



EPOA News

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

EPOA Joint Meeting
June 7th
7:30 PM
Senior Center

Agenda Includes:

- Updates from Trustees on Village issues: budget, labor, senior center, social services site and more
- Updates from School and Library Trustees
- Check EPOA website for meeting updates

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Spring 2016

President's Message

by Joe Moody

Each June marks the end of another year for the EPOA. We will meet for the annual public meeting of the EPOA and resident electors on June 7th at the renovated Senior Center on Golf Club Lane. For those of you who have not been there it is a wonderful meeting space to hold property owners' association meetings. The EPOA doesn't schedule meetings in July or August, although we continue to monitor Village issues, respond to resident inquiries and meet as necessary. June is also a transition month when some directors leave and new directors come on board.

This June we are saying goodbye to two directors: Neil O'Malley and Judy Courtney long-time residents who have both served as directors for nine years. As director, Neil O'Malley has been very active, often seeking out additional ways to participate. During his tenure Neil has been a liaison to the Traffic Commission and also served on the EPOA Scholarship Committee and East Nominating Committee. Whenever Neil took on a project he would give his all, and it would be completed on time and to its full potential. Judy Courtney has also contributed significantly to the EPOA during her years on the board. Judy has served as Vice President and President of the EPOA. Much was accomplished during Judy's years as President of the EPOA. The EPOA website was rebuilt to a more modern and functional design for our members. The EPOA also implemented the use of Benchmark email, which is the service we use to send the e-bulletin and e-notices by email to all of our dues paying members. There was also a complete review and update of all of the EPOA By-Laws and Procedures. The number of EPOA public meetings was doubled during Judy's tenure as well. On behalf of the EPOA board I would like to thank Neil and Judy for their years of dedicated service to the village and residents of Garden City. This is a village that invites resident participation at every level and Neil and Judy exemplify the best of that volunteer spirit.

I would like to thank our existing EPOA officers Vice President Tom Hogan, Corresponding Secretary Bob Rymers, Corporate Secretary Joe Courtade and Treasurer Sal Norberto. These gentleman do an unbelievable amount of work to make sure our organization runs smoothly. I am happy to announce that our officers have all been nominated to serve the EPOA for another year. I would like to thank our EPOA Directors as well, who all contribute many hours of work to the betterment of our village. Congratulations to Robert Schoelle Jr and Brian Finneran as newly nominated directors. We look forward to adding you to our group and working with you both in the future.

The EPOA continues to receive an increasing number of assistance requests through the contact link on our website, frequently related to stop signs or other traffic situations on local streets. The Village Traffic Commission is appointed annually by the Mayor and Board of Trustees and is comprised of one trustee from each section of Garden City, plus the director of public works and the police commissioner. Trustee John Delany is currently serving from the East. The Commission is responsible for traffic control operations, parking regulations, and requests for signs and other devices. Resident requests go to the Property Owners' Associations, which typically investigate (getting police and DPW input as necessary) and make a recommendation to the Traffic Commission, where the Trustees consider the matter and vote. EPOA directors Mark Hyer and Barbara Gary as well as former EPOA President Chris Mullaney have all been highly effective as your liaisons to the Traffic Commission. I want to thank them for all of their endless efforts to assist our residents.

I encourage anyone reading this to please attend the EPOA Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane on June 7th, beginning at 7:30 pm. Participation and communication are the bases to what makes the EPOA an effective organization.

The EPOA Twitter account we started last year has become an effective communication tool for notifying members quickly and efficiently about meeting times, events, and related articles. I would like to acknowledge Vice President Tom Hogan and Director Paul Dircks who have done a tremendous job with managing our Twitter account. For EPOA members that already have a Twitter account, you can follow the EPOA's account by searching "GC_ EPOA." For members that do not have a Twitter account, you can set up your Twitter account at <https://twitter.com>, search under "GC_ EPOA" and select to follow this account. There is no charge for this service.

