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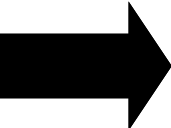
# **epoa news**

**The Official Newsletter of the Eastern Property Owners' Association  
Garden City, New York 11530  
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*Representing Residents of the East since 1918*

**Nominating Committee Selects Dennis Donnelly for Village Board  
Francine Ryan Challenges, Triggering Primary Election January 29**

**Resident Electors' Meeting: January 15, 7:30 pm Stewart School Auditorium  
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The elected members of the Garden City East Nominating Committee have unanimously nominated Dennis Donnelly, current Trustee from the East, to the Village's Board of Trustees (BOT) for a new two-year term.

The nominee will be presented at the January 15, 2013, Resident Electors' meeting, to be held in the Stewart School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 pm. Trustee Donnelly has been challenged by petition by East resident Francine Ryan, who also interviewed with the Committee, and therefore no vote will be taken among resident electors on January 15. Under rules of the Community Agreement and the Unified Procedure of the POAs, Ryan's petition automatically triggers a primary election to be held two weeks after the January 15 resident electors' meeting.

The winner of that primary will become the East's nominee on the Community Agreement Party's ballot for the March general election. Only persons residing within the East may vote in the primary, which will be held on Tuesday, January 29, at Stewart School. Additional information will be mailed by postcard to every household in the East. There will also be an announcement on the EPOA website—[www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org)—and in the local papers listing voting hours.

Joseph Moody, chairperson of the GC East Nominating Committee, said that Trustee Donnelly's long involvement in Village government and deep knowledge of Village issues were key to making him the unanimous choice of the 15-member committee. "Dennis impressed the committee with his experience in dealing with the complexities of balancing the desire for continued first class Village services and the constraints of keeping taxes at a reasonable level," Moody explained.

Prior to his initial election in 2009 as a Trustee, Donnelly served as president of the Eastern Property Owners' Association (EPOA) and chairman of the Joint Conference Committee (JCC) of the Village POAs. The Garden City Chamber of Commerce honored him with its Community Achievement Award in 2008. Donnelly has lived in Garden City since 1969 and is retired from Verizon, where he served as Director of Government and Community Relations for the Long Island region.

Francine Ryan has lived in the Village since 1985 and is a partner with her husband in The Ryan Group, a Garden City based advertising and marketing agency where she serves as president and chief marketing officer. She has

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from the east

Village Trustees	<i>Dennis Donnelly</i> <i>Nicholas Episcopia</i>
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Newsletter Editor  
Christine Mullaney

Public Works /Sandy

As you all know, "Sandy" was the worst natural catastrophe to hit our area since the 1938 hurricane. Garden City received little water damage but the wind wreaked havoc on our trees. Approximately 515 village owned trees were lost, and the East, especially the Mott area, was very hard hit. The wreckage was hard to believe. Practically all of us had some power outage and the majority were without electricity for 12 or more days. LIPA's response was unacceptable and their coordination of out of state utility workers extremely poor.

In comparison to LIPA's restoration of power lines, Garden City's response was clearly first rate. We went to Village Hall Tuesday morning where the staff was hard at work selecting contractors to first remove Village owned trees from the streets, houses and private property, cut them up and haul them away. The next job was stump removal, and finally, grading the areas where stumps were removed. Repaving sidewalks will have to wait for milder weather in the Spring. Street and stop signs are being replaced, and street lights repaired throughout the Village as quickly as possible.

We opened the Ferrenga Field House to the LIPA's out-of-town utility workers, who set up a virtual army camp. They were very grateful to the Village for this support and we believe this gave them an added incentive to restore power in Garden City as quickly as possible, which actually happened compared to other communities. We kept the Village Hall Board Room and the Library open at night so residents could have a place to go for warmth, charge cell phones and use computers.

We all can be very proud of the work our senior and line staff did. They were professional, responsive and respectful, even though they had to leave their own families, even though many of them were without power in their own communities, or were suffering from severe damage to their homes from flooding and fallen trees.

Needless to say, the cost of this massive cleanup was high. At the time of this writing, it is estimated that the cost will be in the low to moderate seven figures, which includes not only the cost of the contractors, but also straight and overtime pay for the Public Works Department and uniformed services. Nick attended the Nassau Village Officials Meeting where FEMA representatives stated that villages would be reimbursed for 87.5% of cleanup expenses and that both straight and overtime pay would be included, although it is still unclear as to how much FEMA will allocate for this expense.

