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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.

MONITORING WELLS IN THE EAST

The Environmental Protection Agency plans to drill four wells in the East to monitor underground water pollution caused by a plume from the old Mitchel Field Air Force base that is moving south from that location, according to Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco. Garden Street, the intersection of Tremont Street and Garden Street and the intersection of Willow and Tremont streets are the three proposed locations for the four wells; the Willow/Tremont intersection is slated to have two wells. Drilling is expected to begin this month. The EPA, at the Village's insistence, will not be doing any work in regards to these wells during the holiday season. They have agreed to complete any work before Thanksgiving and not resume until after New Year's.

EMERGING CONTAMINANTS

To date the Board of Trustees has approved \$28 million in Bond resolutions in order to address the issue of emerging contaminants in Village water. This is for treatment at seven wells.

Approximately \$11 million of new filtration systems and related supplies have been ordered. Further, pilot testing of the new filtration system has been completed on two wells. The second pilot test took place last week on two more wells and is being followed immediately by a third pilot test on two more wells.

To read more about the Village's aggressive approach to fighting these contaminants, visit www.gardencityny.net and click on the article, "Village Continues to Aggressively Address Water Issues" in the Notifications and Alerts section.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

It's been approximately nine months since NYU Winthrop began offering ambulance service in the Village and the partnership has been positive for both the Village and the hospital. To date, the service has received 1,492 calls and has transported 1,133 patients to area hospitals since service went into effect in January 2019.

The two-year agreement with NYU Winthrop provides service 24 hours a day/seven days a week. Two new ambulances fitted with brand new equipment each have one EMT and

one paramedic aboard. Ambulances are stationed at the St. Paul's campus. The switch to a private service provider was one of the items on the Board's priority list adopted in 2017. The Village Police Department has radio connectivity with the ambulances. In addition, two microphones/speakers were installed for efficient dispatching between Police Headquarters and each ambulance unit.

STEWART AVENUE PAVING

Nassau County will be paving Stewart Avenue, between Cherry Valley Ave and Tanners Pond Road, beginning Friday, October 18, 2019. There will be lane closures associated with this work. The project is expected to last until early November.

COMMERCIAL TRUCK INSPECTIONS

As of October 16, the Garden City Police Department has conducted 17 commercial vehicle inspections in the Village. During these inspections:

- 160 vehicles were inspected
- 79 were placed out of service
- 899 tickets were issued for traffic and safety violations, including 188 overweight violations and 34 Haz-Mat violations

For example, during an inspection in May on New Hyde Park Road, officers arrested the truck driver for aggravated unlicensed operation due to a license suspension from a prior DWI arrest, as well as other violations including leaking gas containers. During another inspection in August, eight vehicles were inspected and more than half were placed out of service for various violations, including hazardous materials and unsecured load.

“Truck inspections are conducted to help ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians. They also help the Department in minimizing deterioration and damage to Village roads, Commissioner Kenneth Jackson said. “Violations such as defective breaks, unsafe tires, overweight vehicles, illegal transport of hazardous materials and loose/unsecured loads pose a significant danger to the well-being of residents as well as the environment.

ROAD PAVING CAPITAL PROJECTS

As of this past week, the following road paving capital projects have been completed or are scheduled to begin:

- Eleventh Street - **Completed**
- Repairs to Merillon Avenue and Kensington Road - **Completed**
- Rainbow Memorial - **Completed**

- “Little” 7th St Sidewalk Replacement - **Completed**
- Clinton Parking Field - **Completed**
- Pine Street – **Completed**
- Parking Field 9E (Area south of Ninth Street) – **Scheduled to begin within the next week**
- Parking Field 8 – **In planning stage**
- 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. Health Department submittals are being prepared.
- 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. To read more about this PSEG project, click on the “PSEG Western Nassau Transmission Project” tab on the Village website’s home page, www.gardencityny.net.
- Franklin Avenue paving stones - Owners have been notified by the Village that the condition of the paving stones in the business district may need to be addressed

ROOF REPAIR CAPITAL PROJECTS

The roof replacement project at the Clinton Well site pump houses is 90 percent complete, according to Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco. “We are awaiting pricing on a new roof hatch and the completion of the electrical work on the roof vents,” he said.

Over at the Village Yard, replacement of the two roofs above the offices has begun. It is anticipated this project will be completed in approximately two weeks, weather permitting.

KEEP HOUSE NUMBERS VISIBLE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

Homes in Garden City will soon be decorated with wreaths and garlands reflecting the holiday season. Our Police and Fire Departments are urging homeowners to take particular care in their decorating so as not to impair the visibility of their house numbers. A properly displayed house numeral will save precious minutes when our emergency services are responding to your home. Please cooperate and help us to help you.

For those of you who do not have clearly visible numbers on your house – please install them. We bet that you have run into this problem yourself, perhaps when dropping off a child at someone’s home for a party, and you drive up and down a street guessing which

house is the correct one. In an emergency situation, we believe that you would not want our police or fire department personnel trying to guess which house is the right one.