For residents unable to attend, please check our website for information. For those residents who have paid their \$20 annual EPOA dues and who have supplied us with their email, you will continue to receive the e-Bulletin with news updates and other important information sent monthly and in emergencies as

EPOA Nominees for 2016-2017

The Director & Officer Nominating Committee of the Eastern Property Owners' Association has nominated the following residents as officers and directors for 2016 – 2017: president, Joe Moody, 166 Meadow Street; vice president, Tom Hogan, 41 Chestnut Street; corresponding secretary, Bob Rymers, 22 Elm Street; corporate secretary, Joe Courtade, 14 Kingsbury Road; treasurer, Sal Norberto, 88 Garden Street.

For current directors, serving new three year terms: Mark Hyer 43 Wyatt Road

For current directors, serving new two year terms: Paul Dircks 62 Saint James St, Barbara Gary 42 Locust Street, Steve Ilardi 139 Meadow Street, Mark Mehlman 17 Russell Road, Mike Nagler 35 Wyatt Road.

For new directors, serving one year terms: Robert Schoelle, Jr. 33 Garden Street, Brian Finneran 42 Claydon Road.

Nominations for officers and directors may also be made by not less than 15 voting members of the Association not later than 20 days prior to the annual meeting of the Association by filing with the Corporate Secretary of the Association a nominating petition signed by them setting forth the names and addresses of any or all person(s) nominated by them for such offices. The Corporate Secretary is Joe Courtade. The annual

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President	Joe Moody
Vice President	Tom Hogan
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Treasurer	Sal Norberto

Directors:

Judy Courtney
 Andy DeLannoy
 Barbara Garry
 Mark Hyer
 Steve Illardi
 Tom Mastanduono
 Marc Mehlman
 Barbara Moore
 Michael Nagler
 Tom Nappi
 Neil O'Malley
 Jennifer Sullivan
 Matt Teri
 Ted Ucinski

representatives from the east

Village Trustees	Nick Episcopia (Mayor) John Delany
Acting Village Justice	Brian Deveney
Library Board Trustee	Charlie Murphy Peter D'Antonio (at-large)
School Board Trustee	Robert Martin
Architectural Design Review	Barbara Ruggiero
Cultural & Recreational Affairs	Ken Moody Judy Courtney (at-large)
Environmental Advisory Board	Leo Stimmler Elizabeth Bailey (at-large) Carol Neidich-Ryder (a-l)
Planning Commission	William Bellmer H. Bradford Gustavson Neal J. Sweeney
Zoning Board of Appeals	Brian Paradine
CBRC	Linda Ryan
Editor	Judy Courtney

Mayor and Trustee Update

CROWN CASTLE - For the last several months there has been a controversy about the upgrading of Verizon cell phone antenna equipment mounted on utility poles in the rear yards of several homes in the Village. Verizon has retained the firm Crown Castle to do the installation. Several residents in the East object to the installation and want the Board of Trustees to stop it. Upon review of the situation, Village counsel stated that this is a federal matter because Federal law and FCC regulations govern this work. Our Engineering Department checked the plans and specifications and found that the plans for this project meet federal standards.

The residents insisted that we retain the Albany based consulting firm of Municipal Solutions to review Crown Castle's plans and specifications. The Board of Trustees immediately vetted the company, which also has done work for the Town of Hempstead, and having found them to be highly respected in their field of emissions testing, retained the company. Municipal Solutions reported in writing that Crown Castle's plans and specifications meet federal standards and therefore as a local government, we cannot stop or block the project because federal law supersedes local law.

Because the BOT takes the health and safety of residents very seriously, we have contracted Municipal Solutions to inspect the equipment to make sure it has been installed properly, and also to do an independent test of the emissions.

It should be noted that five years ago, when the antennas were initially installed, we retained a respected engineering firm to test the emissions. At that time, their tests came back showing that emission was approximately 98% below federal danger levels. In other words, if the federal standard was 100%, the test results registered at 2%.

