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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **WATER TANK UPDATE**

Garden City's new water tank is scheduled to be filled this week, a final step in a long process to replace the one million gallon storage structure. It will take approximately 3-5 days to fill the tank, which Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi expects to be fully online for the high water season. Once filled, the water in the tank must undergo testing prior to being put into service. Originally constructed in 1933, the 89-year-old tank has been offline for nearly three years. It was last rehabilitated in 1992; emergency repairs were made to the tank's roof due to leaks and holes in 2015. Final site restorations are underway as the painting contractor continues with interior water cavity touch ups. The painting contractor is expected to complete all touch-ups and de-rig the interior water cavity this week. The tank will be pressure washed and disinfected before filling begins.

### **ST. PAUL'S ROOF REPAIRS**

Seaboard Weatherproofing & Restoration continues masonry roof work on the St. Paul's Main Building. Crews are working to weatherproof the flat and mansard roofs. Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello met with the contractor on site Friday, May 6, to review the work taking place. "The repairs are progressing nicely and all work is satisfactory in getting the building watertight," he said. The contractor is continuing to work on the flat roof areas, and will be working on the mansard roof area this week. The roof needs some structural members replaced in order to secure the plywood to complete the roofing shingles. Weather permitting, we hope to complete roofing replacement and repairs within four to six weeks.

### **MAYOR'S ST. PAUL'S COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Previously I reported that I and professional members of the Design & Engineering subcommittee inspected the conditions in the interior of the St. Paul's building and completed their report that the building is intact and stable for renovation and future use. Their report is posted on the Village website. A further analysis of the conditions described in the report appears in this edition of the *GC News*. Also published in the *GC News* on April 29, 2022 is the factual history of Garden City and the unique, historic St. Paul's building. The Committee continues to identify suitable community uses for the building by researching the efforts made by other communities to preserve historically important buildings, to design and engineer the building to accommodate those community uses, and to provide the costs and financing mechanisms to achieve those goals, all in an effort to provide the facts needed to determine the future of the building. Periodic updates to keep you informed will follow. Again, we welcome all helpful, constructive advice as well as other recommendations from our residents and friends as we strive to preserve our truly unique, historic treasure.

### **LIRR LANDSCAPING PLAN**

I am continuing to work with the L.I.R.R. and 3TC to implement the new, enhanced landscaping plan and the stone cladding of the Denton Avenue Underpass wing walls. I thank Trustee Bruce

Chester, Paul Rothenbiller of the Third Track Committee and resident Landscape Architect Celia Petersen for volunteering their time and expertise in improving the areas affected by the L.I.R.R. Third Track Project.

### **WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT FEES WAIVED**

The Board has agreed to waive fees for residents replacing their water service line from their home to the street retroactive to September 1, 2021. This does not include the required deposit. The waiver is set to expire on May 5, 2024. Waived fees, which originate from the Public Works and Building Departments, are variable based on construction costs.

### **PUBLIC HEARING MAY 19: NUMBERED STREETS TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

The Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing regarding a Traffic Calming Study for the Village-owned "numbered" streets on Thursday, May 19, 2022 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom (email Village Clerk Karen Altman at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net) before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 for the Zoom link). Interested in understanding the issues around, and possible treatments for, calming traffic throughout the municipality, the Board retained Creighton Manning (CM) to perform the study, an extension of a related, but entirely separate study for a Road Diet on Cathedral Avenue which is under review by Nassau County. CM evaluated the existing conditions, gathered and analyzed traffic data, researched possible treatments, assessed the various street segments in the study area for suitability, and developed concept plans for select treatments on a few representative streets. See the full study on the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **GCFD ACTIVITY**

Chief Matthew Pearn reported that during April the Department responded to 90 total calls:

- 80 "Signal 8" calls or non-emergency automatic alarms
- 5 general alarms
- 2 extrication calls where volunteers used extrication tools at motor vehicle

accidents

- 3 mutual aid calls to assist neighboring Fire Departments

### **EDGEMERE FIREHOUSE**

The Board of Trustees has engaged Old Structure Engineering, P.C. to provide engineering investigation and analysis services to determine and then design the feasible alteration of the existing Edgemere Road Firehouse building and potential additions at a cost of \$45,000. Asbestos abatement was completed in April. The general contractor has begun brick work. In February, the Board engaged PAR Environmental Corporation for the asbestos abatement at a cost of \$255,500 and Seaboard Weatherproofing & Restoration for temporary weatherproofing and masonry work at a cost of \$370,768.

