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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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SURVEY FOR TRAFFIC STUDY CLOSING NOVEMBER 2

Resident volunteers in our Community Advisory Committees (“CACs”) have been hard at work spreading the word that November 2nd will be the last day to submit locations of concern as part of the Village-wide Traffic Calming Study. Creighton Manning was hired by the Village to complete a traffic calming study of the Village-owned streets in the East, West and Estates Sections, similar to the study that was already completed in the Central Section. The study will focus on tools the Village can use on its streets to calm traffic, as traffic continues to be one of the major concerns of residents. The first phase of the study includes the important step of gathering input from residents. The online survey allows residents to drop pins on the locations within the Village where they see issues with traffic or pedestrian safety, such as speeding, crashes, and commercial traffic.

Chair of the Traffic Commission, Trustee Charlie Kelly, joined the PTA meeting at the High School last week to speak about the traffic study, and CAC volunteers have been spreading the word at sports games, speaking to neighbors, and through emails and social media posts. Residents have likely seen the flyers posted around town. The Traffic Commission and the CACs ask all residents with specific traffic concerns to take this opportunity to submit them through the online survey available only until November 2 at <https://gardencitytrafficcalming.com/>.

CORROSION CONTROL STUDY

According to H2M, the Village’s water consultant, 531 water samples have been requested by residents and 501 sample kits have been delivered. H2M has also collected/returned 420 bottles. Pace Analytical completed 360 sample analyses and results transmitted to residents. A third progress meeting was held in mid-October. The contractor has installed the orthophosphate injection lines and the electrical wiring for the orthophosphate pumps at Clinton Road. The priority of sites is Clinton Road, Well 7, Country Club, Golf Club, then Well 9.

RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS WATER SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION SURVEY

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring the Village Water Department to create an inventory of all water service line materials within the Village by October 2024. In order to more accurately review customer-side information, the Village is asking for residents/businesses to fill out a quick survey regarding the material of the water service line that is viewable by your incoming water service. Please access the survey by clicking on the following link: <https://arcg.is/PnDCn> Please complete this survey at your earliest convenience. Your participation will help the Village save resources in not having to review additional historical documentation as part of the lead service line identification program.

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON ST. PAUL'S TOWN HALL NOVEMBER 2

The Mayor’s Committee on St. Paul’s will hold its next Town Hall on November 2 at Garden City Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Another town hall is scheduled for November 10, also at Garden City Middle School at 7:00 p.m. The Committee has shared the latest progress drawings (I and L Schemes) on its website, www.stpaulsreports.org. Residents are encouraged to attend the town hall meetings.

ST. PAUL'S COST ESTIMATOR

The Board of Trustees is expected to engage Westerman Construction Co., Inc. to provide comparative analysis between building alteration/renovation for adaptive reuse versus demolition of the St. Paul’s School Main Building at a cost of \$69,000. RFPs (Request For Proposals) were sent out to 11 firms; three responded. The engagement of this firm will provide important cost-related estimates that the Village will use in its further evaluation of St. Paul’s.

LIRR MEETING

I requested a meeting with the LIRR to go over the Enhanced Landscaping, the Main Avenue Design and also the light baffles that will greatly reduce the amount of platform light that currently shines into the neighborhood. Also in attendance for the Village was Deputy Mayor Tom O’Brien, Trustee Bruce Chester, who chairs the Village’s Third Track Committee, Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi and Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello. The meeting was also attended by Anthony Tufano and his associate from the LIRR, Alan Paskoff of 3TC, and

representative attorneys. As an outcome of the meeting, Mr. Paskoff received the redesigned Main Avenue plans from the Village and will be providing a breakdown of 3TC-related responsibilities and cost. In addition, Mr. Paskoff will be providing the costs associated with the manufacturing and installation of the light baffles, and will be reviewing an inventory of all planted landscape material against the original list to identify any alterations that may require adjustments. A landscape plan that will correlate to the final road design is also being prepared to identify what will be planted and the associated costs.

LEAF REMOVAL SEASON

The Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks have begun collecting leaves. During the collection season, the Village's website will be updated weekly to allow residents to track the collection process. The notice will be listed on the Home Page under "Notifications and Alerts." We ask that residents observe the following guidelines:

- Place only leaves in the street. Other items such as sticks and old plant material may damage machinery and slow down operation.
- Do not place leaves on medians and malls as this will kill or damage the grass. For reasons of safety, our streets are cleaned of leaves on a more frequent schedule than are the medians.
- Avoid parking cars over leaves as this slows our operation considerably and is also a fire hazard. Cars can be damaged or destroyed by fire as a result of their being parked on dry leaves.
- Please do not obscure fire hydrants by piling leaves around them.
- If you have a gardener, instruct him to place your leaves in the street, and not on the malls. Many gardeners find it convenient to bring leaves in from other communities to which they work for disposal by the Village. This practice is prohibited and the Police Department will issue summonses.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

As a service to our residents, the Police Department will continue to have red & green signs available as in previous years for residents to place in their windows, or visible areas, for trick-or-treaters to know whether you will be taking part in Halloween or not. For families who will be taking part in trick-or-treating, the Garden City Police Department recommends the following:

- Trick-or-treaters are asked to please be respectful of others and their decisions to take part/not take part in trick-or-treating.
- Motorists are advised to drive slow and with extreme caution on neighborhood streets. They should be mindful that children trick or treating may not pay attention to moving vehicles. Be mindful that some children may cross in the middle of a block rather than at corners.
- Children should wear light-colored clothing with reflective material, short enough to prevent tripping. Parents should ensure masks do not obstruct a child's vision. It is safer to go out during daylight hours; however, children should carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Adults should accompany young children. Place emergency identification tags discreetly in young children's clothing in case they become separated from their group.
- Young children should stay within their neighborhood and only visit homes they know. Children should be instructed never to enter a home or vehicle of a stranger and have a planned safe return route home.
- Children should be instructed to watch for traffic, stay on sidewalks where available, obey traffic signals, stay in well-lit areas, and avoid cutting across rear yards, alleys, and fields. For safety reasons, children should visit houses on one side of the street at a time, crossing only at corners and crosswalks.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy. All candy should be inspected by a responsible adult before consumption.
- Children should be instructed to be courteous and respectful of others when trick or treating, and not be a nuisance or annoyance to neighbors. Children should be reminded to avoid pranks such as, but not limited to, ringing doorbells, throwing eggs and spraying shaving cream or silly string. These can be very dangerous and result in serious injuries to others. Hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords should be avoided. Homeowners should clear their sidewalks and yards of obstacles and decorations which may be

difficult to see in the dark. Pets should be kept away from children; costumes often frighten a pet.

- Parents should remind their children of the dangers of pranks and mischief. Merchants are requested to limit sales of products that can be used to create mischief. As always, additional police patrols will be on hand.

- To assist parents in teaching their children to be safe during Halloween, safety materials provided by the AAA Northeast are available at Garden City Police Headquarters.

- Be alert for any unusual circumstances. Notify the Police Department of suspicious activity immediately by calling 911. As a reminder, the Police non-emergency line is 516-465-4100.