

November 19, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving! It is the best time of year for family and friends...enjoy one and all and please give thanks for the opportunities we have in this glorious country we call America. Despite all the noise...and it can weigh one down for sure...we are blessed to have been bestowed by our forefathers with the freedoms we enjoy every day: "My Country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty...."

At our November 20, 2025 BOT meeting, Chief Taunton and Buildings Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello made presentations on the proposed re-design of the Western Fire House ("Company 2") located at Edgemere Road and Stewart Avenue. The residents in attendance were quite engaged and there was extensive discussion. The comprehensive plan is now under Board consideration and we anticipate voting on the matter at our December 11, 2025 meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY TOOLKIT

The Garden City Police Department would like to remind residents of our Public Safety Toolkit, which includes:

- Overnight Parking
- Vacation Watch
- Keyholder
- At-Risk Residents
- Bike Management
- Pet Management
- Citizen Reporting

These tools are centrally located at <https://www.frontlinepss.com/gardencity>, which includes descriptions of each tool and a user-friendly method of input. These simple-to-use tools are intended to assist with the partnership that we share with residents, guests, business owners and commuters alike. We invite you to bookmark this website on your phone and/or computer and take advantage of these tools. Please read the pop-up screens that may be introduced when you enter a module. They will contain pertinent information to assist with your entry. To avoid any confusion, please be aware that the Pet Management tool does NOT replace the requirement for your pet to have a license with the Village. Please contact Village Hall for your pet licenses and thereafter enter your pet information in the Pet Management tool to assist the PD if your pet is Lost or Found. Similarly, the Keyholder tool does not replace the need for all residents and businesses to complete an Alarm Registration with the Village as per Village Code 52-2. You can find a fillable Alarm Registration form on the Department website. Please call the Garden City Police Department Front Desk at 516.465.4100 if you have questions about any of our tools or visit the Garden City Police Department website at <https://gardencitypolice.net/> for many other valuable resources.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SANITATION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Residents are reminded that there will be NO garbage pickup on Thursday, November 27, 2025. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

GARBAGE

- Western Half of Village - Monday and Friday (West of Rockaway Avenue)
- Eastern Half of Village - Tuesday and Saturday (East of Rockaway Avenue)

RUBBISH

- Entire Village - Wednesday, November 26th

RECYCLING

- Residents scheduled for recycling on Thursday, November 27th, are asked to put their recyclables out on Thursday, December 4th.

TOYS FOR TOTS

With the holiday season upon us, it is a time to reflect upon how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to share these times with family and friends. As you may be aware, many children are not so fortunate. To help the Marines bring some happiness to families who do not have the resources to provide a gift for their child this year, the Garden City Police Department has a gift depository collection boxes for the United States Marine Corps (USMC) Toys for Tots Program. Police Headquarters is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your generous gifts, no matter how small, could make a difference to a child. In the spirit of giving, please drop off any new, unused, and unwrapped toys into collection boxes located in the lobby of the Garden City Police Department by Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Last year, the Department collected a ton of boxes filled with toys, which the Marines distributed to many deserving kids. Thanks in advance for participating.

HOLIDAY SEASON SAFETY TIPS

As the holiday season approaches, the Garden City Police Department emphasizes the importance of safety and awareness during the hustle and bustle of the shopping season. While this time of year is meant for celebration and joy, individuals can become more vulnerable to theft and holiday-related crimes. To help ensure the safety of our residents, the Garden City Police Department encourages everyone to remain vigilant and take proactive measures. Here are some essential safety tips for a happy and peaceful holiday season:

DRIVING

- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lit area and lock your vehicle. Also, close all windows.
- Avoid parking next to large vehicles, vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Avoid leaving packages or valuables inside your vehicle where they can be seen by potential thieves.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if suspicious people are in the area.
- Do not roll down your window if a stranger approaches; talk through the glass or drive away.

HOME

- Ensure pocketbooks, bags, and house and car keys are NOT visible through windows, doors, etc.
- Ensure all doors and windows are locked when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- Ensure alarm and video surveillance systems are in good working order.
- When leaving home for extended periods, ask a neighbor or family member to watch your house.
- Have someone pick up your newspapers, and mail. In addition, have packages delivered to an alternate address where someone is available to receive them or arrange for pick-up of packages

at a depot.

- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on automatic timers.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Ensure that gifts are not visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- Ensure all doors, especially patio doors, are alarmed and have additional locking devices.

LEAVING HOME

- Plan your trip carefully and avoid getting lost by knowing the routes you will be taking.
- Tell someone when and where you are going and what time you expect to return home.
- When leaving home, leave interior and exterior lights on, and if equipped, activate your alarm system. Be aware of anyone watching or following you when you leave.
- Ensure your car has a full gas tank, and keep your doors locked and windows closed.
- Do not post on social media Holiday or vacation plans.
- Ensure your surveillance systems are on and notification alerts, if equipped, are activated.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM)

- When using an ATM at night, choose locations that are well-lit and secure.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.
- When leaving an ATM or Bank, ensure no-one is following you. Be aware of a person(s) distracting you while another person(s) may be removing items from your vehicle.

SHOPPING

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. At night, shop with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably; avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- If possible, avoid carrying a purse or wallet. They are easy targets for thieves in crowded areas.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay for purchases with a credit card or debit card when possible.
 - Keep cash in your front pocket.
 - Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
 - Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
 - Avoid overloading yourself with packages, and stay alert at all times.
 - Be sure to locate your keys before going to your car.
 - Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
 - Beware of persons attempting to distract you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- If you have a key chain or fob with a panic button, be prepared to use it if you feel threatened.
 - When leaving the shopping center, ensure that no one is following you.
 - Call 911 when followed and drive directly to a Police Station or area where people are present.
 - Leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter or family member if possible.
 - Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
 - Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security officer if they become separated from you.
 - Ensure your children know their full name, address, and telephone number.
 - Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.

- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and should never be left alone in the car.