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Online Annual Report

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Incorporated Village of GARDEN CITY

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LOCATION

Central Nassau County
20 miles east of midtown Manhattan
5.3 square miles

GOVERNMENT

Founded in 1869 and Incorporated in 1919
Governed by a Mayor and seven Trustees
Village Administrator and Executive Staff

POPULATION

22,371 (2010 United States Census)

SERVICES

Police, Fire, Business Office, Building, Engineering,
Street/Highway, Water/Sewer, Sanitation/Recycling,
Parks/Recreation and Justice Court

RESIDENTIAL HOMES

Homes - 6,486
Condominiums - 513
Apartments/Co-ops - 636

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Commercial area includes banks, investment firms, office complexes, retail businesses, major department stores, variety of restaurants and food establishments and a four-star hotel

SCHOOLS

Seven public school buildings, eight private/parochial schools and one university (Adelphi University)

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Eleven houses of worship

*Photo for cover and inside cover; Suzie Alvey

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This is the eighty-fifth published Annual Report, covering the 2017-2018 fiscal year (June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018). It highlights the operations of the municipal government of Garden City. The purpose of the Annual Report is to keep the residents of Garden City informed on the activities of the past year. This is vital in the process of interactive government. It should be noted that references are made to State, County, Town and School District; these agencies operate separately and have their own power of taxation.

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To Our Fellow Residents of the Village of Garden City,

We are proud to present to you the Annual Report for Fiscal Year June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. While the primary purpose of the report is to provide fiscal year-end financial data, we would like to take this opportunity to provide a review of the various projects and undertakings achieved in the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year and also provide some forward-looking information.

Our entire Board remains committed to proactively working for the Village, as a whole, in an effort to maintain services in the most efficient way possible but to also undertake fundamental changes to the way we operate in order to become more productive and more efficient. When I took office as Mayor, I stated that we as a Board were not interested in doing things the same way as had been done for years just because that's the way it had been done. We have been changing things for several years, but to be honest, it takes a while to make changes to an organization of 260 employees (down from over 310 a few years ago) and various Boards and Commissions that have been doing the same thing for decades without taking a step back and analyzing itself and its operations.

The mission of the Board of Trustees is to provide oversight for the services and programs that offer a high quality of life and preserve the character of our Village. We are the guardians of your tax dollars and we take that responsibility seriously. Each one of us is a resident and taxpayer and we volunteer our time on your behalf to protect your investment in our community. Among other things, we require that our professional staff deliver follow-up status reports to ensure goals are met on time, and within budget, to make sure we spend your hard-earned tax dollars wisely.

The Board of Trustees should not be the day-to-day operators of the Village; regrettably, because of decades of "doing the same thing over and over" we spend far too much time, even with a relatively new group of talented senior staff, uncovering or addressing poor or not well thought out practices that result in missed opportunities or unproductive approaches to problems. The Board needs to be able to think about and address long-term issues such as the future changes coming, whether we like it or not, to areas such as Franklin Avenue which will reflect the demise of large retail establishments and bank and financial institution branches, and the uptick in health care-related uses which create demands for different parking practices.

For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the \$61 million budget included a tax levy revenue increase capped at 2 percent despite having accelerated several capital projects previously slated for completion in 2018-19. Further, we are constantly hit with labor-related increases and often state level mandated health and pension and other labor issues which are far in excess of 2 percent. The 2 percent tax levy increase was less than the tax cap allowed under State law. We have also maintained our triple A bond rating, which is the highest possible rating assigned by credit rating agencies. While the triple A rating is nice, if we as a community need to sacrifice the rating for spending to address important needs such as the former St. Paul's School building or other large infrastructure projects, a change in the rating would have minimal financial effect and we may find it necessary to exceed the cap.

As a government, we are in the service business. Manual labor is and will remain the backbone of our ability to provide much of the services offered. We are, however, continuing our efforts to utilize technology and new management methods to increase productivity and to scrutinize the performance of our workforce. For example, we recently installed security cameras in Parking Lot 7S to help us provide oversight of the lot for illegal garbage dumping and potential crime and vandalism. Our police force can do other things such as spend more time on neighborhood patrols. We as a Board unanimously agree that we want permission from the State of New York to install speed cameras on streets and near schools. Again, the goal is to enhance productivity and utilization of our police force to do more important tasks such as neighborhood patrol to prevent home break-ins. The use of officers for speed patrol has many benefits and will never be entirely replaced; however, the use of police officers, who are among the most expensive source of labor cost, to write speeding tickets is not the most productive use of their valuable skills. As another example of the implementation of technology, the Village is in the final stage of digitizing all Building Department records to have greater control and access to all records and avoid paper mistakes or lost paperwork in the future, and to allow quicker access to records.

We will continue these efforts to utilize technology and outsourcing. In order to have an acceptable budget we must address the cost side of the balance sheet. We will restate what we stated last year: we value our workers; however, our workforce must appreciate that everyone lives on a budget and residents cannot be asked



to support a never-ending request for more benefits and more labor-related costs. We have and will contract for the provision of services when it makes sense to do so. We are considering, for example, a change in the leaf removal process each fall which results in overtime, costly equipment needs, unproductive manpower hours and over four acres of unusable street detritus and unwanted vermin. We are also implementing GPS technology on all Village vehicles. Despite opposition from our unionized workforce, the Board of Trustees unanimously agrees with our executive staff that GPS systems will increase productivity.

Accomplishing all of this requires a delicate balance of priorities and careful analysis of our operating expenses and capital expenditures so that we can establish both long- and short-range goals by differentiating between immediate needs and wish list items. As with most communities and our country at large, we have an aging infrastructure and we started to address these issues a few years ago and continue to do so. Though keeping our tax increases at a minimum is clearly important, long-term capital projects and improvements to our roads and other infrastructure must be accomplished. In our five-year capital plan adopted last year, we outlined plans for new backup generators for the Senior Center, the DPW Municipal Yard and the Clinton Road fire station, all of which have been completed. We are continuing our evaluation and rehabilitation of all fire stations in the Village and we hope to lay out a plan for their rehabilitation in the next six to nine months. We have finally received all County and State approvals required to replace our water tower, and have commenced that multi-million dollar project which we hope to complete in the next six months.

In a continuing effort to improve the Village's playing fields, vegetation and tree clearing along the perimeter of the St. Paul's complex was completed a few months ago and the result has been that these changes enabled fields to be shifted and areas of play rested and re-seeded without interference by the use of surrounding areas. The St. Paul's fields are heavily used for soccer, lacrosse and other sports. In some cases, our efforts have allowed the Recreation Department to move fields by some 20 to 30 yards and add needed practice and spectator areas. We have commenced the rehabilitation of Field 2 at Community Park. When finished in a few months, we believe that the fields at Community Park will be among the best on Long Island, and when combined with our Pool complex, tennis bubble, platform tennis pavilion and the roller hockey rink, the venue is a top tier recreation complex rivaling anything on Long Island.

We have also recently embarked on developing a conceptual analysis of a cultural- and recreation-based community facility out of the former St. Paul's School. Trustees and members of Staff have been working with three architectural and engineering firms to develop a concept for creating a recreation-, performance- and community-based use for the Main Building and adjacent buildings. We envision extensive improvements to Cluett Hall to make it an exciting venue for performance-based uses such as dance, music and theatre. The current Field House will be further upgraded to include better windows and needed air conditioning and sound system. Several public meetings have been held to date and the Board has retained several world renowned architectural, engineering and facilities development consultants to assist the Village in moving forward with this concept. There will be more public meetings and development of ideas and plans. Let no one be mistaken; to save that building and make it usable for any viable purpose will be expensive. In the view of the Board, a "viable" use requires that it generate revenue to offset costs. There is no "simple" or inexpensive alternative unless the building is razed.

