

2022 - 2023

# ONLINE ANNUAL REPORT



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GARDEN CITY  
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# Incorporated Village of GARDEN CITY

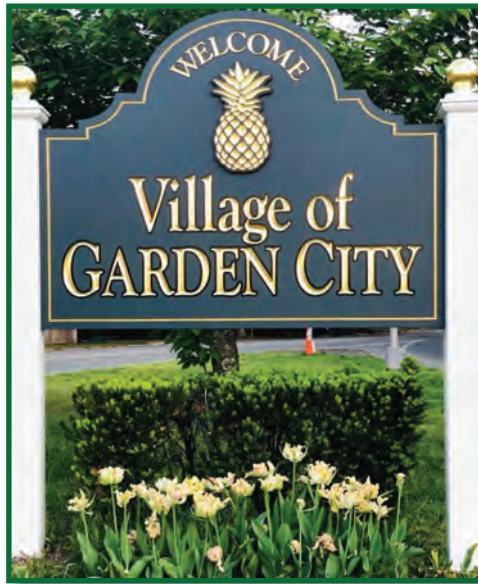
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Visit our "HOME" page on the Village's website and with one click you can access the Request For Service tab, Bill Payment Center, Department of Public Works (DPW), Recreation and Parks, Visitors Center and Applications and Forms. The Meetings and Events Calendar along with the Notifications and Alerts help residents stay informed on what's happening in Garden City. Keep up to date on non-emergency notifications sent directly to your inbox by subscribing to our email alerts. If you haven't already done so, please add yourself to our **Swift911 Emergency Notifications** so we can contact you with important information and announcements.



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## LOCATION

Central Nassau County  
20 miles east of midtown Manhattan  
5.3 square miles

## GOVERNMENT

Founded in 1869 and Incorporated in 1919  
Governed by a Mayor and seven Trustees  
Village Administrator and Executive Staff

## POPULATION

23,272 (2020 United States Census)

## SERVICES

Police, Fire, Business Office, Building, Engineering,  
Street/Highway, Water/Sewer, Sanitation Recycling,  
Recreation/Parks and Justice Court

## RESIDENTIAL HOMES

Homes - 6,486  
Condominiums - 513  
Apartments/Co-ops - 636

## BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Commercial area includes banks, investment firms, office complexes, retail businesses, major department stores, variety of restaurants and food establishments and a four-star hotel

## SCHOOLS

Seven public school buildings, eight private/parochial schools and one university (Adelphi University)

## HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Eleven houses of worship

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This is the nintieth published Annual Report, covering the 2022-2023 fiscal year (June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023). It highlights the operations of the municipal government of Garden City. The purpose of the Annual Report is to keep the residents of Garden City informed on the activities of the past year. This is vital in the process of interactive government. It should be noted that references are made to State, County, Town and School District; these agencies operate separately and have their own power of taxation.

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## To Our Fellow Residents of Garden City,



On behalf of the Garden City Board of Trustees, it is my honor to present the Annual Report for Fiscal Year June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. While the primary purpose of this document is to provide fiscal year-end financial data, we also provide you with summaries from our department heads and an update on projects undertaken during the fiscal year and planned for the future.

I look forward to continuing my work as a Member of the Board of Trustees and serving as your Mayor. The Board of Trustees serves to provide oversight of the many services and programs offered by the Village. We are the guardians of your tax dollars, and we take that responsibility seriously.

For the 2022-2023 tax year, we had a tax levy of \$53,273,520 and a General Fund Operating Budget of \$69,193,814. We finished the year with a budget surplus of \$2,355,057. We have continued our AAA bond rating, the highest possible rating assigned by credit rating agencies.

The Village Traffic Commission undertook a Village-wide traffic calming study during fiscal year 2022-2023, and the recommendations from the study are being implemented across the Village with newly written protocols for traffic control devices and traffic calming devices now available on our website. The engagement with residents across the Village on traffic concerns is ongoing to address quality of life and safety issues related to increased traffic in the Village.

In the upcoming year, the Board of Trustees is focusing on bringing the Village to a decision on the St. Paul's Main Building, and this process began with a St. Paul's Public Opinion Poll held on October 21, 2023 after cost estimation was done on potential projects and residents were provided with financing information. With the results of the Opinion Poll, the Board of Trustees is setting to work on identifying and proposing a project that would meet identified community needs and preserve part or all of the building.

The Village of Garden City is fortunate to have many resident volunteers who work together to make our government function and prosper, and to maintain the quality of life and many amenities we enjoy in the Village. In addition to the elected Board of Trustees, we have Boards and Commissions made up of resident volunteers appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The Environmental Advisory Board ("EAB") with its eight volunteer members and three student members, provide regular informative sessions for residents on environmental issues, and welcome residents to attend and participate. In January they will be hosting the Third Annual Youth Round Table on Sustainability. Their effort on helping educate residents on important issues including lead service lines, water quality and conservation, recycling, energy efficiency, native plants, the importance of trees, and sustainability have been a great benefit to our community.

There's a lot happening in Garden City. I encourage you to visit our new website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), which is being updated regularly, and to follow the Village on our various social media platforms, Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter). A list of Board of Trustees meetings is available on the Village website. All residents are welcome. We also host monthly Meet and Greets which provide residents with a more informal setting to meet their Board of Trustees and share input.

Garden City is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Our Village not only offers a vibrant downtown shopping district, with many business opportunities, but also acres of playing fields, parks and recreational venues for all to enjoy.

Very truly yours,

Mary Carter Flanagan  
*Mayor, Incorporated Village of Garden City*

# A History of Garden City

Alexander Turney Stewart had immigrated as a youth from Ireland in 1818 to eventually become a self-made merchant millionaire in New York City. In 1869 he purchased 7,170 acres of the Hempstead Plains, a treeless expanse in central Long Island, being offered at auction by the Town of Hempstead with a successful bid of \$55 per acre. This land extended from what is now Floral Park to Bethpage and from the Town border at Old Country Road to near Hempstead Turnpike.

Stewart's goal was to create a model Village of country living for those working in the City. He facilitated that by creating a railroad to provide easy transportation between the two locations. The initial development was concentrated just to the north of Hempstead Village in an area of about 750 acres. Under the guidance of John Kellum, his architect, streets were rapidly laid out, trees planted, a municipal water works started, and a hotel constructed opposite the railroad station. Some commercial buildings were erected and houses of various sizes constructed by James L'Hommedieu, which were initially to be rented. By 1874, 40 families lived in the Village.

Upon Stewart's sudden death in 1876, his wife, Cornelia, continued development with the assistance of Judge Henry Hilton, his financial advisor. In memory of her husband she had the Cathedral of the Incarnation built, along with St. Paul's School for boys, St. Mary's School for girls, and a See house for the Bishop of the Episcopal Church, which moved its seat from Brooklyn to Long Island. The land west of the Village was devoted to a profitable farming operation.

When Cornelia Stewart died childless in 1886, the next seven years were spent settling the Stewart estate among cousins and pretenders. In 1893 the heirs formed the Garden City Company to continue orderly development of the Village. In 1906 a tract to the west was sold to become Garden City Estates and in 1910 the Garden City Company started development of the area to the east.

By 1918 Central Garden City and Garden City Estates each had about 160 homes with 50 more located in the east. Consolidation of government of these sections was finally achieved under our Community Agreement, leading to incorporation in 1919 using the boundaries of the existing school district. A fourth section west of the Estates was formed in 1925. Under the capable administration of George Hubbell, initially manager for the Garden City Company and then multi-term mayor, the Village prospered to become the vibrant Village of today with 7,500 homes and 23,000 residents.



Alexander Turney Stewart

## The Garden City Archives



William A. Bellmer

The Village Historian is responsible for collecting and preserving material related to the history of the Village, and making this material available to interested residents and those doing research. Included are photographs, maps, correspondence, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, artifacts, and records of community activities.

William A. Bellmer, the Village Historian, is a volunteer appointed by the Mayor.

