



2018 - 2019
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

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This is the eighty-sixth published Annual Report, covering the 2018-2019 fiscal year (June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019). 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,



It is an honor to present the annual report for the fiscal year June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. The primary purpose of this document is to provide you with an account of the stewardship of Village affairs by your Board of Trustees during the past fiscal year. It is a statement of how your tax dollars were spent during the 2018-19 budget. One of the characteristics of an incorporated village is that it provides services to its residents, and it charges them for those services in the form of taxation. Your Board of Trustees takes this responsibility seriously, and our financial records bear this out. At intervals, Moody's Investment Service paints a picture of the financial story of the Incorporated Village of Garden City. The rating agency speaks of our monetary practices in glowing terms, awarding us the rating AAA with a stable outlook. Moody's describes us as benefitting from strong fiscal management, ample reserves and liquidity, and a minimal debt burden and pension liability. The Service points to our strong financial management as contributing to annual surplus operations.

For the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, the Village adopted a \$61million General Fund budget that included a tax levy increase of 2 percent, which was well below the cap allowed under State Law. Despite mandated contractual increases, the Village has been efficient in managing expenses to keep at or below the inflationary factor. For example, health insurance costs have risen at a compounded annual growth rate of 7 percent per year since 2014-15, although full-time Village wide employees have decreased 9 percent. In addition, the Village has made a concerted effort to invest in its aging infrastructure and continues to ensure that roads and equipment are replaced on a reasonable schedule, in addition to investing in improvements to buildings, parks and software.

Further, during this fiscal year the Board of Trustees has been working to resolve the future of the St. Paul's School and related Rec Center Project. At this point, we are in a fact-finding period. The entire community is more than welcome, actually urged, to attend the informative events provided by the Board of Trustees on this project; to study the hard copy reports provided at these events that are prepared by professionals well respected in their respective fields; and to stand up and join the related public discussion. The community will be fully informed of the costs of whatever solution is most reasonable, and the community would need to approve.

We established and continue to maintain close lines of communication and deliberation with the Long Island Rail Road as it began its track expansion project which involves just under ten miles of a new third track, the elimination of multiple grade crossings, the development of the plans for the enhancement of related stations and parking facilities, the improvement of the safety and efficiency of adjacent roadways and the restoration of landscaping, among other things. Lines of communication on several levels have been established, and residents have been afforded a liaison for direct communication. Still this has been an arduous experience for us as a village. We remain in close contact with project officials to ensure that decision-making reflects what is in our best interests as a community.

All of our departments can boast of their accomplishments throughout the 2018-19 fiscal year. Our Village employees are committed to their responsibilities. To name a few examples, our Building Department has completed Phases I and II and the greater part of Phase III of our ongoing Digitizing Scanning Project. Once completed, all property owners will have all of their property records online and secure, will be able to access them at will and will be in possession of all the original documents of their property. In 2018 to date, the Building Department has closed out more than 6,100 open permits and issued a notable number of Certificates of Occupancy or Compliance.

Fiscal year 2018-19 was an impressive period of accomplishment for the Department of Public Works. This Department made strong strides in upgrading every dimension of our infrastructure, ensuring in advance during the 2018-19 budget work sessions that the necessary finances for these projects would be in place. Stories of this kind of accomplishment can be told across the board in every Department.

I have had the good fortune to become the newly appointed Mayor of our Village in a year with two centennial anniversaries: the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of the year Alexander Turney Stewart purchased just under 10,000 acres of the flat Hempstead Plains and also the one hundredth anniversary of when we formed a non-political form of government now called The Community Agreement, which is still in practice today. Many in our community joined in to re-tell the historical and cultural story of our beautiful Village during this year 2019.

The Board of Trustees, the Executive Staff, all of our employees and a large group of resident volunteers strive faithfully to serve our Incorporated Village. May our star continue to shine as brightly in our future annual reporting.

Very truly yours,

Theresa A. Trouvé
Mayor, Incorporated Village of Garden City
December 6, 2019

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.

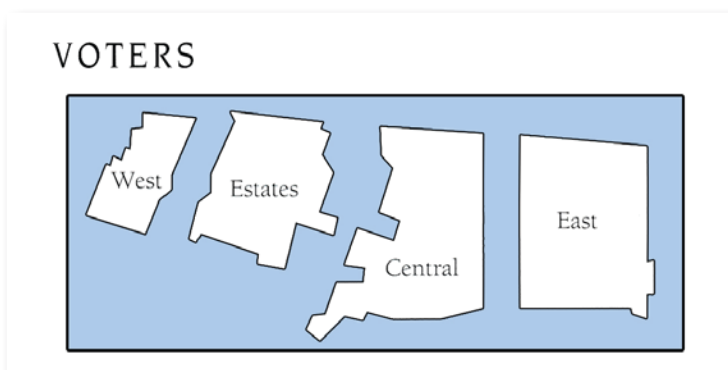
This Community Agreement created a unique form of government, with a volunteer Board of Trustees now representing the four sections of the Village, elected by a non-partisan vote of residents.

