

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF**  
**GARDEN CITY**  
**LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK**

**ONLINE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2014-2015**  
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# Incorporated Village of GARDEN CITY

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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

## 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 - 6,486  
Condominiums - 513  
Apartments/Co-ops - 636

## 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 fiscal year June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015. While the primary purpose of the report is to provide fiscal year-end financial data, it also reviews the various departments and what they have achieved in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

I look forward to continuing my work as a Member of the Board of Trustees and serving as your Mayor. I remain committed to pro-actively working for the Village, as a whole, in an effort to maintain services in the most efficient way possible.

The mission of the Board of Trustees is to provide services and programs that offer the quality of life and preserve the unique character of our Village that I, for one, believe attracted most residents and businesses to Garden City.

The words sound simple, but the task is not because we serve the Village as a whole. We must maintain municipal services while improving efficiency, enhancing public safety, preserving our infrastructure and providing recreational programs for every age group.

Accomplishing all of this requires a delicate balance of priorities and careful analysis of our operating expenses and capital expenditures so that we can establish both long and short range departmental goals by differentiating between immediate needs and wish lists. It also requires follow-up with status reports to ensure goals are met on time, and within budget, to make sure we spend your hard earned tax dollars wisely. In the finance area we have made great strides in improving not only reporting formats but the ability to monitor the budget to make sure we keep our expenditures and revenues in line with forecasts. Our track record shows we have accomplished this goal and our tax increases have been below the amounts required by the New York State Government and our residents will receive their well-deserved New York State tax refunds.

Though keeping our tax increases at a minimum is clearly important, we also have capital projects and improvements to our roads and infrastructure that must be accomplished. For example, we have finalized our costs and selected contractors for the Senior/Community Center and the much needed renovation of the Firehouse.

Additionally we are focused on repairing and improving the ballfields at Community Park and other Village fields. We have convinced the County to resurface several of our major roads and Public Works is repairing and resurfacing several Village streets and thoroughfares.

The Board of Trustees and I will continue to seek input from the Property Owners' Associations on relevant issues and proposed changes in Policies, Village Codes, Ordinances and Regulations. The basis of our Community Agreement is volunteerism and we cannot thank enough the numerous residents who serve as Officers and Directors of our Property Owners' Associations, as well as those people who serve on our Village Commissions and Boards. My colleagues on the Board of Trustees and I hope you are pleased with the past year's accomplishments and become inspired to take an active and constructive interest in Village affairs.

**Nicholas P. Episcopia**

*Mayor*



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This is the eighty-first published Annual Report, covering the 2014-2015 fiscal year (June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015). 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

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In the spring of 1869, famous New York City merchant millionaire Alexander Turney Stewart purchased almost 10,000 acres of the treeless Hempstead Plains on Long Island which stretched from Floral Park to Bethpage. By the fall of 1869, this Scottish-Irish immigrant began creating his legacy – his Garden City.

A.T. Stewart's fame and fortune were legendary. News of the success of his commercial empire had spread throughout the United States and Europe. He is credited by many with creating the concept of the department store, revolutionizing the retail world of his time. He was nominated to be the Secretary of the Treasury under President Ulysses S. Grant in 1869; however, his wealth and extensive real estate holdings prevented Congress from confirming his appointment.

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. He never had the opportunity to live in Garden City, nor did he get to see it completed. However, he did lay the groundwork for the Village including his own rail road, now part of the Long Island Rail Road, along with about sixty homes and buildings and the first Garden City Hotel. Also, thousands of trees and shrubs were brought in to cover the barren landscape. We can see the results of his ideals, wealth and wisdom in the beauty and order of today's Garden City.

Following his death, his wife, Cornelia (they had no children), created an elaborate memorial to her late husband which included the Cathedral of the Incarnation, St. Paul's School for boys, St. Mary's School for girls and the Bishop's Mansion. She agreed to deed these properties to the Episcopal Church of Long Island with the provision that the Seat of the Episcopal Church move from Brooklyn to Garden City. After Cornelia Stewart died in 1886, her heirs formed the Garden City Company in 1893 to continue the orderly development of Garden City into the Incorporated Village we know today.

## Garden City Archives

The Village Historian is responsible for collecting, preserving and making available material relating to the Village's history: photographs, correspondence, newspaper files and records of community activities. These items are located in the Stewart Room of the Garden City Public Library. In addition to historic preservation, the Village Historian provides information to interested residents and those doing research. The Historian is a member of the Garden City Historical Society.

Visit [www.LongIslandMemories.org](http://www.LongIslandMemories.org) and click on Garden City Public Library to view more than 1,300 items about Garden City including the postcard collection of former Historian Vincent Seyfried, the collection of local historical images furnished by Garden City residents and early copies of "The Garden City News".



### Historical Society

*The Garden City Historical Society is an "Apostle House," part of founder, Alexander T. Stewart's planned community. The 12-room Victorian was built in 1872 as a home, but was never used as a residence. In 1892, the Episcopal Diocese built St. Mary's School next door to the home. It housed classes, boarding for faculty and had the kitchen in the basement. In 1902 when St. Mary's expanded its facility, the house was moved to 89 Fifth Street. In 1975, the Episcopal Diocese donated the home to the newly formed Historical Society. In 1988, the building was moved to its current location at 109 Eleventh Street, thanks to the generous offer from the Village of Garden City to provide the site. The Society Museum is currently open on Tuesdays. The A.T. Stewart Shop is open Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, please call 516.746.8900 or visit [www.GardenCityHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.GardenCityHistoricalSociety.org). (photo by Suzie Alvey)*

### 111 Fifth Street

*This home was built originally for rental like the other original Stewart houses from the 1870s. The estate manager looked into a potential renter's background, church affiliation and social status, along with the financial information, before allowing someone to rent a home. Eventually, the homes were sold. Two of the owners of 111 Fifth Street were Julian Keith Henney (1896-1990) and Nella Braddy Henney (1894-1973). Both were editors and authors at Doubleday Publishing. Nella was famous for being a friend of and working with Helen Keller (1880-1968), the deaf and blind author and recipient of the US Medal of Freedom. They published 14 books about Keller's fascinating life.*



# 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.



*Supreme Court Justice Stephen A. Bucaria administers the Oath of Office to Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia as his wife, Dorothy, looks on.*

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.



*Justice Bucaria administering the Oaths of Office at the April 6, 2015 Annual Meeting to Trustees (left to right) John M. Delany, Stephen S. Makrinos, John A. DeMaro and Richard V. Silver.*

# 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, 2014 through May 31, 2015. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



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



**NICHOLAS P. EPISCOPIA**  
*Mayor*  
*Eastern Section*



**RICHARD V. SILVER**  
*Trustee*  
*Central Section*



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



**ROBERT A. BOLEBRUCH**  
*Trustee*  
*Western Section*



**THERESA A. TROUVÉ**  
*Trustee*  
*Central Section*



**JOHN M. DELANY**  
*Trustee*  
*Eastern Section*



**STEPHEN S. MAKRINOS**  
*Trustee*  
*Western Section*

# Administration, Organization and Village Council



**RALPH V. SUOZZI**  
Village Administrator

## Village Administrator

Garden City’s Chief Administrative Officer fills the role of Village Administrator. Responsible to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, he coordinates the activities of the Village Departments to ensure 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. 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.