The Village has an extensive historical collection. Part of it constitutes the Village Archives files, located in the Garden City Public Library and administered by the Historian. Another part is located in the Stewart Room at the Library, administered jointly by the Historian and the Library. The Stewart Room collection contains Garden City-related books, yearbooks, local telephone directories, and many books on Long Island history in general. A third repository is located at the Garden City Historical Society house on Eleventh Street, administered by that organization.

Over 2,200 items in the Village Archives have been digitized and are available to view in the Garden City Public Library collection at [www.NYHeritage.org](http://www.NYHeritage.org). The *Garden City News*, our Village newspaper, has had digital reproductions made from the microfilms in the Archives. They are available for review on a Reference Department computer for the years 1930 to 2019.

The Village Historian can be contacted at [Historian@GardenCityNY.net](mailto:Historian@GardenCityNY.net) to answer questions related to our history, to access the Stewart Room for research or browsing, or to discuss the acquisition of any items residents may have (or copies of them) that will augment our collection.



# Board of Trustees

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This Annual Report contains information relating to the Village's various Departments as well as budget information for the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



**BRUCE J. CHESTER**  
*Deputy Mayor*  
*Estates Section*



**MARY CARTER FLANAGAN**  
*Mayor*  
*Western Section*



**LAWRENCE N. MARCIANO, JR.**  
*Second Deputy Mayor*  
*Eastern Section*



**CHARLES P. KELLY**  
*Trustee*  
*Estates Section*



**BRUCE A. TORINO**  
*Trustee*  
*Central Section*



**MICHELE BEACH HARRINGTON**  
*Trustee*  
*Estates Section*



**EDWARD T. FINNERAN**  
*Trustee*  
*Eastern Section*



**MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN**  
*Trustee*  
*Western Section*

# Administration, Organization and Village Counsel



**RALPH V. SUOZZI**  
Village Administrator

## Village Administrator

Garden City's Chief Administrative Officer fills the role of Village Administrator. Responsible to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, he coordinates the activities of the Village Departments to ensure the effective delivery of municipal services.

Duties of the Office include providing the Board with essential information and recommendations that are necessary in formulating policies designed to maintain and enhance Village operations. The Village Administrator also assists the Village Treasurer in coordinating and preparing the Village budget and its implementation after adoption by the Board.



**KAREN M. ALTMAN**  
Village Clerk

## Village Clerk

The Village Clerk serves as the Clerk to the Board of Trustees. Responsible for the recording of all of its proceedings and decisions, the Village Clerk is the Election Officer for Village Elections and the Collector of Taxes. In addition to maintaining all legal notices for the Village of Garden City, the Village Clerk is the custodian of all municipal records and facilitator of other duties as determined by the Board of Trustees and Village Administrator.

## Executive Staff

Members of the Executive Staff represent each Department of the Village and report directly to the Village Administrator.

## Secretary to the Board of Trustees

The Secretary to the Board of Trustees heads the Human Resources Department and is responsible for employee interactions and issues; benefit administration and management ; risk management; and union collective bargaining agreement compliance.



**COURTNEY ROSENBLATT**  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

## Village Counsel

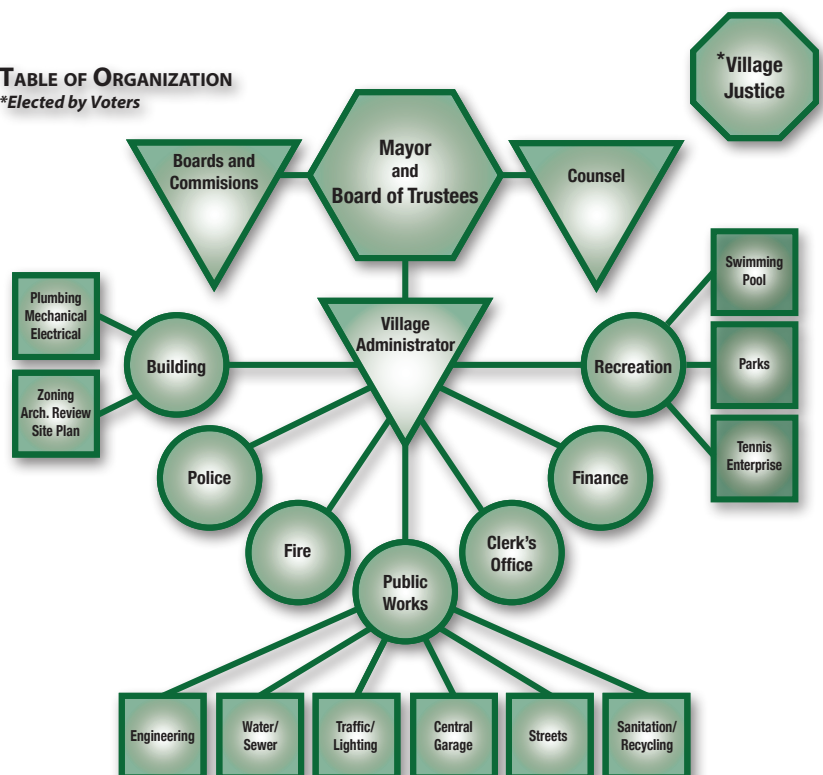
The Village retains two law firms as counsel to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and their advisory Boards and Commissions. Both firms maintain their own offices and staff independent of Village offices.

Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP, acts as the general Village Attorney and advises on all municipal legal matters, including legislation (local laws), zoning and other ordinances, real estate assessments, public hearings and elections.

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, provides legal services in connection with collective bargaining agreements and labor matters.

In addition, Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, is engaged as municipal bond counsel for special bond and note issues.

**TABLE OF ORGANIZATION**  
\*Elected by Voters



# Justice Court

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**ALLEN S. MATHERS**  
*Village Justice*  
*Elected by the Residents to a 4 year term*



**PETER MENOUDAKOS**  
*Associate Justice*  
*Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term*



**MERRIL S. BISCONI**  
*Associate Justice*  
*Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term*

Garden City has one of the busiest village courts in the State. The Court has jurisdiction over the enforcement of our Village Code, including parking tickets and zoning code violations, as well as New York State Vehicle and Traffic Violations and Misdemeanors, Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Matters and Federal Motor Carrier Act Violations.

The Court may impose fines, sentence convicted defendants to imprisonment or enter into agreements with defendants to perform community service in lieu of traditional sentencing, where warranted.

The Village Justice and Associate Justices receive no compensation for their service.



# Boards, Commissions and Committees

Residents are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees to serve on various Boards and Commissions and do so without compensation. Those listed below held the noted position during this past fiscal year.

## Architectural Design Review Board

This Board examines the exterior design of buildings for the purpose of maintaining appropriate standards of appearance with respect to the specific buildings and their relationship to their surroundings. All plans for new buildings, additions, alterations and signs are required to be submitted, with the exception of additions or alterations to one-family homes. Seven members of the Board are appointed for three-year terms. Amended July 19, 2012 in order to allow alternate members.

Donald Hickey, Jr. (2006 - 04/23), *Chairman*  
Celia M. Petersen (2010), *Chairperson*  
Phil Santantonio (2015 - 09/22)

Sean O'Brien (2019)  
Paul Capece (2021)  
Lynn Krug (2021)

Michael Sbeglia (2021)  
James C. Bauer (2022)  
William Alisse (2014), *Alternate Member*

## Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

This Board consists of eight members; one representative from each section of the Village and four at-large members. The Commissioners oversee development of the Village's Recreation Program. Amended November 21, 2013 to allow for two additional members.

Paul Blake (2019), *Chairman*  
Michael Ryder (1997)  
Timothy E. Stapleford (2008)

Kristina Russo (2013)  
Judy Courtney (2013)  
Christian Siragusa (2017)

William P. Garry (2019)  
Grace Li (2021)

## Board of Library Trustees

Five qualified residents of the Village are appointed to five-year terms on the Board of Library Trustees and are responsible for Library operations.

J. Randolph Colahan (2002), *Chairman*  
Peter L. D'Antonio (2013 - 3/23)

Lola Nouryan (2013)  
Germaine Greco (2019)

Mary Maguire (2022)  
Colleen Foley (2023)

## Board of Police Commissioners

Members of this Board supervise, control and direct the operations of the Police Department. Each year, members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Chairman is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Police Department, its own Police Officers and the civilian staff.

