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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-third published Annual Report, covering the 2015-2016 fiscal year (June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016). 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 Garden City,

This is the Annual Report for fiscal year June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. While the primary purpose of the report is to provide fiscal year-end financial data, it also reviews the various departments and what they have achieved in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

I look forward to continuing my work as a member of the Board of Trustees and serving as your Mayor. I remain committed to proactively working for the Village, as a whole, in an effort to maintain services in the most efficient way possible.

The mission of the Board of Trustees is to provide services and programs that offer the quality of life and preserve the unique character of our Village that I, for one, believe attracted most residents and businesses to Garden City.

The words sound simple, but the task is not because we serve the Village as a whole. We must maintain municipal services while improving efficiency, enhancing public safety, preserving our infrastructure and providing recreational programs for every age group.

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 departmental goals by differentiating between immediate needs and wish lists. It also requires follow-up with status reports to ensure goals are met on time, and within budget, to make sure we spend your hard earned tax dollars wisely.

In the finance area we have made great strides in improving not only reporting formats but the ability to monitor the budget to make sure we keep our expenditures and revenues in line with forecasts. Our track record shows we have accomplished this goal and our tax increases have been below the amounts required by the New York State Government and our residents will receive their well-deserved New York State tax refunds.

Though keeping our tax increases at a minimum is clearly important, we also have capital projects and improvements to our roads and infrastructure that must be accomplished. For example, the Board of Trustees has budgeted \$1,700,000 per annum for each of the next five years for the resurfacing of Village streets and thoroughfares.

Additionally, in an ongoing effort to enrich the lives of residents and foster a sense of community through open space recreational facilities, parks and programs, the first project identified in Phase I of the Department of Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan was completed on time and within budget. Community Park Fields 3 & 4 underwent a complete overhaul with the installation of new irrigation, synthetic turf infields and new under drain systems, safety fencing, backstops and dugouts. All five neighborhood parks will also see improvements, as well as the Stewart Fields and plans are in place to change the existing soccer field in Community Park to a multi-purpose turf field.

The long awaited Garden City Senior Center also opened on time and within budget. The facility, which more than doubled in size after a five-month expansion project, now boasts a new façade and driveway, a larger lounge area and kitchen, an “Event Room” and new ADA-compliant bathrooms, among many other upgrades. This community resource is so much more than just a center for Garden City’s seniors. It is a gathering place used by numerous groups in the Village for all types of activities and meetings.

The Board of Trustees and I will continue to seek input from the Property Owners’ Associations on relevant issues and proposed changes in Policies, Village Codes, Ordinances and Regulations. The basis of our Community Agreement is volunteerism and we cannot thank enough the numerous residents who serve as Officers and Directors of our Property Owners’ Associations, as well as those people who serve on our Village Commissions and Boards. My colleagues on the Board of Trustees and I hope you are pleased with the past year’s accomplishments and become inspired to take an active and constructive interest in Village affairs.

Nicholas P. Episcopia

Mayor



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.



Alexander Turney Stewart



Cornelia Clinch Stewart

The Garden City Archives

Garden City Historian William Bellmer, who was appointed in 2015 by Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia, is responsible for collecting and preserving material relating to the Village's history. In addition to historic preservation, the Village Historian provides information to interested residents and those doing research.



Suzie Alvey, now Assistant Village Historian, congratulates William Bellmer on his new position as Village Historian under the painting of George Loring Hubbell, Garden City's first Mayor

Our Village Historian is ably assisted by fellow resident and appointed Assistant Village Historian, Suzanne Alvey, who previously served as Village Historian and also volunteered as an archivist to help maintain the records.

The Village has an extensive historical collection. Part of it is contained in photographic and data Village Archives files at the Garden City Public Library, administered by the Village Historian. Another part is located in the Stewart Room at the Library, administered by the Library. The Stewart Room collection also contains 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.

Approximately 1,900 photographs in the Village Archives file have been digitized and are available to view in the Garden City Public Library Collection at www.NYHeritage.org. A project to digitize the *Garden City News*, our weekly newspaper started in 1923, is ongoing; some early issues can be viewed at www.NYSHistoricNewspapers.org. The Village Historian can be contacted at Historian@GardenCityNY.net to answer questions related to our history.

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.



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, 2015 through May 31, 2016. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



BRIAN C. DAUGHNEY
Trustee
Estates Section



NICHOLAS P. EPISCOPIA
Mayor
Eastern Section



RICHARD V. SILVER
Trustee
Central Section



JOHN A. DEMARO
Trustee
Estates Section



ROBERT A. BOLEBRUCH
Trustee
Western Section



THERESA A. TROUVÉ
Trustee
Central Section



JOHN M. DELANY
Trustee
Eastern Section



STEPHEN S. MAKRINOS
Trustee
Western Section



Administration, Organization and Village Counsel



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



KAREN M. ALTMAN
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.