We have been granted approximately \$420,000 of FEMA funds for last year's Hurricane Irene. At this point "Sandy" should cost the Village approximately \$500,000 that will not be recouped from FEMA. Considering what "Sandy" did to our neighbors in waterfront communities, we should be thankful that although painful, our problems were not catastrophic and no lives were lost.

Police/Sandy

The police department increased patrols and worked 16 hour shifts to protect our neighborhoods. Crime during the crisis was contained to four burglaries on one evening. We managed with excellent detective work and cooperation to capture the individual in record time. He is now awaiting trial on numerous charges. Commissioner Jackson utilized every available officer to patrol duty so police presence was omnipresent.

Trustees' Update



by Nicholas Episcopia and Dennis Donnelly

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## President's Message

by Judy Courtney



As we begin a new year, I am reminded of the many new endeavors the EPOA and the Village is anticipating. Each of these is important and has a different type of impact on all of us.

The budget process begins soon, with many challenges for the entire Village. While the 2% tax cap presented many challenges last year, I applaud the Trustees' work in managing to maintain a high level of service while adhering to this new requirement. This year promises to be even more difficult, with the costs from Hurricane Sandy, continued salary negotiations with Village staff and other challenges on the horizon. This will require even greater oversight from our Trustees about all our spending, including the relatively few dollars we may have for capital improvements. We will have to take a very hard look at what is needed this year, and my hope is that as a Village, we are able to take a collective view of what is best for everyone and not focus these few dollars on ventures that support only one or two groups.

To help with this work, the East has two new members of the Citizen's Budget Review Committee. Linda Ryan and John Delany have both volunteered their time and expertise to help the Trustees review all budget requests and make final recommendations. The CBRC spends a great amount of time and energy providing their insights to the Trustees and we thank them for their efforts. All residents are invited to the Budget meetings. I encourage everyone to attend (the dates are posted on the Village web site). These meetings are a great opportunity to learn more about our budget dollars and voice your own opinion on these difficult questions.

As this new year begins, the Trustees have also received the most recent study on the review of St Paul's. This study was completed at the end of 2012 by the engineering firm of Erwin and Bielinski. The Trustee's request in commissioning this study was two-fold: first, to do a complete assessment of the most recent submission by the Committee to Save St. Paul's and secondly to present a general cost scoping of alternative uses for the building. The study is comprehensive, clear and objective. The findings indicate, quite decisively, that the Committee to Save St. Paul's recommendation, while well intentioned, is inherently flawed. The report cites numerous examples of financial miscalculations, lack of detail about code issues for the plan and the lack of other costly items that should have been included in the estimates.

The second part of the report outlines costs for potential alternatives that the Village might consider. Although these estimates do not include any use for the building (only restoration costs), it does give us a much better idea about what the true cost for restoring this building might be. I encourage everyone to read the report, which can be located on the Village website; Administration and Organization: Current Issues; St. Paul's; "St. Paul's Assessment of Conditions." My hope is that this report will put to rest the CSSP "box within a box" concept and allow us to move forward with other alternatives.

Finally, the new year brings another election cycle for the POAs. In the East, we had revised our Procedures in the fall to allow for a more organized election process. This included accepting candidates who completed an interview process and the selection of a candidate by the GC East Nominating Committee. The Committee selected Dennis Donnelly, our current Trustee. Francine Ryan, (who was also interviewed by the committee but not selected) has submitted a petition to run for Trustee, which will result in a run-off election, similar to what we have had in previous years. But, because our Procedures now require an earlier submission of petitions, we are able to have the public become more familiar with each candidate. This will include a Town Hall Q&A at our January public meeting. Both candidates will introduce themselves and tell you a bit about their background. We will ask the candidates questions and enable our voters to get a sense of their position on many issues. I encourage you to attend this important, EPOA-hosted first Town Hall discussion with Trustee candidates. It promises to be an informative and important meeting.

Through many activities, including adding more public meetings, posting our By Laws and Procedures on the EPOA site, conducting a public discussion with Trustee candidates, and other initiatives, we have made great strides in being open with all the residents of the East. I encourage you to take advantage of all this information as you think about the direction for the Village for the coming year.

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*Donnelly/Ryan Primary*

over 30 years experience in communications and marketing and sits on the Foundation Board of Directors of New York Women in Communications. For the past two years Ryan has chaired the group’s major fund-raising event, The Matrix Awards.