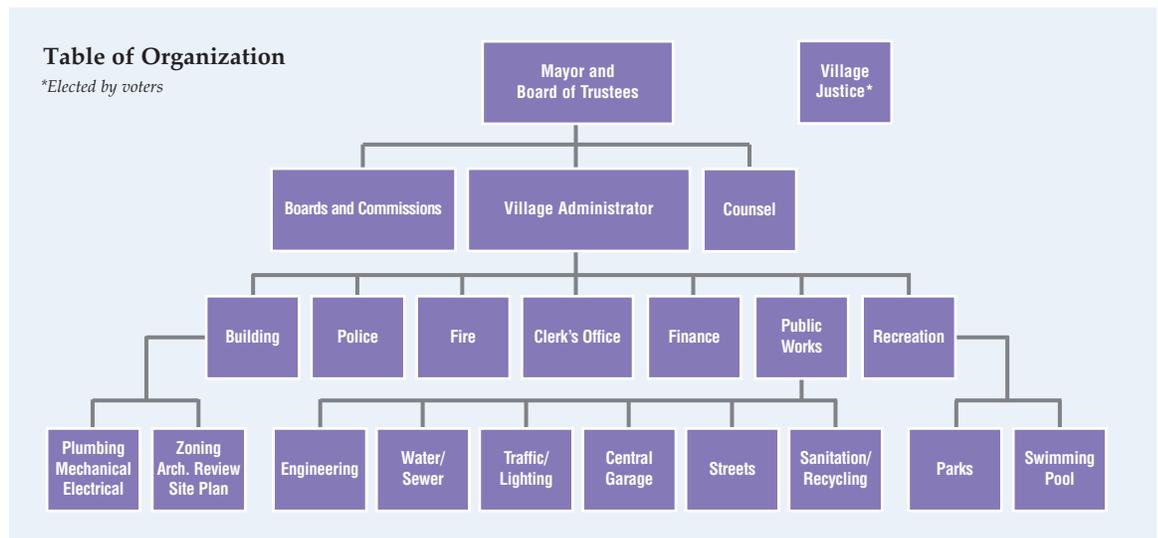
**BRIAN S. RIDGWAY**  
Village Clerk/Deputy  
Village Administrator

## 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 and the Collector of Taxes. In addition to maintaining all legal notices for the Village of Garden City, the Village Clerk is the 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 Council

The Village retains two law firms as counsel to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and their advisory Boards and Commissions. Both firms maintain their own offices and staff independent of Village offices.

Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP, advises on legal matters, including legislation (local laws), zoning and other ordinances, real estate assessments, public hearings and elections.

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, provides legal services in connection with collective bargaining agreements and labor matters.

In addition, Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, is engaged as municipal bond counsel for 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. 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. Amended July 19, 2012 in order to allow alternate members.

Hugh S. Lacy (1991), Chairman	Barbara M. Ruggiero (2008)	Cosmo Veneziale (2012)
Robert C. Seitz (1999)	Celia M. Petersen (2010)	William Alisse (2014), Alternate Member
Donald A. Hickey, Jr. (2006)	Christopher E. Rivielle (2012)	

## Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

This Board consists of eight members; one representative from each section of the Village and four at-large members. The Commissioners oversee development of the Village's Recreation Program. Amended November 21, 2013 to allow for two additional members.

Kevin E. Ocker (2003), Chairman	Timothy E. Stapleford (2008)	Judy Courtney (2013)
Michael Ryder (1997)	Kenneth R. Moody (2011)	
Patrick J. Manley (2007)	Kristina Russo (2013)	

## 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	Peter L. D'Antonio (2013)	Charles J. Murphy (2014)
Gloria Weinrich (2004), Vice-Chairperson	Lola Nouryan (2013)	

## Board of Police Commissioners

The members of this Board supervise, control and direct the operations of the Police Department. Each year, members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and ratified by 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.

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985), Chairman	Brian C. Daughney (2010)	Stephen S. Makrinos (2015)
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## Environmental Advisory Board

This eight 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 three high school students.

Theresa A. Trouvé (2014), Chairperson	Elizabeth M. Bailey (2010)	Carole Neidich-Ryder (2014)
Leo Stimmler (2006)	Christopher A. Gorman (2012)	James L. Bauer (2014)
Benjamin H. Mahler (2010)	Laurence J. Quinn (2013)	Nina Bangalore (2015), GCHS Rep.

# Boards, Commissions and Committees

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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.

H. Bradford Gustavson (1999), Chairman	Neil J. Sweeney (2012)	Phil Santantonio (2014)
Charles Palagonia (2006)	Keith Galanti (2014)	Craig G. Biscone (2014), Alternate Member
William A. Bellmer (2009)	Sean M. O'Brien (2014)	

## Traffic Commission

The Traffic Commission is appointed annually by the Mayor and ratified by the 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.

Robert A. Bolebruch (2013), Chairman	Robert J. Mangan (1991)	Richard V. Silver (2013)
Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)	John A. DeMaro (2011)	John M. Delany (2015)

## 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 and one alternate member 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), Alternate Member

## 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 pursuing the long-held goal of making the Village an official arboretum.

Althea Robinson (1988), Chairperson	Kathleen Auro (2005)
Janet Curtin (2009)	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. This Board is appointed by the Mayor.

Allen S. Mathers (1988), Chairman	Charles P. Menges, Jr. (1976)	Maureen E. Clancy (1986)
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## Citizens Budget Review Committee

Representatives from each Property Owners' Association assist the Board of Trustees in the budget process.

Stephen S. Makrinos (2011), Chairman	John M. Delany (2012)	Joseph Caroselli (2014)
Joseph Colletti (2012)	Tina Rio (2012)	Joseph Wood (2014)
Linda Ryan (2012)	Mark G. Hadlock (2012)	

# Local Laws/Employee Recognition Luncheon

## Local Laws

The Village Board of Trustees adopted the following three Local Laws. A Legislative Intent Summary is provided after each Law for your reference.

### 2015

#### Local Law 1-2015: Amend Village Code Section 200-61 to Prohibit the Parking of Vehicles in Yards in an R-District

Amended with regard to any plot in an R-District in the Village: (1) Motor vehicles may only be parked or stored in garages, driveways and/or parking areas and (2) No motor vehicle shall be parked or stored on any lawns, grass-covered areas or bare soil areas.

#### Local Law 2-2015: Create Chapter 61 "Bamboo" to Ban the Planting and Growing of Bamboo in the Village

Created to ban the planting and growing of bamboo in the Village to promote and protect the property, property values and welfare of its residents as well as to protect the property and preserve the aesthetic qualities of the environment of the Village.

#### Local Law 3-2015: Create Chapter 62 "Social Host Law" to Prohibit Persons Over the Age of 16 from Allowing Minors to Consume Alcohol in Such Person's Residence

Created to prohibit persons over the age of 16 from allowing minors to consume alcohol in such person's residence. The consumption of alcohol by underage persons, whether at a party or a smaller gathering, poses an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare of our residents. This local law is intended to deter the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors by holding those over the age of 16 responsible if they are in violation of the provisions of this law.

