

December 4, 2019

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.

POLICE INVESTIGATING THREE RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

The Garden City Police Department recently investigated three residential burglaries that occurred during the early evening hours on December 3rd. During one incident, the residence was entered through a second floor window and money was removed from a bedroom. Rear glass doors were found shattered at two other residences, with no loss reported at this time. These incidents appear to part of an ongoing burglary pattern that has been prevalent in numerous north shore communities in Nassau County. The suspects check for residences that appear to be unoccupied usually during early evening hours (5PM – 9PM). Homes having no lights or televisions on, at times when they are usually on, give the appearance, they are unoccupied. In many of the north shore burglaries, it was determined the homeowners left their residence for only a short period without setting the alarm, and without leaving interior lights and/or televisions on. Considering this ongoing burglary pattern throughout Nassau County, additional marked and unmarked patrols have been put in place and investigations are continuing. For more information and safety recommendations courtesy of Garden City Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, visit www.gardencityny.net under the Commissioner's Corner tab on the left side of the homepage.

LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE

Significant progress has been made on the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville. While the duration and intensity of work depends on the project element under construction, the 3rd Track Constructors team is phasing elements to reduce the amount of disruption in any given community at any given time. During December, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

Nassau 1 Interlocking

- The weekend of November 16 marked a significant milestone in the installation of the new Nassau 1 Interlocking switches
- The Nassau 1 Interlocking, where trains switch from track-to-track, is undergoing substantial improvements, which will include overnight and weekend work:
 - LIRR crews working along the right-of-way are elevating the track bed to meet the new height of the new Nassau Boulevard Bridge
 - LIRR work trains will deliver ballast; LIRR work trains and crews will tamp down the delivered ballast

- During the overnight work, LIRR crews will be out in force and, to maintain their safety, lights, flag personnel, and other precautions will be deployed
- To support construction of the new switches, a second switch will be placed on Main Avenue, between Brixton Road and Kensington Road, and will be installed during the next available period on the weekend of January 4
- While Main Avenue will remain accessible, a barrier will be placed in the road to protect the work site

Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement

- The western halves of the Merillon Avenue Station platforms (north and south sides) have been rebuilt and reopened. Temporary platforms have been installed to accommodate six-car station access
- Construction crews continue to set pre-cast footings and rebar, pour piers, and, ultimately, build the permanent platform, which will accommodate 12-car trains
- New ADA-compliant elevators are being installed at the Nassau Boulevard entrance. As a result, the west sidewalk under the Nassau Boulevard Bridge will be closed until January 2020
- Temporary pedestrian crosswalks have been installed along Main Avenue
- Please board and exit all trains (westbound and eastbound) from the **first six (6) cars** at Merillon Avenue Station
- Some parking spots will remain unavailable at Merillon Avenue; replacement parking is provided north of Merillon Avenue Station, along Broadway, between County Courthouse Road and Herricks Road, on the south side of the street

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 as part of the project
- Designed in conjunction with the Village of New Hyde Park and the Village of Garden City, this reconstructed grade crossing will enhance safety and provide for a quieter, more livable community along the railroad
- 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

Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue Bridge Replacement Project

- Construction teams from 3TC, National Grid, PSEG Long Island, Verizon, Altice, and Light Tower (or their respective contractors) will begin early work to relocate both above and below ground utilities
- At times, Denton Avenue may close to allow crews to perform their work safely
- In advance of any required road closure, the team will make sure to notify the community and signage will direct vehicular traffic while the detour is in place

- Major work for the Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue Bridge Replacement Project is not expected to begin until late 2020

Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

- Replacement of the Nassau Boulevard Bridge is largely complete, significantly reducing the impact on drivers, commuters, and nearby residents. Intermittent lane and sidewalk closures of Nassau Boulevard may be required as construction crews perform finish work, including reinforcing newly installed abutment tie-backs
- The west sidewalk under the Nassau Boulevard Bridge is closed until January 2020. Temporary Stop signs have been placed on both the north and south sides of the right-of-way to protect pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the sidewalk closure

Wall Construction

- 3TC construction teams are continuing the installation of retaining and sound attenuation walls in the Garden City community, from New Hyde Park Road to Herricks Road along the right-of-way on the north and south sides of the tracks
- Crews continue to reinforce or install wall sections on top of the existing retaining wall, along the north side of the tracks. Once completed these sections will have a new security fence
- On the south side of the tracks, along Main Avenue between Denton Avenue and Nassau Boulevard, crews continue to install sound attenuation wall panels
- Noise, dust and vibration are continuously monitored

LIRR Work Along the Railroad Right-of-Way

- In addition and complementary to 3TC's activities, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way. These activities may include regular track inspection and maintenance; rail tie replacement; grade crossing elimination preparatory work
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may take place overnight and on weekends
- For more information, visit LIRRExpansion.com. For up-to-date LIRR service changes and/or changes to station access, visit www.MTA.info/LIRR

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet once this month, on Thursday, December 12. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room. Residents are encouraged to attend.

PROPERTY FOLDER REQUEST DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to extend the deadline for Village residents to request their property folders from the Building Department from December 31, 2019 to July 1, 2020. After that date, only copies made from the scanned electronic copies will be available. Residents may request “original hard copy” property folders of records maintained by the 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. 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.

TURKEY TROT A SUCCESS

The 42nd Garden City Turkey Trot held on Thanksgiving morning was yet again a success. We want to thank everyone who was involved in making this event the success that it was and keeping it a special Garden City tradition. To all those who participated - great effort and thank you! We also want to thank the combined efforts of Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson and his officers as well as the Special Police for keeping everyone safe during this event as well as Recreation Director Paul Blake and his staff for setting up and cleaning up in such an efficient manner.

USHERING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

To usher in the 2019 holiday season in Garden City, the following events will take place in the Village during December:

- **Village Christmas Tree Lighting:** The Village of Garden City and the Garden City Chamber of Commerce will join together to present the 65th annual Village Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This year our Christmas Tree Lighting is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Alexander T. Stewart's land purchase and the 100th anniversary of Garden City's Community Agreement. Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck to greet residents and Mayor Theresa Trouvé will flip the switch to light the Christmas tree on the 2019 holiday season. The Fivestone Band and the Garden City High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble will provide holiday music. Hot chocolate will be served, courtesy of the Garden City Fire Department.
- **Menorah Lighting:** A Menorah lighting to signify the first day of Hanukkah will be held Sunday, December 22, 2019 on the Village Green beginning at 4:30 p.m.

- **Western Section Christmas Tree Lighting:** The Western Property Owners' Association will hold its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the green located at the end of Plattsdale Road. Enjoy hot chocolate, entertainment by Sal Nastasi from Ready in 10 and performances by the Broadway Bound Dance Studio. Santa will arrive on a Garden City fire truck to greet residents.