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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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Village Hall and the administrative offices are open for in-person inquiries and business, and all full-time staff has returned to the on-site workplace. Office hours are between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear a face covering, maintain social distancing of six feet and sign in to a Visitor's Log outside of the office they are visiting. Furthermore, while multiple people can enter Village Hall, only one person will be admitted into each office space at a time and are asked to abide by employee instructions. Please don't forget to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

EMERGING CONTAMINANTS

Governor Cuomo has enacted new standards for emerging contaminants, specifically 1,4 Dioxane and PFOS and PFOA. Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco is consulting with the Village's environmental attorney, Dave Yudelson, and its water consultants, H2M. What we do know so far is that:

- The new regulations officially go into effect when they are entered into the State Register.
- There seems to be provisions to apply for a deferral. Mr. DiFrancisco will share more information on this option once he has all the facts.
- The Village has 10 wells. As of the most recent sampling conducted, six of those wells exceed this new regulation right now and three others are very close. The levels do fluctuate up and down from test to test.

"The Village is investigating all options on how to proceed. We have been executing our plan, which was formulated last year, but these new developments may force us to accelerate our timeline," Mr. DiFrancisco said.

On a positive note, it appears the State will be offering additional grants for these projects. As previously announced in April, 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. To date, a total of \$41 million in bonds have been authorized by the Board of Trustees to treat this issue.

- Well 7 – Work is progressing steadily and we are on schedule to bring the system online by September, pending Health Department approval. Remaining work includes piping, electrical connections and data connections to the SCADA

system. A more permanent structure is scheduled to be built after all other systems at other locations are online. This project is scheduled to be complete by September and brought back online pending Health Department approval.

- Well 9 – This project has not started yet.
- Wells 10 & 11 (Clinton Road) – Work is also progressing rapidly at the Clinton well site. This site required additional filtration systems known as GAC (Granulated Activated Carbon) filters, which the Health Department requires you to have with the AOP system. (Well 7 already has GAC filters in place.) The Clinton Road well site has a different filtration system in place, Air Stripping Towers, which will remain in place and continue to be used in conjunction with the new AOP system and new GAC filters. This project is scheduled to be complete by September and brought back online pending Health Department approval.
- Wells 8 & 12 (Garden City Golf Club) - Work at these wells have proven to be a challenge as there are some space limitations with the golf course. This equipment is large and takes up a significant amount of space. The Garden City Golf Club has been very cooperative and we are re-working some of the design in order to minimize our presence on the course.
- Wells 13 & 14 (Garden City Country Club) - The design phase of this project is complete and construction will begin at this site within the next few weeks.
- Wells 15 & 16 (Hilton Park) - We are still in the final design phase for this well site. This is the largest of all the AOP projects.

If the Village feels it won't be able to meet the demand for water because it needs to take wells offline due to these new regulations, there is the potential to declare a "water emergency." It needs to be determined what the emergency would entail, but one example could be a ban on all lawn watering to reduce water demand. "At this time we don't anticipate having to declare an emergency but the possibility does exist," Mr. DiFrancisco said.

POST-ISAIAS TREE REMOVAL AND DEBRIS CLEANUP

The Village lost somewhere between 100-120 trees during Tropical Storm Isaias. As cleanup continues, Parks Department personnel continue to remove small to medium sized trees and perform clean up of branches, limbs and other debris. Additionally, these employees prune dangling limbs and branches. The Department cleans up Village-owned trees that are in the median between the street and the sidewalk, even if they fall onto a house or into a backyard. In many cases, we need to bring in an outside contractor, as we do not have the proper equipment to handle the larger trees. Occasionally it takes a few days to get a contractor in to do the work, as there are not many companies that have this type of equipment available immediately. Debris removal is a joint effort of the Parks, Public Works and Sanitation Departments, all of which provide pay loaders, dump trucks and sanitation trucks to carry debris away. On County roads like Cathedral Avenue, Nassau County performs debris removal. To report a downed *Village* tree, please call Recreation and Parks at 465-4075/76.

LICENSE AGREEMENT EXTENSION – GARDEN CITY CASINO

Mayor Theresa Trouvé will authorize the Board of Trustees to execute an extension to the current agreement with the Garden City Casino, extending the term of the license for an additional year, to expire in January 2022. The current license agreement with the Casino is scheduled to expire in January 2021. Although the Village is exploring the issuance of a “Request for Proposals” seeking alternative uses of the building and grounds, it is not expected that any such process will be completed prior to the current expiration date of the existing license. Accordingly, a resolution would authorize the Mayor to execute the one-year extension, ending January 5, 2022. Trustees are expected to discuss this agenda item at the Thursday, August 13, 2020 Board meeting via Zoom.

MAINTENANCE BOND - ST. PAUL’S SCHOOL WINDOW PROTECTION

During the August 13, 2020 Board meeting, Trustees are expected to accept a maintenance bond from Talty Construction, Inc., the contractor for the St. Paul’s School Window Protection Project. This maintenance bond guarantees for 18 months the completed work from the date of acceptance of the bond. The bond is in the amount of \$57,400.