Our numerous Boards and Commissions also continue their work in helping to maintain the quality of life here in the Village while also preserving its unique character. Volunteers are the true fabric of this community and are what make this particular form of government work. We rely on residents to volunteer for our numerous Boards and Commissions. We also encourage you to participate in your respective Property Owners' Associations. Not only will you find the relationship rewarding but you will be helping to perpetuate the excellent quality of life we enjoy in our community.

Respectfully yours,

Brian C. Daughney
Mayor, Village of Garden City
December 1, 2018

A History of Garden City

Garden City was the dream of Alexander Turney Stewart, a self-made merchant millionaire from New York City who in 1869 successfully offered \$55 per acre to purchase 7,170 acres of the Hempstead Plains, a treeless expanse being auctioned by the Town of Hempstead. This land extended from what is now Floral Park to Bethpage and from Old Country Road to near Hempstead Turnpike.

Stewart's goal was to create a model Village of country living for those residing in the City. In order to facilitate that, he created a railroad to provide easy travel between the two locations. The development was concentrated just to the north of Hempstead Village on a tract of about 750 acres. Under the guidance of John Kellum, Stewart's architect, streets were rapidly laid out, trees planted, a municipal water works started and a hotel constructed opposite the railroad station along with stores and houses of various sizes which were to be rented. By 1874, 40 families lived in the Village.

Following Stewart's sudden death in 1876, his wife Cornelia continued development with the assistance of Judge Henry Hilton, his financial advisor. In memory of her husband she had the Cathedral of the Incarnation built along with St. Paul's School for boys, St. Mary's School for girls and a See house for the Bishop of the Episcopal Church, which moved its seat from Brooklyn to Long Island. The land to the west of the Village was devoted to a profitable farming operation.

When Cornelia Stewart died in 1886, having no children, the next seven years were spent settling the Stewart estate among cousins and pretenders. Finally in 1893 the heirs formed the Garden City Company to continue orderly development of the community. In 1906 a tract was sold to become Garden City Estates, while in 1910 construction in the area to the east was started.

By 1918 Central Garden City and Garden City Estates each had about 160 homes with 50 more located in Garden City East. After intense negotiation which resulted in our Community Agreement, these areas were incorporated in 1919 to form our vibrant Village of today with 7,500 homes and 22,000 residents.

The Garden City Archives

The Village Historian is responsible for collecting and preserving material related to the history of the Village, and making this material available to interested residents and those doing research. Included are photographs, maps, correspondence, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, artifacts and records of community activities.

William A. Bellmer, the Village Historian, is a volunteer appointed by the Mayor.

The Village has an extensive historical collection. Part of it constitutes the Village Archives files, located in the Garden City Public Library and administered by the Historian. Another part is located in the Stewart Room at the Library, administered jointly by the Historian and the Library. The Stewart Room collection contains Garden City-related books, yearbooks, local telephone directories and many books on Long Island history in general. A third repository is located at the Garden City Historical Society house on Eleventh Street, administered by that organization.

Over 2,000 photographs in the Village Archives have been digitized and are available to view in the Garden City Public Library Collection at <http://www.NYHeritage.org>. The *Garden City News*, our Village newspaper started in 1923, is available at the Library in bound copies, microfilm or DVD form depending on the year. A project to digitize these issues is ongoing, with some viewable at <http://www.NYSHistoricNewspapers.org>.

The Village Historian can be contacted at Historian@GardenCityNY.net to answer questions related to our history, to access the Stewart Room for research or browsing or to discuss the acquisition of any items residents may have (or copies of them) that will augment our collection.



Alexander Turney Stewart



Cornelia Clinch Stewart



William A. Bellmer

Community Agreement

The Garden City Company, established in 1893 to oversee the interests of the A.T. Stewart estate, managed the developed portion of the Village Mr. Stewart started. In 1906 the Garden City Company sold land to its west to another company which started development of an area called Garden City Estates. In 1918 a dispute between the two areas occurred when the Estates wished to incorporate as a separate Village while the older section wished to maintain the status quo. At that time the unofficial boundaries of the area were considered to be the same as that of the school district, which had been established in the 1800s.

To break the impasse, resident and lawyer C. Walter Randall drafted a "gentlemen's agreement with no legal binding force" that provided equal representation for both groups and was accepted by the residents. This led to the Village's 1919 incorporation, generally aligned with the school district boundaries.

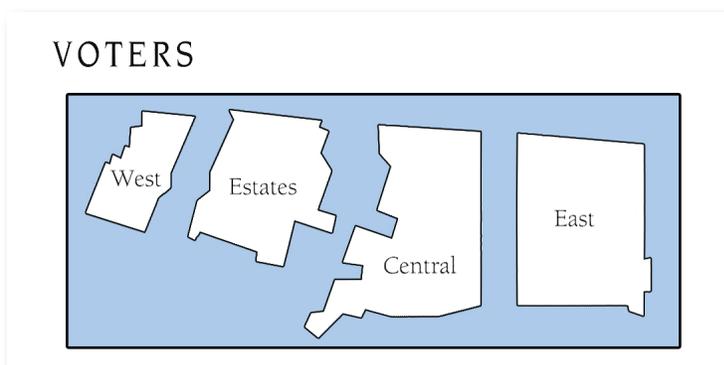
This Community Agreement created a unique form of government, with a volunteer Board of Trustees now representing the four sections of the Village, elected by a non-partisan vote of residents.

Every year each Property Owners' Association conducts a Resident Electors Meeting on the third Tuesday of January. Candidates are proposed by the POA and can be contested by others residing in that POA section. The successful candidates are then cross-endorsed by the other POAs and have always been presented unopposed as the Community Agreement Party in the official election held on the third Tuesday in March. Two trustees represent each section of the Village for two-year terms, each trustee position up for election in alternating years. The Mayor is elected in place of a trustee position every other year on a rotating basis among the sections of the Village: Central, West, Estates, East.

This policy has been scrupulously observed over the years and has been instrumental in creating and continuing a spirit of unselfish cooperation and a non-political attitude with respect to the administration of municipal affairs.

The Board of Trustees appoints the various Boards and Commissions to serve them in advisory capacities, those volunteer positions being filled by recommendations from the Property Owners' Associations.

Mr. Randall's description in 1946 of the controversy that led to the writing of The Community Agreement, along with its minor revisions over the years, is available to view online at www.GardenCityNY.net, under the Village History tab. The original document is on display at Village Hall.



THE VOTING SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE



C. WALTER RANDALL, ESQ.

Board of Trustees

This Annual Report contains information relating to the Village's various Departments as well as budget information for the period of June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



ROBERT A. BOLEBRUCH
Trustee
Western Section



BRIAN C. DAUGHNEY
Mayor
Estates Section



THERESA A. TROUVÉ
Deputy Mayor
Central Section



COLLEEN E. FOLEY
Trustee
Estates Section



JOHN M. DELANY
Trustee
Eastern Section



STEPHEN S. MAKRINOS
Trustee
Western Section



LOUIS M. MINUTO
Trustee
Central Section



MARK A. HYER
Trustee
Eastern Section

Administration, Organization and Village Council



RALPH V. SUOZZI
Village Administrator

Village Administrator

Garden City's Chief Administrative Officer fills the role of Village Administrator. Responsible to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, he coordinates the activities of the Village Departments to ensure the effective delivery of municipal services.

Duties of the Office include providing the Board with essential information and recommendations that are necessary in formulating policies designed to maintain and enhance Village operations. The Village Administrator also assists the Village Treasurer in coordinating and preparing the Village budget and its implementation after adoption by the Board.

Village Clerk

The Village Clerk serves as the Clerk to the Board of Trustees. Responsible for the recording of all of its proceedings and decisions, the Village Clerk is the Election Officer for Village Elections and the Collector of Taxes. In addition to maintaining all legal notices for the Village of Garden City, the Village Clerk is the custodian of all municipal records and facilitator of other duties as determined by the Board of Trustees and Village Administrator.

Executive Staff

Members of the Executive Staff represent each Department of the Village and report directly to the Village Administrator.