Kenneth O. Jackson (2005), *Chairman*

Ralph V. Suozzi (2015)

Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr. (2022)

## Environmental Advisory Board

This eight-member Board is appointed for four-year terms. The Chairperson is a Member of the Board of Trustees. This Board is responsible to the Board of Trustees and reports on environmental matters affecting the Village. Additionally, the Superintendent of Public Works acts as Recording Secretary and Garden City High School is represented by up to three students.

Mary Carter Flanagan (2021), *Chairperson*  
Leo Stimmler (2006 - 09/22)  
Elizabeth M. Bailey (2010)

Laurence J. Quinn (2013)  
Evelyn Fasano (2016)  
John Manning (2019)

John F. Reilly (2019)  
Molly Przetycki Fiedler (2021)  
Kelly Smith (2021)

## Planning Commission

This Commission is appointed for terms of three years. The group reviews plans for the development of vacant areas, streets, parks and other public places and subdivisions of private property to assure consistency with established community standards. With the exception of a one-family dwelling on a single plot, the Planning Commission also performs site plan review for all new buildings, additions to buildings, altered land use activities and projects containing more than one home. The Commission also conducts studies and is advisory to the Board of Trustees on matters relating to zoning, parking and other issues.

H. Bradford Gustavson (1999), *Chairman*  
Keith Galanti (2014)  
Craig G. Biscone (2014)

Scott Brandewiede (2016)  
Patrick J. Ward (2018)  
Allyson Murray (2018)

Lauren Fonesca (2019)  
Gregory E. Senken (2016), *Alternate Member*

# Boards, Commissions and Committees

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## Traffic Commission

The Traffic Commission is appointed annually by the Mayor and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Commission is comprised of one Trustee from each of the four sections of the Village, who are voting members. The Superintendent of Public Works and the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners act in a supporting role. This Commission is responsible for traffic control operations and devices. Requests for signs by residents related to quality of life issues and review of parking regulations are discussed at monthly meetings and determinations are made as required.

**Charles P. Kelly (2022), *Chairman***  
**Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)**

**Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr. (2022)**  
**Edward T. Finneran (2023)**

**Michael J. Sullivan (2023)**

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals interprets the Zoning Code and makes decisions on applications for variances and special permits. The Board consists of five members and one alternate member who serve for five-year terms.

**John G. Villanella (1989)**  
**Michael T. Schroder (1992)**  
**Brian Paradine (2004)**

**John A. Ardito (2008 - 09/22)**  
**James Van Schoick (2019)**

**Alex Bachowski (2022), *Alternate Member***  
**Peter E. Gall (2009 - 09/22), *Alternate Member***

## Civic Beautification Committee

Working with the Village Arborist, the Committee assists in selecting the type and placement of flowers and trees on the Village's many public properties and pursuing the long-held goal of making the Village an official arboretum.

**Maureen Lyons (2019), *Chairperson***  
**Patricia Siler (2016)**

**Althea Robinson (1988)**

**Kathleen Auro (2005)**

## Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be obtained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. This Board ensures that all Village Officials and Employees are conducting themselves in such a manner. The Mayor appoints this Board.

**Richard F. Corrao (2022), *Chairman***

**Alison Metzler (2021)**

**Ryan Torino (2021)**

## Water Authority of Western Nassau County

The Water Authority is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members, two appointed by the Town of Hempstead, one appointed by the Town of North Hempstead and one member each appointed by the village boards of the Villages of Bellerose, Floral Park, Garden City, New Hyde Park, South Floral Park and Stewart Manor. Each member's term is two years. The principal responsibilities of the board are to oversee the operational and financial needs of the Authority including but not limited to the approval of management recommendations as to capital and operational expenditures, acquisitions, monthly invoices, Capital Plans and budgets, bond issuance and water rates, outside vendors and overseeing all personal matters including employee benefits and matters of compensation. These and others matters are the subject of each meeting and corresponding resolutions requiring approval are voted on by the Board.

**Owen Barbour (2023)**

## Historian

The Historian is appointed by the Mayor and is responsible for collecting and preserving material relating to the Village's history. In addition to historic preservation, the Village Historian also provides information to interested residents and those doing research.

**William A. Bellmer (2015)**



# Building Department



**GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO**  
*Superintendent of Building*

The Building Department is responsible for monitoring all construction that takes place on private property within the Village; the purpose of which is to ensure that the work is done in a safe, reliable and energy-efficient manner so as to protect and serve the occupants in both commercial buildings and private homes.

This is accomplished by adhering to various codes and standards including, but not limited to, the Village Zoning Code, the New York State Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Energy codes, as well as other regulations and reference standards. To achieve that objective, the Department reviews plans, conducts inspections, and guides applicants through pre-approval procedures that may be required. These include the Architectural Design



*1200 Franklin Avenue (formerly Lord & Taylor)*

Review Board, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Department also prepares the agendas, publishes notices, attends meetings, and serves in an advisory capacity for these agencies.

of the former Lord & Taylor Building are all currently under construction. The Garden City Public Library Renovation is now completed.

The Department collected permit fees totaling \$2,542,793.70. In addition, a total of \$130,725 was collected in filing fees for review board applications. The review boards consist of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board and Zoning Change Review Committee.



*1111 Franklin Avenue (formerly SEARS) Medical Suites*

This year, extensive residential additions and alterations are ongoing. The continuation of commercial properties, which include the redevelopment of the existing Sears building, the two four-story apartment buildings at 555 Stewart Avenue and the redevelopment

of the former Lord & Taylor Building are all currently under construction. The Garden City Public Library Renovation is now completed.



*Florent, 555 Stewart Avenue  
Interior Apartment*

# Building Department

Departmental personnel consist of a Superintendent, three Inspectors, two Administrative Assistants and two Consultants. The technical staff is required to attain 24 hours/credits of continuing education training annually in order to maintain their required New York State Code Enforcement certification. We strive to make interaction with our Department as pleasant and professional as possible. To that end, we are available to assist people through the process and offer advice when needed.



*Garden City Public Library Children's Room Renovations (above & below)*



*Florent, 555 Stewart Avenue*

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Building Permits .....	451
Plumbing Permits .....	290
Electrical Permits .....	470
Mechanical Permits .....	382
Approx. No. of Inspections .....	2,551
Certificates of Occupancy .....	16
Certificates of Compliance .....	1,160
Letters in Lieu .....	68
Architectural Design Review Board .....	69
Planning Commission .....	4
Zoning Board of Appeals .....	100
Zoning Change Review Committee .....	0



# Recreation and Parks Department

The 2022-2023 fiscal year saw a return to full normalcy post Covid for most of the Recreation Department's programs and facilities.

At the Pool, memberships returned to more normal levels, and a full schedule of special events and activities were offered. Swim lessons resumed, and the Swim Team again had a full season of meets. On our July 4 Family Fun Day, one of the more popular events, the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta featured 12 teams of competitors and a large cheering crowd gathered around Pool #1 to watch the fun. Tuesday Night Movies were again popular, and weekend concerts, shows, and special events added to the fun. As for maintenance and improvements, a



*Local children engineered boats for the Annual Boat Race at the pool*

a colorful new awning was added to the ice cream stand, and at the conclusion of the season, a project to replace the vinyl liner in the main pool was begun.

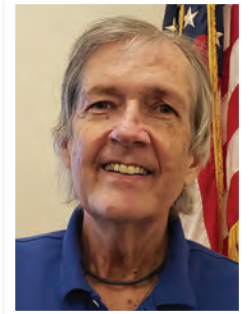
Known among residents as the "hidden jewels" in the Village, our five neighborhood parks again offered a summer playground program which included arts and crafts, sports and games, trips to Adventureland, and competitions between the parks. Use of the tennis courts in these parks was enhanced by the repair and renovation projects at Edgemere and Hemlock parks. In addition to the ongoing popularity of tennis, both Hemlock and Edgemere had Pickleball lines and nets added to the courts, allowing this popular sport to be played year round. For the first time in many years, evening shows and programs, such as magic shows, were held in all five parks and brought in large crowds.