## Employee Recognition Luncheon

The Employee Recognition Luncheon, sponsored by the Village's Department Heads, was held on the grounds of the Cottages at St. Paul's on September 12th, honoring employees with perfect attendance as well as the following employees for their years of service:

### Employee Awards



#### 35 Years

Michael D. Filippou .....Building Department  
Louis J. Mira .....Fire Department

#### 30 Years

Michael P. Didyk .....Parks Department  
Robert Fuchs .....Water Department  
Kerwin Humphrey .....Street Department  
Joseph T. Lennon .....Police Department  
Thomas M. Stoerger .....Fire Department  
Anthony D. Viglietta .....Recreation Department

#### 25 Years

Richard E. Arnold .....Fire Department  
Christopher C. Basile .....Building Maintenance  
Peter J. Clancy .....Fire Department  
Paul C. Edwards .....Police Department  
William A. Grimes .....Police Department

Kevin J. Jacobsen .....Police Department  
Joseph F. Kratina .....Sanitation Department  
Richard J. LaCarrubba .....Recycling Department  
John T. McCarthy .....Police Department  
Robert J. Rothermel .....Police Department

#### 20 Years

Stephen N. Barnych .....Parks Department  
Thomas K. Federlein .....Police Department  
Denise K. Kershaw .....Police Department  
Patricia Marson .....Library  
Louis W. Matos .....Police Department  
Henry J. Simek .....Police Department  
Vincent Zaccaro .....Street Department



# Building Department



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

The Building Department is responsible for monitoring all construction that takes place on private property within the Village. The purpose is to ensure that the work is done in a safe, reliable and energy-efficient manner so as to protect and serve the occupants in both 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 in 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 the notices, attends the meetings and serves in an advisory capacity for these agencies.

This year, two major projects were either completed or are nearing completion. Specifically, the Doubleday Court Condominium at 301 Franklin Avenue was completed and is fully occupied. The new Nexus Building at Adelphi University is nearly completed and should be occupied shortly. The construction of new homes and additions or alterations to existing homes continues at a steady pace. The commercial districts also experienced healthy activity. The Department collected permit fees totaling \$911,160 which translates to \$45,558,000 of construction value. An additional \$76,495 in fees was collected for Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board applications.



*One of many homes under construction during the prior year.*



Departmental personnel consist of a superintendent, three 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 interaction with our Department as pleasant and professional as possible. To that end, we are available to assist people through the process and offer advice when needed.

Ausberto "Ozzie" Huertas, Jr., began his appointment as Superintendent of Building on July 27, 2015. Michael D. Filippin, who will retire on October 23, 2015, is serving as Temporary Superintendent of Building assisting Mr. Huertas during this transition.

## Summary of Activity

Building Permits .....	242	Certificates of Compliance .....	1,087
Plumbing Permits .....	315	Architectural Design Review Board .....	108
Mechanical Permits.....	398	Planning Commission.....	6
Electrical Permits.....	483	Zoning Board of Appeals.....	119
Certificates of Occupancy .....	269	Approximate Number of Inspections .....	2,191

# Recreation and Parks Department

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**KEVIN E. OCKER**

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

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

One of the unique qualities of our community was represented during the year through diverse recreation programs emphasizing “Heart Healthy Activities”. Over 450,000 visitors again participated in thousands of sports games and practices at our various facilities, while utilizing 100 acres of parkland as well as the indoor facilities in the winter months. The Department’s software system continues to ease the process for resident registrations, payments and invoices. Once residents register in the system, they are given the option of making electronic credit card payments for programs and activities.

The Garden City Pool, in its 58th year of operation, once again offered a diverse summer program of activities. As a result, over 1,407 families, about 70 per cent of resident families with children, joined the pool enjoying a most unique aquatics facility with special events, concerts, swim lessons and competitive swim teams, all included with membership. With over 75,000 visitors in the twelve-week season, the pool remained our community’s flagship recreational facility. Future plans include infrastructure upgrades, as required, and retention of professional marketing services to maximize membership.

Other major recreational facilities, such as the St. Paul’s Recreation Complex and Community Park, again played major roles in meeting the needs of the community. Of special note is the continued success and vitality of the roller hockey program with 300 participants and a diverse selection of summer camps attended by over 2,000 resident children.

The Department continued working with our local sports organizations maximizing 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 (1,400), lacrosse (975) and basketball (1,180). This past year, the Department provided support for two very special events, the Annual Turkey Trot and the Jay Gallagher Memorial Lacrosse Tournament. Both of these events are successful in supporting various charities through the collaborative efforts of staff and volunteers. With summer sports camps again filled to capacity with resident sports enthusiasts, we continued expanding offerings to children with interests other than sports. Recreational camps in science, yoga, theatre, environment and computers 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.

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 organized sporting activities, playground games, arts and crafts and special supervised day trips to Adventureland and Splish Splash Water Park.

Cultural opportunities in the form of the “Summer Music on the Village Green”, dance instruction for adults and children, including classes in ballet, stretch, jazz and modern dance, were offered again this year. The Department’s 120 dance conservatory students performed with great enthusiasm to a packed house of family and friends during the “Twelfth Anniversary Student Showcase” at Adelphi University’s Olmsted Theatre. Great choreography by Recreation Staff, combined with the students’ hard work, resulted in a special evening for the art of dance.



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# Recreation and Parks Department

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The “Senior Advisory Committee” remained very active improving communication and service to the senior resident population. Many members of the senior population took advantage of ten different day trips, organized and supervised by the Department, as well as exercise, walking, yoga and zumba classes offered throughout the year. Over 165 seniors attended the “End of the Summer Picnic” and 125 attended the annual Mardi Gras Luncheon. Members of the Senior Advisory Committee continued to work with the Department and Trustee Liaisons on the development of new programs for seniors.

This year, the Department looks forward to delivering diverse recreational opportunities to our residents as we continue evaluating programs, increasing productivity and using our valuable resources wisely. In anticipation of the opening of the new Senior Center, Staff has begun the planning of a full range of activities and volunteer program.

Garden City’s beautiful tree-lined streets and its urban forest have been sustained this past year with the continued planting of replacement trees. Following the Village Arbor Restoration Plan, developed by Cornell University, 185 replacement trees were planted bringing the Village tree inventory to 12,208. As part of the new Village Tree Management Plan, 26 new cultivars of trees have been introduced throughout the community offering interesting characteristics and increased biodiversity. Under the guidance of the Village’s Certified 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.

In an effort to continue to obtain increased efficiencies, both divisions of the Recreation and Parks Department shared and scheduled the services of full-time maintenance staff to meet the demands of maintaining 200 acres of park and active recreational property on a weekly basis. Special horticultural services included the planting of over 30,000 spring flowering bulbs and 22,000 annual flowers. Horticultural staff will be working with the Village’s Beautification Committee to enhance our streetscapes throughout the Village with seasonal plantings, including the introduction of new hanging baskets and pedestal planters throughout the Business District.

With the goal of responding to the results of the Community-Wide Recreation and Parks Needs Assessment, Department Staff has concentrated on increasing program opportunities for fitness with the addition of exercise classes and toddler activities. The results of the questionnaire continue to be a tool to help guide the Department as we maximize the use of valuable resources.

Our Recreation and Parks Staff, together with the Members of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs (BCCRA), will continue to work together to develop new programs, monitor the use of its facilities and remain fiscally responsible while at the same time recommend capital improvement projects, as required, to protect the Village’s investment in its recreation infrastructure and parkland. Looking ahead, the BCCRA and Department Staff will begin the development of a Strategic Plan designed to substantiate and prioritize future investment in facilities and programs.



