

October 16, 2024

You may have noticed some nice press our Village received in *Newsday* last weekend about our parkland designation initiative. It has been wonderful being part of such a positive action in our Village government as we have been able to add an extra layer of protection to the beautiful parks across the Village. This step will help to ensure that these areas will continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

I want to especially thank Village Historian Bill Bellmer, who spent many hours working on this project. While some parks were fairly straightforward because the park had been deeded to the Village in one action, many were not, which required the studying of maps at Village Hall and at the County office. The designations would not have happened without the work of prior and present Village Trustees who supported this initiative and assistance of Village Counsel. I also would like to thank the passionate residents who contributed their ideas and pressed to see action to protect our parks and open spaces.

I join Lisa Ott, president of the North Shore Land Alliance, in hoping other villages follow this example.

#### **LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY**

The Water Department has created an inventory of all water service line materials within the Village, as mandated by the Health Department. Residents and businesses were asked to fill out a quick survey, which provided information on where to identify your material as well as material type information. Further, Water Department personnel conducted home inspections for lead service lines for six weeks. Thank you to all the residents who responded to our request for help with the lead service line inventory.

Stanley Carey, superintendent of Water and Sewer Operations, and Andrew Manfredi, PE from H2M, the Village's water consultant, will both guest speak at the October 23 EAB meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom. There will be a presentation of the final inventory of lead service lines in the Village and the path forward, and discussions on summer water usage, smart irrigation controllers and rebates by other municipal water system suppliers.

While great expense has gone into purifying our Village water, and those results are detailed in the annual Village water report [<https://www.gardencityny.net/DocumentCenter/View/2636/2023-Drinking-Water-Quality-Report-PDF>], having a lead service line to your home is known to introduce lead to the water supply as it is entering your home. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), there is no level of lead that is considered safe. Lead can enter drinking water from a variety of plumbing materials. The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes and brass or bronze faucets and fixtures. A service line is the pipe that connects the water main to the plumbing in a home or building. When any part of that pipe is made of lead, it is called a lead service line.

Still unsure if you have a lead service line? Check the material of your water service line by clicking the link [<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/14a59d1ec688413a950cf10950a9a124/>]. If your water service material is not indicated or labeled as unknown, please contact the Water District at 516-465-4005.

#### **NATIONAL DRUG TAKER BACK DAY**

The Garden City Police Department is proud to announce its participation in the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 26, 2024. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., community members can safely dispose of their unwanted or expired prescription drugs at the collection center located at Garden City Police Department Headquarters, 349 Stewart Avenue. This event is part of a nationwide effort to combat the growing opioid epidemic and promote safe disposal of prescription drugs. According to the DEA, the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, often

from the home medicine cabinet. By participating in National Drug Take Back Day, individuals can prevent these drugs from falling into the wrong hands and potentially save lives. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this opportunity and join us in our efforts to combat the opioid crisis. Commissioner Jackson also advises that the Police Department accepts unused, expired, and unwanted medications everyday if someone cannot turn them in on October 26, 2024.

### **RECYCLING CARDBOARD**

To recycle your cardboard please bring it to the Village Yard and place it in the recycling bay marked “Corrugated Cardboard.” Corrugated cardboard is used in mailing packages and is made of fluted or arched paper in the center, with two flat outer layers. Other boxes, such as boxes used for cereal, cookies, shoes and other household items, should be thrown out with rubbish.

### **WASTE COLLECTION TIPS FOR WINDY DAYS**

Weather conditions can cause issues with collection of rubbish and recyclables. Containers frequently fall over, leading to spillage and materials being strewn throughout the streets. Winds as little as 35 mph can cause bins to tip over and blow debris onto streets or sidewalks. To help prevent these situations, consider the following suggestions:

- If your Recycling pail is less than half full, wait until your next scheduled pick up to put out your pail. This will prevent loose recyclables from being blown onto the streets.
- Did you know that your sanitation team starts collecting at 7:00 AM? If strong winds are in the forecast, place your rubbish and/or recycling pails at the curb just before 7:00 AM. This tip ensures that your rubbish and/or recycling pail is not facing the elements for too long.
- Cans, bottles and containers that can be crushed should be crushed! Condensing your recyclables makes them more dense and less likely to blow away. \*Broken glass should be secured in a container or box and placed safely out with rubbish.
- Place heavier items securely on top of light-weight items. This is the safest way to ensure your light-weight recyclables stay inside the pail.
- Once your bins have been emptied, bring them in to reduce the chances of them being blown over and creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians and drivers.

### **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18** 6:30 p.m. Haunted Hike at the Garden City Bird Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19** 10:00 a.m. Senior Center Open House on Golf Club Lane

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19** 3:00 p.m. Teen STEAM Workshop: “Spooky Slime” with Chris Buchman (Grades 6-12) at the Library. Must register.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20** 2:00 p.m. Red Hot Mamas performing selections from Broadway shows, old time favorites and current popular tunes at the Library

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20** 2:00 p.m. Halloween event featuring Casey Carle’s Bubble Mania. Wear a costume. Must register.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *L.A. Confidential* at the Library

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21** 4:00 p.m. Halloween BINGO (Grades K-5) at the Library. Must register.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting in the Library’s lower level

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22** 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board meeting at Village Hall

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22** 7:00 p.m. Yoga with Kimberly at the Library. Must register.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23** 10:30 a.m. Preschool Halloween Parade and Party at the Library. Must

register.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23** 7:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Board meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25** 7:00 p.m. Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf Halloween Party. Nominal fee.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26** 7:00 p.m. Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf Halloween Party. Nominal fee.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27** 5:00 p.m. Trick-Or-Treat through creepy cottages for a Halloween-themed path into a Haunted Village at 108 Rockaway Avenue

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30** 11:15 a.m. Senior Dance Performance Group at the Senior Center. Must register.