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PROPOSED CHANGE TO VILLAGE ZONING CODE FOR RING ROAD

As you know, your Board of Trustees is presently contemplating a zoning change that would allow a joint venture of Simon Properties and OTO Development to build a high-end extended stay Marriott Hotel on Ring Road.

In last week's edition of the *Garden City News* there was an article entitled "*With a 4-3 Vote, Trustees Make Documents Available to Public.*" Although it was more fully explained in the article, the headline is not accurate because it makes it appear as though some Trustees did not want to make the due diligence documents available to the public, which simply is not true. In truth, there was absolutely no question that we all wanted to make the extensive due diligence material accessible to the public for review. The documents contain studies including but not limited to environmental, traffic and economic issues, all of which are encompassed by SEQRA.

The only thing at issue was whether or not we would make the material available to the public only in the Building Department at Village Hall, or in the Building Department as well as the Library, which has evening and weekend hours. The minority felt that the material should be available only in the Building Department. They were of the opinion that the Library does not have a specific set of procedures in place for the public to review Village documents and that this would put an additional burden on staff.

A Letter to the Editor was published in the same edition, inaccurately calling the proposed facility a "family hotel." The planned facility is an extended stay hotel designed specifically for business travelers who require a stay of more than a day or two.

Finally, all that the Village Board is doing at this time is reviewing a proposed zoning change which would allow hotel use in the Village's C-R District, located west of Ring Road and in no other area of the Village. If the zoning change is approved, the proposed hotel would require a special use permit and site plan approval which will not be granted without full review of the plans and specifications, not only by the Board of Trustees, but also by the Village Planning Commission as well as the Architectural Design Review Board.

BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY

A "Bargain Book Sale" will be held Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Garden City Public Library's lower level. Come early for the best selection of books, CDs, DVDs and videos. Choose from fiction, nonfiction, adult, teen and children's books. Antique and autographed books, as well as coffee table books will also be offered. Friends of the

Library volunteers have organized this sale with all proceeds to benefit the Library.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6. Residents are reminded that clocks should be set back one hour. This is also a good time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide batteries. In fact, it is recommended that you install new batteries twice a year to be sure they are always working properly.

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED ELECTION DAY, VETERANS DAY

Village offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in observance of Election Day and again on Friday, November 11, 2016 in observance of Veterans Day. For your convenience, correspondence for the Village may be placed in the "Letter" drop slot at the front door.

The lobby of Village Hall will be open at 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. as a polling place on Election Day.

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is the one day each year in which America remembers her sons and daughters who served in the Armed Forces of the United States. It is right that a gratified nation set aside one day a year to recognize and remember these men and women.

On Friday, November 11th, William Bradford Turner Post 265 of the American Legion of Garden City will honor all World War II veterans at its ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at Memorial Plaza opposite the Garden City Hotel on Seventh Street. Each veteran will be presented with a special hat. All residents are invited to attend.

SANITATION COLLECTION – VETERANS DAY

There will be **no** regular garbage or recycling pickup Veterans Day, Friday, November 11. The holiday week collection will be as follows:

	<u>GARBAGE</u>	<u>RUBBISH</u>
Western Half of the Village (West of Rockaway Avenue)	Monday and Wednesday	Wednesday, November 16
Eastern Half of the Village (East of Rockaway Avenue)	Tuesday and Thursday	Wednesday, November 16

Residents scheduled for recycling on Friday, November 11, 2016, Veterans Day, are asked to put their recyclables out on Friday, November 18th.

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has asked me to proclaim the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month in Garden City. Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and

approved by President George Bush in August 1990. Contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity and greatness of American today.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting for the month of November is on November 17, 2016. I encourage all residents to attend Board of Trustees meetings so as to be thoroughly informed of Village issues from a first-hand perspective.