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IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS
FROM GARDEN CITY
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE
WORLD TRADE CENTER

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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

23,272 (2020 United States Census)

SERVICES

Police, Fire, Business Office, Building, Engineering,
Street/Highway, Water/Sewer, Sanitation Recycling,
Recreation/Parks 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-ninth published Annual Report, covering the 2021-2022 fiscal year (June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022). 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,

On behalf of the Garden City Board of Trustees, it is my honor to present the Annual Report for Fiscal Year June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The primary purpose of this document is to provide you with an account of the stewardship of Village affairs by the Board of Trustees and Village Executive Staff during the past fiscal year.



The Village continues to benefit from strong fiscal management, evidenced by our Aaa rating with a stable outlook issued in February 2021 by Moody's Investors Service. The bond credit rating company cited in their credit opinion that the Village also benefits from "ample reserves and liquidity, and a manageable debt though its pension and OPEB liabilities are elevated. Strong financial management continues to contribute to annual surplus operations."

2021-22 expense appropriations totaled \$65.056 million. The budget was again tax cap compliant, with a 1.95 percent Tax Levy increase, which is less than the increase allowed per the Tax Levy Limit Law. For the past six years, the Village has made a concerted effort to raise taxes way below that allowed by the Tax Levy Limit Law. This year continues that trend.

Village officials developed the spending plan with several operating principles in mind, including complying with the tax cap, enhancing technology, lowering maintenance costs, improving service delivery and seeking grants to supplement, replace or reimburse existing funding sources.

The original capital budget plan included a total of \$12.6 million in capital projects. The Board, however, reduced the proposed Edgemere Firehouse project by \$4 million via my restoration recommendations while increasing road paving and repairs by \$831,000 to total \$1.7 million. After those changes, the capital budget plan totaled \$9.3 million; funding from taxes remains the same at \$4,483,000 million while the amount to be bonded has been reduced from \$8.068 million to \$4.825 million.

Monitoring our water supply remains a primary focus. The Village Administrator, Village Water Department and water consultants continue to aggressively solve the problem and keep the community well informed. All relevant news and documents regarding expenses and progress continue to be published on the Village website and our social media page on a regular basis. H2M, the Village's water consultant, continues to perform biweekly sampling at entry points for lead and other corrosion parameters. Plans and specifications were sent to the Nassau County Department of Health for interim corrosion control treatment using 55-gallon drums to be utilized for orthophosphate at each well site. Orthophosphate forms a protective coating inside water lines and household plumbing. It is a proven water treatment method to prevent corrosion and reduce the amount of lead leaching into drinking water. Residents recently received a letter from the Village urging them to test their water, take necessary precautions, such as using water filters, and replace their lead service lines. If a resident wants to find out if they have a lead service line, the Village will send out a self-evaluation form to determine the material of the service entering their house. Residents may also request that the Village sample their water. We will drop off and pick up sample bottles for your use.

We also continue to aggressively address the issue of speeding in the Village. Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson and I want all of our residents to drive safely and at the posted Village speed limits. We have stepped up traffic safety enforcement on all Village roads. The Police Department often analyzes accident data,

including what factors led to the crashes, and considers observations made by residents, business employees, Village Board members, property owners' association representatives and Police Officers. The Department uses this information to properly focus on problem areas. In addition to the Department's already rigorous traffic enforcement program, several modifications have been made to address aggressive driving violations. One Officer was added to the Traffic Enforcement Squad. Officers assigned to overlapping tours have been assigned to traffic enforcement details. Decoy vehicles have been deployed at known high-speed locations and a portable speed indicator sign is utilized on an alternate basis in high complaint areas. While their main function is patrol, members assigned to the Patrol Division have been directed to address Stop sign violations on their posts as well as other violations that commonly occur in residential areas. We have zero tolerance for traffic violations at our schools and recreation areas.

Environmentally conscious, the National Arbor Day Foundation once again designated the Village as a "Tree City U.S.A." community - it's 30th year. Further, the L.I.R.R. Enhanced Landscape Plan at Main Avenue continues with numerous large specimen shrubs and trees planted by the landscape contractor, Sweet Hollow Nursery. I have been involved with all the details to restore the areas impacted by the Third Track Expansion with the L.I.R.R., 3TC, and with the Village Administrator, Building Superintendent and Village Engineers.

With regard to St. Paul's, I formed a new Mayor's Committee to continue the search for suitable community uses in a renovated and preserved historic St. Paul's structure, or to determine if demolition should be considered with an alternate plan. Thirty-seven (37) residents who are experts in law, architecture, design, engineering, construction, historic preservation, program development and usage, budget, finance and communications volunteered and were formed into Committees. I toured the St. Paul's Building along with our Village Assistant Fire Chief, the Superintendent of Buildings and two Architects/Engineers who currently serve on the Mayor's St. Paul's Committee. The Site Report contains details of that tour and highlighting the building's general lack of care and maintenance that has taken place since the Village acquired the campus in 1992 and more recent "stabilization" work. Despite years of neglect, St. Paul's Main Building is structurally sound and the new roof repairs I requested have stopped destructive ongoing water infiltration. The Committee continues to pursue a thorough and professional evaluation of potential future use of St. Paul's.

There's a lot happening in Garden City. I encourage you to visit our website, www.gardencityny.net, and follow the Village on our various social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). A list of Board of Trustees meetings is available on the Village website. All residents are welcome. You can also contact the Village Staff, who will assist you with any questions, at (516) 465-4000.

Garden City is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Our Village not only offers a vibrant downtown shopping district, with many business opportunities, but also acres of playing fields, parks and recreational venues for all to enjoy.

Very truly yours

Cosmo Veneziale
Mayor, Incorporated Village of Garden City

A History of Garden City

Alexander Turney Stewart had immigrated as a youth from Ireland in 1818 to eventually become a self-made merchant millionaire in New York City. In 1869 he purchased 7,170 acres of the Hempstead Plains, a treeless expanse in central Long Island, being offered at auction by the Town of Hempstead with a successful bid of \$55 per acre. This land extended from what is now Floral Park to Bethpage and from the Town border at Old Country Road to near Hempstead Turnpike.

Stewart's goal was to create a model Village of country living for those working in the City. He facilitated that by creating a railroad to provide easy transportation between the two locations. The initial development was concentrated just to the north of Hempstead Village in an area of about 750 acres. Under the guidance of John Kellum, his architect, streets were rapidly laid out, trees planted, a municipal water works started, and a hotel constructed opposite the railroad station. Some commercial buildings were erected and houses of various sizes constructed by James L'Hommedieu, which were initially to be rented. By 1874, 40 families lived in the Village.

