



EPOA NEWS

— Representing Residents of the East since 1918 —

The official newsletter of the
Eastern Property Owners' Association
Garden City, New York 11530

EPOA Public Meeting
Tuesday, January 20
Stewart School Auditorium
7:30 PM

- Updates from the East
- Latest from the Library
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Winter 2015

President's Message

by Christine Mullaney

GC East Committee Selects Dennis Donnelly for Mayor, Robert Martin for School Trustee
Nick Episcopia Challenges Donnelly

The independent 15-member Garden City East Nominating Committee has selected East Village Trustee Dennis Donnelly as its nominee for Mayor of Garden City to a two-year term beginning in April, 2015. The Committee also has selected East School Trustee Robert Martin as its nominee to a second three-year term on the Board of Education beginning in July, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Nick Episcopia informed the EPOA, as of press time, that he is challenging by petition the selection of Donnelly for the position of Mayor.

The East Committee vote for Mayor was Donnelly 8 and Episcopia 7. The vote for Martin was unanimous, with two committee members not present. Martin's selection was not challenged as of press time.

The EPOA, per its established procedures acting as a neutral facilitator, will run a primary election on February 3 at Stewart School where resident electors of the East may cast their votes for either Donnelly or Episcopia. The winner of the primary will be the candidate for Mayor of the Community Agreement Party in the March 18 village elections.

I have appointed vice president Joe Moody and corresponding secretary Robert Rymers Commissioners of Election.

The position of Mayor rotates among the POAs. The last Mayor from the East was Peter Bee, who served in 2007/2009.

Trustee Donnelly was first elected a trustee in 2009. He currently serves as Fire Commissioner, liaison to the business community, a member of the Traffic Commission and chair of the committee on vacancies, among other duties. He has been a Village resident since 1969. Dennis' personal statement is on page 6 of this newsletter.

Deputy Mayor Episcopia has served as a trustee since 2005, is a current member of the Board of Police Commissioners, the Finance and Audit Committee, the executive committee of the Nassau Village Officials Association, and liaison to the BOE, among other duties. He has been a Village resident since 1973. Nick's personal statement is on page 7 of this newsletter.

There will be a Town Hall Q&A with Trustees Donnelly and Episcopia at the January 20 EPOA meeting in Stewart School. This meeting is open to all Village residents and I strongly urge residents of the East to attend and ask questions of the candidates. Only East residents will be allowed to vote in the February 3 primary, also to be held at Stewart School.

School Trustee Bob Martin is a finance and educational professional with extensive senior management experience in both the corporate and non-profit sectors. Prior to

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moving to Garden City, in 2007, he served for seven years as a trustee on the Mamaroneck Board of Education, including a term as president. He also served as vice president of the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association.

In other Village matters, I attended an interesting information briefing on Ebola preparedness given by the president and CEO of Winthrop-University Hospital, John F. Collins, and the hospital's chief medical officer, Michael Ammazalorso, MD. The briefing was sponsored by the Joint Conference Committee of the Village POAs at the GC Library. Although Winthrop is not a designated regional diagnosis and treatment center for suspected Ebola patients, the hospital is following a strict protocol to identify any potential Ebola patient, isolate the patient to prevent the spread of infection, and care for the patient until he or she can be transported to a NYS designated treatment center. No suspected patient will be admitted to the general emergency room. Furthermore, the special isolation room will remain operational after the current Ebola crisis has passed, to be used as necessary in any future outbreaks of any kind. President Collins said he is always willing to speak to the Village POAs about medical issues that may affect our community.

On two other issues that are of concern in the East—the Clinton/Stewart intersection and development at 555 Stewart Avenue—I can report the following. Our requests for Nassau County remedial action at Clinton/Stewart, including a left turn arrow on Clinton heading south and a right turn lane heading north in the present right-of-way, are under active review by the county. Legislator Laura Schaefer said the County will conduct a traffic study at the intersection. With regard to 555 Stewart, there has been no further action to date by the owner to follow through on his February 2014 request for rezoning. The EPOA will continue to monitor this.

As the year 2015 begins, I would like to wish all residents a happy and healthy New Year, on behalf of myself and the officers and directors of the EPOA. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our public meeting on Tuesday, January 20, beginning at 7:30 pm in the Stewart School Auditorium. In addition to hearing the debate, there will be updates on Village issues from Trustees Donnelly and Episcopia, from myself and other EPOA directors and representatives, plus the School and Library Trustees.

