

June 7, 2023S

During this month of celebrations, I am thrilled that long-time resident and Kentucky Derby-winning jockey, Javier Castellano, will be joining us tonight at the Belmont Festival to accept a Village Citation reserved for recognition of outstanding Village of Garden City residents who have had significant achievements. The ceremony will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Seventh Street across from the stationary store and will follow the performance by the Broadway Bound Dancers and the poster contest award ceremony. Javier Castellano has lived in the Village since 2001 with his wife, Abby, and their three children who attend Garden City schools. He is a Hall of Fame jockey and winner of four straight Eclipse Awards for Outstanding Jockey. His legendary riding career includes many Breeders' Cup highlights, as well as most recently, the Triple Crown Highlight in winning the Kentucky Derby! The Belmont Festival kicks off the season of Friday Night Promenades where residents gather to enjoy music, food and drinks. Please check the dates for this year's promenades, which will take place bi-weekly and add them to your calendar! This weekend includes the opening of the Garden City Pool, always a special day for residents young and old. Summer in our Village also brings the Gazebo Concert Series in July and August and a host of wonderful recreation programs for young people.

THE VILLAGE RULES ON PICKING UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND KEEPING DOGS LEASHED

We love our dogs here in the Village, and to make sure our neighbors and fellow residents love them too, and to keep our community safe, we have a number of rules in the Village Code relating to dogs. Village Code mandates that you remove dog waste from public streets and public areas. These areas include median strips, curbs, gutters, park areas, streets, etc. Regulations require that dog waste be placed with the rubbish for curbside collection on Wednesdays and be containerized or placed in a properly secured plastic bag. It must NOT be placed in storm drains for obvious health reasons. This regulation included in the Village Code is important in helping the community maintain the quality of life for everyone. Owners are also responsible for keeping dogs on leash or on their property. Further, walking dogs in parks and ball fields is prohibited. According to Section 55-3 of the Village Code, "No owner shall suffer or allow an animal to run at large in the Village elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or on the premises of another person with the knowledge and consent of such other person. Any owner who fails to exercise due care in preventing such animal from running loose or at large shall be guilty of a violation." The Code defines "at large" or "running loose" as "not under the control of the owner either by leash, cord, chain or similar device not over six feet in length."

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Three new Community Benefit Fund applications were submitted to the LIRR and all three have been approved. The first CBF is for \$875,000, which will cover the cost of the Road and Drainage improvements at Merillon Avenue. The actual cost being reimbursed will be \$856,903.12. Treasurer Irene Woo is in the process of preparing a reimbursement package for submission to the LIRR for this amount. The second and third CBF applications are for \$200,000 and \$75,000, respectively. These funds will be used to reimburse the Village for the landscaping of the islands at Merillon Avenue in the amount of \$268,550. A reimbursement package for these funds will commence upon receipt of the final invoice for the completed work.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PATROLS

This past Memorial Day weekend, the Garden City Police Department and various other Police Departments throughout Nassau County participated in the STOP DWI Enforcement Initiative, targeting Intoxicated and Drugged Drivers. The enforcement yielded 1 DWI arrest and 11 tickets.

BUCKLE UP NEW YORK SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT

The Garden City Police Department participated in the Statewide Buckle-Up New York enforcement initiative from May 22 through June 4. Backseat passengers are now required by law to wear seatbelts. The enforcement of seat belt and child restraint laws saves lives. During this initiative, highly visible patrols and checkpoints were conducted throughout the Village, targeting non-compliance to occupant restraint laws, including child safety seat laws. The goal of the Garden City Police Department's Occupant Restraint Enforcement Program is to reduce personal injuries and fatalities due to automobile crashes through education and enforcement.

- 86 tickets for seatbelt use violations
- 03 tickets for Child restraint violations
- 04 tickets for suspended license
- 02 tickets for suspended registration
- 37 miscellaneous tickets

APRIL GCFD ACTIVITY

Chief Matthew Pearn reported that during May the Department responded to 85 total calls:

- 78 "Signal 8" calls or non-emergency automatic alarms
- 1 general alarm
- 2 extrications
- 4 mutual aid calls to assist neighboring Fire Departments

HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN GARDEN CITY

FRIDAY JUNE 9 10:00 a.m. St Francis Outreach Bus at the Library. No appointment required

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 5:00 p.m. [Belmont Festival](#) on Seventh Street

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 12:00 p.m. [Garden City Pool Opening Day](#) for members

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 12:00 p.m. [Pool Open House](#) (guest fees apply)

MONDAY JUNE 12 7:30 p.m. [Library Board of Trustees Meeting](#) at the Library

TUESDAY JUNE 13 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. [Final Exam Study Hall](#) at the Library

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14 7:30 p.m. [EAB Meeting](#) at Village Hall and via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 7:00 p.m. [Summer Evening Yoga Class](#) at the Senior Center. To register, please visit the Recreation and Parks Office at 108 Rockaway Avenue or, if you have a password you can register online at www.reconline.gardencityny.net.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 7:15 p.m. [Friends of the Garden City Public Library General Meeting](#) with a concert featuring classic rock in the Library Auditorium

THURSDAY JUNE 15 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. [Bobby Menges Memorial Blood Drive](#) at Roosevelt Field Mall. The drive will be set up in the North Court area, inside on the main level near Dick's Sporting Goods

THURSDAY JUNE 15 6:30 p.m. [Traffic Commission Meeting](#) at Village Hall and via Zoom

THURSDAY JUNE 15 7:30 p.m. [Board of Trustees Meeting](#) at Village Hall and via Zoom