

March 3, 2021

THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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Village Hall is open. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear a face covering, maintain social distancing of six feet and sign in to a Visitor's Log outside of the office they are visiting. Furthermore, while multiple people can enter Village Hall, only one person will be admitted into each office space at a time and are asked to abide by employee instructions.

GARDEN CITY'S WATER IS SAFE

Mayor Theresa Trouvé and the Board of Trustees have published a statement addressing intentionally inaccurate or otherwise misinformed posts on social media regarding the quality of our water and the Village's efforts, goals and activities regarding our Water System. Residents will also be receiving a mailer this week. We assure you that our water is tested in accordance with all State and County standards. As we have stated for several years, the Board of Trustees continues to aggressively address the issue of Village-sourced water and water contaminants. To read the Board statement in full, visit the "[Notifications and Alerts](#)" section of the Village website, www.gardencityny.net.

POLICE WARN OF APPLE/AMAZON PHONE SCAM

The Garden City Police Department is warning residents of scammers calling people and using the names of two companies everyone knows, Apple and Amazon. Here is what you need to know. In most cases, you get a call and a recorded message that says it is Amazon and/or Apple. The message says there is something wrong with your account, i.e., suspicious purchase, lost package, or an order they cannot fulfill. In some cases, they state there's been suspicious activity in your Apple iCloud account. In fact, they say your account may have been breached. In both scenarios, the scammers say you can press 1 to speak with someone, or they give you a phone number to call. Do not do either. It is a scam. They are trying to steal your personal information, like your account password or your credit card number.

If you get an unexpected call or message about a problem with any of your accounts, **HANG UP!**

- Do **not** press 1 to speak with customer support.
- Do **not** call a phone number they gave you.
- Do **not** give out your personal information.

If you think there may actually be a problem with one of your accounts, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. If you believe you may have been the victim of one of these calls, contact the Garden City Police Department at 465-4100.

LIRR BUSING PROGRAM THIS WEEKEND THROUGH THE VILLAGE

This weekend, the LIRR will be running a brief outage on the Hempstead branch where there will be no service between Jamaica and Hempstead. The outage is necessary to perform emergency switch repairs in Queens Village and will take place from Saturday, March 6, at approximately 12:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (roughly 12 hours). The LIRR is providing buses for customers in both directions. To view the routes through Garden City, visit the “Notifications and Alerts” section of the Village website, www.gardencityny.net.

PROPERTY FOLDERS DEADLINE THIS MONTH

Residents have until March 31, 2021 to request their original property folders from the Building Department. To date, 4,200 folders have already been picked up, according to Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello. An additional 400 are in the Building Department office ready for pick up and 700 requests are being retrieved at this time. Please note that this is the only “original” hard copy that the Village maintains, and (for Village record-keeping purposes) is being completely replaced by an electronic “scanned” copy. While the Department has made every effort to make its newly scanned electronic copies as clear and “readable” as the originals, there are some documents (amongst the thousands already scanned) that may be more easily read in “hard copy original” form. As a courtesy, the Village is offering your original hard copy to you as the current homeowner. If you wish to have the “original file” you must show proof of ownership of the property requested. The Department will notify you when your request is ready for pickup. This “folder request project” commenced in June 2019. For further information, please contact the Building Department at 465-4040.

BOMB THREAT AT ADELPHI

On February 17, Officers responded to Adelphi University for a bomb threat received via email. With assistance from Adelphi Public Safety, a thorough investigation was conducted, and all appeared to be in order. Garden City Detectives have determined several other Universities across the country received similar threats on the same day. Garden City Detectives are coordinating their investigation with the FBI.

2021 VILLAGE ELECTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The General Village Election for 2021 will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 9:00 o'clock in the evening and will be held at Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue. For more information regarding COVID-19 protocols on Election Day, absentee ballots and more, click [here](#). The names and addresses of all those who have been duly nominated, and the office and term for which they have been so nominated, are as follows:

Community Agreement Party

Mayor	2 Years	Robert A. Bolebruch	6 Kenmore Road
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Trustee	2 Years	Richard A. Catalano	82 Whitehall Boulevard
Trustee	2 Years	Mark A. Hyer	43 Wyatt Road
Trustee	2 Years	Yvonne Varano	20 First Street
Trustee	1 Year	Stephen S. Makrinos	101 Stewart Avenue
Justice	4 Years	Allen S. Mathers	111 Cherry Valley Avenue

For a Better Garden City Party

Mayor	2 Years	Cosmo Veneziaie	104 Monroe Street
Trustee	2 Years	Thomas J. O'Brien	28 Chestnut Street
Trustee	2 Years	Terence P. Digan	65 Third Street
Trustee	2 Years	Bruce J. Chester	220 Kensington Road
Trustee	1 Year	Mary Carter Flanagan	64 Harvard Street

2021-22 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees will conduct work sessions to review the Tentative 2021/22 Operating and Capital Budgets on:

Budget Work Session 1

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- Budget Overview
- Building Department
- Recreation, Pool and Tennis

Budget Work Session 2

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- Fire Department
- Department of Public Works and Water Fund

Budget Work Session 3

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

- Library
- Police Department

- Administration
- Finance & Other Unallocated

Budget Work Session 4

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- **Presentation of Changes/Final Budget**

Adoption of Budget

Monday, April 5, 2021

8:00 p.m.

Sessions are currently scheduled to be held via Zoom. If you wish to attend any of these sessions, email Karen Altman, Village Clerk (kaltman@gardencityny.net) before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting and she will send you the link.

POTHOLE REPAIRS

Pothole repair is ongoing in the Village. Roving crews are addressing problem areas that the Department of Public Works is aware of and responding to calls from residents for specific concerns. If a resident sees a pothole and wants to alert the Department for repairs, please call the DPW dispatcher at 465-4031/32 and the Highway Department will be notified. Also, as a reminder, the Village does not own all of the streets in the Village. For example, Nassau Boulevard and portions of Stewart Avenue are Nassau County-owned. We cannot fix those streets but as always the Village attempts to have the County make repairs in a timely fashion.