I would also like to remind residents that the Village budget process for the fiscal year commencing in June, 2015, is underway and that budget work session dates are posted on the Village website and page 5 of this newsletter. These are open to the public.

Finally, January marks the beginning of the EPOA member drive for 2015. As an organization, we are only as strong as our members. For current members, we are counting on your continued support. For residents who are not members, we ask that you consider joining as a paid member. Membership is \$20 per year per family. These funds support all printed material, including this newsletter that is mailed to every resident of the East, our website available to all, and primary elections like the one that will be held on February 3 (machine rental and printing costs—everyone is a volunteer). Candidates fund their own primary campaigns. No EPOA money is spent on any candidate.

There is a member form on the next to last page of this newsletter and a printed envelope enclosed for your convenience. If you join as a paid member and supply your email address to us, we will send you our electronic bulletin monthly and in emergencies. Thank you and best wishes for 2015.

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Trustees' Update: Dennis Donnelly & Nick Episcopia

Police: This has been a difficult year for our police department which was forced to cope with an unanticipated personnel shortage. Two officers unexpectedly retired and several others sustained serious injuries in the line of duty and have not yet been able to return to work. In order to maintain our historically high standards of patrolling, traffic enforcement, arrests, investigation of serious incidents as well as coverage for functions such as the Belmont festival, the Friday Promenade and other Village events, increased overtime was both necessary and prudent. In this fiscal year, Garden City has spent over \$100,000 more on police overtime than in the corresponding period of the last fiscal year. These expenditures will sharply drop when the three newly hired police complete their academic training and go on duty in the spring 2015. The fourth officer we recently hired is a veteran New York City policeman and is now on duty. Despite this year's personnel shortages, the increased overtime expenditures, as well the implementation of enhanced crime reduction strategies has clearly yielded positive results. During the period from January to October 2014, serious crimes (those reported to the FBI such as robberies, burglaries and assaults) declined 20% from the same period in 2013. The total number of offences including petit larceny and misdemeanors dropped 14%, while traffic enforcement and parking summonses increased 4% over the same period last year. The decision to spend the additional overtime funds has benefitted both our residents and the business community. Commissioner Jackson and our police have done an outstanding job of protecting both our residents and the business community and they have earned our heartfelt thanks. Once again we also owe our volunteer firefighters a debt of gratitude for voting to have our Special Police become a separate company in the Fire Department. This will allow them to have the same tax benefits the Village gives to our volunteer firefighters. We will be working with Special Police Captain Carpentier, Commissioner Jackson on a recruiting program to increase the number of volunteer Special Police.

Labor Negotiations: As has been stated before, all of our labor contracts are presently up for renewal. The CSEA Supervisors' Contract expired in May, 2010 and there have been no salary increases since 2009. After extensive negotiations, mediation and fact finding, and because of the inordinately long time frame since the expiration of the last contract, the Board of Trustees has asked the negotiating team to focus their efforts on the supervisors. Our team has been working very diligently and their work has finally borne fruit. On December 15, the CSEA Supervisors voted to approve the proposed contract terms. Under the agreement, which runs through May 31, 2018, there will be no salary increases for the 2010 and 2011 years, but there will be a 2% lump sum bonus for 2011. For the years beginning June 1, 2012 through June 1, 2017, raises will range from 1% to 2%, with the average increase being 1.5%. In addition, all members of the unit will now contribute to the costs of health coverage, with future members of the unit contributing up to 20% of such costs. Again, we very much credit the supervisors unit and its leadership for their efforts in enabling us to reach this agreement, and we owe our negotiating team. The CSEA rank and file contract expired in the spring of 2013 and extensive negotiations with this group are still on-going. Negotiations with the paid

Trustees' Update: (continued)

Board of Trustees 2015 Meeting Schedule

January 8

February 5

February 17

March 5

March 19

April 6

April 16

May 7

May 21

June 4

June 18

*All meetings at Village
Hall*

firefighters will start on December 16 and with the police in January, 2015. If no settlement can be reached with the firefighters or the police, mandatory arbitration will take place and a third party arbitrator will impose a settlement.

