

November 20, 2024

If you missed Nassau County DPW's presentation on design plans for the Merillon/Rockaway intersection, it can be viewed on the Village website [<https://www.gardencityny.net/263/Traffic-Commission>]. The presentation, made at Village Hall on November 14, details the plans which include the addition of two traffic lights and safety calming improvements to address speeding on Rockaway Avenue. The plans were well received by residents that attended the presentation, including those in attendance whose homes are most impacted by the changes. County Legislator John Giuffre attended the meeting and plans to work closely to make sure this roadway improvement will be implemented with an anticipated completion date in 2026. He assured residents that the project is in the budget.

I am grateful that the County is addressing this important intersection navigated by so many new drivers every year attending Garden City High School. The plans go a long way to improve both pedestrian safety and vehicle safety, and it is great to see the community embracing this change. If residents have any input, now is the best time to be heard, and emails can be sent to jborroni@gardencityny.net.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Long Island Chapter of the 42nd Division Association for conducting its annual Veterans Day observance and wreath placement on Saturday, November 9 at the 42nd Rainbow Division Monument. Myself and members of the Board were honored to attend the moving ceremony. Many thanks to William Bradford Turner American Legion Post 265 for conducting its Veterans Day ceremony. Prior to the start of the ceremony, the Ladies Auxiliary of William Bradford Turner Post 465 held its "Meet a Veteran" event at the Library. Residents young and old alike had an opportunity to hear stories from their neighbors who have served in past military conflicts.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CASINO DECEMBER 9

As you know, Nassau County is currently in the Environmental Review Process, formally known as the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process, a necessary step in Las Vegas Sands' quest for a casino license at the Nassau Hub. The County Legislature is expected to release the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) this week. The County will hold a special public hearing Monday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. at 1550 Franklin Avenue. For more information visit www.nocasinonassau.org; complete this form [form.jotform.com/SayNoToTheCasino] to sign an opposition letter to the NYS Gaming Commission and to receive updates, call / email / write your County Legislator and tell them to vote NO! Who is my legislator? Visit lrv.nassaucountyny.gov/mni/.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Irene Woo, CPA, CMFO presented the Treasurer's Report during the November 7 Board of Trustees meeting. For the 2023-24 fiscal year, the General Fund Revenues was overall favorable to the budget by \$2.1 million mainly due to Community Benefit Fund reimbursements, state and federal aid for the St. Paul's roof repair, NYSERDA LED street lighting and DOT grants, insurance recoveries, higher CHIPS funding and more. On the expenditure side, the General Fund had favorable variances within departments mostly due to lower salaries, benefits and taxes as a result of open or unfilled positions, and less part-timers hired, unused contingency (\$597,000) and lower than anticipated expenditures in legal fees (\$177k), snow removal costs (\$174k), contractual services (\$446k) and maintenance of software (\$216k).

PUBLIC SAFETY TOOLKIT

The Garden City Police Department would like to inform residents of our Public Safety Toolkit, which includes:

- Overnight Parking
- Vacation Watch
- Keyholder
- At-Risk Residents
- Bike Management
- Pet Management
- Citizen Reporting

These tools are centrally located at <https://www.frontlinepss.com/gardencity>, which includes descriptions of each tool and a user-friendly method of input. These simple-to-use tools are intended to assist with the partnership that we share with residents, guests, business owners, and commuters alike. We invite you to bookmark this website on your phone and/or computer and take advantage of these tools. Please read the pop-up screens that may be introduced when you enter a module. They will contain pertinent information to assist with your entry. To avoid any confusion, please be aware that the Pet Management tool does NOT replace the requirement for your pet to have a license with the Village. Please contact Village Hall for your pet licenses and thereafter enter your pet information in the Pet Management tool to assist the PD if your pet is Lost or Found. Similarly, the Keyholder tool does not replace the need for all residents and businesses to complete an Alarm Registration with the Village as per Village Code 52-2. You can find a fillable Alarm Registration form on the Department website. Please call the Garden City Police Department Front Desk at 516.465.4100 if you have questions about any of our tools or visit the Garden City Police Department website at <https://gardencitypolice.net/> for many other valuable resources.

MERILLON/ROCKAWAY AVENUEWS INTERSECTION REDESIGN PROPOSAL

A representative from Nassau County Public Works presented a proposed plans for the redevelopment of the intersection at Rockaway and Merillon Avenues, near Garden City High School, during a special meeting November 14. The County has proposed a detailed project that includes the installation of two traffic lights and the reconfiguration of the "cut-through" road from Merillon to Rockaway Avenue (north side of the triangle). Other details were also discussed, including strategy to "calm" a stretch of roadway, by implementing a road diet on sections of Rockaway Avenue, from Stewart Avenue to Old Country Road. To view the presentation, visit the Village website [].

REMINDER: FLAG DROP BOX

Garden City Fire Department Ex-Chief Larry Nedelka donated a flag collection box to the American Legion on behalf of his late parents. Frank and Joan Nedelka were once very active members of the Legion, having served as Commander and Auxiliary president respectively. The box is located next to the Gazebo on 7th Street. There is another flag drop box located in the Garden City Library lobby as well. Residents and businesses are reminded that they have several places to properly dispose of tattered and worn American flags.

GARDEN CITY TURKEY TROT

Long Island's largest Thanksgiving Day road race will mark its 47th anniversary Thanksgiving Day in Garden City. Registration for the annual Garden City Turkey Trot, a longstanding community tradition, is underway at www.gcturkeytrot.com. The Turkey Trot consists of three races: the Challenger Division Race for special needs athletes, a 1.4 mile Fun Run and a 5 Mile Race. All three races start and finish in front of St. Paul's on Stewart Avenue. Pick up your race bib and race T-shirt on Wednesday night, Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, at St. Paul's between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I want to wish all our Village staff and residents a Happy Thanksgiving! A special Thanksgiving wish to the many residents who volunteer their time and expertise to make Garden City a great place to live.

SANITATION COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING WEEK

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, November 28, 2024. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

GARBAGE

Western Half of Village (West of Rockaway Avenue): Monday and Friday

Eastern Half of Village (East of Rockaway Avenue): Tuesday and Saturday

RUBBISH

Wednesday, November 27

RECYCLING

Residents scheduled for recycling on Thursday, November 28th, are asked to put their recyclables out on Thursday, December 5th.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26** 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board meeting at Village Hall
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28** 8:30 a.m. Turkey Trot beginning and ending at St. Paul's. Must register.
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *When Harry Met Sally* at the Library
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3** 12:00 p.m. real estate seminar/luncheon courtesy of Compass Realty, with Tracy Jordan from Invited Sales at the Senior Center. Must register by calling 516-385-8006.
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3** 7:00 p.m. Yoga With Kimberly at the Library. Must register.
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4** 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meeting at Village Hall
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4** 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball for residents at Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5** 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball for residents at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8** 3:30 p.m. Village Christmas Tree Lighting and Hanukkah Festival of Lights on the Village Green
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees meeting at the Library
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10** 11:30 a.m. Lotus Fitness workshop at the Senior Center.
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10** 2:00 p.m. Holiday lights lecture with Art and Susan Zuckerman at the Library
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12** 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12** 2:00 p.m. Christmas Sing-A-Long with George Salem at the Senior Center
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14** 1:00 p.m. sports lecture with Les Wolff at the Library. Must register.
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** 2:00 p.m. Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio perform at the Library
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17** 1:30 p.m. A Day at the Movies: *Elf* at the Senior Center.

Register by calling 516-385-8006.