

August 14, 2024

Thank you to the over 800 residents in the Village who responded to our request for help with the lead service line inventory! By providing a photo of the line entering your home, you have helped us to make significant progress in this important initiative.

With the October deadline for the Village to submit our lead service line inventory approaching, our Water Department began conducting home inspections for lead service lines on August 15. This will continue over the next six weeks. A Village employee may knock on your door and request to look at the service line in your basement. The employee will have Village Water Department clothing, a Village marked vehicle, and proper ID. The inspection will only take 2-3 minutes. If you are not comfortable having someone in your home you may take a photo of your service line and either email to: gardencitysampling@h2m.com or show it to the person at your home. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we follow this Health Department mandated program.

RECREATION SURVEY CLOSING AUGUST 18!

We want to hear from you! If you were one of 2,000 households randomly selected to receive the Garden City Recreation Master Plan Survey, congrats! Please take the time to answer the questions, which are designed to let us know what's working, what's not working, and where you'd like to see improvements. Your participation in the survey is key to our success and will help bring us to a Recreation Master Plan for our Village. Don't delay though! The survey closes August 18! Do you think you received the five-page survey but cannot find it? Not to worry! You can go online to access the survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GCRec>, which includes a question about your address. The company collecting this data will recognize your response as part of the random sample based on your address and your response will be included.

PROPOSED SANDS CASINO UPDATE

On Aug. 5, 2024, the Legislature approved a lease agreement with Las Vegas Sands for 42 years solely to operate the Coliseum. This lease with Sands will give them control of the 72-acre property for 42 years even if they are not awarded a casino license. They also voted to start an environmental review (SEQRA) of Sands' proposal for a casino. Despite this latest development, the casino is not a "done deal" as there is a long way to go and many hurdles to be cleared.

The four steps ahead for Sands where Garden City residents can have their voices heard are as follows:

- 1) SEQRA – This process will review all the impacts of the proposed casino such as traffic, pollution and crime. This process will take about six months and there will be multiple public hearings. The first hearing is Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 at 5:00PM at 1550 Franklin Avenue in Mineola. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak. Written comments can be sent to mpulitzer@nassaucountyny.gov
- 2) Town of Hempstead Rezoning – The Town of Hempstead must authorize the rezoning of the Coliseum property for a casino (sometime in early 2025). The rezoning process requires Supervisor Don Clavin and the six council members to decide whether this project is appropriate for our community. Residents can email Supervisor Clavin (donclavin@hempsteadny.gov) and our council member, Tom Muscarella at (tmuscarella@hempsteadny.gov) with comments.
- 3) Community Advisory Committee - If Sands gets through SEQRA and rezoning, the next step is the approval of a five-member Community Advisory Committee (sometime in the third quarter of 2025). Members will be chosen by Governor Kathy Hochul, County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Town Supervisor Clavin, Assemblyman Edward Ra and a State Senator TBD.

4) Gaming Facility Location Board - If Sands gets through the three steps above, the final decision as to which of the 11 casino companies will be awarded one of the three casino licenses will be decided by the NYS Gaming Facility Location Board (December 2025).

NEW LIBRARY DOORS

The newly installed automatic doors opened on Tuesday, August 13 at the Garden City Library. This capital project will further enhance security measures being implemented at the Library to ensure a safe space for patrons and employees alike.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 6, the Garden City Police Department participated in a country-wide community crime/drug prevention awareness program titled “National Night Out” at Garden City Community Park. The annual community-building campaign enables local police departments and residents to form a partnership in making their communities a safer place to live by encouraging residents to

- ✓ report a crime or suspicious activity as soon as it happens
- ✓ take necessary steps to prevent crime
- ✓ join and/or support local community organizations that address crime and quality of life issues
- ✓ discuss with your family what to do in case of emergencies
- ✓ encourage safe driving, biking, and walking habits
- ✓ help make children aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol
- ✓ advise them on what to do when approached by strangers

During this event, Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, members of the Department’s Community Policing Unit, Marge Lee, a DWI Victim Advocate, and NYU Langone personnel met with residents to discuss current issues impacting the safety and welfare of the community and what can be done together to make the Village a safer place for all.

The Department provided parents with Child Identification Program Kits. The ID Kit included a section for a current photograph, as well as space for recording descriptions and measurements. Commissioner Jackson stated, “The kits take two minutes to complete and allow parents to safely store in their own home the vast majority of their child’s vital information should law enforcement ever need it.”

Identity Theft Booklets were handed out to residents. These booklets contain valuable insights and practical tips that can help individuals safeguard themselves against identity theft, thereby minimizing the risks and potential consequences associated with this prevalent issue. Commissioner Jackson stated, “We believe that by equipping the community with these resources, we contribute to enhancing their overall safety and well-being.”

“Events such as National Night Out provide an excellent opportunity for the Department and community to interact and work together to develop ideas to make the Village a better place to live and work,” Commissioner Jackson said.

GARDEN CITY POOL HOURS

A friendly reminder that the Pool’s end-of-the-season hours are fast approaching. Beginning August 19 Pool hours are 12 to 8pm on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. (While we work hard to maintain our posted hours of operation, due to possible shortages of staff these hours of operation may need to be modified.)

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 2:00 p.m. Live music by The Hambones for Pool members and guests.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *The Fugitive* at the Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at Village Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 1-7 p.m. NYBC Blood Drive at the Library

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 7:15 p.m. Gazebo concert: Blue Meanies playing the best of The Beatles and The Monkees