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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.

ST. PAUL'S SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Carlos Cardoso, AIA, Partner, Director of Construction Administration, and Hillary Bingnear, Associate, of Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners LLP, Walter Beal, Project Executive, CNY Group, and Michelle Dionisio, Associate, Thornton Tomasetti, will make a presentation regarding the timeline of the St. Paul's stabilization project.

LIRR EXPANSION PROJECT COMMUNITY SCORECARD

The Long Island Rail Road invites residents living further than 400 feet from the expansion project to participate in the Design-Builder Incentive Program's Community Scorecard and provide input on 3TC's performance during the third quarter of 2019 (July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019). Residents within 400 feet get a survey mailed directly to their home. This feedback helps determine whether 3TC earns the incentive payment for this quarter. In addition, input is instrumental in improving construction impact minimization techniques, as well as project outreach efforts. This [link](#) is to the 3rd Track Community scorecard.

MEMBERSHIP LOYALTY AWARD PROGRAM

A check in the amount of \$26,785 was presented this week to Village Treasurer Irene Woo from N.Y.S. Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (Comp Alliance) under its Member Loyalty Award Program. This is a group self-insurance program made up of municipal employers for the purpose of providing worker's compensation and liability coverage required by New York State law. Checks were distributed to members of the Comp Alliance from a portion of its surplus. This one-time monetary award reflects a recognition by the Comp Alliance Board of Trustees of fiscal challenges faced by municipalities.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Back in March, Mayor Theresa Trouvé formally requested that Congress recognize the Incorporated Village of Garden City and its history by reading into the Congressional Record the following dates:

- July 17, 1869 – A.T. Stewart Land Purchase
- September 13, 1869 – A.T. Stewart Deed Recorded
- May 15, 1919 – Garden City Community Agreement Signed
- July 19, 1919 – Garden City First Trustee Election
- September 30, 1919 – Incorporation of the Village of Garden City

Congresswoman Kathleen Rice is expected to read into the Congressional Record; the Village will be notified.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The Garden City Volunteer Fire Department joins fire departments nationwide in promoting the annual Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery campaign on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

While modern technology has made it such that we don't need to turn back every clock in the house, you should change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Chief Thomas Stryko encourages all residents to adopt the simple, life-saving habit of changing smoke alarm batteries when they change their clocks back from daylight savings time to standard time. "It's an easy, inexpensive, and proven way to protect your family and your home," said Chief Stryko.

Surveys conducted for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Consumer Products Safety Commission found that 96 percent of all homes have at least one smoke alarm, but only 75 percent have at least one working smoke alarm. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with either no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms. Smoke alarm failures usually result from missing or dead batteries or disconnected wires.

According to the NFPA, the maximum life cycle of a smoke alarm is 10 years from the date of manufacture, not the date of installation. Beginning in 2002, all smoke alarms must have a manufacture date marked on the outside of the smoke alarm. If your smoke alarm does not have a manufacture date or if you've had it for more than ten years, it needs to be replaced. All smoke alarms should be tested monthly.

Ten-year smoke alarms require little maintenance, and unlike alarms with removable batteries, they are nearly impossible to deactivate. Regardless of the type of alarm in one's home, GCFD recommends cleaning all alarms to remove any debris that might impede their function and to test the batteries, changing them if necessary.

Smoke & CO Alarm Tips:

- Test alarms at least once a month by using the test button.
- If you have an alarm with a removable battery, be sure to check the batteries every six months, and change the batteries every year. If a battery is starting to lose its power, the unit will usually chirp to warn you. Do NOT disable the unit.

- Vacuum or blow out any dust that might have accumulated in the unit.
- NEVER borrow a battery from an alarm to use somewhere else.
- NEVER paint a smoke or CO alarm.
- Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home, including the basement, and in, or near each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms should not be installed near a window because drafts could interfere with their operation.
- Families should also develop and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing smoke alarms and replacing the batteries.

For more information on smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and other information on fire safety and prevention, visit www.gcfndny.com and www.nfpa.org.