KAREN M. ALTMAN
Village Clerk

Village Council

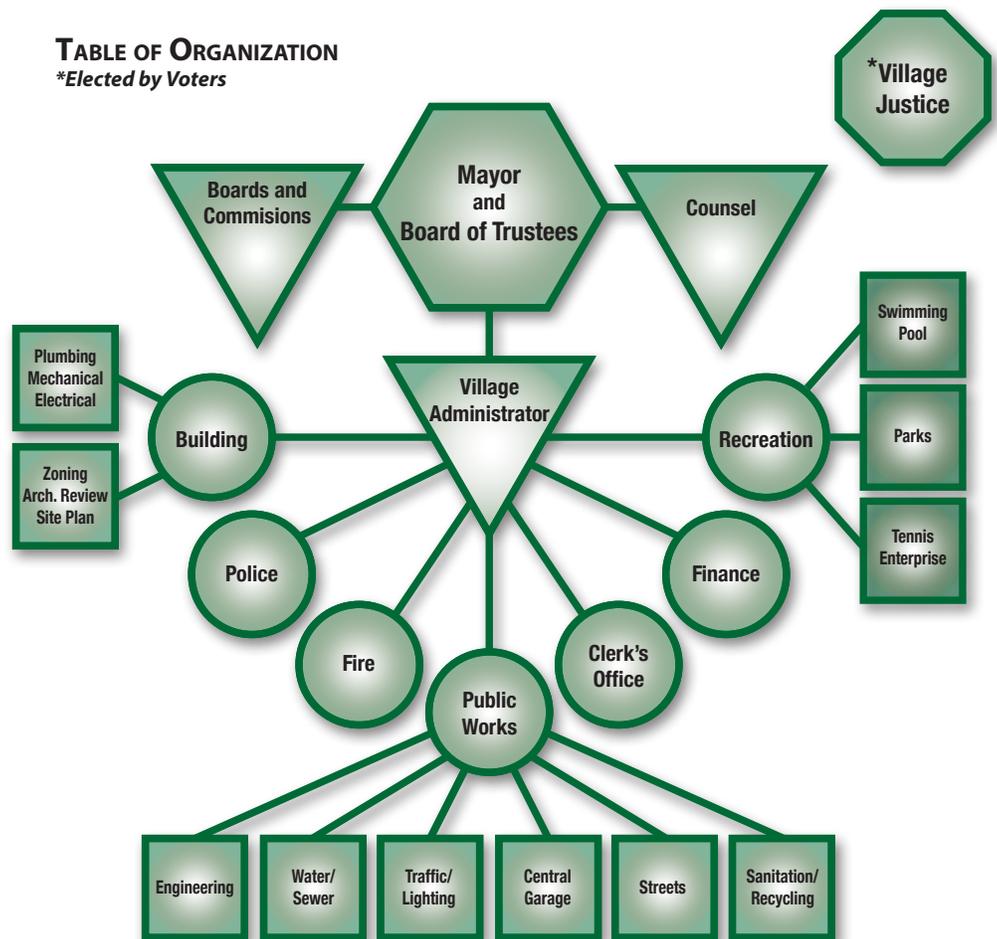
The Village retains two law firms as counsel to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and their advisory Boards and Commissions. Both firms maintain their own offices and staff independent of Village offices.

Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP, acts as the general Village Attorney and advises on all municipal legal matters, including legislation (local laws), zoning and other ordinances, real estate assessments, public hearings and elections.

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, provides legal services in connection with collective bargaining agreements and labor matters.

In addition, Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, is engaged as municipal bond counsel for special bond and note issues.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
*Elected by Voters



Justice Court



ALLEN S. MATHERS
Village Justice
Elected by the Residents to a 4 year term



BRIAN T. DEVENEY
Associate Justice
Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term



MERRIL S. BISCONE
Associate Justice
Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term

Garden City has one of the busiest village courts in the State. The Court has jurisdiction over the enforcement of our Village Code, including parking tickets and zoning code violations, as well as New York State Vehicle and Traffic Violations and Misdemeanors, Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Matters and Federal Motor Carrier Act Violations.

The Court may impose fines, sentence convicted defendants to imprisonment or enter into agreements with defendants to perform community service in lieu of traditional sentencing, where warranted.

The Village Justice and Associate Justices receive no compensation for their service.

Boards, Commissions and Committees

Residents are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees to serve on various Boards and Commissions and do so without compensation. Those listed below held the noted position during this past fiscal year.

Architectural Design Review Board

This Board examines the exterior design of buildings for the purpose of maintaining appropriate standards of appearance with respect to the specific buildings and their relationship to their surroundings. All plans for new buildings, additions, alterations and signs are required to be submitted, with the exception of additions or alterations to one-family homes. Seven members of the Board are appointed for three-year terms. Amended July 19, 2012 in order to allow alternate members.

Hugh S. Lacy (1991), <i>Chairman</i>	Celia M. Petersen (2010)	Daniel Fabrizi (2015)
Donald A. Hickey, Jr. (2006), <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Cosmo Venezia (2012)	William Alisse (2014), <i>Alternate Member</i>
Barbara M. Ruggiero (2008)	Phil Santantonio (2015)	

Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

This Board consists of eight members; one representative from each section of the Village and four at-large members. The Commissioners oversee development of the Village's Recreation Program. Amended November 21, 2013 to allow for two additional members.

Kevin E. Ocker (2003), <i>Chairman</i>	Timothy E. Stapleford (2008)	Judy Courtney (2013)
Michael Ryder (1997)	Kenneth R. Moody (2011)	Christian Siragusa (2017)
Patrick J. Manley (2007)	Kristina Russo (2013)	Walter McKenna (2018)

Board of Library Trustees

Five qualified residents of the Village are appointed to five-year terms on the Board of Library Trustees and are responsible for Library operations.

J. Randolph Colahan (2002), <i>Chairman</i>	Peter L. D'Antonio (2013)	Charles J. Murphy (2014)
Gloria Weinrich (2004), <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Lola Nouryan (2013)	

Board of Police Commissioners

Members of this Board supervise, control and direct the operations of the Police Department. Each year, members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Chairman is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Police Department, its own Police Officers and the civilian staff.

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985), <i>Chairman</i>	Mark A. Hyer (2017)	Ralph V. Suozzi (2014)
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Environmental Advisory Board

This eight-member Board is appointed for four-year terms. The Chairperson is a Member of the Board of Trustees. This Board is responsible to the Board of Trustees and reports on environmental matters affecting the Village. Additionally, the Superintendent of Public Works acts as Recording Secretary and Garden City High School is represented by up to three students.

Robert A. Bolebruch (2013), <i>Chairman</i>	Carole Neidich-Ryder (2014)	Nicholas C. Rigano (2016)
Leo Stimmler (2006)	James L. Bauer (2014)	Thomas Grlc (2018), <i>GCHS Rep</i>
Elizabeth M. Bailey (2010)	Evelyn Fasano (2016)	Aidan Pfaff (2018), <i>GCHS Rep</i>
Laurence J. Quinn (2013)		

Planning Commission

This Commission is appointed for terms of three years. The group reviews plans for the development of vacant areas, streets, parks and other public places and subdivisions of private property to assure consistency with established community standards. With the exception of a one-family dwelling on a single plot, the Planning Commission also performs site plan review for all new buildings, additions to buildings, altered land use activities and projects containing more than one home. The Commission also conducts studies and is advisory to the Board of Trustees on matters relating to zoning, parking and other issues.

H. Bradford Gustavson (1999), <i>Chairman</i>	Keith Galanti (2014)	Scott Brandewiede (2016)
William A. Bellmer (2009)	Sean M. O'Brien (2014)	Gregory E. Senken (2016)
Neil J. Sweeney (2012)	Craig G. Biscone (2014)	

Boards, Commissions and Committees

Traffic Commission

The Traffic Commission is appointed annually by the Mayor and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Commission is comprised of one Trustee from each of the four sections of the Village, who are voting members. The Superintendent of Public Works and the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners act in a supporting role. This Commission is responsible for traffic control operations and devices. Requests for signs by residents related to quality of life issues and review of parking regulations are discussed at monthly meetings and determinations are made as required.

