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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **HISTORIC MARKERS**

Progress is being made to restore a section of the Motor Parkway west of Stewart Field. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi and Village Historian Bill Bellmer met with Howard Kroplick and Al Velocci of the Long Island Motor Parkway Preservation Society, who have offered to donate nine original Motor Parkway concrete posts and related ribbon wire to the Village. The gentlemen discussed alterations and proposed placement of the historic markers west of the Stewart Field parking area. These historical markers will help educate visitors to the significance of the roadway. Mr. Bellmer has also provided two historic markers – one related to the Motor Parkway and the other for the Rainbow Division Monument on Clinton Road. These markers contain QR codes for visitors to scan on their smartphone to quickly obtain the site's historical significance.

### **QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES**

Mayor Cosmo Veneziale and the Board of Trustees want to improve the appearance of the Village and take seriously the quality of life issues raised in our prior Mayor's Update. Moreover, we will need to enforce our Sanitation regulations with the issuances of warnings and, if necessary, fines. We have also stepped up traffic control by the GC Police Department with more officers issuing tickets for speeding and other traffic infractions. We all need to obey the posted speed limits in our Village. Everyone's cooperation will improve the quality of life and safety for the residents of Garden City.

### **NORTHWEST NASSAU NATURAL GAS INTEGRITY PROJECT**

National Grid is modernizing its natural gas system in Northwest Nassau County. This project, known as the Northwest Nassau Natural Gas Integrity Project, is intended to improve system safety and provide greater operational flexibility. Since the project began in June 2017, National Grid has installed two regulator stations in Roslyn Heights and Old Westbury, and nearly four miles of new gas main.

In the winter and spring of 2022, National Grid will install new underground gas main in the Village of Garden City. Beginning on or about June 30, 2021, National Grid contractors were expected to begin excavating small "test pits" along the proposed project route as part of the project's design process. These small holes will be dug and filled in same-day and pavement restored. These test pits will be dug on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Kellum Lane and Kellum Place. National Grid has advised that road will be restored in-kind or better following the completion of the project. To stay up to date on the project, visit [www.northwestnassauintegrity.com](http://www.northwestnassauintegrity.com) and sign up for email alerts or contact National Grid through its outreach team phone number, 516-882-4864.

### **SEVENTH STREET CLOSURES**

At the June 17, 2021 Board meeting, Mayor Cosmo Veneziale called on the Board to begin discussion regarding the Garden City Chamber of Commerce “Summer in the Streets” Seventh Street road closures. Following discussion amongst Trustees and audience members, including John Wilton, chairman, Garden City Chamber of Commerce Merchants Group, the consensus of the Board was to immediately discontinue the Thursday evening Seventh Street closures. At the next Board meeting scheduled for July 15, 2021, the Saturday evening street closures will be reviewed. Trustee John Delany made a motion, which was unanimously carried, to immediately discontinue the Thursday evening street closures. Presently, Seventh Street is closed between the hours of 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

## **WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** At the water tower off Old Country Road, the contractor continues with application of exterior tank finish coating and scaffolding removals.

**Discolored Water:** H2M had phone conversations with residents with recent discolored water issues. H2M also reached out to the Village to obtain record of consumer complaints. Waiting for discolored water presence history to evaluate locations, etc. H2M investigated additional discolored water complaints

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** Construction is completed and in operation. The contractor is working on ordering parts for punch list items. Permanent construction to be incorporated with permanent construction of Well Nos. 8 and 12.

**Well Nos. 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** Installation of blow-off pit, completed valve vault, began portico roof for peroxide tank, continued electrical wiring on-site, began site cleanup. Complete terminating wiring next week, finish blow-off piping within the week, finish wiring of peroxide tank, continue with site cleanup.

**Well 9 (Wilson Street site):** The Engineering Report was submitted the week of May 3, 2021. H2M will provide the Village with a proposal for design of an AOP treatment system.

**Well Nos. 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** Received comments from the Health Department for the AOP treatment and Well No. 10. Those comments are in the process of being addressed. The driveway was paved. Site restoration and clean up will take place, as will resampling of bacteriological testing for the granular activated carbon filters and the air stripping tower.

**Well Nos. 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** NYSDOH plan review comments received on June 17. H2M responded to the comments on June 18, 2021. H2M submitted performance test results to NYSDOH. Waiting for NYSDOH approval of plans and subsequent approval to operate.

**Well 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** Installed trusses. Fittings and piping have been

delivered to site. Roof work will continue. Brickwork is on hold until cast stone for water table is delivered.

### **SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GCFD**

As the 4th of July weekend is upon us, here are some safety tips to keep you and your family safe this upcoming holiday weekend.

Every year, about 10,000 people are treated for injuries in hospital emergency departments due to the mishandling of live, misfired and waste consumer fireworks. In addition, fires resulting from fireworks cause over \$100 million in direct property damage. Many U.S. cities are seeing a surge in consumer fireworks usage by the public. The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals. Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. Using them puts your property at risk. Hand-held sparklers burn at 1,200 degrees. Children are at special risk of injury from fireworks, and account for more than a third of emergency room visits for fireworks-related injuries. Children between the ages of 5 and 9 are more than twice as likely as people in other age groups to be injured by fireworks.

A few ideas from the National Fire Protection Association to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler.
2. Loud and proud. Noisemakers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

For those that will be behind the barbecue this weekend, follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- Grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave grill unattended.
- Make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

For more safety tips and information on how you can serve our community as a volunteer firefighter please visit <http://www.gcfldny.com>.

### **FOURTH OF JULY DWI CRACKDOWN**

In a joint effort to stop impaired driving, prevent injuries and save lives, the Garden City Police Department along with various other Police Departments throughout Nassau

County will be participating in the “DWI Crackdown” Enforcement Initiative targeting Intoxicated and Drugged Drivers. The Nassau County Traffic Safety STOP DWI Program, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the New York State STOP DWI Coordinators Association are funding the Fourth of July initiative.

This American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk-driving crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, “From 2015 to 2019, there were 1,339 drivers killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes over the Fourth of July holiday period — 38 percent of the drivers killed were drunk.”

Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson states, “During this initiative, July 2, 2021 through July 5, 2021, Police Officers will be assigned to monitor the Village’s roadways, strictly enforcing all DWI laws.”

The Garden City Police Department reminds everyone that they can download the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation "Have a Plan" mobile app, which is available for Apple, Droid and Windows smartphones. The app enables New Yorkers to locate and call a taxi or rideshare service and program a designated driver list. It also provides information on DWI laws and penalties and how to report a suspected impaired driver.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING – INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Residents are reminded that Village Hall will be closed Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. Village Hall will re-open Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Residents are reminded that there is normal weekly Sanitation collection.