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APPEALS COURT RULING

My colleagues on the Board and I are very disappointed with the Appeals Court ruling regarding the MHANY case against the Village. However, the Village Board expects no new impact on its laws or practices as it began implementing Judge Spatt's directives immediately after they were issued in 2014 and which included the adoption of a Fair Housing Resolution.

Federal Housing laws are complex and in many instances ambiguous, but Garden City will continue to assure that its laws and practices do not discriminate on the basis of race or other protected classification.

Since various aspects of the case have been remanded to Judge Spatt for further deliberations, it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time.

LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

Next Saturday, April 9th, marks the opening of the 2016 Little League Baseball/Softball season. The annual Little League Parade will step off promptly at 9:00 a.m. from Village Parking Field 9E onto Tenth Street and proceed south on Franklin Avenue to Seventh Street, west on Seventh Street to Hilton Avenue, north on Hilton Avenue to Stewart Avenue for ceremonies at the Village Green.

With the opening of Little League, parents are especially encouraged to pay particular attention to driving safely in the area of Village athletic fields. As youngsters are on their way to and from their scheduled games, many of them will dart between parked cars and will fail to look while crossing the street. Let's make this season not only a happy one but also a safe one in our Village.

I would like to take this time to congratulate the Garden City Athletic Association on their 61st year and thank their officers, directors, managers, coaches and all that are involved in such a great volunteer organization. Not only do they touch the lives of so many youngsters they have been a valuable asset to our community. Please plan to attend the parade and give them and the players your support.

GARDEN CITY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL POLICE

The Garden City Special Police are comprised of residents who choose to give of their free time and energy by volunteering to help maintain the quality of life in Garden City. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to the community helps to give our Village a higher level

of safety and security to its residents.

The presence of the Special Police in uniform, on patrol and in marked police units provides valuable assistance to the Police Department. The Special Police are also responsible for traffic and crowd control at parades, special events, fairs, and pedestrian crossings.

Please consider becoming a member of the Garden City Special Police force. Being a Special Police Officer may also prove to be valuable experience for anyone looking to pursue a career in law enforcement. Special Police Officers may also qualify for a reduction on their Village taxes if they are homeowners. If you are a Village resident, 18 years of age or older and interested in giving a little back to our community that provides for us and our children, call (516) 742-9603.

APPROVED SOLICITATION

New York Youth Club, Inc. has been authorized to solicit within the Incorporated Village of Garden City Saturday, April 9, and Saturday, April 16, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each group must honor the Village's Non-Solicitation List,

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Now that spring is here, street sweeping will resume throughout the Village. We do need your help and I ask all residents to assist in the task of cleaning up our community to keep Garden City beautiful. This can be done by picking up paper, cans, bottles and other debris which may have been deposited on the streets and other public areas near your homes. A few minutes of cooperative effort by all of us can make our Village look 100% better.

Residents are also reminded that rubbish should not be placed on the curb before the evening prior to the collection day. It is a detraction from the aesthetics of the Village and poor treatment of one's neighbors to ignore the Village law which specifies that rubbish should not be deposited at curb side before the evening prior to collection.

Pet owners are asked to please be considerate of those who are working to keep our community beautiful and those who are using park areas by cleaning up after your dog and by disposing of the waste at curbside on Wednesdays.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees' meetings will be held on ***Monday***, April 4, 2016 and Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. These meetings are be held in the Board Room at Village Hall. I encourage all residents to attend Board of Trustees meetings so as to be thoroughly informed of Village issues from a first-hand perspective.