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**THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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**DECEPTION LARCENIES**

The Garden City Police Department would like to advise everyone of an ongoing pattern of deception larcenies in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. In many cases, subjects target persons exiting banks after withdrawing money. Subjects walk up to victims as they enter their vehicles and advise them that there are nails or tacks under their rear tires or that they have just dropped money outside their car. When the victims exit their vehicles to look at the alleged conditions, another subject will enter the car and remove a pocketbook and/or money packet. In some cases, the subjects puncture a victim's tire, and as they assist them in changing the tire, another subject is stealing property from within the vehicle. A person who experiences these types of scenarios, as well as other types of potential acts of deception, are advised not to exit their vehicle, dial 911, and ensure their wallets, pocketbooks, and money packets are secure.

**NASSAU BOULEVARD WALLS**

The Nassau Blvd. walls are progressing very well. The south wall closest to the tracks should be completed this week; repointing and copping is being worked on all other walls at this time, according to Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello. Weather permitting, crews anticipate they should be done within approximately three weeks.

**VILLAGE HALL BRICK REPOINTING AND ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Weather permitting, crews will be back onsite this week to begin removing the scaffolding at Village Hall and clean the remainder of the copping stone. Roof replacement is expected to begin next week. The project is estimated to be completed within three weeks.

**MERRILLON AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

This week on Main Avenue, between Meadbrook Road and Nassau Boulevard, Valente Contracting, the subcontractor working for Pratt Brothers, Inc., began installation of new curbing. Traffic detours on Main Ave will change daily as required in order to complete the work. The road may be closed at times to allow construction to continue. Road will be accessible for emergency vehicles in case of emergency. However, emergency vehicles should plan to detour around the street if the emergency is not on the street being worked on. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the construction and will attempt to keep the inconveniences to a minimum. This schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

**BANK ROBBERY**

On Tuesday, January 3, Officers responded to TD Bank on Franklin Avenue for a panic alarm activation. Upon arrival, Officers determined a bank robbery had occurred. A male subject entered the Bank and presented the teller a note demanding money and threatened the use of a weapon. No weapon was displayed. The teller, in fear for his safety, complied and the subject then exited the bank and fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of US currency. There were eight employees inside the bank at the time of the robbery. There were no reported injuries. The subject, described as a male, light complexion, approximately 5'8" tall, with an average build, was wearing a grey winter jacket and a black mask. The investigation is ongoing.

**VILLAGE ELECTION MARCH 21, 2023**

The Village will be conducting an election on March 21, 2023 at the St. Paul's Fieldhouse and has entered into an agreement with the Board of Elections for use of its voting machines, and all equipment and supplies necessary to conduct voting operations, as well as training and assistance concerning voting machine operations.

**UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURE**

Within the next two weeks there will be a one- to two-day closure of the Library to begin demolition of the Circulation Desk and Lobby carpeting. During construction of the new desk, Circulation services will be relocated to the Adult Reference Department.

**JANUARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The Board of Trustees will meet once this month when it holds a regular meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom. If you'd like to join the meeting via Zoom, please email

Village Clerk Karen Altman at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net) before 4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2023 to receive the link. The link will also be sent out with the email alerts.