Upon 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 west of the Village was devoted to a profitable farming operation.

When Cornelia Stewart died childless in 1886, the next seven years were spent settling the Stewart estate among cousins and pretenders. In 1893 the heirs formed the Garden City Company to continue orderly development of the Village. In 1906 a tract to the west was sold to become Garden City Estates and in 1910 the Garden City Company started development of the area to the east.

By 1918 Central Garden City and Garden City Estates each had about 160 homes with 50 more located in the east. Consolidation of government of these sections was finally achieved under our Community Agreement, leading to incorporation in 1919 using the boundaries of the existing school district. A fourth section west of the Estates was formed in 1925. Under the capable administration of George Hubbell, initially manager for the Garden City Company and then multi-term mayor, the Village prospered to become the vibrant Village of today with 7,500 homes and 23,000 residents.

The Garden City Archives



William A. Bellmer

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 2,200 items in the Village Archives have been digitized and are available to view in the Garden City Public Library collection at www.NYHeritage.org. The Garden City News, our Village newspaper, started in 1923, is available in bound copies, microfilm, or DVD form depending on the year; also microfilms of building permits from 1922-1994. A project to digitize the newspapers is ongoing, with some viewable at 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

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, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



THOMAS J. O'BRIEN
Deputy Mayor
Eastern Section



COSMO VENEZIALE
Mayor
Western Section



MARY CARTER FLANAGAN
Trustee
Western Section



BRUCE J. CHESTER
Trustee
Estates Section



LAWRENCE N. MARCIANO, JR.
Trustee
Eastern Section



TERENCE P. DIGAN
Trustee
Central Section



CHARLES P. KELLY
Trustee
Estates Section



BRUCE A. TORINO
Trustee
Central Section

Administration, Organization and Village Counsel



RALPH V. SUOZZI
Village Administrator



KAREN M. ALTMAN
Village Clerk



COURTNEY ROSENBLATT
Secretary to the
Board of Trustees

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.

Village Administrator

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

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

Village Clerk

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

Executive Staff

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

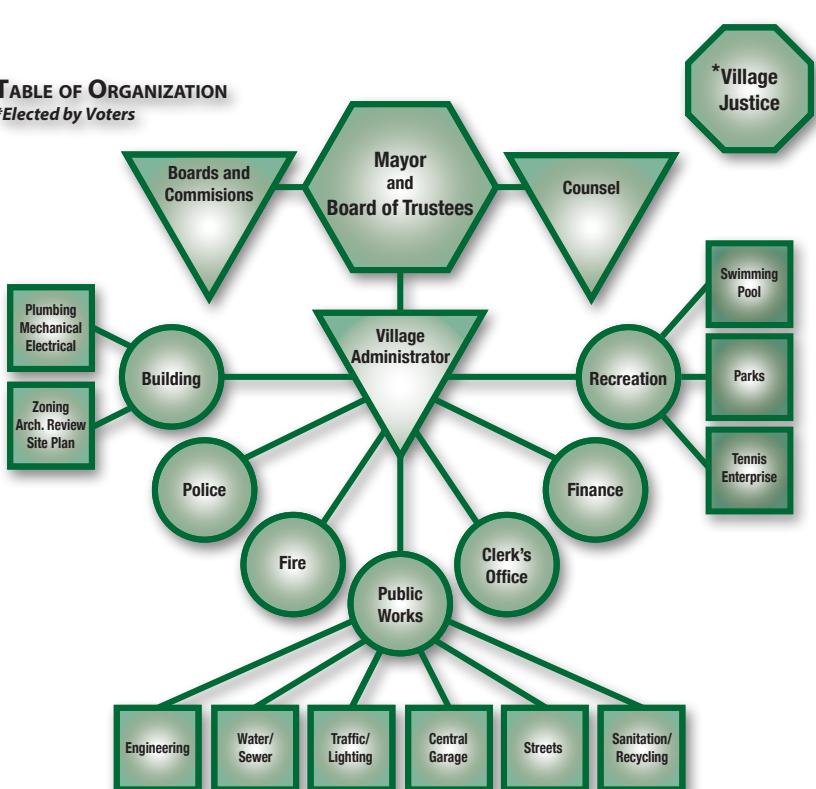
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

The Secretary to the Board of Trustees heads the Human Resources Department and is responsible for employee interactions and issues; benefit administration and management ; risk management; and union collective bargaining agreement compliance.

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

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
**Elected by Voters*



Justice Court



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



STEPHEN. A. BUCARIA
Associate Justice
Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term



MERRIL S. BISCOME
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. (2006), *Chairman*
Celia M. Petersen (2010)
Phil Santantonio (2015)

Sean O'Brien (2019)
Paul Capece (2021)
Lynn Krug (2021)

Michael Sbeglia (2021)
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.

Paul Blake (2019), *Chairman*
Michael Ryder (1997)
Timothy E. Stapleford (2008)

Kristina Russo (2013)
Judy Courtney (2013)
Christian Siragusa (2017)

William P. Garry (2019)
Grace Li (2021)

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*
Peter L. D'Antonio (2013)

Lola Nouryan (2013)
Charles J. Murphy (2014)

Germaine Greco (2019)

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*

Ralph V. Suozzi (2015)

Thomas J. O'Brien (2021)

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.

Mary Carter Flanagan (2021), *Chairperson*
Leo Stimmmer (2006)
Elizabeth M. Bailey (2010)

Laurence J. Quinn (2013)
Evelyn Fasano (2016)
John Manning (2019)

John F. Reilly (2019)
Molly Przetycki Fiedler (2021)
Kelly Smith (2021)

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)
Patrick J. Ward (2018)

Allyson Murray (2018)
Lauren Fonesca (2019)
Gregory E. Senken (2016), *Alternate Member*

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.

Charles P. Kelly (2022), *Chairman*
Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)

Terence P. Digan (2021)
Mary Carter Flanagan (2021)

Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr. (2022)

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.

Maureen Lyons (2019), *Chairperson*
Patricia Siler (2016)

Althea Robinson (1988)

Kathleen Auro (2005)

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 F. Corrao (2022), *Chairman*

Alison Metzler (2021)

Ryan Torino (2021)

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 Bellmore, 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)

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)

20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 Attacks

Solemn Ceremony Remembers Those We Lost

Garden City firefighters held a remembrance ceremony at the Village's 9/11 Memorial on the Village Green Saturday to solemnly pause and remember the fallen on the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The program paid tribute to those Garden City residents that perished during the attack on the World Trade Center, the 343 members of the New York Fire Department, 23 members of the New York Police Department and 37 members of the Port Authority Police Department killed, as well as those who have died of 9/11-related illnesses.

