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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD 14th ANNUAL PINEAPPLE BALL**

The Chamber's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pineapple Ball will be held next Friday evening, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Garden City Hotel. The Chamber of Commerce will honor the following distinguished members of our community: Sean Martens, SMPL Technologies, Inc., with the Citizen of the Year Award; the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department, with the Community Achievement Award; Robert Kloepfer, proprietor of Walk Street, with the Businessperson of the Year Award; and Detective Richard Pedone, Garden City Police Department, with the President's Award. I would like to congratulate each of the honorees on their well deserved recognition.

**GARDEN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL CLOSED FRIDAY MORNING**

The lower level of the Garden City Public Library, including the Computer Lab and Audio Visual Room, will be closed to the public due to a program on Friday morning, April 29, 2016, and will re-open at 1:30 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I'd like to congratulate the Garden City Police Department on receiving the M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Department of the Year Award for its efforts in the detection and enforcement of impaired driving (DWI) offenses. In 2015, the Department recorded 69 arrests for impaired driving. The Garden City Police Department was one of only two Long Island Villages to be honored with this award.

In addition, recently retired Police Officer Stephen Oswald received two awards from M.A.D.D. during the April 7, 2016 event. He received the Recognition of Excellence Award for his efforts in 2015 where he arrested 29 individuals for impaired driving offenses. He also received the M.A.D.D. Lifetime Achievement Award for his long outstanding career in impaired driving enforcement. This is the first time a Garden City Police Officer won the Lifetime Achievement Award. Further, only two officers received this honor this year in a region that includes New York City, Nassau County and Suffolk County.

On behalf of this entire community, I thank you for your efforts in making our roadways safer.

## **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER**

At the Village of Garden City's seventh annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner held Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Garden City Senior Center, myself and members of the Board of Trustees presented certificates and gifts to numerous Volunteers, all of whom for years have dedicated their time and talents for the betterment of Garden City.

This evening of tribute is dedicated to those current members of the various Associations, Boards and Commissions who have volunteered unselfishly of their time and talents to our Village. This is truly what makes Garden City a special place.

## **COMMUNITY PARK FIELD RENOVATIONS**

Work is well underway on the full renovation of two baseball fields (#3 & 4) at Community Park. Infields have been stripped and regraded. Underdrain systems throughout both fields are now being installed to be followed by the installation of synthetic turf on the infields. Once the infields are complete the outfields will be laser graded, irrigation will be installed and then sod installed.

This project is on schedule for completion on June 19. The fields will be given time to mature and will be opened for play on September 3, 2016.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees' meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 and Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. These meetings are held in the Board Room at Village Hall.