Litigation: As has been reported before, Judge Spatt has ruled that we take certain measures to ensure that the Fair Housing laws are obeyed in Garden City. In compliance, with the ruling, the "BOT" approved a specific Fair Housing Policy on June 5, 2014 and an attorney has been appointed to oversee the Village's housing practices and design training for Trustees and certain senior staff in the Fair Housing Act. It should be noted that Garden City is not required to build any specific affordable housing, but only to comply with existing laws.

Finances: As part of the 2014 -2015 budget NYS has adopted an optional program to encourage the sharing of services among local governments and the implementation of efficiencies. Trustees Episcopia and Bolenbruch, along with Village Administrator Suozzi and Village Counsel Peter Bee, attended the Nassau Village Officials meeting on December 12, 2014 where Barbara Van Epps, Deputy Director of the New York Conference of Mayors gave a presentation on this law. This program is designed to essentially freeze taxes for two years by giving homeowners a tax credit in the form of an actual cash refund. This credit will be equal to the greater of the amount by which the individual's property tax bill increased from year to year, or the amount of the individual's prior year tax bill multiplied by the allowable tax levy growth factor. This is presently 1.62%, but the allowed percentage for the coming year has yet to be established. This eliminates the incentive for a municipality to increase their tax levy to the allowable amount whether they need it or not. To comply in the first year, the tax levy must be under the cap and municipalities cannot pass a local law stating that they need to have increases higher than the cap. In the second year, municipalities must comply with the cap and have a plan to increase efficiencies approved by NYS. The Garden City "BOT" is completely dedicated to complying with this law so that our taxpayers can receive their well-deserved checks.

We also have some good news on the financial front. Municipal pension contributions are heavily weighted to the performance of the equity markets. This is calculated on a five year average, so that this year the contribution has dropped by 7%. The rise in the equity markets since the 2008 – 2009 financial crisis should reduce future pension contributions by substantial amounts. Additionally Village Counsel has told the "BOT" that he anticipates the sale of the Cherry Valley Ave. parking lot and ball field to the Town of Hempstead for approximately \$4,210,000 to close by year end 2014.

Trustees' Update: (continued)

**Board of Trustees
2015 Budget Sessions
Village Hall Boardroom
351 Stewart Avenue**

**Budget Overview & Tour
Sat, Feb 7, 8:30 am**

**Work Session #1
Thurs, Feb 12, 7:30 pm
Rec, Library, Police, Fire
and Buildings**

**Work Session #2
Thurs, Feb 26, 7:30 pm
Public Works, Water,
Administration, Legal and
Revenues**

**Work Session #3
Thurs, March 12, 7:30 pm
Held only if necessary**

Senior Center: The senior center expansion is proceeding on schedule. We have moved the 3400 sq. ft. model house from the new condo project on Franklin Avenue to its new location on Golf Club Lane (the location of the current senior center). The building was lowered on to a new foundation and it will be connected to the existing building to form the new 6200 sq. ft senior center.

Fire Department: We have made very significant reductions in Fire department overtime. At this time last year, overtime totaled \$140,000; currently, overtime totals \$14,000. This equals a reduction of \$126,000 in overtime costs. The effort has been led by our volunteer chiefs, who have worked extensively with the department throughout the year. Most importantly, these reductions were achieved without compromising public safety.

Infrastructure: The Trustees continue to address the various infrastructure issues that face the Village. This year we paved 4 miles of roads, which is double the amount of previous year. We have 76 miles of road in the village and conventional wisdom is repaving should be done every 20 years. In the last ten years, we have only repaved 14 miles of road. We need to play catch-up and continue to dedicate resources to the infrastructure if we want to avoid costly road reconstruction in the future. On a related initiative, we are working with Nassau legislator Laura Schaefer on improvements to the Clinton Road and Stewart Avenue intersections. The proposal being considered would add a left turn arrow southbound on Clinton Road and a right turn lane northbound on Clinton. We hope to see those changes in the spring.

St. Paul's: We took advantage of an environmental grant from Nassau County for \$300,000 toward the demolition of Ellis Hall. The building, which had no significant historic value, has been removed and a grass lawn has replaced it.

Business Community: The business community contributes about 20% of the total tax base in addition to a similar amount in school taxes. The flower pots that were on the light poles on Franklin and Seventh Street as well as the new holiday lights on the trees on Seventh Street highlight the village and induce tenants to upgrade their stores. The Friday night promenades during the summer were extremely popular and a great example of how the business community adds to our community spirit.

