

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF  
**GARDEN CITY**

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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2011-2012



# Incorporated Village of **GARDEN CITY**

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**Upgraded Village Web-Site:** [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net)

At the Board of Trustees meeting held in January, the Village's new web-site was unveiled. During the presentation, the process for creating the new web-site was reviewed providing the method used for its development. The original site was launched in 2000 and was one of the first Village web-sites in use on Long Island. The improvements to the new site include a user-friendly "HOME" page, detailed information on our Boards, Commissions and Departments, Meeting & Community Event Calendars, Notifications & Alerts, Online Tax and Water Payments, as well as maps of highlighted areas within the Village. The new web-site was designed to provide useful information, not only to the residents of Garden City, but also to visitors and contractors who conduct business within our community.



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## **LOCATION**

Central Nassau County  
20 miles east of midtown Manhattan  
5.3 square miles

## **GOVERNMENT**

Founded in 1869 and Incorporated in 1919  
Governed by a Mayor and seven Trustees  
Village Administrator and Executive Staff  
are appointed

## **POPULATION**

22,371 (2010 United States Census)

## **SERVICES**

Police, Fire, Business Office, Building, Engineering,  
Street/Highway, Water/Sewer, Sanitation/Recycling,  
Parks/Recreation and Justice Court

## **RESIDENTIAL HOMES**

Homes - 6,485  
Condominiums - 410  
Apartments/Co-ops - 691

## **BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

Commercial area includes banks, investment  
firms, office complexes, retail businesses, major  
department stores, variety of restaurants and  
food establishments and a four-star hotel

## **SCHOOLS**

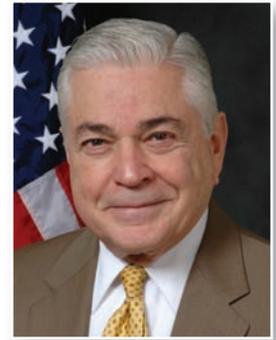
Seven public school buildings, eight private/  
parochial schools and one university  
(Adelphi University)

## **HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

Eleven houses of worship

## To Our Fellow Residents of Garden City,

This is the annual report for the fiscal year June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. While the primary purpose of the report is to provide fiscal year financial data, it also reviews the history, government and administration of Garden City. The report further highlights the services provided to the residents by each department and the capital projects planned and/or completed during this fiscal period. In compliance with legal constraints imposed by the State of New York, our Village is required to prepare and adopt a balanced budget where the applied surplus, anticipated revenues and taxes raised must cover all of the expenses of the municipality. In keeping with the vision of A.T. Stewart and his heirs for managing Village finances, the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and Executive Staff take seriously their fiscal responsibility to hold taxes and expenses, respectively, to a minimum while still delivering the quality services, the residents expect and deserve. The annual budget review process consists of two components, capital projects and operating expenses. Department Heads (Executive Staff), are required to submit five-year capital budget projections as well as annual operating budget appropriation requests. The capital budget process also invites input from the four Property Owners' Associations and the Chamber of Commerce. When it is determined that the budget provides the maximum value for the taxes imposed while maintaining the excellence of services provided by Police, Fire, Justice Court, Sanitation, Building, Public Works, Library and Recreation Departments, it is submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption, after a Public Hearing, at the Annual Organizational Meeting in April, after which it takes effect on June 1.



Developing a balanced budget and five-year capital plan is no easy task, but rather a formidable process as the Incorporated Village is confronted with maintaining its maturing infrastructure and complying with a number of unfunded mandates imposed by the State of New York as well as other accelerating costs. The Board of Trustees and I achieved our objective to maintain the highest level of affordable municipal services while striving to keep property tax increases at a minimal level. The total budget for this fiscal year report represented a .57% decrease from the 2010-2011 budget as modified, with a tax increase of 1.75%.

In the Spring of 2011, our contractors completed construction on the Village Hall Elevator which connects the basement, first and second floors of the building. This now provides handicap access to the Building and Public Works Departments, the Village Court and our public meeting rooms. We also completed the reconstruction of Police Headquarters by upgrading this 1951 facility and improving security. On Franklin Avenue new pedestrian crosswalks were installed and some street reconstruction was done. This was necessitated by the failure of the brick paver material from road salt and heavy vehicular traffic. The work was performed during evening hours to minimize inconvenience and preserve safety within the business district.

On Saturday, August 27, 2011, our Village was hit extremely hard by Tropical Storm Irene and suffered inordinate and extensive tree damage along with lengthy power outages. Village Administrator Robert Schoelle and our Public Works Department were well prepared for the storm and were on the scene immediately. Crews worked throughout the night and following days to remove fallen trees that were blocking roads and creating extremely dangerous and hazardous conditions for our residents. Numerous trees were replanted in the Fall and Spring of 2011 and 2012, respectively. Tropical Storm Irene also wreaked havoc to the landmark clock tower at St. Paul's School imploding the south clock face and blowing off roofing materials thereby exposing the building to the elements. The Village is most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kaliban for their generous donation for the cost of the needed materials for the restoration and to Mr. Vincent Muldoon of Old World Construction for making the necessary repairs at no cost to our Village.

In keeping with its designation as Tree City, USA, the Village planted 110 new trees in the Spring of 2011 to replace trees removed due to failing health.

While the Spring and Summer are especially beautiful seasons in the Village with the many floral plantings and lawn preparations and maintenance, this is also the time of year the Village attends to replacing portions of its 150 miles of sidewalk and remilling and resurfacing portions of the 75 miles of Village streets. Some notable paving projects undertaken during this past fiscal year was the reconstruction of Municipal Parking Field No. 5 at the Medical Center, Parking Field No. 12 and the Fair Court Parking Field.

On another favorable note, the Village's web-site was redesigned and reintroduced to the residents in December, 2011. This was accomplished in-house at a minimal cost to our residents.

Although Garden City was founded by A. T. Stewart long before its Incorporation in 1919, we have tried to keep his vision alive by perpetuating a Village that is an exceptional place to live and raise a family, a Village that is appealing to the eye when you enter its borders and a Village that provides excellent services through the efforts of our dedicated Village employees. One of those dedicated employees was our illustrious Police Commissioner Ernest Cipullo, who had served the Village no less than 51 years until his retirement on May 31, 2012. Commissioner Cipullo was an extraordinary asset to the Village and his expertise in law enforcement will be missed.

How do we do all the things we do and still maintain a palatable tax increase. The answer dates back to the wisdom and planning of our founder A.T. Stewart and his heirs. We, the residents, are the beneficiaries and trustees for future generations of our founder's foresight and benevolence. Garden City is believed to be the first planned community in the Country. It was incorporated in 1919 as a Village and its evenhanded and impartial Community Agreement form of government created at that time. Volunteerism is our way of life. Volunteers serve as Village and School Board Trustees and on various Boards, Commissions and in the Village Fire Department. Volunteerism has resulted in saving the residents an untold fortune over the years while at the same time providing these residents with a voice in the fate of their community. Every resident is invited and encouraged to participate.

While we cannot overlook the value of our volunteers, we would be remiss if we did not praise the daily efforts of our dedicated Village employees without whom the Village would not be the extraordinary place that we know and enjoy.

Please know that your opinions and comments, on all Village matters are always welcome and that the Mayor and Trustees are always available to you.

**Donald T. Brudie**  
*Mayor*

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This is the seventy-ninth published Annual Report, covering the 2011-2012 fiscal year (June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012). It highlights the operations of the municipal government of Garden City. The purpose of the Annual Report is to keep the residents of Garden City informed on the activities of the past year. This is vital in the process of interactive government. It should be noted that references are made to State, County, Town and School District; these agencies operate separately and have their own power of taxation.

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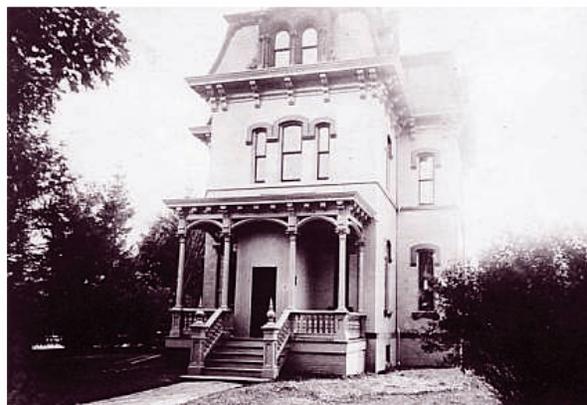
# History of Garden City

by John Ellis Kordes

In 1869, Alexander Turney Stewart was one of the richest men in the world. In today's money, his fortune would be estimated at over \$50 billion. He had created a commercial empire, the likes of which the world had never seen. He is credited with creating the concept of the department store and, in so doing, he changed the retail world.