Ryan has been a Cub Scout, Brownie and Girl Scout leader and, with her husband, founded the Eastern Property Owners for Saving St. Paul’s.

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We asked each candidate to submit a short statement on his or her reasons for seeking the office of Village Trustee.

Statement of Dennis Donnelly

“I am running for village trustee this year so I can continue to represent the residents of the East. I have prided myself in being able to shape village budgets that preserve village services while holding taxes to reasonable levels. During my tenure as trustee, we have managed to keep taxes well below the Tax Levy Cap in each year. The village has maintained all services while reducing the number of village employees on the payroll.

I have worked very closely with our police department in reducing management while increasing the number of officers on the street. We have managed to reduce crime year after year during very challenging times.

I look forward to being able to help steer our village forward. We have enormous challenges in front of us. The recovery from “Super Storm Sandy” has posed particularly difficult demands on limited resources so we must be creative and deliberative in reaching solutions that do not unduly tax our residents.

I ask for your continued support in the coming election.”

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Statement of Francine Ryan

“I’m concerned about the future of our beloved village. I believe there are ways to increase revenues without raising taxes and cutting critical services. I want every resident’s voice heard. I want the village board to be proactive on critical issues. I want a board that operates in a cohesive, solution-driven way.

Communications with residents could be vastly improved. I believe my 30+ years of corporate experience for some of the most successful companies in America, along with my life experience as a working mother, has prepared me to make a difference in representing the people of the East.”



**The Directors and Officers of the Eastern Property Owners’ Association  
extend their wishes for a healthy, joyous and prosperous New Year to all residents  
of the Village of Garden City.**

## Update from the Environmental Advisory Board



by Elizabeth Bailey  
Member-at-large

**Water quality:** Three hearings held in recent months have focused on water quality issues on Long Island. Sarah Meyland, Director, Center for Water Resources Management, NYIT, prepares complete summaries of the hearings. If you would like to receive a copy, contact Elizabeth Bailey ([emb158@aol.com](mailto:emb158@aol.com), 37 Chestnut St, GC) and she will send the summaries to you as they become available.

Some highlights from the most recent hearing, held in Cold Spring Harbor on Dec 5:

A team from Aqua Vectors, Inc. gave a presentation on nitrates in drinking water. There are two reasons for concern about elevated levels of nitrate in drinking water: (1) Blue baby syndrome, or methemoglobinemia, can result when very young babies are fed with formula made using water containing elevated levels of nitrate; (2) Eutrophication, the over-enrichment of water bodies with nitrate, can lead to water quality issues such as algae blooms. Aqua Vectors is developing a method for nitrate removal, which will be tested at a pilot project in Northport.

Sarah Meyland gave a presentation in which she discussed in detail where we should go from here. (A summary of her presentation can be obtained from Elizabeth Bailey). Sierra Club representative John Sullivan stated that the use of atrazine, metalaxyl and imidacloprid should be banned. Other speakers raised the following issues: (1) concern about the daily release of 65 million gallons of partially treated sewage from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant after Hurricane Sandy, and the resulting impact on nearby water quality; (2) concern about the question of long-term funding for aquifer monitoring in Nassau County; (3) water is too cheap; LI residents have little financial incentive for conserving water; (4) LI authorities should look into the program which has been developed by San Antonio to preserve the Edwards Aquifer which is that city's sole source of water; (5) land conservation should remain a priority to allow for aquifer recharge; and (6) funding of superfund sites through taxation expired in 1995. Borrowed money is presently being used. A proposal now before Congress to restore funding should be passed.

**Aircraft noise:** The Port Authority plans to do significant reconstruction on JFK runway 22R over the next several years. For example, a larger safety area at the end of the runway is required to conform to FAA specifications. This work is expected to take place over 2013 and 2014. Runway 22R will not go out of service in 2013, but plans call for it to be out of service during 2014, roughly from May to November. This may result in more flights using runway 22L, and consequently more flights over GC during this time period.

There are a couple of vacancies on the Garden City Environmental Advisory Board at the present time. Anyone who is interested in serving on the board should submit a resume to the Village Clerk, Mr. Brian Ridgway, Village Hall, 351 Stewart Ave, Garden City. The chairman of the EAB is Village Trustee Laurence Quinn.

## EPOA Scholarship

The EPOA will again award a \$1,000 scholarship to a college-bound high school senior from the East with an outstanding record of community service.

