

December 17, 2025

Let's raise our glasses to an eventful 2025 and recharge them with the strong belief 2026 will even be better. And here's to the best of humanity in 2026, right here in GC, across the state, country and the entire globe. The good Lord is counting on each of you to lead the way....God Bless.

Last Thursday, the Board passed an \$8.35m bond resolution to finance the **Edgemere Road Fire House Station** Renovation Project. As presented by Chief Taunton at our November 20 Board meeting, we have chosen a plan which includes a full interior renovation of the basement, 1st floor, 2nd floor, Bell Tower, exterior shell of the building façade, roofing, existing utilities and the contiguous grounds. Additionally, construction will include an extension off the back of the first floor allowing for fire trucks of all sizes to utilize the rear of the building for entry into the garage. Construction is scheduled to commence during 1Q26.

LOCAL LAW ADOPTED - EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

At our Board meeting we also adopted a Local Law to replace Chapter 182, Article III of the Village code entitled "Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters." It provides an exemption of 10% of the assessed value of property owned by an enrolled member, based on specific eligibility requirements and the filing of an annual application.

TENNIS INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Tennis instructors are needed for the instructional tennis program at the Community Park Tennis Center. Tennis assistants are also needed. Please call the Recreation Office at 516 465-4075 for more information.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SANITATION SCHEDULE

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, December 25, 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, December 24, 2025

RECYCLING

- Residents scheduled for recycling on Thursday, December 25th, are asked to put their recyclables out on Saturday, December 27.

SAFETY TIPS, RULES & REGULATIONS DURING A SNOW EVENT - HELP US HELP YOU

The following suggestions are offered in an effort to reduce inconvenience to residents and to assist the Village in serving your needs during a snowstorm:

- ✓ If possible, excessive shoveling of your driveway apron can be avoided by waiting until the plow operation is complete.
- ✓ Please be considerate of how and where snow is piled when shoveling or using a snow blower. Always shovel snow or aim a snow blower chute back onto your property. Please DO NOT blow or shovel snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street. It is a hazard to all vehicles.
- ✓ When you hear that a storm is expected, move your car off the street into your driveway. This will speed up the plowing operation and make the streets safer for travel.
- ✓ Park your car, or cars, as close to the end of the driveway as is safely possible (not over the sidewalk or driveway apron). This eliminates the need for shoveling the entire driveway to free your car when the storm has ended and the roads are safe to travel.
- ✓ When snow removal equipment is at work with lights flashing, stay clear. This equipment moves slowly.
- ✓ If you are unable to shovel snow or are going to be away, make arrangements to have the snow cleared from your sidewalk. Please remember that you are responsible to shovel your sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm. This will be enforced by the Police Department. This is also applicable to the business community.
- ✓ Please clear snow away from all hydrants so that the Fire Department can reach them without delay. Also, make sure that the snow is not blocking the address number to your house.
- ✓ Be aware that snow shoveling is a strenuous activity made worse by extremely cold temperatures. Stay hydrated. Older residents and those in ill health should not shovel. Prior to a snow storm, make arrangements with someone to shovel for you.

SANITATION COLLECTION DURING A SNOW EVENT

To facilitate safe garbage collections, please clear a path from the sidewalk to where the garbage is kept. If this is not possible, it is suggested that the garbage be carried to the curb for pickup and returned promptly after the collection is completed. P.S. Last Sunday's storm proved to be challenging for our team of snow removers. There were a small handful reasons. We met with the head of DPW to "Monday Morning Quarterback" the situation. If interested, please see my longer report online.