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, 2018 through May 31, 2019. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



STEPHEN S. MAKRINOS
Trustee
Western Section



THERESA A. TROUVÉ
Mayor
Central Section



ROBERT A. BOLEBRUCH
Deputy Mayor
Western Section



JOHN M. DELANY
Trustee
Eastern Section



LOUIS M. MINUTO
Trustee
Central Section



MARK A. HYER
Trustee
Eastern Section



COLLEEN E. FOLEY
Trustee
Estates Section



BRIAN C. DAUGHNEY
Trustee
Estates 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.



KAREN M. ALTMAN
Village Clerk

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.

Village Auditor

The Village Auditor provides an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve the Village's operations. The Village Auditor role has been expanded over the past year to align the goals of the office with those of the Village by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of human resources, risk management, control and governance processes. The reporting structure of the Village Auditor has also been aligned to report to the Board of Trustees and Village Administrator.



COURTNEY ROSENBLATT
Village Auditor

Executive Staff

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

Village Counsel

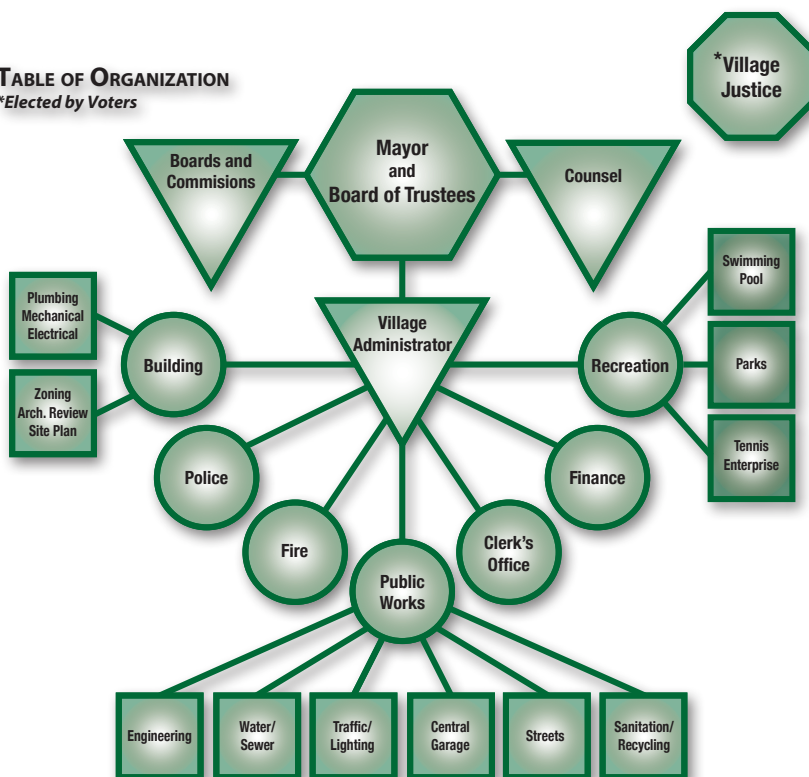
The Village retains two law firms as counsel to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and their advisory Boards and Commissions. Both firms maintain their own offices and staff independent of Village offices.

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.

Donald Hickey, Jr. (2019), *Chairman*
Barbara M. Ruggiero (2008)
Celia M. Petersen (2010)

Cosmo Veneziale (2012)
Phil Santantonio (2015)
Sean O'Brien (2019)

Rosario Parlanti (2019)
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)
Christian Siragusa (2017)
William P. Garry (2019)

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 (2005), *Chairman*

Mark A. Hyer (2017)

Ralph V. Suozzi (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 Superintendent of Public Works acts as Recording Secretary and Garden City High School is represented by up to three students.

Stephen S. Makrinos (2015), *Chairman*
Leo Stimmler (2006)
Elizabeth M. Bailey (2010)

Laurence J. Quinn (2013)
Carole Neidich-Ryder (2014)
Evelyn Fasano (2016)

John Manning (2019)
Thomas Grlic (2018), *GCHS Rep*
Aidan Pfaff (2018), *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*
Keith Galanti (2014)
Craig G. Biscone (2014)

Scott Brandewiede (2016)
Gregory E. Senken (2016)
Patrick J. Ward (2018)

Allyson Murray (2018)
Lauren Fonesca (2019)

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.

