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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

The Garden City Turkey Trot Race Committee will conduct its 39th annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2016. You can register online at www.gcturkeytrot.com. You can also register the day of the race from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m. the Challenge Run will begin for participants with physical disabilities. The run will start at the western most driveway of St Paul's Field, then proceed eastbound Stewart Ave. to Rockaway Ave, then northbound Rockaway Ave. to the first driveway of St Paul's Field.

At 9:15 a.m. the children's Fun Run race is scheduled to begin on the Stewart Ave. side of St. Paul's School and proceed west on Stewart Ave. to Hampton Rd., north on Hampton Rd. to Merillon Ave., south on Merillon Ave. to Rockaway Ave., south on Rockaway Ave. to the driveway of St. Paul's School.

At 10:00 a.m. the Turkey Trot is scheduled to begin eastbound Stewart Ave., in front of St. Paul's, to southbound Cherry Valley Ave. to southbound Rockaway Ave. to westbound First Street to westbound Cambridge Ave. to northbound Whitehall Blvd., eastbound South Ave. to northbound Cherry Valley Ave. to westbound Stewart Ave. to northbound Hampton Rd. to eastbound Merillon Ave. to southbound Rockaway Ave. to the driveway entrance of St Paul's School.

The Garden City Turkey Trot Race Committee is conducting this race to once again benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association and The INN.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

WEST END TREE LIGHTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

The West End tree lighting, sponsored by the Western Property Owners' Association, will be held on Friday, December 2, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in front of the Village park on Plattsdale Avenue, located at the south end of the New Hyde Park Road business district. Holiday music will be provided by Sal Nastasi of "Ready in 10" and singing and dance entertainment will feature the talented performers from Broadway Bound. And as always, Santa will make an appearance! All are invited to come and kick-off the holiday season with neighbors and friends.

TREE LIGHTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

On Sunday, December 4th, the Garden City Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Village Tree Lighting Ceremony, beginning promptly at 3:30 p.m. on the Village Green (corner of Stewart and Hilton Avenues).

This year's program once again is sponsored by Astoria Bank and will feature the Garden City High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble performing a medley of holiday music. Also featured will be the Fivestone Contemporary Rock Band well known for their performances at past spring Belmont Festivals and the summer Friday Night Promenades. They will be performing special renditions of familiar holiday tunes. The Garden City Volunteer Fire Department will deliver Santa Claus and hot chocolate will be provided to everyone.

Please bring your entire family to welcome Santa and the holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all there!

HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th

Please mark your calendar for Friday, December 16th when Seventh Street becomes a winter wonderland between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. for a Holiday Spectacular. Enjoy holiday music by the Fivestone band, hot chocolate, ice bounce castle and sledding, holiday face painting, hayrides and more. Stores will be open on Seventh Street for holiday shopping. I hope that you and your families will attend this wonderful event.

ANNUAL LEAF REMOVAL SEASON

The Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks have begun collecting leaves. During the collection season, the Village's website will be updated weekly to allow residents to track the collection process. The notice will be listed on the Home Page under "Notifications and Alerts." We ask that residents observe the following guidelines:

- Place only leaves in the street. Other items such as sticks and old plant material may damage machinery and slow down operation.
- Do not place leaves on medians and malls as this will kill or damage the grass. For reasons of safety, our streets are cleaned of leaves on a more frequent schedule than are the medians.
- Avoid parking cars over leaves as this slows our operation considerably and is also a fire hazard. Each year a number of cars are seriously damaged or destroyed by fire as a result of their being parked on dry leaves.
- Please do not obscure fire hydrants by piling leaves around them.
- If you have a gardener, instruct him to place your leaves in the street, and not on the malls. Many gardeners find it convenient to bring leaves in from other communities to which they work for disposal by the Village. This practice is prohibited and the Police Department will be issuing summonses.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting for the month of November is Thursday, 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. I hope to see you at one of our Board of Trustees meeting.