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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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CAR THEFT PREVENTION

During the past week, there were two reports of vehicles stolen from Garden City driveways. In both cases, the vehicles were left unlocked and the key fobs left inside. This appears to be an ongoing trend throughout Nassau County and the metropolitan area. In many of these cases, the vehicles were recovered in Newark, New Jersey. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, auto theft is up 11 percent. The Garden City Police Department offers the following tips to help reduce vehicle theft:

- Always keep your vehicle locked and windows closed, even in your driveway or garage, as well as when you are stopped somewhere even for a brief period of time.
- Take your car key or fob with you when you leave your vehicle.
- With the increase in keyless ignitions, vehicles are easily entered when key fobs are left inside. All thieves have to do to gain entry, is pull the door handle, enter, press the start button and drive off. Thieves are aware side mirrors on some newer model vehicles do not retract when a key fob is left inside the vehicle.
- Do not leave or hide a key, valet key, or smart key anywhere in the vehicle.
- Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended.
- Park in well-lit areas and keep your driveway well-lit as well. Auto-thefts often occur in the dark, particularly in residential areas.
- Always leave your car alarm activated, if equipped, when the vehicle is not in use.
- Consider installing a GPS system or car tracking service; many car tracking systems have shut off capabilities.
- Do not leave garage door opener or valuables in your vehicle.

The Garden City Police Department requests residents dial 911 if they observe suspicious activity or hear car alarm activations. In addition, the Department encourages all residents and businesses to contact the Detective Division at 516 465-4108 with information or video surveillance footage which may assist in criminal investigations.

DISCOLORED WATER INVESTIGATION

Trustees are expected to engage H2M Architects and Engineers for an additional \$30,000 to continue its investigation into discolored water complaints at various residences throughout the Village. The Board already approved \$6,400 at the March 11, 2021 Board meeting.

A new email address has been established so you can submit any discolored water issues that you are experiencing. Please email your complaint to waterissues@gardencityny.net. Please include your contact information and an explanation of your complaint. If you have the ability to send a photo as well please do. If you do not have or do not wish to use email, please call the Water Department at 516-465-4020 and leave a message with your name, address and contact phone

number. All emails and information will be forwarded immediately to the Village Water Consultants at H2M who are collecting the information, obtaining water samples as needed and following up to help identify potential causes and solutions.

CARDBOARD

If you would like to have your “clean” cardboard recycled you may bring it to the Village Yard and place in the proper bin. Please note that you must have a Village dump permit which may be obtained at Village Hall Business Office – 1st floor- to use the Village Dump. Dirty cardboard such as used pizza boxes cannot be recycled and should be discarded as rubbish. Any cardboard placed out for curbside collection on your rubbish day only is not recycled.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2021 CALL LOG

During the 2021 calendar year, the Garden City Fire Department responded to 1,079 calls for assistance, including 30 vehicle extrications, 48 general alarms, 940 Signal 8s and 61 mutual aid requests to neighboring departments. A “Signal 8” is a downgraded alarm that includes automatic alarms, CO detector activations with no illness, vehicle accidents, spills, brush fires and elevator rescues. General Alarms are all phone alarms reporting some type of fire or a major incident deemed by Nassau County Fire Communications.

Firefighters assisted the Floral Park Fire Department at a house fire in late December. Also that month, the Department provided mutual aid to the Westbury Fire Department at the scene of a building fire at Roosevelt Field Mall. On December 2, the Department assisted the Carle Place Fire Department at the scene of a house fire.

Here in the Village, on December 30, the Department responded to a report of a car into a building in which the occupant was able to self extricate prior to the Department’s arrival and did not request medical attention. Also in December, the Department was alerted to wires down and burning in the rear of a residence on Rockaway Avenue. Upon arrival, the Department encountered an electrical emergency affecting multiple homes on the block. On November 27, the Department was notified for an auto accident with overturn at the intersection of Cathedral Avenue & Fourth Street. As units arrived on scene, they were met with a two car accident with one car overturned on its side. Two people were transported to local hospitals with injuries. Members ensured the scene was safe and mitigated a spill.

Chief Devyn Moody thanks the 104 volunteer members of the Department for their dedicated and faithful service. Interested in joining the Department? Email membership@gcfdny.com or visit www.gcfdny.com/recruitment. All of your firefighting and emergency training will be available to you free of charge from both the Nassau County Fire Service Academy and through fire department in-house training.

SANITATION COLLECTION – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, January 17, 2022. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

GARBAGE COLLECTION

- Western Half of Village Tuesday and Thursday

(West of Rockaway Ave)

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RUBBISH COLLECTION

- Rescheduled to Wednesday, January 26, 2022

RECYCLING COLLECTION

- Normal Weekly Collection - No Changes

Residents scheduled for recycling on Monday, January 17th are asked to put their recyclables out on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.