At the Gazebo on the Village Green, Thursday night concerts continued to draw large and enthusiastic crowds. Sharing their talents with our residents were such well known groups as The Fireflies, Manhattan Skyline, and 1960's chart topping 1910 Fruitgum Company. Special interest camps again proved to be quite popular, and offerings were expanded to include STEM topics from Mad Science, Filmmaking, and Chess.

For the more physically active, soccer, baseball, and lacrosse camps provided great experience and training. Tennis camp also proved to be very popular, and during the winter season, a Middle School Pickleball program was offered.

As we moved into the fall season, our indoor programs at the Saint Paul's Fieldhouse saw strong attendance. Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, and Pickleball all had good participation, while community-wide events such as the Andy Foundation Yard Sale and the Record Collectors show attracted large crowds.

The year was not without challenges however, as an early winter freeze caused a pipe to burst at the Senior Center. Working with our insurance carrier and Belfor restorations, the Center was back on line in early April. The Center also had a new floor and HVAC



**PAUL BLAKE**  
*Chairman,  
Board of Commissioners of  
Cultural and Recreational  
Affairs*



*Patrons gather for a music filled night out on the Village Green*

# Recreation and Parks Department

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system installed. Daily use of the Center remained strong, with numbers of 60-80 residents enjoying the building. Night time and weekend rentals kept the building busy throughout the year.

The Parks Division, which tends to the many plantings, monuments, and trees throughout the Village, again had a busy year. Starting with the planting of over 50,000 bulbs throughout the Village, crews continued to keep the Village colorful throughout the warmer months. Hanging baskets again adorned Franklin Avenue and Seventh Street, and seasonal decorations celebrating spring and fall kept the Village colorful all year long.

Crews continued to increase landscaping work at our Monuments and Memorials, keeping the beautiful flowers and trees in place while adding new vegetation that is colorful yet less maintenance intensive. Our Tree Crew kept busy performing pruning and removals on Village trees that were determined to be diseased or dead. The Emerald Ash Borer continued to affect Ash trees throughout the Village, and we removed an estimated 80 Ash trees throughout the year. Happily, we were able to plant 179 new trees during our spring planting program. Our crew also circulates two water trucks throughout the Village, keeping our hanging baskets, flower beds, and newly planted trees well watered.

For our Department, this was a year of resuming popular activities, and planning for some exciting capital projects that were scheduled to be undertaken in the 2023-2024 year.



*Dancers from our Dance Conservatory show off their hard work at the end of the year showcase!*



*Goggles greets children at the Garden City Pool!*



*Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny getting ready for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.*



*Residents enjoy a beautiful Fall afternoon at one of our local playgrounds!*



# Police Department



**KENNETH O. JACKSON**  
*Police Commissioner*

The Garden City Police Department is proud to be a modern, innovative, proactive agency attentive to the community's needs. We maintain a policy of omnipresence and preventative patrols resulting in Garden City being recognized as one of the safest communities in New York State and the United States.

The enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws has proven to have a direct impact on providing a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians. Therefore, the Department continues its policy of constant and consistent traffic enforcement which resulted in the issuance of 11,200 traffic citations in 2022, including 2,060 tickets for excessive speed. Another component of a strict traffic enforcement program is the removal of unsafe motorists from the roadways for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2022, 36 motorists were arrested for D.W.I related offenses. The Department's comprehensive Traffic Enforcement has been instrumental in reducing accidents by 19% from pre-pandemic levels. An essential component of the department's traffic program is our truck enforcement component which resulted in the issuance of 622 commercial vehicle violations, 60 overweight violations, 84 unsecured load violations, and 59 hazmat violations.



*Truck Enforcement Program*

Program contributes to the image of omnipresence and provides a safer environment for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, particularly the young, elderly, and disabled. As such, Police Officers and uniformed civilian Parking Enforcement Aides, using conspicuously marked vehicles, patrol the streets and parking fields within the Village to enforce parking violations; 20,873 parking tickets were issued in 2022.

In terms of general police service, the Department documented more than 19,900 calls for service and assignments in 2022. These included 1,610 medical assistance calls, 1,063 vehicle crashes, and 189 arrests.

To improve the ability to provide exemplary service, the Department continues incorporating technical advances, training, and equipment. To offset the costs of these necessary items, the

Our diligent  
Parking Enforcement



*Patrol Vehicle on 7th St.*



*GCPD Displaying "Schools Open" Banner*

Department continually seeks grant opportunities, and in 2022/2023, those efforts were rewarded with more than \$57,000 in federal, state, and local grants. These grants, along with asset forfeiture funds, were used to obtain equipment, including Thermal Imaging Cameras, computer investigative software, breaching tools, a Livescan fingerprint machine, medical equipment, safety ballistic vests carriers, programs and software that enhanced the investigative and emergency response efforts of the Department. Grants also support the Department's traffic enforcement initiatives, including Speeding, Aggressive Driving, Pedestrian Safety, Occupant Safety, and D.W.I. campaigns.

# Police Department



*Sergeant conducting Roll Call*

NYU Langone Ambulance is the Garden City Police Department's primary ambulance service and continues to provide quality medical assistance and emergency response to the residents and visitors of the Village.

Today's law enforcement environment, as well as national security concerns, requires a Police Department to be prepared to respond to numerous types of incidents that may threaten the health and safety of the community. To obtain this goal, the Department maintains close working relationships and intelligence sharing

with the Department of Homeland Security as well as federal, state, county, and local police agencies. The Department also appreciates the support, cooperation, and encouragement of the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator, and various Village Departments. This cooperation assists the Police Department in providing a high level of service that the Garden City community expects and deserves.

The Police Department, public and private school districts, and Adelphi University, worked together to develop and implement safety plans for all students, faculty, staff, and neighbors. This includes lockdown/lockout drills, school patrols, camera accessibility, School accessibility, RAVE Notification Systems, meetings with staff, special events, and security reviews.



*National Night Out 2022*



*GCPD New Polaris Vehicle*

## Police Programs

The Garden City Police Department continues to maintain programs that promote residents' safety, including Drug Take Back, National Night Out, and School Safety/Educational Programs.

## Special Police

The Garden City Special Police, under the Police Commissioner's direction, is comprised of volunteers from the community who provide invaluable assistance to the Garden City Police Department during community events, parades, concerts, street fairs, traffic details, election details, and emergencies such as severe weather events.



*Inspector Braun Retirement Walk-out*



# Fire Department

The Garden City Fire Department is a unique, all volunteer Department within our Village government. Its rich heritage is rooted with the independent volunteer fire companies that began to form and serve the Village in 1899 after a devastating fire at the Garden City Hotel. Then, in 1920, in order to be more organized and bring these independent companies together, 31 Village residents became “charter” members of the Garden City Fire Department, Inc., formally organizing the Fire Department. Soon after, the Department was integrated into Village government. Since 1920, more than 500 resident men and women have proudly served in the ranks of the Fire Service in Garden City. In 2020, the Department celebrated its 100th year of service to the Village. Under the direction of Fire Chief Matthew



*Chief Matthew Pearn*

Pearn and three Assistant Chiefs, the Department utilizes a three tier approach to providing its vital services: quality training, cutting edge equipment, quick response and a comprehensive fire inspection and prevention program.



*Ex Chief Nadolny providing education to Daisy Troop*

All firefighters in the Department train weekly to ensure their readiness for the various emergencies that may present themselves including fires, motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide incidents, hazardous materials incidents, electrical emergencies, severe weather response and more. In addition, throughout the year Firefighters attend various courses and live fire burn training at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy.



*Firefighters training on car fire extinguishment*

that assists in preparation for numerous emergencies including car fires, forcible entry, ventilation and high rise hose line operations.

The Department conducts a continuous comprehensive fire inspection and prevention program for the Village. Program enhancements include computer database pre-plans of area occupancies,

In support of response, the Department has a fleet of apparatus that include three certified pumpers, one certified ladder truck, a heavy rescue truck and quint ladder truck that serves dual purposes as both an aerial ladder and a pumper combined. The Department also incorporates state-of-the-art technology including thermal imaging cameras, hazardous gas monitoring equipment, mobile computers and hydraulic rescue equipment. The Department utilizes full size training props



*Ladder 147 in front of GCFD HQ at Village Hall*

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rigorous fire inspections of schools, businesses and multifamily dwellings and a devotion to public fire safety education through the Department's Fire Prevention Education Program. Each year, the Department educates thousands of students and residents through in-house safety classes, its annual Fire Prevention Week Program and fire safety lectures throughout the community including Adelphi University, area apartment buildings and local businesses.