Village Counsel

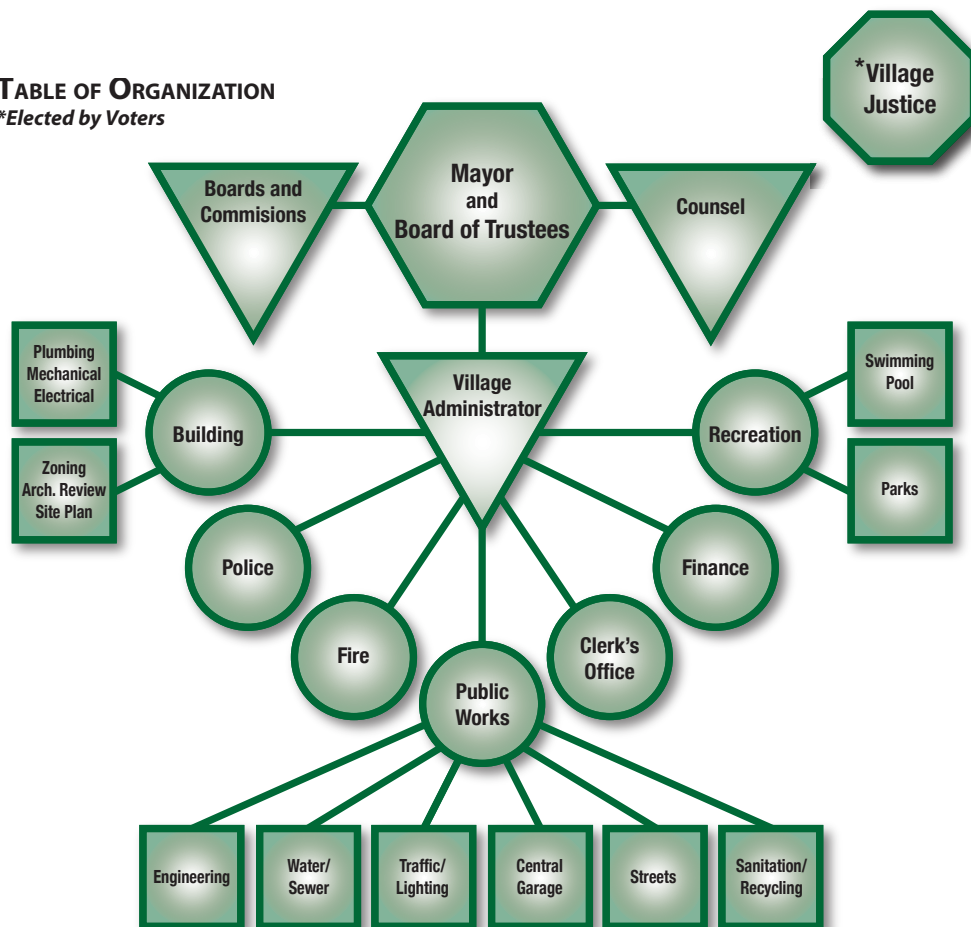
The Village retains two law firms as counsel to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and their advisory Boards and Commissions. Both firms maintain their own offices and staff independent of Village offices.

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. BISCONI
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), *Chairman*

Donald A. Hickey, Jr. (2006), *Vice Chairman*

Barbara M. Ruggiero (2008)

Celia M. Petersen (2010)

Cosmo Veneziale (2012)

Phil Santantonio (2015)

Daniel Fabrizi (2015)

William Alisse (2014), *Alternate Member*

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), *Chairman*

Michael Ryder (1997)

Patrick J. Manley (2007)

Timothy E. Stapleford (2008)

Kenneth R. Moody (2011)

Kristina Russo (2013)

Judy Courtney (2013)

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), *Chairman*

Gloria Weinrich (2004), *Vice Chairperson*

Peter L. D'Antonio (2013)

Lola Nouryan (2013)

Charles J. Murphy (2014)

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), *Chairman*

Stephen S. Makrinos (2015)

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 Director of Public Works acts as Recording Secretary and Garden City High School is represented by up to three students.

Brian C. Daughney (2010), *Chairman*

Leo Stimmler (2006)

Benjamin H. Mahler (2010)

Elizabeth M. Bailey (2010)

Christopher Gorman (2012)

Laurence J. Quinn (2013)

Carole Neidich-Ryder (2014)

James L. Bauer (2014)

Jack McKernan (2016), *GCHS Rep*

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), *Chairman*

Charles Palagonia (2006)

William A. Bellmer (2009)

Neil J. Sweeney (2012)

Keith Galanti (2014)

Sean M. O'Brien (2014)

Phil Santantonio (2014)

Craig G. Biscone (2014)

Scott Brandewiede (2016)

Gregory E. Senken (2016)

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 Director of Public Works and 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.

Richard V. Silver (2013), *Chairman*
Brian C. Daughney (2010)

Stephen S. Makrinos (2015)
John M. Delany (2015)

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)
Robert J. Mangan (1991)

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)

Janet Curtin (2009)

Suzanne Alvey (2009)

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. This Board is appointed by the Mayor.

Allen S. Mathers (1988), *Chairman*

Charles P. Menges, Jr. (1976)

Maureen E. Clancy (1986)

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 (2016)

Citizens Budget Review Committee

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

Joseph Colletti (2012), *Chairman*
Nicholas Vernice (2016)
Linda Ryan (2012)

Steve Forte (2016)
Christine Rio (2012)
Richard Nessler (2015)

Joseph Caroselli (2014)
Joseph Wood (2014)

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 H. Bellmer (2015)

Village Volunteer Recognition Dinner

The Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held April 14, 2016 at the Garden City Senior Center. Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia and members of the Board of Trustees presented certificates and gifts to numerous volunteers, all of whom for years have dedicated their time and talents for the betterment of Garden City:

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Leo Stimmler - 10 years of service on the EAB

Benjamin Mahler - Last year he completed 5 years of service on the EAB

Elizabeth Bailey - Last year she completed 5 years of service on the EAB

Other members of the Environmental Advisory Board include:

Christopher Gorman • Laurence Quinn • Carole Neidich-Ryder

James Bauer (he also serves on the Committee on Building Code Changes)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL AFFAIRS

Kenneth Moody - This year he will complete 5 years of service to the Recreation Board

Other members of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs include:

Kevin E. Ocker, Chairman • Michael Ryder • Patrick Manley

Timothy Stapleford • Kristina Russo • Judy Courtney

WATER AUTHORITY OF WESTERN NASSAU

Herbert (Bart) Brown - In 2014 he completed 10 years of service as the Village's representative to the Water Authority of Western Nassau.