Sixty windows were included in the original bid; once crews got closer to the building during vine removal, it was discovered that an additional 49 windows needed attention. Several factors accounted for the addition – the [drone](#) wasn’t helpful in identifying broken windows; building architecture didn’t lend itself to viewing all angles of the building and the windows from the ground level; several windows were intact but the wood frames were rotted; and other windows were obscured behind the ivy. The Board during its June 18, 2020 meeting ratified an \$18,000 change order for additional labor and materials, increasing the amount of the St. Paul’s Window Protection bid awarded at the January 9, 2020 meeting from \$39,400 to \$57,400. The windows that were identified originally and with the subsequent change order have all been sealed.

ENFORCING COVID-19 ORDERS DURING AN EVENT

The Village received several inquiries regarding an event held on the St. Paul’s fields earlier this month. The lacrosse event was a private event organized by one of the local youth associations which holds events like this each year at St. Paul’s, according to Paul Blake, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs. “Prior to allowing this event, we made sure that it was an event allowable under Governor Cuomo’s executive orders,” Mr. Blake said. “It turns out that lacrosse is one of the permitted activities, so long as it is ‘non-contact’; our organizer did institute a non-contact rule and enforced it during the event.” Additionally, since this was a rental, it was up to the organizer to develop and enforce Covid-19 protections. Among the guidelines they instituted and enforced were:

1. All individuals attending had their temperature checked before being allowed onto the grounds. Those who were allowed on the grounds had a sticker applied to show their temperature was good.
2. Only one parent was allowed with each participant.
3. No tents, pop ups or equipment bags were permitted on the fields.

4. When games ended, participants and their parents were sent to their cars, where they remained until their next event. They were texted when it was time to report back to the field.
5. Social distancing was required, and was enforced as best as could be achieved by both the event organizer's staff as well as Recreation personnel assigned to the event.
6. Masks were required, and were distributed to individuals who did not have them; organizers did circulate during the event reminding people to wear their masks.
7. Several sanitizer stations were set up around the field and at the restrooms as well. Signs reminding folks to wear masks in the restrooms were posted.

This was the first event that took place on the fields subsequent to their reopening. We will be re-evaluating our procedures based on what we observed to ensure that the organizers adhere to the Governor's executive orders.

LIBRARY HOURS

Due to the effects of Tropical Storm Isaias, the Garden City Public Library is open additional hours for cooling, device charging, and Wi-Fi, if available. Beginning Monday, August 10, weekly hours:

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Safety guidelines put in place by Library Administration during the pandemic remain in effect. Public computers are not available. Library materials (except Museum passes) will have fines waived through Sept 30. Please call the Library at 516-742-8405, select option 7 for the front desk, and speak to a staff member to verify current availability of services.

VILLAGE ELECTION RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 15

The annual Village Election originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 15, 2020 between the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Registered Village residents will be voting for the following candidates:

- Trustee 2 Years Robert A. Bolebruch
- Trustee 2 Years John M. Delany
- Trustee 2 Years Colleen E. Foley
- Trustee 2 Years Louis M. Minuto

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballot applications to be used in conjunction with the General Village Election on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 are available at Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue. The Village Clerk has to receive applications by September 8,

2020 if the ballot is to be mailed. For personal application, the deadline is September 14, 2020.

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 project is on schedule for a December 2020 completion. The two-week construction schedule in Garden City entails:

- Beginning Monday, August 10, 2020, general construction preparation began at various locations along Stewart Avenue, including Village Hall, Butler Place, and east of Clinton Road. Activities include test pitting for underground utilities and for the placement of Splice Vault Nos. 20, 21 and 22. Single lane closures on Stewart Avenue are possible during activities.
- On Monday, August 10, 2020, crews began installing Splice Vault No. 22 in Stewart Avenue east of Clinton Road in the vicinity of the former Chase Bank. Crews are excavating the soils, using a crane to lift and place the splice vault, and restoring the green area to previous conditions. Closures of Stewart Avenue eastbound from Clinton Road during nighttime hours should be expected. Detour to include Clinton Road to Commercial Avenue to Quentin Roosevelt Boulevard for eastbound traffic. Westbound traffic will be unaffected. Lane closures for crane operations on Stewart Avenue are expected with this activity. Nighttime detours will be in effect.
- On Monday, August 17, 2020, trenching is anticipated to begin between Splice Vault No. 19, located on Hilton Avenue at the Wyndham East Condominium entrance, to Splice Vault No. 20, located on the Village Green area in front of Village Hall on Stewart Avenue (CVS Pharmacy parking lot area). The work is planned for daytime hours. Coordination with the Fire and Police Departments for emergency response will be employed. Crews will excavate the pavement, install conduits and use cementitious backfill to aid with restoration. Single lane closures on Hilton Avenue and westbound on Stewart Avenue are expected with this activity. Coordination liaison for Fire and Police will be assigned to the area.

2020 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ANNOUNCED

Garden City Recreation and Parks invites residents to the “2020 Summer Music on the Village Green” concert series, held Thursdays beginning at 7:15 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Social distancing must be maintained while attending concerts.

Here’s the remaining line up:

- August 13: Lenny Dell and the Dementions
- August 20: Rockinghams