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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](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **WATER EMERGENCY**

A public hearing will be held on January 9, 2020 regarding a proposed Local Law to amend Article II (Water Conservation) of the Village Code so as to enable the Superintendent of Public Works to declare a "water emergency" and further restrict water usage in Garden City.

The Garden City Water Department will not want to provide water that doesn't meet all Federal, State and Local standards. New York State is planning to implement new standards for 1,4 Dioxane in 2020. The Village's existing water treatment systems don't remove 1,4 Dioxane from the water. The Village is investing in new filtration systems but doesn't anticipate having enough time to implement them before the new regulations take effect. This law gives the Superintendent of Public Works the authority to enact severe water restrictions, such as banning all lawn watering, in order to meet demand by reducing usage without exceeding the new standards.

### **AIR STRIPPING TOWER**

The Board is expected to amend a \$5.161 million bond resolution adopted on May 10, 2018 relating to the acquisition and installation of an air stripping tower to include improvements for emerging contaminants at Wells 15 and 16 for an amount not to exceed \$7.6 million.

### **EMERGING CONTAMINANTS**

The Board declared an emergency related to the health and safety of residents and water quality on the basis of emerging contaminant presence in the water supply to purchase oxidant storage tanks for Well Nos. 15 and 16 without competitive bidding. These tanks are required for use with the Trojanflex Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) Systems for the removal of 1,4 Dioxane.

This is the third emergency declared in order to purchase remediation-related equipment. At the October 3, 2019 Board meeting, Trustees declared an emergency to forego the competitive bidding process in order to approve the purchase of ultraviolet advanced oxidation equipment, a water-shed UV reactor and control stations for Wells 13 and 14, and a UV reactor and control stations for Well Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. These stations are needed to house the ultraviolet advanced oxidation equipment. Further, at the October

17 Board meeting, Trustees declared an emergency to forego the competitive bidding process in order to approve the purchase of oxidant storage tanks for Well Nos. 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

### **STEWART FIELD VANDERBILT PARKWAY UPDATE**

On November 25<sup>th</sup> the Nassau County Legislature formally approved the lease agreement between the Village of Garden City and Nassau County. The lease gives the Village the ability to now clean up the area north of Stewart Field (formally Motor Parkway) and create an overflow parking lot. As part of the agreement the Village has agreed to make every effort to honor the legacy of the former Motor Parkway by adding signage and retaining any historical aspects of the roadway. “We anticipate work on the area to begin in the late winter/early spring,” Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco said. Trustees discussed next steps during a public work session December 12.

### **POOL INTERVIEWS**

If you are interested in working at the Garden City Pool this summer please note that you must be a high school senior or older or worked at the Pool last season to interview for a summer position. Lifeguards, Pool Attendant and Office Staff workers are needed. Please call the Recreation office at 465-4075 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to set up your interview. Interviews will be conducted between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the following days:

- Wednesday, December 18
- Thursday, December 19
- Friday, December 27
- Monday, December 30
- Thursday, January 2 (1 to 4 p.m.)
- Saturday, January 4 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

For more information visit: <https://gardencityrecreation.org/home-2>.

### **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.