

October 8, 2025

This past Tuesday AAA – Northeast held its Community Traffic Safety Awards luncheon at the GC Hotel. During the ceremony the GC Police Department was awarded AAA's Platinum Award. It is the highest honor given by AAA and it recognizes municipalities for their outstanding and innovative efforts to improve traffic safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Although it's not our PD's first Platinum Award, it is quite an accomplishment as AAA continually sets a high bar to be so designated. One other note...Officer James Gunnels received an individual honor for his outstanding commercial vehicle enforcement activities across the Village. Congrats to Commissioner Jackson, Officer Gunnels and the entire GCPD.

Late this week the Village filed an action in Nassau County Supreme Court challenging the Town of Hempstead's ("TOH") rezoning of the Nassau Coliseum site. Our papers allege that the TOH blindly relied on the Nassau County Legislature's environmental review for LV Sands' casino project and that the rezoning is based on that flawed environmental review. The rezoning, if unchecked, facilitates the establishment of a gaming entity and/or other large-scale development at the Nassau Coliseum site and the adjacent Marriott Hotel parcel.

Our action also alleges that Nassau County's Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"), a key component of the County's plan to have the LV Sands casino project pass legal muster, failed to take the requisite "hard look" at the potential impacts of either Sands' proposed project or the rezoning, in violation of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). Further, we believe TOH improperly relied on said EIS, which was focused on Sands' proposed project and did not adequately analyze the rezoning as an independent action. We will keep you updated on developments.

Finally, with the anticipation and excitement surrounding the Ryder Cup squarely in the rearview mirror...a huge thank you to our restaurants, coffee shops, eateries and all of our businesses on 7th Street and Franklin Avenue for your terrific effort and outstanding offerings. It was a smash for the Village and Chamber...thanks to one and all.

THANK YOU TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Garden City Police issued more than 500 tickets during September's back-to-school enforcement initiative. In partnership with Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grants, the initiative is designed to enhance the safety of students during their daily commutes. Officers monitored traffic conditions around schools, bus stop locations, and along routes frequently used by student walkers. This concentrated effort aimed to reduce the risk of accidents and ensure that students could safely travel to and from school. Residents should ALWAYS be aware and remain vigilant in ensuring very safe roadways and passageways for our children at all times. During this initiative Officers issued tickets for the following violations:

145 Tickets: Excessive Speed in a School Zone
101: Excessive/Unsafe Speed
61: Passing Stop Signs/Red Traffic Lights
22: Unsafe Lane Usage/Failure to Yield
44: Driving with a Suspended/Revoked License
95: Driving with a Suspended/Revoked Registration

59: Unlicensed Operation
42: Disregarding Traffic Signs/Controls
07: Distracted Driving (Cell Phone/Electronic Device)
01: Reckless Driving
12: Violation of License Conditions and Restrictions
07: Seatbelt/Occupant Protection violations

CONCERNED ABOUT HIGH WATER BILLS?

It's a fact that most lawns and gardens require significantly reduced irrigation after mid-September. Oftentimes systems are turned off later in the fall than necessary. The Water Department suggests the following accommodation during the fall: turn the system off or reduce the zone run times. Additionally, if you employ irrigation professionals, as you may know, have them clear/drain the system before shutting down for the colder months. Not surprisingly, total water use is three times higher in the summer than during non-irrigation months. While watering, our Water Department encourages strict compliance with the Village's schedule for lawn watering. For years now, irrigation is permitted on alternate odd and even-numbered days as mandated by Nassau County. Residents are reminded that watering hours are from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We also strongly encourage residents to install smart irrigation controllers. These clock-based irrigation controllers set a schedule that turns your system on as the weather gets warmer and/or dryer. Likewise, the system will not run when it rains or is cooler. Smart irrigation controllers connect to the nearest weather station via the internet. You can also control these systems on your smartphone. WaterSense labeled irrigation controllers provide a smart way to reduce irrigation that occurs when plants don't need it. There are two types of controllers that can earn the WaterSense label: weather-based irrigation controllers can help reduce water waste by adjusting your irrigation schedule based on local weather and landscape conditions. Soil moisture-based irrigation controllers, also known as soil moisture sensors, water plants based on their needs by measuring the amount of moisture in the soil and tailoring the irrigation schedule accordingly. Conserving water is a year round necessity.

REMINDER: 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 has several applications and is used in mailing packages. It's 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.

COLUMBUS DAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Columbus Day is Monday, October 13, 2025. Residents are reminded that there will be a normal weekly collection schedule.