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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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FLAG DROP BOX DONATION

At the Memorial Day observance hosted by William Bradford Turner Post No. 265, under the auspices of Commander, Frank Tauches, Jr., Garden City Fire Department Ex-Chief Larry Nedelka donated a flag collection box to the American Legion on behalf of his late parents. Frank and Joan Nedelka were once very active members of the Legion, having served as Commander and Auxiliary president respectively. The box will be placed on the Village Green near the Gazebo. Residents and businesses now have a place to properly dispose of tattered and worn American flags. "Thank you Larry for your generous gift to the Village on behalf of your parents.," Mayor Cosmo Veneziale said.

ST. PAUL'S TOWN HALL

The Mayor's Committee on St. Paul's held its first Town Hall on the Future of St. Paul's June 21 at Cluett Hall. Thirty-seven residents who are experts in law, architecture, design, engineering, construction, historic preservation, program development and usage, budget, finance and communications make up the various sub-committees. The presentation made by the St. Paul's Committee addressed potential uses that could be accommodated within the existing Main Building and that would benefit the residents of the Village, from young to old. I was very pleased with the meeting turn out. Future public meetings will address potential demolition issues, adaptive reuse and costs related to restoration and demolition. The Committee welcomes all helpful, constructive advice as well as other recommendations from our residents and friends. Ultimately, a referendum will be proposed to determine the fate of St. Paul's Main Building.

ENHANCED LANDSCAPE PLAN AT MAIN AVENUE

The Enhanced Landscape Plan at Main Avenue continues with numerous large specimen shrubs and trees planted by the landscape contractor, Sweet Hollow Nursery. Work has also begun on the stone restoration of the Denton Avenue Underpass wing walls. I am involved with all the details to restore the areas impacted by the Third Track Expansion with the LIRR and 3TC, as well as our Village Administrator, Building Superintendent and Village Engineers.

VILLAGE WEBSITE REDESIGN

I am happy to announce that the Board of Trustees has engaged the services of CivicPlus to perform a complete redesign of the Village website. Dozens of companies responded to the Village's Request For Proposal (RFP). Personnel narrowed it down to three companies. CivicPlus has redesigned more than 7,000 municipal websites. We believe this company will enable to better interface with residents. For more information about CivicPlus, visit www.civicplus.com.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: The bacteria testing results thus far are all negative. The Nassau County Health Department has advised the Village to take a second set of bacteria testing this week.

Blue Water Report: The Village has approved the draft blue water report.

Corrosion Control Study: The report has been sent to the Nassau Court Health Department for review.

Lead Service Line Inventory: The lead service line investigation and analysis of Village plumbing permits and house ages is complete. The draft map showing house/street side services will be presented to the Village. Follow up steps to complete inventory are under discussion. Additional building permits provided by the Village for review. The revised draft Lead Service Line inventory narrative was sent to the Village on April 28, 2022.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): H2M is waiting for the remainder of sample results to forward to the Nassau County Health Department for final approval.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): H2M to prepare the final performance report and get Health Department approvals for the interim treatment design.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): Design of the facility continues.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): Crews are waiting on additional sample results from the lab. A final Health Department walk through will be scheduled.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): The contractor is expected to be on site this week to continue with GAC piping, install the new site drainage pools and replace the damaged fence gate.

Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site): The contractor installed well casing vent and completed the air compressor repair.

MEET AND GREET WITH VILLAGE TRUSTEES JUNE 28

The Village Governance Committee will host a "Meet and Greet" with several Village Trustees Tuesday, June 28, at the Village Senior Center on Golf Club Lane from 7:30-9 p.m. The monthly Meet and Greet, held the fourth Tuesday of each month, is an opportunity for residents to engage directly with Board of Trustees members without going through any third parties or having to wait until the end of a Village Board of Trustees meeting. There will be a maximum of 3-4 Trustees at each meeting to avoid any violations of the Open Meetings Law, although all eight are invited to each Meet and Greet. The monthly meetings do not have an agenda; Trustees are available to discuss multiple issues and concerns. If you have a specific question, please feel free to come, ask your question and leave. It is part of the structure of the Meet and Greets.

PARKING TICKET REVENUES

In the fall of 2021, the Board of Trustees contracted with FBS Parking Solutions to replace the antiquated parking ticket writer system the Police Department was using with its "ConnectSmart Parking" system. FBS provides ticket writers, printers, and software, as well as necessary maintenance and training. FBS also provides the Village Court with a New York State compliant parking management and payment solution system. According to Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, the Department realizes a savings of \$1,350 per month in maintenance fees as well as additional equipment and operational costs. FBS acts as a third-party collection agency for all delinquent parking tickets and is able to file judgments on behalf of the Village. FBS only collects a percentage of delinquent fines received, not for tickets paid on time or dismissed by the court. According to Village Treasurer Irene Woo, the new system has resulted in \$300,000 in increased parking revenues, which is partially offset by \$150,000 in FBS fees, for a net increase in revenue of approximately \$150,000 through April 2022 for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year. The neighboring Villages of Mineola, Hempstead, Freeport, Floral Park and Lynbrook already utilize FBS.

PLEASE WATER OUR VILLAGE TREES

If you have recently had a tree planted in front of your home, please take the time to water it. The proper way to water is to first loosen the soil around the tree if it has become baked hard and then allow a hose to run at the base of the tree at a rate slow enough so that the water will be absorbed into the area around the tree trunk. If you are using a hose at the base of the tree, please do not block any village sidewalks to avoid injury to pedestrians. If your tree can't be reached with a hose, a bucket full of water every 2-3 days will suffice. Residents are reminded that watering hours are from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days and even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days. Thank you for your cooperation.