A.T. Stewart & Co. was known across America and in Europe. His fame and fortune was legendary and he was even nominated to become Secretary of the Treasury under President Grant in 1869, however, Stewart's wealth and extensive real estate holdings prevented Congress from confirming his appointment.

It was Stewart's architect, John Kellum, who informed him in the spring of 1869 of the opportunity to buy the entire Hempstead Plains on Long Island stretching from Floral Park to Bethpage. The almost 10,000 acre site was two-thirds the size of Manhattan and Stewart's offer of \$55 an acre was accepted in July of 1869. By the fall of that year, this Scottish-Irish immigrant began creating his legacy – his Garden City.



*This building, built in 1875 on the grassy area just to the north of today's Garden City Rail Road Station, welcomed visitors in the earliest days of Garden City. In 1893, it became the offices of the Garden City Company and in 1911, a fire destroyed the building and all early records were lost.*



*In 1912, this building was built just to the east of the rail road station and served as the new offices for the Garden City Company. In 1956, it became the Garden City Public Library (which began in 1952 in a small house at the east end of Seventh Street). In 1973, the building was torn down and a new library was built just to the east. Today, this site is the library parking lot.*

Rail Road, along with about 60 homes and buildings and the first Garden City Hotel. Also, thousands of trees and shrubs were brought in to cover the barren landscape.

After his death, his wife, Cornelia (they had no children), built the Cathedral of the Incarnation, St. Paul's School and St. Mary's School as an elaborate memorial to her husband. Garden City became the Seat of the Episcopal Church on Long Island. Cornelia Stewart died in 1886 and her heirs formed the Garden City Company in 1893 to continue the orderly development of Garden City into the Incorporated Village we know today.

He would never live in Garden City nor did he see it completed, but it was his ideals, wealth and wisdom that gave Garden City its start. We can see the results in the beauty and order of today's Garden City.

Stewart died on April 10, 1876 in his magnificent Fifth Avenue mansion in Manhattan. Less than seven years since the Garden City project was started, Stewart was gone. However, he did lay the groundwork for the Village including his own rail road, now part of the Long Island

*For more on the history of Garden City, the following may be of interest:*

***A.T. Stewart's Garden City  
A Documentary Film***  
by John Ellis Kordes

***Visions of Garden City***  
by John Ellis Kordes

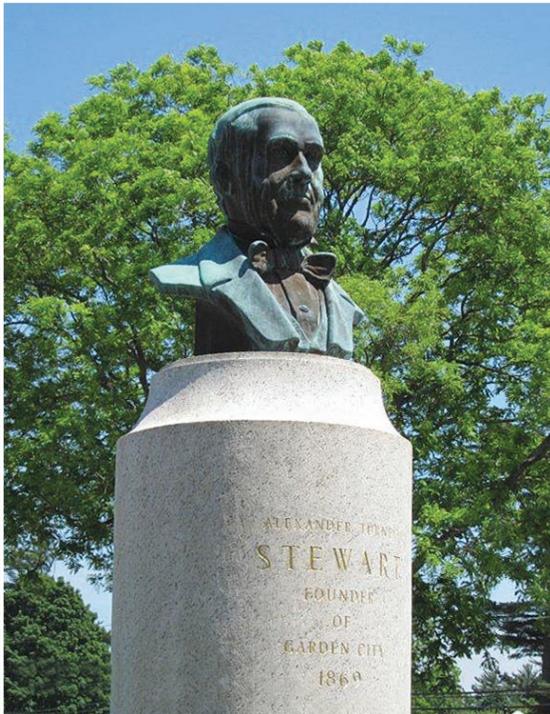
***History of Garden City***  
by Mildred Smith

***Garden City Long Island in  
Early Photographs (1869-1919)***  
by Mildred Smith

***Founding of Garden City***  
by Vincent Seyfried

# Community Agreement

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At the time of the Village's incorporation in 1919, two separate companies controlled what is now known as Garden City. Central Garden City and Garden City East were operated by the Garden City Company. The remainder of the Village was administered by the Garden City Estates Corporation. Neither side wished to be governed by the other. C. Walter Randall, Esq., solved the stalemate with the "Community Agreement" which insured fair representation so no one section could monopolize government.

Since 1919, the Village of Garden City has adhered to the policies created by the Community Agreement regarding the election process making its government structure unique among incorporated villages. It is unusual in that the governing Board of Trustees is elected by a non-partisan vote of residents, with an equal balance of representation from the four

Property Owners' Associations. Qualified citizens, who have served in civic affairs in their section of the Village, are chosen by their neighbors, in open session, to represent them on the Board. This procedure results in the election of candidates with exceptional competence and dedication to civic duty.

Prior to the Village elections, each Property Owners' Association simultaneously holds a Resident Electors' Meeting, the third Tuesday in January, for the purpose of cross-endorsing the presented Trustees and/or the candidate for Mayor as brought forth by their respective Nominating Committees. The candidate becomes a part of the full slate of candidates, as the nominee of the Community Agreement Party, presented to the voters on the Village's Election Day, the third Tuesday in March. The Mayor is selected and nominated for one term by each of the four Property Owners' Associations. The elected position of Mayor rotates among the four Property Owners' Associations. This election process repeats itself each year.

Various Boards and Commissions, which serve the Trustees in advisory capacities, are made up of local residents who are brought forth by the Property Owners' Associations and are then appointed by the Board of Trustees and, like them, serve without compensation.

This Community Agreement has been scrupulously observed over the years and has been instrumental in creating and continuing a spirit of unselfish cooperation and a non-political attitude with respect to the administration of municipal affairs.

# Board of Trustees

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This Annual Report contains information relating to the Village's various departments as well as budget information for the period of June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



**DONALD T. BRUDIE**  
*Mayor*  
*Central Section*



**JOHN J. WATRAS**  
*Deputy Mayor*  
*Western Section*



**NICHOLAS P. EPISCOPIA**  
*Trustee*  
*Eastern Section*



**ANDREW J. CAVANAUGH**  
*Trustee*  
*Central Section*



**LAURENCE J. QUINN**  
*Trustee*  
*Western Section*



**DENNIS C. DONNELLY**  
*Trustee*  
*Eastern Section*



**BRIAN C. DAUGHNEY**  
*Trustee*  
*Estates Section*



**JOHN A. DEMARO**  
*Trustee*  
*Estates Section*

# Administration, Organization and Village Counsel



**ROBERT L. SCHOELLE, JR.**  
*Village Administrator/Treasurer*

## Village Administrator/Treasurer

Garden City's Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, who is appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the Board of Trustees, fills a dual role, that of Village Administrator and Treasurer. Responsible to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees, he coordinates the activities of the Village departments to assure the effective delivery of municipal services.

Duties of the office include providing the Board with essential information and recommendations that are necessary in formulating policies designed to maintain and enhance Village operations. As Treasurer, the Village Administrator also keeps the Board informed of the Village's financial condition and coordinates the preparation of the Village budget and its implementation after adoption by the Board.



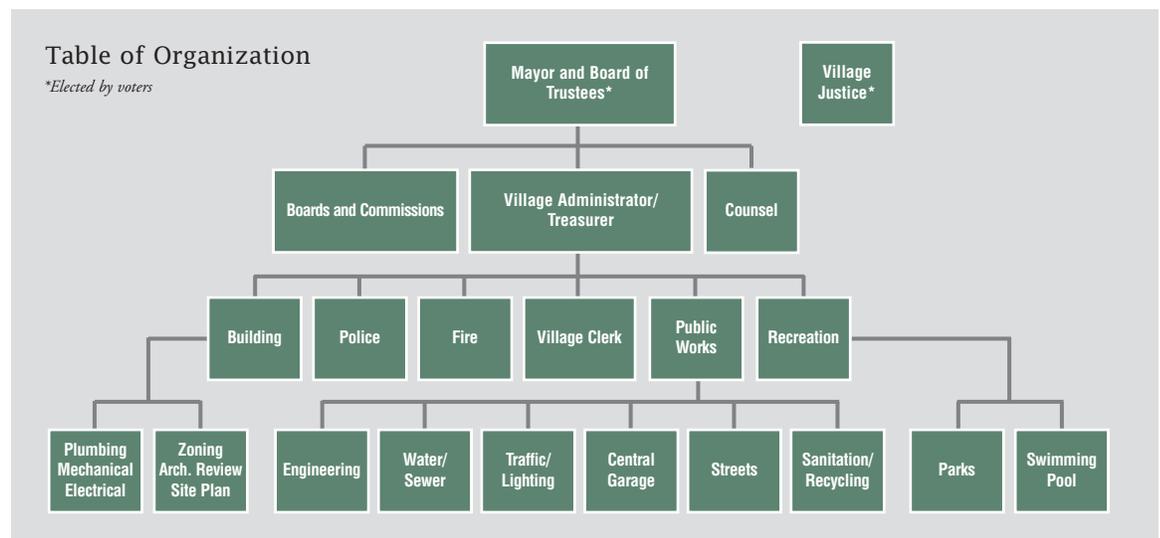
**BRIAN S. RIDGWAY**  
*Village Clerk/Deputy Village Administrator*

## Village Clerk/Deputy Village Administrator

The Village Clerk serves as the Clerk to the Board of Trustees. Responsible for the recording of all of its proceedings and decisions, the Village Clerk is the Election Officer for Village Elections, Collector of Taxes, custodian of all municipal records and facilitator of other duties as determined by the Board of Trustees and Village Administrator.

