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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Special Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 has been changed to Wednesday, November 17, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Garden City Middle School. The Fire Safety Committee will make a presentation regarding the task given to the Committee by the Mayor; which investigation was undertaken by members on those issues, matters and considerations and on which the members of the Committee believe warrant further inquiry and action by the Board of Trustees.

### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

Traffic enforcement remains a priority of the Garden City Police Department. In October, Officers issued 1,097 traffic tickets, including 208 for excessive speed offenses. The Department would also like to remind all motorists of the requirement to stop for school buses when their red lights are flashing. Officers are actively monitoring various school bus stop locations throughout the Village and have charged twenty motorists during the months of September and October for passing school buses as they were discharging or picking up students.

### **WATER MAIN TRENCH REPAIRS**

Allen Industries is currently having trenches restored on Meadow Street and will continue on Grove Street, Commander Avenue, and Lindbergh Street. This work will take approximately three weeks to complete. During this time there will be road closures of these streets and/or portions thereof. It is advised to use alternate routes during this work. Please call Craig Bandini at Village Hall at 465-4009 or his cell, 516-351-5338, if you have any questions or concerns.

### **LEAF PICK UP**

The Street Department has begun leaf collection. Please check the Village website regularly for updates as to where crews are in the Village. The Parks Department is responsible for leaf removal in the Central Section, and supplemented by Recreation Maintenance help, typically has four crews doing leaf pick up each day. One crew works First street to Third Street, the second works Fourth to Sixth, and the third works back from Old Country Road down to Ninth Street. Crew

number four does the short streets, dead ends, commercial areas and Franklin Court. When a crew finishes their section, they revert back to the starting point and repeat the process over again. Residents are asked to 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.
- Landscapers CAN place leaves in the street from properties worked on up *until* the time the Village stops collecting leaves, which is usually early December.
- Contractors cannot dump leaves from their trucks in the street.

### **PARKING TICKET WEBSITE**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the website for parking ticket payments is down. You may still pay your ticket by mail, or in person Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Unfortunately, we cannot accept payment by telephone. We apologize for any inconvenience. We are working on resolving the issue as soon as possible.

### **PSEG WORK**

PSEG Long Island is scheduling to perform storm hardening work through an initiative called Power On. This program will help strengthen 50 miles of distribution lines per year over the next five years, targeting the most vulnerable circuits across Long Island and the Rockaways. The project includes:

- Upgrading and replacing existing electric wire with more resilient and durable wire.
- Installing new and more durable poles. The poles will be similar in height and have a stronger base. In addition, PSEG Long Island will actively coordinate the removal of old poles with other utilities.
- Installing shorter cross arms atop some poles to help deflect falling limbs instead of catching them.

The work on this circuit is scheduled to begin the week of November 15. Customers are being sent a letter explaining the work that will be done.

### **2021 TURKEY TROT**

After racing virtually in 2020, the 44th annual Garden City Turkey Trot is back to racing in person this year on Thursday, November 25. Registration is now open. Visit [www.gcturkeytrot.com](http://www.gcturkeytrot.com) for all race information. The 5 mile race starts at 10:00 a.m. The 1.4 mile Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m. and The Challenger Division Race for special needs athletes begins at 8:30 a.m. All three races start and finish in front of the St. Paul's building.

### **SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE EMAIL ALERTS**

Stay connected! Sign up for Village email alerts through an online portal on Garden City's homepage. The link is located on the bottom right side of the website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net). Provide your name and a valid email address to immediately begin receiving non-emergency updates, including local meetings and events, Village Hall holiday hours, even approved solicitations and road closures. Garden City's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), continues to be a great online source of information for residents.