Ex-Chief Lawrence Nedelka offered the invocation and benediction. "May we grieve with those who still mourn and share memories with those who cannot forget. May we draw strength from those who bravely responded and gave their lives to save others. May we stand with strangers who became neighbors that day and remember their generosity and hospitality," he said.



The 2nd Battalion 25th Marines provided the Color Guard.

Chief Devyn Moody said the Village memorial should serve as a daily reminder. "September 11, 2001 forever changed our world. No words, no ceremony, no plaques, no amount of tears will ever replace the people we have lost. Let this memorial provide all of us here in Garden City with a daily reminder to take nothing for granted, appreciate our freedoms and count our blessings, strive to help our fellow Americans in times of need and cherish our friends and family."

Village Board members as well as members of Garden City's executive staff joined Mayor Cosmo Veneziale on the Village Green. The 2nd Battalion 25th Marines provided the Color Guard for the service and members of a local Boy Scout troop also attended, as did local representatives, including Nassau County Legislator Laura Schaefer.

A bell tolled after the reading of each of the 23 residents' names. The playing of Taps followed. The residents' names are etched in the memorial monument stone on the Village Green:



A bell tolled after the reading of each of the 23 residents' names, which are etched in the memorial monument stone on the Village Green.

Thomas M. Brennan
Jonathan Neff Cappello
Paul Cascio
Michele Coyle-Eulau
Laurence Curia
Michael L. DiAgostino
William J. Dimmling
Christopher J. Dunne
Paul Eckna
Michael Hardy Edwards
Robert J. Ferris
Peter V. Genco

Ryan A. Kohart
David Leistman
Robert C. McLaughlin Jr.
James F. Murphy, IV
James R. Ostrowski
Durrell Pearsall
James G. Smith
Eric Thomas Steen
John F. Swaine
Kevin T. Szocik
Stephen K. Tompsett



Firefighters held a remembrance service to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

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 notices, attends meetings, and serves in an advisory capacity for these agencies.



Florent, 555 Stewart Avenue (four-story apartment building).



1111 Franklin Avenue (former Sears building)

web-based program to assist in managing comprehensive permitting, regulations, review and approval processes, as well as inspections and enforcement activities. This will also provide a citizen portal for the information services to the public.

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.

This year, extensive residential additions and alterations are ongoing. The continuation of commercial properties which include the redevelopment of the existing Sears Building, the two four-story apartment buildings at 555 Stewart Avenue, the redevelopment of the former Lord and Taylor Building as well as the elevator addition at the Cathedral of the Incarnation are all currently under construction.

The data conversion for the Tyler Software is in the final stages of processing. This will assist the Department in utilizing the



1415 Kellum Place (AAA Building)

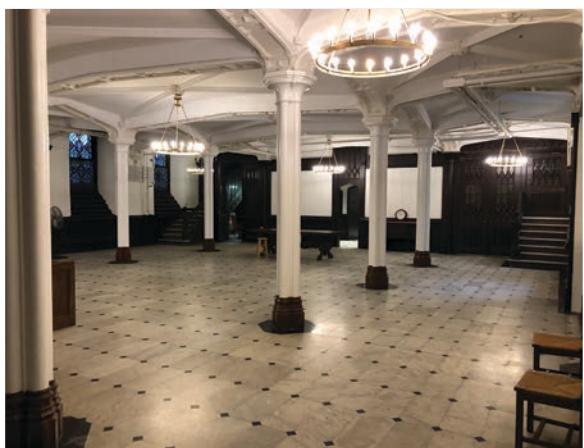
Building Department

The Department collected permit fees totaling: \$3,750,066.00. In addition, a total of \$135,450.00 was collected in filing fees for review board 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 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 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.



Cathedral of the Incarnation elevator addition



Cathedral of the Incarnation lower level



1200 Franklin Avenue (the former Lord & Taylor building)

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Building Permits	499
Plumbing Permits	331
Electrical Permits	476
Mechanical Permits	414
Approx. No. of Inspections	3,526
Certificates of Occupancy	16
Certificates of Compliance	1,364
Letters in Lieu	64
Architectural Design Review Board	68
Planning Commission	4
Zoning Board of Appeals	117
Zoning Change Review Committee	0

Recreation and Parks Department

The 2021-2022 fiscal year began with the hope that there would be a return to a more normal degree of operations following the COVID pandemic restrictions of the prior year. Thankfully, most of the restrictions which had been imposed on the Garden City Pool were lifted by the NY and Nassau Health Departments. Capacity limits were lifted, and the season featured many of the popular offerings and events. Unfortunately, group swim lessons were not held, and the Nassau Swim Conference again suspended operations for the summer. Despite this, there was swim team activity, with two groups of swimmers formed to hold practices and meets between the two groups.



PAUL BLAKE
*Chairman,
Board of Commissioners of
Cultural and Recreational
Affairs*



*Garden City Recreation mascot,
Goggles!*

Concerts and special events resumed, much to the delight of our members. One of the more popular events, the annual July 4 Cardboard Boat Regatta, featured 18 teams of competitors and a large cheering crowd gathered around Pool #1 to watch the fun. A hot and dry July led to an increase in memberships, and by the end of the summer, all membership categories had increased past our budgeted estimates.

“Normal” was the word for many of our other programs and activities. The summer playground program in the five neighborhood parks again proved to be a popular choice for both kids and adults. Use of the tennis courts in these parks soared to levels we have not seen for many years. Many folks re-discovered tennis during the pandemic, due to its built-in social distancing, with no more than four players on a court. Softball games between the parks, arts and crafts, and daily activities organized by Recreation Staff members kept these parks jumping all summer long.

Most of our popular programs resumed to good participation numbers. These included camps of both physical and cultural orientation. Some of the more popular options were Mad Science, Film Making and our popular baseball and soccer camps. Adult softball leagues have always been an exciting activity and once again a competitive group of teams competed for the championship crown in both men’s and women’s divisions.



Pickleball returned to the St. Paul’s Fieldhouse in October.

Life also returned to normal at our Senior Center, which, under NYS restrictions, had to remain closed for much of the pandemic. Residents again turned out in large numbers for the wide variety of activities offered, such as Yoga, aerobic exercise, card games, featured speakers, and social activities. Attendance in the Center continued to be strong throughout the summer and into the fall.