Brian C. Daughney (2010), *Chairman*
Robert A. Bolebruch (2013)

Louis M. Minuto (2017)
Mark A. Hyer (2017)

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.

John G. Villanella (1989)
Michael T. Schroder (1992)

Brian Paradine (2004)
John A. Ardito (2008)

James Van Schoick (2019)
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.

David Osborn (2018)

Citizens Budget Review Committee

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

Roger Canales (2019)
Danielle Kilkenny (2018)

Rosario Parlanti (2019)
Shelley Stein (2018)

Rich Vallelly (2018)
Yvonne Varano (2019)

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



GIUSEPPE GIOVANNELLO
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 \$2,480,000. In addition, the total of \$193,950 was collected in fees 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 5,035 inspections in an effort to close out outstanding open permits prior to the expiration date. Approximately 3,720 certificates of occupancy/certificates of compliance were recently issued, resulting in closing out all outstanding open permits as per the Local Law. Also, the Building Department is still in the process of digitalizing all files and records maintained by this department. Phase I & Phase II of this digitalization project is complete, and Phase III is near completion. The completion of this process will give public access to this information.

Departmental personnel consist 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 project: Marriott Hotel at 700 Garden City Plaza

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Building Permits	466
Plumbing Permits	538
Electrical Permits	514
Mechanical Permits	455
Approx. No. of Inspections	5,035
Certificates of Occupancy	204
Certificates of Compliance	3,488
Letters in Lieu	10
Architectural Design Review Board	84
Planning Commission	4
Zoning Board of Appeals	84
Zoning Change Review Committee	3

Recreation and Parks Department

The Recreation and Parks Department had another very active and successful year, as we continued to provide our residents with enhanced facilities, programs, and service.

Major construction projects were undertaken to improve facilities throughout the Village. At Community Park, our ballfield #2 was converted from a natural turf infield to a synthetic “FieldTurf” field. Overhead lights were replaced with energy saving, state of the art LED fixtures, backstops and fencing were replaced, and the area around the dugouts and home plate was renovated. Finally, a new accessible ‘Playground For All’ was installed between field #2 and the platform tennis courts.



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

At the Garden City Pool, major renovations took place as well. The roofs and gutters on the



Nothing better than meeting Goggles at the Garden City Pool!

buildings were replaced, as were the wall light fixtures, and new improved mechanical ventilation was installed in both the men’s and women’s locker rooms and bathrooms. Out on the pool deck, a new access ramp and shade structure were installed adjacent to Pool #2, while a new trench drain was installed around Pool #1. In the mechanical rooms, new pumps, energy efficient motors, and electrical controls were installed on both Pool #1 and Pool #2, which will provide improved reliability.

Renovation work was not limited to the Community Park area, as Recreation Maintenance crews began renovating restrooms in the neighborhood playgrounds. Edgemere, Grove, and Hemlock Parks all had their bathrooms renovated, with all new ceramic tile and new plumbing fixtures installed.

Our Parks Division had another busy year, between managing our 12,000+ Village trees, caring for our many greenspaces, planting our beautiful beds throughout the Village, and decorating for the holidays. Over 35,000 bulbs were planted in various beds, which provided a bright, colorful display in the spring. Our annual tree planting program saw approximately 100 trees planted throughout the Village, and we were once again designated as a “Tree City USA” by the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation.



Listening to the National Anthem prior to dropping the puck.

Recreation and Parks Department



What could be more fun than a summertime game of Kickball at the local park?

Our neighborhood parks were again busy, particularly during our Summer Program, which featured arts and crafts, sports and games, trips and other activities on a daily basis. Conveniently located in residential sections of the Village, these 'small jewels' provide year round fun for folks of all ages.

At the St. Paul's Campus, an active outdoor sports program, provided by our local youth organizations, combined with camps and activities sponsored by the Recreation Department kept our fields busy during the outdoor seasons. Inside, at the Field House, basketball, volleyball, and children's after school programs continue to be popular, while at Cluett Hall, cultural programs such as art lessons and the Recreation Dance program contribute to a well rounded slate of programs.

With the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs providing input from all four of our property owners' associations, the Department keeps up with the requests and desires of our residents, and adjusts program offerings appropriately. The Department strives to be responsive to the needs and wishes of our residents, and to provide quality facilities and programs.

On the programming side of the Department, new offerings combined with old favorites to give residents a wide choice of leisure time activities. Our Senior Recreation Center continued to be a popular destination, offering a wide range of programs, lectures, and trips, as well as being a popular spot to hold meetings and parties. Center Staff meets with users of the Center regularly, and updates programs based on the needs and desires of our residents.



A visit with Santa is always a great way to celebrate the Holidays.

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 and the United States.

