

February 17, 2021

THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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Village Hall is open. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are required to wear a face covering, maintain social distancing of six feet and sign in to a Visitor's Log outside of the office they are visiting. Furthermore, while multiple people can enter Village Hall, only one person will be admitted into each office space at a time and are asked to abide by employee instructions.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Garden City Water Customers are receiving a notice because testing of our public water system found the chemicals perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and 1,4-Dioxane in your drinking water above New York State's maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 ppt for PFOA/PFOS and 1 ppb for 1,4-Dioxane. The MCLs are set well below levels known to cause health effects in animal studies. Therefore, consuming water with PFOA, PFOS or 1,4-Dioxane at the level detected does not pose a significant health risk. Your water continues to be acceptable for all uses.

The Village of Garden City has submitted, and the New York State Department of Health (Department) has issued, a deferral to the Village of Garden City. When a public water system is issued a deferral, the water system agrees to a [schedule for corrective action and compliance](#) with the new MCLs. In exchange, the Department agrees to defer enforcement actions, such as assessing fines, if the water system is meeting the established deadlines. We are required to update the Department and the Nassau County Department of Health each calendar quarter on the status of our projects. If we do not meet the agreed upon deadlines, the Department can resume enforcement. Residents will be receiving a mailer from the Village this week that details our progress of 1,4-Dioxane remediation, among other water-related projects like the water tower.

GRIEVANCE DAY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Please be advised that the Assessor has completed the Assessment Roll of the Incorporated Village of Garden City for the year 2021, and filed with the Village Clerk Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York, where it was available during business hours until the 16th day of February 2021. Please be advised that all complaints/grievances had to have been filed by the 16th day of February 2021.

On February 23, 2021, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. the Assessor and at least a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees, constituting the Board of Review, will meet via Zoom, for the purpose of hearing complaints in relation to assessments. All complaints/grievances will be heard by appointment only. Those who filed their complaints/grievances by February 16 may email Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net for a Zoom link and an appointment time.

There will also be a Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom beginning at 8:00 p.m. Residents who wish to obtain the meeting link must email Village Clerk Karen Altman at kaltman@gardencityny.net no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 23. Three public hearings are being held during this meeting regarding the following:

- A Proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 193, Article XIV of the Village Code Entitled “Prohibition Against Parking Non-Operational Vehicles in Residential Districts.”
- A Proposed Local Law Adding Chapter 69, to the Village Code Entitled “Storage of Construction Materials and Construction Equipment on Residential Property.”
- The Village’s “Garden City Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan” with regard to New York State Executive Order 203.

The proposed Local Laws and the Village’s “Garden City Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan” can all be found on the Village website, <http://www.gardencityny.net>, under “Village Notifications and Alerts.”

PSEG WORK

PSEG Long Island will install two new underground cables that will provide additional capacity to nearby blocks to improve reliability during times of peak electrical consumption. One underground cable will start from an overhead pole near the corner of North Avenue and Roxbury Road and travel underneath the LIRR tracks to a new manhole located near the corner of South Avenue and Roxbury Road. A second underground cable will travel between overhead poles near Nassau Boulevard and just west of Roxbury Road. Two replacement poles will be installed at the following locations:

- One 45-foot pole will replace a 40-foot pole on the north side of the LIRR tracks near the intersection of North Avenue and Roxbury Road
- One 35-foot pole will replace a 30-foot pole on the south side of the LIRR tracks near South Avenue, just north of a parking lot between Euston Road and Nassau Boulevard

Each pole will connect to the existing overhead distribution infrastructure via an overhead wire. The project is expected to start the end of February. PSEG Long Island does not anticipate any planned power outages related to this project. If a planned outage is necessary, all affected customers will be notified in advance. Customers with questions about the project can contact PSEG Long Island Customer Service at 1-800-490-0025, Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

2021-22 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees will hold 2021-22 Budget Work Sessions via Zoom beginning March 9, 2021 between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Here is the full schedule:

- Work Session 1 - March 9, 2021
- Work Session 2 - March 18, 2021
- Work Session 3 - March 24, 2021
- Work Session 4 - March 30, 2021

FAQs ABOUT MARCH 16, 2021 VILLAGE ELECTION

When is the 2021 Village Election?

