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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR THEIR VETERANS DAY SERVICES

Special thanks to the William Bradford Turner Post of the American Legion of Garden City for conducting the annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11th. We appreciate all that they do to honor and remember those men and women who have served in our armed forces in support of our country.

ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

The Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks began collecting leaves Monday, November 7, 2016. During the collection season, the Village's website is updated weekly to allow residents to track the collection process. The notice is listed on the Home Page under "Notifications and Alerts." If you have any questions concerning our leaf collection schedule, please call the Department of Public Works at 465-4003.

NEW GAS MAINS

National Grid, in an effort to improve gas service to residents in Garden City, will be installing new gas mains on various streets in the southeast section of the Village. Site investigations and installation of the main on Meadow Street (south of Boylston Road), Commander Avenue and Lindbergh Street has begun. The project scope is to install new gas mains on Meadow Street, Willow Street, Pine Street and Garden Street, all east of Boylston Road. Also included is Grove Street (from Meadow Street to Poplar Street), Commander Avenue and Lindbergh Street.

The new gas mains will be installed via directional drilling and/or open trench methods. Localized holes will be dug to transfer house services to the new main. Some sidewalks and grass areas will be disturbed but will be fully restored by National Grid. Temporary road closures will occur to allow construction to be done. The road will be open for emergency vehicles. The project is expected to take approximately three months to complete.

SPECIAL THANKS TO VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

At Thanksgiving, I feel that it is appropriate to pause for a few minutes and to reflect upon those things that we may take for granted and how fortunate we are to live in this wonderful community. In doing so, I would like to acknowledge the many employees of the

Police, Fire and Public Works Departments who will work around the clock on Thanksgiving Day to assure the safety and comfort of our families. I also want to acknowledge members of the Volunteer Fire Department who remain ready to leave their homes to come to our aid. In addition, I would like to thank the Special Police and the Recreation Department for their efforts in helping out at the Annual Turkey Trot. Thank you to each of these fine people for the sacrifices they make in leaving their families during this holiday time to attend to the welfare of our residents and make Garden City a great place to live.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL GARDEN CITY TURKEY TROT

The Garden City Turkey Trot Race Committee will conduct its 39th annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2016. Register online at www.gcturkeytrot.com. You can also register Wednesday night, November 23, 2016, at St. Paul's from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. or on race day starting at 8:00 a.m. Please pick up your T-shirt and race bibs Wednesday night at St. Paul's from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The Challenger Division Run for participants with physical disabilities starts at 8:30 a.m. The 1.4 Mile Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m. The 5 Mile Race Starts at 10:00 a.m. Course maps can be found at www.gcturkeytrot.com

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.

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2016 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. For your convenience, correspondence for the Village may be placed in the "Letter" drop slot at the front door.

NO SANITATION COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING DAY

There will be no regular garbage or recycling pickup on Thanksgiving Day. The holiday week collection will be as follows:

	<u>GARBAGE</u>	<u>RUBBISH</u>
Western Half of the Village (West of Rockaway Avenue)	Monday and Friday	Wednesday, November 23
Eastern Half of the Village (East of Rockaway Avenue)	Tuesday and Saturday	Wednesday, November 23

Residents scheduled for recycling on Thanksgiving Day are asked to put their recyclables out on Thursday, December 1. All other recycling days remain the same.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, the Chiefs and Members of the Garden City

Fire Department would like to remind everyone about some important holiday safety tips:

Frying Your Turkey - Fried turkeys are delicious but they come with a slew of safety issues. Thousands of fires as well as death and injuries happen each year due to turkey fryer fires. Before you set up your turkey fryer this Thanksgiving, remember these safety tips.

Stay Away from The House - Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never leave it unattended.

Find Flat Ground - The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.

Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey - Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire.

Monitor the Temperature - Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil's temperature, as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.

Be Prepared - Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry-powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites.

As always, members of the department stand ready to assist you. To report a fire, dial 746-2800. For more safety information or if you are interested in joining the department, visit www.gcfndny.com.

WEST END CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

The West End Christmas 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 kick-off the holiday season with neighbors and friends.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

On Sunday, December 4, the Garden City Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Village Christmas 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!

PRE-VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT DECEMBER 4

On Sunday, December 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the Garden City Foundation invites members of the Garden City community and beyond to share the good cheer of the season. Usher in the Christmas holidays at the Garden City Foundation's first annual Pre-Village Christmas Tree Lighting celebration to be held at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Enjoy delicious refreshments, caroling by members of the Cathedral Choir, plus a chance to win a door prize. Adding to the spirit of the season, members of the choir will lead attendees in a procession heading over to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, which begins at 3:30 p.m. at the Village Gazebo on the corner of Hilton and Stewart Avenues. While there will not be a charge for the Pre-Tree Lighting event, reservations are required. Please contact Kris at 746-2955 or kris@incarnationgc.org.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings will be held December 1 and December 15, 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.