## Executive Staff

Members of the Executive Staff represent each department of the Village and report directly to the Village Administrator.



## Village Counsel

The Village retains the law firm of Cullen and Dykman as counsel. The firm maintains its own office and staff independent of Village offices.

Cullen and Dykman advises the Mayor, Board of Trustees and the Village Administrator on legal matters, including legislation, local laws, zoning and other ordinances, taxes, real estate assessments, public hearings, elections, contracts and collective bargaining.

In addition, Cullen and Dykman represents the Village in most litigation matters. Separate municipal bond counsel is engaged in connection with special bond and note issues.

# Justice Court

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**ALLEN S. MATHERS**  
*Village Justice*

*Elected by the Residents to a 4 year term*



**BRIAN T. DEVENEY**  
*Acting Village Justice*

*Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term*



**MERRIL S. BISCONI**  
*Acting Village Justice*

*Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term*

Garden City has one of the busiest village courts in the State, handling more than 35,000 summonses annually. The Court has jurisdiction over the enforcement of our Village Code, including parking tickets and zoning code violations, as well as New York State Vehicle and Traffic Violations and Misdemeanors, Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Matters and Federal Motor Carrier Act Violations.

The Court may impose fines, sentence convicted defendants to imprisonment or enter into agreements with defendants to perform community service in lieu of traditional sentencing, where warranted.

The Village Justice and Acting Justices receive no compensation for their service.

# Boards, Commissions and Committees

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Residents are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees to serve on various boards and commissions and do so without compensation. Those listed below held the noted position during this past fiscal year. ( ) Date entered Village service.

## Architectural Design Review Board

This Board examines the exterior design of buildings for the purpose of maintaining appropriate standards of appearance with respect to the specific buildings and their relationship to their surroundings. All plans for new buildings, additions, alterations and signs are required to be submitted, with the exception of additions or alterations to one-family homes. Seven members of the Board are appointed for three-year terms.

**Hugh S. Lacy** (1991), *Chairman*

**Robert C. Seitz** (1999)

**Barbara M. Ruggiero** (2008)

**Robert A. Tinnelly** (1991), *Vice-Chairman*

**Donald A. Hickey, Jr.** (2006)

**Celia M. Petersen** (2010)

## Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

This Board consists of six members; one representative from each section of the Village and a fifth at-large member, including the appointed Chairman of the Commission. The Commissioners oversee development of the Village's overall Recreation Program. The Chairman of the Commission is appointed at the annual meeting in April while the remaining members are appointed to four-year terms.

**Kevin E. Ocker** (2003), *Chairman*

**Patrick J. Manley** (2007)

**Kenneth R. Moody** (2011)

**Michael Ryder** (1997)

**Timothy E. Stapleford** (2008)

## Board of Library Trustees

Five qualified residents of the Village are appointed to five-year terms on the Board of Library Trustees, and are responsible for library operations.

**J. Randolph Colahan** (2002), *Chairman*

**John H. Pascal** (2003)

**John D. Schultz** (2012)

**Gloria Weinrich** (2004), *Vice-Chairperson*

**Barbara Brudie Martis** (2006)

## Board of Police Commissioners

The members of this Board supervise, control and direct the operations of the Police Department. Each year, the three members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. The Chairman is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Police Department, its sworn Police Officers and the civilian staff.

**Ernest J. Cipullo** (1961), *Chairman*

**Robert L. Schoelle, Jr.** (1968-76,1980)

**John J. Watras** (2002)

## Environmental Advisory Board

This seven-member Board is appointed for four-year terms. The Chairperson is a member of the Board of Trustees. This Board is responsible to the Board of Trustees and reports on environmental matters affecting the Village. Additionally, the Director of Public Works acts as recording secretary and the Garden City High School is represented by up to 3 high school students.

**Laurence J. Quinn** (2009), *Chairman*

**Ed Heaney** (2008)

**Benjamin H. Mahler** (2010)

**James D. Redding, Jr.** (2003)

**Elizabeth M. Bailey** (2010)

**Ryan A. Schnupp** (2010)

**Leo Stimmler** (2006)

**Robert Foxen** (2010)

**Steven Debold** - GCHS

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## Planning Commission

This seven-member Commission is appointed for terms of three years. The group reviews plans for the development of vacant areas, streets, parks and other public places, and subdivisions of private property to assure consistency with established community standards. With the exception of a one family dwelling on a single plot, the Planning Commission also performs site plan review for all new buildings, additions to buildings, altered land use activities and projects containing more than one home. The Commission also conducts studies and is advisory to the Board of Trustees on matters relating to zoning, parking and other issues.

**Jack A. DeFranza** (1990), *Chairman*

**Charles L. Koester, Jr.** (1992)

**Charles Palagonia** (2006)

**Robert L. Schoelle, Jr.** (1968-76, 1980)

**H. Bradford Gustavson** (1999)

**William A. Bellmer** (2009)

## Traffic Commission

The Traffic Commission is appointed annually by the Mayor and Board of Trustees. The Commission is comprised of one Trustee from each of the four sections of the Village, who are voting members. The Director of Public Works and Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners act in a supporting role. This Commission is responsible for traffic control operations and devices. Requests for signs by residents related to quality of life issues and review of parking regulations are discussed at monthly meetings and determinations are made as required.

**Nicholas P. Episcopia** (2005), *Chairman*

**Robert J. Mangan** (1991)

**Andrew J. Cavanaugh** (2009)

**Ernest J. Cipullo** (1961)

**John J. Watras** (2002)

**Brian C. Daughney** (2010)

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals interprets the Zoning Code and makes decisions on applications for variances and special permits. The Board consists of five members who serve for five-year terms.

**Robert L. Cunningham** (1985), *Chairman*

**Michael T. Schroder** (1992)

**John A. Ardito** (2008)

**John G. Villanella** (1989)

**Brian Paradine** (2004)

**Peter E. Gall** (2009)

## Civic Beautification Committee

Working with the Village Arborist, the Committee assists in selecting the type and placement of flowers and trees on the Village's many public properties and in pursuing the long-held goal of making the Village an official arboretum.

**Janet Curtin** (2009), *Chairperson*

**Kathleen Auro** (2005)

**Althea Robinson** (1988)

**Suzanne Alvey** (2009)

## Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be obtained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. This Board ensures that all Village officials and employees are conducting themselves in such a manner.

**Allen S. Mathers** (1988), *Chairman*

**Charles P. Menges, Jr.** (1976)

**Maureen E. Clancy** (1986)

## Village Historian

The task of collecting and preserving historical materials and records is performed by the Village Historian. These materials constitute the Village Archives, which are maintained in the Garden City Public Library.

**John Ellis Kordes** (1996)

# Year in Review

## Local Laws

During the prior year, the following Local Law amended the Code of the Village:

### Local Law 2-2011:

Chapter 200 and 57 thereof, to add the definition of “Structure”, to create new side yard requirements, to amend provisions with regard to driveways, to amend provisions with regard to site plan approvals, to amend provisions with regard to lapse of permits and variances, and to amend provisions with regard to Architectural Design Review Board referral procedures, and expiration of Architectural Design Review Board Approvals.



## Community Events

Continuing with the annual tradition of events hosted by the Village and supporting organizations, the following were again held in the Village this past year: St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Chamber of Commerce Vintage Car Parade, Memorial Day Parade and Fair, Belmont Stakes Street Fair, Chamber of Commerce Fall Street Fair and High School Homecoming Day Parade, Turkey Trot Road Race and the year-end Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony held on the Village Green.

