

July 5, 2023

The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) has been working to help better communicate the Village's recycling guidelines to residents in an effort to reduce recycling confusion, increase participation, and reduce the amount of unaccepted items put out in the green bins on recycling day. When items are put in the green bin that are not part of the recycling program, it not only interferes with accepted items being recycled, but it costs the Village more money. All items put in the green bins are sent as part of a recycling load to Omni Recycling. If that load is deemed "contaminated" as a result of too many unaccepted items, the entire load is sent to a landfill, and the Village is charged a higher rate for disposal.

Last week, all residents should have received in the mail a colorful new Garden City Recycling Guide along with the Sanitation/Recycling Collection Schedule and Guidelines. The guide was prepared by Mr. John Borroni, Superintendent of the Village Department of Public Works (DPW), with input from the Village Recycling Supervisor, Mr. Michael Banta, and the EAB. It is my hope that all residents take some time to peruse the Recycling Guide, and it is likely that you will be surprised by some of the rules. I know I was, and I have already heard input from friends and neighbors who also were surprised by some of the rules. This is likely why our Village Sanitation Department has noticed the widespread practice of placing items not covered by our program in the green bins.

Many residents may not have known that our present program only accepts plastics that are coded #1 or #2, and the importance of residents not putting other plastics in the green bins. The term "wish-cycling" has been used for the practice of putting items in the bin without knowing whether they are accepted in the local program. It is important to the success of our local recycling program that residents are familiar with the information in our recycling guide and that they recycle right. Weekly recycling tips prepared by the EAB have been appearing in the Garden City News and will be incorporated into the Village website and social media posts to further help increase awareness of the recycling guidelines.

On the often discussed topic of recycling cardboard, the Village has not yet been able to find an economical way to have curbside pick-up of cardboard. The Village is continuing to evaluate this as there is a high demand for cardboard and if properly collected it could even be a small source of revenue.

I thank Mr. Borroni and Mr. Banta for all the work that went into producing the new Garden City Recycling Guide, and the members of the EAB for their advocacy on this important topic. Now it's up to us, the Village residents, to RECYCLE RIGHT!

THANK YOU, INSPECTOR BRAUN

On June 29, 2023, Inspector Steven Braun retired from the Garden City Police Department. Inspector Braun was recognized with a walk-out ceremony at Police Headquarters. The attendance of numerous Chiefs, and officers of other departments, as well as Fire Department and civilian personnel says it all about his hard work and dedication to serving this community. During his 32-year career, he initially served in the Patrol Division upon graduation in June of 1991. He was subsequently promoted to Detective in 1997, Sergeant in 2017, Lieutenant in 2017, and Inspector in 2019. Inspector Braun proved himself an excellent Police Officer, investigator, and leader. He was a great mentor to new officers and a tremendous asset to this department.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION UPDATE: CALMING STUDIES AND DEVICES

In furtherance of its obligation, the Traffic Commission has been working with three traffic calming studies (Cathedral Road Diet; Numbered Streets; Satellite Study) which are in various states of completion. The Cathedral Road Diet is in the final stages of completion with discussions between the Village and the County ongoing. The Satellite Study has recently been completed and implementation is expected to commence in the fall. However, the recommendations in the Numbered Streets Study have already begun to be implemented.

Significant changes are in place, or underway, arising out of the Numbered Streets Study, including speed humps on 4th street between Hilton and Franklin avenues, Seventh Street crosswalks improvements and proposed re-stripping of First Street from Sunset Lane to Rockaway Avenue together with a crosswalk from First Street to Community Park.

The first priority for traffic calming devices is school areas and roads with many school bus stops. Presently under consideration by DPW are (1) bump outs and chokers at Stratford School as shown on the satellite study; (2) speed humps or raised crosswalks at Homestead School; (3) raised crosswalks at Hemlock School (Bayberry Avenue) and Locust School (Boylston Street) and (4) Stewart School (Huntington and Clinton Road). Of course, traffic calming studies and their implementation is only a small part of the work the TC has been doing this past year. Check back next week for continued updates.

2023 FRIDAY NIGHT PROMENADES

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce and The Village of Garden City is once again presenting the highly anticipated Friday Night Promenades throughout the summer of 2023. Every Friday night on 7th Street between 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Remaining promenade themes include:

- 7/7 Red White and Blue
- 7/21 Christmas in July
- 8/4 Summer Breeze
- 8/18 Nashville Night
- 9/1 Aloha Luau
- 9/15 Big Pineapple Circus

SUMMERTIME GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES

The Garden City Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce its schedule of summer concerts:

- July 13 Radio Flashback - The best of Styx, Boston, Meatloaf, Doobie Brothers, Foreigner and ELO
- July 20 Manhattan Skyline - An All Star group brings back the best of NY vocal harmonies
- July 27 Risky Business - Old time Rock and Roll
- August 3 Garth Brooks Tribute - They've got "Friends in Low Places"
- August 10 Jenna Esposito - Tunes from the Great American Songbook
- August 17 Beyond Fab - The best of the Beatles

All shows are performed at the Gazebo on the Village Green, located at the corner of Stewart and Hilton avenues. Shows begin promptly at 7:15 p.m. In the event of rain, shows will be moved indoors to Cluett Hall, on the grounds of St. Paul's, 295 Stewart Avenue. Due to limited seating at Cluett Hall, proof of residency in the Inc. Village will be required for admission to the show. For additional information about these shows, please call Garden City Recreation and Parks at 465-4075.

EVENTS THIS WEEK IN GARDEN CITY

- **FRIDAY, JULY 7** 6:00 p.m. Friday Night Promenade: Red, White and Blue on Seventh Street
- **MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 10-14** 10:00 a.m. Free Playground Program at all five neighborhood parks for Grades 1-8.

- **MONDAY, JULY 10** 7:00 p.m. Family Sensory Storytime at the Library. Registration required.
- **MONDAY, JULY 10** 7:00 p.m. Middle School Night at the Pool. Members \$2; Non-members \$5.
- **MONDAY, JULY 10** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting at the Library.
- **TUESDAY, JULY 11** 4:00 p.m. Teen Advisory Board Meeting at the Library. Registration required.
- **TUESDAY, JULY 11** 8:30 p.m. Movie at the Pool: *Puss in Boots Last Wish*. Members \$2; Guests of members \$4.
- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12** 7:00 p.m. Plaza Theatrical Productions will present its adaptation of *The Rainbow Fish* at the Garden City Gazebo. Show is free.
- **THURSDAY, JULY 13** 7:15 p.m. Gazebo Concert on the Village Green: Best of Styx, Boston, Meatloaf, Doobie Brothers, Foreigner and ELO.