

May 15, 2019

## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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The Board of Trustees and staff continue to work on numerous projects, including improvements to the Village's infrastructure, the LIRR Third Track and its impact on Garden City, the water tank replacement project, the concept plan for the former St. Paul's School building and other matters. I encourage you to attend Village Board of Trustees meetings; the schedule can be found on the Village's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

## **SPECIAL POLICE**

Garden City Special Police Captain David Carpentier, Lieutenant John Koch and Sergeant Trevor Aquino took their oaths of office during a brief ceremony at Village Hall Thursday, May 9, 2019. Trustee Mark Hyer did the honors.

Captain Carpentier has lived in Garden City for over 36 years and has been a member of the Special Police for 25 years. He has served as Patrolman, Sergeant and Lieutenant. He is a three-time past recipient of the American Legion Law & Order Award. He is a vice president at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. He and his wife, Katie, live in town with their daughter and son.

Lieutenant Koch has been a Village resident for the past 30 years and a member of the Special Police for 15 years, serving as Patrol Officer before being elected to the rank of Sergeant, Captain and now Lieutenant. His other Committee responsibilities include Recruitment, Publicity and Nominations. He is a supervisor for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and resides in the Village with his wife, Michelle, and their three children. All three children volunteer for the community, and have worked with the Garden City Fire Department and the Mineola Ambulance Corp.

Sergeant Aquino has been a resident of the Village for approximately 16 years. He volunteered for the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department as a Junior Firefighter for three years, interned during the summer at the Garden City Police Department as well as worked at the Garden City Community Pool as a lifeguard. He now serves as a part-time Parking Enforcement Aide with the Garden City Police Department. He is currently finishing his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice: law enforcement technology at SUNY Farmingdale. Sergeant Aquino has been volunteering as a member of the Garden City Special Police for over three years. During his years of service, he has served as the organization's quartermaster and has received the American Legion Law & Order Award for Outstanding Service to the Community and for going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.

Garden City Special Police assist the regular police on an as needed basis. Officers are resident volunteers who help with special patrol duty and pedestrian and traffic control at religious services and community events like the annual Turkey Trot and Homecoming parade. If interested in becoming a member of the Garden City Special Police force, call 742-9603 or visit [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

## **PSEG CIRCUIT TRIMMING**

Weather permitting, PSEG-Long Island is scheduled to begin a circuit trim this week, a portion of which includes some areas in the Village. The below streets have customers that are being notified:

Avalon Road  
Bayberry Avenue  
Bluebell Court  
Clinton Road  
County Seat Drive  
East Old Country Road  
East Drive  
Flower Road  
Kellum Place  
Kenwood Road  
Lefferts Road  
Linden Street  
Maple Street  
Maxwell Road  
Mulberry Road  
Old Country Road  
Pell Terrace  
Prescott Street  
Russell Road  
Seabury Road  
Spruce Court  
Transverse Road  
Wetherill Road

## **2018 WATER QUALITY REPORT**

The Village is pleased to present the 2018 Water Quality Report, which is designed to inform residents about the quality water and services delivered. We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements.

The Village's source of water is groundwater pumped from 10 wells located throughout the Village that are drilled into the Magothy aquifer located beneath Long Island. The Village provides treatment at all wells to improve the quality of the water pumped prior to distribution. The pH of the pumped water is adjusted upward to reduce corrosive action between the water and the water mains and in-house plumbing by the addition of sodium hydroxide. Air stripping treatment units are utilized at Well Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 for the removal of volatile organic compounds. A granular activated carbon filter system is also utilized at Well Nos. 7, 15 and 16. This treatment system removes almost all of the iron from these wells. The Village also adds small amounts of calcium hypochlorite (chlorine) as a disinfecting agent and to prevent the growth of bacteria in the distribution system. In accordance with state regulations, the Village

routinely monitors your drinking water for numerous parameters. We test your drinking water for coliform bacteria, turbidity, inorganic contaminants, lead and copper, nitrate, volatile organic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants and total trihalomethane. Over 130 separate parameters are tested in each of our wells numerous times per year. It should be noted that many of these parameters are naturally found in all Long Island drinking water and do not pose any adverse health affects.

The population served by the Village during 2018 was 22, 371. The total amount of water withdrawn from the aquifer in 2018 was 1.605 billion gallons, of which approximately 77.4 percent was billed directly to consumers. To read the entire report, please visit [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **WATER RATE INCREASE**

Residents are reminded that effective June 1, 2019 Village water rates will be increasing 5 percent.

### **ORIGINAL PROPERTY FOLDER REQUESTS**

Residents may request “original hard copy” property folders of records maintained by the Building Department. Please note that this is the only “original” hard copy that the Village maintains, and (for Village record-keeping purposes) is being completely replaced by an electronic “scanned” copy.