John Ardito will now serve as the representative for the Village

LIBRARY BOARD

Gloria Weinrich - She completed 10 years of service to the Library Board in 2014

Other members of the Library Board include:

J. Randolph Colahan, Chairperson • Peter D'Antonio • Lola Nouryan • Charles Murphy

VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT

Allen Mathers - This year he completes 20 years of service as Village Justice

Merril Biscone - Last year she completed 15 years of service as Acting Justice

Village Justice Court also includes:

Acting Justice Brian Deveney

BOARD OF ETHICS

Allen Mathers - Completed 5 years of service on this Committee in 2014

Maureen Clancy - Completed 5 years of service on this Committee in 2014

The other Member of the Board of Ethics is:

Charles Menges, Jr.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Hugh Lacy - Completed 25 years of service (also serves on the Committee on Building Code Changes)

Donald Hickey, Jr. - This year he will complete 10 years of service

Celia Peterson - Last year she completed 5 years of service

Other members of the Architectural Design Review Board include:

Barbara Ruggiero • Cosmo Veneziale • Phil Santantonio • Daniel Fabrizi • William Alisse

PLANNING COMMISSION

H. Bradford Gustavson - In 2014 he completed 15 years of service

Charles Palagonia - This year he will complete 10 years of service

William Bellmer - In 2014 he completed 5 years of service

Other members of the Planning Commission include:

Neil Sweeney • Keith Galanti • Sean O'Brien • Craig Biscone • Scott Brandewiede • Phil Santantonio • Gregory Senken

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Robert Cunningham - Last year he completed 30 years of service (he also serves on the Committee on Building Code Changes)

John Villanella - In 2014 he completed 25 years of service

Brian Paradine - In 2014 he completed 10 years of service (he also serves on the Committee on Building Code Changes)

Peter Gall - In 2014 he completed 5 years of service

Other members of the Board of Appeals include:

Michael T. Schroder (he also serves on the Committee on Building Code Changes)

John A. Ardito (he also serves on the Committee on Building Code Changes)

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Kathleen Auro - In 2015 she completed 10 years of service

Janet Curtin - In 2014 she completed 5 years of service

Suzanne Alvey - In 2014 she completed 5 years of service

The other member of the Civic Beautification Committee is:

Althea Robinson



Trustee John A. DeMaro presents a certificate to Acting Justice Merrill Biscone who last year completed 15 years of service.



Deputy Mayor Richard V. Silver presents a certificate to Garden City resident and volunteer Kenneth Moody, who has completed five years of service to the Recreation Board.

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 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 \$1,349,000. This translates to roughly \$67,450,000 of construction value, of which \$74,665 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.

Departmental personnel consist of a Superintendent, three Inspectors, two Administrative Assistants and one Consultant. The technical staff is required to attain 24 hours of continuing education training annually in order to maintain their required New York State 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.



MICHAEL D. FILIPPONE

Former Building Superintendent Michael D. Filippone retired in October 2015 after a 36-year career with Garden City. His extensive work developing and updating the Village's Master Plan shaped Garden City's future and the existing residential and business landscape is a testament to his professional commitment during nearly four decades.

Some notable projects completed during his tenure include the Wyndham Condominium, new office buildings such as 999 Franklin Avenue and 401 Garden City Plaza, 191 Seventh Street, at the corner of Franklin Avenue, and, recently, Doubleday Court Condominium. He also oversaw the growth and expansion of Adelphi University through the years, with two new residence halls, the Sports Complex, the Performing Arts Center and, currently, the Nexus Building.

During his career, Mr. Filippone served on the Boards of the Building Inspectors Association of Nassau County, becoming president in 1991, and the Eastern States Building Officials Federation, where he received an honorary lifetime membership. In 1994, the Garden City Chamber of Commerce awarded Mr. Filippone the Community Achievement Award.

Mr. Filippone served as temporary Superintendent to help aid his successor during the transition.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Building Permits	256
Plumbing Permits	290
Mechanical Permits	368
Electrical Permits	667
Approx. No. of Inspections	3,121
Certificates of Occupancy	153
Certificates of Compliance	980
Architectural Design Review Board	112
Planning Commission	9
Zoning Board of Appeals	115
Zoning Change Review Committee	2

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. Once residents register in the system, they are given the option of making electronic credit card payments for programs and activities.

The Garden City Pool, in its 59th year of operation, once again offered a diverse summer program of activities. As a result, over 1,481 families, about 70 percent of resident families with children and a total of 9,905 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 75,000 visitors in the 12-week season, the pool remained our community's flagship recreational facility. In a continuous effort to improve the "member experience" plans were developed by a professional engineering firm to fully renovate the men's and women's bathhouses.

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. Of special note this year is the completion of the expanded and renovated Senior Center now servicing over 1,300 resident seniors per month who participate in a myriad of planned activities and programs including yoga, Zumba, meditation, Tai Chi, Mahjongg, 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 this new resource can comfortably accommodate seating for over 130.