*GCFD Firefighters during our recruitment campaign*



*Firefighters Extinguish E-bike fire*



*Members training at village yard*



*Chief of Department Matthew Pearn Receiving Bronze Medal of Valor Award for rescuing a trapped victim inside an overturned vehicle on fire*

The Department is always looking for new members and has a year-round open enrollment.

Some regard being a volunteer firefighter as being one of the highest forms of community service. It is a great opportunity for residents to give back to their fellow neighbors in their time of need. Some of the benefits that come with being a volunteer firefighter include real estate property tax reductions, great camaraderie, lasting friendships and more. If a resident is interested in joining the Department, they may visit [www.gcfldny.com](http://www.gcfldny.com) or email: [membership@gcfldny.com](mailto:membership@gcfldny.com).



*Members at their annual Fire Prevention Day*



# Department of Public Works

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*John Borroni  
Superintendent of Public Works*

## INTRODUCTION

The Public Works Department (DPW) is responsible for the maintenance and management of the entire infrastructure system of Garden City. The Superintendent of Public Works heads six divisions that provide critical services to keep the infrastructure system operational on a daily basis. The six divisions are the Central Garage, Engineering, Sanitation and Recycling, Street Division, Traffic and Street Lighting, and Water and Sewer. Additionally, DPW also assumes the responsibility for the maintenance of all Village facilities.

## CENTRAL GARAGE

The Central Garage is responsible for the maintenance of over 175 Village owned vehicles and plays a vital role in the delivery of essential municipal services to the residents. Maintenance of the Villages fleet ranges from compact cars to heavy machinery such as pay loaders, dump trucks, backhoes, vacuum trucks, and garbage / recycling trucks. In addition to maintaining the entire Village fleet, the Central Garage maintains all of our small equipment such as lawn mowers, chain saws, leaf blowers, etc.

The Central Garage has an extensive preventative maintenance program for all equipment and vehicles, which is essential to operating a dependable, trouble-free fleet. All equipment and vehicles are serviced according to the manufacturer recommended schedules on a yearly basis. Occasionally equipment and vehicles do breakdown and the Central Garage will be staffed during snowstorms and serve weather events to keep the entire fleet operational to serve the residents.

The Central Garage provides services to all Village Departments, including the Garden City Police Department. The Central Garage is responsible for the maintenance & repair of the entire Police Department Fleet. This includes the installation of lights, sirens, radios, and all other sophisticated equipment that assists the PD with keeping our community safe.

The Mechanics at the Central Garage are highly skilled in the trades, including welding and fabrication that allows them to support and assist various departments throughout the Village for special projects that normally would have to be contracted out.



*2nd Street manhole renovations*

## ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division is responsible for the design and oversight of Capital construction projects within the Village and provides Engineering support for all other departments in the Village as required. The Engineering Division is staffed with professional engineers that perform survey & design work in order to create plans and specifications for the purpose of bidding and construction. The Division also provides oversight of the projects and ensures the vendors compliance with contract documents.



*Business office renovations*

The Engineering Division is fully responsible for the management and oversight of two of the largest reoccurring projects within the Village; The curb, sidewalk and road improvements contract and the water main improvements contract. Additionally, the Engineering Division oversees all street lighting and traffic sign installation and maintenance.



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All permits for construction within the Village right-of-way are reviewed and approved by the Engineering Division. This includes all utility permits (gas, water, electric, sanitary), sidewalks, aprons, and other various road opening permits for construction projects. The Division oversees the permit work and ensures that the work is being performed to Village standards and that the Village code is being followed.

## SANITATION AND RECYCLING

The Sanitation and Recycling Division is very familiar to most residents by providing a personal level of service unlike any other Village. Refuse is collected directly from the yards of our residential areas on a weekly basis, which allows for a personable relationship to be developed between the division and the community it serves.

The Departments normal duties include both household and commercial garbage/recycling collections. The Department also is responsible for the maintaining of 127 strategically placed garbage/recycling cans throughout the Village.

Over the course of the past year, the Sanitation division has participated in many Village activities that reach above and beyond the typical daily job functions of the division. The Sanitation Division has participated in Village sponsored events such as the soccer and lacrosse festivals at St. Paul's, Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, Belmont Street Fair, Homecoming Parade/block party, 7th Street Promenades and the Andy Fund not for profit fundraiser. In order to ensure the event area is clean and refuse free, the Division works diligently to keep garbage / recycling cans empty.

Full time employees of the Division are required to maintain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) which allows them to assist the Street Department with leaf collection, snow removal, and other various required tasks in addition to collecting refuse 365 days a year.

The following are the annual totals for the collections over the past year:

### Sanitation

Garbage	10,136.98 tons
Rubbish	2,317.79 tons
Bulk	736.70 tons
Yard	2,997.52 tons
Total collected:	16,188.99 tons of Garbage collected (32,377,980 lbs.)

### Recycling

Commingled	1,213.59 tons
Paper	328.30 tons
Metal	75.08 tons
E-waste	8.60 tons
Total collected:	1,625.57 tons of recyclables collected (3,251,140 lbs.)



*Village Hall HVAC replacement*

The Sanitation division also had 312 rubbish dumpsters removed from the yard and 11 dumpsters of yard waste.

## STREET DIVISION

The Street Division is responsible for the maintenance of the Village's 91 mile street network (260 Lane-Miles) which includes parking lots. Maintenance of the street network includes street sweeping, road repairs, manhole repairs, drainage system repairs / upgrades, snow removal, leaf collection, and emergency response during severe weather events.

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The Street Division performs maintenance of over 700 catch basins throughout the Village as required by cleaning, repairing, rebuilding and/or replacing the structures. Maintenance of these structures includes the construction and/or repair of the interconnecting storm drainage lines.

In addition to the maintenance of the street network, the Street Division assists various departments with special projects that would normally have to be contracted out. The skilled workers of the Division will assist with concrete repairs, sidewalk / paver installation, painting of structures, fence repairs, and other various tasks as required. The Street Division will also assist the Garden City Police and Fire Departments with various tasks throughout the year.

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During the fall, the Street Division joins forces with the Parks Division to remove over 17,300 cubic yards of leaves. The leaves are collected and are stored at the Village Yard. The collected leaves are turned into mulch which is available to all residents free of charge.

The Street Division has the responsibility of clearing municipal streets and parking lots of snow and ice. When snow begins to lay on the roads, salt crews are called out to begin treatment of the roadways. Plowing operations usually occur with the accumulation of 2 to 3 inches or more of snow. Our goal is to provide you with the highest possible level of service. Crews work tirelessly around the clock as needed in order to keep the roads open for traffic flow and emergency response vehicles.

## TRAFFIC AND STREET LIGHTING

The Traffic and Street Lighting Division, in conjunction with the Engineering Division, is responsible for the maintenance of more than 7,400 traffic signs and 2,300 streetlights within the Village. Each year Village personnel repaint all the crosswalks, stop lines, arrows and lane markings. The Division will utilize private contractors as needed and oversee their work to ensure that our street lighting system is fully functional. The Division is also responsible for the implementation of Traffic Commission items.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Capital Improvement Program is a well-structured plan integral to the upkeep of the Village's infrastructure and a means to enable the continuous improvement of services. The Village continues to make significant investments in the Capital Program with more than \$50 million invested in over 40 improvement projects in the Public Works and Water Departments. Significant projects included:

- Curb, Sidewalk and Road Improvements - \$2.2M
- Business Office Renovation - \$700,000
- Village Hall HVAC Replacement - \$900,000
- New Roof at Village Hall - \$200,000
- New Roof at DPW Garage - \$700,000
- Merillon Ave Road Improvements - \$1M
- New Walkway at Village Green - \$25,000
- New Garage Doors at DPW Garage - \$420,000
- Franklin Ave Fountain - \$100,000
- Senior Center HVAC Replacement - \$120,000
- Second Street Manhole Renovation - \$350,000
- Sanitary Lift Station Pump Replacement - \$750,000



*Sanitary Lift Station pump replacement*

# Department of Public Works

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The Village will continue to make investments in its infrastructure and will continue to always look for ways to perform more efficiently and to reduce costs while continuing to providing the services that residents have come to expect from its Department of Public Works.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

The Village of Garden City owns and operates its own public water and sewer systems. The water system includes 104 miles of water mains and 10 supply wells as its source water. The sewer system is a collection system using two lift stations that discharge into the Nassau County system for treatment. The water and sewer facilities consist of the following infrastructure:

- 5 above-ground storage tanks, including the water tower with a total storage capacity of 5.5 million gallons of water storage.
- 21 buildings housing motors, auxiliary engines, pumps, treatment equipment and system controls.
- Over 1,000 fire hydrants used for fire protection.

