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## **GARDEN CITY UPDATE - NEWS AND INFORMATION**

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The Board of Trustees and staff continue to work on numerous projects, including plans for the upcoming budget, the LIRR Third Track and its impact on Garden City, the water tank replacement project, personnel matters, zoning matters, the concept plan for the former St. Paul's School building and other matters. We encourage you to attend Village Board of Trustees meetings and meetings of your Property Owners' Associations.

### **ST. PAUL'S WORK SESSION**

As the Board continues to develop the concept plan presented to the public last summer for creating a recreation, sports and community center at the former St. Paul's Main Building, combined with anticipated upgrades to Cluett Hall, Trustees will hold a Special Work Session to consider three candidates for retention as Construction Manager, which will help guide the Board through initial steps of assessing the building, developing a course of action and construction plans and costs. The work session will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Senior Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Board hopes to retain the construction manager within the next 30 days.

### **NYU WINTHROP AMBULANCE STATION**

The Cluett Hall "meeting room" will be allocated for exclusive use by the NYU Winthrop Ambulance Division. Specifically, \$25,000 in funding is needed for electrical, security and other technical upgrades to this area. In September, Trustees unanimously adopted a two-year agreement with NYU Winthrop to provide ambulance service within the Village 24 hours a day/seven days a week. Service went into effect on Monday, January 7, 2019. The contract provides at least two ambulances, each of which has one EMT and one paramedic aboard. Ambulances are stationed at the St. Paul's campus.

### **INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH MTA/LIRR**

The Board of Trustees is expected to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the MTA/Long Island Rail Road for the repaving of the sidewalk bordering the Country Life Press Long Island Railroad station. Upon execution of the agreement, which Trustees will discuss at the January 17, 2019 Board meeting, the MTA/Long Island Railroad will release \$13,437 to reimburse the Village for the cost of the work.

"The LIRR was put on notice that their sidewalk along the Station needed repair, as part of the Country Life Press Railroad Station Parking lot repair project, much the same way a Village resident would be notified," Department of Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco explained. "We repaired the sidewalk and billed them for the work. This Municipal Agreement is being entered into at the request of the LIRR to secure the agreement between the

Village and their agency for this work.”

The station parking lot, located on Saint James Street South, between Damson and Garden Streets. was reconstructed in June 2018. As part of Garden City’s 2018/19 paving program the Village repaved the two lots that comprise the Country Life Press LIRR parking. In addition, sidewalks were replaced and new ones installed along the entire stretch of the station, including adding a new bike rack.

### **WATER TOWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Please be advised that during the week of January 20, in preparation for the Water Tower demolition, the Garden City Water Department will be performing system tests that could affect the entire Village. While this is being done, you may experience some temporary disturbances in your water service, similar to when hydrant flushing occurs in the spring.

Unfortunately, this work cannot be conducted overnight. Because of this, you may experience temporary fluctuations in water pressure and/or temporary water discoloration during the course of the day. However, the water is safe to use. We anticipate these inconveniences to only last one to two days.

Here are some recommendations you can follow in preparation:

- Draw water for cooking ahead of time
- Store bottles of water for drinking
- Be sure to check the water quality before using your washing machine or dishwasher

In addition, you might also notice fire hydrants in your area open and flowing. This is part of the work being done, and it will have no effect on fire protection in your area. If you have any questions you can contact the Garden City Water Department at 465-4020.

### **WORK ALONG THE LIRR RIGHT-OF-WAY**

3rd Track Constructors (3TC) is continuing to make progress on the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park. Visit <http://lirrexpansion.com> for the latest construction updates. In addition to 3TC activities, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way. These activities may include:

**Regular Track Inspection & Maintenance:** LIRR conducts regular inspections and track maintenance throughout the entire system. When an issue is detected, repairs must be made immediately to comply with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirements and to allow passenger rail service to resume as soon as possible. This activity is currently underway within the project corridor (from Floral Park to Hicksville).

**Rail Tie Replacement:** On Main Line Tracks 1 and 2, the LIRR is replacing rail ties that have exceeded their useful life or exhibit signs of damage. It is important these ties are replaced in advance of certain LIRR Expansion Project components, such as the Cherry Lane Bridge replacement. This manual activity is weather-sensitive and must be performed when the ground is not frozen. All available daytime and nighttime work windows may be used for tie

replacement.

**Grade Crossing Elimination Preparatory Work:** To accommodate the undergrade crossings, LIRR workers will be placing ballast (e.g. stone) to create a new track bed and raise the track elevation. This work may also occur during daytime and overnight hours. These activities will be most noticeable near the grade crossings and bridge replacement locations (e.g., Covert Avenue, Cherry Lane, Urban Avenue).

3TC recognizes that these activities may be disruptive to the surrounding communities. The goal is to complete the work in as short a time frame as possible while maintaining safe and reliable operations. As always, contact 3TC at 203-4955 or [CommunityOutreach@LIRRExpansion.com](mailto:CommunityOutreach@LIRRExpansion.com) with any specific questions or concerns.

### **TENNIS CENTER STRUCTURE REPAIRS**

The Recreation and Parks Department is seeking Board of Trustees approval of a capital project for the Tennis Center. Framing is in need of some repairs. Specifically, 11 existing column anchors need to be replaced, as do 12 tie-down beam brackets and bolts. Further, six tie-down beams will be blasted and coated, according to Kevin Ocker, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs. This was not originally in the Capital Budget but can be covered due to the positive cash balance in the Tennis Center Enterprise Fund. The Board is considering awarding the job to Wastar Construction Group, Inc., the low bidder, at the January 17, 2019 Board meeting.

### **PARKING FIELD 7N**

Trustees will hold a work session at its January 17, 2019 Board meeting to discuss Parking Field 7N and proposals to create segregated parking zones for adjacent residential apartments, buildings and commercial areas, as well as the imposition of fees for adjacent residential apartment dwellers.

The Board has expressed an interest in creating different parking zones within some of the Village parking fields. For example, Trustees agree that in Parking Field 7N (and perhaps also in 9E) separate zones should be created for residential parking since these lots have apartment buildings on their perimeter. The Board is also contemplating creating zones further away from the retail and restaurant portions of the parking fields and charging an annual fee similar to the fees charged for train station lots.

Trustees engaged BFJ Planning in October 2017 to provide a parking study for downtown Garden City and the New Hyde Park commercial area, particularly Parking Fields 7S and 7N. Results of that study were presented at the November 1, 2018 Board meeting. To read the entire draft study report, as well as view the November 1, 2018 presentation, visit the Village website at [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **2019/20 BUDGET SESSIONS**

The Board of Trustees will be conducting work sessions to review the proposed 2019/20 Operating/Capital Budgets on:

- Work Session 1: March 7, 2019
- Work Session 2: March 12, 2019
- Work Session 3: March 21, 2019
- Work Session 4: March 27, 2019 (if needed)

All work sessions will be held 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room, unless otherwise noted.