

February 8, 2022

THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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PUBLIC HEARINGS FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The Board of Trustees will hold two public hearings on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 beginning at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed Local Law to add Chapter 128 to the Village code concerning landscaper licensing and a proposed Local Law to supplement Chapter 152 of the Village code concerning equipment used in lawn maintenance. The hearings will take place in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom. Please email Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net before 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2022 to receive the meeting link. To read the proposed Local Laws, [click here](#).

EDGEMERE FIREHOUSE

The Board of Trustees has engaged PAR Environmental Corporation for asbestos abatement at Firehouse No. 2 (Edgemere Firehouse) at a cost of \$255,500. The Board also engaged Seaboard Weatherproofing & Restoration for temporary weatherproofing and masonry work at the firehouse at a cost of \$370,768. At the October 21, 2021 Board meeting, Trustees declared an emergency to exempt from competitive bidding the emergency repairs that relate to the health and safety of the firefighters assigned to the Edgemere Firehouse as current conditions will, in the immediate future, otherwise threaten the health and safety of those firefighters. Cameron Engineering was engaged to identify such emergency work. Although the emergency action was exempt from competitive bidding, Mayor Cosmo Veneziale required Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi to obtain three cost proposals for each major project scope of work. This allowed the Village to obtain the lowest responsible cost proposal, \$600,000 less than the \$1,250,000 budget established for mold remediation, asbestos abatement, masonry and roof repairs. Other non-emergency repairs will be competitively bid.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: No work performed. The contractor submitted sampling enclosure equipment on February 7. A progress meeting was scheduled for February 8.

Corrosion Control Study: The draft report for study is to be completed this week, pending any further studies.

Lead Service Line Inventory: The lead service line investigation continues with analysis of Village plumbing permits and house ages. Sample results are being coordinated with home ages. All data is being entered into GIS.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): As-builts are under H2M review. Well No. 7 construction documents are being incorporated into the Well Nos. 8 and 12 permanent structure bid for availability this week. Well No. 7 rehabilitation is included in the bid package.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): Well No. 7 will be incorporated into the final documents. Well No. 12 will be submitted to the Health Department for final works approval. Well No. 8 is being prepared for performance testing.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): Soil boring results indicate the building should be south of the abandoned ground storage tank and west of the existing booster building.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): Crews are waiting for PSEG to install the transformer.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): H2M is progressing with permanent design, specifically pipe work, building foundation and well rehabilitation. The draft planting plan has also been developed. H2M is setting up a meeting with the Village and Country Club.

Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site): Electrical work and interior work continuing. Floor coating systems are also being prepped. Crews are preparing the systems for performance testing by the end of February.

LEAD IN WATER PRESENTATION

The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) made a presentation at its January 26, 2022 meeting about lead in drinking water. Topics included how lead gets in to drinking water, the health effects of being exposed to lead, how to find out if you have lead in your drinking water and steps residents can take to reduce exposure. The presentation can be viewed in full on the Village website, www.gardencityny.net.

Residents can request free lead testing kits through the New York State Department of Health. Email FreeWaterTesting@health.ny.gov and provide the following information:

- 1 your name;
- 2 your phone number;
- 3 your e-mail address;
- 4 address for sample location and address for mailing test kit, if different
- 5 county for sample location;
- 6 1st choice for participating laboratory selected from the list below; and
- 7 2nd choice for participating laboratory selected from the list below.

You should be aware that the results of these samples are not made available to the Village. If you wish, you can forward a copy of the results to the Village Water Department, but it is not a requirement of your participation in the New York State Department of Health program.

List of Laboratories

- Advanced Analytical Technologies, Orangeburg, Rockland County
- EMSL Analytical, Inc., New York, New York County
- Envirotest Laboratories, Inc., Newburgh, Orange County
- Erie County Public Health Laboratory, Buffalo, Erie County
- NY Environmental and Analytical Labs Inc., Port Washington, Nassau County
- Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research, Valhalla, Westchester County

AMNESTY PERIOD TO LOCAL LAW REGARDING BUILDING DEPARTMENT LEGALIZATION FEE

The Village Code (Chapter 68-5.D) was amended that whenever a permit holder, permit applicant or other person seeks to legalize work, or is required to legalize work, that was or is being performed without a permit required under this Chapter, the permit holder or permit applicant or other person shall pay a legalization fee equal to three times the application fee. The legalization fee shall be in addition to any and all other application and inspection fees charged by the Department. No new permit for construction or installation work, nor any Certificate of Occupancy, Certificate of Completion or Letter in Lieu shall be issued until the legalization fee

for existing construction and /or installations and all other applicable fees are paid in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, applications filed during the period from **February 1, 2022 through July 30, 2022**, no Legalization Fee shall be charged to any applicant or other person seeking to legalize work, or who is required to legalize work, that was or is being performed without a permit required under this Chapter.

REMINDER - CAR THEFT PREVENTION

During the past week, there were two reports of vehicles stolen from Garden City driveways. 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 at once 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 if they have information or video surveillance footage which may assist in criminal investigations.

2022-23 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees will hold 2022-23 Budget Work Sessions in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom beginning March 10, 2022 between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Here is the full schedule:

- Work Session 1 - Thursday, March 10, 2022
- Work Session 2 - Wednesday, March 16, 2022
- Work Session 3 - Thursday, March 24, 2022

- Work Session 4 - Wednesday, March 30, 2022

MILLING AND PAVING SCHEDULE

Nassau County Department of Public Works crews will be milling and paving patches on Endo Boulevard from Stewart Avenue to Perimeter Road in Garden City on Monday, February 14, 2022 weather permitting.

PRESIDENTS DAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Village offices will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 21, 2022. There will be no Sanitation collection.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

- No Garbage Collection Monday, February 21, 2022
- Western Half Tuesday and Thursday
- Eastern Half Wednesday and Friday

RUBBISH COLLECTION

- No Rubbish Collection February 23, 2022
- Rubbish Collection Rescheduled to March 2, 2022

RECYCLING COLLECTION

- Normal Weekly Collection - No Changes

*Please note there is an error in the 2021-2022 Sanitation/Recycling Collection Schedule and Guidelines pamphlet mailed to residents and posted on the website. There will be normal Garbage Collection on Monday, February 14, 2022.