

December 30, 2020

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. The Trustees and I, as your Mayor, would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

SNOWSTORM CLEAN UP

The December 16, 2020 snowstorm lasted approximately 21 hours. Crews began salting roads and parking lots at approximately 4:00 p.m. with 14 large and medium duty trucks with salters. According to Public Works Deputy Superintendent Domenick Stanco, as the storm intensified, plowing began at approximately 7:30 p.m. There were 48 pieces of equipment - large/medium and small trucks as well as several payloaders and two backhoe loaders - working around the clock throughout the night into the next day, Thursday, December 17, until approximately 5:30 p.m. where everything was re-salted after plowed before sending crews home. On Friday, December 18, crews went on their routes to check for icing conditions to re-salt roadways and areas in parking lots. Approximately 520 tons of salt was used during the three-day period as temperatures stayed below freezing throughout the weekend.

During the course of the storm, mechanics at the Village Garage were on-hand for the duration of the operation in order to keep plows and equipment fully functional. There were approximately 19 road calls performed by DPW's mechanic shop employees and minor, miscellaneous breakdowns that were repaired in the shop to keep the fleet up and running.

Garden City Police Officers responded to 15 storm-related reports, including auto accidents, hazardous icy/snowy road conditions, wires down, power outages, alarms, and a traffic light malfunction while the Garden City Fire Department responded to two alarms.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY

Long Island Blood Services will be holding a blood drive at the Garden City Public Library on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Large Meeting room. Area hospitals are in need of local residents' help. Each donation can help to save up to three lives. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and CDC guidelines, appointments are strongly preferred. Walk-ins are welcomed only if capacity permits. To schedule an appointment, please visit the Garden City Public Library website at www.gardencitypl.org or call 1-800-688-0900 to schedule an appointment or for any medical questions concerning blood donations.

VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER

Recreation staff has been busy keeping the Virtual Recreation Center updated and full of fun for residents. Check out some of the new additions, including New Year's Eve ideas, homemade candle recipes, word searches, reading and writing games and much more! Visit the Virtual Recreation Center at <https://gardencityrecreation.org/virtual-recreation-center>.

LIBRARY RENOVATION PLAN UPDATE

The Garden City Public Library is embarking upon the renovation project to update the Children's Department. Planning for the renovation dates back over seven years. The renovation will include spaces oriented towards children's learning programs - a Reading Room for story programs and a Workshop for STEAM activities (Science Technology Engineering Art Math). The project will also incorporate a remodeled entrance area and front Circulation desk. The Board Room in Administration will be transformed into the office for the Children's Department. The Library Administration and Library Board are striving to make these changes with minimal impact to the community, working with the Village and H2M Architects and Engineers to transition into construction while minimizing impact to Library users.

In November the Village entered into an agreement with H2M Architects and Engineers to proceed with the next phases of the project: Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding and Solicitation, Permitting and Construction Administration Services. This agreement established the creation of a "Project Team" named by the Library and the Village which consists of Marianne Malagon, Library Director, Randy Colahan, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, Ralph Suozzi, Village Administrator, Giuseppe Giovanniello, Superintendent of the Building Department and Katie Stone, Project Architect from H2M Architects and Engineers. The Team will oversee the project considering their unique perspectives, meeting regularly as a team and also in contact as needed on the project. H2M's team includes additional architects and engineers adding their expertise to the project including architects Erik Heuler and Rabab Zia.

The renovation project impacts the footprints and operations of three Library departments, Children's Services, Circulation and Administration, as well as computers and networks managed by the Computer Support Department. The Library team consists of Barbara Grace, Head of the Children's Department, Joe Agolia, Head of Computer Support, Jeanette Nicoletti, Head of Circulation, and Margaret Zulkofske, Senior Typist-Clerk coordinating Administration's roles, who have met and continue to meet with the Director every week to coordinate the relocation of their departments and services during construction.

The Children's Department will be relocated to the Large Meeting Room on the lower level of the Library, with some materials located in storage on site. Staff has already

begun to move some materials and create a floor plan for the new space. No programs have been displaced. The Library will continue to provide virtual programs. On site programs have been suspended indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The temporary Children's room will have Librarians and other staff on hand to assist with materials and other information needs. The Circulation Department is also planning to move their work to another location in the Library. This will be for a shorter period of time and plans will be announced. The schedule as well will be made clearer as the project progresses.

The community will be updated on progress and any changes in Library services during the construction period. Please check the Library's website at www.gardencitypl.org or call the Library at 742-8405 for more information.

SANITATION COLLECTION – NEW YEAR'S DAY

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Friday, January 1, 2021. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

	GARBAGE	RUBBISH
Western Half of Village (West of Rockaway Ave)	Monday and Thursday	Wednesday, December 30
Eastern Half of Village (East of Rockaway Ave)	Tuesday and Saturday	Wednesday, December 30

Residents scheduled for recycling on Friday, January 1, are asked to put their recyclables out on Friday, January 8.