Stephen S. Makrinos (2015), *Chairman*
John M. Delany (2015)

Louis M. Minuto (2017)
Colleen E. Foley (2018)

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)
Joseph DiFrancisco (2016)

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals interprets the Zoning Code and makes decisions on applications for variances and special permits. The Board consists of five members and one alternate member who serve for five-year terms.

Robert L. Cunningham (1985), *Chairman*
John G. Villanella (1989)

Michael T. Schroder (1992)
Brian Paradine (2004)

John A. Ardito (2008)
Peter E. Gall (2009), *Alternate Member*

Civic Beautification Committee

Working with the Village Arborist, the Committee assists in selecting the type and placement of flowers and trees on the Village's many public properties and pursuing the long-held goal of making the Village an official arboretum.

Althea Robinson (1988), *Chairperson*

Kathleen Auro (2005)

Patricia Siler (2016)

Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be obtained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. This Board ensures that all Village Officials and Employees are conducting themselves in such a manner. The Mayor appoints this Board.

Richard V. Silver (2017), *Chairman*

Allen S. Mathers (1988)

Valerie Rothschild (2017)

Water Authority of Western Nassau County

The Water Authority is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members, two appointed by the Town of Hempstead, one appointed by the Town of North Hempstead and one member each appointed by the village boards of the Villages of Bellerose, Floral Park, Garden City, New Hyde Park, South Floral Park and Stewart Manor. Each member's term is two years. The principal responsibilities of the board are to oversee the operational and financial needs of the Authority including but not limited to the approval of management recommendations as to capital and operational expenditures, acquisitions, monthly invoices, Capital Plans and budgets, bond issuance and water rates, outside vendors and overseeing all personal matters including employee benefits and matters of compensation. These and others matters are the subject of each meeting and corresponding resolutions requiring approval are voted on by the Board.

John A. Ardito (2008)

Citizens Budget Review Committee

Representatives from each Property Owners' Association assist the Board of Trustees in the budget process.

Joseph Colletti, *Chairman*
Joseph Caroselli (2018/19)

Steve Forte (2018/19)
Richard Nessler (2018/19)

Michael Tiedemann (2018/19)
Nicholas Vernice (2018/19)

Historian

The Historian is appointed by the Mayor and is responsible for collecting and preserving material relating to the Village's history. In addition to historic preservation, the Village Historian also provides information to interested residents and those doing research.

William A. Bellmer (2015)

Building Department



**AUSBERTO "OZZIE"
HUERTAS, JR.**
Superintendent of Building

The Building Department is responsible for monitoring all construction that takes place on private property within the Village; the purpose of which is to ensure that the work is done in a safe, reliable and energy-efficient manner so as to protect and serve the occupants in both commercial buildings and private homes.

This is accomplished by adhering to various codes and standards, including, but not limited to, the Village Zoning Code, the New York State Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Energy Codes, as well as other regulations and reference standards. To achieve that objective, the Department reviews plans, conducts inspections and guides applicants through pre-approval procedures that may be required. These include the Architectural Design Review Board, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Department also prepares the agendas, publishes the notices, attends the meetings and serves in an advisory capacity for these agencies.

This year, construction of commercial properties, new residential homes and all additions and alterations substantially increased again when compared to last year. The increased demand is collaborated by statistical data shown below, along with large volumes of F.O.I.L. requests and title searches processed by this Department. The Department collected permit fees totaling \$2,830,000. This translates to roughly \$115,500,000 of construction value, of which \$129,250 in fees was collected for review boards' applications. The review boards consist of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Architectural Design Review Board and Zoning Change Review Committee.

In addition, due to the enactment of Local Law No. 4-2017 concerning Building Permit requirements, the Building Department experienced an increase in the volume of inspections totaling approximately 5,538 inspections in an effort to close out outstanding open permits prior to the expiration date of October 31, 2018. Approximately 3,845 certificates of occupancy /certificates of compliance were recently issued. Also, the Building Department is in the process of digitalizing all files and records maintained by this Department. Phase I of this digitalization project is now complete and Phase II is near completion. The completion of this process will give the public access to this information.

Department personnel consists of a Superintendent, three Inspectors, two Administrative Assistants and two Consultants. The technical staff is required to attain 24 hours /credits of continuing education training annually in order to maintain their required New York State Code Enforcement certification. We strive to make the interaction with our Department as pleasant and professional as possible. To that end, we are available to assist people through the process and offer advice when needed.



Ongoing construction at 910 Franklin Avenue

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Building Permits	505
Plumbing Permits	586
Mechanical Permits	505
Electrical Permits	738
Approx. No. of Inspections	5,538
Certificates of Occupancy	220
Certificates of Compliance	3,607
Letters in Lieu	18
Architectural Design Review Board	92
Zoning Board of Appeals	108
Zoning Change Review Committee	5

Recreation and Parks Department

This year, the Garden City Recreation and Parks Department continued to contribute to the quality of life in Garden City by following its mission to enrich the lives of residents, serve as stewards of Village resources and foster a sense of community by providing diverse and valued parks, open space recreational facilities and programs.

Our recreational resources and the many programs that utilize them offer residents of all ages a broad range of leisure activities. Over 400,000 visitors participated in thousands of sports games and practices at our various facilities while utilizing 100 acres of parkland as well as the indoor facilities in the winter months. The Department's software system continues to ease the process for resident registrations, payments and invoices. A total of 15,485 residents (including children) are registered in our system, which accepts electronic credit card payments. Of that, 12,400 residents have the capability of registering on line for programs and activities.

The Garden City Pool, in its 61st year of operation, once again offered a diverse summer program of activities. As a result over 1,343 families, about 65 percent of resident families with children, and a total of 7,951 residents joined the Pool, enjoying a most unique aquatics facility with special events, concerts, swim lessons and competitive swim teams, all included with membership. With over 70,000 visitors in the 13-week season, the Pool remained our community's flagship recreational facility. In a continuous effort to improve the "member experience" emphasis was placed on providing professional customer service, interesting entertainment and expansion of the enrichment camp. In addition this past season the Pool remained open for an additional week, adding extra value to membership. This past year the design phase of a new infrastructure improvement project began that will include important upgrades to the filtration equipment, the replacement of roofing and gutter systems and deck drains and the installation of mechanical ventilation in the Men's and Women's restrooms and shower areas.



The Beautiful Garden City Pool



Summer Concerts on the Village Green

Other major recreational facilities such as the St. Paul's Recreation Complex and Community Park again played major roles in meeting the needs of the community. In addition the Senior Center continued to service over 1,300 resident seniors per month who participate in a myriad of planned activities and programs including yoga, Zumba, meditation, Tai Chi, Mahjong, Billiards, exercise and Ping Pong. In addition this new facility is a meeting center for many local organizations and offers daily opportunity to resident seniors to socialize. With full kitchen facilities and big screen televisions this new resource can comfortably accommodate seating for over 130 and is available for rental. This past year 20 different families and organizations rented this venue for special events.

Staff continued to meet with Senior Coordinators who continue to be a vital resource by assisting in the planning of day trips and placing special emphasis on promoting all the activities offered at the Senior Center. Over 180 seniors attended the "End of the Summer Barbecue" and each monthly Senior Luncheon, sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, was filled to capacity. The Senior Center, "A Community Resource" and its diverse programs truly enriches the lives of our resident seniors.

