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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Newly elected Trustees took their oaths of office Monday, April 4, 2022 during a brief ceremony at Village Hall. The regular meeting was also available via Zoom. Village Justice Allen S. Mathers administered the oath of office. I want to thank Trustee Mary Carter Flanagan on being re-elected to another term and I wish to offer my congratulations to other Trustees Charles P. Kelly, Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr. and Bruce A. Torino. I wish you all good luck as Trustees of our Village. I would also like to recognize and thank the sitting Trustees for their support and time they have expended over the past year. We have a lot of work to do in the upcoming months and I look forward to working with the new Board of Trustees.

### **RAYMOND COURT PARKING ISSUES**

At the direction of the Board of Trustees, crews removed signs posted on Raymond Court and in the Stewart Field parking lot this week to correct traffic and speeding issues affecting the quality of life of residents living on Raymond Court. The gate on the overflow parking lot was locked and the local sports organizations were notified. The Police Department also created signs to direct people to Stewart School for additional parking during sporting events, particularly this weekend as Saturday is Little League's Opening Day.

### **VILLAGE SEEKS RESIDENTS FOR COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

The Village depends upon all of its residents to function and perform many valuable services. We have several openings with respect to Committees, Boards and Commissions that we need your help filling. Visit our website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), to review the nature of each Board or Commission. Selections will be made in Spring 2022.

Depending upon the Committee, Board or Commission and which positions are up for re-appointment, some of these appointments can be made to the Committee or Board from any area of the Village. Others, due to the local law or the resolution currently in place, must be from a specific section of the Village. If you are interested in applying for any of the Committees, Boards and Commissions, please contact Village Clerk Karen Altman at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net) and send her your resume with experience in specific disciplines for any of the open seats.

Below is a list of the various Boards and Commissions that have members with expiring terms in April 2021, December 2021 and April 2022. Existing members are of course welcome to submit their names for continued service. (At-Large means that the Member can be from any section of the Village).

### **Planning Commission**

There is one at-large seat open for a term beginning in April 2022. This is a three-year term.

**Environmental Advisory Board**

There are two at-large seats open for terms beginning in April 2022. This is a four-year term.

**Architectural Design Review Board**

There are three at-large seats open for terms beginning in April 2021.

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**Zoning Board of Appeals**

There is one opening from the East Section of the Village open for a term beginning in April 2021. There is one opening from the West Section of the Village for a term beginning in April 2022. This is a five-year term.

**Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs**

There is one opening from the East Section of the Village, for a term beginning in April 2022 and one opening from the Central Section of the Village, to fill an unexpired term for a Member who resigned. This is a four-year term.

**Board of Library Trustees**

There is one seat from East open for a term beginning January 1, 2022. This is a five-year term.

**Board of Ethics**

This is a Board with three members for a one-year term and members can be from anywhere within the Village.

**Mayor's Governance Committee**

This is a Mayor's Advisory Committee. Members can be from anywhere within the Village. This Committee provides oversight and recommendations to improve existing Village Government Policies for the benefit of the residents of Garden City.

**Mayor's Open Space Committee**

This is a Mayor's Advisory Committee and Members can be from anywhere within the Village. This Committee will inventory all existing Village Open Space and provide a description and size of the properties owned by the Village.

**Mayor's Village Business Committee**

This is a Mayor's Advisory Committee. Members can be from anywhere within the Village. This Committee will reach out to Village businesses to determine how the Village can improve our Central Business District and secondary business locations. It will also focus on organizations who do not make tax payments to the Village. This Committee will include the Mayor and Village Administrator.

**WATER UPDATE**

**Water Tower:** The contractor, paint manufacturer and H2M performed a joint inspection of the interior water cavity failure last week. A repair procedure has been developed and approved. The contractor was expected to mobilize this week to begin repairs, which are expected to take approximately one week to complete.

**Corrosion Control Study:** The initial draft is going through quality control. Revisions will be made before the final draft is ready.

**Lead Service Line Inventory:** The lead service line investigation and analysis of Village plumbing permits and house ages is complete. All data is being entered into GIS. The

draft map showing house/street side services will be presented to the Village. Follow up steps to complete inventory are under discussion.

**Well 7 (Waterworks site):** The Well No. 7 pump was removed and a hole in the column was discovered. The well TV also revealed a hole in the existing inner casing. The existing outer casing appears to be intact. AC Schultes will proceed with raising the well pier and casing extension in the next week.

**Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site):** Final bid documents incorporating Well No. 7 into Well Nos. 8 and 12 as one package are being created.

**Well No 9 (Wilson Street site):** The engineering report has been sent to the New York State Department of Health. Facility design continues.

**Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site):** PSEG onsite installing new conduits for the new transformer. PSEG will need two weeks before shutdown when they will perform the switchover and install the new transformer. Atlantic Wells is repairing the bearings for the Well No. 11 blower. PRI is going to order the new blower. The lead time for the new blower is approximately 30 weeks..

**Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site):** GAC vessels and the corresponding concrete slab have been demolished. Excavations for the new GAC building have begun.

**Wells 15 and 16 (Hilton Park site):** The contractor will check the wells. During testing and sampling, air was coming out of the well base plate.

### **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. The first vehicle was reported stolen from a Pine Street residence. It was tracked to a Brooklyn location and recovered. The second vehicle was reported stolen from a Fifth Street residence. It was tracked to a Mount Vernon location and recovered. This appears to be an ongoing trend throughout Nassau County and the metropolitan area. 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.

### **ST. PAUL'S EMERGENCY ROOF WORK**

Crews will begin mobilizing on the St. Paul's campus next week to begin emergency roof repairs to make the building water tight. Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovannello obtained four estimates; Ahearn Holtzman, Inc. will perform the work. Thornton Tomasetti's June 2021 roof condition assessment report identified roof issues but subsequent wind storms have caused further damage, including gaping holes, some of which measure approximately 12 feet in diameter. "It's way beyond the damage we saw two years ago," Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi said. "Every time it rains it takes on more damage." The work will cost \$321,400; FEMA is expected to reimburse 75 percent of the repair work, which is expected to be completed by the end of May.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING APRIL 20, 2022**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, April 20, 2022 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom. If you'd like the Zoom link please email Village Clerk Karen Altman at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net) by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive the link.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 16**

Garden City's Department of Recreation and Parks is once again sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 on St. Paul's fields. This year three hunts will be held beginning at 10:00 AM with three age divisions: Preschool to Kindergarten; Grades 1 and 2; and Grades 3 to 5. Special eggs will be stuffed and hidden for all divisions. The youngster who finds the egg marked "#1 Lucky Egg" during each hunt division will win a grand prize (an Easter basket filled with goodies). For further information about the Hunt, Please call the Recreation Dept. at 465-4075.