

November 6, 2024

Please plan to attend a special meeting scheduled on the county's plans to redesign the intersection of Merillon and Rockaway Avenues. The meeting will take place Thursday evening, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Residents may also attend by Zoom.

Nassau County Public Works will present their tentative plans to redesign the intersection and parts of the roadways to improve pedestrian safety and slow traffic. Your Village leaders have heard your requests for improvements at this intersection, and we are happy to see the County undertaking this significant project.

There will be an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the plans at this meeting. The plans will be available on the Village website for residents to review before the meeting.

LEAD SERVICE INVENTORY QUESTIONS

A recent notification sent to many residents about lead service lines has caused some confusion and a significant number of calls to the Village Water Department and our consultants. The Village was required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to notify residents of the potential for a lead service line. Some questions are the result of the Village having an older record of lead being utilized as a service line and no record of the service line being replaced/changed. Though a water quality sample indicated non-detectable lead in the drinking water, which is good, the Village cannot be 100 percent positive that the service line is **not** lead-based on the records, therefore, we have classified your service line as lead. Below are the most frequently asked questions about the notices that were mailed:

1. I had my water tested and it did not show lead. Why am I still classified as having a lead service line?

The Village cannot be 100 percent positive that your service is not lead based on records and other factors. It is possible you may have a partial lead service between your home and the water main in the street. The EPA requires us to list you as having a lead service.

2. I sent in a photo of my service or had an inspection done. Why am I still listed as having a lead service?

Many photos did not provide a clear enough image to make a determination, or the wrong photo was submitted. Also, even if you had a copper line coming into your home, it is still unknown what may be between your home and the water main in the street. We are required to report this as unknown, which is lead until proven otherwise.

3. I had my entire service replaced in the past and I received a letter that my service is lead.

Our records did not indicate your service was replaced. If the **entire** service was replaced, please provide the back up documentation and we will update our records.

The Village continues to offer one free lead test to all residential homeowners. The Village can also provide an in-home inspection to determine what the service line material is coming into your home. Additionally, the Village continues to waive road opening permit fees for lead service line replacements. To schedule a lead test please email a request to gardencitysampling@h2m.com. To schedule an inspection please call 516-465-4005. Thank you for continued understanding and cooperation.

POLICE: TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PACKAGE THEFT

Due to the recent surge in package thefts, the Garden City Police Department is raising awareness about steps residents can take to protect their packages and ensure safer deliveries. With the rise of online shopping, many consumers are opting to have their purchases delivered directly to their homes. Unfortunately, this convenience has led to a corresponding increase in package thefts. According to recent reports, thefts from front porches and driveways have skyrocketed, prompting police to act.

"Package theft can be a frustrating experience, not just for the victim but for the entire community," said Commissioner Kenneth Jackson. "We want to alert residents of effective strategies in an effort to protect their packages and reduce the risk of theft."

Commissioner Jackson offers the following tips to help residents safeguard their deliveries:

1. ****Schedule Deliveries**:** Whenever possible, schedule your deliveries for times when you can be home to receive them. This limits the opportunity for thieves.
2. ****Use Secure Locations**:** Consider having packages delivered to secure locations such as your workplace or a trusted neighbor's house.
3. ****Surveillance**:** Security cameras or smart doorbells can deter thieves and provide evidence if a theft occurs.
4. ****Request Signature Confirmation**:** Opt for delivery services that require a signature upon receipt, ensuring that packages are handed directly to you.
5. ****Consider Package Lockers**:** Many carriers now offer package lockers or pickup points. This option can significantly reduce the risk of theft.
6. ****Stay Alert**:** Be vigilant in your neighborhood. If you notice suspicious activity or individuals loitering around delivery trucks, report it to the police.

"Our goal is to keep our community safe," added Commissioner Jackson. "By taking these proactive measures, residents can significantly reduce their chances of becoming victims of package theft."

The Garden City Police Department encourages everyone to share these tips with friends and family to promote safety and awareness. To report suspicious activity, please contact the Garden City Police Department by dialing 911 or call (516) 465-4100.

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

The Long Island Chapter of the 42nd Division Association will hold its annual Veterans Day observance and wreath placement at the 42nd Division Rainbow Monument on Saturday, November 9 beginning at 12 Noon. On Veterans Day, November 11, William Bradford Turner American Legion Post 265 will conduct a ceremony commencing at 10:45 a.m. in the area surrounding the Veteran's Memorial at the Garden City Library on Seventh Street. Prior to the ceremony, there will be a Meet the Veterans event in the Library at 9:30 a.m. The American Legion Auxiliary will distribute poppies in the area surrounding the Veteran's Memorial on Seventh Street.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9** 12:00 p.m. Wreath placement at the 42nd Division Monument
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11** 9:30 a.m. Meet the Veterans event at the Library
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11** 10:45 a.m. Veterans Day ceremony on 7th Street
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* at the Library
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12** 7:00 p.m. Yoga With Kimberly at the Library. Must

register.

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12** 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball at Field House. Nominal fee.
- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13** 7:30 p.m. EAB Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14** 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball for residents at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14** 7:00 p.m. Nassau County DPW will make a presentation on the proposed Merillon/Rockaway Avenues Project in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15** 10:00 a.m. Defensive Driving Course at the Library. Registration is required, in person at the Reference Desk.
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meting at the Library