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Infrastructure improvements are always high on our priority list and we currently have three critical infrastructure projects now underway - the complete replacement of the Cedar Valley Transfer Station, the refurbishment of the Western Firehouse, and the rehabilitation of the Old Water Works Building. To help offset the financial burden on taxpayers, we have actively pursued external funding. For the Western Firehouse, we were awarded a \$500,000 federal grant through the U.S. Congress. For the Old Water Works Building, we are preparing to submit an application for a Parks, Preservation, and Heritage Grant of up to \$600,000. For the Cedar Valley Transfer Station rebuild, we will be submitting an application to a NYS DEC program seeking additional financial support. These projects are not small undertakings—they represent major capital investments that come with not insignificant costs. However, maintaining and improving our public infrastructure is not optional; it is our legal and fiduciary responsibility and an obligation we take seriously. This Board is committed to focusing on projects that are essential not only for the functioning and safety of Village services but also for preserving the character and history of Garden City. By taking a balanced and proactive approach—securing grants, planning wisely, and prioritizing effectively—we are ensuring that today's investments will serve generations to come.

### **ILLEGAL U-TURNS ON 7TH STREET**

Over the past several months, Board members have received many resident complaints about the frustratingly persistent problem of illegal U-turns on 7th Street and the associated safety risks. It is clear that drivers are also wantonly ignoring handicap parking space designations and “hatched off” portions of curb parking areas on 7th St. as well. Additionally, we have had several reports of cars parking illegally in lot 7S (the lot on the south side of 7th St.) I have been told by GCPD personnel that the offenders are both residents and out-of-town folks. The Board has directed the Commissioner to instruct his officers and police aides to increase the monitoring of 7th St. and the 7S lot and issue tickets to violators without exception. You can probably “hear” my frustration regarding drivers’ selfish actions - apologies. In any event, we have asked the PD to double its efforts.

### **LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES**

The Board has approved an extension of the free one-time per residential home lead sampling program through December 2026. If your home is serviced by a lead service line, the Village will continue waiving all road opening permit fees for replacement of a lead service line. If you are either unsure about the material composition of your service line or lead levels, please refrain from drinking water directly from the tap and either use a filter certified to remove lead (NSF-53) or drink bottled water, until the water has been tested. The Village will provide, free of charge, one testing kit per home. Please stop by the Water Department at Village Hall for a kit. We recently completed a lead service line inventory based on the Village’s historical records, sampling, and self-identification surveys for all residents within the Village. Please visit the Water and Sewer Services page on the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net) and click the Lead Service Line Inventory [tab](#) to check the service line status of your home.

### **NOR’EASTER RESPONSE**

A Nor’easter affected the area this past weekend, bringing with it heavy rain and strong winds, with gusts up to 40 mph. The Fire Department responded to seven alarms during the storm, including a reported kitchen fire, smoke from a boiler, wires down, and a few automatic fire alarms set off in error. Our Police Department responded to six alarm calls, eight calls for fallen trees and limbs, two traffic light malfunctions, a hazardous condition call while also assisting the Fire Department at their calls. A huge collective thanks to the PD and FD for their continued outstanding efforts.