The Village's source of water is groundwater pumped from 10 wells located throughout the Village that are drilled into the Magothy aquifer located beneath Long Island. Generally, the water quality of the aquifer is good to excellent, although there are localized areas of contamination.

The Village of Garden City provides treatment at all wells to improve the quality of the water pumped prior to distribution to the consumer. The pH of the pumped water is adjusted upward to reduce corrosive action between the water and water mains and in-house plumbing by the addition of caustic soda. Air stripping treatment units are utilized at several wells for the removal of volatile organic compounds. Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) and Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) systems are utilized at most wells for the removal of volatile organic compounds and emerging contaminants. An iron removal treatment system is utilized for Well Nos. 15 and 16. The Village also adds small amounts of calcium hypochlorite (chlorine) as a disinfecting agent and to prevent the growth of bacteria in the distribution system. In November 2022, the Village began adding orthophosphate to mitigate corrosion.

The population served by the Village of Garden City during 2022 was approximately 25,000. The total amount of water withdrawn from the aquifer and treated in 2022 was 1.72 billion gallons, of which approximately 75 percent was billed directly to consumers.

The Board of Trustees continues to invest and upgrade its water and sewer infrastructure to meet the ever-changing drinking water regulations to ensure a clean and plentiful water supply for future generations.



*Water Tower*



*Merillon Avenue road improvements*



# The Garden City Public Library



**MARIANNE MALAGON**  
*Library Director*

The Garden City Public Library Trustees, Administration and staff are committed to the Library's mission to connect people with information. The Library offers programs and services, encouraging a love of reading and satisfying the thirst for knowledge.

The Library staff carefully chooses materials from patron requests and recommendations, professional sources and peer-reviewed journals, to build curated collections of print, audio-visual media, digital information and streaming content. These collections provide reading, research and entertainment for Children, Teens and Adults. There are a vast array of books and magazines to read, music or audiobooks to listen to, movies and television programs to watch, online courses to study, and research databases, reference books and museum passes to bring worlds of knowledge home to Garden City residents.

The Library Director and the Library Board of Trustees are dedicated to providing the residents of Garden City with a Library that includes outstanding materials, programs and services. Members of the Library Board during the 2022-23 Fiscal Year were: J. Randolph Colahan, Chair; Peter D'Antonio, Vice Chair (through December); Germaine Greco, Vice Chair (beginning January 2023); and Lola Nouryan. In October 2022, Mary Maguire was appointed as Trustee to replace Charles J. Murphy following the conclusion of his term. In April 2023, Colleen Foley was appointed as Trustee, as Peter D'Antonio stepped down following the conclusion of his term.

More than a decade after the last major Library renovation, the Library's Children's Room and Circulation area project construction began in September 2022, reopening in May 2023. At the soft opening in May 2023, current Village Board Members, Library Trustees past and present, mingled with staff and residents in the newly renovated space, browsing the new shelving, and checking out items at the new desk. The new "Story Room" boasts a circular design with windows and bench seats. The S.T.E.A.M. Workshop (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) features a smartboard and a sink and offers activities designed to boost critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills through unique hands-on learning opportunities. The project received tremendous support of the Village Board and efforts of the Village staff. The Library Board initiated the project in 2012, primarily through the efforts of

Chairperson Randy Colahan, Vice-Chairperson Gloria Weinrich and Vice Chairperson Peter D'Antonio, receiving \$165,000 over several years of accrued memorial gifts, and State Budget Aid thanks to former State Senator Kemp Hannon, \$200,000 from SAM Grants sponsored by State Senator Kevin Thomas and State Assemblyman Edward Ra. Additionally, a \$71,000 Reserve Account was included which was allocated for cost overruns and technology. Since the Children's and Circulation areas' reopening, the new space has received rave reviews and is increasing efforts to deliver more programs in the expanded and renovated space. Punch list items are being completed, prior to closing out the project.

This year the Library worked with the Village to prepare and undertake several new capital projects. A major roof-replacement project will also include restoration of the masonry



*Library Board Chair Randy Colahan, holding his granddaughter Margot Long, also a Garden City resident, leads the children in a "3-2-1!" countdown to open the newly renovated Children's Room.*

around the building. A new HVAC project will commence soon. A new and updated fire alarm system is also being developed. Additional facility improvements to the building, the parking lot and the grounds will be incorporated as these projects wrap up. The Library Board of Trustees appreciates all the support of the Village Board of Trustees and Village staff on these many projects, as they are developed and implemented.



*The Library Board of Trustees: (left to right) Germaine Greco, Vice Chair; J. Randolph Colahan, Chair; Colleen Foley; Dr. Lola Nouryan; Mary Maguire upon the occasion of Trustee Foley's appointment in April 2023*



*Following opening remarks a crowd waits to be ushered into the newly renovated Children's Room.*

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The Adult Reference Department offered research assistance and reading recommendations from experienced Librarians. Adults participated in the Summer Reading Club entitled "What's Cooking at The Garden City Library." Patrons were asked to read and review books and hand in Recipe Cards with their favorite recipes - resulting in a recipe book incorporating recipes received. Varied programs included art, history, entertainment, travel and museum lectures. Craig Allen, Chief Meteorologist from CBS-AM radio and various television news stations shared how he became a beloved weatherman and gave a talk about the weather. Patrons had the opportunity to learn How to avoid Scams, How to Organize their Homes, How to Jumpstart their Gardens, Home Air Conditioning and Heating Systems, Electric Vehicles or Smarter Social Security, and the principles of Yoga through a series of sessions.

The Young Adult Department continued to encourage Tweens and Teens to learn, volunteer, and be creative. Library materials, programs and services aid middle and high school students with school assignments, college preparation, recreational reading,



*Holiday Party, December 2022*

and eggs for the Library's Pumpkin and Egg Scavenger Hunts respectively, the former of which won a community service programming award, The Great Give Back making cards for veterans, and making ornaments and bookmarks.

Children's Librarians created and led many interactive live and virtual, programs for infants through children in fifth grade. A sampling of programs offered by Librarians included storytimes, arts and crafts, bingo and a monthly LEGO Club. Family programs included Storytime Under the Stars, Preschool Halloween Parade and the Gingerbread House program. Virtual offerings included storytimes, Play Hooray, and A Time for Kids. Children's Librarians conducted class visits in the Library for children in grades Kindergarten and First Grade and outreach programs to schools to promote the Summer Reading Club. The Young Adult Department also teamed up with the Children's



*Library Director Marianne Malagon, Library Board Chair Randy Colahan, Trustees Germaine Greco and Dr. Lola Nouryan and Librarian Barbara Grace, head of the Children's Department, toured the Children's Room in December 2019 to discuss plans for updating the space utilizing funds from a SAM Grant recently obtained by Assemblyman Ed Ra, pictured second from right.*

Department to offer the service program, Reading Pals, a program in which teen volunteers read and make a craft with children. The two departments also teamed up to offer Tween programs for Grades 4-7, such as scratch art, bingo, knitting and trivia. In addition, Children's and Young Adult Librarians mentored Girl Scouts as they worked on their Gold Award projects.

The Friends of the Garden City Public Library generously provided free passes to museums, parks and gardens. These were available to Library cardholders, and include the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Long Island Children's Museum, MOMA (the Museum of Modern Art), Nassau County Museum of Art, Nassau County Firefighters Museum, New York State Empire Pass, and Old Westbury Gardens. The Friends also sponsor library programs for Adults, Tweens and Teens and Children.