This past year the Department continued the implementation of facility improvements projected in Phase I of the Strategic Plan. This multi-year capital investment program contains four major goals: 1. Bring fields and facilities to the high standards residents expect. 2. Upgrade and enhance our field and facilities management and maintenance program to maximize utilization and enjoyment of all recreational assets while protecting capital investments. 3. Review all programs currently offered by the Department with an aim to assure that the broad range of community needs are being met while matching resources to interest and demand. 4. Source funds necessary to fuel the capital investment program by optimizing revenues derived from field and facility rentals, programs and other user fees. This past year, year 3 of the Plan, improvements included the full interior and exterior



KEVIN E. OCKER
*Chairman,
Board of Commissioners of
Cultural and Recreational
Affairs*



*2018 Women's Summer Division Champions
Doc O'Grady's TLC*

Recreation and Parks Department



The Garden City Volunteer Fire Department was named "B" Division Spring Softball Champions

renovation of the Edgemere Park support building, exterior renovation of the Grove Park support building and the renovation of the skinned baseball/softball field at Community and Hemlock Parks. In addition project design phases were begun for the full renovation of Field 2 at Community Park converting the infield to synthetic turf and the interior renovation of the Saint Paul's Comfort Station.

The Department continued working with our local sports organizations maximizing the use of all of its athletic fields, the St. Paul's Field House and Cluett Hall for thousands of local youths participating in intramural and travel soccer (2,000), baseball (850), lacrosse (700) and basketball (1,050). With summer sports camps again filled to capacity with resident sports enthusiasts; we continued expanding offerings to children with interests other than sports. Recreational camps in science, yoga, theater, the environment and computers were all well attended.

In an effort to reduce operational costs, several more summer camps were contracted out to U.S. Sports Institute Inc., which provided multi-sport soccer and field hockey camps that were also filled to capacity.

At the height of the summer, our neighborhood parks program was extremely well attended by resident children in first through eighth grades participating in organized sporting activities, playground games, arts and crafts and special supervised day trips to Adventureland and Splash Splash Water Park.

Cultural opportunities in the form of the Summer Concert Series on the Village Green and dance instruction for adults and children, including classes in ballet, stretch, jazz and modern dance, were offered again this year. The Department's 110 Dance Company students performed with great enthusiasm to a packed house of family and friends during the "Annual Student Showcase" at Adelphi University's Olmsted Theatre. Great choreography by Recreation Staff, combined with the students' hard work, resulted in a special evening for the art of dance.

Garden City's beautiful tree-lined streets and its urban forest containing 12,211 trees are the result of a comprehensive Tree Management Program and continued guidance from the Arbor Restoration Plan developed in 2013. Each year after careful inspection approximately 85 trees are removed from inventory and replaced with new cultivars offering interesting characteristics and increased biodiversity. Under the guidance of the Village's trained arborist staff, the Village was once again awarded the designation of "Tree City USA" by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This special designation is awarded to municipalities who have established tree management plans within their communities and have placed special importance on the education of youth with respect to the important role trees play in our environment.



Players singing the National Anthem before the puck is dropped

In an effort to continue to obtain increased efficiencies, the Department maintained its staffing level and increased to outsourcing of cutting and trimming to 110 acres of open space to the private sector resulting in net operational savings. This outsourcing continues to allow for the redeployment of Parks personnel tasked to raise the level of maintenance and continue the reconstruction of other athletic fields. Special horticultural services included the planting of over 31,000 spring flowering bulbs, 22,000 annual flowers and 106 hanging baskets. Horticultural staff also began the re-landscaping of the beds on Franklin Avenue and Monument areas. Horticultural staff will continue to enhance our streetscapes throughout the Village with seasonal plantings and displays.



Aerating natural turf fields at Community Park

Our Recreation and Parks Administration and Staff, together with Members of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, will continue to work together to develop new programs for residents, including those with special needs, monitor the use of facilities, obtain efficiencies and provide sound stewardship of facilities and resources. Of special importance will be the completion of Phase I of the Strategic Plan Improvements, emphasis on maximizing revenues and providing safe enjoyable recreational facilities throughout the Village.

42nd Rainbow Division's Centennial

A beautiful ceremony marked the 100th anniversary of the 42nd Infantry Division's establishment and deployment from Camp Mills, located in the southeast area of Garden City during World War One.



Hundreds gathered at the newly restored Rainbow Division Memorial Monument on St. James Street South in August 2017 to commemorate the occasion. A cake cutting ceremony immediately followed at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane.



Sprung Monuments of Babylon power washed and chemically cleaned the memorial and the concrete benches surrounding it. Members of the Rainbow

Division Veterans Foundation, many of which attended the

ceremony, presented a check to Mayor Brian Daughney to cover 50 percent of the restoration costs.



"Restoration of the Rainbow Division Memorial for its Centennial celebration is a respectful tribute to the history of Camp Mills, the Rainbow Division formation and to all of the men and women in our military families who have and continue to preserve our nation's path of freedom," Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi said.



Police Department



KENNETH O. JACKSON
Police Commissioner

The Garden City Police Department is proud to be a modern, innovative, proactive police agency, attentive to the needs of the community. We maintain a policy of omnipresence and preventative patrols resulting in Garden City being recognized as one of the safest communities in New York State.

The enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws, and quality of life violations, has proven to have a direct impact on decreasing criminal activity and providing a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians. Therefore the Department continues its policy of constant and consistent traffic enforcement, and strict enforcement of the Village Code. In 2017 this resulted in the issuance of 12,032 traffic

citations and 67 Village Code appearance tickets.

In addition to daily traffic law enforcement, the Department regularly conducts commercial vehicle safety inspections, aggressive driving operations and seat belt checkpoints throughout the Village. In 2017, 182 commercial vehicles were inspected, 1,173 tickets were issued, 122 trucks were placed out of service, 98 vehicles were overweight and 53 were cited for hazardous material violations.

A principal area of importance is the removal of motorists from roadways who pose a danger to residents by operating their vehicles under the influence of drugs or alcohol. In 2017, 38 drivers were arrested for D.W.I. related offenses; no doubt resulting in many lives saved as a result of this effort. M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) recognized the Department's efforts in this area by presenting Officer Thomas Bandl with the M.A.D.D. Achievement Award.

Our diligent Parking Enforcement Program contributes to the image of omnipresence and provides a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition to police officers on patrol issuing parking tickets, uniformed civilian police aides, in conspicuously marked vehicles, patrol the numerous parking fields within the Village; in 2017, 19,042 parking tickets were issued.



Officer conducting Traffic Enforcement

In terms of general police service, the Department documented 10,996 calls for service. These calls included 1,448 calls to assist the injured, and sick. In addition, officers responded to 1,413 auto accidents with an additional 332 persons in need of medical attention.

In order to improve the ability to provide exemplary service, the Department continues to incorporate technical advances, training and equipment. To offset the costs of these necessary items the Department continually seeks grant opportunities and in 2017 those efforts were rewarded with receipt of more than \$20,000 in federal, state and local grants. These grants, along with asset forfeiture funds,



The Department introduces two new officers

Police Department

were utilized to purchase ballistic protective gear, active shooter equipment, Tasers, investigative equipment/software and Knox Box emergency key entrance equipment. The grants also supported Vehicle and Traffic Law enforcement initiatives including Aggressive Driving, Pedestrian Safety, Seatbelt and D.W.I. campaigns.



The Motor Carrier Unit

Training is always an important component in providing a safer environment for residents of, and visitors to the Village. In addition to regular training related to Police duties, officers received additional training in active shooter scenarios, juvenile investigations, communications operations, arson/bomb investigations, F.B.I. digital evidence investigations, Drug Enforcement Administration social media investigations, U.S. Secret Service anti-terrorism investigations, hate crimes investigations, domestic violence incidents, and drug/contraband interdiction and investigations.

Today's law enforcement environment, as well as national security concerns requires a Police Department to be prepared to respond to numerous types of incidents that may threaten the health and safety of the community. To obtain this goal, the Department maintains close working relationships and intelligence sharing with the Department of Homeland Security as well as federal and local police agencies. The Department appreciates the support, cooperation and encouragement of the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and various Village agencies. This enables the Police Department to provide the high level of service and dedication to duty the residents of Garden City have come to expect and deserve.

The Police Department, and School District, as well as the private schools within the Incorporated Village of Garden City, work together in the development and implementation of plans that enhance the safety of students and staff.