The Senior Advisory Committee continues to be a vital resource by improving communication, assisting in the planning of day trips and placing special emphasis on promoting all the new activities offered at the Senior Center. Over 160 seniors attended the "End of the Summer Picnic" and each monthly Senior Luncheon, sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, is 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, with input from the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, local sports organizations and the Property Owners' Associations, completed Phase I of a Strategic Plan with four goals: 1. Develop a multi-year capital investment program designed to 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. After an extensive geotechnical investigation and design process, construction commenced on Fields 3 & 4 at Community Park, replacing infields with synthetic turf and outfields with new sod, installing new underdrain systems as well as new irrigation and fencing. This project represents the first major capital investment identified in the five-year Strategic Plan.

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 (975) and basketball (1,172). With Summer Sports Camps, again filled to capacity



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



Plans were developed by a professional engineering firm to fully renovate the men's and women's bathhouses at the Garden City Pool.

Recreation and Parks Department



A major project completed this year was the expansion and renovation of the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane.



with resident sports enthusiasts, we continued expanding offerings to children with interests other than sports. Recreational camps in science, yoga, theatre, 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 again very 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 Splish 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 119 dance conservatory 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 12,152 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 80 trees are removed from inventory and replaced with new cultivars offering interesting characteristics and increased biodiversity. Under the guidance of the Village's certified arborist, 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.

In an effort to continue to obtain increased efficiencies, this past year the cutting and trimming of 90 acres of open space were outsourced to the private sector resulting in net operational savings through normal attrition. This outsourcing also allowed for the redeployment of parks personnel tasked to raise the level of maintenance and begin the reconstruction of athletic fields.

Special horticultural services included the planting of over 30,000 spring flowering bulbs and 22,000 annual flowers. Horticultural staff will be working with the Village's Beautification Committee to enhance our streetscapes throughout the Village with seasonal plantings, including the introduction of new hanging baskets and pedestal planters throughout the business district.

Our Recreation and Parks Administration and staff, together with the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, will continue to work together to develop new programs, monitor the use of facilities, obtain efficiencies and provide sound stewardship of facilities and resources. Of special importance will be the administration of a significant number of facility improvement projects outlined in Phase I of the Department's Strategic Plan.



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Enhancing the Quality of Life for Residents

RECREATION AND PARKS: STRATEGIC PLAN IN MOTION

In an ongoing effort to enrich the lives of residents and foster a sense of community through open space recreational facilities, parks and programs, Phase I of the Department of Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan sought to answer several questions, including current conditions of existing facilities.

Community Park's athletic fields sit atop of a former landfill. Over the years, subsurface decomposition and settling has caused irregularity in playing surfaces, particularly Fields 3 & 4, that often resulted in unacceptable playing conditions. "These fields suffered the most and affected playability," Deputy Mayor Richard Silver, Board of Trustees Liaison to the Recreation and Parks Department, said.

To address these issues, Field 3, used for softball and baseball, and Field 4, a lighted 90-foot baseball field, underwent a complete overhaul. "We are very pleased that the Village has completed the first major project identified in year one of the Department's Strategic Plan," Kevin Ocker, Chairman of the Board of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, said. "The complete renovation of Fields 3 and 4 has been completed on time and under budget." Renovations included new irrigation, synthetic turf infields and new under drain systems. Safety fencing, backstops and dugouts were also replaced. Both fields re-opened in September with a full schedule of games on both fields.

Looking ahead, plans are already in motion for the 2017-18 renovation of the soccer field at Community Park. The Strategic Plan released earlier this year contemplated a conversion of that field to artificial turf, the installation of an under drain system and permanent lights.

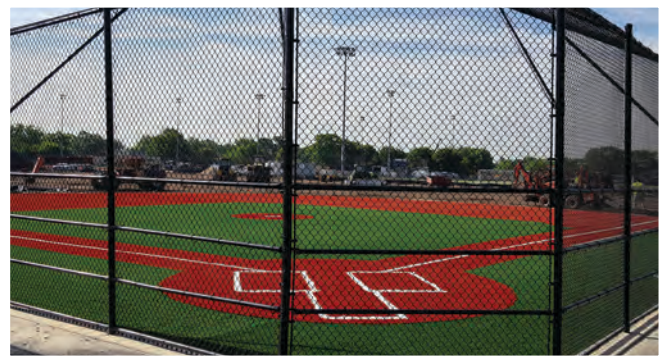
Subsequent to the publication of the Strategic Plan, however, representatives of a number of athletic organizations came forward to ask if the scope of the planned work could be expanded to turn the current field into a true multi-purpose facility, one which will be regulation size for multiple sports. "To do so requires a meaningful expansion of the current facility, reorienting a service road and other work - things that were not contemplated in the original plan," Deputy Mayor Silver said. "We welcome the input and the study that we recently commissioned will explore the feasibility to do so." Cameron Engineering, the design consultant and engineer, will also lead focus group meetings with representatives from local sport organizations. "This is a very open dialogue and design process," Mr. Ocker said.

Deputy Mayor Silver added, "Of course, as the plan itself notes, our ability to accommodate changes in scope depends in large part on our ability to pay for any increase in costs. That is something that we will address once the cost is known, as we have previously done for the other costs of the Strategic Plan."

Also in 2017-18, a new under drain system will be added in the infield of Field 1, currently used for softball. Field 2, a lighted Little League baseball field, is slated for renovation in 2018-19. Improvements include installation of a new synthetic turf infield and sod outfield, irrigation and an under drain system throughout all playing surfaces. Safety fencing and dugouts will also be replaced, as will playground apparatus and safety surfacing located next to the clubhouse.