Last year's recipient was Cara Matina, who is now attending Hofstra University. Cara recently wrote to the EPOA, expressing her thanks for the scholarship. She said in part:

*I would like to thank you for recognizing me...as well as awarding me the EPOA scholarship. I am so grateful I live in a community that has contributed to my events and things I have done as a Girl Scout. Thanks to my community, I have learned valuable skills, such as writing a business letter, talking on the phone and how to plan events. I am so lucky to be supported by my mother, sister and brothers. With me I will take (to college) the skills I have learned and the support I have been given and become a successful music teacher.*

EPOA director Jaime Gans is chairing the scholarship committee. She said that details of how and when to apply for the scholarship, as well as eligibility requirements, will be on the EPOA website in the near future, in addition to an announcement that will appear in the local papers.

## Library News

by John Schultz



The past couple of months have seen quite a lot of activity in the Village due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy. I would like to thank all Village officials, employees and volunteers for their tireless efforts during and after the storm. Your dedication and service to our community is greatly appreciated.

This winter, the library will be offering a workshop on how to download free library eBooks to your Kindle, Nook, and iPad (Wednesday, January 9, at 7 pm at the Garden City Public Library). No registration is required for this program but you must have a Garden City Library card to go through the download process or to reserve eBooks.

The Adult Winter Reading Club begins on Saturday, December 15 and will run through Sunday, April 7 (registration is ongoing). There are no meetings to attend and you choose the books you want to read or listen to. You simply fill out a review card for each book. You will then be entered into a final drawing at the "Cozy Up with a Good Book" Brunch which is held in the spring.

From the Children's Room, registration for winter programs begins Tuesday, January 22 at 9:30 am. Registration for story times and special programs can be done online via Eventkeeper ([www.gardencitypl.org](http://www.gardencitypl.org)). Registration for book discussions must be done in person in the Children's Room. For more information about children's story times, book discussions, and special programs, check in the Children's Room for our winter flyers beginning the end of December or ask a children's librarian.

The library continues to offer free music through its Freegal Music service. Registered card holders of the Garden City Public Library can download three songs each week at no cost.

Finally, Jack Pascal will be stepping down from the Library Board at the end of 2012. Jack has held a seat on the Board for the last 10 years and has been instrumental in the Garden City Library's continued success. His knowledge and experience will continue to have a positive influence on those of us who have been fortunate enough to serve with him. Thank you for your service, Jack.

## Cultural & Recreation News

by Ken Moody



### Garden City Department of Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

The Garden City Recreation Department has put out an RFP from qualified firms to conduct a community wide needs assessment survey to measure our residents needs, attitudes, opinions and behaviors towards leisure services and facilities. The study is to focus on providing a community wise statistically valid needs assessment survey which will include a review of the current recreation and parks programs and facilities as perceived by the community. The community data would also provide information to develop recommendations for the design and prioritization of remaining future capital park and facility projects, as well as recommendations for future programs that should be designed and implemented. The deadline for proposals was Friday, October 5, 2012. The Recreation Department is currently reviewing the received proposals.

### Roller Rink Redevelopment Project

Phase I of the Roller Rink Redevelopment Project is underway at the Garden City Community Park. The rink surface area has been formed out and reinforcing rods are in place. Phase I of the project also includes an extensive drainage system on the west side of the new rink surface. The rink surface requires 290 cubic yards of concrete. Phase II will include the supply and installation of the dasher board system, player benches, fencing and the painting of lines on the new surface. In addition a new scoreboard and public address system will be installed. The project is expected to be completed by April of 2013. To view some images of the work in progress please visit the Recreation Department website and click on our hockey page at <http://www.gardencityrecreation.org/Hockey.html>.

# **EPOA**

## **Membership Drive 2013**

Since 1918 the Eastern Property Owners' Association has represented the interests of every resident of the Eastern Section of Garden City.

Key Objective of the EPOA: To insure that important issues facing the East are effectively communicated to and from the residents and to the Board of Trustees. Our volunteers continuously monitor issues of concern to residents.

**If you were a member in 2012, we thank you for your support and ask that you renew your membership for 2013. If not a past member, please consider joining with your neighbors in the East who already support the EPOA's common goals.**

**The annual family membership fee is \$20.**

Development issues remain a major concern in the East, particularly in the HUB and along Old Country Road and Stewart Avenue in the area of Roosevelt Field.