The Garden City Public Library looks forward to continuing to serve all members of the community in the upcoming year, in the library or at home.



*Senator Kevin Thomas offers congratulations on the Children's Room opening. Pictured from left are Library Board Chair Randy Colahan, Library Director Marianne Malagon, Senator Thomas, Mayor Mary Carter Flanagan and Library Trustee Colleen Foley.*



# Finance Department



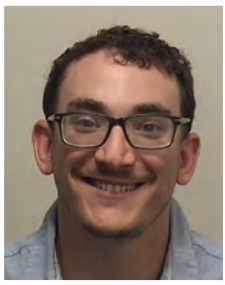
**IRENE WOO, CPA CMFO**  
Village Treasurer

Garden City's Chief Fiscal Officer is Village Treasurer Irene Woo, CPA, CMFO, who leads the Finance Department. The Finance Department is responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of the Village, which includes some of the following functions:

- **Annual Budget Process** - The Village Treasurer manages the annual Budget Process. With collaboration from the Board of Trustees and the Village's Executive Staff, develop the annual operating budgets and 5-year Capital Plans and ensure that the Village is compliant with the limits set by the tax levy laws. The Finance Department provides detailed analysis on current and future budgetary impacts to the Village, including debt analysis, bonding vs. cash payment for projects, cash flow analysis for Enterprise Funds, and create high level executive presentations for the BOT, which are presented at the public work sessions.

*This past year, the Finance Department implemented a web-based budgeting system that enabled a more streamlined and efficient process of gathering the budget data from the Department Heads. The Village underwent four public budget work sessions. The Board of Trustees adopted a General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$69.194m, and a 2023-24 Capital Plan of \$16.9m. For the second year the budget resulted in a Tax Levy increase of zero percent year over year.*

- **Village Financing** - The department works closely with bond counsel to develop bond resolutions on capital projects and with fiscal advisor on analyzing bond terms that are favorable and in the best interest of the Village. The Treasurer prepares the POS (preliminary offering statement) that is provided to the market, and also meets with Moody's investor services to discuss Village finances and operations to help inform the committee in developing a rating for the Village's bond offering.



**ADAM LIPKE, CPA**  
Village Auditor

*This past year the Village successfully sold Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) at very favorable rates. The Village issued \$46.8m in BANs for Water Well Treatment projects on six well sites. The winning bid offered a 4.00 percent coupon rate with a \$702,606 premium. The Village will pay back interest of \$1,871,120 next year, however, netting out the premium offered, the net interest rate is actually 2.4980 percent.*

- **Tax Billings and Assessments** - The department is responsible for the maintenance of all real property account information in the tax system. The annual tax bills are issued and receivables are posted in the tax system and General Ledger. We schedule and manage the annual tax lien sale and process small claims settlements. The Village Assessor values new construction or physical changes to properties based on building permits, assists the Board of Trustees with decisions regarding grievance requests and prepares the Tentative and Final Assessment Rolls.

*This past year the Village continued to work on the Tax Billings & Assessments System replacement project. The legacy system will be replaced by Tyler Technologies iasWorld system.*

- **Purchasing Department** - ensures the efficient, economical, and legal (per General Municipal Law) Village-wide purchases of supplies, equipment and services by working closely with the various departments on their requests & requirements. They ensure the Village's procurement policy is followed and coordinate the entire bid process from advertising to the final BOT award for purchases requiring bids.

*This past year was an extremely busy one in that there were about 25 Capital Projects that were bid. In addition, many purchases from the operating budget are also competitively bid. The Purchasing Department was able to successfully complete the high demand required this year.*

- **Reporting & Analysis** - The Finance Department supports the Board of Trustees and Department Heads in providing them with ongoing financial analysis and reporting critical for decision making. In addition, the department is responsible for all required NYS reporting: AUD (Annual Update Document) and discuss with the Office of the State Comptroller financial results for the Village; annual budget information that is used to monitor compliance with the Tax Cap Laws; and NYS Constitutional Tax Limit and Constitutional Debt Limit Reporting. Provide annual Continuing Disclosure information to the SEC. The department also works closely with any government agency in the reporting of information relating to grants or disaster relief.

*This past year our Deputy Treasurer Darcia Palmer and Senior Accountant Kevin Mitchell worked with FEMA and the NYSDDES to obtain reimbursements for COVID and Tropical Storm Isaias expenditures. To date the Village has received \$1.575m of these costs. The Village also received a total of \$2.3m in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding, which is being used to fund capital projects that benefit the community. As of May 31, 2023 the Village has committed \$1.6m of ARPA funds to capital projects. The Village also obtained reimbursement from NYS EFC for Water Well Treatment project grants. To date, the Village has received \$8.08m of these costs. The Village was also approved for additional Water Well Treatment project grants totaling \$16.68m.*

- **Auditing & Compliance** - The Finance Department works closely with the Village's independent auditors in the completion of the year-end audit and in the preparation of the annual financial statements and with any other required governmental audits, (e.g., Single Audit, DOT Audit, etc.) with our claims auditors with the weekly audit of claims and the ongoing audit of payroll; manage the yearly Deferred Compensation Plan audit; work with the NYS Comptroller's Office



# Finance Department

on Village audits; successfully manage and lead Audit and Compliance related projects, implement process improvements and document a system of internal controls for all critical functions to ensure compliance with all financial NYS, Federal, and Village laws, regulations, and policies.

- **Accounts Receivable** - processes all cash, credit card, check payments to the Village from various departments and from other sources into the General Ledger system.
- **Accounts Payable** - reviews and processes all Village invoices for payment; ensures compliance with all payment procedures; prepare IRS 1099 forms.
- **Accounting** - Manage the monthly closing process, which includes preparing, reviewing and approving numerous journal entries. Prepare reconciliations of subsidiary ledger accounts to the General Ledger, prepare monthly bank reconciliations, develop and document procedures to ensure accurate books and records are maintained and appropriate accounting policies are being followed.

*This past year Village Auditor Adam Lipke worked closely with DPW to upgrade the Village's Fueling System. This new system enhances the tracking and reporting of fuel consumption and automates the accounting of the daily fuel usage in the Village's financial system.*

- **Water Billing** - The Department is responsible for the billing and collection of water bills. Water bills are calculated and reviewed in the water billing system from actual water meter reads from the Water Department. Payments of water bills are received daily either through our Lockbox, Web Payment Center, or at Village Hall.

*This past year, Sr. Accountant Kevin Mitchell continued to work on the upgrade to the current Water Billing System, which will enhance the reporting and analysis function and improve the overall process.*

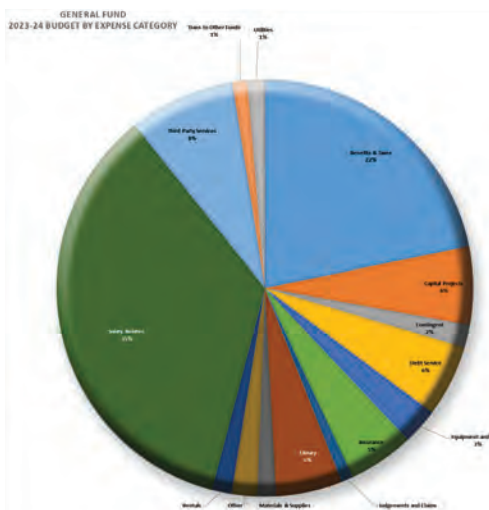
## Financial Overview:

The State of New York requires municipalities to prepare and adopt balanced budgets where applied surplus, anticipated revenues and taxes raised cover all expenditures. The Adopted Village Budget is the culmination of a coordinated effort by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Staff to maintain the highest level of affordable municipal services while striving to keep property tax increases under the level imposed by the State Tax Cap.