In December, we had a very successful Christmas spectacular on Seventh Street. Santa Claus, hay rides, balloon animals, face painting, the Five Stone band, "Princess Anna" from the movie "Frozen", fire pits and a holiday spirit all combined to create a true winter wonderland. Turnout was very strong and a great time was had by all. We have also approved a joint project with the Chamber of Commerce to light all the tree trunks on Seventh Street with festive lighting year round.

Mayoral Candidate Personal Statement—Dennis Donnelly



I would like to thank the 15 members of the elected EPOA nominating committee for taking the time to interview the candidates for mayor. I am very proud to have been selected as their candidate this year. I have served the village for 6 years as a trustee and prior to that as President & vice-President of the EPOA, as head of the Joint Conference Committee and many years as a member of the board of the EPOA.

During my time as a trustee I have had the privilege of serving as Police Commissioner, Fire Commissioner, Commissioner of Building, Planning & Zoning, Commissioner of Public Works, Chairman of the Traffic Commission, Chairman of the Committees on Technology, Executive Compensation and Succession, Committee on Vacancies, Finance Committee, and as Liaison to the business community.

I believe the village is at a critical point and the mayor for the next two years will set the tone and direction during an important time in our history. We face enormous challenges both economically and socially. The 2% tax cap has created budgetary difficulties in maintaining our infrastructure and in negotiating our labor contracts. In this past year, we have hired a new village administrator and during the next two years major senior management turnover is expected. During my years in Verizon, I have experience in change management when I headed up the process re-engineering team during the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE.

We need a mayor with a vision for the future; someone who is creative yet fiscally responsible. The mayor must have a true sense of the history of our village but be adaptive to changes in the future.

My vision centers around four areas:

Public Safety: In the area of public safety our police department must maintain a complement of 54 sworn officers. The safety of our residents is Paramount. . Although any crime is one too many, our detectives solve crimes and make arrests at an impressive rate. We can increase the department's effectiveness by utilizing technology to enhance our operations. License plate readers, automated ticket writers, fingerprint and facial recognition technology are all programs I support. I support camera technology in areas throughout the village which will enable our officers to monitor troubling areas.

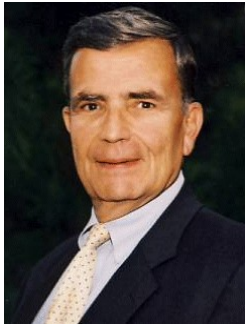
Infrastructure: Our infrastructure has suffered from years of neglect. We have 75 miles of roads in the village. The conventional thinking is roads should be repaved every 20 years. We doubled infrastructure spending this year to only about 2 miles. We should double our spending again. Our water mains, sewers and water pumping stations all need upgrading. Our street lighting system is also in need of upgrading. We need to convert to LED lights which increase efficiency and save energy. I would work with outside agencies who install energy efficient lighting and share the savings with the municipality. We should accelerate our sewer relining project by utilizing the camera system to continue to firm the sewers to determining which one's need immediate attention.

Recreation: Our sports and recreation facilities need serious attention. Community Park is located on a landfill and it has settled once again. The baseball and other fields have large undulations and settling which make them borderline unsafe. We need to even out the ground and add artificial turf fields as well. The field house and Cluett Hall are in sad shape. The concrete steps and the hallways and general conditions are not what a first class village should present. In the past few years we have upgraded the pool and tennis facilities and built a new state of the art roller hockey facility. We need to continue to address our recreation infrastructure in the upcoming years.

Tax Cap: The New York State imposed tax cap requires villages to limit increases to 2% or inflation whichever is less. We must utilize technology, innovative thinking, reduced overtime, new labor contracts and operating efficiencies as well as outsourcing opportunities to ensure that we can stay within the tax Cap.

I ask for your vote for mayor so that I can lead the village for the next two years. I want to work with the trustees and Administrator Suozzi to deliver first class government services and efficiencies and come in with a budget that minimizes any tax increases to the absolute least possible.

Mayoral Candidate Personal Statement— Nick Episcopia



I have served as a Village Trustee for nine years, and I am currently your Deputy Mayor. I was President and Vice President of the EPOA, having joined the EPOA Board in 1998. I would like to share my philosophy and a few of my achievements that I believe qualify me to serve as your Mayor.