The Parks Division, which tends to the many plantings, monuments and trees throughout the Village, also had a busy year. Starting with the planting of some 47,000 bulbs throughout the Village, crews continued to keep the Village colorful throughout the warmer

Recreation and Parks Department

months. New beds were designed and planted, hanging baskets again adorned Franklin Avenue and Seventh Street, and seasonal decorations celebrating spring, fall, and the winter holiday season were enjoyed by residents and shopkeepers alike. Additionally, due to a re-structuring of the Maintenance Division, Parks crews were able to resume some periodic tasks, such as hedge trimming, that had been put on hold.

Throughout the year, our Tree crew pruned and removed Village trees determined to be diseased or dead. Our crew also assisted outside contractors brought in to take down trees too large for our equipment to handle. Our tree planting program continued to keep the Village tree inventory full, as approximately 189 trees were planted in the spring.

At Community Park, activities continued to rebound from the pandemic, as local youth soccer, baseball, lacrosse and football clubs made good use of these facilities. A new program of hockey skills, offered in cooperation with the New York Islanders, introduced almost 100 Village youngsters to the fun and challenge of hockey. As we moved into the fall season, our indoor programs at the Saint Paul's Fieldhouse saw strong attendance. Basketball and volleyball, two long standing favorites, were joined by two newcomers – Badminton and Pickleball. Four Pickleball courts were painted over the basketball courts in the Field House, and proved to be popular with residents.

For our Department, this was a year of existing programs resuming, and new programs beginning. As the fiscal year came to a close, some exciting capital projects and new programs were on the cusp for the next year.



Our 2021 Women's Softball champs, the "Ball Busters."



Our 2021 Men's "A" Division Summer Softball Champions, the S's!



Movie nights are always popular at the Pool.



Our 2021 Men's "B" Division Summer Softball Champions, the Leo's Lady Lovers!

Police Department



KENNETH O. JACKSON
Police Commissioner

The 2021/2022 fiscal year continued to prove to be a challenging time for the Garden City Police Department. As in 2020, the members of the Department responded for duty each day during the COVID Pandemic despite health risks to themselves and their family. Even through these challenging times, the Department remained a modern, innovative, proactive police agency, attentive to the needs of the community, providing protection and support.

The enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws has proven to have a direct impact on providing a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians. Therefore, the Department continues its policy of constant and consistent traffic enforcement which

resulted in the issuance of 11,284 traffic citations in 2021, including 2,022 tickets for excessive speed. Another component of a strict traffic enforcement program is the removal of unsafe motorists from the roadways for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2021, 36 motorists were arrested for D.W.I related offenses.



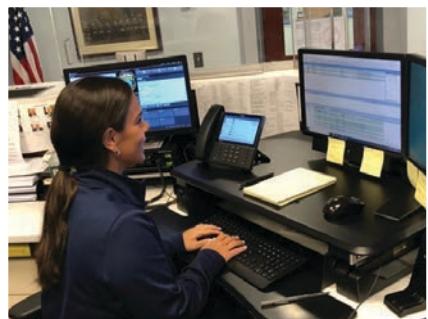
Car Stop

In addition to daily traffic enforcement, the Department regularly conducts commercial vehicle safety inspections throughout the Village. In 2021, 146 commercial vehicles were inspected of which 63 of them were placed out of service. 664 tickets were issued including 56 citations for overweight violations and 38 citations for hazardous material violations.

Our diligent Parking Enforcement Program contributes to the image of omnipresence and provides a safer environment for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, particularly the young, elderly, and disabled. As such, Police Officers, and uniformed civilian Parking Enforcement Aides, in conspicuously marked vehicles, patrol the streets and parking fields within the Village to enforce parking violations; in 2021, 18,853 parking tickets were issued.

In terms of general police service, the Department documented more than 19,000 calls for service and assignments in 2021. These included 1,523 medical assistance calls, 948 vehicle crashes, and 223 arrests. In addition, the Department's proactive efforts resulted in a 26 percent decrease in FBI reportable Offenses.

The Police Department, Adelphi University, the Garden City School District, and the private schools within the Village, worked together to develop and implement safety plans for all students, faculty, staff, and neighbors. This includes lockdown/lockout drills, school patrols, camera accessibility, School accessibility, RAVE Notification Systems, meetings with staff, special events, and security re-reviews.



Police Headquarters Dispatch

Police Department

and emergency response efforts of the Department. Grants also support the Department's traffic enforcement initiatives including Speeding, Aggressive Driving, Pedestrian Safety, Occupant Safety, and D.W.I. campaigns.

NYU Langone Ambulance is the Garden City Police Department's primary ambulance service and continues to provide quality medical service and emergency response to the residents and visitors of the Village.

Training is always a vital component in providing a safer environment for all members of the community. In addition to a rigorous training program that assist Police personnel in performing their regular duties at optimum levels,

Police Officers receive specialized training from various experts and forums to help them prepare for response to serious incidents.



Active Shooter Training

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, state, county, and local police agencies. The Department also appreciates the support, cooperation and encouragement of the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator, and various Village Departments. This cooperation assists the Police Department in providing a high level of service that the Garden City community expects and deserves.

As in 2020, 2021 continued to be a challenging time for the Police Department due to COVID-19. The Police Department made many adjustments to protect their officers and staff from the virus so that they could attend to the safety needs of the community. Despite the pandemic, time lost due to illness was kept to a minimum, allowing Officers to be able to respond to all reported incidents, thus providing a safer environment for residents and visitors. In addition, the Department was diligent in equipping their Officers with necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to help them perform their duties in a safe efficient manner.

Special Police

The Garden City Special Police, under the Police Commissioner's direction, is comprised of volunteers from the community who provide invaluable assistance to the Garden City Police Department during community events, parades, concerts, street fairs, traffic details, election details, and emergency situations such as severe weather events.



Crossing Guard on Duty



7th Street Foot Patrol



Special Police Officer Directing Traffic

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 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 Fire Service in Garden City. In 2020, the Department celebrated its 100th year of service to the Village. Under the direction of Fire Chief Matthew Pearn and three 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.



Chief Matthew Pearn



Firefighters attend the Friday Night Promenade on 7th Street

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. The Department utilizes full size training props that assists in preparation for numerous emergencies including car fires, forcible entry, ventilation and high rise hose line operations.