## Employee Recognition

Each year employees of the Village gather at the Employee Recognition Luncheon to honor those with perfect attendance and to recognize those celebrating anniversaries for 20, 25, 30 and 50 years of service. This year’s luncheon was held on the grounds of the Senior Recreation Center at St. Paul’s on October 7th and sponsored by the Village’s Department Heads. Mayor Brudie was in attendance and presented the anniversary certificates. The highlight of this year’s luncheon was the presentation of the 50th Anniversary Certificate to Police Commissioner Ernest J. Cipullo (*See Page 17 for additional information regarding the Commissioner.*) Anniversary certificates were presented to the following:



## Employee Awards

**50 Years** Ernest J. Cipullo . . . . .Police Department

**30 Years** Michael Ardis . . . . .Sanitation Department  
 James H. Bartkowski . . . . .Police Department  
 James Baulsir . . . . .Sanitation Department  
 Gerald G. Cadigan . . . . .Fire Department  
 Frank Pirolo . . . . .Sanitation Department  
 Michael Scheriff . . . . .Sanitation Department  
 Vincent Thorn . . . . .Police Department

**25 Years** Gerard F. Cattani . . . . .Building Department  
 Michael J. Doyle . . . . .Police Department  
 Danny Garaguso . . . . .Parks Department  
 Christopher Markin . . . . .DPW/Engineering  
 Neil C. Sullivan . . . . .Police Department  
 Fred Sylvia . . . . .Street Department  
 Christopher E. VanManen . . . . .Fire Department

**20 Years** Angelo Barone . . . . .Police Department  
 Steven M. Braun . . . . .Police Department  
 Richard P. Conti . . . . .Police Department  
 Scott B. Graber . . . . .Police Department  
 Michael J. Hickey . . . . .Police Department  
 Gerard K. Kneisel . . . . .Police Department  
 Frank Koch . . . . .DPW/Engineering  
 Thomas G. Mauren . . . . .Police Department  
 Anthony Mayr . . . . .Parks Department  
 Thomas B. Trousdell . . . . .Fire Department

# Building Department



**MICHAEL D. FILIPPIN**  
*Superintendent of Building*

Pursuant to New York State requirements, the Building Department is responsible for ensuring that all construction in the Village is done in a safe, reliable and energy-efficient manner so as to protect and serve the occupants in commercial buildings and private homes. This is accomplished by adhering to various codes and standards including, but not limited to, the Village Zoning Code, the New York State Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Energy Codes, as well as other regulations and reference standards. To achieve that objective, we review plans, conduct inspections and guide applicants through any pre-approval procedures that may be required. These include the Architectural Design Review Board, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Department prepares the agendas, publishes notices, attends the meetings and serves in an advisory capacity for these agencies.



This year we saw the completion of the new building at the corner of Seventh Street and Franklin Avenue which replaced the old gas station that had been there for many years. Many vacancies were filled in the business districts and several new homes were built as well.

Departmental personnel consist of a Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent, two Inspectors and two Administrative Assistants. The staff is required to attain twenty-four hours of continuing education training annually in order to maintain their required New York State certification. We strive to make the experience with our Department as user friendly and professional as possible. To that end, we are available to assist people through the process and offer advice when needed.

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## Summary of Activity

Building Permits.....	234	Architectural Design Review Board .....	104
Plumbing Permits.....	283	Planning Commission .....	16
Mechanical Permits .....	309	Zoning Board of Appeals.....	107
Electrical Permits.....	410	Approximate Number of Inspections.....	2,000
Certificates of Occupancy .....	199	Total Fees Collected.....	\$ 691,521
Certificates of Compliance .....	750	Estimated Value of Construction....	\$41,219,066

# Recreation and Parks Departments

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**Kevin E. Ocker**

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

This year, the Garden City Recreation and Parks Departments continued to contribute to the quality of life in Garden City by following their mission of “Enhancing our Community with People, Parks and Programs”.

One of the unique qualities of our community is the diverse recreation program residents can enjoy throughout the year. This year, the Recreation Staff continued to offer programs with an emphasis on “Heart Healthy Activities” for all populations. Once again, over 400,000 visitors to our recreation facilities participated in thousands of sports games and practices while utilizing 100 acres of parkland as well as indoor facilities in the winter months.

At the height of the summer, our neighborhood parks program was again very well attended by resident children in first through eighth grades participating in sporting activities, playground games, arts and crafts and special supervised day trips to Adventureland and Splish Splash Water Park.

Other major recreational facilities such as the Garden City Pool, St. Paul’s Recreation Complex and Community Park again played major roles in meeting the needs of the community.

Over 1,518 families joined the pool and enjoyed our unique aquatic facility which offered special events, concerts, swim lessons and competitive swim teams, all included with membership. With over 90,000 visitors during its 55th year of operation, the pool remained our community’s flagship recreational facility. In an effort to maintain and improve the infrastructure of the pool, the Board of Trustees approved a construction plan that will include the expansion of the adult pool deck area, new main pool gutter system, slide rehabilitation, new landscaping and the complete replacement of the wading pool with a water play pool and stand-alone filtration building. In addition, shade structures are to be installed throughout the facility



*Construction of "Aqua Play" for 2012 Season!*

The Department continued to work with our local sports organizations and maximized the use of all of its athletic fields, St. Paul’s Field House and Cluett Hall for thousands of local youths participating in intramural and travel soccer (2,000), baseball (1,450), lacrosse (958) and basketball (1,162). Of special note is the continued success and growth of the roller hockey program with over 360 participants.

Summer Sports Camps were again filled to capacity with resident sports enthusiasts, and this year the Recreation Department continued to expand its offerings to children with interests other than sports. Recreational camps in science, yoga, theatre and computer were all well attended. In an effort to reduce operational costs, several more summer camps were contracted out to the U.S. Sports Institute Inc., who provided multi-sport soccer and field hockey camps that were also filled to capacity.

Cultural opportunities were again offered to the community in the form of the Summer Concert Series on the Village Green, dance instruction for adults and children including classes in ballet, stretch, jazz and modern dance. Highlighting the efforts of the Department’s dance conservatory participants was the “Ninth Annual Student Showcase” held at the Olmstead Theatre at Adelphi University. After attending numerous practices for several months, in addi-

tion to regular dance classes, 90 students performed dances with great enthusiasm to a packed house of family and friends. Once again, with great choreography by our Recreation Staff, we were able to enjoy a special evening of dance.



*End of Summer Senior Picnic*

This past year, a “Senior Advisory Committee” was formed with the purpose of improving our communication and service to the senior resident population. This Committee assisted in the formation of a “Senior Questionnaire” to be mailed to over 4,500 senior residents in order to obtain their valuable input for the future. Many members of the senior population took advantage of ten different day trips organized and supervised by the Department. Exercise, walking, yoga and zumba classes were also offered throughout the year. Over 175 seniors attended the first “End of the Summer Picnic”.

In an effort to obtain increased efficiencies, the Parks Division of the Department of Public Works was transferred to the Recreation Department. Through careful deployment of resources, the Department created immediate savings by maintaining additional passive park property formerly maintained under private contract. The Parks Department cares for 100 acres of passive parks, streetscapes and the Village Green on a weekly basis, planted 30,000 spring flowering bulbs and 22,000 annual flowers. In addition, Parks Employees now assist the Recreation Staff in the preparation of athletic fields and the maintenance of various recreation facilities.

Garden City’s reputation for beautiful tree-lined streets continued with the planting of 296 trees and the pruning of 450 additional Village-owned trees of its 16,000 tree inventory. Under the guidance of the certified Village Arborist, the Village was once again awarded the designation of “Tree City USA” by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This special designation is awarded to municipalities who have established tree management plans within their communities and have placed special importance on the education of youth with respect to the important role trees play in our environment.



*Arbor Day Annual Planting*

This year, the Department looks forward to delivering diverse recreational opportunities to our residents while at the same time we evaluate programs, increase productivity and use our valuable resources wisely. Horticultural staff will be working with the Village’s Beautification Committee to enhance our streetscapes throughout the Village with seasonal plantings. Of special interest will be the progress of both the Senior Center Expansion and Roller Rink Replacement Capital Projects.

This year, the Garden City Friends of the Arts, Parks and Recreation Inc., a 501c3 private charitable organization, continued their planning to carry out their mission of sustaining community involvement and Village vitality by providing financial support for cultural and recreational programs, capital assistance for facility enhancements and sponsorship of innovative programs for adults, young adults and children.

Our Recreation and Parks Departments, in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, will continue to work together to develop new programs, monitor the use of its facilities and recommend capital improvement projects for some of its aging facilities.

