

November 5, 2025

Quick note here folks: Tomorrow, November 8th 12:15 a.m. through Monday, November 10th at 2:15 a.m., LIRR crews will be performing critical signal upgrade work on the Main Line branch. The work requires major service adjustments on the Oyster Bay, Port Jefferson, and Ronkonkoma branches, as well as schedule changes across the LIRR system. Please check [mta.info](#) or the TrainTime app for updates.

CONGRATULATIONS, OFFICER IRIZARRY

Officer Michael Irizarry was recently recognized with a 2025 Police Service Award for the following actions: On September 21, 2025, at approximately 5:40 a.m., Officer Irizarry, along with firefighters from the Garden City Fire Department and several neighboring departments, responded to a significant house fire on Willow Street. While engaged in rescue operations, the integrity of the first-floor flooring was compromised, resulting in a firefighter falling through a hole. Without hesitation and without fire protective equipment and clothing, Officer Irizarry risked his own safety and entered the hazardous environment to assist the fallen firefighter. Alongside two Fire Chiefs, he successfully pulled the firefighter from imminent danger, preventing him from falling into the working basement fire. Officer Irizarry sustained a hand fracture during this selfless rescue. We are lucky to have such dedicated first responders willing to risk their own lives to help at a moment's notice. Hats off to you Officer Irizarry, you're a credit to the GCPD.

LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOVEMBER 10

Fall leaf collection will begin on Monday, November 10. [Note: So this weekend don't forget to make those big piles for the kids in the backyard!] Due to the large number of leaves still on trees, the DPW has pushed back the start date slightly compared to previous years. Collection will run through December. Please check the Village [website](#), and [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for the location of crews. Please note the exact dates may change depending on weather conditions. Follow the instructions below, and if you have a landscaper, advise them to abide by these instructions:

- ONLY leaves are picked up during leaf collection.
- Grass, branches, plants and dirt will NOT be collected as they will cause the equipment to clog.
- NO leaves should be placed in plastic bags.
- Please try not to park vehicles on top of leaf piles as we won't be able to collect them. Also, parking on leaves poses a fire hazard.
- Please do not place leaf piles on top of stormwater drains as this causes clogged drains and creates flooding during rain events.

After our fall leaf collection concludes, residents can bag leaves and put them out on their rubbish day or bring them to the Village Dump area.

BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

This year the Recreation & Parks Department was involved in a number of new beautification projects throughout the Village. Most notably was the planting of the new retaining wall/raised planter in the western business district on New Hyde Park Road. The team also completed planting projects at Edgemere Park, the Nassau Train Station, new butterfly garden and in and around the newly refurbished Toll House. According to Village Arborist Joe Umana, this fall the crews will be planting

100 new trees....and that's on the heels of 100 additional trees that were planted last spring.

UPDATE: AIRPLANE NOISE

The Airline Noise Sub-Committee provided an update at the October 29, 2025 EAB meeting. The airplane noise petition has garnered 690 signatures. Please continue to share with friends and family. The Sub-committee is planning on dropping off the physical petition at Congresswoman Laura Gillen's Garden City office but they would like to reach 1,000 signatures before doing so. Residents should also continue to email and call elected officials to demand action: advocate for Bill A2140B (Community Impact Study) that was signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2021. Unfortunately, no action has been taken on the matter to date. Below is a list of issues the group has put in front of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):

- Rotate flight patterns on a regular 6-8 hour basis to more equitably distribute noise across affected areas;
- Update the landing slope to a steeper descent angle, allowing planes to remain at higher altitudes longer and reduce engine thrust over residential communities. The current shallow approach keeps aircraft flying low over Garden City for extended periods;
- Complete the long-delayed environmental study mandated by Bill A2140B, signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2021;
- Update noise measurement standards to align with the World Health Organization's guidance, lowering the threshold from 65dB to better reflect true health and quality-of-life impacts of aircraft noise; and
- Equitably distribute runway use (overuse of runway 22L - 70 percent of all arrivals to JFK in July were on this runway and directly over GC).