Important internal issues include Village management and operations, infrastructure maintenance, taxes, library funding, water safety and airplane noise, and traffic issues such as speeding. Hurricane Sandy has added to the demands on resources.

**A membership form is on page 11 and an addressed return envelope is enclosed.**

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

**You may also join through the EPOA Web site—[www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org)—by following the membership link on our home page.**

Many residents have already supplied their email addresses to the EPOA, so that we may contact them with news updates and other important information.

Please consider giving us your email address on the membership form.

We do not share our email distribution list with anyone!

**“Progress through Participation”**

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*Trustees' Update*

### **Fire Department and Sandy**

There are not enough words to describe the yeoman's work our volunteer firefighters performed during this crisis. They answered over 500 calls and in the height of the storm, while trees were falling around them, prevented a massive fire, caused by a gas explosion that destroyed a house on Kenwood Road, from spreading to other homes. These men voluntarily spent many nights away from their families, sleeping in the firehouse, so they would be ready to answer emergency calls at a moment's notice. Additionally, they volunteered to provide meals for our Public Works employees which enabled the supervisors to better coordinate the clean up effort.

During the storm, the n'oreaster, and after, our volunteer and paid firefighters, police, auxiliary police, and public works employees put themselves in harm's way from downed power lines, falling tree and tree limbs on a daily basis, while worrying about the safety of their own families at home.

Now that the "Sandy" situation is calmed, the BOT will be analyzing the proposals in the ICMA report and in conjunction with the Chiefs, deciding what additional steps can be taken to further improve the efficiency and maximize the manpower of our Fire Department.

### **Communication**

One area that we will be working on is communication. The school district did a better job communicating with the public during the crisis. The Village has a "swift reach" system which was based on land line messaging. You will read elsewhere in the Newsletter (page 9) about updating your information in Swift Reach to include email, text, and mobile numbers.

### **Labor Negotiations**

As you know, last year we settled with the CSEA rank and file for a 1.5% per annum wage increase when the local inflation rate was less than 2% and is now over 3%.

However, we are still at an impasse with our paid firefighters and mandatory binding arbitration is now proceeding. An arbitrator will certainly consider this higher inflation rate when calculating an award. We continue to negotiate and hopefully we can settle the contract without an arbitration award.

For quite some time, we have also been engaged in serious contract negotiations with the CSEA Supervisors Union and are debating the merits of a compromise proposal. CSEA does not have mandatory arbitration and the final settlement will be determined by the legislative body, which in our case is the Garden City BOT.

### **Saint Paul's**

We have received the Erwin and Bielinski Report which analyzes the CSSP proposal and also presents several alternatives to preserve the façade, including cost estimates and renderings. The report is on the Village website and we urge all residents to read it. We will propose that a condensed version be sent to all residents in a "Village Facts" format.

### **Traffic**

The Commission recommended and the BOT approved illuminated signage, rumble strips and street painted signage on both the north and south sides of Rockaway Avenue approaching the high school to mitigate the dangerous traffic conditions. The County must approve the rumble strips. We have petitioned the County to authorize a study on reconfiguring the merge at Rockaway and Merillon into a "T-type" intersection with a traffic light. We are also requesting that the County add a left-turn arrow to the traffic light at Franklin & 7<sup>th</sup> St.

However, because Rockaway Avenue is a County road, and the County—not the Village—controls traffic lights, getting these projects approved and completed is a long, arduous process. At the last Village Board meeting, Nick suggested that the Mayor contact Vincent Muscarella, our Nassau County legislator, and ask him to help us get these projects completed in a reasonable period of time.

### **Other Matters**

As a result of the storm, we will be working to update rules on generators, building permits, noise, tree removal and replanting.

In other news, the expansion of the Senior Center is well underway and the completion of the roller hockey rink is entering its final stage. The new condos at 301 Franklin Avenue have begun construction. All stores on Seventh Street are occupied and several new restaurants will be opening on Franklin Avenue.

We will be working on the 2013-2014 Village budget in the coming weeks. As always we will try to balance Village safety and services with cost to reflect the best outcome for the residents. Initial estimates are that we will be seeking in the neighborhood of \$4 million in funds from FEMA.

We have weathered the storm so it is time to move forward.