Across town, numerous upgrades are also slated for the St. Paul's Recreation Complex. Though the athletic fields have held up well to past renovations, an old cinder running track restricts the normal rotation and placement of fields. The 400-meter track, which sits just below grade, has created an uneven surface condition within the field of play on several soccer fields. The entire track is being removed and replaced with topsoil and seeded. Improvements to Cluett Hall and the Field House, heavily used for after-school recreation activities, winter and summer camp programs and outside rentals, will include refurbished floors and walls, renovated restrooms and new exterior doors and backboards. The handicapped accessible ramp to Cluett Hall will also be reconditioned.

This multi-year capital investment program is designed to bring the Village's fields and facilities to the high standards residents have a right to expect in Garden City. To read more about Phase I of the Department of Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, visit www.gardencityny.net.



Enhancing the Quality of Life for Residents

SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT COMPLETED ON TIME, WITHIN BUDGET

A new and improved senior center on Golf Club Lane opened to residents in February 2016. The facility, which more than doubled in size during a five-month expansion project, now boasts a new façade and driveway, a larger lounge area and kitchen, an “Event Room” and new ADA-compliant bathrooms, among many other upgrades.



New signage in front of the facility reads, “Garden City Senior Center” with the words “A Community Resource” underneath. The center has become a valuable gathering place not only for Garden City’s senior population but for members of numerous groups in the Village who use the space for meetings and other activities.



Exterior framing joined the old facility to a donated Model House thanks to the generosity of the Engel Burman Group, developers of the Doubleday Court Development on Franklin Avenue. The Model House, placed alongside and attached to the existing 2,400 square foot senior center, created a new 6,200 square foot facility, an increase of 3,800 square feet with the addition of the new building.

“This project was on time and within budget and that is something to be proud of,” Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia said.

Site work began

in September 2015 and was completed on time in mid-February 2016. The project also remained within budget despite a few unanticipated setbacks. The contractor, Advanced Builders & Land Development, Inc., turned the facility over to the Garden City Department of Recreation and Parks on February 12, 2016 to begin furnishing the new center in preparation for a February 28, 2016 open house.



WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM NEARLY COMPLETE

A water meter replacement program that began in May 2016 is now 75 percent complete, according to Public Works Director Robert Mangan. Nearly 3,000 meters have already been installed.

National Metering Services Inc. is performing the system upgrade, which now enables the new meters to be read by radio transmitter. Affected residents received letters from National Metering Services Inc. Scheduling for appointments began in late May. This installation service is free of charge. Access to the home or place of business to install the new meter, however, is required.

The program’s completion is dependent on residents’ availability. For project information, visit National Metering Services Inc.’s website, www.nmsnj.com.



Police Department



KENNETH O. JACKSON
Police Commissioner

The Garden City Police Department prides itself on being a highly professional, service-oriented, proactive police agency. This is no more evident than in its policy of emphasizing omnipresence and preventative patrols in order to deter crime and protect the community.

The enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws, and quality of life violations has been proven to have a direct impact on criminal activity. Therefore the Department has continued its policy of constant and consistent traffic enforcement, and strict enforcement of the Village Code. This resulted in the issuance of 10,474 traffic citations and 140 Village Code appearance tickets.

In addition to the everyday traffic law enforcement, the Department regularly conducts commercial vehicle safety inspections, aggressive driving operations, and seat belt checkpoints throughout the Village. In 2015, 236 commercial vehicles were inspected, 1,578 tickets were issued, 122 trucks were placed out of service, 132 vehicles were overweight and 42 were cited for hazardous material violations.

An area of paramount importance to the Department is the removal of motorists from roadways who pose a danger to residents by operating their vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. As a result, 69 drivers were

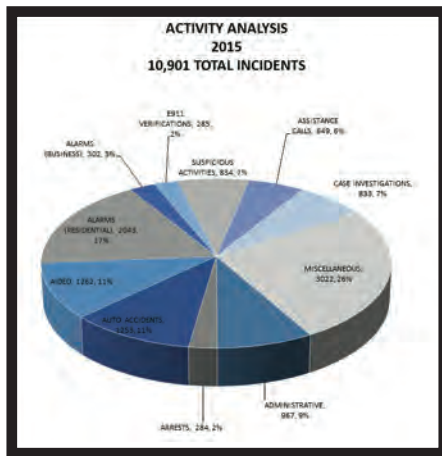


Commissioner Kenneth Jackson and members of the Garden City Police Department received the M.A.D.D. Departmental Recognition Award in recognition of the department's efforts to remove motorists from roadways who pose a danger to residents by operating their vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

arrested for D.W.I. related offenses. There is no doubt that many lives were 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 the Garden City Police Department with its Distinguished Agency Award; an individual Garden City Police Officer was also presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Parking Enforcement Program contributes to an image of omnipresence, a sense of order, and provides a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition to the police officers on patrol issuing parking tickets, uniformed civilian police aides in conspicuously marked vehicles patrol the many crowded parking fields within the Village. In 2015, 21,341 parking tickets were issued.

Police Department



In terms of general police service, the Department documented 10,901 incidents of which 9,934 were police-initiated activity or calls for service. These included 1,262 calls to assist the injured, the sick, and others who were in need because of physical or mental disabilities. In addition officers responded to 1,253 auto accidents with an additional 378 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 2015 those efforts were rewarded with receipt of more than \$87,000 in

grant funds from numerous sources. These include the Federal Government, the State of New York and the New York State Department of Homeland Security. These funds were utilized to purchase Ballistic Vests, LIVESCAN (an electronic fingerprint / photograph machine), the upgrade and enhancement of the Village Hall Complex Security System, targeted anti-crime patrols, and Vehicle and Traffic Law enforcement initiatives including Aggressive Driving, Pedestrian Safety, Seatbelt and D.W.I. campaigns.

