

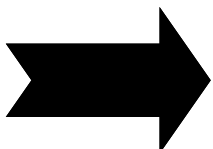
**June 2011**

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# **epoa news**

**The Official Newsletter of the Eastern Property Owners' Association  
Garden City, New York 11530  
www.gcepoa.org**

**Annual Public EPOA Joint Meeting  
Garden City Library, Monday, June 6  
Elections, Issues Updates, Pool Redevelopment Plan  
Voting Begins Promptly at 7:30 PM**



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## **President's Message by Walter McKenna**

As I write this last message to you as President of the EPOA, I think of all the issues and efforts that the board of the EPOA faced during the past two years. Many have said to me that in all their years of involvement in Garden City Village issues, they have never seen so many as in these past two years. I will not attempt to list or discuss the many important issues they are referring to; however, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Officers and Directors of the EPOA board and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. It was a pleasure working with you as a team during my term. Regardless of the issue, as concerned residents and board members, we came together, discussed all opinions on the issue and managed to do what we felt was best for the residents of our community. This is the lifeblood of the EPOA and what makes Garden City that special place that we all call home.

We live in a very unique Village where our local government and school district encourages our participation and seeks our opinions so that they can consider them when they make decisions that will affect us all. Many residents do not realize just how much of our Village and School District business is conducted in an open public forum that seeks participation from all residents.

I encourage all residents to go to the EPOA, Village or School District and Library websites where you will see the dates and times of all monthly meetings. Go to these meetings, listen, ask questions and learn so you can understand the issues and form your own opinions. Unless you actively participate in this process, you cannot fully understand the issues and appreciate the volunteer efforts of our Village Trustees, Dennis Donnelly and Nicholas Episcopia, as well as School Board President Colleen Foley or our Library Board Trustee, Elizabeth (Libby) Huschle, and the dozens of other resident volunteers who sit on the EPOA board, on various committees and commissions, and who work with both the Village and School District administration to help manage the many tasks related to Village and School District operations. We have many dedicated neighbors who invest numerous hours volunteering in these efforts, and we should be thankful for all of these individuals. I urge you to consider adding your name to the long list of volunteers in our Village—you will be glad you did!

With that said, I would like to congratulate Trustee Dennis Donnelly, in addition to the other Community Agreement Party candidates, on their elections as our representatives this past March. A record number of residents

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- President Walter McKenna
- Vice President Judy Courtney
- Corporate Secretary Jaime Gans
- Corresponding Secretary Christine Mullaney
- Treasurer John Lattuca
- Directors Mathilde Bellmer  
Harold Hecken  
Frank Livoti  
Cheryl McAuliffe  
Joseph Moody  
S. Benjamin Murolo  
Neil O'Malley  
Robert Orosz  
Robert Rymers  
Leo Stimmler  
Edward Welch  
Rex Wood

representatives

from the east

- Village Trustees  
*Dennis Donnelly*  
*Nicholas Episcopia*
- Acting Village Justice  
*Brian T. Deveney*
- School Board Trustee  
*Tom Pinou*
- Library Board Trustee  
*"Libby" Huschle*
- Architectural Design Review  
*Barbara Ruggiero*
- Cultural & Recreational Affairs  
*Andrew deLannoy*  
*James Pratt III (at large)*
- Environmental Advisory Board  
*Leo Stimmler*  
*Elizabeth Bailey (at large)*  
*Robert Foxen (at large)*  
*Ryan Schnupp (at large)*
- Planning Commission  
*William A. Bellmer*  
*H. Bradford Gustavson*  
*Robert Schoelle, Jr.*
- Zoning Board of Appeals  
*Brian Paradine*

Newsletter Editor  
*Christine Mullaney*

The Budget

This year budget negotiations posed a difficult task in achieving an acceptable financial plan going forward for the 2011/2012 year. Upward pressure from increased pension costs (28%) and health care increases (14 ½%), coupled with decreases in revenues from the mortgage recording tax and interest income, meant that we had to shrink the expense side of the budget by significant amounts.

We did just that! We have reduced employees and continued a moratorium on new employees, plus each departmental expense was scrutinized and reductions were imposed. After many long hours, we reached an agreement on a 1.7% tax increase or about an annual \$98 per household.

When we compare Garden City to other villages, the difficulties become clear:

| <u>Community</u>   | <u>% Tax Increase</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| • Bayville         | 20                    |
| • Lake Success     | 10.0                  |
| • Kings Point      | 9.8                   |
| • Great Neck       | 9.5                   |
| • Lynbrook         | 6.8                   |
| • Hempstead        | 6.3                   |
| • Rockville Centre | 4.89                  |
| • Freeport         | 3.91                  |
| • Mineola          | 3.50                  |
| • Roslyn           | 2.94                  |
| • Garden City      | 1.74                  |
| • Long Beach       | 0                     |
| • North Hills      | 0                     |

We will continue to closely monitor our results on a monthly basis to insure that we are meeting our financial goals.