Officer patrolling Stewart School

SPECIAL POLICE

The Garden City Special Police, under the Police Commissioner's direction, is comprised of volunteers of the community who provide invaluable assistance to the Garden City Police Department during community events, parades, concerts, street fairs, traffic details and emergency situations such as severe weather events. During 2017, special police officers responded to more than 70 traffic and special event details.



Special Police Officer receiving American Legion Law and Order Award

Fire Department

The Garden City Fire Department is a unique Department within our Village government in its rich heritage of public service by members of our own community. The rich heritage is rooted with the independent volunteer fire companies that began to form in the Village in 1899 after a devastating fire at The Garden City Hotel. Then, in 1920, in order to be more organized and bring these independent companies together, 31 local residents became “charter” members of the Garden City Fire Department, Inc., formally organizing the Volunteer Fire Department. Soon after, the Department was integrated into Village government. Since 1920, more than 500 resident men and women have proudly served in the ranks of the Volunteer Fire Service in Garden City.



BRIAN G. GALLO
Chief of Department



Garden City Volunteer Firefighters were honored to assist the Nassau County Bar Association at their annual WE CARE HOLIDAY PARTY

Under the direction of Volunteer Fire Chief Brian Gallo and his three Volunteer Assistant Chiefs, the Department utilizes a three-tier approach to providing its vital services: quality training and equipment, quick response and comprehensive fire inspection and prevention programs. All Firefighters in the Department train weekly to ensure their readiness for the various emergencies that may present themselves including fires, motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide incidents, hazardous materials incidents, electrical emergencies, severe weather response and more. In addition, throughout the year Firefighters attend various courses and live fire burn training at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy.

In support of response, the Department has a fleet of apparatus that include four certified pumpers, two certified ladder trucks and a heavy rescue truck. Within the fleet of apparatus, the Department incorporates

state-of-the-art technology including thermal imaging cameras, hazardous gas monitoring equipment, mobile computers and hydraulic rescue equipment. The Department also provides a comprehensive fire inspection and prevention program to the Village. Program enhancements include computer database pre-plans of area occupancies, rigorous fire inspections of schools, businesses and multi-family dwellings and a devotion to public fire safety education through the Department's Fire Prevention and Education Program. Each year, the Department



Fire Commissioner Delany, Rotary President Spinelli with the Chiefs of the GCFD after receiving 2018 Community Service Award

Fire Department



Members Operating at Scene of Motor Vehicle Accident with Entrapment

educates thousands of students and residents through in-house safety classes, its annual Fire Prevention Week Program and fire safety lectures throughout the community including Adelphi University, area apartment buildings and local businesses.

The Department is always looking for new members and has a year-round open enrollment. Some regard being a volunteer firefighter as being one of the highest forms of community service. It is a great opportunity for residents to give

back to their fellow neighbors in their time of need. Some of the benefits that come with being a volunteer firefighter include free tuition at Nassau Community College as sponsored by the County of Nassau, real estate property tax reductions, great camaraderie, lasting friendships and more. If a resident is interested in joining the Department, they may visit www.gcfndny.com.



Members participating in Point-of-Wound Care Training



Members at Weekly Department Hands-On Training

Department of Public Works



JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO
Superintendent of Public Works

INTRODUCTION

The Public Works Department manages the infrastructure system of Garden City. This includes maintenance of all roads, curbs and sidewalks including leaf removal and clearing of snow and ice; it maintains the storm drains and the sanitary sewer system. It also operates Garden City Water Works, providing clean, safe water to all residents and businesses within the Village. It collects all garbage and rubbish (residential and commercial) and recycling; designs and installs traffic-control systems and maintains the street lighting system. In addition, this past year Public Works assumed responsibility for the maintenance of all Village facilities. The Superintendent of Public Works heads six divisions that provide these services.

CENTRAL GARAGE

The Central Garage plays a vital role in the delivery of essential municipal services. This includes managing the Villages fleet of over 175 vehicles, including pay loaders, dump trucks, garbage/recycling trucks and the entire fleet of Garden City Police vehicles, plus all the equipment ranging from lawn mowers and chain saws to conducting annual maintenance of the generators that support our facilities.

The Central Garage has an extensive preventative maintenance program for all equipment that is essential in operating a dependable, trouble-free fleet. Last year all vehicles were serviced according to regular manufacturer recommended schedules, taking into account the vehicle type and operating conditions.

Central Garage Mechanics are also highly skilled at building and fabricating many structures in-house, enabling them to support all Departments in need throughout the Village. These skills help reduce the overall costs of projects as the Village can rely on our skilled mechanics rather than paying an outside service.

Some examples of their expertise this past year include:

- Using a donated vehicle, they are designing and building a new Mobile Command Vehicle for the Police Department
- Fabricating mounts for a new Village War Memorial on display on the Garden City Library campus
- Mounting donated artwork in the Library
- Fabricating a metal mount and ramp for new equipment purchased by the Fire Department
- Relining the beds of Village dump trucks in order to extend the life of the vehicle

In addition the Central Garage provides critical services during extreme weather events such as snowstorms and nor'easters as they work throughout the duration of these events to keep the fleet of vehicles running and on the road.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Department contains Licensed Civil Engineers who oversee many of the projects in the Village. The road paving, curb and sidewalk repair program, the largest reoccurring project in the Village, is wholly managed by this Department. Engineers perform surveys, provide the plans and specifications and perform daily inspection of the construction. The Engineering Department oversees all utility work



New equipment

Department of Public Works

conducted in the Village and ensures the utility companies are meeting the needs of the Village and abiding by our standards of conduct. In addition the Engineering Department provides plans and specifications for all water main and sewer main projects, and oversees all street lighting and traffic sign installation and maintenance. Lastly the Engineering Department also coordinates all utility and road/sidewalk permits, ensuring that Village interests are protected and that anyone working in the Village performs work to our standards.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING

The Sanitation Division collected over 14,000 tons of household garbage, rubbish and bulk this past year.

In addition the Recycling Program collected 2,225 tons of bottles, cans, plastics and newspapers from commercial and residential locations. The Division also recycled 26 tons of metal bulk and collected 22 tons of e-waste. The total weight of items recycled was 2,274 tons and represents a savings of \$164,100 in tipping fees.



The Street Division joins forces with the Parks Division to remove over 21,000 cubic yards of leaves

STREET DIVISION



Road, sidewalk and curb paving program

The Street Division is responsible for maintaining the Village's 74 miles of streets and 17 miles of parking lots (260 lane miles). The Street Division performs ongoing maintenance programs including street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, construction, repair and maintenance of storm drainage lines, manholes and road repairs.

During the fall, the Street Division joins forces with the Parks Division to remove 21,000 cubic yards of leaves. At the Village Yard, leaves are turned into mulch and are available free of charge for use by residents and landscapers. This recycling of leaves saves the Village approximately \$1,850,000 annually in disposal costs.

This winter saw a significant number of severe weather events, including two Nor'easters. We had eight salting events and five plowing events. We used more than 2,100 tons of salt during these events and in some cases up to 50 vehicles were used for each event along with up to 70 employees involved in the operation per event, including employees from every Department of Public Works Department, as well as the Department of Recreation and Parks.

TRAFFIC AND STREET LIGHTING

The Traffic and Street Lighting Division, in conjunction with the Engineering Division, is responsible for the maintenance of more than 7,400 traffic signs and 2,284 streetlights in the Village. Each year during spring, summer and fall, Village personnel repaint all of the painted crosswalks, Stop lines, arrows and lane markings. In addition this Division, in conjunction with private contractors, maintains the Village's 2,284 streetlights and its underground wiring. They work in conjunction with our street lighting contractor and directional drilling contractor to ensure that our street lighting system is fully functional. Eighty percent of the Village's street lighting has been converted to energy-saving LED fixtures; an additional 20 percent will be converted in 2018/19 and the remaining fixtures will be converted by 2021.