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

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 three certified pumbers, one certified ladder truck, a heavy rescue truck and quint ladder truck that serves dual



Firefighters extinguish a car fire on the LIRR tracks

Fire Department

ad a devotion to public fire safety education through the Department's Fire Prevention 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 real estate property tax reductions, great camaraderie, lasting friendships and more. If a resident is interested in joining the Department, they may visit www.gcfny.com or email: membership@gcfny.com.



Firefighters extricate a trapped occupant at the scene of an accident



Garden City Firefighters provide mutual aid to the Westbury Fire Department



A firefighter removes window bars at a building fire



Firefighters drop off Santa at the Village Tree Lighting

Department of Public Works



INTRODUCTION

The Public Works Department (DPW) is responsible for the maintenance and management of the entire infrastructure system of Garden City. The Superintendent of Public Works heads six divisions that provide critical services to keep the infrastructure system operational on a daily basis. The six divisions are the Central Garage, Engineering, Sanitation and Recycling, Street Division, Traffic and Street Lighting, and Water and Sewer. Additionally, DPW also assumes the responsibility for the maintenance of all Village facilities.

CENTRAL GARAGE

The Central Garage is responsible for the maintenance of over 175 Village owned vehicles and plays a vital role in the delivery of essential municipal services to the residents. Maintenance of the Villages fleet ranges from compact cars to heavy machinery such a pay loaders, dump trucks, backhoes, vacuum trucks, and garbage / recycling trucks. In addition to maintaining the entire Village fleet, the Central Garage maintains all of our small equipment such as lawn mowers, chain saws, leaf blowers, etc.

The Central Garage has an extensive preventative maintenance program for all equipment and vehicles, which is essential to operating a dependable, trouble-free fleet. All equipment and vehicles are serviced according to the manufacturer recommended schedules on a yearly basis. Occasionally equipment and vehicles do breakdown and Central Garage staff repairs and returns them to service. The Central Garage is also staffed during snowstorms and severe weather events to keep the entire fleet operational to serve the residents.

The Central Garage provides services to all Village Departments, including the Garden City Police Department. This includes the installation of lights, sirens, radios, and all other sophisticated equipment that assists the Police Department with keeping our community safe.

The Mechanics at the Central Garage are highly skilled in the trades, including welding and fabrication that allows them to support and assist various departments throughout the Village for special projects that normally would have to be contracted out.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division is responsible for the design and oversight of Capital construction projects within the Village and provides Engineering support for all other departments in the Village as required. This Division is staffed with professional engineers that perform survey and design work in order to create plans and specifications for the purpose of bidding and construction. The Division also provides oversight of the projects and ensures the vendors compliance with contract documents.

The Engineering Division is fully responsible for the management and oversight of two of the largest reoccurring projects within the Village; The Curb, Sidewalk and Road Improvements Contract and the Water Main Improvements Contract.



Replacing the Truck Lift in the Central Garage

Department of Public Works

Additionally, the Engineering Division oversees all street lighting and traffic sign installation and maintenance.

All permits for construction within the Village right-of-way are reviewed and approved by the Engineering Division. This includes all utility permits (gas, water, electric, sanitary), sidewalks, aprons, and other various road opening permits for construction projects. The Division oversees the permit work and ensures that the work is being performed to Village standards and that the Village code is being followed.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING

The Sanitation and Recycling Division is very familiar to most residents by providing a personal level of service unlike any other Village. Refuse is collected directly from the yards of our residential areas on a weekly basis, which allows for a personable relationship to be developed between the division and the community it serves.

The Departments' normal duties include both household and commercial garbage/recycling collections. The Department also is responsible for the maintaining of 127 strategically placed garbage/recycling cans throughout the Village.

Over the course of the past year, the Sanitation Division has participated in many Village activities that reach above and beyond the typical daily job functions of the division. The Sanitation Division has participated in Village sponsored events such as the soccer and lacrosse festivals at St. Paul's, Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, Belmont Street Fair, Homecoming Parade/Block Parties, Seventh Street Promenades and the Andy Fund Fundraiser. In order to ensure the event areas are clean and refuse free, the Division works diligently to keep garbage / recycling cans empty.

Full time employees of the Division are required to maintain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) which allows them to assist the Street Department with leaf collection, snow removal, and other various required tasks in addition to collecting refuse 365 days a year.

The following are the annual totals for the collections over the past year:

Sanitation

Garbage	10,971.84 tons
Rubbish	2,525.40 tons
Bulk	673.35 tons
Yard	3,070.82 tons

Total collected: 17,241.41 tons of Garbage collected (34,483,820 lbs.)

Recycling

Commingled	1,152.47 tons
Newspaper	489.47 tons
Metal	63.29 tons
E-waste	10.14 tons

Total collected: 1,715.37 tons of recyclables collected (3,430,740 lbs.)

The Sanitation Division also had 272 rubbish dumpsters and 15 dumpsters of yard waste removed from the yard.

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STREET DIVISION

The Street Division is responsible for the maintenance of the Village's 91 mile street network (260 Lane-Miles) which includes parking lots. Maintenance of the street network includes street sweeping, road repairs, manhole repairs, drainage system repairs / upgrades, snow removal, leaf collection, and emergency response during severe weather events.

The Street Division performs maintenance of over 700 catch basins throughout the Village as required by cleaning, repairing, rebuilding and / or replacing the structures. Maintenance of these structures includes the construction and / or repair of the interconnecting storm drainage lines.

In addition to the maintenance of the street network, the Street Division assists various departments with special projects that would normally have to be contracted out. The skilled workers of the Division assist with concrete repairs, sidewalk / paver installation, painting of structures, fence repairs and other various tasks as required. The Street Division also assists the Garden City Police and Fire Departments with various tasks throughout the year.

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During the fall, the Street Division joins forces with the Parks Division to remove over 17,300 cubic yards of leaves. The leaves are collected and are stored at the Village Yard. The collected leaves are turned into mulch which is available to all residents free of charge.

The Street Division has the responsibility of clearing municipal streets and parking lots of snow and ice. When snow begins to fall on the roads, salt crews are called out to begin treatment of the roadways. Plowing operations usually occur with the accumulation of 2 to 3 inches or more of snow. Our goal is to provide residents with the highest possible level of service. Crews work tirelessly around the clock as needed in order to keep the roads open for traffic flow and emergency response vehicles.



Village Hall repainting project

TRAFFIC AND STREET LIGHTING

The Traffic and Street Lighting Division, in conjunction with the Engineering Division, is responsible for the maintenance of more than 7,400 traffic signs and 2,300 streetlights within the Village. Each year Village personnel repaint all the crosswalks, stop lines, arrows and lane markings. The Division will utilize private contractors as needed and oversee their work to ensure that our street lighting system is fully functional. The Division is also responsible for the implementation of Traffic Commission items.