Although federal statutes and FCC regulations govern the antennas, our Village counsel has prepared a local law dealing with procedures to govern the installations, which we hope to approve shortly. Recently, when Crown Castle came to install the equipment on the utility poles in the rear of several residents' yards, they arrived without a copy of their easement permitting them to do so. Certain residents called the police and absent the paperwork, the workers were regarded as trespassers and asked to leave. Shortly thereafter Village Counsel was copied on Crown Castle's letters to these residents stating that the company was going to obtain a court order to enforce their easement right to install the equipment on the poles. As of this writing we have heard nothing about a court decision.

Over the past months, the Board of Trustees has done everything possible to protect our residents because we are not pleased with Crown Castle and certainly care about the health and safety of all of our neighbors. Mayor Episcopia and Trustee Delany have met with the residents as well as NYS Assemblyman Ed Ra and a representative of Congresswoman Kathleen Rice's office. Along with Village Counsel and our consultants, Municipal Solutions, and all say Garden City cannot stop the installation as long as Crown Castle meets federal guidelines and has a valid easement.

Mayor Episcopia has spent many hours on this topic and has done everything possible to protect our residents. Unfortunately, some of our residents continue to maintain that we have done nothing for them and have publically cast aspersions on our integrity. The mayor states, "From my personal standpoint, and on behalf of my fellow trustees, the residents' abusive accusations are totally unwarranted".

CSEA - As previously reported, the Village has been trying to settle with the CSEA Rank & File for the last several years. In accordance with the Triborough Law, we have received the long awaited "Factfinders Report" that agrees almost completely with our offer to the CSEA Rank & File. As a result, the union representatives have now become somewhat more willing to accept our offer. We will try our best to reach a settlement, but it cannot be said for sure that we are there yet. We will most likely go to "Legislative Determination" which under the law means the matter reverts back to the Board of Trustees., and in the absence of an agreement by the workers' to certain terms in a new contract, there will be no pay increase while all other terms of the existing contract remain in place and the entire negotiation process starts all over again.

PAID FIREFIGHTERS -To date, the Village has not settled with our paid firefighters' union. The BOT has a certain long-range plan for our Fire Department which we believe will improve both economy and efficiency without any effect on service. It has been several years since we have had a new contract with the paid firefighters. As with the CSEA Rank & File, we hope to come to a satisfactory settlement.

Our 2016-2017 budget calls for the layoff of two paid firefighters. This has been thoroughly analyzed by our Chiefs and they have clearly determined that this action will not impede service or increase the risk of danger. Once again, the members of the Board of Trustees, as well as the Chiefs and members of our Volunteer Fire Department, all have families who live in our Village. Trustees assure you that none would ever take any action that would increase the risk of danger to our residents or business community. The attacks against the BOT by the paid firefighters and others are totally unwarranted and as before, they will respond vigorously to these statements with hard facts.

LIRR MAIN LINE THIRD TRACK -Along with some of our Village Trustees and officials from other villages, Mayor Episcopia has attended meetings with members of Governor Cuomo's staff at the New Hyde Park Village Hall to discuss elimination of the grade crossings at New Hyde Park Road and Covert Avenue. The Governor's representatives listened to our suggestions and we believe that a plan acceptable to the Villages will be approved provided we agree to the Governor's proposal for the construction of the third track along the LIRR Main Line from Floral Park to Hicksville.

The Governor's staff has said that scoping sessions, which are public meetings where input from the general public will be heard, began in May. All of the mayors of the villages that will be affected remain opposed to construction of the third track for several reasons: there has yet to be a truly definitive analysis to unequivocally show that the additional third track on the Main Line will yield the economic benefit that the Governor's staff avers will occur; and as of this writing, there are no definitive plans as to how the construction will be carried out. Despite claims that homes bordering the existing railroad will not be taken to make room for the new third track, there is no proof that it will not happen, and it is virtually impossible for this project not to affect the quality of life of residential and business communities along the Main Line during construction (which given the LIRR's record, could take years), and thereafter upon completion.

2016-2017 VILLAGE BUDGET- Finally, our Trustees are happy to report that in our 2016-2017 Budget we have stayed under the .12% tax cap. This was very hard to achieve. Both our Village staff and Board of Trustees' Finance Committee deserve the thanks of the entire community.