Department of Public Works

WATER AND SEWER

The Water Department maintains 104 miles of mains and 10 wells. There are five above ground storage tanks, including the water tower with 5.5 million gallons of water storage; 21 buildings housing the motors, auxiliary engines, pumps, treatment equipment and system controls, plus over 1,000 fire hydrants. In 2017-2018, 10 hydrants were replaced, 15 water main breaks were repaired along with 12 water valves. Over 99 percent of all Water customers have been upgraded to radio read meters and we anticipate converting the remaining <1 percent in 2018/19.

In addition the Water Department conducted all required testing on the quality of the water throughout the Village and we met or exceeded all standards set by the various oversight agencies. The Sewer Division rodded and flushed 136 miles of sewer mains and continues the program of applying root inhibitors; 16,000 feet of sewer mains were treated.

In addition the Sewer Division responded to numerous issues that arose during the year, including a major sewer main collapse on Whitehall Blvd. This collapse occurred during a major snowstorm on the coldest days of the year. The initial repair took place over 72 straight hours and ultimately spanned over six days.

DPW CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Capital Improvement Program is a well-structured plan integral to the upkeep of the Village's infrastructure and a means to enable the continuous improvement of services. The Village has made significant investments in the Capital program this past year with over \$15.0 million invested in over 75 improvement projects in the Public Works and Water Department.

The single biggest investment is replacement of the Village Water Tower. The Village made the decision to replace the 86-year-old tower as it is nearing its end of life. The project is currently winding its way through the extensive bureaucratic permitting process.

Other significant projects included:

- \$2.3 million in road, sidewalk and curb paving program which included 14.9 (lane) miles of roads paved
- \$1.9 million in water main replacement
- \$1.1 million in equipment replacement including a new garbage truck, a large dump truck, a shop service truck and a catch basin cleaner
- \$700,000 for Village facility repair and improvements including installation of three new generators, three new roofs, eight new garage doors and the installation of energy efficient LED lighting

The Village will continue to make investments in its infrastructure and will continue to always look for ways to perform more efficiently and to reduce costs while still providing the services that residents have come to expect from its Department of Public Works.



New gazebo, new monuments, and new LED fixtures installed

The Garden City Public Library



LISA PAULO
Library Director

The mission of the Garden City Public Library is to connect people with information. Through the programs and services it offers, trustees, administration and staff seek to strengthen the library's role as an important information and cultural resource for the community.

The Library offers access to information, technology and lifelong learning to children, teens and adults. Garden City residents have access to books, periodicals, music CDs, DVDs, and museum passes, and can find online research databases, downloadable audiobooks, eBooks, digital magazines and streaming music on the library's website, which appeal to every age and interest. Residents can also access computers receive personalized reading suggestions.

The Library Director and the Library Board of Trustees are committed to enriching the lives of the residents of Garden City with what the Library offers. Members of the Library Board are: J. Randolph Colahan, Chair (Audit and Budget Committees) from the Estates section; Gloria Weinrich, Vice Chair (Community Relations and Policy Committees) from the Western section; Peter D'Antonio, (Audit and Budget Committees), at large; Charles J. Murphy (Building Committee) from the Eastern section; and Lola Nouryan (Personnel Committee) from the Central section. Lisa Paulo resigned as Director in April 2018, and the Board commenced a search for a new director.

The Library Board and Staff initiated a thorough review of security policies and measures in the spring of 2018. This developed from discussions at the Annual Budget Presentation in March between Chairman Colahan, Library and Village Trustees. The Library hired a consultant to review the security of the Library with the Garden City Police Department, the Nassau County Police Department, other organizations and staff. Some changes were immediately implemented with plans to propose more significant changes to the Village Board in the next fiscal year.



*Library Board of Trustees
(left to right) Back row: Peter D'Antonio, Trustee,
J. Randolph Colahan, Chair, Charles Murphy, Trustee
Bottom row: Gloria Weinrich, Vice Chair
and Lola Nouryan, Trustee*



Raffle winners at Cozy Up Brunch

The Adult Reference Department serves as an information center by providing up-to-date print and online resources with expert assistance from experienced librarians. Adult library users participated in entertaining and informative workshops on mindfulness meditation, Medicare and Social Security, cooking, as well as local author events, music performances and art lectures. The Cozy Up with a Book winter reading club celebration marked its 12th anniversary.

Book clubs provide a forum for the community to talk about books and share their reading experiences. This year the Adult Reference Department continued to host their ever-popular Coffee and Tea by the Book discussions on newly published and popular books. Book Club in a Bag kits are available for discussion groups at home.

Through the generosity of the Friends of the Garden City Public Library, free museum passes to 12 museums are available to library card holders. Three passes were added during the 2017-18 year: the Frick Collection, the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, and the New York Transit Museum. Other passes available include: the Cradle of Aviation, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, Old Westbury Gardens, the Nassau County Museum of Art, the Long Island Children's Museum, MOMA (Museum of Modern Art), the New York Historical Society and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



*Local resident Edward McCoyd, author of
Simpson's Will and Forester's Will*

The Garden City Public Library

The Young Adult Department offers tweens and teens many opportunities to learn, volunteer, and have fun! The department provides library materials, programs and services, to assist middle and high school students with school assignments, college preparation, recreational reading, personal enrichment, and social activities. Students received research help for homework and prepared for college with application workshops and practice test programs.



Tweens play in a Tween Quidditch Tournament outside on Library grounds.

library distributed over 100 solar eclipse glasses for safe viewing, and followed with a workshop for tweens. The 2017 "Build a Better World" summer reading club doubled participants over the 2016 program with 139 members.

Children's librarians hosted and created many interactive programs and storytimes, attended by children from six months old through fifth grade. These included arts and crafts, science programs and book discussions. Some highlights included "A Time for Kids" and science programs with science teacher Chris Buchman. An Introduction to Lego Robotics was offered for the first time. Families gathered for a fun-filled cooking workshop, making their own Gingerbread House. During



Prize winners at the summer reading festival

the school year, librarians hosted class visits from each classroom in the primary schools, to promote the magic of reading for fun and showcase the learning opportunities available through the library. At the end of each school year, librarians held outreach programs at the schools to introduce the Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Program, open to 2 years old through fifth grade, tracked the reading progress of nearly 440 children. Forty-five programs such as Eric the Reptile Man and the Baking Coach were attended by over 1,000 young people, and culminated in the summer festival.

The Garden City Public Library looks forward to serving all members of the community in the upcoming year.

Volunteer opportunities, babysitting workshops, outreach programs, baking, science activities, and art/craft programs made learning fun. Social events like movie, game and trivia nights, and holiday parties such as Locked in the Library Halloween were engaging and exciting. The Young Adult and Children's Departments jointly hosted tween book discussions, chess programs, and very popular Quidditch Tournaments. The department founded a sixth grade FIRST LEGO League team, which competed against other local teams. For the August 2017 Solar Eclipse, the



LEGO Robotics Team participates in Robo Expo hosted at GCPL



Teens and Tots Storytime library program at the Garden City pool

Finance Department

Garden City's Chief Fiscal Officer is the Village Treasurer, Irene Woo who leads the Finance Department. The Finance Department is responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of the Village. These functional areas include Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing Department, Tax Billings and Assessments, Audit, Compliance, etc.



IRENE WOO
Village Treasurer

The Village Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer, Darcia Palmer, with collaboration from the Board of Trustees and the Village's Executive Staff, manage the annual Budget Process. They work closely with Department Heads in developing annual operating budgets and 5 year Capital Plans to ensure that annual budgets are compliant with the limits set by the tax levy laws. In addition, there is ongoing monitoring of expense and revenue trends through financial reporting and analysis throughout the fiscal year.

The Finance Department works closely with the Village's independent auditors in the completion of the year-end audit and in the preparation of the annual financial statements. We also work with our fiscal advisors in managing and issuing debt. Bond terms are analyzed to ensure that they are in the best interest of the Village.

This past fiscal year we continued to implement system and process improvements. We continue to assess technology needs and new technology projects will be the focus in the upcoming fiscal year, with the goal of improving our financial systems.