Department of Public Works

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 continues to make significant investments in the Capital Program with more than \$50 million invested in over 40 improvement projects in the Public Works and Water Departments. Significant projects included:

- \$2 million in Road Paving
- \$3 million in Water Main Replacement
- \$1 million in Equipment Replacement
- \$250,000 for a New Lift at the Central Garage
- \$400,000 for Repainting of Village Hall
- \$733,000 for the Replacement of Pumps and Macerators at the Sewage Pumping Stations

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 continuing to providing the services that residents have come to expect from its Department of Public Works.



Barnes Lane Repaving Project



Crosswalk Striping

The Garden City Public Library



MARIANNE MALAGON
Library Director

Germaine Greco; Charles J. Murphy until his term expired December 31, 2021; and Lola Nouryan. An appointment to replace Mr. Murphy on the Board is pending.

In September 2021, the Board welcomed Assistant Library Director Ralph Guitreau, who functions as both an Assistant Library Director and Senior Librarian, working with Library Director Marianne Malagon, as well as the various Department Heads. Mr. Guitreau brings 14 years of experience in public libraries, working at the Syosset Library where he has headed the Media Department while also providing Adult Reference and Readers' Services and hands-on computer and ebook training.

The Library celebrated its 70th anniversary in May. After a proposition to establish a public library was defeated in 1949, it was a group of determined women who forged ahead, forming the Garden City Library Committee. They took Adult Education classes to prepare themselves to operate a library. Merchants and community organizations stepped up, donating much needed furnishings, materials and hours of labor to refurbish a small clapboard house at the east end of Seventh Street. May 4, 1952 was opening day. Three years later, a successful referendum made the Library an official part of the municipal structure of the Village. Library usage exploded and in February 1971 residents approved a bond issue to construct a new building nearly four times larger than the existing structure to better meet the needs of the community.

In 2008, Chairman Colahan cut the red ribbon during a "Renovation Celebration" to mark the completion of a renovation and expansion project that redecorated the Periodical/Reading Room, enlarged a Quiet Study area, expanded the Young Adult Department and converted a storage room into a new Audio-Visual Center and Computer Lab on the Lower Level. The Library also added a café area on the Lower Level. More than a decade later, in 2022, the Library is about to undergo a major renovation to further modernize the building and better meet community needs, particularly the needs of the Library's youngest patrons. Designs are being finalized for a full revamp of the Library's Children's Room and Circulation area. The project is fully funded at \$1.12 million. The Village has funded \$870,000, including the January



Teen volunteers sold baked goods to raise funds to help support Children, Young Adult and Adult programs as well as the popular Museum passes during spring 2022.

2022 increase of \$275,000. The Library Board initiated the project in 2012 and began to accumulate \$165,000 in years of accrued memorial gifts, and State Bullet Aid thanks to former State Senator Kemp Hannon, \$200,000 from SAM Grants sponsored by State Senator Kevin Thomas and State Assemblyman Edward Ra, and a \$71,000 Reserve Account to be allocated for cost overruns – if needed – or technology.

In the past year, the Friends of the Garden City Public Library contributed an additional \$30,000 gift to support the project. Key enhancements include Smartboards in the Story Room and STEAM workshop, a variety of brand-



The Library Board of Trustees: (left to right) Germaine Greco, Trustee; Charles Murphy, Trustee; J. Randolph Colahan, Chair; Lola Nouryan, Trustee; and Peter D'Antonio, Vice Chair.

The Garden City Public Library

new, soft-seating options in the Toddler Area, including toddler-sized tables and chairs, and colorful “oodle” stools that wobble, stack, and rock. An adjacent sitting area will provide a comfortable reading lounge for adults and low transaction counters and work surfaces will be a more convenient option for children in the Circulation Desk area. New lighting, flooring, and paint will complete the space.

Librarians contributed to the concept of the new Children’s Department with public input, keeping kids of all ages in mind. The Director and Board continue working closely with the Village and H2M Architects + Engineers to advance this renovation project.

The Adult Reference Department offered research assistance and reading recommendations from experienced Librarians. Programs included art, travel and museum lectures, virtual cooking classes and Libby, Hoopla and Flipster hands-on training. Book lovers shared reading experiences with Adult Reference Librarians through Book Chats, title swaps and Coffee and Tea by the Book discussions on newly published and popular books. In addition, The Librarians provided weekly reading recommendations in their column “Speaking of Books” in the Garden City News.

The Young Adult Department continued to encourage Tweens and Teens to learn, volunteer, and be creative. Library materials, programs and services aid middle and high school students with school assignments, college preparation, recreational reading, personal enrichment, and social activities. Programs held included craft programs such as DIY canvas drawstring bags, pumpkin painting, DIY mason jars, paint nights, and avocado no-sew pillows, as well as programs like STEM Field Day, computer animation, Dungeons and Dragons, game nights, creative writing workshops, and karaoke. This year also saw the return of the award-winning Locked-in-the-Library Halloween Party. College and test prep programs included practice exams as well as workshops like SAT vs ACT, Excelling at Your Advanced Placement Classes, and Junior Jumpstart for College Admissions. The Teen Advisory Board continued to help suggest and develop programs, and provide hands-on event assistance. This Board and other service activities help students earn volunteer hours for much needed community service credit. This year, these service activities included the Fall and Spring Bake Sales with the Friends of the Garden City Public Library, the Best Books Committee, The Great Give Back, Cards for Hospitalized Kids, and making ornaments and bookmarks.



Library Director Marianne Malagon welcomed Assistant Library Director Ralph Guiteau in September 2021.

sponsor many library programs for Adults, Tweens and Teens and children.

The Garden City Public Library looks forward to continuing to serve all members of the community in the upcoming year, in the library or at home.



Friends of the Garden City Library Mother’s Day baskets were auctioned off at the Friends’ semi-annual Book Sale. Pictured from left are Friends Director Cathy Walsh, Friends President Mary Maguire, Library Board Trustee Germaine Greco and Friends Director Rena Kuhl.