# 2011 Testimonial Dinner

A formal Testimonial Dinner was held this past year on September 22nd at the Garden City Casino honoring former Mayors Gerard P. Lundquist, Peter A. Bee and Robert J. Rothschild and former Trustees John L. Mauk and Thomas L. Lamberti. The well attended event celebrated their **56 years** of combined dedicated volunteer services to the Village of Garden City. Each former Mayor was presented with an official "Garden City" rocking chair and each former Trustee was presented with an engraved mirror which contained an image of the gazebo located on the Village Green. During the presentations, Mayor Brudie also presented each honoree's wife with an arrangement of flowers as a token of grateful appreciation and thanked them for allowing their husbands to serve the Village.



*Former Mayors in attendance (left to right) were: Honoree Gerard P. Lundquist (2005-2007), Brian T. Deveney (1991-1993), Richard A. Benack (1995-1997), Honoree Peter A. Bee (2007-2009), John "Jack" F. McGowan (1989-1991), Peter E. Gall (1987-1989) and William "Bill" Dwyer (1983-1985).*

*(left to right) Mayor Donald T. Brudie, Barbara Brudie and Former Mayor Brian T. Deveney.*



*(left to right) Honorees Gerard P. Lundquist, John L. Mauk and Peter A. Bee.*

# Official Citations



Throughout the past year, on behalf of the Village, the Mayor and Board of Trustees presented citations to individuals and organizations for their contributions to the community. These citations acknowledged the effort put forth by each honoree and commended them on their accomplishments and the true importance of their work. During this past year, **51** citations were presented. A list of the recipients is highlighted below:

June 3, 2011

**Joseph M. Schlafer** – *Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish*

June 4, 2011

**Christopher Michael Gazerro** – *Eagle Scout*

June 5, 2011

**Joseph Gunther** – *Eagle Scout*  
**John Kuruc** – *Eagle Scout*  
**Brian McGrath** – *Eagle Scout*  
**Thomas Pittella** – *Eagle Scout*  
**Craig Wesoly** – *Eagle Scout*

June 10, 2011

**Ed Lewi** – *Belmont Festival Committee*  
**Heather Arning** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Dana Condulis** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Jacqueline Cosgrove** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Hayley Giumenta** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Brittany Kritis** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Emily Madigan** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Katherine Mannion** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Cara Matina** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Carley Phelan** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Alexandra Sa** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Alexandra Vernice** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Colleen Way** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*  
**Erin Wysocki** – *Girl Scouts Gold Award*

June 16, 2011

**John Donovan** – *Commander of the William Bradford Turner Post #265*



*Honoree John Donovan*

June 18, 2011

**Wayne Bauman** – *Eagle Scout*  
**James P. Carroll** – *Eagle Scout*

July 28, 2011

**Anna H. Leanzo** – *91st Birthday Celebration*

August 12, 2011

**JC Penney** – *Grand Re-Opening*

September 15, 2011

**Barbara Wilson** – *Survivor of the SS Athenia*

September 24, 2011

**Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk & Queens, Inc.** – *Grand Re-Opening*

September 25, 2011

**Andrew W. Belger** – *Eagle Scout*

September 30, 2011

**Michael B. Gallagher** – *Eagle Scout*  
**Michael T. Lynch** – *Eagle Scout*

October 1, 2011

**Maureen O'Connell** – *Nassau County Clerk*

October 6, 2011

**Kiwanis Club of Garden City** – *60th Anniversary*

October 25, 2011

**Life's Worc "Life's Connections Through Music"** – *International Day For Persons With Disabilities*

November 13, 2011

**Dr. Stephen L. Dewey** – *LI Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence "2011 Community Champion Award"*  
**News12 Long Island** – *LI Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence "2011 Media Champion Award"*  
**Stewart Paul** – *LI Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence "2011 Treatment Champion Award"*

January 12, 2012

**Robert "Bob" Rudkin** – *WW II Fighter Pilot*

April 16, 2012

**Harriet Quimby** – *Centennial of the first solo flight by a female to cross the English Channel on April 16, 1912*

April 20, 2012

**Gregory F. Kinn** – *Eagle Scout*

April 29, 2012

**Robert Adams** – *Eagle Scout*  
**Alonzo Africa** – *Eagle Scout*  
**James R. Amato** – *Eagle Scout*  
**Joseph A. Torres** – *Eagle Scout*

May 4, 2012

**Dr. Vincent R. DiGregorio** – *GC Chamber of Commerce "President's Award"*  
**John Garvey** – *GC Chamber of Commerce "Community Achievement Award"*  
**Frank Pelliccione** – *GC Chamber of Commerce "Businessperson of the Year Award"*  
**Patti Tenaglia** – *GC Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year Award"*

May 9, 2012

**Caryn M. Hirshleifer, Esq.** – *LI Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence "2012 Founder's Award"*  
**Susan Cheever** – *LI Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence "2012 Humanitarian Award"*

May 17, 2012

**Dorothy & Edward Alford** – *60th Wedding Anniversary*

# Police Department



**ERNEST J. CIPULLO**  
*Police Commissioner*

The Garden City Police Department continues to be well respected throughout the law enforcement community and is often used as a model by other departments across the state. The dedication and commitment shown by the sworn and civilian personnel of the Department in providing exemplary service to the community has earned them a reputation among their peers and the community as a highly professional service-oriented police agency.

The Department continues to respond to the concerns of the community to contain costs where possible. In 2011, the administration managed to reduce overtime hours another 2.57%. Staffing has been reorganized to meet today's economic climate. While sparing no effort to contain costs, the Department remains proactive in providing service and protection to the community and emphasizes omnipresence and preventative patrol.

A policy of constant and consistent traffic enforcement is directly responsible for deterring criminal activity within the Village boundaries. In addition to routine traffic law enforcement, the Department regularly conducts truck safety inspections, aggressive driving operations, and seat belt checkpoints throughout the Village. There were 9,193 traffic tickets issued in 2011. This is a 13% increase over 2010.

The continued support of the STOP D.W.I. Program resulted in 66 intoxicated drivers being removed from the highway. The number of lives saved as a result of this program is impossible to determine.

The safety of Garden City's youth is of the utmost importance. To that end, the Department works closely with the School District to ensure the safety of local youths by implementing programs and policies designed to comply with the ever changing S.A.V.E. Laws (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education).



*Police Officer patrols Seventh Street*



*(left to right) Detective Richard Pedone, Recreation Attendant Felicia Lovaglio and Inspector Kenneth Jackson*

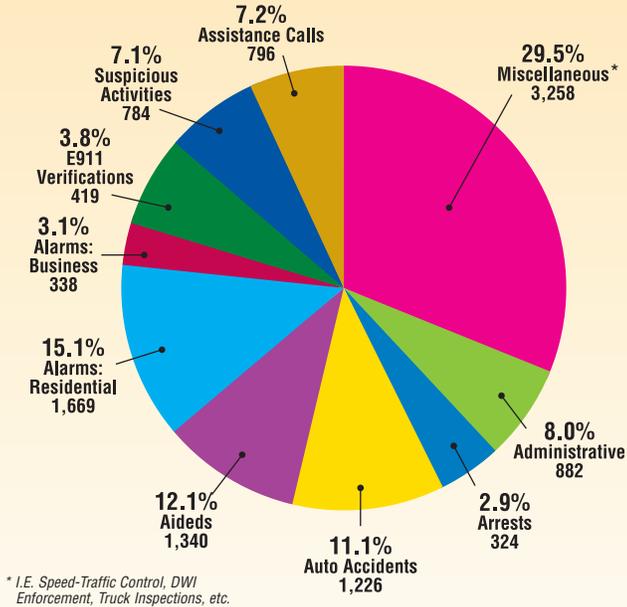
Officers participated in the **"28th Annual National Night Out"**. This program is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, as well as participation in, local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Garden City has one of the few police departments on Long Island that conducts a program designed to educate parents, grandparents or guardians in the proper installation and use of child restraints in vehicles to help insure the safety of youngsters while passengers. This past year, 42 installations were conducted for concerned parents.

Contributing to an image of omnipresence and sense of order is the Department's Parking Enforcement Program. In addition to the police officers on patrol issuing parking tickets, uniformed civilian police aides in conspicuously marked vehicles patrol the many crowded parking fields within the Village. The Department issued

## Garden City Police Department Activity Analysis 2011

Total Incidents: 11,036



18,980 parking tickets in 2011. Ten vehicles were impounded for failing to answer parking tickets or pay fines.

Enforcement of the Village Code is taken seriously in the Village and contributes to the keeping of the peace and the quality of life. In 2011, 73 appearance tickets were issued for violations of the Village Code.