The Village Election is taking place on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Where Can I Vote?

In-person voting is taking place at Garden City Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue. Absentee ballots are also available.

What Time Are Polls Open?

Polls are open 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Who Are The “Community Agreement Party” Slate of Candidates?

Mayor (Two-Year Term)

- Robert Bolebruch

Trustees (Two-Year Term):

- Rich Catalano
- Mark Hyer
- Yvonne Varano

Trustee (One-Year Term):

- Stephen Makrinos

Village Justice (Four-Year Term)

- Allen S. Mathers

Who Are The “For A Better Garden City” Slate of Candidates?

Mayor (Two-Year Term):

- Cosmo Veneziale

Trustees (Two-Year Term):

- Tom O’Brien
- Terry Digan
- Bruce Chester

Trustee (One-Year Term):

- Mary Flanagan

How Many Candidates Can I Vote For?

Choose One:

Mayor (Two-Year Term)

Choose Three:

Trustee (Two-Year Term)

(The three candidates with the most votes will become Village Trustees)

Choose One:

Trustee (One-Year Term)

Choose One:

Village Justice (Four-Year Term)

Can I Only Vote For the Candidates Who Live In My Section of the Village?

No. Residents can vote for candidates, village-wide. The positions of Village Trustee and Village Mayor are Village wide positions under state and local law and all persons, regardless of where in the Village the voter resides, can vote for any candidate for these positions.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

The Board of Elections provides the Village with a listing of residents who are permanently disabled. When the ballot has been finalized, the Village automatically sends those residents absentee ballots. All other residents have the option of requesting an Absentee Ballot Application for one of the several reasons listed on the Application, including, but not limited to, if they are out of the Village on Election Day, have a temporary illness, or under the Governor’s Executive Orders, they do not feel comfortable coming out of the house to vote due to concerns of contracting COVID.

If they do want an Absentee Ballot, they must fill out an Absentee Ballot Application, which is available in both English and Spanish on the Village website under “Business Office.” This form needs to be filled out and either mailed to the attention of the Village Clerk, Karen Altman, at 351 Stewart Avenue, or dropped off to her attention at Village Hall. Residents can also request the form via email at kaltman@gardencityny.net or, if they do not have access to a computer, they can call 465-4051. It will be mailed to them unless they want to come to Village Hall to pick it up.

The last day for the Clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to a qualified voter is March 9, 2021. The last day for the Clerk to mail absentee ballots to qualified voters is March 10, 2021. The last day for the Clerk to receive personal applications for an absentee ballot from the applicant or the applicant’s agent is March 15, 2021. Upon receiving a personal application, the Clerk will deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant, or his agent. Whichever method is used to submit the Application and obtain the ballot (i.e. via mail or personally), the Village Clerk must receive the ballot itself no later than the close of polls on Election Day.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

As a reminder, on-street overnight parking without a permit is prohibited between 2:00 – 6:00 a.m. in the Village. Permission may be granted to residents for special situations,

including construction, medical caretakers, disabled vehicles and guests (Cherry Valley apartment residents: guests only).

Permission is NOT granted for commercial vehicles, taxi and livery vehicles, Hamilton Place and 2nd Street, between Franklin and Hilton Avenues, and insufficient room in a driveway (not a valid reason for permission).

Permission is granted for a period not to exceed 12 calendar days per year. The maximum number of consecutive days is limited to six days. Abuse of permission or improper filings will result in the suspension of privileges for one year. The site, which does not require any prior registration, is available to residents directly at www.gcnyparking.com. If there are any questions or special circumstances, contact a Police Department Supervisor at 465-4100.