*Kevin Ocker pictured with Members of the Civic Beautification Committee: Top - Suzanne Alvey. Bottom (left to right) - Kathleen Auro, Althea Robinson and Janet Curtin*

# Financially Sound and Community Friendly

The Incorporated Village of Garden City’s focus on fiscal responsibility is a top priority for the Board of Trustees not only during annual budget discussions but throughout the entire year. Working closely with the Village Administrator and Executive Staff, this careful attention once again earned the Village a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Garden City’s bond rating is Aaa, the highest rating a municipality can receive from Moody’s Investors Service (Moody’s). Moody’s upgrade of the Village’s ratings outlook from Negative to Stable is testament to Garden City’s sound financial practices and has enabled the Village to sell municipal bonds at a favorable interest rate.

A successful push to streamline the budget process led to enhancements in the Village’s financial reporting methods, including the introduction of “dashboards,” which debuted at the public budget presentations.

Financial Consultant, Irene Woo, was instrumental in assisting the Board of Trustees and Executive Staff in formulating the 2015-2016 Budget and implementing the financial reporting tool.

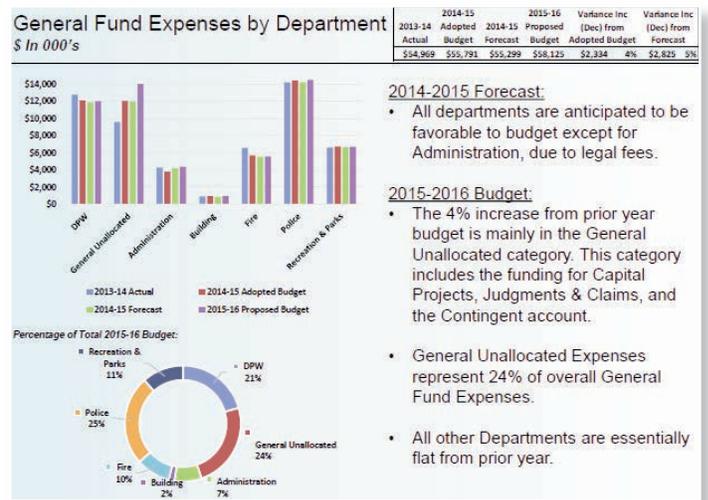
Trustee Richard V. Silver, Finance Commissioner, said improving the quality of the financial information the Board of Trustees receives has been a priority. That effort began with work designed to “seasonalize” Department Budgets in order to provide a better picture of how the Village should expect spending in different areas to occur over the course of the year.

“Armed with this information, the Village Administrator and the Board can more quickly identify trends and make adjustments. We will be doing the same thing with revenues. We are also looking to identify key indicators for each area of Village operations to measure performance,” Trustee Silver said.

“In the case of our Department of Public Works, for example, the indicators might include miles of roads paved, streets swept or sewers inspected. By placing the focus not just on amounts spent annually, but instead on the results we get from the expenditure of taxpayer dollars, we will be able to better manage performance and be better positioned to decide where it makes sense to have work done by Village employees versus private contractors.”

Maintaining the Village’s mature infrastructure is paramount. The 2014-2015 Capital Plan, for example, expanded the existing road maintenance program to a four-mile-per-year resurfacing schedule. Sidewalk and curb restoration, extensive Village roadway maintenance and the tree replacement program were also continued during 2014, evidence of the Village’s long-term commitment.

There was also a major focus on transparency and open government. Summaries of every Board of Trustees Meeting are posted to the Village’s Website. This new section was created to enhance the Village’s communication level with residents. Further, brief explanations of proposed Board actions were also added to all meeting agendas.



# Financially Sound and Community Friendly

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## **JAMES E. OLIVO**

Village Auditor, James E. Olivo, retired after a 38-year career with Garden City. His commitment to financial excellence served the Village well for nearly four decades. He was appointed as Temporary Village Auditor until July 31, 2015, aiding his successor, Sandra Yu-Clarson, during the transition.

Over his career, Mr. Olivo served as President of the New York State Government Finance Officers' Association, the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers and the Long Island Village Clerks and Treasurers Association. He also served on numerous Advisory Committees for the State Comptroller's Office and New York Conference of Mayors, as well as the Nassau Citizens Budget Committee.

We wish him well in his retirement!

The Village's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), saw numerous enhancements as well. Additional contact numbers and e-mails were added to each Village Department, making it easier for residents to interact with Village Staff. Widgets were also introduced like the Visitors Center, which includes links to restaurants and shopping, houses of worship and other key areas of interest within Garden City. Further, the "Applications and Forms" widget enables residents to fill out more than a dozen applications and forms completely online, including applications for dog licenses and garage sales to alarm registration forms and Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests.

A sixth widget, Request For Service, will enable users to report a wide range of service requests from the field with their Smartphone camera, including downed tree limbs, potholes and street light outages. Users can e-mail the photo using the "Request For Service" icon, and, with help from a GPS tracking system, Village Staff can send crews out to the exact location. Once the problem is corrected, crews can then update and close out the work order. This will send a message back to the user who first reported the issue, letting them know it's been corrected. This new application will be released under the name of GC Connect, powered by SeeClickFix, and is due to launch in early September 2015.

Approximately 95 percent of all the live updates made to the Village Website were accomplished in-house.

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for e-mail alerts to receive up-to-date information about anything from road construction and sidewalk repair schedules and street closures to meeting schedule updates and crime prevention awareness.

While a close eye is kept on expenses, residents continue to enjoy the high level of services and social activities they've become accustomed to, including various parades, the Annual Homecoming, "Summer Music on the Village Green" Concert Series and the Friday Night Promenades. These themed events, which bring a greater sense of community and family fun to Garden City, as well as boost business for local merchants, have grown in popularity over the years.

# Police Department



**KENNETH O. JACKSON**  
*Police Commissioner*

The Garden City Police Department is a highly professional service-oriented police agency and remains proactive in its effort to provide excellent service and protection to the community by emphasizing omnipresence and preventative patrol.

The Department's policy of constant and consistent traffic enforcement is directly responsible for deterring criminal activity within the Village boundaries. In addition to everyday traffic law enforcement, the Department regularly conducts commercial vehicle safety inspections, aggressive driving operations and seat belt checkpoints throughout the Village. 10,918 traffic citations were issued in 2014. This comprehensive Traffic Safety Program was acknowledged when the Department received AAA's

Platinum Traffic Safety Award, the highest award given by them.



*AAA NY presents GCPD with the Platinum Traffic Safety Award*

While conducting commercial vehicle inspections, Officers must remain alert as there are many dangers involved in dealing with larger, heavier commercial vehicles and the hazardous materials they often transport. Unsafe commercial vehicles are taken "out of service" and are either made safe or towed. With the ever-evolving threat of terrorist activity, Officers must be increasingly more cautious and vigilant while being cognizant of possible terrorist-related cargos and activities. In 2014, 276 commercial vehicles were inspected, 1,708 tickets were issued, 137 trucks were placed "out of service", 80 vehicles were overweight and 75 were cited for hazardous material violations.