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 2018 this resulted in the issuance of 12,363 traffic

citations and 58 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 2018, 181 commercial vehicles were inspected, 1,013 tickets were issued, 94 trucks were placed out of service, 139 citations were issued for overweight violations and 63 citations were issued 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 2018, 30 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 John Russell 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 2018, 19,909 parking tickets were issued.

In terms of general police service, the Department documented 17,533 calls for service. These calls included 1,412 calls to assist the injured, and sick. In addition, officers responded to 1,432 auto accidents with an additional 352 persons in need of medical attention.



New Police Officer Graduates Academy

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 2018 those efforts were rewarded with receipt of more than \$20,000 in federal, state and local grants. These grants, along with asset forfeiture funds, were utilized to purchase ballistic protective gear,



Officer conducting Truck Stops

Police Department

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.



Garden City Police Officers & NYU/Langone Ambulance

In January, NYU Langone Ambulance became the Police Department's primary ambulance service and has provided professional quality medical service to the residents and visitors of the Village.

Training is always a vital component in providing a safer environment for residents of, and visitors to the Village. In addition to ongoing training related to police duties, officers also receive specialized training from Federal and local departments to prepare them in responding to serious incidents.

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, worked together in the development and implementation of plans that enhance the safety of students and staff. This includes lockdown/lockout drills, camera accessibility, RAVE Notification Systems, and Security reviews.



Mobile Command Unit

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 2018, six special police officers responded to more than 70 traffic and special event details.



Special Police Officer on Traffic Duty

Fire Department

The Garden City Fire Department is a unique, all volunteer Department within our Village government. Its rich heritage is rooted with the independent volunteer fire companies that began to form and serve 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 village 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. In 2020, the Department will be celebrating its 100th year of service to the Village.



18 FD members gave up a Saturday and Sunday to train on vehicle extrication for NY State certification

Under the direction of Volunteer Fire Chief Thomas Stryko and three Volunteer Assistant Chiefs, the Department utilizes a three-tier approach to providing its vital services: quality training, cutting edge equipment, quick response and a comprehensive fire inspection and prevention program. 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. Recently, the Department added a modern Quint Ladder Truck that serves dual purposes as both an aerial ladder and a pumper combined. The Department also incorporates state-of-the-art technology including thermal imaging cameras, hazardous gas monitoring equipment, mobile computers and hydraulic rescue equipment.



GCFD at a working fire on Commercial Ave

Fire Department



*Ex-Chief Lenny Rivera and his twin brother
FF Tom Rivera*

The Department conducts a continuous comprehensive fire inspection and prevention program for the Village. Program enhancements include computer database pre-plans of area occupancies, rigorous fire inspections of schools, businesses and multifamily 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 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.gcfdny.com or email us: membership@gcfdny.com.



Firefighters after rendering aid to a neighboring department at a structure fire



Chiefs (from left) Bill Castoro, Neil O'Malley, Devyn Moody and Thomas Stryko at the annual September 11, 2001 ceremony



St. Joseph's students dropped by to visit and say thank you to the GCFD

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 Village roads, curbs and sidewalks including leaf removal and the clearing of snow and ice; it maintains the Village 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, Public Works assumes 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 Village's fleet of over 150 vehicles, including pay loaders, dump trucks, garbage/recycling trucks and the entire fleet of Garden City Police vehicles, plus over 600 pieces of equipment ranging from lawn mowers and chainsaws to conducting annual maintenance of the generators that support our facilities.

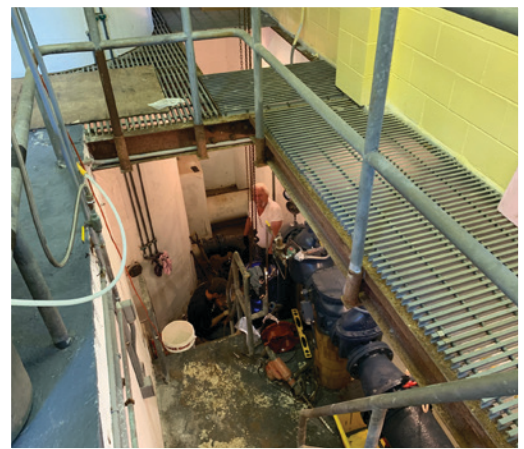
The Central Garage has an extensive preventative maintenance program for all equipment that is essential in operating a dependable, trouble-free fleet. Last year all vehicles were serviced according to regular manufacturer recommended schedules, taking into account the vehicle type and operating conditions.

This past year the Central Garage performed over 3,000 repairs and scheduled maintenance, responded to over 300 road calls (repair of vehicles on the road) and outfitted over 60 vehicles.

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 incurring additional costs from an outside service.

