

November 23, 2022

THE MAYOR'S UPDATE
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT TAX PAYMENTS

In an effort to assist residents requesting to pay their taxes in **cash** during the Village Hall first floor renovation, the Finance Department Tax Office will be accepting **cash** tax payments at the second floor DPW office window at Village Hall by appointment only, commencing December 1, 2022. Please call Angella Ciolino at 465-4156 at least 24 hours prior to your requested time to confirm amount due. Payment must be made in full and exact change is required. Tax payments made via check may be placed in the secure Finance Department lockbox located in the second floor by the Building Department during office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday), or anytime in the lockbox located by the Police Department. Please indicate if a receipt is requested by email (indicate email address on payment envelope). A more formal receipt will be mailed once the check has cleared. Online payments are available through the Village website Bill Payment Center. It can be accessed at www.gardencityny.net via the homepage. Additional fees may apply. Tax payments may also be mailed to Angella Ciolino at Inc. Village of Garden City, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York, 11530 or by using the tax bill stub with envelope provided.

SPECIAL BOARD WORK SESSION ON ST. PAUL'S

A Special Board of Trustees Meeting which will be a Work Session on St. Paul's will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom. Please email Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 if you'd like the meeting link.

REHABILITATION OF MONUMENTS IN THE VILLAGE

The rehabilitation of monuments in the Village first started in 2019 with the rehabilitation of the A.T. Stewart Bust at the Garden City Train Station, undertaken in honor of the Village's Centennial celebration, and the Fire Department Memorial on Stewart Avenue, which includes a new brick plaza, the addition of flagpoles, lights, benches and six Cherry Blossom trees. The project was then extended to include the WWII Monument and flagpole at Osborne Road and Washington Avenue and the replacement of the brick walkway from the Village Hall Parking Field to the Gazebo on the Village Green. The new brick walkway to the Gazebo will rise to form a ramp making the Gazebo accessible to those with physical disabilities.

OFF-PEAK PARKING PASSES FOR RAILROAD STATION PARKING FIELDS

The Board has amended the fee schedule in order to establish a \$50 off-peak parking pass for use only at the Nassau Boulevard, Garden City and Stewart Manor LIRR railroad stations with the restriction "No Parking between 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. weekdays." The annual fee for this Parking Pass will be \$50 per year and the parking passes will be the same as all other passes from October 1 of the year until September 30 the following year. This approval is contingent upon the Finance Department obtaining information from the software system developers regarding the cost and timing needed to implement this change. It was also advised by the Treasurer that there may be an additional fee required to update the software program for this change. Ample time is needed for the Finance and Clerk's Office to effect this change.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES

I'd like to thank Bert Cunningham, who organized the Long Island chapter of the 42nd Infantry Division Association Veterans Day observance and wreath placement, held November 5 at the Rainbow Monument. I'd also like to thank former Mayor Frank Tauches and Jackie Eltringham who, on behalf of William Bradford Turner Post No. 265 American Legion and Auxiliary, organized the Veterans Day ceremony held Friday, November 11 in the Library due to inclement weather. These ceremonies were very moving. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village residents, I'd like to give a special thanks to all our veterans. I'd also like to thank our Village staff who made these ceremonies possible.

GCFD OCTOBER ACTIVITY

Chief Matthew Pearn reported that during October the Department responded to 152 total calls:

- 140 "Signal 8" calls or non-emergency automatic alarms
- 8 general alarms

- 1 extrication calls where volunteers used extrication tools at motor vehicle accidents
- 3 mutual aid calls to assist neighboring Fire Departments

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I want to wish all our Village Executives and Village personnel a Happy Thanksgiving! I also wish all our residents a Happy Thanksgiving and ask that they be mindful of those less fortunate or who are going through difficult life events. A special Thanksgiving wish to all residents who volunteer their time and expertise to make Garden City a great place to live. Please drive carefully and do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Obey our traffic laws during this holiday and be safe.

THANKSGIVING SANITATION SCHEDULE

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, November 24, 2022. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

GARBAGE

Western Half of Village - Monday and Friday (West of Rockaway Avenue)
Eastern Half of Village - Tuesday and Saturday (East of Rockaway Avenue)

RUBBISH

Wednesday, November 23
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RECYCLING

Residents scheduled for recycling on Thursday, November 24, are asked to put their recyclables out on Thursday, December 1.