*M.A.D.D. presents officers with Distinguished Service Awards*

Police Officers on patrol issuing parking tickets, uniformed civilian Police Aides in conspicuously marked vehicles patrol the many crowded parking fields within the Village. 15,351 parking tickets were issued in 2014. Eighteen 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 maintaining the quality-of-life levels within the Village. Seventy-nine appearance tickets were issued for violations of the Village Code.

The protection of property, personal safety and the well-being of the residents of Garden City are of utmost importance to the Police Department. In addition to traditional policing methods of providing for this, the Department has in place a Vacant House and Welfare Check Program.

The Vacant House Program enables residents to notify the Police Department when their homes will be vacant. Residents provide the Department with the dates their homes will be vacant, emergency contacts and other pertinent information. Members on patrol are then given this information and can intensify the patrol of these locations.

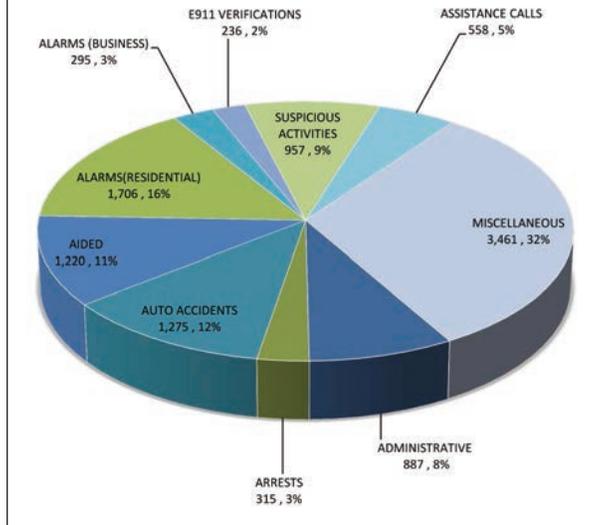
Removing motorists who operate their vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol continues to be of paramount importance to the Department. As a result, 74 drivers were arrested for D.W.I. related offences. There is no doubt that many lives were saved as a result of this effort. M.A.D.D. recognized the Department's efforts in this area by presenting the Garden City Police Department with their Distinguished Agency Award; also presented with awards were two individual Garden City Police Officers.

The Parking Enforcement Program contributes to an image of omnipresence, a sense of order and provides a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition to the

# Police Department

## Garden City Police Department Activity Analysis 2014

Total Incidents: 10,910



The Well Check Program is available to senior citizens and persons with medical conditions. Participating residents are put on the Well Check List and are advised to call the Police Department daily. If the resident fails to contact the Department, a Police Officer is dispatched to the home.

In terms of general police service, the Department documented 10,910 incidents of which 9,936 were Police-initiated activity or calls for service. These included 1,220 calls to assist the injured, sick and others who were in need because of physical or mental disabilities and 1,275 auto accidents with an additional 425 persons in need of medical attention.

The Police Department continues to incorporate technical advances. Training and equipment improve the Department's ability to provide exemplary service to the community which we serve, while operating within authorized budget parameters. One of the ways that the Department has done this is by continually seeking grant opportunities. The Department was able to secure over \$70,000 in grant funds from numerous sources in 2014; these include the Federal Government, the State of New York and the New York State Attorney General's Office.

These funds were utilized to purchase Ballistic Vests, a License Plate Reader, train and supply every officer with NARCAN, targeted anti-crime patrols, Vehicle and Traffic Law enforcement initiatives including, Seatbelt and D.W.I. Campaigns.

To be fully effective, any police department needs the cooperation and assistance of other public officials and governmental agencies. The Garden City Police Department has continued to foster these relationships and as a result, the Department has had the full cooperation and assistance of other Village Departments and outside agencies. The Department has also had the full support, cooperation and encouragement from the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Board of Police Commissioners and the Village Administrator. This has enabled the Police Department to provide the high level of service and dedication to duty which the residents of Garden City have come to expect and deserve.

### Special Police

Under the direction of the Police Commissioner, the Garden City Special Police assist the Village Police Department with community events, parades, concerts, street fairs, traffic details and in emergency situations such as severe weather events. The Special Police have proven to be a valuable asset to the Police Department and this community.

Joining the Special Police can be beneficial to persons considering a career in law enforcement; many former members have gone on to pursue careers in law enforcement with other police agencies.

The Special Police Organization is a great way for residents to help keep our community safe. Applications are available on the Village's web-site, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net). The Special Police Section, which gives a detailed description of their role and functions, is accessed from the "HOME" page by following the tabs as listed below:

- Departments
- Police
- Special Police

For additional information, please contact Special Police Liaison David Carpentier via email at [spd@gardencityny.net](mailto:spd@gardencityny.net) or by calling (516) 742-9603. Anyone 18 years or older can join.



# Fire Department



**JOSEPH R. NADOLNY**  
*Chief of Department*

On September 7, 1899, the Garden City Hotel was consumed by flames and burned to the ground. The fire originated in the attic and was most likely caused by a defective flue. Because of this incident, independent volunteer fire companies began to form in the Village. Then, in 1920, in order to be more organized and bring these independent companies together, thirty-one local residents became “charter” members of the Garden City Fire Department, Inc., formally organizing the Volunteer Fire Department. Soon after, the Department was integrated into the Village government. Since 1920, hundreds of resident men and women have proudly served in the ranks of the Volunteer Fire Service in Garden City.



*Chief Nadolny with Ex-Chief Vincent E. Cashman, a 57-year Member.*

Under the direction of a Volunteer Fire Chief and three Assistant Chiefs, the Department utilizes a three-tier approach to providing its vital services: with quality training and equipment, quick response and comprehensive fire inspection and prevention programs. All firefighters in the Department, both volunteer and paid, train weekly to ensure their readiness for the various emergencies that may present themselves



including fires, motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide incidents, hazardous materials incidents, electrical emergencies, severe weather and more. In addition, throughout the year firefighters attend various courses and live fire burn training at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy.

This past year was very eventful.

With the scheduled appearance of the President of the United States at the Garden City Hotel, members of the Department, along with our neighboring departments, were involved in the planning and preparation of his arrival; unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the President’s trip was canceled.

On Friday, October 17, 2014, at 10:02 a.m., the Garden City Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a ceiling collapse with multiple aided at the Nassau County Social Services Building located at 101 County Seat Drive. Under the direction of Captain Joseph Scalise, Firefighters Russ Fincher, John Finneran and Michael Morgan made entry to the asbestos-contaminated area. They were able to rescue two victims who were trapped under concrete plaster, wire



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rebar and a thick layer of asbestos. Because of their actions, they were each awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor from the Nassau County Fire Commission and the Department was awarded a Unit Citation.

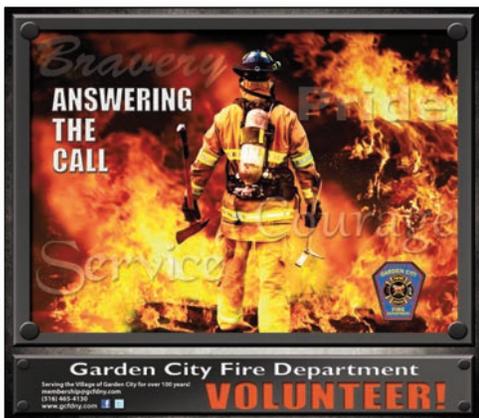
In January, with multiple snow storms; volunteer firefighters left their families and the comfort of their own homes to be on standby at Fire Headquarters many evenings due to multiple snow storms.