Some examples of their expertise this past year include:

- Fabricating a new roof hatch for a Water Department building as part of a Well rehabilitation project
- Relining the beds of Village dump trucks in order to extend the life of the vehicle
- Supporting the Recreation Department with repairs to drainage grates at the Community Park pool, the St. Paul's comfort station, Edgemere Park and the filter pump house. Also performed repairs to the Hockey Rink penalty box and bench, installed new signage at the Community Park pool and other various repairs to goal posts and the concession area
- Supported the Library with the fabrication and installation of new basement floor drainage grates and the installation of new window plates
- Supported the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services with various projects including: Completion of the design, build and outfit of the Police Mobile Command Bus, fabrication and installation of a new youth bench in the PD youth office, removed all equipment from a decommissioned Fire Vehicle and installed a new radio system for the Village's NYU Langone Ambulance service



Well 9 rehabilitation

Department of Public Works

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 and in many cases plan and execute 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 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 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 coordinates all

utility and road/sidewalk permits ensuring that Village interests are protected and that anyone working in the Village performs work to standards.



Garden City Firefighter monument restoration at Headquarters



Garden City Library bathroom renovation

SANITATION AND RECYCLING

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

The Recycling Program collected 2,244 tons of bottles, cans, plastics and newspapers from commercial and residential locations. The Division also recycled 94 tons of metal bulk and collected 22 tons of e-waste. The total weight of items recycled was 2,361 tons and represents a savings of \$176,500 in tipping fees.

In addition, Sanitation had 305 30-yard rubbish dumpsters removed from the Village Yard as well as 45 dumpsters of yard waste.

The Sanitation Department was also involved in many Village activities this past year including the Belmont and Homecoming Street Fairs and the Easter Parade. They also provided manpower for the Lacrosse tournament and the Village Sesquicentennial Celebration as well as other events throughout the year.

STREET DIVISION

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

Department of Public Works

This past year the Street Department repaired over 5,000 square yards of roads throughout the Village. In addition they repaired or replaced over 80 linear feet of curb, replaced over 300 square feet of sidewalks and used over 100 tons of asphalt to repair potholes. Village street sweeping swept over 2,200 miles of roads and parking lots throughout the year.

A critical function that the Street Department performs throughout the year is maintenance, repair and replacement of catch basins throughout the Village. This helps improve safety by preventing flooding, pooling of water in the roadways and helps to extend the life of the roadways in the Village. This past year over 200 catch basins were cleaned, another 23 were repaired and 12 new basins were installed.

During the fall, the Street Division joins forces with the Recreation and 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 past winter saw less severe weather events, but more events overall. We had ten salting events and two 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, including employees from every Department of Public Works department, as well as the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Lastly, the Street Department supports all other Village Departments by assisting with a variety of functions throughout the year. This work helps reduce the overall costs of projects as the Village can rely on our own workforce rather than incurring costs of an outside service.

This past year the Street Department supported Capital projects by installing bollards and railroad ties to protect newly installed emergency generators. They supported the Community Park Pool by installing new drainage in the Women's changing room, installing new concrete by the snack bar area and built a new retaining wall to refurbish a planting bed.

They helped improve the Village by installing a new Garden City sign at the Garden City Railroad Station, assisted in the Rainbow Memorial restoration and the Fire Department Memorial restoration, installed new monuments at Edgemere Park and the Library, repaired the Fountain on Stewart and Franklin Avenues when it was damaged, installed new bike racks at the Country Life Press, Nassau Blvd. and Stewart Manor Train Stations and installed three new handicap accessible parking spaces on 7th Street.

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 over 2,280 streetlights in the Village. Each year during spring, summer and fall, Village personnel repaint all of the crosswalks, stop lines, arrows and lane markings. In addition this Division, in conjunction with private contractors, maintains the Village's 2,280+ 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. Ninety-two percent of the Village's street lighting has been converted to energy-saving LED fixtures; an additional 7 percent will be converted in 2019/20 and the remaining fixtures will be converted by 2021.

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

Department of Public Works

motors, auxiliary engines, pumps, treatment equipment and system controls, plus over 1,000 fire hydrants.

In 2018-2019, 20 new hydrants were installed and an additional 10 were repaired. We continued to paint all hydrants throughout the Village and perform preventative maintenance. Twenty water main breaks were repaired and 50 service line leaks were investigated and reported. We also performed testing and repairs on valves throughout the Village.

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 134 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 sewer main collapses on Whitehall Blvd. Two new sewer pumps were installed at the sewer stations and all the controls at the sewer stations were upgraded and modernized.

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 \$12 million invested in over 50 improvement projects in the Public Works and Water Departments.

In addition new regulations proposed by New York State in regards to emerging contaminants have resulted in the Water Department having to make a significant investment in order to comply with new regulations and to continue to supply water that meets all regulatory guidelines. These investments were not part of the original Capital program as they came about after the Village's finalized budget.

