

February 8, 2023

NEW PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Following an exhaustive search, the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of John Borroni to the position of Superintendent of Public Works effective February 2, 2023 (or upon Civil Service approval) for the balance of the official year, ending on April 3, 2023. Mr. Borroni is a professional engineer who has been with the Village for eight years, serving the last three years as a Senior Civil Engineer. Before joining the Village, Mr. Borroni worked for Nassau County Department of Public Works as an Engineer. We want to congratulate Mr. Borroni and we wish him much success in his new position. The Superintendent of Public Works position had been vacant for nearly 18 months before the appointment in June 2022 of Anthony DeRosa, who resigned in October 2022.

LIRR PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE

On February 3, Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi, Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello and Public Works Superintendent John Borroni met with the Village's MTA liaison, Nick Fasano, to discuss upcoming road closures related to the raising of the Cherry Valley Train Trestle, and upgrades to the Cathedral Avenue and Hilton Avenue railroad crossings. In addition, Mr. Fasano provided an update on the Country Life Press Capital Project.

Cherry Valley Train Trestle: The raising of the Cherry Valley Train Trestle will occur over three consecutive weekends. Here is the tentative schedule, which is subject to change as we get closer to these dates and the project progresses:

- March 3rd - 5th, first bridge jacking weekend, Cherry Valley Avenue to be closed. The road closure will last from approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 3rd to 4:00 a.m. on March 5th.
- March 10th - 13th, second bridge jacking weekend, Cherry Valley Avenue to be closed. The road closure will last from approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 10th to 4:00 a.m. on March 13th.
- March 17th - 20th, third bridge jacking weekend, Cherry Valley Avenue to be closed. The road closure will last from approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 17th to 4:00 a.m. on March 20th. As part of this work, we will also require a 12-hour outage from 11pm on Friday February 24th to 11am on Saturday February 25th to prepare the crossing to be replaced.
- March 31st at approximately 9:00 p.m. – April 3rd at approximately 4:00 a.m., installation of the new bridge at Cherry Valley Avenue. The road closure will last from approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 31st to 4:00 a.m. on April 3rd.
- The weekend of May 6th will be held as a contingency weekend in case we need additional time to complete this work.
- For each of these weekends, we will also have a full shutdown of train service on the Hempstead branch and run buses in their stead. Customers are encouraged to check the LIRR website and app for travel information. Public Works Superintendent John Borroni will issue all necessary road closure permits. Detour signs will be in place no later than two days before the start of any work.

Cathedral Avenue Grade Crossing Rehabilitation: The upgrade of the Cathedral Avenue Grade Crossing will occur March 24-27. The Cathedral Avenue road closure will last from approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 24th to 4:00 a.m. on March 27th. The crossing will have the rubber pads replaced with a concrete pad. In addition, about 20 to 25 feet of the asphalt roadway, both north and south, will be adjusted to make the crossing a smooth transition for vehicles. Detour signs will be in place no later than two days before the start of any work.

Hilton Avenue Grade Crossing Rehabilitation: The date of the Hilton Avenue grade crossing rehabilitation is still to be determined as it can occur at any time. Detour signs will be in place no later than two days before the start of any

work.

Country Life Press Station: The New York State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) has contacted the LIRR regarding the CLP station house. They notified the LIRR that the building is eligible for listing in the National Register for the following reasons:

- It is a prime example of an early twentieth-century small brick LIRR Station;
- Its association with the Doubleday, Page and Company;
- and its role in the growth and suburbanization of Garden City.

Therefore, this site will not be touched and the LIRR will be directing their capital monies elsewhere. The LIRR will continue to work with the Village on a long-term solution regarding the station building.

LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE GARDEN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A newly executed license agreement between the Village and Garden City Historical Society will permit the Society to utilize the Eleventh Street property, which is owned by the Village, for another 21 years. In order for a \$50,000 New York State grant the Society applied for to even be considered, the State is requiring the current license agreement be extended for 20 years from the date the Society filed the preservation covenant. The extra year is to allow time for the covenant to be filed. Village Counsel Gary Fishberg drafted the revised license agreement with minor changes for the time period March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2044. For more information about the Garden City Historical Society, visit <https://www.thegardencityhistoricalsociety.org>.

VILLAGE HALL HVAC RENOVATION

Intricate Tech Solutions has completed the demolition of the existing AC unit for Village Court. Intricate has also completed the exterior wall penetrations. The contractor installed new duct work and an energy recovery ventilator unit near the Human Resource offices on the 1st floor of Village Hall and has delivered new HVAC split units to be installed in the Justice Court, Finance, Human Resources, Engineering and Building Departments of Village Hall. Installation of pipe, duct, and insulation for the new HVAC system are ongoing.

VILLAGE HALL FIRST FLOOR RENOVATIONS

GTX Construction completed demolition of three existing walls in the Business Office area on the 1st Floor of Village Hall. The contractor has installed the drywall and metal studs for new walls and doors for the front counter, Village Treasurer's Office, Village Clerk's Office, and Village Auditor's Office. The contractor has also skim coated the walls throughout the Business Office area to prepare for painting.

NASSAU BOULEVARD MASONRY WALL RESTORATION

Cornerstone Restoration has rebuilt the south brick wall on Nassau Boulevard. The wall was rebuilt reusing about 80 percent of the bricks from the original wall. Further, sections of the columns and walls of the existing brick walls in need of repair have also been rebuilt. The contractor has begun repointing and brick stitching the existing brick walls on Nassau Boulevard and Euston Road; Cornerstone Restoration is expecting a new mortar sample to match the existing mortar for the brick walls to be delivered within the next week. Once the new mortar sample is received, it will be reviewed for approval by the Village. The work is under the observation of the Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello.

JANUARY GCFD ACTIVITY

Chief Matthew Pearn reported that during January the Department responded to 69 total calls:

- 59 "Signal 8" calls or non-emergency automatic alarms, 54 of which were false or unintentional automatic alarms
- 6 general alarms
- 4 mutual aid calls to assist neighboring Fire Departments

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees will conduct work sessions to review the Tentative 2023-24 Operating and Capital Budgets in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom beginning March 9, 2023, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Here is the full

schedule:

- Work Session I - Thursday, March 9, 2023
- Work Session II - Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- Work Session III - Thursday, March 23, 2023
- Work Session IV - Thursday, March 30, 2023

LIRR THIRD TRACK UPDATE

Merillon Avenue Station Enhancement

- Ongoing punch list work will continue in and around the station. Crews are painting around the station area and installing handrails, railing, infill panels, under platform barriers.
- Crews continue to paint the north side of the station.
- Please note the Village of Garden City and their contractors have begun the Merillon Avenue Improvement Project.

G15 Substation

- The G15 substation building was successfully set on its foundation and transformers were delivered
- Crews will install cable pulls, stairs, and fencing at the substation.
- New fencing will be installed this month.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY

New York Blood Services will be holding a blood drive at the Garden City Public Library on Tuesday, February 28, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting room on the lower level of the Library. Each donation can help to save up to three lives. All donors will receive a voucher for two complimentary New York Islanders tickets. The voucher is redeemable for a select number of 2022-2023 regular season Islanders home games. Redemption is first come, first served. Appointments are strongly preferred; walk-ins are welcomed only if capacity permits. Call 1-800-688-0900 to schedule an appointment or ask any medical questions concerning blood donations.