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### **THANKS TO GARDEN CITY'S VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Thank you to our Volunteer Firefighters for all their work on Fire Prevention Day, once again showing their service to our community by demonstrating firefighting techniques and offering helpful suggestions on how to make our homes safer. The family-friendly day always draws many residents, who this year learned the importance of checking the dates in their smoke detectors.

### **AAA 2016 COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS PROGRAM**

AAA's Community Traffic Safety Program is an awards and recognition program for communities of all sizes nationwide that identify and address their local traffic safety issues. The program considers basic crash statistics, presence of a traffic safety leadership group, projects, and their effectiveness.

Last week representatives from the Garden City Police Department were honored at the AAA Community Traffic Safety Awards Program with receipt of the Gold Award. Gold Awards are given to communities that implement programs and projects that demonstrate superior effort at addressing local traffic safety issues. The Village of Garden City is fortunate to have such a dedicated and efficient Police Department.

### **ELECTION SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS ARE PROHIBITED**

As we get even closer to the November 8th Election Day, I have noticed that election signs are beginning to appear on the front lawns of several residential properties. I wish to remind residents that as per Village Code these signs are strictly prohibited on Village property.

### **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

As the winter chill hits us, sometimes our heating systems break down at the most inopportune times, which can cause incomplete combustion of fuels and increased levels of carbon monoxide in your home or business.

Amanda's Law was named in honor of Buffalo, NY resident Amanda Hansen, a teenage

girl who lost her life to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from a defective boiler when sleeping over at a friend's house in January 2009. CO alarms must be installed in all new and existing one- and two-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings and rentals having any fuel-burning appliance, system or attached garage.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends CO alarms be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. In addition, CO alarms are now required in commercial establishments.

When a fire alarm system is maintained within an existing occupancy, the carbon monoxide alarm/detection devices shall be installed and interconnected to the existing fire alarm systems. These devices shall be installed by a NYS licensed alarm company and shall have a letter sent to the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office on the installer's letterhead verifying their installation and meeting the requirements of the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance.

When an existing occupancy does not maintain a fire alarm system, the carbon monoxide alarm/detection devices shall be installed and shall be permitted to be UL listed (or equivalent listing agency) plug in type devices or solely battery-operated devices.

CO alarms should be replaced every five years in order to benefit from the latest technology and upgrades. Also, the carbon monoxide sensors inside the alarm unit can wear out over time. Remember, CO is an odor-less, color-less gas. If your detector activates, immediately leave the area and contact the fire department by dialing 746-2800. For more information, visit [www.gcfndny.com](http://www.gcfndny.com).

### **SHOP AND DINE IN GARDEN CITY**

As we move into the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, I encourage all residents to continue to shop in the Village. Our merchants along Seventh Street, Franklin Avenue and New Hyde Park Road have quality merchandise that is only exceeded by their willingness to accommodate their customers. I hope to see you in one of our neighborhood stores.

### **AUTOMATIC WATER SPRINKLERS**

As a reminder, October 31 and November 1 result in two consecutive odd days. All residents with automatic sprinklers should remember to reset their clocks at this time to comply with the Village lawn watering regulations. Lawn watering is permitted between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees' meetings for the month of November are November 3 and 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 a Board of Trustees meeting.