Other significant projects included:

- \$2.5 million in road, sidewalk and curb paving program
- \$1.5 million in water main replacement
- \$1 million in equipment replacement, including a new garbage truck, two large dump trucks and a catch basin cleaner
- \$700,000+ for Village facility repair and improvements, including installation of two new roofs, seven new garage doors, a new Fire Alarm system 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.



Dismantling of old water tower



A new generator at the Department of Public Works Yard complex

The Garden City Public Library



MARIANNE MALAGON
Library Director

The Garden City Public Library Trustees, Administration and staff are steadfastly committed to the Library's mission to connect people with information. Programs and services are aimed at instilling a love of reading and satisfying the thirst for knowledge.

The Library offers curated collections of print, audio-visual and digital information for adults, teens and children. Garden City residents have a wide array of books and magazines to read, music or audiobooks to listen to, movies and television programs to watch, online courses to study and research databases, reference books and museum passes to bring worlds of knowledge into the palms of their hands.

The Library Director and the Library Board of Trustees are dedicated to providing the residents of Garden City with a library with outstanding materials, programs and services. Members of the Library Board are J. Randolph Colahan, chair (Audit Committee) 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. In July 2018, Marianne Malagon was appointed Library Director.

The Library Board and Director continue to focus on security. After an assessment by the Garden City Police Department, the Library upgraded and expanded its digital security camera and alarm system and hosted staff training by Nassau County and Garden City Police departments. The Library Director and Board have also turned their attention to building projects. Restrooms on the first floor were renovated, including one fully ADA-compliant family restroom completed during the fall of 2019. Designs for updating the Library's Children's Room are being evaluated and Voice-over-IP phone systems researched. The Director and Board have worked closely with the Village to advance these projects.



Award winning journalist and author Mary Calvi discussed her new book Dear George, Dear Mary and signed copies for residents.

for the book, *Dear George, Dear Mary* about George Washington and his first love. Popular Book Club in a Bag kits contain ten copies of new bestsellers for six-week loan, with book reviews, biographical information and discussion questions for groups meeting at home.

The Adult Reference Department serves as an information center by providing expert assistance from experienced librarians. Hands-on learners baked apple cinnamon scones and designed Holiday Boxwood Trees. Armchair travel and art lectures ambled through the wine regions of Italy and the Frick Collection. Sunday concerts played to a packed house.



*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*

Book lovers share their reading experiences through book clubs, discussions and author visits. During PBS's Great American Read, residents voted *To Kill a Mockingbird* Garden City's favorite title. The Cozy Up with a Good Book winter reading club celebration is a perennial favorite. Adult Reference Librarians host the ever-popular Coffee and Tea by the Book discussions on newly published and popular books. For Fiona Davis's *The Masterpiece* discussion, the author chatted with the group via Skype. Author Mary Calvi visited and discussed her research



The Just Sixties group entertained a packed house at a Sunday afternoon concert.

The Garden City Public Library

Through the generous efforts of the Friends of the Garden City Public Library, four museum passes were added during the 2018-19 year. Free passes to 15 museums are available to library card holders: The Brooklyn Botanic



Young adults enjoyed the yearly award-winning "Locked in the Library" Halloween party.

materials, programs and services aid middle and high school students with school assignments, college preparation, recreational reading, personal enrichment and social activities. Students received homework help and prepared for college with application workshops and practice test programs. Babysitting workshops, outreach programs, science activities, baking and arts and crafts programs make learning fun. Movie, game and trivia nights, and holiday parties including the award-winning "Locked in the Library" Halloween are



Families worked together at a workshop to build their own Gingerbread Houses.



A summer children's yoga program was enjoyed by children and parents alike.

Garden, Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum, Cradle of Aviation Museum, The Frick Collection, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, Long Island Children's Museum, MOMA (the Museum of Modern Art), Nassau County Museum of Art, New York Hall of Science, New York Historical Society, New York State Empire Pass, New York Transit Museum, Old Bethpage Restoration Village and Old Westbury Gardens. The Friends also sponsor many library programs, which have increased 20 percent over the past two years.

The Young Adult Department encourages tweens and teens to learn, volunteer and have fun. Library



Tweens celebrated Harry Potter Day making potions during a science program and playing in a Quidditch Tournament.

popular. The Young Adult and Children's Departments jointly hosted tween book discussions, game and craft programs, and Quidditch tournaments. Librarians organized a sixth grade FIRST LEGO League team, which competed locally in its second season. The 2018 "Libraries Rock" Summer Reading Club increased participants over the 2017 program by 33 percent with 185 members.

