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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 treatment at Village water wells, the stabilization plan for the former St. Paul's School, sewer main repairs 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).

### **GAS MAIN PROJECT ON HARVARD STREET**

In an effort to improve gas service to residents in Garden City, National Grid began mobilizing and installing a new gas main on Harvard Street this week. The project is expected to take approximately two months to complete. Local road closures may occur. However, residents will have access to their driveways at the end of each day. Any sidewalks and/or grass areas that are disturbed will be fully restored by National Grid. The road will be open for emergency vehicles. National Grid is handing out notices to residents in the project area informing them of the scope of the project as well as providing contact information.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL RESTORATION**

Restoration work has started on the Fire Department Memorial at Village Hall. This project includes cleaning of the monument and installation of new paving stones around the monument. Also, there will be improvements to the landscaping surrounding the Memorial, including the removal of large bushes that obscured visibility. A walkway will be installed from the adjacent parking lot to provide better access to the Memorial and lighting will be added to enhance the viewing. Later phases of the project will include adding flagpoles and additional lighting.

### **LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE**

During October, you will see crews continuing construction activities in Garden City:

#### **Full Closure of Nassau Boulevard September 30 – October 8**

To prepare for and execute the "roll-in" of the new bridge, Nassau Boulevard is closed to vehicular traffic from Monday, Sept. 30 until Tuesday, Oct. 8. Pedestrian access will remain available until the FULL CLOSURE of Nassau Boulevard on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Work continues on the Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project, ahead of the planned reopening of Nassau Boulevard on Tuesday, Oct. 8. In the Merillon Avenue station parking lot and on the northwest side of the Nassau Boulevard roadway, crews from 3TC are finishing construction on the new three-bay bridge structure. During the

next Main Line double track outage, over the weekend of Oct. 4-7, the existing bridge will be removed and the newly built, three-bay bridge structure will be rolled in. Replacement of the Nassau Boulevard Bridge is expected to be complete in less than three months. To achieve this rapid timeline, there will be temporary detours for drivers and pedestrians. To prepare for and execute the “roll-in” of the new bridge, Nassau Boulevard is closed to vehicular traffic from Monday, Sept. 30 until Tuesday, Oct. 8. Pedestrian access will remain available until the FULL CLOSURE of Nassau Boulevard on Friday, Oct. 4. During the double track outage from Friday, Oct. 4 at 10:00 p.m. to Monday, Oct. 7 at 5:00 a.m., there will be NO PEDESTRIAN or VEHICULAR access under the Nassau Boulevard Bridge. There will be no weekend train service from New Hyde Park to Hicksville. Visit [mta.info/lirr](http://mta.info/lirr) for more information and travel alternatives.

### **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 October, 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.

### **Replacement Parking For Merillon Ave Station and Nassau Boulevard Bridge Work**

Portions of the parking lot at the Merillon Avenue station continue to be utilized by the construction team. Replacement parking is provided north of the 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.

### **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/Garden City Park, traffic along New Hyde Park Road, south of the tracks, will be modified. A barrier is installed at the intersection with Clinch Avenue. In consultation with elected officials from New Hyde Park, for vehicles traveling northbound on New Hyde Park Road, at the intersection with Fourth Avenue, please note the new “Don’t Block the Box” signage. For vehicles traveling southbound on New Hyde Park Road, the new barrier prevents left turns onto southbound Clinch Avenue. For vehicles traveling northbound on Clinch Avenue, the new barrier prevents left turns onto southbound New Hyde Park Road. Signage is in place in and around the intersection to ensure driver and pedestrian safety.

### **New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination Project**

The at-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. Plaza Avenue west between Herkomer Street and New Hyde Park Road will be realigned and become a two-way street to improve traffic flow associated with the new signal being installed at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue. This reconstructed grade crossing was designed in conjunction with the Village of New Hyde Park and the Village of Garden City. Soldier piles on New Hyde Park Road are being drilled to support the formation of the retaining wall required for excavation. Sections of soldier piles are installed by vibratory hammers, in sequence, forming the wall for earth support. This activity may require intermittent changes to the traffic patterns along New Hyde Park Road.

#### **Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement**

The western halves of the platform on the north and south sides of the tracks have been rebuilt and reopened. Temporary platforms have been installed to accommodate six-car station access. Similar to the work seen and heard during September, construction crews in October will: Continue to excavate the area and set pre-cast footings and rebar, and pour piers. Following the successful completion of the work, crews will begin to build the permanent platform. 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 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.

#### **FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

A flag raising ceremony at the Town of Hempstead Building September 30 marked another moment this year that recognized two significant occasions in Garden City's rich history – the 150th anniversary of Alexander T. Stewart's land purchase and the 100th anniversary of Garden City's Community Agreement. Mayor Theresa Trouvé helped hoist Garden City's flag in front of Hempstead Town Hall along with fellow Garden City Trustees John Delany and Mark Hyer, Town Supervisor Laura Gillen and Town Clerk Sylvia Cabana, members of the Executive Staff, Ralph Suozzi, Karen Altman and Joseph DiFrancisco, and members of Garden City's Centennial Committee, including Kathleen Auro, Brian Pinnola and Joanne Adams. Photos from the ceremony can be viewed on the Village's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

#### **INSPECTOR DOYLE, DETECTIVE PEDONE**

A special ceremony was held Friday, September 27 in front of Police Headquarters to honor two Department veterans who dedicated their law enforcement careers to keeping Garden City residents safe. Inspector Michael Doyle officially retired this month following a distinguished 33-year career in the Village. Detective Richard Pedone, who also retired this month, began his career in Garden City in 1986. On behalf of the Garden City community, we wish them well during retirement. Photos from the "walk out" ceremony can be viewed on the Village's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

## **FIRE PREVENTION DAY OCTOBER 6**

The Garden City Volunteer Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe. NFPA statistics show that in 2017 U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600 fire injuries. On average, seven people died in a fire in a home per day during 2012 to 2016.

"These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. While NFPA and the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location."

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Chief Tom Stryko. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

The Department's annual open house will take place at Fire Headquarters located at 347 Stewart Avenue. Formal program and demonstrations will begin at 12:30 p.m.