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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 STABILIZATION TIMELINE

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to discuss the next steps for St. Paul's. 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, made a presentation regarding the timeline of the building's stabilization.

The stabilization portion of this project includes four bid packages – window protection, removal of overgrown ivy and bush, removal and proper storage of the stained glass windows and structural stabilization, including roof and gutter work. Approximately 60 windows need to be closed up; the stained glass windows need to be stored inside custom-sized crates in an environmentally controlled facility; gutters and leaders need to be replaced and areas containing loose brick need to be re-mortared to ensure they are watertight. Mr. Beal noted the bid packages are being sent back to Village Staff for another round of review this week.

Building walk-throughs for potential bidders is tentatively scheduled for the first week of December, prior to the public bid opening in mid-December. The consulting team is hoping to make a recommendation to the Board at the end of December. If the timeline remains on schedule, stabilization work could begin in late January and is expected to take three months. During the mobilization process in early 2020, the design team will meet with the Board to begin discussing possible uses.

VETERANS DAY

The American Legion William Bradford Turner Post 265 will conduct its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2019 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Village Memorial Plaza on Seventh Street, across from the Garden City Hotel.

One hour before the ceremony, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will distribute poppies on Seventh Street. Hospitalized veterans make the poppies, which are to be worn by the public to honor deceased veterans.

NON-EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO 555 STEWART AVENUE

Trustees approved an agreement that allows the Village to stockpile snow and store snow during the winter months at 555 Stewart Avenue in exchange for the Village's performance of certain property maintenance work on the licensed premises through April 30, 2020.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Board of Trustees meeting schedule has been amended for the month of December. The regular Board meeting dates of December 5 and December 19 have been cancelled. There will only be one meeting held in December on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

WELL NO. 10 REHABILITATION

The Board has approved \$9,600 in additional engineering services related to the rehabilitation of Well No. 10 due to a change in the scope of work H2M Architects is performing. After evaluating the condition of the well site a decision was made to expand the scope of the project to include not only well rehabilitation but replacement and upgrade of the electronic systems that control the well site. This increases the original proposal, which was approved at the July 19, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting, from \$35,200 to \$44,800. Funds are available in the Capital Project.

LEAF REMOVAL SEASON

The Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks have begun collecting leaves. During the collection season, the Village's website will be updated weekly to allow residents to track the collection process. The notice will be listed on the Home Page under "Notifications and Alerts." We ask that residents observe the following guidelines:

- Place only leaves in the street. Other items such as sticks and old plant material may damage machinery and slow down operation.
- Do not place leaves on medians and malls as this will kill or damage the grass. For reasons of safety, our streets are cleaned of leaves on a more frequent schedule than are the medians.
- Avoid parking cars over leaves as this slows our operation considerably and is also a fire hazard. Cars can be damaged or destroyed by fire as a result of their being parked on dry leaves.
- Please do not obscure fire hydrants by piling leaves around them.
- If you have a gardener, instruct him to place your leaves in the street, and not on the malls. Many gardeners find it convenient to bring leaves in from other communities to which they work for disposal by the Village. This practice is prohibited and the Police Department will issue summonses.

LIRR TRAIN SERVICE

During the weekend of November 16-17, there will be no train service between New Hyde Park and Hicksville for installation of new switches between Nassau Boulevard and

Herricks. There will also be LIRR track maintenance work that will require a full shut down of Main Street starting Friday evening and lasting the entire weekend until early Sunday morning (1AM or so). The work will include replacement of ties at the Main Street grade crossing and surfacing of Nassau 2 interlocking.

The LIRR is not running a bus program and are advising customers to use other branches for service. They will also be able to use existing NICE bus routes from Mineola to Hempstead or Hicksville. Here are some additional details on service:

LIRR crews will install a new switch at Nassau Interlocking, west of Mineola Station, on the weekend of November 16-17, in preparation for expanded and increased service following the completion of the LIRR Expansion Project. This switch installation will require the LIRR to suspend train service between New Hyde Park and Hicksville, impacting service on the Ronkonkoma, Port Jefferson and Oyster Bay branches. There will be NO TRAIN SERVICE at New Hyde Park, Merillon Avenue, Mineola, Carle Place and Westbury stations. Special schedules will be in effect on ALL LIRR branches on these weekends.

To avoid delays and transfers, customers are advised to use alternate branches, including the Babylon, Hempstead, Montauk or Port Washington branches, on this weekend. Service will be increased from hourly to half-hourly on the Hempstead branch to accommodate affected customers. NICE Bus will also cross-honor LIRR tickets on routes between Mineola and Hicksville, as well as Mineola and Hempstead. Major changes are outlined below.

Service Levels:

Port Jefferson Branch:

- **Port Jefferson-Huntington:** Two-hour service intervals
- **Huntington-Hicksville:** Hourly service intervals
- **New Hyde Park, Merillon Ave, Mineola, Carle Place, Westbury Stations:** No train service
- **LIRR tickets** will be cross-honored on the **N22/N24 NICE Bus** routes for LIRR customers traveling between Mineola and Hicksville
- **LIRR tickets** will also be cross-honored on the **N40/N41 NICE Bus** routes for travel between Mineola and Hempstead

Ronkonkoma Branch:

- **Ronkonkoma-Hicksville:** Hourly service intervals
- **Ronkonkoma-Greenport:** Service level unchanged, but westbound trains will depart Greenport *4-7 minutes earlier* than regularly scheduled train times; connecting eastbound service to Greenport will depart up to an hour earlier than normal train times
- **Bethpage Station:** Service provided by shuttle trains between Babylon and Hicksville

Oyster Bay Branch:

- Two-hour service intervals between Oyster Bay and East Williston only; transfer to/from buses for Mineola and Hempstead

Hempstead Branch:

- Service increased from hourly to half-hourly intervals, alternating between Penn Station and Atlantic Terminal.

All Other Branches:

- Adjusted schedules due to changes in connecting service

Service Patterns**Port Jefferson/Ronkonkoma Branches:**

- **Westbound:** Trains will operate from Port Jefferson and Huntington to Hicksville, and from Ronkonkoma to Hicksville. Connect to a shuttle train to Babylon, then transfer to an express train to Penn Station. Express trains will stop at Jamaica for connections to Brooklyn and points west
- **Eastbound:** Board a train to Babylon, transfer to a shuttle train to Hicksville, and transfer again for train service to points east, including Huntington, Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma
- **Bethpage Station:** All service to and from Bethpage Station will be provided by the shuttle trains between Babylon and Hicksville. The shuttle will be a diesel-powered train with bi-level cars. Electric trains will not stop at Bethpage Station

Oyster Bay Branch:

Trains will operate between Oyster Bay and East Williston only.

- **Westbound:** Transfer to a free shuttle bus at East Williston Station for service to Hempstead, and resume train service at Hempstead for points west. Hempstead Branch service will be increased from hourly to half-hourly.
- **Eastbound:** Transfer to a free shuttle bus at Hempstead for service to East Williston, where connecting Oyster Bay trains will run every two hours