In March, after many months of planning, the Department added two new state-of-the-art fire apparatus to our fleet - Engine 145, a 2015 Ferrara Pumper, and Heavy Rescue 146, a 2015 Ferrara Rescue Vehicle.

Within the fleet of apparatus, the Department incorporates state-of-the-art technology including thermal imaging cameras, hazardous gas monitoring equipment, mobile computers, and hydraulic rescue equipment. The Department also provides a comprehensive fire inspection and prevention program to the Village. Program enhancements include computer database pre-plans of area occupancies, rigorous fire inspections of schools, businesses and multi-family dwellings and a devotion to public fire safety education through the Department's Fire Prevention & Education Program.



CLICK HERE TO VIEW A VIDEO OF RESCUE 146 IN A TRAINING EXERCISE.



CLICK ON PHOTO TO VIEW GCVFD RECRUITMENT VIDEO

The Department is always looking for new volunteer members and has a year-round open enrollment. Some regard being a volunteer firefighter as being one of the highest forms of community service. It is a great opportunity for residents to give back to their fellow neighbors in their time of need. Some of the benefits that come with being a volunteer firefighter include free tuition at Nassau Community College, as sponsored by the County of Nassau, real property tax reductions, great camaraderie, lasting friendships and more. If a resident is interested in joining the Department, visit our [recruitment page](#) or send an e-mail to [membership@gcfdny.com](mailto:membership@gcfdny.com).

## Report of Alarms for 2013-2014

Fire Calls.....	987
Inspections.....	435
Mutual Aid	
Given.....	32
Received .....	12
Public Education	
Children.....	695
Adults .....	362

# 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 and maintaining the street lighting system. 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. Engineering also provides plans and specifications for all water main projects. The Engineering Division also coordinates utility and road/sidewalk opening permits.

## 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. The street lighting crew is responsible for the lighting system working in conjunction with our street lighting contractor and directional drilling contractor.

## 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, 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 21,000 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 \$1,500,000 annually in disposal costs.

The winter saw a near record snow fall with 8 plowing events and 15 of sanding only. Department of Public Works performed outstandingly, maintaining clear streets despite the amount of snow.



# Public Works Department

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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 2014-2015, the Water Department replaced 25 hydrants, repaired 21 water breaks and also replaced/repaired 16 water valves while continuing its annual leak detection survey to locate and repair leaks in the system. There were 300 radio read meters installed.

The Sewer Division rodded and flushed 136 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 11.5 miles of sewer main.

## 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 13,922 tons of household garbage and rubbish, as well as 392 tons of yard waste collected separately.

During the year, the Recycling Program collected 2,462 tons of bottles, cans and newspapers from commercial and residential locations. Recycling of bulk metal items decreased slightly as the Division picked up approximately 17 tons. The total weight of items recycled was 2,479 tons and represents a savings of \$173,925 in tipping fees. We also collected 43 tons of e-waste during the year.



## 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. \$1,020,000 in equipment was replaced for the Department of Public Works.

2014-2015 Construction Projects were limited to:

- Enhanced Road, Sidewalk and Curb Replacements with \$2,122,500 in Repaving

# Library



**LISA PAULO**  
*Library Director*

The Garden City Public Library strives to enrich the lives of residents by providing materials, information, technology and cultural opportunities for adults and children of all ages. The Library offers an extensive collection of books, periodicals, music CDs, audiobooks and DVDs as well as access to technology and electronic resources for adults, teens and children. Through innovative programming, the Library provides opportunities for the community to come together to share experiences that will educate and inspire residents throughout their lifetime.

Library Director Lisa Paulo and the Library Board of Trustees are committed to enriching the lives of the residents of Garden City with what the Library offers. The members of the Library Board are: J. Randolph Colahan, Chair, (Auditing and Budget Committees) from the Estates Section; Gloria Weinrich, Vice Chair, (Community Relations and Policy Committees) from the Western Section; Peter D'Antonio, (Budget Committee), At Large; Charles J. Murphy, (Building Committee) from the Eastern Section; and Lola Nouryan, (Personnel Committee) from the Central Section.



*Board of Trustees (left to right)  
Top: Peter D'Antonio, Charles Murphy  
Bottom: Lola Nouryan, J. Randolph Colahan,  
Chair and Gloria Weinrich, Vice Chair*

This year, with the approval of the proposed budget by the Village Board, the Library increased its materials budget to update several print collections including popular fiction, travel and medical reference as well as the DVD collection. The Library also extended its hours by opening on additional Sundays. In addition, the Library looked for new ways to utilize technology to connect with patrons and added a Facebook Page for adults to its presence on social media.

The Library Board appreciates the continued support of the Village Board and Administration, especially with Village Trustee Liaison Robert Bolebruch and Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi.

The Nassau Public Libraries launched a new Mobile Application for residents to download which is compatible with Apple and Android Devices. Library users are now able to access many library services in the palm of their hands, including the ability to search for materials, view events and programs and find additional information.



*Girls Who Code Graduation Ceremony*

Throughout the year, the Library serves as a major information and technology center for the residents and non-residents who utilize the adult, young adult and children's computers. For ten Saturday afternoons in 2015, the Library hosted the Girls Who Code Club in the Computer Lab. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization working to educate, inspire and equip middle school and high school girls with the computing skills necessary to pursue opportunities in technology fields.

The Adult Reference Department is committed to assisting residents with their information needs by providing relevant print and online resources and expert help from knowledgeable librarians. This year the Reference

# Library

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Department provided a wide range of programs for every interest, including tax reduction seminars, a PowerPoint class, an outreach health van, an interior decorating class, the debut of a documentary film and an antiques appraisal program. The Cozy Up with a Good Book Winter Reading Club for adults continued and is now in its ninth year. The Library also has an annual blood drive and collects eyeglasses for the seeing impaired.



*Coffee & Tea by the Book Long Island Reads Program*

Coffee & Tea by the Book, a new book discussion group for adults, was introduced this year. At a special Coffee & Tea, the group Skyped with bestselling author Celeste Ng and discussed her novel *Everything I Never Told You*. In celebration of Long Island Reads, during National Library Week, the Library hosted a Coffee & Tea by the Book to discuss the LI Reads selection and also held a second program focusing on the foods from the time period of the book.

The Young Adult Department provides books, programs and access to technology to assist middle and high school students with assignments and to prepare for college. Each year, the Library offers programs to help college bound students and their parents navigate the college admissions and financial aid process. The lives of young adults were enriched through special age appropriate programs including babysitting workshops, a computer animation class and a solar-powered rocket launch.



*Young Adult Rockets Program*



*Teens & Tots Storytime at the Pool*

Children as young as six months old begin a lifelong adventure at the Library by attending storytimes and interactive music and movement programs. In addition to storytimes, the Children's Department hosts book discussions, class visits and outreach programs to introduce preschool and school age children to the joy of reading. There is a parent-child book club for fourth and fifth graders and their parents. This year, the Library introduced a monthly Drop-in



*Children's Animal Show*



*Children's Drop-in Lego Club*

Drop-in Lego Club, a Family Halloween Party and a Winter Reading Club for children.

The Garden City Public Library enriches the life of the community by providing residents with the information, resources, programs and services that they need to pursue lifelong learning in the 21st century.