Street Resurfacing- While street resurfacing is subject to a bond issuance the tentative schedule for the streets in the East is as follows:

- Main Street-from Franklin Ave to Meadow Street
- Meadow Street-from Main Street to Clinton Road
- All of the following streets:
- Westbury Road, Kingsbury Road, Grove Street, Pell Terrace and Prospect Avenue.

The bond for this work should be issued by late Spring with the work to start by summer.

Police-The Garden City Police Department was only one of two Long Island Village Department that was awarded the Mother's Against Drunk Driving Department of the Year award for its efforts in the detection and enforcement of impaired driving DWI. In 2015 the Department recorded 69 arrests for impaired driving. In addition, recently retired Officer Oswald received two awards - the Excellence Award for his efforts in 2015 and a Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding career in DWI enforcement. All these awards are indicative of the Department's commitment and efforts to keep our roadways safe.

Fire Headquarters Construction- Because of unforeseen issues that arose as construction proceeded, the Headquarters construction is approximately 6 weeks behind the original schedule. We expect the construction to be completed by mid-May at the budgeted amount.

Senior Center-Golf Club Lane-The new Senior Center is a great hit. During March, the first month in operation, 1300 residents visited the Center. While the Center is used by seniors and their organizations during the day, a number of groups use the Center in the evenings. So far these include, the Property Owners Associations, bridged groups and civic associations.

Marriott Ring Road-The Marriott developer (OTO) and the Village's building consultant (H2M) have had meetings to finalize the plans to prepare for a presentation to the Zoning Change Committee for initial review. After the initial review, the plans will be presented to the Board of Trustees for any zoning change. H2M's responsibility is to review the economic, traffic and other aspects of the Marriott proposal.

Future Family Court- Mayor Episcopia and Trustee Delany recently toured the future Nassau County Family and Matrimonial Court (the former Social Services building on Eleventh Street). Phase I of the construction is moving forward. To date, 58 dry wells have been built to provide adequate drainage at the site. In addition, reinforcement of the existing structure is almost completed. In late Spring, we expect to see work on the exterior siding and interior work including electrical, plumbing and elevators begin. It is anticipated that this Phase I work will be completed by August 2017. Thereafter, Phase II will begin, including the interior buildout of the Court.

To all dues paying members of the EPOA -

If you are not receiving our monthly eBulletin, please send your correct email address, along with your name and street address, to gcepoa.org. We will verify your address and correct the problem.

Cultural and Recreation Affairs—Ken Moody

Community Park Field Project

Fields project is well under way. Infields will be done first then the outfields will be completed. Project is on schedule to be finished by June 17th. Fields are expected to be open for play on Labor Day. A letter was sent out in April to all sports organizations and teams explaining the need for a \$15 charge for field usage in order to help fund the fields project (attached) as well as a letter they can include in their registration packages to their constituents.

Garden City Pool Bathhouse Renovations

In a continuing effort to upgrade our infrastructure at the Pool, a complete renovation of the existing Ladies and Men's shower and restroom facilities totaling approximately 3,800 square feet has begun. Concrete work has been completed. Framing, installation of water lines and tile backer board installation are underway. Additional areas within the bathhouses are to be repurposed in order to support staff operations, relocate locker rooms, provide changing areas and increase ADA-compliant restroom space. Existing hot water heaters and all drainage systems are to be replaced as well. The project is on schedule for a projected completion date of mid May.

Summer camp registration begins

The 2016 Summer Camp Brochure is now ready and available at our office at 108 Rockaway Avenue and online at www.gardencityrecreation.org. We offer a variety of camps for children ages 4-15 as well as US Sports Institute's offerings beginning at age 2. Camps we offering include: Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Girls' Volleyball, Field Hockey, Computer Coding, Science, Language, Legos, Filmmaking and much more.

