

April 8, 2020

MAYOR'S UPDATE

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I want to wish residents a very Happy Easter and Passover. The Board of Trustees and I urge you to continue following all CDC and Health Department directives in regard to social distancing. If you don't feel well, contact your doctor immediately. If you need immediate medical assistance, call 911. We have a Village email: mayor@gardencityny.net and a telephone number: 516-465-4000. Let us know if we can help you.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND TESTING

Backflow testing is required to help safeguard the backwards flow of water when a sprinkler system retracts into the ground. This device prevents contaminants such as fecal matter, pesticides and herbicides from being pulled backwards into the municipal water supply. The Village requires every home or business with an active sprinkler system to perform an annual test.

However, due to the COVID-19 situation, all backflow testing should be postponed until the tentative date of June 1st, 2020. We are not accepting tests until then. Any test that was due within the 2020 calendar year can be scheduled and entered at any time after June 1st, 2020 and up to the New Year.

The Village will not be issuing fines or violations during this time period but reminds all residents with active sprinklers that as of 2021 enforcement will be reinstated. We would like to thank all the residents that actively test their sprinkler systems and devices in order to keep the municipal water supply free from contaminants.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING APRIL 15, 2020 VIA ZOOM

Trustees will hold a Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please email Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net if interested in joining the meeting. Ms. Altman will provide you with the Meeting ID and password. Residents may email questions/comments to Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net.

VILLAGE DUMP IS OPEN, WITH LIMITED HOURS

The Village Dump re-opened on Monday, March 30th with limited hours, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. To aid in limiting exposure to residents and employees on site, residents are advised to drop off their materials and leave the Dump area immediately. Sifting through the Dump or congregating at the site is prohibited. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this unprecedented time. This information is subject to change as this situation continues to evolve. Any subsequent changes will be communicated.

WESTERN NASSAU TRANSMISSION PROJECT

The Western Nassau Transmission Project consists of the construction, operation and maintenance of a proposed new 138 kilovolt underground transmission line primarily within the public roadway rights-of-way for a total distance of approximately seven miles between the East Garden City substation (located in Uniondale) and the Valley Stream substation (located in Lynbrook).

The project is expected to reinforce LIPA's electric transmission system in the southwest Nassau area and ensure continued reliable service. The underground transmission line will be located wholly within the Town of Hempstead and will traverse the Villages of Garden City, Malverne and Lynbrook, and will be constructed primarily underground. The two-week construction schedule entails:

- Splice Vault No. 19 was expected to begin Monday, April 6, 2020 on Hilton Avenue between Stewart Avenue and Ninth Street in the northbound lane. Single lane closures in the northbound lane are expected with this activity.

For resident questions or concerns, call the hotline 516-780-0665, email info@westernnassautransmission.com or visit www.westernnassautransmission.com.

LIRR THIRD TRACK EXPANSION PROJECT

Significant progress has been made on the LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville. While the duration and intensity of work depends on the project element under construction, the 3rd Track Constructors team is phasing elements to reduce the amount of disruption in any given community at any given time. During April, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City (completion dates are subject to change due to developments related to COVID-19):

New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination Project

- The New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing Elimination Project has begun. The road is closed from Plaza Avenue to 4th Avenue until Labor Day. Throughout April, construction crews will continue excavating and lagging on the north side of the tracks for the installation of tie-backs. On the south side of the tracks, crews will form, rebar and pour the base slab of the concrete U-structure. Residents will see crews working both during the day and overnight on this crucial project element to meet the expedited construction schedule. In adherence to our commitment to minimize disruption to the community, noise, dust, and vibration are continuously monitored. For the remainder of the closure, signage and detour plans are in place throughout the area. [Click here to see the vehicular detour map](#) and [here to see the pedestrian detour map](#). To access the temporary NICE Bus route, [click here](#).

Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement

- Canopy installation is ongoing and nearing completion. To facilitate this work, 3TC is utilizing small sections of existing green space, south of the eastbound platform along Main Avenue. This may require material and construction equipment to be placed outside of the existing green mesh construction fence. Residents may see crews working in the area on weekends in the coming weeks. Crews from EJ Electric are working on erecting permanent steel poles on the south side of the station. For the duration of this work, flaggers will be in place to assist with the flow of two-way vehicular traffic on Main Avenue. New ADA-compliant elevators are being installed at the Nassau Boulevard entrance. Temporary pedestrian crosswalks have been installed along Main Avenue. Please board and exit all trains (westbound and eastbound) from the **first six (6) cars** at Merillon Avenue Station. Some parking spots will remain unavailable at Merillon Avenue; replacement parking is provided north of Merillon Avenue Station, along Broadway, between County Courthouse Road and Herricks Road, on the south side of the street.

Nassau 1 Interlocking

- The Nassau 1 Interlocking, where trains switch from track-to-track, is undergoing substantial improvements, which may require overnight and weekend work. LIRR crews have successfully installed six switches at Nassau 1 Interlocking, which are needed for the new track. LIRR forces will continue to relocate above and below ground communication and signal wires, power cables, and backbone conduit to configure the new switches with systems and signals. During the overnight work, LIRR crews will be out in force and, to maintain their safety, lights, flag personnel, and other precautions will be deployed.

Permanent Utility Pole Installation

- As part of the overall project, continued utility pole relocation work is taking place in several communities over the coming months. Crews from EJ Electric will work during the day and overnight setting permanent wooden and steel utility poles along the railroad right-of-way from New Hyde Park Road to Tanners Pond Road, as well as Nassau Boulevard heading east to Herricks Road. Additionally, crews will continue the installation of steel poles in and around the Merillon Avenue station. Once the poles are installed, crews will be able to safely relocate cables from temporary poles to the permanent poles. Heavy construction equipment including vacuum trucks, cranes, bucket trucks, and more, are needed for this work. 3TC is contractually committed to performing ongoing environmental monitoring including air quality, vibration levels and noise levels. This marks the final piece of utility work that began more than a year ago with the removal of the original poles, followed by the placement of temporary poles outside the railroad right-of-way. The new permanent poles will be mostly contained behind walls and, once completed, will offer a less intrusive and far more efficient layout of these public utilities.

Wall Construction

- 3TC construction teams are continuing the installation of retaining and sound attenuation walls in the Garden City community, from Nassau Boulevard to Herricks

Road along the right-of-way on the north and south sides of the tracks. Crews continue to reinforce or install wall sections on top of the existing retaining wall, along the north side of the tracks. Once completed these sections will have a new security fence. Sound wall installation on the south side of the tracks, from Kilburn Road to Kensington Road, has begun and is progressing through April. On the south side of the tracks, along Main Avenue between Denton Avenue and Nassau Boulevard, sound wall installation is substantially complete. In adherence to our commitment to minimize disruption to the community, noise, dust and vibration are continuously monitored.

LIRR Work Along the Railroad Right-of-Way

- In addition and complementary to 3TC's activities, you may see or hear LIRR forces working along the railroad right-of-way. These activities may include regular track inspection and maintenance; rail tie replacement; and grade crossing elimination preparatory work. To avoid LIRR service interruptions during peak commuting hours, LIRR work along the railroad right-of-way may take place overnight and on weekends.

For more information, visit LIRRExpansion.com. For up-to-date LIRR service changes and/or changes to station access, visit www.MTA.info/LIRR. For up-to-date NICE Bus information, visit www.nicebus.com.