

January 14, 2026

Couple of updates: (a) the Subdivision Moratorium Committee met recently and we spent significant time on the various options which we believe will result in improvements in the subject code language. Additionally, we will likely be doing away with “subdivision(s) as of right” and adding layers of review to any such request. It’s an important and not uncomplicated project. The initial six-month period is set to expire in mid-February 2026 and it’s not unlikely we will tap into the first three-month extension. I am happy to report...our committee is staffed with very talented folks; (b) Art. 78 litigation I, re: Nassau Coliseum grounds: we have filed a motion to reargue the Court’s finding that the Village did not have “standing”...i.e. our right to bring the action...to challenge the 42 year lease Nassau County, et.al., granted to LV Sands; litigation II. re: challenging the Town of Hempstead’s quite extra-ordinary zoning changes at the Coliseum grounds. It’s still in the early stages...we are awaiting the respondents’ (Town of Hempstead, et.al.) reply to the petition.; and, (c) we are also working on tightening the Village’s snow removal code provisions, as they appear to require updating.

NEW LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Garden City resident Carolyn Paparella took her oath of office this past Monday, after being unanimously approved by the BOT, to become the Library Board’s newest member. Ms. Paparella replaces longtime Trustee and former Chairman Randy Colahan. Trustee Paparella is an award-winning host, reporter and producer of media content, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications at the University of Florida School of Journalism. She and her husband moved to the Village a year and a half ago. As a new mom, she looks forward to spending time at the library with her young son, as she once did during her early childhood in Winter Park, Florida. Here’s a warm welcome to Trustee Paparella, who joins fellow Library Board members Colleen Foley, chair; Mary Maguire, vice chair; Linda Ryan and Paul O’Grady. She will serve on the Policy and Community Relations Committees.

KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR

I'd like to share a reminder from the Garden City Fire Department regarding the importance of keeping fire hydrants clear during the winter months: Many hydrants near homes and businesses get buried under a snow pile in winter months. Clearing a three-foot area around the hydrant in your yard or your neighbor's yard could be life saving. The few minutes it takes could truly make the difference for you and/or your neighbor. Please join the Garden City Volunteer Firefighters in encouraging your friends and neighbors to “adopt a fire hydrant” near their home. There are about 1,000 fire hydrants in Garden City!

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.

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...), watch this helpful tutorial on our website: <https://www.gardencityny.net/500/Village-of-Garden-City-App>.