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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 treatment at Village water wells, the stabilization plan for the former St. Paul's School, bathroom renovations at the Library 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](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **EMERGING CONTAMINANTS**

At the October 17 Board meeting, Trustees declared an emergency to forego the competitive bidding process in order to approve the purchase of oxidant storage tanks for Well Nos. 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. These oxidant storage tanks are required for use with the Trojanuflex Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) Systems for the removal of 1,4-Dioxane approved by the Board of Trustees on September 19, 2019, for Well No. 7 and October 3, 2019 for Well Nos. 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

### **POLICE LIEUTENANT, SERGEANT PROMOTIONS**

Lieutenant Thomas Mauren and Sergeant Matthew Walsh received promotions during the October 17, 2019 Board meeting.

Lt. Mauren has been with the Garden City Police Department for 28.5 years. He was hired June 24, 1991 starting as a Patrol Officer. In 1997 he was moved to the Tactical Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001 and has been in charge of the Tactical Unit for the last 10 years. He has also served as the Department's Quartermaster and grant writer. He resides in Suffolk County with his wife of 22 years, Susan. They have three children, Brianna, 21, Thomas, 19, and Ashley, 15.

"Lieutenant Mauren has proven himself to be an exceptional officer, supervisor and leader. We have no doubt he will excel in this new role," Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson said.

Sgt. Walsh grew up in Valley Stream. He received an Associate's degree from Nassau Community College and a Bachelor's degree from John Jay College. He joined the New York City Police Department in 1995 and upon graduation from the Police Academy, was assigned to work in the 114th Precinct in Queens. During his tenure in the NYPD, Sgt. Walsh attained the rank of Sergeant, assigned to the 81st Precinct in Brooklyn. In March 2006, he left the New York City Police Department and accepted a position with the Garden City Police Department. During his tenure in Garden City, he has served as Field Training Officer for new recruits and has proven himself to be a leader among his peers.

"We are confident Sergeant Walsh will continue the tradition of excellence and professionalism we have come to know and expect from our Police Department,"

Commissioner Jackson said. To see photos from the ceremony, visit [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **555 STEWART AVENUE**

Trustees adopted a resolution extending the time for 555 Stewart Garden City, LLC (the successor in title to premises at 555 Stewart Avenue, previously owned by 550 Stewart Acquisitions, LLC) to obtain site plan approval for the property at 555 Stewart Avenue for an additional six months, until April 10, 2020.

On July 10, 2018, this Board granted a use permit for development of a 150-unit multiple residence at the site subject to various conditions, including that the owner obtain site plan approval by April 10, 2019. Subsequently, on March 28, 2019, this Board extended that time period until October 10, 2019. By letter dated October 3, 2019, the successor applicant (through Counsel) requested a further extension until April 10, 2020, so that it may modify earlier site plan proposals before seeking Village approval.

### **ADDITIONAL SOLAR WASTE AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES**

Four additional solar powered waste and recycling compactor systems have been purchased for various locations in the Village. The “Bigbelly” containers will be placed at Community Park, adjacent to the playing fields. While the exact locations are still to be determined, there are plans to put one near Fields 1 and 2, one near Field 3, one near the multipurpose turf field and one near Field 4 and the roller hockey rink. “These locations give us good coverage for most of the facilities, and of course, we will supplement the ‘Bigbelly’ units with traditional trash receptacles throughout the park,” Paul Blake, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, said.

### **CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Mayor Theresa Trouvé appointed three residents to the newly resurrected Civic Beautification Committee during the October 17 Board meeting. Patricia Siler, chairperson, Althea Robinson and Kathy Auro were all appointed to terms that will expire April 6, 2020. Mayor Trouvé said the Committee is currently looking for another member to represent the West.

### **NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

The Garden City Police Department will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency’s (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 26th, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A collection center will be maintained by the Garden City Police Department at 349 Stewart Avenue. This event provides an opportunity for residents to safely discard unwanted, unused and expired medications.

As per the DEA, “This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and

abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else's medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.”

### **LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

The Street Department will be picking up random areas in the East section this Friday, October 25, and early next week. The entire Street Department will begin the leaf season pickup Thursday, October 31 as follows: West, North, South, Mott and East. As always, Parks and Recreation crews will be picking up the Central section.

### **NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

November is National American Indian Heritage Month. Native American Awareness Week was first celebrated in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990. According to the declaration establishing the week, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Indians have contributed to the freedom, prosperity and greatness of America today.