Children's librarians created and hosted many interactive programs and storytimes for children from birth through fifth grade. These included movement and music, arts and crafts, science programs and book discussions. Some highlights included "Baby Jam with Andrea Morale" and science programs with teacher Chris Buchman. Families joined a fun-filled cooking workshop, making their own Gingerbread Houses. Working with the schools, librarians spoke to the PTA about the Library's new books and smaller collections, and hosted class visits from each classroom in the primary schools, promoting reading for fun and showcasing the learning opportunities available through the Library. At year's end, 36 outreach programs reached over 1,670 students in the schools, introducing the Summer Reading Club. This program, open to children 2 ½ years old through fifth grade, tracked the reading progress of nearly 440 children. Fifty-seven programs such as Eric the Reptile Man and PetraPuppets were attended by over 1,450 young people and their families, culminating in the summer festival.

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

Finance Department



IRENE WOO
Village Treasurer

Garden City's Chief Fiscal Officer is the Village Treasurer Irene Woo, CPA 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.

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.



DARCIA PALMER
Deputy Village Treasurer

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.



ADAM LIPKE
Village Accountant

This past fiscal year the Finance Department welcomed the addition of a new Accountant Adam Lipke, CPA. In addition to his responsibilities in performing various accounting functions, Adam will be instrumental in assisting with the system implementation of the new Tax Billings & Assessments system that will take place over the next year.

Financial Overview:

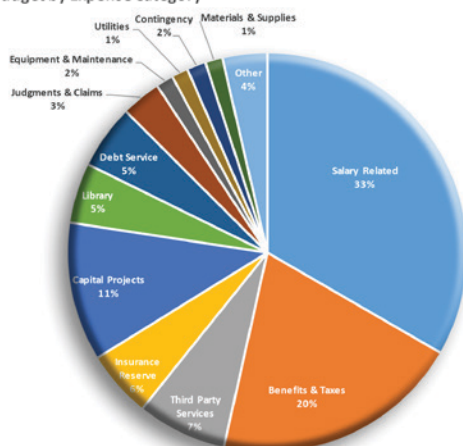
The State of New York requires municipalities to prepare and adopt balanced budgets where applied surplus, anticipated revenue and taxes raised cover all expenditures. The Adopted Village Budget is the culmination of a coordinated effort by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Staff to maintain the 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	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase (Decrease)
Current Surplus Appropriated	\$ 1,444,599	\$ 1,598,888	\$ 154,289
Estimated Revenues	\$ 9,160,488	\$ 12,570,131	\$ 3,409,643
Tax Levy	\$ 50,555,524	\$ 51,339,772	\$ 784,248
Appropriated Reserve	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$
Total	\$ 61,910,611	\$ 66,258,791	\$ 4,348,180

The 2019-20 Budget was successfully adopted with a tax levy increase of 1.55%, which is below 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 via memberships, program services or other fees.

Enterprise Fund	2019-2020 Expense Budget	2019-2020 Revenue Budget
Swimming Pool	\$1,586,440	\$1,693,225
Indoor Tennis	\$482,231	\$498,400
Water Department	\$6,412,402	\$6,881,062

Budget Comparison

		2018-2019 B U D G E T	2019-2020 B U D G E T
ADMINISTRATION	Board of Trustees	\$4,300	\$3,625
	Village Justice	308,538	321,632
	Administration	507,254	483,132
	Personnel	457,835	456,766
	Elections	2,990	3,520
	Publicity	44,000	44,000
	Historian	1,500	5,500
	Central Data Processing	215,938	244,061
	SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,542,355	\$ 1,562,236
FINANCE	Finance	816,834	831,147
	Purchasing	209,138	197,817
	Assessment	50,000	49,500
	SUB TOTAL - FINANCE	\$ 1,075,972	\$ 1,078,464
PUBLIC SAFETY	Police	10,181,574	10,255,312
	Fire	2,717,853	2,016,575
	Safety Inspection	799,122	876,498
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 13,698,549	\$ 13,148,385
PUBLIC WORKS	Engineering	345,184	433,410
	Building	464,367	506,568
	Central Garage	844,845	988,051
	Streets	1,981,320	2,053,142
	Snow Removal	357,865	357,865
	Street Light & Traffic Control	598,197	633,326
	Sanitary Sewers	314,208	334,176
	Storm Sewers	148,700	154,942
	Refuse and Garbage	3,354,455	3,604,100
	Sanitation Recycling	294,691	374,943
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 8,703,832	\$ 9,440,523
RECREATION	Parks	1,837,876	1,930,044
	Recreation	2,790,989	2,952,715
	St. Paul's Building	10,000	5,000
	SUB TOTAL - RECREATION	\$ 4,638,865	\$ 4,887,759
LIBRARY	Contribution to Library	3,060,508	3,186,717
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	NYS Employees Retirement System	1,525,000	1,564,570
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,454,450	2,082,550
	Social Security	1,609,222	1,750,000
	MTA Payroll Tax	71,521	79,042
	Health & Dental Insurance	7,820,000	7,718,000
	Capital Projects	3,978,765	7,353,867
	Unallocated Insurance	3,681,074	3,547,000
	Judgements and Claims	1,700,000	2,105,810
	Law	1,188,500	1,098,500
	Contingent Account	1,200,000	1,002,620
	Debt Service	2,935,000	3,415,748
	Miscellaneous	276,998	487,000
	SUB TOTAL - GENERAL	\$ 28,440,530	\$ 32,204,707
APPROPRIATION TO RESERVE		750,000	750,000
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$ 61,910,611	\$ 66,258,791

