

January 29, 2025

Some may wonder why water notices are being sent out to residents after the Village has invested so much money in the AOP water treatment at our Village wells. Our annual water report and the February and October 2024 EAB presentations on water quality in the Village demonstrate the success of this investment. As I said at the last BOT meeting, I credit prior Village trustees for quickly acting upon learning of emerging contaminants and the lowering of allowable limits due to health concerns.

As Mr. Stan Carey stated at the January 16, 2025 meeting, “The Village of Garden City is ahead of most other water suppliers. We’ve invested over \$50 million to meet all the newly promulgated drinking water standards. It was a very, very heavy lift for Village staff to get these online. At the present time I am happy to say all our water meets or exceeds drinking water standards.”

So why are so many residents getting alarming notices about lead in drinking water? The issue facing residents now is what happens to the water after it leaves the Village water main in the street and travels through the service line to your home. Those service lines are the responsibility of the homeowner, and the service lines are for the most part on residents’ property.

Over the last few years, it has become clear that the Village has many homes with aging lead service lines. A lead service line inventory is now available on our Village website and this inventory identifies homes with lead service lines as well as homes with service lines within the Village with unknown material.

The Village continues to provide free lead testing, and this testing is now being handled by Village staff rather than by our water consultants. To get your free lead test please pick up the bottles and instructions at Village Hall on the second floor. The Village continues to waive road opening permit fees for lead service line replacements.

Hopefully, this answers some questions resident have about our Village water. Please visit the Water Department page on our website for more information.

LATE VILLAGE TAX PAYMENT UPDATE

As of February 3, 2025 Village tax payments made by check must be made in the form of certified check or money order, until the Tax Lien Sale of March 14, 2025. Cash is also accepted. The Business Office is open from 8:30am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday if a receipt is requested, or if cash is the method of payment. Acceptance of personal checks will resume on June 1, 2025 for the new 2025/2026 tax year. Online Village tax payments are available through the Village website [Bill Payment Center](#) only until February 20, 2025, and will resume on June 1, 2025 for the new 2025/2026 tax year. Additional fees may apply.

VALENTINES FOR VETS

Assemblyman Ed Ra is collecting Valentine cards/messages and personal care items for local veterans at the Long Island State Veterans Home and the Northport VA. Suggested items include toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, adult coloring books and crayons, magnifying glasses or sheets, white boards and thin dry erase markers and new clothing items, including sweatshirts, sweatpants and undershirts. Donations will be collected through February 7 at his District office located at 825 East Gate Blvd. in Garden City.

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees will conduct work sessions to review the Tentative 2025-26 Operating and Capital Budgets in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom beginning March 19, 2025, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Here is the full schedule:

- o Work Session I – Wednesday, March 19, 2025
- o Work Session II – Tuesday, March 25, 2025
- o Work Session III – Thursday, March 27, 2025

KIDS PICKLEBALL PROGRAM AT ST. PAUL'S

Garden City Recreation will offer a Pickleball program for kids beginning March 4 through May 1. It will be 90 minutes of play on all four courts in the Field House with a basic intro to the game and rules. The cost is \$100 for eight sessions. Equipment will be provided. A minimum of eight and a maximum of 24 sign ups is needed to run the program per day.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31** 11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga with Tania at the Senior Center
- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31** 12:35 p.m. Meditation Class at the Senior Center
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1** 3:00 p.m. Intro To Safe Babysitting Workshop at the Library. Must register.
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2** 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the St. Paul's Field House. Nominal fee.
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2** 3:00 p.m. Family Fun time for Garden City families at the St. Paul's Field House
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3** 1:30 p.m. Monday Movie Matinée: *Music & Lyrics* at the Library
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3** 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball in the St. Paul's Field House. Nominal fee.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4** 4:00 p.m. Teen Advisory Board meeting at the Library. Must register.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4** 7:00 p.m. Teen Paint Night at the Library. Must register.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4** 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion: *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin at the Library. Must register.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5** 12:00 p.m. "Chairobics and Strength" at the Library. Must register.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5** 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meeting at Village Hall
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5** 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6** 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball in the St. Paul's Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6** 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8** 10:00 a.m. Defensive Driving Course at the Library. Must register.
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8** 3:00 p.m. Edible Slime with Science Teacher Chris Buchman at the Library! Must register.
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees meeting at the Library
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at Village Hall
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 7:00 p.m. Yoga with Kimberly Mercadante at the Library. Must register.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 7:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Board meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13** 6:00 p.m. Traffic Commission meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14** 2:00 p.m. Valentine BINGO at the Senior Center. \$5. Must register at the front desk.