

August 26, 2020

## **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.

## **PROGRESS REPORT: ST. PAUL'S STABILIZATION**

Walter Beal, project executive for CNY Construction, has provided the Board of Trustees with a report on St. Paul's stabilization progress, as well as a 30-day look ahead. Among the highlights of the report: Talty Construction completed its work for the St. Paul's window protection, which included an additional \$18,000 change order for additional windows that weren't identified at first. In addition, Dom's Lawnmaker, Inc. completed its work on ivy removal.

Sixty windows were included in the original window protection bid; once crews were able to get 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 able to fully identify all the broken windows; building architecture didn't lend itself to viewing all angles of the building from the ground level; several windows were intact but it was discovered that the wood frames were rotted; and other damaged windows were obscured behind the ivy. Trustees recently adopted a \$57,400 maintenance bond that guarantees for 18 months the completed work sealing the windows.

Ivy removal at St. Paul's began Monday, July 20. This particular portion of the St. Paul's work started later than anticipated due to the first two low bidders withdrawing their bids due to their inability to meet the bid requirements. To get a closer look at the overgrown ivy and broken windows, visit the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), and click on the "St. Paul's" tab on the left side of the homepage for a close up view of the building via drones. To view before and after photos, click on the "Notifications and Alerts" section.

The next steps are stained glass window removal and storage. CNY is preparing the bid specification to get this final piece of the St. Paul's stabilization project in place.

## **NEW HYDE PARK ROAD REOPENS**

New Hyde Park Road reopened Monday, August 24, 2020, more than two months ahead of schedule. Mayor Theresa Trouvé, Trustee Mark Hyer, Village Administrator Ralph

Suozzi and Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco joined MTA officials, the LIRR expansion project contractor, 3TC, and neighboring Village officials, including New Hyde Park Mayor Lawrence J. Montreuil, for a ribbon cutting at the site. The grade crossing is one of eight street-level crossings along the LIRR Main Line being eliminated as part of the LIRR Expansion Project. New Hyde Park Road now features a new five-lane underpass with pedestrian sidewalks on the east and west sides of the underpass. There is also a dedicated left-turn lane from southbound New Hyde Park Road to Clinch Avenue. A new ADA-compliant pedestrian overpass on the south side of New Hyde Park Road connects the east and west sides of the roadway for commuters. Visit [www.LIRRExpansion.com](http://www.LIRRExpansion.com) for more information.

### **ADELPHI RENOVATING LABORATORY, CLASSROOM SPACE**

Adelphi University has received grant money to help renovate 5,189 square feet of laboratory and classroom space, as well as install state-of-the-art equipment at multiple locations on its Garden City campus. The University is making "targeted improvements" in lab facilities in disciplines that support significant labor needs within the Long Island region, and more broadly for a substantive project to create a new Innovation Center in Swirbul Library.

### **ATM THEFT SCAM**

Upon investigation of a suspicious person on Franklin Avenue in relation to a Santander Bank ATM theft scam occurring throughout the tri-state area, including Long Island, New York City and New Jersey, Officers arrested a male/19 from Queens for possession of a loaded firearm and numerous forged checks. He was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and three counts of possession of a forged instrument. Garden City Detectives notified Bank Security of this scam and they immediately started shutting down access to their ATM machines throughout the area. The Detectives are continuing the investigation, along with the New York Police Department Financial Crimes Unit and Nassau County Police Department Detectives.

### **FOOD DRIVE AT THE GARDEN CITY POOL**

Please consider donating to a food drive at the Garden City Pool August 31 through September 7 in the Pool Lobby. All donations dropped off at the Pool will benefit the Mary Brennan Inn Soup Kitchen. Questions? Call the Pool Office at 465-4074.

Most needed items for the food drive include:

- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Canned goods
- Bottled water
- Reusable plastic bags
- Individual sized snacks
- Baby food
- Dry soup

- Utensils and cups
- Non-perishable food items

### **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:

- Monday, August 24, 2020: General construction preparation began at various locations along Stewart Avenue near Butler Place. Activities include test pitting for underground utilities and for the placement of Splice Vault No. 21.
- Monday, August 24, 2020: Trenching continues 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). Single lane closures on Hilton Avenue and westbound on Stewart Avenue are expected with this activity.

- Tuesday, August 25, 2020: Trenching began between the two Horizontal Directional Drill locations at Butler Place in the grassy median of Stewart Avenue to interconnect the drills.
- Wednesday, August 26, 2020: A crew began working in the same area but in the opposite direction. Crews are excavating the grass and pavement, installing conduits and using cementitious backfill (where appropriate) to aid with restoration. Closures of the crossover at Butler Place at Stewart Avenue should be expected with this activity.
- Thursday, August 27, 2020: It is anticipated that crews will relocate and replace a water main associated with the new Splice Vault No. 21, located near the Butler Place crossover of Stewart Avenue. The work is planned for daytime hours. The closure of the Butler Place crossover is possible with this activity.
- Thursday, September 3, 2020: Trenching is anticipated to begin between Splice Vault No. 18, located on Cherry Valley Avenue in the vicinity of the Garden City Schools administration building, and the Horizontal Directional Drill location, just north on Cherry Valley Avenue. The work is planned for daytime hours. Crews will excavate the grass and pavement, install conduits and use cementitious backfill (where appropriate) to aid with restoration. Single lane closures on Cherry Valley Avenue should be expected with this activity.