In addition the Department received, at no cost to the Village, specialized equipment and training in Basic Mobile Device Investigations from the United States Secret Service. This training, along with the equipment received, will be invaluable in the investigation of crimes involving mobile devices.



Today's law enforcement environment requires a police department to have the cooperation and assistance of other public officials and governmental agencies. The Garden City Police Department has continued to foster these relationships and as a result, the Department has received full cooperation and assistance from other Village Departments and outside agencies. The Department has also had the full support, cooperation and encouragement of the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Board of Police Commissioners and the Village Administrator. This has enabled 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.

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.



WILLIAM K. CASTORO
Chief of Department

Under the direction of Volunteer Fire Chief William K. Castoro 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.



Volunteer Firefighters working the scene of a serious car accident.

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 educates thousands of students and residents through in-house safety classes, its annual Fire Prevention

Fire Department



Volunteer Firefighters left the Thanksgiving table to respond to a car fire on the west side of town.

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.gcfdny.com.



Volunteer Firefighters attending the Nassau County Fire Service Academy.



Volunteer Firefighters paying their respects during the Department's annual September 11, 2001 Remembrance Ceremony.

Department of Public Works



ROBERT J. MANGAN
Director of Public Works

INTRODUCTION

The Public Works Department manages the infrastructure system of Garden City. This includes such duties as maintaining the streets, removing leaves and clearing them of snow; maintenance of storm drains, the sanitary sewer system; garbage and rubbish collection; recycling, and designing and installing traffic-control systems and maintaining the street lighting system. The Director of Public Works heads six divisions that provide these services.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Each year, Engineering personnel work on many projects. On some projects, such as the replacement of curbs and sidewalks, Engineering provides the plans and specifications and performs daily inspection of the actual construction. Engineering also provides plans and specifications for all water main projects. The Engineering Division also coordinates utility and road/sidewalk opening permits.

STREET DIVISION

The Street Division is primarily responsible for maintaining the Village's 74 miles of streets. The Street Division performs on-going maintenance programs including street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, construction, repair and maintenance of storm drainage lines 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 cost free for use by residents and landscapers. This recycling of leaves saves the Village \$1,680,000 annually in disposal costs.

The Winter saw a near record snowfall with two plowing events and nine of salting only. Department of Public Works performed outstandingly, maintaining clear streets despite the amount of snow.



TRAFFIC AND STREET LIGHTING

The Traffic and Street Lighting Division is responsible for the maintenance of more than 7,400 traffic signs in the Village. Each year during Spring, Summer and Fall, Village personnel repaint all of the painted crosswalks, Stop lines, arrows and lane markings. This Division, in conjunction with a private contractor, maintains the Village's 2,284 streetlights and underground wiring. The street lighting crew is responsible for the lighting system working in conjunction with our street lighting contractor and directional drilling contractor.



Department of Public Works

WATER AND SEWER

The water system has 104 miles of pipe and 10 wells. There are five tanks above ground with 5,000,000 gallons of water storage; 12 buildings housing the motors, auxiliary engines, pumps, treatment equipment and system controls, plus more than 1,000 fire hydrants.

In 2015-2016, the Water Department replaced 24 hydrants, repaired 20 water main breaks and also replaced/repared 10 water valves while continuing its annual leak detection survey to locate and repair leaks in the system. There were 300 radio read meters installed.

The Sewer Division rodded and flushed 136 miles of sewer mains. The program of applying root inhibitors continued and 16,000 feet of sewer mains were treated. The Village supervised our Contractor in conducting video inspection of 12.3 miles of sewer main.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING

The Sanitation Division collected 13,898 tons of household garbage and rubbish, as well as 208 tons of yard waste, collected separately.

During the year, the Recycling Program collected 2,198 tons of bottles, cans and newspapers from commercial and residential locations. Recycling of bulk metal items increased as the Division picked up approximately 58 tons. The total weight of items recycled was 2,256 tons and represents a savings of \$158,280 in tipping fees. We also collected 43 tons of e-waste during the year.



The newly constructed salt dome houses 1,200 tons of salt.

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.

Equipment replacement is a major segment of the Capital Improvement Program. Items are purchased in scheduled periods during the year to ensure the performance and reliability of equipment when needed. A total of \$798,000 in equipment was replaced for the Department.

2015-2016 Construction projects were limited to:

- Enhanced Road, Sidewalk and Curb Replacements with \$1,700,000 in Repaving
- Constructed a salt dome that houses 1,200 tons of salt

CENTRAL GARAGE

The Central Garage plays a vital role in the delivery of essential municipal services. Mechanics in the Garage are responsible for the functioning of all Village vehicles. The equipment serviced by them ranges from lawn mowers and pay loaders to large dump trucks.

Preventative maintenance is essential in operating a dependable trouble-free fleet. Last year, all vehicles were serviced according to a regular schedule, taking into account the vehicle type and operating conditions.

The Garden City Public Library



LISA PAULO
Library Director

The Garden City Public Library is an important information and cultural resource for the community. The Library offers opportunities for children and adults alike to learn and grow by providing access to information, literature and lifelong learning. The Library offers books, periodicals, eBooks and audiobooks, music CDs and DVDs, and workshops for every age and interest. Residents can access computers and specialized electronic resources, borrow museum passes and get recommendations on the best books to read.