Throughout my time as Trustee, I have consistently focused on the most significant issues facing our Village, such as labor negotiations; taxation, budget and finance; public safety; building, zoning and planning; and development projects in areas adjacent to the East, all of which directly affect our property values, business community, and quality of life. I believe this is the essence of responsible and innovative local government.

As Commissioner of our Garden City Fire Department, which is made up of both unpaid volunteers and paid unionized firefighters, I proposed the elimination of an expensive management position, and the Village Board agreed. Volunteer firefighters' morale improved, Department membership increased, and management authority was properly restored to the Volunteer Chiefs, enabling them to develop the plan that reduced paid firefighters' overtime without sacrificing service.

As a current member of the Board of Police Commissioners, working closely with Commissioner Jackson, we have increased patrols, especially in the East, and enhanced traffic enforcement. Between January and October 2014, major crimes dropped by 20% and overall crime by 14%, compared to 2013. Efficient utilization of four new police officers will allow for reduced overtime.

As Public Works Commissioner, using my years of experience in commercial construction lending, I developed a policy, which was adopted by the Board, that applies the same due diligence procedures required by private sector construction lenders to all Village projects of \$500,000 or more, and proposed a policy to use an outside architect to monitor and control construction expenditures.

As a member of the Finance and Audit Committee I have closely scrutinized all aspects of our Village budget, striving to maintain the level of services our residents expect while controlling our tax burden.

I consistently respond to inquiries and concerns directed to me by individual residents or the EPOA and take a proactive stance in matters of concern to Village residents. For example, along with many residents, I am concerned with the proliferation of "McMansions" and support the EPOA's call for a full discussion on possible amendments to our Village Code to protect our Village's unique character.

I have served on every committee of the Board of Trustees and have chaired the Traffic Commission, the Public Information Committee and the Vacancies Committee. As Building Commissioner, I served as liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission and Architectural Design Review Board. I have also served as Trustee liaison to the Library, Recreation Commission, the Environmental Advisory Board, and the Village Chamber of Commerce.

An effective Mayor must interact with officials from other villages. I have been active in the Nassau County Village Officials Association since 2005, and currently serve on its Executive Committee. This has provided meaningful exchange of information and new ideas on policies and procedures that might improve efficiency in our staffing and operations. For example, I obtained a forecasting model from the New York State Conference of Mayors ("NYCOM") specifically designed for municipal budgets, which should aid the Village in forecasting revenues and expenses; and recently attended a presentation by NYCOM's Deputy Director on the property tax freeze and what village officials need to know. I represented the Board at NYCOM'S two-day meeting in Albany on proposed New York State legislation affecting incorporated villages and home rule.

Dorothy and I moved our family to the Village in 1973 because of the services, quality of life, and our Village's age-old tradition of community spirit. I believe you chose Garden City for the same reasons. With nine years as your Trustee, interaction with so many of you, involvement with the Village Officials Association, communication with other elected officials, and a track record of working in concert with my fellow Trustees, our Police and Fire Departments, department heads and the EPOA, I believe I am ready and able to bring my background and experience to serve you as Mayor.

School Board Updates—Bob Martin and Tom Pinou

At the December 8 work session, the Board received a report on the impact of the 2009 School Investment Bond and the Energy Performance Contract. With all but punch list items remaining, the meeting was a celebration of the extensive improvements to all School buildings, an acknowledgement of the efforts of the community members who served on the Committee on Facilities, and a thank you to the community for supporting the many changes.

Major additions to instructional areas include the music wing addition at the High School, the gymnasium addition at the Middle School, and the library media center, music and art classroom addition at Homestead School. Several spaces in the High School were redesigned including the guidance suite, and several offices and instructional spaces.

The Energy Performance Contract (EPC) included projects designed to increase energy efficiency throughout the District. The changes were financed through the energy savings achieved, with the savings guaranteed by the EPC contract. ConEd Solutions was selected to conduct the work which included renovations, modernization and other improvements to all the District buildings worth over \$12,500,000.

Recreation and Cultural Affairs Update—Ken Moody

Online Registration is Now OPEN!

The Recreation and Parks Department is happy to offer the option of online registration with credit card payment for our winter programs.