In terms of general police service, the Department documented 11,036 incidents of which 882 were administrative. The other 10,154 were police initiated activities or calls for service. These included 1,340 calls to assist medical emergencies and 1,226 auto accidents with an additional 435 persons in need of medical attention.

Capital improvements were made to Police Headquarters to provide the residents with a police facility they can be proud of and one in which its Department can better serve them. The improvements included a new front desk and lobby area, renovated

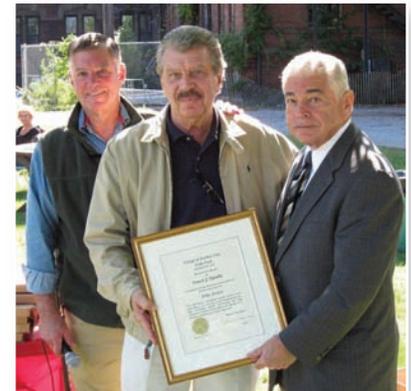
offices, upgrades to the electrical, data and phone systems, new detention cells, security system and the installation of an energy efficient Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. These upgrades will not only help the Department run more effectively and efficiently, they will enable it to meet and respond to current and future law enforcement needs.

Police Commissioner Ernest J. Cipullo retired as of May 31, 2012 after 51 years of exemplary service with the Garden City Police Department. "The Village of Garden City is not only a safer place, but a better place because of Ernie J. Cipullo", Mayor Donald T. Brudie said.

As we go forward, the new administration will continue to be dedicated to providing the community with the outstanding police service to which it has become accustomed. Furthermore, the Department will continue to incorporate technical advances, improve officer safety and enhance our community based, people oriented philosophy while operating within authorized budget parameters.

## Special Police

The Garden City Special Police is a group of dedicated volunteers who provide more than 1,000 hours of service to assist the Village Police in performing essential duties. They continue to show the same fine selfless public spirit which has become a tradition. Their dedication to community service and public safety typifies good citizenship. Special Police members provide an invaluable service to the Police Department and community by assisting with parade details, community patrols, traffic crossings, and numerous special events held in the Village.



Mayor Brudie, along with Village Administrator Schoelle, presents Commissioner Cipullo with his 50th Anniversary Certificate

# Fire Department

## Department Operations



**CHARLES S. CAVARRA**  
*Chief of Department*

The residents of Garden City are fortunate to have fire protection which combines paid and volunteer members under the direction of the volunteer Chief. Members of the paid force are assigned to Headquarters Company and the volunteer members are assigned to either the Engine or Truck Company. The members of Headquarters Company are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and are stationed at three strategically placed firehouses throughout the Village.

All Lieutenants of Headquarters Company are New York State Code Enforcement Officers and are responsible for all fire safety and enforcement inspections for schools, businesses and multi-family dwellings within the

Village. These annual inspections contribute to the continued safety of our residents and insure compliance with all related fire safety directives and codes. In addition, members of Headquarters Company are responsible for the Department's Fire Prevention and Education Program. Over the course of the year, over 1,400 students visit the firehouse for a lecture and demonstration about fire safety. The goals and objectives of this program are to begin fire prevention education at the pre-school level and continue the program throughout the students' formative learning years.



*Fire Department participation in the Homecoming Day Parade*



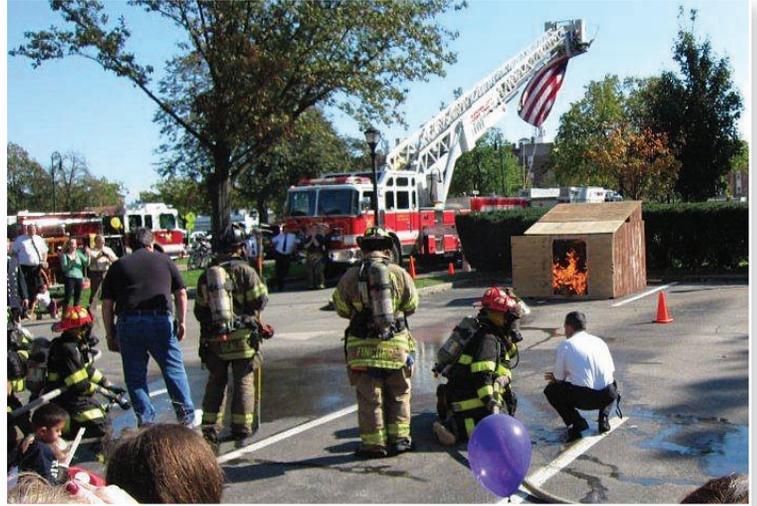
*1932 Ford on display at Fire Prevention Day*

### Report of Alarms for 2011-2012

General Alarms.....	546
Still Alarms.....	738
Mutual Alarms.....	15

## Training/Fire Prevention

Each year all members of the Department are required to train on the various firefighting equipment, as well as attend formal training conducted at the Nassau County Fire Academy located in Bethpage or in-house training at Fire Headquarters located on the west side of Village Hall. Some of these classes are basic refresher training with additional classes emphasizing HAZ-MAT operation, vehicle extrication, carbon monoxide awareness and basic first-aid. This past year, volunteer members participated in the Fire Department of the City of New York



*Fire Prevention Day activities*

(FDNY) Mutual Aid Drill with other Nassau County Fire Departments. The purpose of this drill was to provide hands-on familiarization with FDNY and Nassau County fire apparatus, evaluate communication capabilities and operational procedures. In addition, the Department sponsors a Junior Firefighters Program for high school students. Through this program students learn about fire safety, prevention and firefighting. Upon graduation from high school, several of these students continue and join the ranks of the volunteer membership.



*Volunteer and FDNY members following a joint drill*

The Department is always subject to attrition and continues to recruit new volunteer members. Many friends and neighbors visit the Firehouse each year at the Annual Fire Prevention Day Program in October and leave with a membership application. For more information visit the volunteer web-site at [www.gcfldny.com](http://www.gcfldny.com).

## Farewell



*Ex-Chief Graham and volunteer members visiting brother firefighter Jack*



On a somber note, the Department lost our “Senior Man” John W. Morrison; a 76 year member of the Department. Jack was named honorary Chief in 1997 and in 2006 the Department awarded him with “Fireman of the Year” honors. Jack was a true fireman’s fireman, who will always be missed.

# Public Works Department

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**ROBERT J. MANGAN**  
*Director of Public Works*

The Public Works Department manages the infrastructure system of Garden City. This includes such duties as maintaining the streets, removing leaves and clearing them of snow, maintenance of storm drains, the sanitary sewer system, garbage and rubbish collection, recycling, and designing and installing traffic-control systems. The Director of Public Works heads six divisions that provide these services.

## Engineering Division

Each year, Engineering personnel work on many projects. On some projects such as the replacement of curbs and sidewalks, Engineering provides the plans and specifications and performs daily inspection of the actual construction.

## Traffic and Street Lighting

The Traffic and Street Lighting Division is responsible for the maintenance of more than 7,400 traffic signs in the Village. Each year during the spring, summer and fall months, Village personnel repaint all of the painted crosswalks, stop lines, arrows and lane markings. This Division, in conjunction with a private contractor, maintains the Village's 2,284 street lights and underground wiring.



*Sidewalk damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene*

## Street Division

The Street Division is primarily responsible for maintaining the Village's 74 miles of streets. The Street Division performs ongoing maintenance programs including street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, the construction, repair and maintenance of storm drainage lines and road repairs.

During the fall, the Street Division joins forces with the Parks Division to remove 20,600 cubic yards of leaves. At the Village Yard, leaves are turned into mulch and are available cost free for use by residents and landscapers. This recycling of leaves saves the Village \$1,524,400 annually in disposal costs.

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## Water and Sewer

The water system has 104 miles of pipe and 10 wells. There are 5 tanks above ground with 5,000,000 gallons of water storage, 12 buildings housing the motors, auxiliary engines, pumps, treatment equipment and system controls, plus more than 1,000 fire hydrants.

In 2011-2012, the Water Department replaced 31 hydrants, repaired 13 water breaks and replaced/repaired 24 water valves while continuing its annual leak detection survey to locate and repair leaks in the system. There were 284 radio read meters installed.

The Sewer Division rodded and flushed 118 miles of sewer mains. The program of applying root inhibitors continued and 16,000 feet of sewer mains were treated. The Village supervised our contractor in conducting the video inspection of 10 miles of sewer main.



*Flusher Truck in service on Seventh Street*

## Central Garage

The Central Garage plays a vital role in the delivery of essential municipal services. Mechanics in the Garage are responsible for the functioning of all Village vehicles. The equipment serviced by them ranges from lawn mowers and payloaders to large dump trucks.