2016 Spring Adult Tennis Lessons

The Garden City Recreation Department will conduct evening tennis lessons for adults who are residents of the Inc. Village of Garden City at the Community Park Tennis Facility. The lessons will run for one hour each week in three sessions during the spring/summer months. The registrant has a choice of a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday class and a choice of time. There will be a maximum of four players per court. To register, please visit the Recreation and Parks Office at 108 Rockaway Avenue or download and application at www.gardencityrecreation.org.

US Sports Institute's Summer Camps For Garden City Recreation

US Sports Institute is back and working with Garden City Recreation and Parks for this summer! Many camps are being offered for residents of the Inc. Village of Garden City ages 2-14. Registration has begun for our Sport Institute Summer Camps! Please visit their website at www.ussportsinstitute.com to see offerings, dates, and times of camps.

Youth Tennis Lessons

Sign your child up for the sport of a lifetime! There is no other sport that you can play throughout your life - from the earliest ages to your latest years that gives you the social, physical mental and social benefits tennis gives you. Spots are still available in various classes! Please visit our Recreation and Parks Administration Office (108 Rockaway Avenue) or www.gardencityrecreation.org for more details.

Early Bird Tennis

Start the day off right with an enjoyable morning workout! Our Tennis Center courts are open at 7:00 am every morning. Before you head to work or tackle other obligations consider having some fun and play some tennis! For further information or to reserve a court please call the Tennis Center at 516-483-2525.

Plan Your Party Now!

If you are planning a birthday party, a group outing or just looking to get together with family, friends or co-workers, why not try miniature golf at Community Park. Our course has twists and turns to excite players of all ages! We offer a beautiful setting with a shaded picnic area, and a playground. Additionally this fun filled activity is reasonably priced. So look into our party packages and let the fun begin! We are now booking parties for the 2016 season. For more information or to book a party, call Tom at the Community Park Clubhouse at 483- 2525.

Senior Citizen Tennis Time

The Department of Recreation and Parks is happy to announce that "Senior Citizen Time" is expanding at the Garden City Tennis Center. Senior residents can now take advantage of the \$20 per hour per court rate on the newly expanded time period of Monday through Friday 7:00am -6:00pm. To make a court reservation, please call the Tennis Clubhouse at 483-2525.

Upcoming Senior Trips

Wednesday, June 8 – Cruise around Manhattan as We “Cruise through the Fifties”. - Enjoy a wonderful buffet lunch as we join Rendezvous Travel aboard the Spirit Cruise Line as they take us back to the 50's. The cost of the trip includes travel on coach bus to the boat, lunch, music and dancing. A cash bar will be available. The cost of this trip will be \$75 per person, made payable to Rendezvous Travel.

Tuesday, July 12 – Tom Jones Tribute Show at Resorts, Atlantic City – Join us as we ride to Atlantic City with Rendezvous Travel to see Lou Nelson perform as Tom Jones in this wonderful tribute! Enjoy this dynamic spectacle that has thrilled audiences worldwide. You will have time to gamble or walk the boardwalk before the show. Lunch is on your own. You will receive \$25 in slot play when we arrive at Resorts! The cost of this trip is \$50, checks only made payable to Rendezvous Travel.

Wednesday, September 21 – Ellis Island and Lunch in Little Italy - Explore your heritage as we take as trip to Ellis Island. We will travel by coach bus into the city where we will board a ferry to the Island. You will have time to see the great exhibits at the museum on Ellis. After we visit the museum, we will travel to Little Italy where we will have lunch at La Nonna. The cost of this trip is \$80, checks only made payable to Rendezvous Travel.

It's Not Too Late!
Join the Garden City Pool
Lots of new offerings for a summer of great fun!
Contact the Recreation Office or website
(www.gardencityrecreation.org) for more information

Kids Camp

Member Appreciation Nights

Swim Lessons

Civic Beautification — Althea Robinson

KEEPING THE GARDENS IN GARDEN CITY

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Working in cooperation with the Village Department of Recreation and Parks, including the Director Kevin Ocker, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, along with Parks General Supervisor, Michael Dydik, the Civic Beautification Committee (CBC) continues to enhance the Village landscape with a variety of annual and perennial flowers offering a sequence of bloom throughout the seasons. In recent years, additional plantings have been added to areas around Village Hall and have been continued on entryways to the Village, all railroad stations, parks, Village monuments and the Public Library. This past fall, over 800 mums in various fall colors were ablaze throughout the Village.

