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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE
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POOL SEASON

Despite the ongoing uncertainty brought on by the pandemic, the Garden City Pool had a very successful season. During budget talks, Recreation and Parks Department personnel were unsure what could be accomplished in terms of capacity and availability of the facility. Revenue projections were modest at approximately \$590,000. Once the 50 percent capacity restriction was lifted, the Pool sold approximately \$929,000 in memberships, according to Commissioner Paul Blake. "We beat our estimates for this year, we did much better than last year and we almost met our numbers for 2019," he said. "Overall all memberships were up substantially from last year and it was a very successful season financially at the Pool."

VILLAGE FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Village Fire Safety Committee has been working hundreds of hours over the last four months. Members of the Committee will be presenting their findings and recommendations at a public meeting to be scheduled in October. Moreover, I would like to personally thank Deputy Mayor Tom O'Brien, Chief Devyn Moody, the assistant Fire Chiefs and resident volunteers in devoting their personal time, energy and expertise to assist the Village regarding the life safety of our residents.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WARNING SIGNALS

The Traffic Commission has approved Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson's August 26, 2021 request for pedestrian crossing warning lights, in both directions, at two locations in the Village: Stewart Avenue in front of Village Hall and Seventh Street in front of the Garden City railroad station. These flashing warning lights will alert motorists of the upcoming crossings. "Both roads are very wide and flashing warning signs in both directions are more likely to be noticed by motorists than traditional crosswalk signs," Commissioner Jackson said.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: No work was performed last week. The contractor and H2M met with a neighbor who made objections about damage being caused last winter due to ice falling from the scaffolding system. The homeowner is to provide costs to the contractor to make all the repairs. An additional inspection of the homeowner's roof is expected.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): Three minor items remain on the punch list. The contractor provided change orders that were requested during construction. H2M is reviewing the same.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): H2M completed performance sampling and is expecting lab results within two weeks. The Department of Health walkthrough video was conducted for Wells 8 and 12.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): The Nassau County Health Department endorsed engineering report has been sent to the New York State Department of Health. A soil investigation was conducted. Preliminary reports indicate that the soil is consistent with backfill. Design of the facility continues.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): H2M is evaluating the blower and enclosure replacement and installation of a roadway to the new treatment building. The concrete around the treatment building was installed. H2M is working on plans for the blower replacement and enclosure at Well 11.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): Received approval from the New York State Department of Health to operate wells with treatment to system. Wells 13 and 14 are able to run to system through treatment. Well 13 is currently running to system without treatment. Design has started on the GAC Building and associated site work. The Village will introduce Well 14 through the treatment system. Once Well 14 is stable, Well 13 will be sent through treatment to system.

Wells 15 and 16 Hilton Park site): The booster pump pad was poured, as was the H2O2 tank pad. Electrical cabinets were also delivered and the iron vessel media installed. Wells 15 and 16 were pulled. Next week, well inspection and cleaning will be performed.

PSEG SCAM

Three Garden City residents recently reported that they received scam calls from PSEG imposters who advised them their service would be shut off unless immediate payment is received. To assist persons receiving similar calls, PSEG advises the following:

Report fraudulent activity. If you think you may have been a victim of a scam, call us immediately and then file a report with your local police department. You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to file a complaint.

Residential and small business customers have reported receiving phone calls from individuals claiming to be PSEG Long Island employees. Payment is demanded within hours using a prepaid debit card or digital payment app. Things to know:

- PSEG Long Island offers a variety of payment options and would never require a specific type of payment.
- PSEG Long Island customers scheduled for disconnection due to nonpayment receive written notice on their bill at least 15 days in advance.

If you ever doubt the legitimacy of a call from PSEG Long Island, especially if payment is demanded, hang up and call us directly at [1-800-490-0025](tel:1-800-490-0025).

HEALTH FAIR AT ST. PAUL'S FIELD HOUSE

New York State Sen. Kevin Thomas is hosting his annual Senior Health Expo in the St. Paul's Field House parking lot on Thursday, October 7, 2021 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Residents will be able to receive free COVID-19 testing and vaccines, as well as drive-through, seasonal flu shots. The NuHealth Mobile Mammography Van will also be on site.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Garden City Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane and via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.