Preventative maintenance is essential in operating a dependable trouble-free fleet. Last year, all vehicles were serviced according to a regular schedule, taking into account the vehicle type and operating conditions.

## Sanitation and Recycling

The Sanitation Division collected 14,935 tons of household garbage and rubbish, as well as 1,075 tons of yard waste which was collected separately.

During the year, our Recycling Program collected 2,217 tons of bottles, cans and newspapers from commercial and residential locations. There was a slight decrease in the recycling of bulk metal items as the Division picked up approximately 38 tons. The total weight of items recycled was 2,255 tons which represents a savings of \$166,870 in tipping fees.

## DPW Capital Projects

The Capital Improvement Program is a well-structured plan that is integral to the upkeep of the Village's infrastructure and a means to enable the continuous improvement of services.

Equipment replacement is a major segment of the Capital Improvement Program. Items are purchased in scheduled periods during the year to ensure the performance and reliability of equipment when it is needed.

2011-2012 Construction Projects are listed below:

- Continuing Road, Sidewalk and Curb Replacements
- Sewer Relining and Manhole Replacements
- Franklin Avenue Crosswalk Replacement
- Parking Field 12 Paving

# Library



**CAROLYN VOEGLER**  
*Library Director*

The Garden City Public Library provides residents access to extensive print, audio and digital book collections, music CDs and DVDs, electronic information resources, and computer and meeting room facilities. During the past year, more than 200,000 people visited the Library to connect with the information they need and to meet with other members of the community. The Library is committed to providing professional service to meet the changing information needs and interests of people of all ages.

The Library has continued to enhance its services through the implementation of the latest technology. Garden City residents can now access the Library's website and its resources via a smartphone or other mobile device. They can also receive SMS Alerts to their mobile device through simple text messages with reminders about items due or on hold. A new touch-screen computer is located at the end of the Circulation Desk for residents to use to pay fines with a credit card, look up a book or check the Calendar of Events.

A new BookScan Station located in the Computer Center offers residents the opportunity to digitize photos and scan and archive paperwork. The Computer Center continues to provide adults with the opportunity to access the Internet and to use word processing applications for job searches and other communication. Last year adults participated in interactive technology workshops at the Library to learn how to use the computer for email, word processing and basic financial applications.

The Library's downloadable eBook and audiobook collection is now compatible with the Kindle, Nook, iPad, iPhone and Android, as well as most other eReaders and mobile devices. Last year, residents downloaded 7,032 titles to their personal devices. In response to the community's interest in learning how to download eBooks from the Nassau Digital Doorway, the Library held three capacity-filled programs to introduce residents to the download process for the most popular eReaders and tablets.



*Learning how to download eBooks*



*"Cozy Up With A Good Book" Adult Winter Reading Club*

*Cozy Up With a Good Book*, the Annual Adult Winter Reading Club, continues to be the Library's most popular program for adults. More than 200 adults participated and submitted approximately 1,500 book reviews. Over 100 residents attended the special concluding celebration which was held in the spring. Thirty-eight local businesses and one local author contributed to the success of the program.

The Adult Reference Librarians answer information requests, perform research and provide book selections for

individuals and book clubs. Throughout the year, the Librarians highlight special topics within the adult collection by creating displays with books and media that focus on residents' interests as well as on world events. During the past year, the Library displayed a new book collection of the Images of America series which celebrates the history of local neighborhoods and towns. The Library continues to expand its extensive media collection of fiction and non-fiction books on CD, music CDs, and feature, instructional, documentary, travel, and TV series DVDs.

The Library's Museum Pass Program makes the museum experience accessible to all residents to enrich the lives of their families. Through the generosity of The Friends of the Garden City Public Library, 420 families borrowed passes to visit museums and cultural institutions in New York City and on Long Island last year. The Friends of the Garden City Public Library also supported many children's and young adult programs.



*Practice SAT/ACT test takers at the Library*

reading and research for school assignments and encouraged students to use the Library's comfortable work spaces for individual and group study throughout the year.

The Children's Librarians planned and conducted 325 storytimes, book discussions and enrichment programs for children, eighteen months of age through grade five. A Family Craft Program and a Family Game Day were offered for the first time to encourage families to experience the Library together. The Librarians created two unique book-based character events for preschoolers last year. In addition, the Librarians hosted school visits and provided outreach to introduce children to the Library and its resources.



*Children's Book Discussion Group*

# Financial Overview



**JAMES E. OLIVO**  
Village Auditor

The State of New York requires municipalities to prepare and adopt balanced budgets where applied surplus, anticipated revenue and taxes raised cover all expenses. Village Departments are required to submit five-year Capital Budget projections, as well as annual operating budget appropriation requests to the Village Administrator which the Board of Trustees review during the annual budget process.

As part of the Capital Budget review process, input is requested from the four Property Owners' Associations plus the Chamber of Commerce, and a tour is conducted of areas which are to be considered for Capital Projects. All requests are consolidated and presented to the Village Board for its examination. This process results in the development of a tentative budget which is then presented to the Property Owners' Associations, Chamber of Commerce and the media prior to the Public Hearing which is held at the Annual Organizational Meeting in April. The final step in the budget process is approval of the new budget by the Board of Trustees. Upon Board approval, the new budget is established and is in effect on June 1, the beginning of the Village's fiscal year.

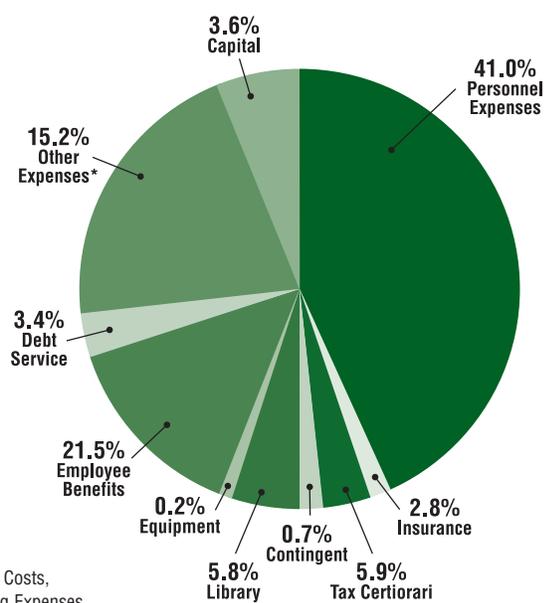
The following represents the results of operations for 2011-2012 and the Village Budget for 2012-2013.

## Manner in Which Budgets Were Balanced

	2011-2012	2012-2013	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE
Current Surplus	\$ 1,913,685	\$ 2,964,244	\$ 1,050,559
Estimated Revenues	6,859,704	6,616,604	(243,100)
Tax Levy	44,560,340	45,038,783	478,443
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,333,729</b>	<b>\$54,619,631</b>	<b>\$ 1,285,902</b>

## Budget Analysis By Group

2012-2013 Fiscal Year



\*Other Expenses include Electricity, Supplies, Telephone, Equipments Maintenance, Disposal Costs, Consultant Fees and other Operating Expenses.

## Additional Self-Sustaining Expense Budgets

The Village has created enterprise funds to operate three business-like operations. The Water Fund, Swimming Pool Fund and Tennis Fund all operate so that those residents who benefit from the services provided by these "businesses" pay for the operations, including capital improvements. There is no tax support for these operations, as user charges are the only source of revenue.