The Committee, appointed by the mayor of Garden City consists of representatives from all four property owners' associations and works along with the Messrs. Ocker and Dydik with the responsibility of both designating and designing various landscape improvements throughout the Village. The program, reactivated in 1988, is ongoing with the Committee's chairperson customarily serving from the property owners' association represented by the mayor. Currently, it is chaired by Althea Robinson (EPOA) throughout Mayor Nick Episcopia's term. Representing the three other POAs are Suzie Alvey (WPOA), Janet Curtin (CPOA) and Kathleen Auro (Estates POA).

STREETSCAPE PROJECT INITIATIVE

A new initiative this year has been the formation of a focus group comprised of business leaders with input from the CBC. The intention is to address streetscape improvements of Garden City's business districts and to invigorate the Village's business corridors based on looks and functionality. Two workshop meetings took place recently, and according to the landscape architectural firm engaged by the Village, preliminary suggestions and recommendations are currently being developed for review with the Village.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING/SUMMER 2016

At a recent meeting Messrs. Ocker, Dydik and members of the CBC planned for pink and white wave petunias to fill 108 baskets along Seventh Street, Franklin Avenue and New Hyde Park Road. Due to an earlier start, they are expected to outdo those of last year. Major focal area, i.e., the clock on the mall at Franklin and Stewart Avenues will have a spring color scheme of scaevola (blue) and melonpodium (yellow). Planters on Franklin Avenue will be filled with red and yellow pansies with additional color schemes at sites throughout the Village. Kevin Ocker confirms that while additional streetscape initiatives are being discussed as part of the Streetscape Project, they are in the preliminary stage and part of ongoing discussion and process. Stay tuned.

*"Gardens are made by singing
Oh how beautiful and sitting in the shade"*
Rudyard Kipling

School Board Update—Bob Martin

At the April 16 School Board meeting, the Board approved the proposed 2016- 2017 budget of \$110,827,444, an increase of 0.61% over the current budget. The projected tax levy increase (with STAR) is 1.09%. The tax levy was reduced from the original proposal when the State Budget added funds totaling \$417,000 to Garden City School's state aid. Approximately \$240,000 of these additional funds will be used to reduce the tax levy, the balance will be used to enhance educational programs. The public vote to approve the proposed school budget was held on May 17.

Included in the proposed budget are several additions to the staff and enhancements to the educational programs. Primary school staffing will be increased due to increases in enrollment. Project Lead the Way, a STEM initiative, will be expanded. Additional academic support will be added at the primary and secondary levels. Security enhancements, additional buses and vans, textbooks, library books, and musical instruments will be purchased.

In addition to the school budget, two additional items were on the May 17 ballot: the election of two School Board Trustees; and, approval to release funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for three specific capital projects.

Trustees Laura Hastings (Estates) and Bill Holub (WPOA) ran for reelection. The Capital Reserve Fund was established and funded by public vote last year. The proposal on the ballot will release \$2.3 Million to pay for three capital improvements: High School turf field replacement; High School auditorium HVAC improvements and related abatement; and, Middle School breezeway window replacement.

Funds for these necessary capital improvements are already in the Capital Reserve Fund. With an approval vote, there will be no change in the school budget or the tax levy.

Library Update—Charlie Murphy

The mission of the Garden City Public Library is to connect people with information”

Download eBooks and Audiobooks - Garden City's collection of eBooks and audiobooks continues to grow and is available through the Nassau Digital Doorway. Rather than pay for the books on Amazon, the Digital Doorway collection has most of the bestsellers and popular books available for immediate download. Save your money and download for free!

Library Elevator - The new elevator was scheduled to be installed in February. Unfortunately, due to a bidding issue, the installation was postponed. The Village now expects the elevator to be installed during the summer months.