# Finance Department



**IRENE WOO**  
Village Treasurer

In the area of Finance, we welcome Irene Woo as our new Village Treasurer to lead the Finance Department. Irene is a Certified Public Accountant who is well versed in all areas of the accounting discipline, analytical and measurement capabilities and adherence to audit, regulatory and compliance issues.

We also welcome Sandra Yu-Clacson, Village Auditor, who brings with her an extensive background and experience in Municipal Finance.



## Financial Overview

The State of New York requires municipalities to prepare and adopt balanced budgets where applied surplus, anticipated revenue and taxes raised cover all expenses. The Adopted Village Budget is the culmination of a coordinated effort by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Staff to maintain the highest level of affordable municipal services while striving to keep property tax increases under the level imposed by the State Tax Cap.

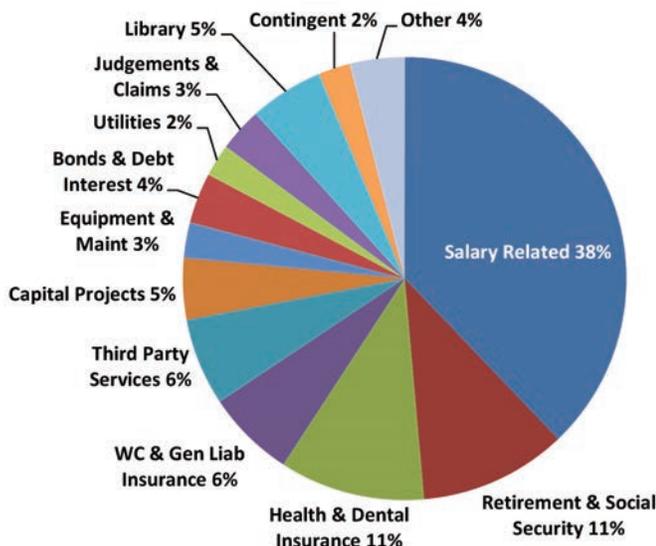
### Manner In Which Budgets Were Balanced:

	2014-2015	2015-2016	VARIANCE
Current Surplus	\$388,372	\$852,618	\$464,246
Estimated Revenues	7,060,170	7,284,320	224,150
Tax Levy	48,147,710	48,941,779	794,069
Appropriated Reserve	194,771	1,700,000	1,505,229
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,791,023</b>	<b>\$58,778,717</b>	<b>\$2,987,694</b>

The 2015-2016 Budget was successfully adopted with a tax levy increase of 1.65%, under the 1.68% limit imposed by the tax cap law.

### General Fund 2015-2016 Budget by Expense Type:

2015-2016 Fiscal Year



### Additional Self-Sustaining Expense Budgets:

The Village has three Enterprise Funds that operate like a business in that the revenues generated from services provided are meant to cover all operating expenses. Residents who benefit from services provided by the Water Fund, Swimming Pool Fund and the Tennis Fund pay for the operations, including capital improvements, via memberships, program services or other fees. There is no tax support for these operations, as user charges are the only source of revenue.

Enterprise Fund	2015-1016 Expense Budget	2015-1016 Revenue Budget
Swimming Pool	\$1,331,984	\$1,343,874
Indoor Tennis	\$ 436,094	\$ 453,592
Water Department	\$5,993,899	\$5,995,150

# Budget Comparison

		<b>2014-2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015-2016 BUDGET</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	Board of Trustees	\$53,700	\$9,200
	Village Justice	349,142	346,968
	Clerk - Treasurer	1,004,323	1,162,436
	Purchasing	298,927	268,723
	Assessment	51,766	53,339
	Personnel	143,778	198,149
	Central Data Processing	336,092	362,625
	Elections & Historian	4,275	4,250
	Publicity	27,000	41,000
	<b>SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$2,269,003</b>	<b>\$2,446,690</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	Police	9,378,069	9,495,740
	Fire	3,743,680	3,527,265
	Safety Inspection	648,209	674,695
	<b>SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$13,769,958</b>	<b>\$13,697,700</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Engineering	114,923	236,902
	Building	305,186	313,967
	Central Garage	475,903	367,697
	Streets	1,917,892	1,883,866
	Snow Removal	425,311	419,850
	Street Light & Traffic Control	853,325	864,090
	Sanitary Sewers	226,810	407,688
	Storm Sewers	149,467	150,022
	Refuse & Garbage	3,411,419	3,350,246
	Sanitation Recycling	327,622	305,766
	<b>SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$8,207,858</b>	<b>\$8,300,094</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	Parks	1,989,851	1,979,950
	Playgrounds & Recreation Centers	2,773,876	2,762,562
	St. Paul's Building	5,000	5,000
	<b>SUB TOTAL - RECREATION</b>	<b>\$4,768,727</b>	<b>\$4,747,512</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>Contribution to Library</b>	<b>\$3,217,000</b>	<b>\$3,097,759</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>	NYS Employees Retirement System	2,161,268	1,991,204
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,795,971	2,486,811
	Social Security & MTA Payroll Tax	1,610,992	1,617,900
	Health & Dental Insurance	5,898,660	6,062,007
	Capital Projects	2,110,665	2,560,000
	Insurance Reserve	3,931,074	3,681,074
	Judgements & Claims	1,500,000	1,800,000
	Contingent Account	912,396	1,309,900
	Law	660,500	1,037,000
	Debt Service	1,870,451	2,110,066
	Miscellaneous	106,500	133,000
	<b>SUB TOTAL - GENERAL</b>	<b>\$23,558,477</b>	<b>\$24,788,962</b>
	<b>APPROPRIATION TO RESERVE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,700,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$55,791,023</b>	<b>\$58,778,717</b>

# Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2015

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
 May 31, 2015

ASSETS	Major Funds		Nonmajor Fund	Totals
	General	Capital Projects	Library	
Cash	\$ 15,460,371	\$ 2,107,568	\$ 357,074	\$ 17,925,013
Accounts receivable	304,048		123	304,171
Due from other governments	405,410		386	405,796
Restricted cash			70,572	70,572
Tax sale certificates	447,806			447,806
Inventory of materials and supplies	944,314			944,314
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 17,561,949</b>	<b>\$ 2,107,568</b>	<b>\$ 428,155</b>	<b>\$ 20,097,672</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,643,624	\$ 997,133	\$ 108,118	\$ 2,748,875
Due to New York State retirement systems	682,630		43,431	726,061
Unearned revenues	90,364		15,000	105,364
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,416,618</b>	<b>997,133</b>	<b>166,549</b>	<b>3,580,300</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable real property taxes	447,806			447,806
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>447,806</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>447,806</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	944,314			944,314
Restricted		214,428	70,572	285,000
Assigned	5,550,124	896,007	191,034	6,637,165
Unassigned	8,203,087			8,203,087
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>14,697,525</b>	<b>1,110,435</b>	<b>261,606</b>	<b>16,069,566</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 17,561,949</b>	<b>\$ 2,107,568</b>	<b>\$ 428,155</b>	<b>\$ 20,097,672</b>