### **NEW POOL MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

The Garden City Pool is issuing new membership cards this year. Old cards will not be valid. Every Pool member, regardless of age, must get a new card. Cards will be issued in a different color to discourage use of the old cards. To receive your new membership card, please stop by the Garden City Pool beginning Friday, May 13. Photo hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Pool opens for the season on Saturday, June 11 at 12 noon.

## **KEEPING VILLAGE'S DOWNTOWN CLEAN**

Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi and Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello have been speaking to restaurant owners and reviewing their outdoor dining layouts to ensure proper clearances and code regulations. Further, Village Clerk Karen Altman drafted a letter to restaurant owners in response to numerous resident complaints regarding excessive amounts of trash in the vicinity of Village outdoor dining establishments. Trash is quickly accumulating in Village receptacles and dumpsters. In order to ensure that outdoor dining is a safe and pleasant experience for residents and visitors, the Village asks that restaurant owners regularly maintain and clean the outside area daily and remove any accumulated trash. As a reminder, it is the restaurant owner's obligation to both maintain their premises and provide sufficient trash receptacles. With input from the Recreation and Parks and Public Works Departments, the Police Department is monitoring the outdoor dining areas and enforcing violations. The Building Department may also enforce these violations. Violators can be fined up to \$1,500 by the Judge. Failure to abide by the Village's Local Law pertaining to outdoor dining could result in revocation of a restaurant owner's license.

## **LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE**

During the month of May, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

### **Utilities**

- Crews from EJ Electric have begun the process of removing temporary utility poles across the entire project alignment.
  - In some areas, workers may have to access private property in which case the project will coordinate in advance with individual business/property owners.

### **Tanners Pond Rd / Denton Ave Bridge Replacement Project**

- Following the 4/29 weekend outage and successful bridge push-in, the project team is coordinating closely with the Village of Garden City to finalize the design of the new traffic configuration and re-open the roadway by mid-June.
  - As a result, local road closures and detours are in place for the time being.
  - Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue is closed from Main Avenue to Railroad Avenue. Thru traffic is being redirected to alternate routes, and work zone traffic control (WZTC) signage has been posted throughout the closure.
    - A vehicular detour map for the area can be found [here](#).
    - A concrete U-box substructure was installed which supported the new bridge superstructure. 3TC used the box-jacking method (like the method used at the New Hyde Park Road underpass) which allowed 3TC to move the bridge into place during a single weekend.
  - The Tanners Pond/Denton Avenue Bridge is the last of seven bridges to be replaced or modified as part of the project.

### **Wall Construction**

- Following the successful SOE installation on the north side of the tracks, crews are installing retaining walls from Nassau Boulevard to approximately Cornelia Avenue.
  - Approximately 70 percent of walls in this area are complete with anticipated

completion by May 22.

### **Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement**

- Both elevators are now fully operational and available for use.
- 3TC has substantially completed its work on the Merillon Avenue Station. We can now begin the process of restoring the area in its permanent condition.
- As a result, there will be ongoing punch list work at the station throughout the month.

### **Landscaping**

- With planting season underway, 3TC has remained committed to landscaping and other design elements – such as the planting of trees, shrubs and other greenery – that will enhance a completed project and contribute to the beautification of the corridor.

### **Double Track Outages and Weekend Work**

#### For Commuters:

Both tracks on the Main Line will be out of service on Saturdays from 1:17 a.m. to Mondays at 2:27 a.m. on the following, upcoming weekends:

- May 14-15
- [May 21-22](#)

Please visit the MTA Planned Service Page (<https://new.mta.info/>) to plan your trip

#### For residents living along the ROW:

Throughout May, crews are working along the right-of-way on the weekends. Although work will be intensive along the corridor from Floral Park to Hicksville, consolidating the work timeframe will minimize impacts to commuters and the surrounding communities, ultimately reducing the need for invasive track work for years to come.

- On the weekends of May 14-15 and May 21-22 (Fridays at ~9:00 p.m. to Mondays at ~5:00 a.m.) crews are working along the right-of-way.
- Please note that the LIRR and project team are utilizing upcoming DTO weekends to complete other necessary rail infrastructure upgrades along the corridor.

\*There are no double-track outages or intensive work occurring during Memorial Day, the Belmont Stakes, or Father's Day/Juneteenth weekend. \*

### **Additional LIRR Work Along the Railroad Right-of-Way**

- In addition to the activities described above, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way at various times during the month.
- To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may be taking place overnight and on weekends.
- For more information, visit the [post](#) in the Community News section of LIRRExpansion.com.