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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, bathroom renovations at the Library 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.

LIBRARY BATHROOM PROJECT

In the course of demolition work in the first floor Library bathroom, which took place over the last week, work crews discovered a severely corroded drain line that appeared to be leaking. The company that was already contracted to perform the work will replace the pipe. This will not delay the project. Further, because the project came in well under budget there are enough funds in this capital project to support the \$9,750 change order, according to Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco. It is anticipated this project will be completed by the end of October.

NASSAU BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACED

MTA crews replaced the Nassau Boulevard bridge over this past weekend with a structure that will support three-tracks as part of the LIRR expansion project. The existing bridge was removed and the new one lifted and rolled into place. Following the "roll-in," tracks, power, communications and other systems were reinstalled in time for the morning commute. The old bridge measured 11' 6" and was the site of many accidents over the years by trucks striking it. The new bridge is 14' high. To see a time-lapse video of the replacement work, visit www.gardencityny.net and click on the LIRR Third Track Information tab.

HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE PARKING ON SEVENTH STREET

Installation of the three handicap-accessible parking spaces on Seventh Street should be completed by the end of the week, weather permitting. Installation of the signage and line striping for the northeast space and the southwest space should also be completed by the end of this week (weather permitting). The southeast space should be completed by the end of next week.

WATER TOWER UPDATE

With soil removal and site surveys completed, excavation work has begun at the water tower site off of Old Country Road in preparation for the concrete foundation pour, which is scheduled to take place early next week according to Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco.

COUNTY DOME LIGHTING

Nassau County will illuminate its dome on Franklin Avenue in blue and green on Friday, October 11 to commemorate the dual anniversaries the Village is celebrating this year. The dome will stay in those colors until Monday, October 14. Earlier this month, the Town of Hempstead held a flag raising ceremony in front of Hempstead Town Hall in honor of the Village's milestones.

TREATMENT AT VILLAGE WATER WELLS

To continue its vigilance regarding emerging contaminants in Village water, the Board of Trustees adopted a \$6.5 million bond resolution this month to fund wellhead treatment at Wells 13 and 14 for AOP (Advanced Oxidation Process) removal. This is in addition to an adopted \$5.2 million bond resolution to provide treatment at Well 7 for AOP removal.

Further, the Board approved a number of purchases. At the October 3, 2019 Board meeting, Trustees declared an emergency to forego the competitive bidding process in order to approve the purchase of ultraviolet advanced oxidation equipment, a water-shed UV reactor and control stations for Wells 13 and 14, and a UV reactor and control stations for Well Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. These stations are needed to house the ultraviolet advanced oxidation equipment.

H2M Architects is providing professional engineering services associated with pilot testing a new wellhead treatment system for 1,4-Dioxane removal at Wells 8, 12, 13 and 14.

Last month, Dennis Kelleher, P.E., executive vice president, and Jim Roberts, P.E., vice president, H2M Architects and Engineers, provided an overview of 1,4-Dioxane, PFOA and PFOS and the New York State Department of Health draft regulations surrounding the same. The Village engaged the firm to perform a Village-wide evaluation of emerging contaminants as part of the Water Department's Emerging Contaminant Action Plan.

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) is a manmade chemical used in the process of making Teflon and similar chemicals and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) is the key ingredient in Scotchgard and numerous stain repellents. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1,4-Dioxane is a by-product in many goods, including paint strippers, dyes, greases, antifreeze and aircraft de-icing fluids, and in some consumer products (deodorants, shampoos and cosmetics).

It is important to reiterate that the Village's water supply is tested on a daily basis to ensure it meets all standards in regards to safety and quality. The Village has spent millions of dollars and continues to spend and invest in infrastructure to ensure the safety of our water.

ORIGINAL PROPERTY FOLDER REQUESTS DEADLINE APPROACHING

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. If you wish to have the “original file” you must show proof of ownership of the property requested. We anticipate a high volume of requests for these folders, so 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.