Directory

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Theresa A. Trouvé (2014)
Mayor

Robert A. Bolebruch (2013)
Deputy Mayor
Commissioner of Finance

Stephen S. Makrinos (2015)
Chairman, Environmental Advisory Board

John M. Delany (2015)
Fire Commissioner

Louis M. Minuto (2017)
Chairman, Zoning Change Review Committee

Mark A. Hyer (2017)
Police Commissioner

Colleen E. Foley (2018)
Library Liaison

Brian C. Daughney (2010)
Chairman, Traffic Commission

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

Chris Kurtz (2014)
Bond Schoenek & King, PLLC

SPECIAL POLICE

David B. Carpentier, *Captain* (1994)

John Koch, *Lieutenant* (2004)

Trevor Aquino, *Sergeant* (2015)

David Bliss, *Ex-Captain* (1982)

John Morelli, *Special Police Officer* (2016)

Arthur Mirante, *Special Police Officer* (2017)

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

Marianne Malagon (2018)
Library Director

Irene Woo (2015)
Village Treasurer

Darcia Palmer (2016)
Deputy Village Treasurer

Joseph DiFrancisco (2016)
Superintendent of Public Works

Giuseppe Giovanniello (2018)
Superintendent of Building

Courtney Rosenblatt (2016)
Village Auditor

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS:

Thomas Strysko, *Chief* (2005)

Devyn F. Moody, *1st Assistant Chief* (2010)

Neil O'Malley, *2nd Assistant Chief* (1999)

William K. Castoro, *3rd Assistant Chief* (1994)

LINE OFFICERS:

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

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

Michael J. Moran, *2nd Lieutenant Engine Co.* (2011)

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

Matthew DeMarco, *1st Lieutenant, Truck Co.* (2014)

Thomas W. VanWallendael, *2nd Lieutenant Truck Co.* (2016)

Michael Reale, *Secretary* (2009)

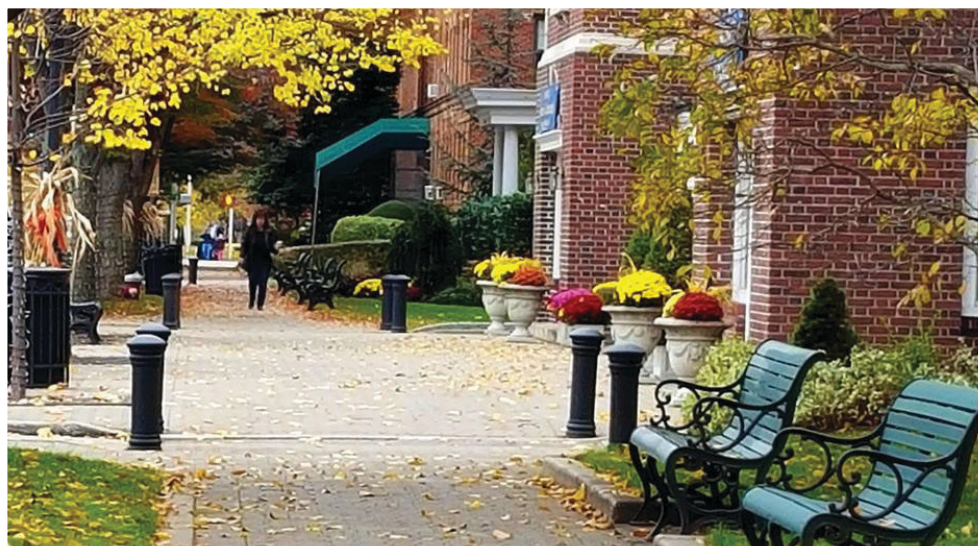
Gregory Barton, *Assistant Secretary* (2013)

Robert F. Kalb, *Treasurer* (1987)

Gerard F. Whalen, *Assistant Treasurer* (2002)

*Note () Date entered into Village Service

Garden City Property Owners' Associations



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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