Library Director Lisa Paulo 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, (Auditing and Budget Committees) from the Estates section; Gloria Weinrich, Vice Chair, (Community Relations and Policy Committees) from the Western section; Peter D'Antonio, (Budget Committee), at large; Charles J. Murphy, (Building Committee) from the Eastern section; and Lola Nouryan, (Personnel Committee) from the Central section.



Prize winners from the Cozy Up With A Book celebration.

Utilizing suggestions of focus groups and the Citizens Budget Review and Advisory Committee, the Garden City Public Library Board hired an architect specializing in libraries in preparation for updating the physical structure and reconfiguring the space of the present building. The architect produced and presented plans that encompass the entire facility. These plans include upgrading the Children's area, repositioning the Young Adult area, improving the lower level café and optimizing Adult Reference and the Circulation Desk. The Board is currently reviewing costs and its options.



Children with their homemade superhero masks.

With the aid of Village Staff, the new elevator underwent a complete overhaul. This should alleviate the mechanical problems that have occurred in the past.

The Adult Reference Department serves as an information center by providing up-to-date print and online resources with expert assistance from experienced librarians. The Reference Department is working to enhance and modernize its nonfiction collection to meet the community's changing information needs. This year the department offered a wide range of informative and entertaining programs, such as an Alfred Hitchcock retrospective, a history of opera, an art lecture on the Cloisters, holiday entertaining tips, an antiques appraisal

program, a Social Security benefits program and a flu vaccine clinic.

The Library has purchased a Bloomberg subscription that is available to patrons for their own business needs. The Bloomberg terminal gives access to business trends, forecasts, news and up-to-the-minute stock, bond and currency prices.

Book clubs provide a forum for the community to talk about books and share their reading experience.

The Garden City Public Library

This year the Adult Reference Department hosted seven Coffee & Tea by the Book discussions on newly published, popular books and added 18 bestsellers to the Book Club in A Bag collection. Carol Fitzgerald of The Bookreporter Network presented a "Must Reads" program for adult book clubs and international bestselling author Nadia Hashimi discussed her first two novels with an audience of over 100 people.

The Library celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Cozy Up with a Good Book Adult Winter Reading Club this year. Over 200 residents participated in the club, submitting more than 2,500 book reviews throughout the winter. The support of the community and local businesses through donations of services and raffle prizes continues to be an essential part of the reading club's success each year.



Teens reading to tots at the Garden City Pool.

Librarian Marge Kelly retired after working in the Children's Department and as the Young Adult librarian for more than 20 years in Garden City. Librarian Laura Giunta is now responsible for the Young Adult Department and has established a Teen Advisory Board of young people to offer suggestions for new programming and collection development for 'tweens and teens. Ms. Giunta also added a DVD collection in the Young Adult area that includes movies, TV shows and Anime.

Children from six months old through fifth grade attend storytimes and interactive programs offered by the Children's Department. The department also hosts book discussions, class visits, science and craft programs and outreach programs at schools to introduce preschool and school age children to the magic of reading and the world of learning opportunities available through the Library. This year the Library added Playaway Launchpads, preloaded learning tablets, to its collection. In total 8,349 children attended programs sponsored by the Children's Department with 416 participating in the summer reading program.

The Library Board and Library Staff continue to work closely with the Village Board and the Village Staff to provide enhanced services and at the same time reduce



our costs. The Library Board appreciates the support of the Village Board and in particular our previous Village Liaison Robert Bolebruch and our current Village Liaison John Delany on this effort.

*(Left to right)
Peter D'Antonio, Trustee;
J. Randolph Colahan, Chair;
and Gloria Weinrich, Vice Chair*



*Librarian Laura Flanagan,
Author Nadia Hashimi,
and Librarian Ann Garnett.*



*(Left to right) Top: Trustee Charles Murphy,
Trustee Peter D'Antonio,
Middle row: Chair J. Randolph Colahan
Bottom: Trustee Lola Nouryan,
Vice Chair Gloria Weinrich,
and Library Director Lisa Paulo*

Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of the Village. These areas include Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Purchasing, Tax Billings and Assessments, Water Billings and Collections, among others. The Village Treasurer, with collaboration from the Board of Trustees and the Village's Executives Staff, manages the annual Budget Process, as well as the ongoing monitoring of expense and revenue trends through financial reporting and analysis. In addition, the Finance Department works closely with our independent auditors in the completion of the year-end audit, and with our fiscal advisors in managing and issuing debt.



IRENE WOO
Village Treasurer

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.

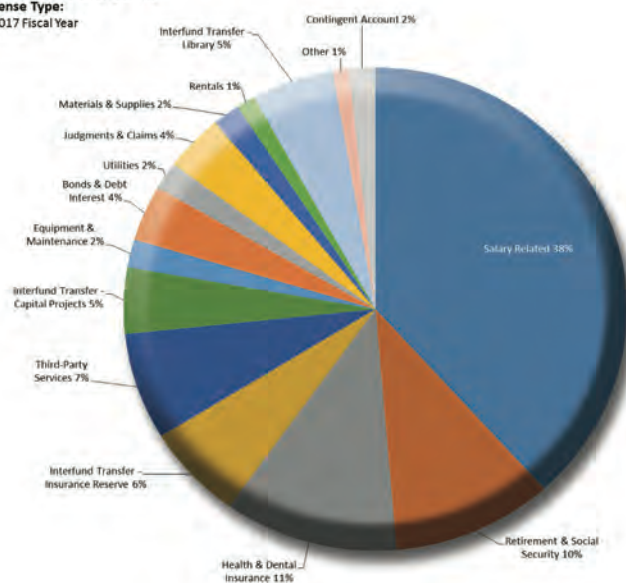
Manner In Which Budgets Were Balanced:

General Fund

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Current Surplus	\$ 852,618	\$ 1,271,452
Estimated Revenues	\$ 7,284,320	\$ 7,671,234
Tax Levy	\$ 48,941,779	\$ 49,000,509
Appropriated Reserve	\$ 1,700,000	
Total	\$ 58,778,717	\$ 57,943,195

The 2016-17 Budget was successfully adopted with a tax levy increase of 0.12%, which is within the tax limit imposed by the tax cap law.

