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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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LIBRARY CLOSURE TO BEGIN CIRCULATION DESK DEMO

The Library closed at noon Thursday, January 12 and remained closed Friday, January 13 to begin demolition of the Circulation Desk and Lobby carpeting. If needed, the Library may remain closed or delay opening Saturday, January 14. Staff will be on site for information and assistance by phone Thursday, January 12 and Saturday, January 14, between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Staff will not be available on Friday, January 13.) Updates will be posted to the Library website, www.gardencitypl.org, and social media pages, when necessary. During this period, the book drop will remain open, reserves will be held until Tuesday, January 17, and fines will not accrue. During construction of the new desk, Circulation services, including checking out books, obtaining a Library card, or getting a computer pass, have been moved to the Adult Services Desk to enable crews to prepare the main lobby for work. This period of construction will take approximately a month; Children's Room work will progress simultaneously. Overdue fines for library materials and museum passes will be waived during the construction of the new Circulation Desk. Other charges remain in effect, including lost books, computer printing, and when applicable, the next user's admission charge for Museum Passes not returned. Please watch for further announcements via email, check the Library website, or call the Library by phone, 516-742-8405.

NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village is launching a new and improved website next week that maximizes the user experience more than ever before. The site was designed by CivicPlus, a government website design company that helps governments optimize digital interactions for residents and staff. Training sessions for staff took place earlier this month and final tweaks are being made before the site goes "live" on Wednesday, January 18. User-friendly search menus provide faster access to pay your bills, fill out forms, read about the latest Village happenings, review Sanitation schedules and locate Village personnel contact information. A News Flash feature alerts residents of any Village-related emergencies. By creating a free website account, residents can manage email notification subscriptions, save fillable form progress, request service if, for example, a street light is out or a pothole needs fixing, under the "Report a Concern" icon on the homepage, and more.

GARDEN CITY POOL NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS FOR THE SUMMER

Lifeguards are needed for the upcoming Pool season. If you are interested in a lifeguard position at the Garden City Pool for this summer, please contact Steve Espey, Recreation supervisor, at 516-483-2525.

RAILROAD PERMIT PARKING UNAVAILABLE DURING CONSTRUCTION

Valente Contracting working for Pratt Brothers, Inc. will continue the installation of new curbing on Main Ave between Meadbrook Road and Nassau Blvd. Traffic detours on Main Ave change daily as required in order to complete the work. The road may be closed at times to allow construction to continue. Railroad Permit Parking on Main Avenue is not available during construction. Temporary parking is permitted on the side streets with a RR parking sticker only. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the construction and will attempt to keep the inconveniences to a minimum.

ASH TREE REMOVAL

Dom's Lawnmaker will be removing 134 Village-owned trees, including some 114 Ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Many are the larger Ash trees on the main thoroughfares (New Hyde Park Rd, Nassau Blvd, Franklin Ave, Washington Ave, Clinton Rd and Stewart Ave). Additionally, Dom's will be pruning approximately 100 larger trees at various locations in the Village. The work should continue for several weeks. We encourage residents to cooperate with the crews doing the work by moving vehicles when requested, and staying out of work zones when crews are actively cutting or pruning trees.

LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE

During the month of January, you will see crews performing the following construction activities in Garden City:

Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement

- Crews continue to install snow melt under the north and south side platforms.
- Ongoing punch list work will continue in and around the station. Crews are painting around the station area and installing handrails and railing.
- Crews continue to work on maintenance to curbs and sidewalks on the north side of the station.

G15 Substation

- The G15 substation building was successfully set on its foundation.
- Transformers will be delivered and installed onsite mid-January. During this operation, intermittent road closures may be necessary on Atlantic Avenue.