While the Department has made every effort to make its newly scanned electronic copies as clear and “readable” as the originals, we recognize there are some documents (amongst the thousands already scanned) which may be more easily read in “hard copy original” form. As a courtesy, the Village is offering your original hard copy to you as the current homeowner. If you wish to have the “original file,” you must show proof of ownership of the property requested. We anticipate a high volume of requests for these folders, so please allow staff ample time to retrieve the folder, which will be released in a timely matter. The Department will notify you when your request is ready for pickup. Folder requests will be held for 30 days after a call back is made. If residents do not pick up their request it will be discarded. This “folder request project” will commence June 1, 2019 and end December 31, 2019. After that date, only copies made from the scanned electronic copies will be available.

### **SOLICITATION PERMITS**

Please be aware that we have received reports from Village residents about a company named Aptive Pest Control. People representing themselves as part of this company do not have a solicitation permit from the Garden City Police Department and an official from this company was issued a warning for soliciting on Monday, May 13, 2019 by a Garden City Police Officer. Residents are encouraged to contact Garden City Police if such a solicitation occurs at their home by calling 465-4100.

### **SESQUICENTENNIAL AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MAY 25**

The Village is celebrating two momentous occasions in 2019 - the 150th anniversary of Alexander T. Stewart's land purchase and the 100th anniversary of Garden City's Community Agreement. As the official kick-off, the Village is hosting a Centennial and Sesquicentennial celebration on Saturday, May 25, 2019 (rain date May 26) on the St. Paul's fields.

The family event is open to all Village residents and will include live music, dancing, children's activities and food fare brought to you by various food trucks. The St. Paul's Field House will also showcase some fascinating examples of Village history. The night will be topped off with a fireworks display. Other events will take place throughout the Village in the months following the celebration, including a September Gala hosted by the Historical Society and an interfaith Mass October 20, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Even the Friday Night Promenades will host a special "Salute to Garden City" night. New York State will recognize the Village with a resolution, the Village's milestones will be put into the Congressional record and Nassau County will light the Dome in Mineola in the Village's colors in October.

### **ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AND PARADE - MAY 27**

On Monday, May 27, 2019, under the direction of the William Bradford Turner Post - American Legion, the annual Memorial Day observance in our Village will commence with interdenominational memorial church services at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

The traditional Memorial Day Parade will step off promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Stewart and Cherry Valley Avenues. It will proceed north on Cherry Valley Avenue to Tenth Street, east on Tenth Street to Franklin Avenue, south on Franklin Avenue to Seventh Street, west on Seventh Street past the Reviewing Stand, which will be located at the Village's War Memorial, just west of the Library, where official ceremonies will take place. Residents are urged to honor the men and women who gave their lives for our country by attending these services.

Retail sales will be prohibited in the Village on May 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with certain exceptions. The Village ordinance, which follows closely to the State statute, provides that all trades, manufacturers, agricultural or technical employments are prohibited, as well as all manners of public sale or offering for sale of any property on Memorial Day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Exceptions are restaurants, catering services, prepared items such as tobacco, bread, milk, eggs, and so forth, service station products, medicines, delicatessen items and alcoholic beverages.

Members of the William Bradford Turner Post, The American Legion Auxiliary and I look forward to seeing you at the gathering at the War Memorial for services that will begin following the parade.

### **MEMORIAL DAY INFORMATION**

Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day and will reopen on Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 a.m. For your convenience, correspondence for the Village may be placed in the "Letter" drop slot at the front door. Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, May 27. Garbage will be collected Tuesday and Friday for the Western half and Wednesday and Saturday for the Eastern half of the Village.

Those scheduled for recycling are asked to put their recyclables out on Monday, June 3, 2019. Rubbish collection for the entire Village will be on Thursday, May 30, 2019.

### **VILLAGE TAX BILLS**

The first half of Village taxes are due during the month of June and will be delinquent and subject to a penalty if payment is not made by July 1, 2019. If you have a question, please call the Tax Department at Village Hall at 465-4156 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### **ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION FOR VILLAGE TAX BILLS**

As a reminder, as of June 1, 2019, residents are able to pay their 2019/20 Village Tax Bill using the Village's online Bill Payment Center. As with the Village's existing Water Payment Center, you will have the option of paying with either a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover) or Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment. (Additional fees to the credit card company may apply). This option is located on the homepage of the Village's website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), (using the Bill Payment Center icon) or from the Village Tax Department Information Page by the orange "Piggy Bank."

Please note that you will still be able to pay your taxes/water bills in person at Village Hall by cash, check or money order or via mail. If you choose to mail your tax/water bills, mail them to 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City and be sure to include the tax/water stub in the return envelope which is provided. We cannot process credit card payments at the Village counter for tax or water payments.