

November 26, 2025

Earlier this month, the committee I appointed to address the moratorium on residential subdivisions met again to discuss the various ways in which to revamp the existing village code. In August, we adopted a local law to establish a six-month moratorium on the filing of an application, approval and/or issuance of building permits for residential subdivisions in the Village. We are considering a good handful of more restrictive provisions and notice requirements. The moratorium is effective until February 18, 2026 and may be extended by Village Board resolutions(s) for two additional three-month time periods. Members of the Committee include Mike Schroder, chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Jim Bauer, chair of the Architectural Design Review Board, Allyson Murray, a member of the ADRB, Village Counsel Gary Fishberg and Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello. This is a very important undertaking and it's terrific to have three well informed, experienced folks who can help guide us to the best and most comprehensive solution.

PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 11

FYI: the BOT will hold a public hearing at our Thursday, December 11, 2025 meeting on a proposed local law regarding tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters. A comprehensive notice will be published in this week's *GC News*.

RAILROAD TRACK SAFETY

On November 21, Garden City Police Youth Detective Steve Roumeliotis, along with six members of the MTA Police Department, conducted vital TRACKS (Together Railroads and Communities Keeping Safe) presentations for students at Garden City Middle School. With five railroad stations in the Village and proximity to two additional train stations, initiatives such as this are crucial in keeping our youth safe in and around railroad stations, tracks and crossings. In addition to the TRACKS training, attendees were treated to demonstrations by four MTA K-9 Officers. A hearty thanks to GC Police Detective Roumeliotis and the MTA participants.

TRAFFIC TICKETS

As of November 20, the GC Police Department has issued approximately 31,000 combined tickets, including all traffic and parking violations. At the rate we're going, the PD could issue 36,000 by year's end. Commissioner Jackson reports officers and police aides are working diligently to keep our streets safe and parking lot parkers on their toes. Traffic enforcement is important: it deters crime and lowers accidents. The Board has asked the PD to continue to be vigilant in all of these "quality of life" issues, as our neighbors' safety and well being are our paramount concern.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

I am excited to report that at the Nov. 20th meeting, the BOT appointed Melissa Frisina as Secretary to the Board of Trustees, effective this past Monday. Ms. Frisina's duties will be management of the Village's Human Resources Department. She comes to us with more than 20 years of human resources management experience. Good luck in your new endeavors Ms. Frisina.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS FLAGS IN 7TH STREET

The Board has approved the installation of up to 10 additional double-sided veterans flags on light poles on Seventh St. between Hilton and Cathedral Avenues. The brackets will be purchased and installed by CJ Flag & Son, Inc. The idea was first brought to the Village in 2024 by Garden City High School student Kiera O'Leary as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project. The flags include a photo of local veterans and their dates of service. Ms. O'Leary's spectacular idea continues to pay dividends for vets and GC!

Hope you all had a peaceful and wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your loved ones.