## Garden City Emergency Notification



At the suggestion of Trustee Dennis Donnelly, as well as your EPOA directors, the Village Clerk is updating Village communication policy to more effectively contact residents with relevant information in situations like Hurricane Sandy. Any resident who wishes to be added to Garden City's emergency notification data base should visit the Village's website—[www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net)—and scroll to the bottom right corner of the home page. Click on the Swift 911 Notification icon to add or update your emergency contact information, including current home phone, cell phone and email.

If you don't have internet access, you can mail your information to Village Clerk Brian Ridgway at Village Hall, 351 Stewart Ave., Garden City, NY 11530. Or visit the office, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Any questions, Mr. Ridgway can be reached via email at [bridgway@gardencityny.net](mailto:bridgway@gardencityny.net) or by phone at 516-465-4053.

Resident contact information includes name, address, email, primary phone and up to three alternate phones. The phones are called sequentially as listed until a number is reached.

## Director and Officer Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates for Board of Directors

The Director and Officer Nominating Committee, which nominates candidates for officers and directors of the Association, is accepting resumes from interested residents of the East who would like to serve on the EPOA board of directors in the 2013/2014 year that commences after the June 2013 annual meeting.

All directors and officers of the Association must be voting members of the EPOA. A voting member is any member who has qualified to vote by paying the annual membership dues.

If you are interested in serving as a director of the EPOA, please send a letter stating your interest and qualifications to the Secretary of the Eastern Property Owners' Association, P. O. Box 7525, Garden City, NY 11530. Or you may email the same to [eastpoanc@yahoo.com](mailto:eastpoanc@yahoo.com). Once the committee convenes in February 2013, you will be contacted by the committee chairperson.

No sitting director or officer of the EPOA serves on the Director and Officer Nominating Committee.

## Upcoming EPOA Public Meetings—All Residents Welcome

January 15	7:30 pm	Stewart School
February 19	7:30 pm	Senior Center, Golf Club Lane
April 16	7:30 pm	Senior Center, Golf Club Lane
June 3	7:30 pm	TBA

## Treasury Report as of November 30, 2012 by Salvatore Norberto



As EPOA members know, they are required to pay annual dues of \$20. For all the POAs, the only source of revenue is membership. We sometimes get the question "what does this money pay for?" The EPOA uses this money to fund our newsletter, which is our main communication to all residents of the East. In addition, dues are used to pay the costs of any elections, including the various "challenges" we have recently faced. The average cost of such a challenge to the EPOA is about \$3,000, which includes notices that must be mailed, securing election machines, site costs, etc. (The election itself is run by volunteers). Other costs during a year might include our annual high school scholarship or other similar expenses.

For 2012, our current assets are \$19,747.96. Total revenues year to date are \$15,780.35 and expenses year to date are \$15,995.87. Although expenses are down from last year, so is our revenue. We look forward to your continued support. Don't be shy, ask your neighbors if they are members and encourage them to join. Please see our membership drive on page 7 of this newsletter. Thank you.

# Meeting Notice: Tuesday, January 15

## 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 15, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Stewart School auditorium for the purpose of verifying the candidates for election to the office of Village Trustee from the East for a term of two years. The following name has been placed in nomination by the elected Garden City East Nominating Committee, elected entirely by Resident Electors of the East, and otherwise known as the 15 Member Nominating Committee.

### **For Village Trustee, nominated by the GC 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 Trustee, nominated by independent petition: Francine Ryan**

*\*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.*

### **Primary Election Scheduled for January 29 at Stewart School**

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## EPOA Public Meeting Immediately Follows Resident Electors' Meeting

### Town Hall Q&A with the Trustee Candidates

*Please come and participate!*

Village Trustees Nick Episcopia and Dennis Donnelly will discuss Village issues and answer your questions.

School Trustee Robert Martin and Library Trustee John Schultz will report and take questions.

EPOA President Judy Courtney and Treasurer Sal Norberto will report to residents and answer your questions.

Eastern Property Owners' Association, Inc.  
Box 7525, Garden City, New York 11530

**2013 EPOA Dues: Please remit by February 11**

Up to two Members per Household.....\$20 (minimum)  
Each additional Adult Member.....\$5

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

**Registration**

Designated Members: \$20 for Husband and Wife or Two Adult Residents

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount Due: \$20</u>
First _____	Last _____
First _____	Last _____
<u>Additional Adult Member(s):</u>	<u>\$5 each</u>
First _____	Last _____
First _____	Last _____
First _____	Last _____

Total Remitted (\$20 minimum) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden City, NY 11530

Email: \_\_\_\_\_