

October 22, 2025

Governor Kathy Hochul visited the Village October 15 to tour GCPD Headquarters to highlight NYS' grant program investments in law enforcement technology across the State. In welcoming the Governor, Commissioner Jackson commented: "I appreciated the opportunity to demonstrate the three strategies that will and have assisted our officers in taking care of business here in the Village." I added: "I don't think it's debatable that one of the hallmarks of a successful and thriving community is a well trained, well lead and well resourced police department. We have that here in Garden City." Our Department utilized the \$465,000 grant to purchase a drone, license plate readers, and a top of the line computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system which enhances our PD's headquarters and patrol vehicles to respond to calls more efficiently. The new technology also provides a Records Management System (RMS) which allows the police department to use integrated data more efficiently.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE VILLAGE

Do you have a passion for serving the Village in an impactful way? Our Village government is led by dedicated volunteers, from the Mayor and Village Trustees to the many members of our important Boards and Commissions. There are openings now and in the coming months on the following Boards: Planning Commission and Library Board. Come join us.

Board of Library Trustees: Are you passionate about books, community, and making a difference? The Garden City Library Board of Trustees is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help shape the future of our library! The Board is composed of five qualified community members from throughout the Village. Members are appointed by the Village Board of Trustees. Library Trustees serve a five-year term. The Library Board is a rewarding and fun way to give back to your community while sharing your love for learning and libraries.

Planning Commission: Are you interested in the thoughtful development and the future of Garden City? Do you want to play a meaningful role in shaping our community's growth, character, and livability? The seven-member Planning Commission is a vital advisory board appointed to serve three-year terms. Members are entrusted with the responsibility of reviewing and recommending plans for the development of vacant land, public spaces, streets, and parks to ensure they align with Garden City's established community standards and values.

More information can be found about these positions on the Village [website](#). If you are interested, please send a resumé and letter of interest by October 30th to Village Clerk Kelly Galanek at <mailto:kgalanek@gardencityny.net>.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Garden City Police will participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 25, 2025. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., community members are invited to safely dispose of their unwanted or expired prescription drugs at the collection center located at Garden City Police Headquarters, 349 Stewart Avenue. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to combat the misuse of prescribed medicines. For those unable to participate on October 25, 2025, the Garden City Police Department will continue to accept unused, expired, and unwanted medications every day at our headquarters.

SIGN UP FOR THE VILLAGE APP

Quick reminder: the (fairly) new MyGardenCity mobile app is available to be downloaded 24/7!! It allows residents to access information, submit service requests, get notifications and more! It's quite convenient and should be on every residents mobile phone, laptop or desk top. Visit the App store and download MyGardenCity today! For a quick tutorial, visit the Village website.

EARLY VOTING FOR UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS

As a reminder you can vote early in this year's Local Elections beginning this Saturday at the St. Paul's Field House. Here are the dates and times:

- Saturday, October 25th - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 26th - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 27th - 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 28th - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 29th - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 30th - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 31st - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 1st - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 2nd - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The right to vote freely is one of the most beautiful and important rights we have ... we all need to make good on our obligation to participate in and impact our great democracy...still the envy of the world. [It'll also give you "good practice" for the Village Elections on March 18, 2026!]