### Manner In Which Budgets Were Balanced:

General Fund	2022-2023	2023-2024	Increase (Decrease)
Current Surplus Appropriated	\$ 1,676,824	\$ 2,990,380	\$ 1,313,556
Estimated Revenues	\$ 10,443,061	\$ 11,869,775	\$ 1,426,714
Tax Levy	\$ 53,273,473	\$ 53,273,473	\$
Appropriated Reserve	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,810,174	\$ 1,060,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,143,358</b>	<b>\$ 69,943,802</b>	<b>\$ 3,800,444</b>

*The 2023-24 Budget was successfully adopted with a tax levy increase of 0.00%. The increase allowed per the Tax Levy Limit Law was 3.55% for the Village this year.*



### Additional Self-Sustaining Budgets:

The Village has three Enterprise Funds that operate like a business in that the revenues generated from services provided are meant to cover all operating expenditures. Residents who benefit from the services provided by the Water Fund, Swimming Pool Fund, and the Tennis Fund pay for the operations via memberships, program services or other fees.

Enterprise Fund	2022-2023 Revenue Budget	2023-2024 Revenue Budget
Swimming Pool	\$1,934,960	\$2,061,775
Indoor Tennis	\$541,600	\$524,600
Water Department	\$8,311,595	\$8,616,333

# Budget Comparison

		2022-2023 B U D G E T	2023-2024 B U D G E T
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	Board of Trustees	\$24,000	\$16,500
	Village Justice	542,759	564,774
	Administration	366,601	439,263
	Personnel	517,126	551,924
	Elections	13,150	13,300
	Publicity	72,000	72,000
	Historian	2,500	2,500
	Central Data Processing	338,278	533,307
	<b>SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 1,876,413</b>	<b>\$ 2,193,568</b>
<b>FINANCE</b>	Finance	979,820	1,072,616
	Purchasing	202,471	211,696
	Assessment	50,500	50,500
	<b>SUB TOTAL - FINANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,232,791</b>	<b>\$ 1,334,812</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	Police	10,055,788	11,438,659
	Fire	1,907,990	1,864,226
	Safety Inspection	1,020,701	1,153,598
	<b>SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$ 12,984,479</b>	<b>\$ 14,456,483</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Engineering	497,023	556,754
	Building	696,289	683,271
	Central Garage	951,005	1,022,230
	Streets	2,684,110	2,880,919
	Snow Removal	342,465	342,740
	Street Light & Traffic Control	706,513	765,922
	Sanitary Sewers	475,176	519,931
	Storm Sewers	169,219	186,129
	Refuse and Garbage	4,015,547	4,113,632
	Sanitation Recycling	505,497	592,837
	<b>SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$ 11,042,844</b>	<b>\$ 11,664,365</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	Parks	2,844,438	3,346,298
	Recreation	2,067,608	2,146,655
	<b>SUB TOTAL - RECREATION</b>	<b>\$ 4,912,046</b>	<b>\$ 5,492,953</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	Contribution to Library	<b>\$ 3,123,300</b>	<b>\$ 3,564,516</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	NYS Employees Retirement System	1,414,100	1,500,000
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,311,731	2,740,000
	Social Security	1,750,000	1,924,999
	MTA Payroll Tax	80,000	86,000
	Health & Dental Insurance	7,923,000	8,841,000
	Capital Projects	4,782,995	4,155,023
	Unallocated Insurance	3,547,000	3,547,000
	Judgements and Claims	585,000	650,000
	Law	1,222,300	1,002,000
	Contingent Account	1,750,000	1,228,406
	Debt Service	3,891,357	3,855,678
	Miscellaneous	964,000	957,000
	<b>SUB TOTAL - GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,221,484</b>	<b>\$ 30,487,106</b>
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 66,143,358</b>	<b>\$ 69,193,802</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION TO RESERVE</b>		<b>\$ 750,00</b>	<b>\$ 750,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 66,143,358</b>	<b>\$ 69,943,802</b>



# Directory

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Mary Carter Flanagan** (2022)  
*Mayor*  
*Environmental Advisory Board, Co-Chair*

**Bruce J. Chester** (2021)  
*1st Deputy Mayor*  
*Fire Commissioner*

**Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.** (2022)  
*2nd Deputy Mayor*  
*Police Commissioner*  
*Commissioner of Building and Planning*

**Charles P. Kelly** (2022)  
*Public Works Commissioner*  
*Traffic Commission, Chairperson*

**Bruce A. Torino** (2022)  
*Library Liaison*

**Edward T. Finneran** (2023)  
*Traffic Commission*

**Michele Beach Harrington** (2023)  
*Environmental Advisory Board, Co-Chair*

**Michael J. Sullivan**  
*Recreation Commissioner*  
*Commissioner of Finance*

## JUSTICE COURT

**Allen S. Mathers** (1988)  
*Village Justice*

**Peter Menoudakos** (2023)  
*Associate Village Justice*

**Merril S. Biscone** (2000)  
*Associate Village Justice*

## VILLAGE COUNSEL

**Gary Fishberg** (2023)  
*Cullen and Dykman, LLP*

**Chris Kurtz** (2014)  
*Bond Schoenek & King, PLLC*

## SPECIAL POLICE

**David B. Carpentier**, *Captain* (1994)

**John Koch**, *Lieutenant* (2004)

**David Bliss**, *Ex-Captain* (1982)

**John Morelli**, *Special Police Officer* (2016)

## VILLAGE HISTORIAN

**William A. Bellmer** (2015)

## ADMINISTRATION

**Ralph V. Suozzi** (2014)  
*Village Administrator*

**Kenneth O. Jackson** (1985)  
*Police Commissioner*

**Karen M. Altman** (1995)  
*Village Clerk*

**Marianne Malagon** (2018)  
*Library Director*

**Irene Woo** (2015)  
*Village Treasurer*

**Giuseppe Giovanniello** (2018)  
*Superintendent of Building*

**Courtney Rosenblatt** (2016)  
*Secretary to the Board of Trustees*

**Paul Blake** (2019)  
*Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs*

**Adam Lipke** (2021)  
*Village Auditor*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS:

**Matthew F. Pearn**, *Chief* (2012)

**James R. Taunton**, *1st Assistant Chief* (2012)

**Jonathan F. Parrella**, *2nd Assistant Chief* (2015)

**Daniel L. Roeper**, *3rd Assistant Chief* (2018)

## LINE OFFICERS:

**Matthew C. Carroll**, *Captain Engine* (2017)

**Robert N. Carpentier**, *1st Lieutenant Engine*, (2013)

**Joseph A. Philippas**, *2nd Lieutenant Engine* (2018)

**Conor T. Sproat**, *Captain Truck* (2016)

**Christopher K. Maier**, *1st Lieutenant Truck* (2018)

**Terrence Randell**, *2nd Lieutenant Truck* (2017)

**Michael Reale**, *Secretary* (2009)

**Ryan Moody**, *Assistant Secretary* (2021)

**Robert F. Kalb**, *Treasurer* (1987)

**Donald B. Byrne**, *Assistant Treasurer* (2018)

**Edward S. Moran**, *First Battalion Delegate* (1980)

\*Note ( ) Date entered into Village Service



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## Incorporated Village of Garden City

### ★ KEY PHONE NUMBERS ★

#### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- POLICE      Emergency .....911      Non-Emergency ..... 465-4100
- FIRE          Emergency .....742-3300      Non-Emergency ..... 746-1301
- POISON CONTROL ..... 1-800-222-1222

#### VILLAGE HALL

- Finance Department:
  - Main Office ..... 465-4000
  - Village-Related Tax Questions..... 465-4156
  - Town and School Tax Questions* ..... 489-5000
  - Water Billing Questions ..... 465-4160
- Departments:
  - Administrator/Mayor/Clerk ..... 465-4051
  - Building ..... 465-4040
  - Justice Court ..... 465-4080
  - Public Works..... 465-4003
  - Recreation and Parks (Monday-Friday)..... 465-4075
  - Water and Sewer ..... 465-4020
- Library ..... 742-8405
- Municipal Service Yard ..... 465-4031
- Pool (Seasonal)..... 483-1714

#### OTHER PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

- Garden City Chamber of Commerce ..... 746-7724
- Garden City School District..... 478-1000
- Nassau County:
  - Department of Health ..... 227-9697
  - Government Offices..... 571-3000
- Town of Hempstead..... 489-5000