

January 7, 2026

Hey folks...couple of updates:

Robert. L. (“Bob”) Schoelle: We lost a “Village Titan” this past Monday. Bob served as our Village Administrator from 1980 to 2014. It was an extraordinary tenure which saw Bob’s imprint on the GC Hotel, the Wyndham, the St. Paul’s campus, beautification of our business districts, the GC Pool and too many other projects to list here. He was a gentleman in demeanor, created a wonderful work environment at Village Hall and was respectful of all he came in contact with. Most importantly, he was devoted to Monica, his wife of 54 years, his three adult children and six grandchildren. The impact of his leadership and legacy will live on in the Village for decades to come.

Propel NY: We have scheduled our final meeting with the NYTransco/NYPower Authority team for mid-January. We have worked assiduously over the past eight or so months on the projected pathway of the south shore through the north shore cable project. We also consulted with and included the School Board and District Superintendent in our late December meeting. The pathway includes portions of Stewart Avenue, Clinton Road and Franklin Avenue. Construction may not commence until late 2026-2027 and we will be actively monitoring same from the start through addressing repaving and the like.

Marine Corps Stewart Ave. Property: We have been informed that the Marine Corps ICOM group may be undertaking an inspection and evaluation of the property this week or in the near future. There has been a delay in obtaining funding as part of the “hangover” from the Governmental shutdown this past fall. In any event, with a huge assist from Frank Tauches, we will continue to monitor very closely.

Cedar Valley Sewer Lift Station: Although progress has slowed a bit due to the snow and freezing temperatures, the rebuild is still expected to be completed by late summer 2026. When completed, this lift station will collect sewage from the eastern part of the Village and send it to the County for treatment. More efficient pumps and electrical controls will replace older technology. This is a very important and capital intensive improvement that “flies under the radar” but is of crucial importance to the smooth running of our infrastructure.

Old Water Works Building: The project is currently at 85 percent design. We expect to go out to bid in the spring of 2026. The plans call for the restoration of the historical building, which dates back to the late 1800s. Once completed the building will have a new roof, windows, and will undergo façade improvements. It should be noted that the project is being coordinated with the appropriate NYS agencies for historical landmarks.

ST. PAUL’S TURF FIELD UPDATE

I'm happy to report the construction of the St. Paul's turf field is well underway. In the past two weeks the project has moved forward with only a few weather/holiday delays. LandTek has installed the drainage system and the field fence line. Laser grading and field leveling is underway this week. The project timeline is still on schedule and we are shooting for a March opening.

COLLECTION OF NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS FOR RECYCLING

A reminder for those with natural Christmas trees or wreaths that need to be disposed of. Please place them at the curb on your regularly scheduled recycling collection day. Public Works began collection this past Monday, starting in the West, and will continue moving through the Village following the recycling schedule. The trees and/or wreaths will be processed at the Village Yard to be used as mulch for trees and shrubs. To assist with the process, kindly ensure all tree stands, metal wire, electric lights and plastic bags are removed from the trees. Please dispose of your tree only on your scheduled recycling collection day.

HOLIDAY DWI ENFORCEMENT

During the November/December holiday season, the Police Department utilized Stop-DWI funds to deploy additional patrols to bolster the force's efforts in the detection and apprehension of persons driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. During this initiative, two motorists were arrested for impaired driving offenses...so as you can see, our PD continues to address the challenges of keeping our streets safe...amen.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION - DOWNLOAD THE VILLAGE APP!

It's been a year since the Village launched its app, MyGardenCity. [link: <https://www.gardencityny.net/500/Village-of-Garden-City-App>] The mobile citizen engagement app allows residents to have a direct line of communication to access information, submit service requests, get notifications and more! Thousands of residents have already downloaded MyGardenCity! Have you? Stay informed by downloading it today to receive important notifications and easily access all the latest from Village Hall, the Garden City Library, Recreation and the Senior Center! P.S. If you need help in signing up...as I did (oh boy...), don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call:

SANITATION COLLECTION - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, January 19, 2026. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

GARBAGE

- Western Half of Village Tuesday and Thursday (West of Rockaway Avenue)
- Eastern Half of Village Wednesday and Friday (East of Rockaway Avenue)

RUBBISH

- Entire Village: Wednesday, January 28th

RECYCLING

- Residents scheduled for recycling on Monday, January 19th, are asked to put their recyclables out on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.