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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 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.

TANNERS POND ROAD/DENTON AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Construction teams from 3TC, National Grid, PSEG, Verizon, Altice and Light Tower (or their respective contractors) have begun early work to relocate both above and below ground utilities. At times, Denton Avenue may close to allow crews to perform their work safely. Signage will direct vehicular traffic and a detour will be in place and communicated in advance of any required road closure. Major work for the Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue Bridge Replacement Project is not expected to begin until late 2020.

NEW HYDE PARK ROAD GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT

The New Hyde Park Road grade crossing in New Hyde Park and Garden City is one of eight street-level crossings to be eliminated. The at-grade crossing is being reconstructed to feature a new, five-lane underpass with pedestrian sidewalks on the east and west sides of the underpass, as well as a dedicated left-turn lane from southbound New Hyde Park Road to Clinch Avenue.

Plaza Avenue, between Herkomer Street and New Hyde Park Road, will be realigned and become a two-way street, to improve traffic flow associated with the new signal being installed at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue. This reconstructed grade crossing was designed in conjunction with the Villages of New Hyde Park and Garden City. During November, crews are continuing to perform work, including installing soldier piles via vibratory hammers to form the wall for earth support required for excavation.

For approximately two weeks in November, New Hyde Park Road will be limited to two lanes:

- The southbound lanes will be reconfigured to allow for two-way directional traffic at all times during this closure
- Vehicles will not be permitted to turn left on to Plaza Avenue when heading southbound during this temporary closure
- Pedestrians traveling from Garden City will continue to access New Hyde Park Station via the temporary walkway along Greenridge Avenue. Pedestrians will be restricted from crossing the tracks on the east side of New Hyde Park Road
- In coordination with NICE Bus, stops for southbound passengers will move north, closer to South Park Place

As a result of feedback from emergency service personnel and elected officials in New Hyde Park and Garden City/Garden City Park, traffic along New Hyde Park Road, south of the tracks, has been modified. Signage is in place in and around the intersection to ensure driver and pedestrian safety.

This project is scheduled to kick off in early February and take six to nine months. This intersection is the largest part of the entire LIRR third track project, according to Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco.

RECYCLING

Omni Recycling of Westbury, Inc., the company that currently accepts our recycling, recently advised the Village that it would have to start charging the Village for their services. Up until November 1 the Village did not incur any cost to dispose its recycling. We anticipate this additional expense to cost approximately \$165,000 annually. We are investigating other options for disposal of the Village recyclable materials.

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.

PROJECT POSTPONED: REPAVING OF PARKING FIELD 9E

The repaving/reconstruction of Parking Field 9E that was slated to begin on November 18 has been postponed until the spring. New notices will be sent out before work begins next year.

SOLICITATIONS

The following solicitations have been approved:

Now through November 30 – Garden City Fire Department is conducting its Annual Fund Drive Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Now through November 30 – Troop 55, Boy Scouts of America is conducting a door-to-door fund drive selling wreaths and poinsettias Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Now through December 31 – Citizens Campaign for the Environment is conducting a door-to-door fund drive Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Invited callbacks only between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 p.m.

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE EMAIL ALERTS

Stay connected! Sign up for Village email alerts through an online portal on Garden City's homepage. The link is located on the bottom right side of the website, www.gardencityny.net. Provide your name and a valid email address to immediately begin receiving non-emergency updates, including local meetings and events, Village Hall holiday hours, even approved solicitations and road closures. Garden City's website, www.gardencityny.net, is a great online source of information for residents.