In order for a family to use the online registration option, you first need to visit our Recreation and Parks Office at 108 Rockaway Avenue to verify your residency. Upon verification of residency you will receive a password and instructions as to how to use the website. Upon completion of these steps please visit our registration site at gcreconline.gardencityny.net (do not type "www" in your browser if you input the address). You will be able to register and pay with Visa or MasterCard. The Recreation and Parks Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Family Fun Time - On Sunday afternoons in the winter, St. Paul's Field House will be open for "Family Fun" for Village families. This open time provides the opportunity for families to enjoy various gym activities in an indoor environment. This time is designated for family time only. No organized practices or workouts will be allowed. Although there will be staff to monitor activity, this is not a drop off program. We ask the elementary aged children be accompanied by an adult. For the safety of our users, no lacrosse or baseball will be allowed.

Upcoming Senior Trips - The Recreation and Parks Department, with the advisement of the Senior Advisory Committee, is sponsoring the following trips for seniors who are residents of the Inc. Village of Garden City during the upcoming months. Please remember to register early because all trips are first come, first served.

Wednesday, January 21 – Trip to Westbury Manor for lunch and a performance of "Plaza Suite" performed by Plaza Theatrical Productions. Travel will be provided on the Recreation bus for this trip. The cost of this trip will be \$30, payable by check only to "Plaza Theatrical Productions". Payment must accompany registrations. Space is limited so please register early.

Tuesday, February 3 – Trip to Resorts World Casino at Aqueduct Raceway. Travel will be provided on the Recreation bus for this trip. Our package is not known at this time so please watch for further updates.

Facts of the East—Bill Bellmer

Parks of the East

The East has more officially named parks and park areas in general than any other section of the Village.

Custer Park, bounded by Commercial Ave., the east Village line, the houses on the north side of Brook St., and the houses on the east side of Clinton Rd. It was named in 1950 for Mayor Ralph L. Custer, who died in office that year, in recognition of his close interest in recreational areas. From the Village Facts of the time: "It is planned that this area will be one of the finest park and playground sites in the community". This thought was superseded by the development of Grove Park.

Olena Park, bounded by Stewart Ave., the Marine base, the Fedex facility, and the Chase Bank branch. It was named in 1950 in appreciation of Alfred D. Olena, a 20-year member and chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals (1924-43) and active participant in Village affairs, who died in 1949.

Hazelhurst Park, including the area east of Clinton Rd. from the Water Works facility to Old Country Rd. It was named after Hazelhurst Airfield, which in turn was named after Leighton W. Hazelhurst, an army aviator who died in 1912 in an air accident. Hazelhurst Airfield, named in 1917, eventually became Roosevelt Field before the arrival of the shopping center on the site. This area was made dedicated parkland to prevent access to the shopping center from Clinton Rd.

In addition to these, the Village map identifies:

Osborne Park, bounded by Osborne Rd., Westbury Rd., and Wetherill Rd. This area was originally laid out with building plots.

Avalon Park, bounded by Avalon Rd., East Dr., and Clinton Rd.

Rainbow Park, bounded by Rainbow Place, St. James St. South, and Clinton Rd. This includes the Rainbow Division obelisk commemorating the work of the 42nd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, which was stationed at Camp Mills, located east of Clinton Rd., during World War I.

Hemlock Park, named after Hemlock St. which was appropriated for the playground and school.

Grove Park, named for the adjacent street, originally consisting of one baseball diamond at the end of Poplar St. This park, adjacent houses to its north and property to its south was formed to buffer the Village from commercial development to the east.

An older Village map also identifies:

Clinton Park, bounded by Stewart Ave., Clinton Rd., and Emmet Place. This was laid out with the development of the East in 1910, and once had a large circular fountain at the south end (now filled in with bushes), and tennis courts at the Stewart end (vestiges are still apparent). A proposed clubhouse for the East on the site was never built.

Curtiss Park, bounded by Clinton Rd., the Curtiss Engineering facility of 1917 (now BOCES), and the LIRR.



View of proposed Clinton Park, with Clinton Rd. at left and RR Station in upper left hand corner, showing fountain, tennis courts and clubhouse

Library Update—Charlie Murphy

Elevator Ups and Downs

Since August, the Garden City Public Library elevator has been in and out of commission many times until the elevator was shutdown for several months because of safety concerns. Naturally, this issue has been frustrating to the library and village administrators, as well as to the library and village trustees. On November 8, after a number of failed interventions, the library and village trustees have been told the operating issues has been corrected. With that said, the elevator service company indicated there could be a few more "ups and downs" with the elevator service. If the problems continue, a replacement elevator will be recommended by the library trustees. In fact, this request has already been added to the proposed library budget for 2015-16.