Finding Books...Not Enough Time - Why waste time searching for books at the library? The Garden City and Nassau County Library System has a search box at the top of the GC Library webpage. Similar to a card catalog, the search engine looks up title, author, keyword and subject. Just add your library card number and password and the book is reserved for you. The system will send you an email when your materials are ready. No need to search through the stacks of books when the system will have your books ready for easy pickup at the checkout desk. What a service!

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	9:30 am – 9:00 pm
Friday - Saturday	9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Closed Sundays during July and August	

Facts of the East—Bill Bellmer

Country Life Press Station

Country Life Press might seem an odd name for a railroad station. It comes, however, from the name of the eponymous book printing facility established on Franklin Ave. by Doubleday, Page & Co. when they moved from New York City to Garden City in 1910.

When the facility was constructed, Chestnut St. and its RR underpass did not exist, nor did any houses in the East. The street and underpass were added in 1911 to connect the Central area to the new streets east of the railroad.

To make commuting easier for its city staff, the company asked the LIRR to add a station on its Hempstead branch, which it did much more quickly than anything could be accomplished today. Included was a brick station house opposite Damson St. which was reached via an elegant staircase just east of the underpass. The heated building contained a rest room and had a ticket agent, and Doubleday considered it "our station".



Station House—1919

When the trolley terminal for the LIRR Central Extension was moved from the Garden City station in 1922, a northward extension of the Country Life Press low-level platform was made over the underpass to a new terminal opposite Beech St. Patrons would now change trains at Country Life Press for shuttle service to Clinton Rd. station and beyond. This connection was very heavily used in the days of WW 1 and Camp Mills.

In 1953 the shuttle service was discontinued, and the track to the station removed. The Village acquired the Wye railroad area and began transforming it into a parking field. The southeast quadrant was reserved for commuters at Country Life Press, accessed only from St. James St. South. The field was later converted to one large area and the southeast access points removed to prevent cut-throughs to Seventh St.

In 1968 the LIRR raised all its platforms to accommodate its new cars without stairs. The Country Life Press platform was shifted to south of the station house, as its roof overhang would otherwise be too low. A new sidewalk was installed on the west side of St. James St. S for those who could no longer walk from the Wye parking field over Chestnut St. via the platform. The station house was also closed.

Since that time it has been suggested to reopen the building with access from the street side to give the patrons of the station the same amenities, principally shelter and heat, as at the other stations in the Village. Modern security measures could prevent vandalism. A grant would be necessary to do the work, however, similar to (but not nearly as much as) the \$1 million grants obtained for each of those other stations. The roof has now deteriorated to the point of letting water inside. It is a sad ending for a historic structure.



**TO ALL RESIDENT ELECTORS AND PRPOERTY OWNERS IN THE EASTERN SECTION
OF THE INCORPORATED VILAGE OF GARDEN CITY
JOINT MEETING JUNE 7, 2016 —7:30 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

Purpose of the Resident Elector's meeting:

To meet the newly elected five members of the fifteen member Garden City East Nominating Committee that proposed candidates for Village-wide offices including Village Board of Trustees and School Board Trustees. These five were elected for three year terms in accordance with Article II (GC East Nominating Committee) of the EPOA Procedures for Nomination of Village and School District Officers.

For a Three Year Term

- Steve Illardi – 139 Meadow Street
- Joe Nadolny – 108 Poplar Street
- Mike Nagler – 35 Wyatt Road
- Karl Schmidt – 38 Russell Road
- Ted Ucinski – 8 Huntington Road

Please take a moment of your time to join the EPOA.

You may also join through the EPOA Web site—www.gcepoa.org—by following the membership link on our home page.

Many residents already have supplied their email addresses to the EPOA, so that we may contact them with news updates and other important information via eBulletins sent monthly and in emergencies as necessary.

Please consider giving us your email address on the membership form. We do not share our email distribution list with anyone!

Save the Date: Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30!

**Annual EPOA Joint Public Meeting
Golf Club Lane Senior Center**

EPOA Public Meeting Immediately Follows

**See inside newsletter for additional information
Check EPOA website for updates: www.gcepoa.org**

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