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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 preparation of the 2020/21 Village budget, 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.

GRANT TO OFFSET COST OF SAFEGUARDING VILLAGE WATER

Garden City was awarded a grant of approximately \$9 million to fund two of its Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) system projects, which have an estimated cost of \$16.5 million. The Environmental Facilities Corporation awarded the grant money through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and the Inter-municipal Water Infrastructure Grant Program to numerous Long Island municipalities to help offset the cost of projects that protect public health and improve water quality.

To assist with the cost of installing the systems to address emerging contaminants like 1,4-Dioxane, grants for these projects will no longer be capped at \$3 million but will now instead cover 60 percent of total capital project costs, the governor further announced.

To date, a total of \$36 million in bonds have been authorized by the Board of Trustees to treat this issue. Since October, the Board of Trustees has authorized the purchase of remediation-related equipment to remove emerging contaminants from the water supply for Well Nos. 7 and 8, and 10 through 16. These approvals include the Trojanflex Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) systems, Oxidant storage tanks, which are required for use with the system, along with water-shed UV reactor and control stations to house the systems.

CHANGE IN BOARD MEETING DATE

The Monday, February 24, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 25, 2020. This date change is requested as this is the date of the Grievance Day hearing and the Board meeting is typically held on the same date as the Grievance Day hearing.

BLOOD DRIVE

Long Island Blood Services will hold a blood drive at the Garden City Public Library on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the large meeting room on the lower level of the Library. Eligible donors must be between 16 and 75 years of age, with a minimum weight of 110 lbs., and no tattoos within the past 12 months. Sixteen year olds must have parental permission and donors age 76 and over must present a doctor's note. All donors must have valid ID with signature or photo. Donors are encouraged to eat well

(low fat) and drink fluids. For medical questions concerning blood donations, call 1-800-688-0900. Call the Library at 742-8405 x210 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS

A reminder to residents who have a natural Christmas tree or wreath to dispose of - please leave them at the curb on your regularly scheduled recycling collection day. They will be collected by the Department of Public Works beginning Thursday, January 2, 2020. Please assist the Village by removing tree stands, strands of electric lights and plastic bags from the discarded trees and cooperate with your neighbors by disposing of them only on the scheduled recycling collection days. In case it's not picked up the day it was placed to the curb, it will be picked up the following day.