**General Fund 2016-2017 Budget
by Expense Type:
2016-2017 Fiscal Year**



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. There is no tax support for these operations as user charges are the only source of revenue.

Enterprise Fund	2016-2017 Expense Budget	2016-2017 Revenue Budget
Swimming Pool	\$1,427,521	\$1,451,630
Indoor Tennis	\$414,979	\$456,142
Water Department	\$5,956,525	\$6,089,192

Budget Comparison

		2015-2016 B U D G E T	2016-2017 B U D G E T
ADMINISTRATION	Board of Trustees	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,200
	Village Justice	346,968	348,234
	Clerk Treasurer	1,162,436	1,460,165
	Purchasing	268,723	215,312
	Assessment	53,339	47,400
	Personnel	198,149	143,547
	Elections	2,750	3,925
	Publicity	41,000	39,000
	Historian	1,500	1,500
	Central Data Processing	362,625	174,549
	SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,446,690	\$ 2,442,832
PUBLIC SAFETY	Police	9,495,740	10,005,620
	Fire	3,527,265	3,045,218
	Safety Inspection	674,695	826,400
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 13,697,700	\$ 13,877,238
PUBLIC WORKS	Engineering	326,902	256,395
	Building	313,967	304,845
	Central Garage	367,696	759,051
	Streets	1,883,866	1,778,091
	Snow Removal	419,850	512,153
	Street Light & Traffic Control Sanitary	864,090	724,167
	Sewers	407,688	361,723
	Storm Sewers	150,022	135,112
	Refuse and Garbage	3,350,246	3,375,353
	Sanitation Recycling	305,766	277,294
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 8,300,094	\$ 8,484,184
RECREATION	Parks	1,979,950	1,957,675
	Playgrounds & Recreation Centers	2,762,562	2,711,264
	St. Paul's Building	5,000	10,000
	SUB TOTAL - RECREATION	\$ 4,747,512	\$ 4,678,939
LIBRARY	Contribution to Library	\$ 3,097,759	\$ 3,060,508
GENERAL	NYS Employees Retirement System	1,991,204	1,766,762
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,486,811	2,517,506
	Social Security	1,542,900	1,620,000
	MTA Payroll Tax	75,000	75,000
	Health & Dental Insurance	6,062,007	6,479,636
	Capital Projects	2,560,000	2,560,000
	Unallocated Insurance	3,681,074	3,681,074
	Judgements and Claims	1,800,000	2,200,000
	Law	1,037,000	1,247,000
	Contingent Account	1,309,900	979,451
	Debt Service	2,110,066	2,155,565
	Miscellaneous	133,000	117,500
SUB TOTAL - GENERAL		\$ 24,788,962	\$ 25,399,494
APPROPRIATION TO RESERVE		\$ 1,700,000	\$ 0
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ 58,778,717	\$ 57,943,195

Directory

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Mayor

Brian C. Daughney (2010)
Deputy Mayor

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Commissioner of Fire Department

Robert A. Bolebruch (2013)
Commissioner of Finance

Richard V. Silver (2013)
Second Deputy Mayor
Liaison, Cultural and Recreational Affairs
Commissioner of Public Works

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Commissioner of Building and Planning
Environmental Advisory Board

Stephen S. Makrinos (2015)
Commissioner of Police Department

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Commissioner of Building and Planning
(2nd) Liaison, Library Board

JUSTICE COURT

Allen S. Mathers (1988)
Village Justice

Brian T. Deveney (1989)
Associate Village Justice

Merril S. Biscone (2000)
Associate Village Justice

VILLAGE COUNSEL

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

Terry O'Neil (2014)
Bond Schoenek & King, PLLC

VILLAGE HISTORIAN

William A. Bellmer (2015)

ADMINISTRATION

Ralph V. Suozzi (2014)
Village Administrator

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)
Police Commissioner

Robert J. Mangan (1991)
Director of Public Works

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

Ausberto Huertas, Jr. (2015)
Superintendent of Building

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS:

William K. Castoro, Chief (1994)
Brian G. Gallo, 1st Assistant Chief (1991)
Thomas Strysko, 2nd Assistant Chief (2005)
Robert Horvath, 3rd Assistant Chief (2006)

LINE OFFICERS:

Michael Moran, Captain, Engine Co. (2011)
Joseph W. Ewashkow, 1st Lieutenant, Engine Co. (2010)
Russell Fincher, 2nd Lieutenant Engine Co. (2010)
Devyn F. Moody, Captain, Truck Co. (2010)
James Taunton, 1st Lieutenant, Truck Co. (2012)
David Tomlinson, 2nd Lieutenant Truck Co. (2014)
Michael Reale, Secretary (2009)
Katherine McCabe, Assistant Secretary (2014)
Gerard F. Whalen, Treasurer (2002)
Robert F. Kalb, Assistant Treasurer (1987)

SPECIAL POLICE

John Koch, Captain (2004)
David B. Carpentier, Lieutenant (1994)
James Morrell, Police Officer (2016)

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★ KEY PHONE NUMBERS ★

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..... 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