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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.

PILOT TESTING

Pilot testing is currently taking place at Well Nos. 13 and 14. A mini version of the filtration system the Village is looking to purchase is being used for the testing. It uses UV light in a chamber that the water passes through. Peroxide is then injected into it. The UV light reacts with the peroxide to destroy the 1,4-Dioxane. Mini GAC (granulated activated carbon) filters then remove the peroxide from the treated water. The Nassau County Department of Health reviews the results. Pilot tests are required by the Health Department before any filtration system can be installed, according to Joseph DiFrancisco, Public Works superintendent.

Earlier this month, Mr. DiFrancisco and Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi visited Greenlawn to observe a different process to remove 1,4-Dioxane. "This could potentially give us more options for treatment going forward. If the demand for the other product is too great and it creates a shortage or we can't get it in time, this is potentially another option," Mr. DiFrancisco said.

A.T. STEWART BUST CLEANING AND RESTORATION

Evergreene Architectural Arts, Inc. is restoring the bust of A.T. Stewart at the Garden City Railroad Station, helping to bring its luster back. The pedestal that it is mounted on has been power washed, cracks are being repaired and the entire bust is being cleaned. This project is being undertaken in honor of the Village's Centennial celebration. The project should be completed by week's end.

ST. PAUL'S COMFORT STATION

Tile work began again at the St. Paul's comfort station on November 7. The bathroom is expected to be complete on or about November 20, prior to the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot.

Work was halted after inspections back in May discovered sub-par work, particularly the unsatisfactory laying of tiles on both the walls and floor. Water was visibly pooling in certain areas, tiles were discolored and many of the floor tiles had sharp edges. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi sent a letter to the contractor in May advising that Village officials would not accept the job. All tiles had to be removed and replaced.

AMENDED CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

The Garden City Police Department would like residents to be aware of the amended Child Restraint Law, which became enforceable effective November 1, 2019. The new law requires all back-seat passengers under the age of two be restrained in a rear-facing specially designed seat that conforms to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety standards. The rear-facing seat must be permanently affixed to the vehicle or affixed by a safety belt. The new law also applies to school buses.

The previous law required all children under the age of eight be placed in an appropriate child restraint system. The new law was enacted because children under two years of age are very vulnerable to injury or death in car crashes because their head and neck areas are underdeveloped. The New York State Assembly passed this law in 2017. As written in their summary, the Assembly states, “A 2007 University of Virginia study found that children under two were 75 percent more likely to suffer an injury if they were in a forward-facing seat rather than a rear-facing seat.” All drivers are reminded that upon conviction, a violation of this law will result in the driver receiving a maximum fine of \$100 as well as three points being assessed on their driver’s license.

POLICE OFFICER OATHS OF OFFICE

Two more Officers joined the ranks of the Garden City Police Department this month. Daniel Venditto, who was born and raised in Garden City, and Kyle Lucia of Middle Island.

Officer Venditto graduated from Chaminade High School and later went on to earn his Bachelor’s degree in business administration from Adelphi University. He joined the New York City Police Department in 2014 and was assigned to the 45th Precinct where he served in the Patrol Sector, Enforcement Unit and Conditions Unit. He also served as a Field Training Officer. He was the recipient of the Cop of the Month Award in September 2018. Officer Venditto’s most recent assignment was the NYPD’s Risk Management Bureau where he received a Department citation. Officer Venditto is married; his wife Alessandra, along with his parents and in laws, all attended the ceremony.

Officer Lucia grew up in Middle Island and after graduating from Longwood High School enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served from 2008-2012 as a maintenance technician on gunships. In 2015 he joined the New York Police Department and worked and was assigned to the Patrol Division in PSA-2, which covers the East New York, Brownsville areas of Brooklyn. He lives in Middle Island with his wife Lauren, and two children, Angelia and Camden.

PSEG OPEN HOUSES

Open houses are taking place this week to provide customers with another opportunity to learn about the proposed Western Nassau Transmission Project (WNTP), an underground transmission line project addressing electric reliability needs. Project team members, including planning, routing, engineering, construction, environmental permitting and stakeholder outreach, are on hand to answer your questions. A mapping station is also available to view properties in relation to the proposed project. More information is available on the Village website, www.gardencityny.net. Missed an open house? Call the PSEG hotline at 516-780-0665, email info@WesternNassauTransmission.com or visit the project website at www.WesternNassauTransmission.com.