

February 12, 2020

### **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, treatment at Village water wells, the stabilization plan for the former St. Paul's School 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).

### **SEVENTH STREET SAFETY**

Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco gave a presentation on Seventh Street safety during the February 6, 2020 Board meeting. At the request of the Board, Mr. DiFrancisco offered recommendations to improve safety for residents and visitors who frequent Seventh Street. Some areas of concern that were addressed included the corners of Seventh Street and Franklin Avenue, crosswalk safety as well as other areas that feature outdoor dining. A meeting was recently held with members of the Police, Engineering, Street and Public Works Departments to study the current layout, determine vulnerabilities and come up with solutions.

It was determined that several areas need protection at both corners of Seventh Street and Franklin Avenue. Mr. DiFrancisco proposed the placement of six bollards near Leo's and five bollards and one bench near The French Workshop. Additional proposed areas for bollards include the entrance to Field 7S by Natural Market and the entrance to Field 7S from Hilton Avenue. Mr. DiFrancisco noted final locations of bollards won't be determined until the areas are marked out for utilities.

A number of ideas were also discussed on how to make the three mid-block crosswalks more visible to drivers, including reflectors in the pavement, painted road markings, Stop signs at each crosswalk and pedestrian-activated flashing lights. Reflectors and road painting could be accomplished in-house; Stop signs would require an engineering study before installation; and it would need to be determined if pedestrian-activated lighting could be installed in-house.

### **IMPACT TRAINING**

Detective Kevin Madden will attend a criminal Investigations Using Cellular Technologies course in April, to be held in Rochester, New York. The course will increase the understanding of evidentiary value of cell phone call detail records and geo-location data, according to Commissioner Kenneth Jackson. "The training will assist in the investigation in numerous areas including, but not limited to, data retention, court orders/search warrants, court presentation, GPS mapping, pattern analysis, cell phone tracking and social medial use," he added.

### **ADOPTED LOCAL LAW: WATER SHORTAGE**

Trustees adopted a local law that empowers the Public Works Superintendent to declare a “water shortage” and issue a “water shortage declaration” if he determines there is an insufficient supply of water available that meets all Federal, State and County water quality standards. The water shortage declaration shall be made in writing to the Mayor and posted on the Village website. Further, the water shortage declaration shall include additional water usage restrictions that the Superintendent deems appropriate -- including a partial or complete ban on lawn sprinkling, a ban on filling private and/or public swimming pools and a ban on new water connections -- to ensure an adequate supply of potable water and fire suppression capabilities, and to otherwise protect the health, safety and welfare of Village water users.

Any such water shortage declaration and restrictions shall be effective for 60 calendar days, unless renewed or withdrawn upon further notice to the Mayor and publication on the Village website. Any person, including any property owner, agent, contractor, landscaper, lessee, or tenant, who violates the restrictions contained in a water shortage declaration shall be guilty of a violation of the Village Code and subject to the following fines: a first violation punishable by a fine of \$2,000; a second violation punishable by a fine of \$3,000; and a third violation, and all subsequent violations, punishable by a fine of \$5,000.

### **GARDEN CITY'S DRINKING WATER**

As a reminder to all residents, Garden City drinking water meets all current Federal, State and Local standards. The water supply is sampled every day for quality and safety. In fact, in 2019, over 8,100 tests were performed on the drinking water and at no time did we exceed any Federal, State or Local limits. In addition, with new emerging containments being discovered, the Village is investing over \$50 million to add new treatment systems to ensure that Garden City water continues to meet standards and remains safe.

### **SECURITY AT THE LIBRARY**

The Board of Trustees has engaged Securitas Security Services for 68.5 hours per week to provide a security guard at the Library. The contract was awarded for a full year, but is renewable after a year. During a special meeting held January 27, the Garden City Library Board of Trustees voted to entertain a competitive bid for its security guard service from the firm.

### **WESTERN NASSAU TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

The following is a two-week construction schedule for the Western Nassau Transmission Project:

- Splice vault No. 17 began on Monday, February 10, 2020 on Cherry Valley Avenue, between Sixth Street and the LIRR bridge. Preparation of the green “mall

area” between the travel lanes of Stewart Avenue also began the week of February 10, 2020 to allow for pipe fusing. No impact to traffic is expected with this activity.

- Splice vault No. 16 began on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 on Rockaway Avenue, north of the intersection with Third Street. Also beginning on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 was trenching between splice vaults 17 and 16. The trenching will occur primarily in the northbound lane.
- Splice vault No. 15 will begin on Monday, February 17, 2020 on Westminster Road, south of the intersection with First Street in West Hempstead. Single lane closures should be expected during this work.
- Test hole digging will continue in the areas of:
  - Stewart Avenue, from Hilton Avenue to Clinton Road in Garden City
  - Hempstead Avenue, from Nassau Boulevard to Westminster Road in West Hempstead
  - Cherry Valley Avenue in Garden City

Single lane closures should be expected during this work; travelers should avoid the area. For questions, call the hotline 780-0665, email [info@westernnassautransmission.com](mailto:info@westernnassautransmission.com) or visit [www.westernnassautransmission.com](http://www.westernnassautransmission.com).

### **2020/21 BUDGET MEETINGS**

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:

- Work Session 1 – March 10, 2020
- Work Session 2 – March 12, 2020
- Work Session 3 – March 19, 2020 (6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to accommodate Board meeting)
- Work Session 4 – March 26, 2020

### **SANITATION SCHEDULE: PRESIDENTS DAY**

#### **Monday, February 17, 2020 – NO COLLECTION**

##### **Garbage Collection:**

Western Half: Tuesday and Thursday

Eastern Half: Wednesday and Friday

##### **Rubbish Collection:**

Rescheduled to Wednesday, February 26, 2020

**Recycling Collection:**

Residents scheduled for recycling on Monday, February 17, are asked to put their recyclables out on Presidents Day.