avenue, Lindbergh Street – These roads are contingent on the completion of the water main replacement project scheduled for Meadow Street
10. Stewart Avenue – Sidewalk on the south side, from Clinton Road east to the Village line. This work is contingent on the PSEG transmission line project.
11. Nassau Boulevard railroad parking lot
12. Concrete work at the DPW Yard – Concrete the dump area, plow storage area and reconstruct employee parking lot (2019-20 Capital project)

ST. PAUL’S UPDATE

CNY Group’s design and construction team has secured the St. Paul’s site with construction fencing and has begun monitoring and will begin stabilizing existing conditions in order to minimize further damage of the building. In the coming months, the team will continue to carefully assess the building and the feasibility of a variety of community uses, abate the existing environmental hazards common to 100-plus-year-old structures left unprotected and then structurally stabilize the building.

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The Town of Hempstead will host a flag raising ceremony on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Town of Hempstead Building, 1 Washington Street in

Hempstead. The ceremony will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Alexander T. Stewart's land purchase and 100th anniversary of Garden City's Community Agreement. All residents are welcome to attend.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Chief Thomas Stryko and the Officers and Members of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite all Village residents to join the Department for its annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Village 9/11 Memorial located at the Village Green and Gazebo at the corner of Hilton and Stewart Avenues. The remembrance service will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The service pays tribute to the 23 Garden City residents that perished during the attack on the World Trade Center, the 343 members of the FDNY, 23 members of the NYPD and 37 members of the PAPD killed, as well as those who have died of 9/11-related illnesses.

SEPTEMBER 6 PROMENADE CANCELLED

Due to the unpredictability of the pending hurricane, the Garden City Chamber of Commerce is cancelling this Friday's Promenade (Sept. 6).