### Enterprise Revenue

Swimming Pool	\$1,376,069
Indoor Tennis	\$ 507,455
Water Department	\$6,472,259

# Budget Comparison

		<b>2011-2012 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012-2013 BUDGET</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	Board of Trustees	\$ 4,500	\$ 6,500	
	Village Justice	326,496	325,343	
	Clerk Treasurer	1,063,822	1,076,177	
	Purchasing	287,610	291,599	
	Assessment	52,924	57,712	
	Law	670,000	654,500	
	Personnel	123,396	131,707	
	Elections	2,375	2,130	
	Publicity	16,000	15,000	
	Historian	1,000	1,000	
	Central Data Processing	317,952	359,091	
	<b>SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 2,866,075</b>	<b>\$ 2,920,759</b>	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	Police	8,118,430	8,931,428	
	Fire	4,189,562	4,158,395	
	Safety Inspection	629,526	682,312	
		<b>SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$12,937,518</b>	<b>\$13,772,135</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Engineering	210,618	219,471	
	Building	404,602	398,973	
	St. Paul's Building	26,847	5,000	
	Central Garage	490,666	481,355	
	Streets	2,061,234	2,144,113	
	Snow Removal	404,873	424,934	
	Street Light & Traffic Control	843,270	879,562	
	Sanitary Sewers	311,156	303,526	
	Storm Sewers	212,826	217,446	
	Refuse and Garbage	3,469,057	3,662,599	
	Sanitation Recycling	303,869	315,687	
	Shade Trees	349,754	0	
		<b>SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$ 9,088,772</b>	<b>\$ 9,052,666</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	Parks	1,602,171	2,014,231	
	Playgrounds & Recreation Centers	2,708,100	2,789,112	
		<b>SUB TOTAL - RECREATION</b>	<b>\$ 4,310,271</b>	<b>\$ 4,803,343</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>Contribution to Library</b>	<b>\$ 3,050,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,183,125</b>	
<b>GENERAL</b>	NYS Employees Retirement System	1,644,042	2,094,120	
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,054,224	2,578,902	
	Social Security	1,503,417	1,528,593	
	MTA Payroll Tax	79,344	75,000	
	Health & Dental Insurance	5,396,668	5,657,942	
	Capital Projects	1,060,743	1,970,873	
	Master Plan Update	0	0	
	Unallocated Insurance	2,957,096	2,657,096	
	Judgements and Claims	2,800,000	2,000,000	
	Contingent Account	1,448,500	358,500	
	Debt Service	2,022,559	1,871,077	
	Miscellaneous	114,500	95,500	
		<b>SUB TOTAL - GENERAL</b>	<b>\$21,081,093</b>	<b>\$20,887,603</b>
		<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$53,333,729</b>	<b>\$54,619,631</b>

# Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2012

	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL FUND	LIBRARY FUND
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash:				
In Bank and On Hand	\$ 21,499,179	\$ 7,254,281	\$1,214,988	\$ 301,123
Time Certificates	3,797,312	3,797,312	0	0
Accounts Receivable	1,501,244	674,634	0	186
Materials and Supplies	982,189	806,595	0	0
Properties - Net	132,764,350	0	0	0
Due From Other Funds	102,830	0	0	0
Due From Other Governments	643,364	642,978	0	386
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$161,290,468</b>	<b>\$13,175,800</b>	<b>\$1,214,988</b>	<b>\$301,695</b>
Debt Service - Future Budgets	\$40,303,218	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$201,593,686</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,175,800</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,214,988</u></b>	<b><u>\$301,695</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts Payable:				
Operations	\$ 12,975,471	\$ 2,745,632	\$ 122,739	\$ 78,992
Retirement Systems Annual Cost	843,210	741,068	0	46,953
State Loan Payable	762,808	0	0	0
Bond Indebtedness	21,440,000	0	0	0
Due To Other Funds	105,619	105,619	0	0
Deferred Revenues	1,116,168	507,604	0	0
Other Liabilities - OPEB	24,458,102	0	0	0
Compensated Absences	4,794,385	0	0	0
Other Liabilities Premium	33,768	0	0	0
Deposits on Hand	2,348,245	0	0	0
Bond Interest To Maturity	1,641,729	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 70,519,505</b>	<b>\$ 4,099,923</b>	<b>\$ 122,739</b>	<b>\$ 125,945</b>
<b>Fund Balance/Net Assets</b>				
Nonspendable Fund Balance				
Inventory	\$ 806,595	\$ 806,595	\$ 0	\$ 0
Restricted Fund Balance				
Repairs	70,371	0	0	70,371
Unspent Bond Proceeds	16,751	0	16,751	0
Assigned Fund Balance Appropriated				
Appropriated 2012 - 2013 Budget	3,949,171	2,964,244	896,426	88,501
Encumbrances	625,237	435,221	179,072	10,944
CPLR Police Reserve	23,634	23,634	0	0
Assigned Fund Balance Unappropriated				
Compensated Absences	3,235,200	3,235,200	0	0
Unassigned Fund Balance	1,616,917	1,610,983	0	5,934
Net Assets:				
Investment in Capital Assets Net of Debt	8,727,668	0	0	0
Unrestricted Net Assets	112,002,637	0	0	0
<b>Total Fund Balance/Net Assets</b>	<b>\$131,074,181</b>	<b>\$ 9,075,877</b>	<b>\$1,092,249</b>	<b>\$ 175,750</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$201,593,686</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,175,800</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,214,988</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 301,695</u></b>

# Balance Sheet continued

WATER FUND	SWIMMING POOL ENTERPRISE FUND	TENNIS ENTERPRISE FUND	SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	CAPITAL DEBT FUND	FIXED ASSETS FUND
\$ 1,705,240	\$ 786,049	\$ 301,374	\$ 7,143,451	\$2,792,673	\$ 0	\$ 0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
721,164	2,155	220	0	102,885	0	0
175,594	0	0	0	0	0	0
17,190,366	2,447,011	216,055	0	0	0	112,910,918
0	0	0	102,830	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>\$19,792,364</b>	<b>\$3,235,215</b>	<b>\$ 517,649</b>	<b>\$ 7,246,281</b>	<b>\$2,895,558</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$112,910,918</b>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$40,303,218	\$ 0
<b>\$19,792,364</b>	<b>\$3,235,215</b>	<b>\$ 517,649</b>	<b>\$ 7,246,281</b>	<b>\$2,895,558</b>	<b>\$40,303,218</b>	<b>\$112,910,918</b>

\$ 249,638	\$ 466,375	\$ 13,634	\$ 8,751,148	\$ 547,313	\$ 0	\$ 0
48,342	3,693	3,154	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	762,808	0
7,975,000	2,529,000	246,000	0	0	10,690,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12,907	512,183	83,474	0	0	0	0
1,518,923	117,311	65,847	0	0	22,756,021	0
290,166	19,596	11,991	0	0	4,472,632	0
0	33,768	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	2,348,245	0	0
18,534	0	1,438	0	0	1,621,757	0
<b>\$ 10,113,510</b>	<b>\$3,681,926</b>	<b>\$ 425,538</b>	<b>\$ 8,751,148</b>	<b>\$2,895,558</b>	<b>\$40,303,218</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,156,329	-422,743	-5,918	0	0	0	0
522,525	-23,968	98,029	-1,504,867	0	0	112,910,918
<b>\$ 9,678,854</b>	<b>(\$ 446,711)</b>	<b>\$ 92,111</b>	<b>(\$1,504,867)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$112,910,918</b>
<b>\$19,792,364</b>	<b>\$3,235,215</b>	<b>\$ 517,649</b>	<b>\$ 7,246,281</b>	<b>\$2,895,558</b>	<b>\$40,303,218</b>	<b>\$112,910,918</b>

# Directory

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**Allen S. Mathers** (1988)  
*Village Justice*

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## Administration

**Robert L. Schoelle, Jr.** (1968-1976, 1980)  
*Village Administrator/Treasurer*

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*Village Clerk/Deputy Village Administrator*

**Robert J. Mangan** (1991)  
*Director of Public Works*

**Ernest J. Cipullo** (1961)  
*Police Commissioner*

**James E. Olivo** (1977)  
*Village Auditor*

**Michael D. Filippon** (1979)  
*Superintendent of Building*

**Kevin E. Ocker** (2003)  
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*of Cultural and Recreational Affairs*

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## Village Counsel

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## Volunteer Fire Department

### Chiefs:

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**William K. Castoro**, *1st Assistant Chief* (1994)

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**Brian Gallo**, *3rd Assistant Chief* (1991)

### Line Officers:

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**Vincent DeJoseph**, *1st Lieutenant, Engine Co.* (2006)

**Matthew F. Pearn**, *2nd Lieutenant, Engine Co.* (2009)

**David Hroncich**, *Captain, Truck Co.* (2006)

**Gregory Young**, *1st Lieutenant, Truck Co.* (2001)

**Joseph Scalice**, *2nd Lieutenant, Truck Co.* (2009)

### Corporate Officers:

**Steven J. Carss**, *Secretary* (1983)

**Matthew Ostermann**, *Assistant Secretary* (2009)

**Robert F. Kalb**, *Treasurer* (1987)

**Gerard F. Whalen**, *Assistant Treasurer* (2002)

## Special Police

**David B. Carpentier**, *Captain* (1994)

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**John Koch**, *Sergeant* (2004)

*\*Note: ( ) Date entered into Village service*



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*Corporate Secretary*

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*Treasurer*

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Walter McKenna  
Tom Nappi  
Brian Noonan  
Sal Norberto  
Neil O'Malley  
Robert Orosz  
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Robert Rymers  
Leo Stimmler  
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