Financial Overview:

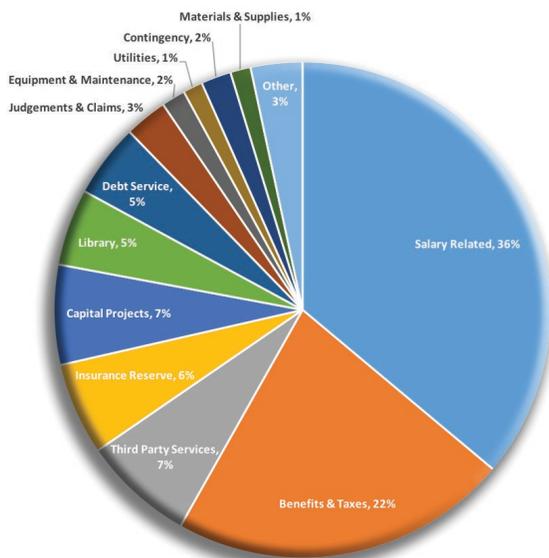
The State of New York requires municipalities to prepare and adopt balanced budgets where applied surplus, anticipated revenue and taxes raised cover all expenditures. The Adopted Village Budget is the culmination of a coordinated effort by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Staff to maintain the highest level of affordable municipal services while striving to keep property tax increases under the level imposed by the State Tax Cap.

Manner In Which Budgets Were Balanced:

General Fund	2017-2018	2018-2019	Increase (Decrease)
Current Surplus Appropriated	\$ 1,798,591	\$ 1,444,599	\$ (353,992)
Estimated Revenues	\$ 7,808,769	\$ 9,160,488	\$ 1,351,719
Tax Levy	\$ 49,564,239	\$ 50,555,524	\$ 991,285
Appropriated Reserve	\$ 900,000	\$ 750,000	\$ (150,000)
Total	\$ 60,071,599	\$ 60,071,599	\$ 2,128,404

The 2018-19 Budget was successfully adopted with a tax levy increase of 2%, which is within the tax limit imposed by the tax cap law.

General Fund
Budget by Expense Category



Additional Self-Sustaining Budgets:

The Village has three Enterprise Funds that operate like a business in that the revenues generated from services provided are meant to cover all operating expenditures. Residents who benefit from the services provided by the Water Fund, Swimming Pool Fund, and the Tennis Fund pay for the operations, including capital improvements, via memberships, program services or other fees.

Enterprise Fund	2018-2019 Expense Budget	2018-2019 Revenue Budget
Swimming Pool	\$1,554,985	\$1,669,310
Indoor Tennis	\$455,459	\$474,800
Water Department	\$5,886,667	\$6,192,491

Budget Comparison

		2017-2018 B U D G E T	2018-2019 B U D G E T
ADMINISTRATION	Board of Trustees	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300
	Village Justice	358,980	308,538
	Clerk Treasurer	1,339,528	0
	Administration	-	507,254
	Finance	-	816,834
	Purchasing	234,694	209,138
	Assessment	46,300	50,000
	Personnel	137,756	457,835
	Elections	2,991	2,990
	Publicity	32,000	44,000
	Historian	1,500	1,500
	Central Data Processing	230,711	215,938
	SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,388,760	\$ 2,618,327
PUBLIC SAFETY	Police	10,115,629	10,181,574
	Fire	2,985,570	2,717,853
	Safety Inspection	782,829	799,122
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 13,884,028	\$ 13,698,549
PUBLIC WORKS	Engineering	330,718	345,184
	Building	283,655	464,367
	Central Garage	775,784	844,845
	Streets	1,929,714	1,981,320
	Snow Removal	365,500	357,865
	Street Light & Traffic Control Sanitary	659,197	598,197
	Sewers	395,067	314,208
	Storm Sewers	139,337	148,700
	Refuse and Garbage	3,306,949	3,354,455
	Sanitation Recycling	283,203	294,691
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 8,469,124	\$ 8,703,832
RECREATION	Parks	1,846,356	1,837,876
	Playgrounds & Recreation Centers	2,759,367	2,790,989
	St. Paul's Building	10,000	10,000
	SUB TOTAL - RECREATION	\$ 4,615,723	\$ 4,638,865
LIBRARY	Contribution to Library	\$ 3,060,508	\$ 3,060,508
GENERAL	NYS Employees Retirement System	1,651,420	1,525,000
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,629,968	2,454,450
	Social Security	1,667,728	1,609,222
	MTA Payroll Tax	75,103	71,521
	Health & Dental Insurance	7,186,759	7,820,000
	Capital Projects	3,376,000	3,978,765
	Unallocated Insurance	3,681,074	3,681,074
	Judgements and Claims	1,800,000	1,700,000
	Law	1,168,000	1,188,500
	Contingent Account	1,002,764	1,200,000
	Debt Service	2,409,640	2,935,000
	Miscellaneous	105,000	276,998
	SUB TOTAL - GENERAL	\$ 26,753,456	\$ 28,440,530
	APPROPRIATION TO RESERVE	\$ 900,000	\$ 750,000
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 60,071,599	\$ 61,910,611

Directory

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Associate Village Justice

VILLAGE COUNSEL

Peter A. Bee (2014)
Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

Chris Kurtz (2014)
Bond Schoenek & King, PLLC

SPECIAL POLICE

David B. Carpentier, *Captain* (1994)

John Koch, *Lieutenant* (2004)

Terry Vafeas, *Honorary Sergeant* (1999)

VILLAGE HISTORIAN

William A. Bellmer (2015)

ADMINISTRATION

Ralph V. Suozzi (2014)
Village Administrator

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)
Police Commissioner

Karen M. Altman (1995)
Village Clerk

Kevin E. Ocker (2003)
Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

Lisa Paulo (2014)
Library Director

Irene Woo (2015)
Village Treasurer

Darcia Palmer (2016)
Deputy Village Treasurer

Joseph DiFrancisco (2016)
Superintendent of Public Works

Ausberto Huertas, Jr. (2015)
Superintendent of Building

Courtney Rosenblatt (2016)
Village Auditor

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS:

Brian G. Gallo, *Chief* (1991)

Thomas Strysko, *1st Assistant Chief* (2005)

Devyn F. Moody, *2nd Assistant Chief* (2010)

Neil O'Malley, *3rd Assistant Chief* (1999)

LINE OFFICERS:

Jonathan Parrella, *Captain, Engine Co.* (2015)

Thomas Fasano, *1st Lieutenant, Engine Co.* (2013)

Michael Tamke, *2nd Lieutenant Engine Co.* (2017)

James R. Taunton, *Captain, Truck Co.* (2012)

Matthew F. Pearn, *1st Lieutenant, Truck Co.* (2009)

Jason Rocha, *2nd Lieutenant Truck Co.* (2015)

Michael Reale, *Secretary* (2009)

Gregory Barton, *Assistant Secretary* (2013)

Gerard F. Whalen, *Treasurer* (2002)

Robert F. Kalb, *Assistant Treasurer* (1987)

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- POLICE Emergency911 Non-Emergency 465-4100
- FIRE Emergency746-2800 Non-Emergency 746-1301
- POISON CONTROL..... 1-800-222-1222

VILLAGE HALL

- Business Office:
 - Main Office 465-4000
 - Village-Related Tax Questions..... 465-4156
 - Town and School Tax Questions* 489-5000
 - Water Billing Questions 465-4160
- Departments:
 - Administrator/Mayor/Clerk 465-4051
 - Building 465-4040
 - Justice Court 465-4080
 - Public Works..... 465-4003
 - Recreation and Parks (Monday-Friday)..... 465-4075
 - Water and Sewer 465-4020
- Library 742-8405
- Municipal Service Yard 465-4031
- Pool (Seasonal)..... 483-1714

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

- Garden City Chamber of Commerce..... 746-7724
- Garden City School District..... 478-1000
- Nassau County:
 - Department of Health 227-9697
 - Government Offices..... 571-3000
- Town of Hempstead..... 489-5000