Library Programs

Children's Winter Registration News

Registration for children's winter programs is scheduled to begin Monday, **January 5**, 2015 at 9:30 AM. Registration for story-times and special programs can be done online via Eventkeeper . Registration for book discussions must be done in person in the Children's Room. For more information about children's storytimes, book discussions and special programs, check online on Eventkeeper or in the Children's Room for our winter flyers beginning mid-December. Go to <http://www.gardencitypl.org/index.php> for Eventkeeper.

What to do on a cold, winter Monday afternoon... Enjoy a movie sponsored by the *Friends of the Garden City Public Library*. Shows begin at 1:30 p.m.

Friends Monday Movie Matinée

January Theme - The Edge of Your Seat!

January 5 - Rear Window, 1954
 January 12 - Vertigo, 1958
 January 19 - Dial M for Murder, 1954
 January 26 - The Man Who Knew Too Much, 1956

February Theme - A Potpourri!

February 2 - 13 Conversations, 2001
 February 9 - Mystic River, 2003
 February 23 - Spanish Prisoners, 1998

Student Work Displayed Throughout January!

St. Joseph School Showcase Exhibit

A display presented by St. Joseph School will be exhibited in the Library showcases during January. Come by to see samples of student work, artwork, photos, and school programs in honor of Catholic Schools Week. The exhibits are sponsored by the *Friends of the Garden City Public Library*.

Does the April 15th Tax Day make you nervous...if so, the public library has a program for you....

How to Pay Less Income Tax January 29, 2015, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Barry Lisak presents a seminar to help reduce one's Federal and New York State taxes. Mr. Lisak is an IRS enrolled agent and tax professional and is currently the tax columnist for New York's civil service paper, "The Chief". New ObamaCare laws will be discussed, as well as all new Federal & New York State tax laws enacted this year. The booklet *Last Minute Income Tax Strategies*, will be distributed to all attendees.

Contact Laura Flanagan for more information 742-8405 ext 239

EPOA Membership Application

2015 EPOA Dues: Please remit as soon as possible!

One Household.....\$20.00

Please make check payable to the EPOA and mail in the enclosed envelope.
The canceled check is your receipt.

Registration

Designated Members: \$20 per household (includes all adult members)

Name

Amount Due: \$20

First _____

Last _____

First _____

Last _____

Additional Adult Member(s)

First _____

Last _____

First _____

Last _____

First _____

Last _____

Total Remitted (\$20 maximum) \$_____

Household Address: _____
Garden City, NY 11530

Email: _____

* As a dues paying member, you are eligible to receive our e-communication bulletins!

Thank You for Your Support!
Box 7525, Garden City, New York 11530
www.gcepoa.org

Meeting Notice: Tuesday, January 20
Resident Electors' Meeting
7:30 pm: Stewart School Auditorium

The Resident Electors of Garden City, residing east of the center of Franklin Avenue and hereinafter known as Resident Electors of the East, will meet Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Stewart School auditorium for the purpose of verifying the candidates for election to the office of Mayor of Garden City for a term of two years. The following name has been placed in nomination by the elected Garden City East Nominating Committee and otherwise known as the 15 Member Nominating Committee.

For Village Mayor, nominated by the East Nominating Committee: Dennis Donnelly

Independent nominations may be made by petition in accordance with the following procedure excerpted from the Eastern Property Owners' Association of Garden City, Inc., Procedures for Nominating Village Officials and Trustees: Additional proposals for nominations as Village Mayor or Trustee may be made by petition filed with the Corporate Secretary at least 30 days prior to the January electors' meeting and signed by not less than 15 resident electors. Any nominating petition so filed shall, in addition, set forth the residence addresses of the signers, the names and addresses of the persons proposed for nomination for Village offices and the offices for which they are proposed.

For Village Mayor, nominated by independent petition: Nicholas Episcopia

** Qualified Resident Elector shall mean any resident of Garden City residing East of the center of Franklin Avenue then eligible to register to vote in any applicable school or Village election.*

EPOA Public Meeting Immediately Follows Resident Electors' Meeting

Town Hall Q&A with Candidates

Reports from EPOA President Christine Mullaney, VP Joe Moody, Treasurer Sal Norberto

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