Children’s Librarians created and led many interactive, live and virtual, storytimes and programs for infants through children in fifth grade. Outdoor programs included crafts with Librarians, Family Chalk Art, Storytime Under the Stars, A Time for Kids and Disney Trivia. Virtual offerings included storytimes and arts and crafts. The Library also hosted pre-recorded sessions of The Page Turners (which offered family programs, crafts and author interviews) and Play Hooray. The Young Adult Department also teamed up with the Children’s Department to offer the service program, Reading Pals, a program in which teen volunteers read and make a craft with children. The two departments also teamed up to offer Tween programs for Grades 4-7, such as scratch art, bingo, and trivia.

Through the generous support of the Friends of the Garden City Public Library, free passes to museums, parks and gardens were also available to Library cardholders, some of which include the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Long Island Children’s Museum, MOMA (the Museum of Modern Art), Nassau County Museum of Art, Nassau County Firefighters Museum, New York State Empire Pass, and Old Westbury Gardens. The Friends also

Finance Department



IRENE WOO, CPA CMFO
Village Treasurer

Garden City's Chief Fiscal Officer is the Village Treasurer Irene Woo, CPA, CMFO who leads the Finance Department. The Finance Department is responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of the Village, which includes some of the following functions:

- **Annual Budget Process** - The Village Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer, Darcia Palmer manage the annual Budget Process. With collaboration from the Board of Trustees and the Village's Executive Staff, develop the annual operating budgets and 5-year Capital Plans and ensure that the Village is compliant with the limits set by the tax levy laws. The Finance Department provides detailed analysis on current and future budgetary impacts to the Village, including debt analysis, bonding vs. cash payment for projects, cash flow analysis for Enterprise Funds, and create high level executive presentations for the BOT, which are presented at the public work sessions.

This past year, the Village underwent four public budget work sessions. The Board of Trustees adopted a General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$65.393m, and a 2022-23 Capital Plan of \$4.8m. This budget was funded with \$1.7m of surplus, estimated revenues of \$10.4m and a tax levy of \$53.3m. This resulted in a Tax Levy increase of zero percent year over year.

- **Village Financing** - The department works closely with bond counsel to develop bond resolutions on capital projects and with fiscal advisor on analyzing bond terms that are favorable and in the best interest of the Village. The Treasurer prepares the POS (preliminary offering statement) that is provided to the market, and also meets with Moody's investor services to discuss Village finances and operations to help inform the committee in developing a rating for the Village's bond offering.



ADAM LIPKE, CPA
Village Auditor

This past year the Village successfully sold Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) at very favorable rates. The Village issued \$44.7m in BANs for Water Well Treatment projects on six well sites. The winning bid offered a 2.00 percent coupon rate with a \$550,072 premium. The Village will pay back interest of \$893,700 next year, however, netting out the premium offered, the net interest rate is actually 0.7690 percent.

- **Tax Billings and Assessments** - The department is responsible for the maintenance of all real property account information in the tax system. The annual tax bills are issued and receivables are posted in the tax system and General Ledger. We schedule and manage the annual tax lien sale and process small claims settlements. The Village Assessor values new construction or physical changes to properties based on building permits, assists the Board of Trustees with decisions regarding grievance requests and prepares the Tentative and Final Assessment Rolls.

This past year, the Village continued to work on the Tax Billings & Assessments System replacement project. The legacy system will be replaced by Tyler Technologies iasWorld system.

- **Purchasing Department** - ensures the efficient, economical, and legal (per General Municipal Law) Village-wide purchases of supplies, equipment and services by working closely with the various departments on their requests & requirements. They ensure the Village's procurement policy is followed and coordinate the entire bid process from advertising to the final BOT award for purchases requiring bids.

This past year was an extremely busy one in that there were over 25 Capital Projects that were bid. In addition, many purchases from the operating budget are also competitively bid. The Purchasing department, along with assistance from other members of the Finance Department were able to successfully complete the high demand required this year.

- **Reporting and Analysis** - The Finance Department supports the Board of Trustees and Department Heads in providing them with ongoing financial analysis and reporting critical for decision making. In addition, the department is responsible for all required NYS reporting: AUD (Annual Update Document) and discuss with the Office of the State Comptroller financial results for the Village; annual budget information that is used to monitor compliance with the Tax Cap Laws; and NYS Constitutional Tax Limit and Constitutional Debt Limit Reporting. Provide annual Continuing Disclosure information to the SEC. The department also works closely with any government agency in the reporting of information relating to grants or disaster relief.

This past year, our Deputy Treasurer Darcia Palmer and Accountant Kevin Mitchell worked with FEMA and the NYSDES to obtain reimbursements for COVID and Tropical Storm Isaias expenditures. To date the Village has received \$1.841m of these costs. The Village also received a total of \$2.3m in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding, which is being used to fund capital projects that benefit the community. The Village was also approved for additional Water Well Treatment project grants.



DARCIA PALMER, CIA
Deputy Village Treasurer

Finance Department

- Auditing and Compliance** - 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; with our claims auditors with the weekly audit of claims and the ongoing audit of payroll; manage the yearly Deferred Compensation Plan audit; work with the NYS Comptroller's Office on Village audits; successfully manage and lead Audit and Compliance related projects, implement process improvements and document a system of internal controls for all critical functions to ensure compliance with all financial NYS, Federal, and Village laws, regulations, and policies.

This past year, the Board of Trustees appointed Adam Lipke, CPA the Village Auditor. Adam has been with the Village three and ½ years, most recently in the Senior Accountant role. He holds a Masters of Accounting and is a CPA. Adam assists the Treasurer in all aspects of auditing, reporting and budgeting and oversees the claims audit review.

- Accounts Receivable** - processes all cash, credit card, check payments to the Village from various departments and from other sources into the General Ledger system.
- Accounts Payable** - reviews and processes all Village invoices for payment; ensures compliance with all payment procedures; prepare IRS 1099 forms.
- Accounting** - Manage the monthly closing process, which includes preparing, reviewing and approving numerous journal entries. Prepare reconciliations of subsidiary ledger accounts to the General Ledger, prepare monthly bank reconciliations, develop and document procedures to ensure accurate books and records are maintained and appropriate accounting policies are being followed.

This past year, our Accountant Kevin Mitchell has been managing the implementation of the Water Billing system upgrade, which will enhance the reporting and analysis function and improve the overall process.

