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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, the stabilization plan for the former St. Paul's School, proposed upgrades to Fire Station No. 2 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.

WATER UPDATE

As you recall the Village is making significant investments in the Water Department in order to meet the forthcoming emerging contaminant standards being imposed by New York State. Last week Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi, DPW Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco and members of the Garden City Water Department visited the Bethpage Water District in order to view the only approved AOP system in use in Nassau County (there is a second one in use in Suffolk County). We were given a comprehensive tour of the facility and were given very detailed instructions and directions on the operation of the facility. We want to thank the Bethpage Water District for taking the time to show us and instruct us on the use of this system. This visit gave us significant insight into how the systems we're purchasing operate, what we can expect going forward and the challenges we face.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Garden City Fire Department is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. To highlight the occasion, a parade will kick off at 5:00 p.m. from Tenth Street and culminate with a block party and festival in Parking Field 9E from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

The Department's rich heritage is rooted with the Independent Volunteer fire companies that began to form in the Village in 1899 after a devastating fire at the Garden City Hotel. Then in 1920, in order to be more organized and bring these independent companies together, 31 local residents became "charter" members of the Garden City Fire Department, Inc. formally organizing the volunteer fire department. Soon after, the Department was integrated into the Village government. Since 1920, hundreds of resident men and women have proudly served in the ranks. Residents interested in joining the Department can email membership@gcfdny.com or visit www.gcfdny.com/recruitment.

LIRR EXPANSION UPDATE

During the month of March, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination Project

- The New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination Project has begun. The road is closed from Plaza Avenue to 4th Avenue until Labor Day.
- Throughout March, construction crews will continue excavating and lagging the area on both the north and south sides of the tracks for the installation of tie-backs.
- For the remainder of the closure, signage and detour plans are in place throughout the area. Click **here** to see the vehicular detour map, and **here** to see the pedestrian detour map. To access the temporary NICE Bus route, please click **here**.

Nassau Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

- Replacement of the Nassau Boulevard Bridge is largely complete, significantly reducing the impact on drivers, commuters, and nearby residents.
- The east sidewalk under Nassau Boulevard has been re-opened.

Nassau 1 Interlocking

- 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.

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 form, pour and build the permanent platform, which will accommodate 12-car trains.
- In order to facilitate canopy construction, 3TC will utilize small sections of existing green space, south of the eastbound platform along Main Avenue. This may require material and construction equipment to be placed outside of the existing green mesh construction fence. 3TC will not take any commuter parking during this activity.
- Residents may see crews working in the area on weekends throughout the month of March.
- New ADA-compliant elevators are being installed at the Nassau Boulevard entrance.

- Temporary pedestrian crosswalks have been installed along Main Avenue.
- Please board and exit all trains (westbound and eastbound) from the first six 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.

Wall Construction

- 3TC construction teams are continuing the installation of retaining and sound attenuation walls in the Garden City community, from Nassau Boulevard 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, sound wall installation is substantially complete.
- In adherence to our commitment to minimize disruption to the community, noise, dust, and vibration are continuously monitored.

LIRR Work Along 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.
- 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 the post in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com.
- For up-to-date LIRR service changes and/or changes to station access, please visit www.MTA.info/LIRR.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

On-Street overnight parking without a permit is prohibited between 2:00 – 6:00 a.m. in the Village. Permission may be granted to residents for special situations, including construction, medical caretakers, disabled vehicles and guests (Cherry Valley apartment residents: guests only).

Permission will NOT be granted for commercial vehicles, taxi and livery vehicles, Hamilton Place and 2nd Street, between Franklin Avenue and Hilton Avenue, and insufficient room in a driveway (not a valid reason for permission).

Effective March 01, 2020 permission will be granted for a period not to exceed 12 calendar days per year. The maximum number of consecutive days will be limited to six days. Abuse of permission or improper filings will result in the suspension of privileges for one year.

The site, which does not require any prior registration, is available to residents directly at www.gcnytparking.com. If there are any questions or special circumstances, contact a Police Department Supervisor at 516-465-4100.

WESTERN NASSAU TRANSMISSION PROJECT

The Western Nassau Transmission Project consists of the construction, operation and maintenance of a proposed new 138 kilovolt underground transmission line primarily within the public roadway rights-of-way for a total distance of approximately seven miles between the East Garden City substation (located in Uniondale) and the Valley Stream substation (located in Lynbrook).

The project is expected to reinforce LIPA's electric transmission system in the southwest Nassau area and ensure continued reliable service. The underground transmission line will be located wholly within the Town of Hempstead and will traverse the Villages of Garden City, Malverne and Lynbrook, and will be constructed primarily underground. The two-week construction schedule entails:

- On Monday, March 2, 2020, trenching was anticipated to be completed between splice vaults Nos. 17 and 16, which are located on Cherry Valley Avenue and Rockaway Avenue, from approximately the Cathedral of the Incarnation at 6th Street to 3rd Street. The trenching is occurring primarily in the northbound lane.
- On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, trenching was anticipated to begin between splice vaults Nos. 16 and 15, which are located on Rockaway Avenue in the Village of Garden City and Westminster Road in West Hempstead. This is from approximately 3rd Street in Garden City to south of 1st Street in West Hempstead. The trenching is occurring primarily in the southbound lane.

For resident questions or concerns, call the hotline (780-0665), email info@westernnassautransmission.com or visit www.westernnassautransmission.com.

BUDGET SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees has set the following dates for 2020/21 budget meetings. The meetings will take place in the Village Hall Board Room, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted: These sessions are currently scheduled to be held in the Board Room at Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York.

Budget Work Session #1

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- Budget Overview
- Capital Projects
- DPW
- Water

Budget Work Session #2

Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- Library
- Fire
- Recreation, Pool and Tennis

Budget Work Session #3

Thursday, March 19, 2020

6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

- Administration
- Finance/Other
- Building
- Police

Final Budget Work Session

Thursday, March 26, 2020

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- Presentation of Changes/Final Budget

Organizational Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2020

8:00 p.m.

- Adoption of Budget