# Balance Sheet continued

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
 May 31, 2015

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUNDS				Internal Service Fund
	Pool	Tennis	Water	Total Enterprise Funds	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Current Assets:</b>					
Cash	\$ 74,449	\$ 224,133	\$ 1,556,343	\$ 1,854,925	\$ 6,399,741
Accounts receivable	4,415	40	885,215	889,670	
Inventory of materials and supplies			144,058	144,058	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>78,864</b>	<b>224,173</b>	<b>2,585,616</b>	<b>2,888,653</b>	<b>6,399,741</b>
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>					
Non-depreciable capital assets			333,405	333,405	
Depreciable capital assets, net of depreciation	1,774,874	13,862	14,297,825	16,086,561	
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>1,774,874</b>	<b>13,862</b>	<b>14,631,230</b>	<b>16,419,966</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,853,738</b>	<b>238,035</b>	<b>17,216,846</b>	<b>19,308,619</b>	<b>6,399,741</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	36,733	6,015	243,988	286,736	
Collections in advance- membership fees	337,008	62,854		399,862	
Due to New York State retirement systems	3,961	2,961	49,348	56,270	
Compensated absences	1,140	636	8,607	10,383	
General obligation bonds payable	212,251	50,000	877,790	1,140,041	
Claims and judgments payable					982,860
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>591,093</b>	<b>122,466</b>	<b>1,179,733</b>	<b>1,893,292</b>	<b>982,860</b>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>					
Compensated absences	21,661	12,078	163,526	197,265	
Other postemployment benefits payable	209,017	113,292	2,414,646	2,736,955	
General obligation bonds payable	1,849,764	50,000	4,501,747	6,401,511	
Claims and judgments payable					3,562,413
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>2,080,442</b>	<b>175,370</b>	<b>7,079,919</b>	<b>9,335,731</b>	<b>3,562,413</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,671,535</b>	<b>297,836</b>	<b>8,259,652</b>	<b>11,229,023</b>	<b>4,545,273</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>					
Net investment in capital assets	(287,141)	(86,138)	9,251,693	8,878,414	
Unrestricted	(530,656)	26,337	(294,499)	(798,818)	1,854,468
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (817,797)</b>	<b>\$ (59,801)</b>	<b>\$ 8,957,194</b>	<b>8,079,596</b>	<b>\$ 1,854,468</b>
Adjustment to report the cumulative internal balance for the net effect of the activity between the Internal Service Fund and the Enterprise Funds over time				145,020	
<b>Net Position of business-type activities</b>				<b>\$ 8,224,616</b>	

# Directory

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## Board of Trustees

**Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia** (2005)  
*Mayor*

**Trustee Brian C. Daughney** (2010)  
*Deputy Mayor*  
*Commissioner of Police Department*  
*Executive Staff Compensation - Chair*  
*Finance and Audit Committee*

**Trustee John A. DeMaro** (2011)  
*Commissioner of Fire Department*  
*Law Committee - Chair*  
*Traffic Commission*

**Trustee Robert A. Bolebruch** (2013)  
*Commissioner of Finance*  
*Finance and Audit Committee*  
*Traffic Commission - Chair*  
*Library Board - Liaison*

**Trustee Richard V. Silver** (2013)  
*2nd Deputy Mayor*  
*Finance and Audit Committee - Chair*  
*Law Committee*  
*Traffic Commission*  
*Cultural and Recreational Affairs - Liaison*

**Trustee Theresa A. Trouvé** (2014)  
*Commissioner of Building and Planning*  
*Committee to Fill Vacancies on Boards and Commissions - Chair*  
*Environmental Advisory Board*  
*Public Information Committee*  
*Bird Sanctuary - Liaison*  
*Historical Society - Liaison*  
*Senior Citizen Affairs - Liaison*

**Trustee Stephen S. Makrinos** (2015)  
*2nd Commissioner of Police Department*  
*Committee to Fill Vacancies on Boards and Commissions*  
*Executive Staff Compensation*  
*Public Information Committee - Chair*  
*Board of Education - Liaison*

**Trustee John M. Delany** (2015)  
*2nd Commissioner of Building and Planning*  
*Commissioner of Public Works*  
*Committee to Fill Vacancies on Boards and Commissions*  
*Executive Staff Compensation*  
*Law Committee*  
*Public Information Committee*  
*Traffic Commission*  
*Business Community - Liaison*

## Justice Court

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

**Brian T. Deveney** (1989)  
*Acting Village Justice*

**Merril S. Biscone** (2000)  
*Acting Village Justice*

## Administration

**Ralph V. Suozzi** (2014)  
*Village Administrator*

**Brian S. Ridgway** (2000)  
*Village Clerk/Deputy Village Administrator*

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

**Kenneth O. Jackson** (1985)  
*Police Commissioner*

**Irene Woo** (2015)  
*Village Treasurer*

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

**Kevin E. Ocker** (2003)  
*Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs*

**Lisa Paulo** (2014)  
*Library Director*

## Village Counsel

**Peter A. Bee** (2014)  
*Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP*

**Terry O'Neil** (2014)  
*Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC*

## Volunteer Fire Department

### Chiefs:

**Joseph R. Nadolny**, Chief (1995)

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

**Brian G. Gallo**, 2nd Assistant Chief (1991)

**Thomas Strysko**, 3rd Assistant Chief (2005)

### Line Officers:

**Matthew R. Ostermann**, Captain, Engine Co. (2009)

**Joseph W. Ewashkow**, 1st Lieutenant, Engine Co. (2010)

**Michael Moran**, 2nd Lieutenant, Engine Co. (2011)

**Joseph M. Scalise**, Captain, Truck Co. (2009)

**Devyn F. Moody**, 1st Lieutenant, Truck Co. (2010)

**James Taunton**, 2nd Lieutenant, Truck Co. (2012)

### Corporate Officers:

**Edward S. Moran**, Secretary (1980)

**Michael Reale**, Assistant Secretary (2009)

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

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

## Special Police

**John Koch**, Captain (2004)

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

## Village Historian

**Suzanne Alvey** (2013)

\*Note: ( ) Date entered into Village service

# Garden City Property Owners' Associations



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**Robert Rymers**  
*Corresponding Secretary*

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Barbara Moore  
Tom Nappi  
Brian Noonan  
Neil O'Malley  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Matthew Teri  
Theodore Ucinski



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## Incorporated Village of Garden City ★ KEY PHONE NUMBERS ★

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- POLICE      Emergency .....911      Non-Emergency ..... 465-4100
- FIRE          Emergency .....746-2800      Non-Emergency ..... 746-1301
- POISON CONTROL ..... 1-800-222-1222

### VILLAGE HALL

- Business Office:
  - Main Office ..... 465-4000
  - Village-Related Tax Questions..... 465-4156  
(Town and School Tax Questions ..... 489-5000)
  - Water Billing Questions ..... 465-4160
- Departments:
  - Administrator/Mayor..... 465-4051
  - Building..... 465-4040
  - Justice Court ..... 465-4080
  - Public Works..... 465-4003
  - Recreation and Parks (Monday-Friday)..... 465-4075
  - Water and Sewer ..... 465-4020
- Library ..... 742-8405
- Municipal Service Yard ..... 465-4031
- Pool (Seasonal)..... 483-1714

### OTHER PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

- Garden City Chamber of Commerce ..... 746-7724
- Garden City School District..... 478-1000
- Nassau County:
  - Department of Health ..... 227-9697
  - Government Offices..... 571-3000
- Town of Hempstead ..... 489-5000