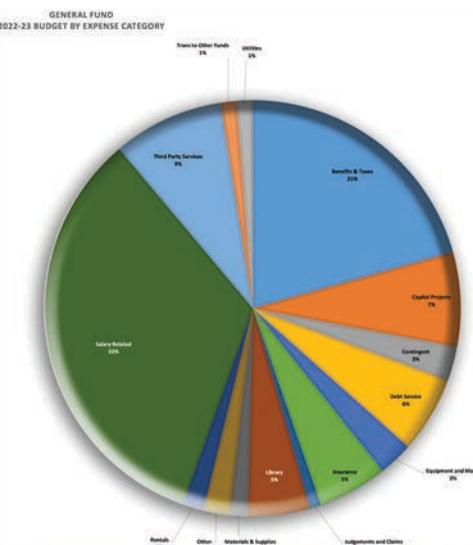
Financial Overview:

The State of New York requires municipalities to prepare and adopt balanced budgets where applied surplus, anticipated revenues 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	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase (Decrease)
Current Surplus Appropriated	\$ 2,066,815	\$ 1,676,824	\$ (389,991)
Estimated Revenues	\$ 9,715,496	\$ 10,443,061	\$ (727,565)
Tax Levy	\$ 53,273,473	\$ 53,273,473	\$
Appropriated Reserve	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$
Total	\$ 65,805,784	\$ 66,143,358	\$ 337,574

The 2022-23 Budget was successfully adopted with a tax levy increase of 0.00%. The increase allowed per the Tax Levy Limit Law was 2.88% for the Village this 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 via memberships, program services or other fees.

Enterprise Fund	2022-2023 Expense Budget	2022-2023 Revenue Budget
Swimming Pool	\$ 1,615,951	\$ 1,934,960
Indoor Tennis	\$ 494,136	\$ 541,600
Water Department	\$ 9,063,860	\$ 8,311,595

Budget Comparison

		2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION	Board of Trustees	\$24,000	\$24,000
	Village Justice	342,927	542,759
	Administration	397,425	366,601
	Personnel	515,921	517,126
	Elections	11,400	13,150
	Publicity	52,000	72,000
	Historian	2,500	2,500
	Central Data Processing	334,446	338,278
	SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,680,619	\$ 1,876,413
FINANCE	Finance	933,156	979,820
	Purchasing	189,282	202,471
	Assessment	50,500	50,500
	SUB TOTAL - FINANCE	\$ 1,172,938	\$ 1,232,791
PUBLIC SAFETY	Police	10,128,962	10,055,788
	Fire	2,000,106	1,907,990
	Safety Inspection	1,064,766	1,020,701
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 13,193,834	\$ 12,984,479
PUBLIC WORKS	Engineering	463,279	497,023
	Building	668,889	696,289
	Central Garage	931,397	951,005
	Streets	2,862,054	2,684,110
	Snow Removal	342,365	342,465
	Street Light & Traffic Control	643,821	706,513
	Sanitary Sewers	445,112	475,176
	Storm Sewers	165,549	169,219
	Refuse and Garbage	3,902,266	4,015,547
	Sanitation Recycling	482,284	505,497
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 10,907,016	\$ 11,042,844
RECREATION	Parks	2,847,025	2,844,438
	Recreation	1,986,588	2,067,608
	SUB TOTAL - RECREATION	\$ 4,833,613	\$ 4,912,046
LIBRARY	Contribution to Library	\$ 3,250,984	\$ 3,123,300
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	NYS Employees Retirement System	1,746,000	1,414,100
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,315,000	2,311,731
	Social Security	1,752,459	1,750,000
	MTA Payroll Tax	77,964	80,000
	Health & Dental Insurance	7,588,000	7,923,000
	Capital Projects	4,482,857	4,782,995
	Unallocated Insurance	3,547,000	3,547,000
	Judgements and Claims	585,000	585,000
	Law	1,124,500	1,222,300
	Contingent Account	1,500,000	1,750,000
	Debt Service	4,281,516	3,891,357
	Miscellaneous	1,016,485	964,000
	SUB TOTAL - GENERAL	\$ 30,016,781	\$ 30,221,484
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$ 65,805,785	\$ 66,143,358
APPROPRIATION TO RESERVE		\$ 750,00	\$ 750,00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 65,805,785	\$ 66,143,358

Directory

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Cosmo Veneziale (2021)

Mayor

Thomas J. O'Brien (2021)

Deputy Mayor

Police Commissioner

Recreation Commissioner

Bruce J. Chester (2021)

Public Works Commissioner

Terence P. Digan (2021)

Commissioner of Finance

Mary Carter Flanagan (2021)

Environmental Advisory Board

Charles P. Kelly (2022)

Zoning Change Review Committee

Traffic Commission, Chairperson

Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr. (2022)

Library Liaison

Bruce A. Torino (2022)

Fire Commissioner

JUSTICE COURT

Allen S. Mathers (1988)

Village Justice

Stephen A. Bucaria (2022)

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)

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

Marianne Malagon (2018)

Library Director

Irene Woo (2015)

Village Treasurer

Darcia Palmer (2016)

Deputy Village Treasurer

Giuseppe Giovanniello (2018)

Superintendent of Building

Courtney Rosenblatt (2016)

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Paul Blake (2019)

Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

Adam Lipke (2021)

Village Auditor

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS:

Matthew F. Pearn, *Chief* (2012)

James R. Taunton, *1st Assistant Chief* (2012)

Jonathan F. Parrella, *2nd Assistant Chief* (2015)

Devyn F. Moody, *3rd Assistant Chief* (2010)

LINE OFFICERS:

Matthew C. Carroll, *Captain Engine* (2017)

Robert N. Carpentier, *1st Lieutenant Engine*, (2013)

Joseph A. Philippas, *2nd Lieutenant Engine* (2018)

Daniel L. Roeper, *Captain Truck* (2018)

Christopher K. Maier, *1st Lieutenant Truck* (2018)

Conor T. Sproat, *2nd Lieutenant Truck* (2016)

Gregory J. Barton, *Secretary* (2013)

Trey E. Wehrum, *Assistant Secretary* (1997)

Robert F. Kalb, *Treasurer* (1987)

Donald B. Byrne, *Assistant Treasurer* (2018)

Lawrence E. Nedelka, *First Battalion Delegate* (1974)

*Note () Date entered into Village Service



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Incorporated Village of Garden City

★ KEY PHONE NUMBERS ★

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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|------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| • POLICE | Emergency | 911 | Non-Emergency | 465-4100 |
| • FIRE | Emergency | 742-3300 | Non-Emergency | 746-1301 |
| • POISON CONTROL | | | | 1-800-222-1222 |

VILLAGE HALL

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| • Business Office: | |
| Main Office | 465-4000 |
| Village-Related Tax Questions | 465-4156 |
| <i>Town and School Tax Questions</i> | 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

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|---|----------|
| • 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 |