The budget does include some funds to permit us to hire five new police officers. The new additions will help us with speeding in the Village, as well as overtime reductions.

St. Paul's

In a recent referendum the voters turned down a \$3,750,000 bond issue, the proceeds of which would have been used to demolish the main St. Paul's building and the adjacent Ellis Hall. The contract called for the ground to be completely cleared and made ready for seeding. The vote was 3,290 against and 1,120 for. At

Trustees' Update



by Nicholas Episcopia and Dennis Donnelly

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*Trustees' Update*

the present time the Board of Trustees (BOT) has no specific plans for the building. We are, however, committed to carefully reviewing any proposal made by any internal or outside organization for a use which would preserve the building. At the present time, the majority of the Trustees are not prepared to give any one group authority over the process or the final decision. The majority on the BOT does not believe this is in the best interests of all the residents.

### **The HUB/Coliseum**

On May 11, Mayor Brudie, Village Administrator Schoelle and I (Nick Episcopia) attended a hastily called press conference at the Nassau Coliseum. It was run by County Executive Edward Mangano and featured speakers such as Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray and NY Islanders owner Charles Wang.

These three parties came to an agreement May 10 on a plan to replace the coliseum and build a baseball park to attract a minor league team. No other development plans were discussed. The essence of the plan is that the County would float \$400 million of bonds to build a new coliseum and a ballpark. The debt would be serviced by revenues from Islanders hockey and other events. The Islanders would sign a long term lease. There was no information about the ballpark developer or the baseball team.

The County Executive stated that a referendum would be held this *August* and all questions about the finances would be answered. There will be public hearings before the referendum. The proposed Shinnecock Indian Casino site would be shifted to Belmont Raceway from the Nassau HUB.

There are many questions that have to be answered, including the position of the Nassau Interim Finance Authority (NIFA) that controls Nassau's finances. No matter what the referendum says, NIFA at present has the final say on issuance of any bonds. The Village Board, and especially Dennis and I, will keep a close watch over this process and make sure this project is financially feasible, and does not adversely affect our quality of life.

### **Pool Redevelopment Plan**

At the last meeting a majority of the BOT voted to approve a \$2,200,000 bond issue for repairs and improvements to the pool. Besides the needed repairs to the main pool and the slide, the kiddie pool is to be expanded by approximately 1000 feet and a totally new interactive water play area is to be built. There is a serious leak in the kiddie pool and its continued operation without major repairs could jeopardize its future use. Other changes in the placement of certain shade structures and refreshment areas are being studied. This plan was vetted by the Cultural & Recreational Affairs Commission, as well as a 12 member sub-committee set up by the commission. Their findings were sent to all the POAs. They surveyed other Villages that have made similar types of improvements and were satisfied that these changes would be a benefit to existing members, and help to attract new users. Since the pool is designed as a self sustaining "enterprise zone," fees for family memberships will have to be increased by approximately \$80 to \$90 per annum to service the debt on the new bond issue.

### **Street Paving**

Our street and paving improvements are moving ahead, despite the delays caused by the very heavy snowfalls. The Community Park and Seventh Street lots have been resurfaced and the Fair Court lots should be completed in the next three to four weeks. The Franklin Avenue crosswalks are prepared for the final surfaces and the work is set to restart. All work will be done at night.

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*I want to thank all the residents who came out to vote on March 15. The record turnout affirmed the public's overwhelming support for the Community Agreement. Our Village has managed to avoid the partisan bickering that has saddled other villages in the county. Each member of the board is dedicated to doing what is right for our Village. Although we disagree on occasion, each of us strives to do what we think is the right course of action. So I thank all of you who voted for me. I will work diligently to keep our great Village financially secure and our residents safe from harm.*

*Dennis Donnelly*

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*President's Message*

came out to vote in the March elections and proved that the spirit of the Community Agreement is alive and well in Garden City!

I would also like to thank Laura Brown for all of her efforts as the Trustee from the East on the School Board. Although Laura was forced to make the tough decision to resign from her position recently due to medical issues, while on the board Laura did her best to provide the EPOA with representation on the school board. On behalf of the entire board, I would like to thank her for her service and wish her the best in the future! This vacancy on the School Board was filled by the School Board's appointment of Tom Pinou. Tom has been very active in Village and School Board issues, most recently as President of the Western Property Owners Association. Tom and I have worked on many issues over the years in our POA roles and his dedication and desire to continue his volunteer efforts will be an asset to the EPOA as our representative.

Finally, I would like to thank the following directors who will leave the EPOA board in June. Their volunteerism and commitment to the EPOA over the years was greatly appreciated by me and the entire board and without their services we would not be able to fulfill our mission. These directors are Anthony Libertella, Frank Livoti, Thomas Logan, Cheryl McAuliffe and Robert (Rex) Wood.

The residents of the East should be assured that your fellow residents who volunteer their time to serve as members of the Board of the EPOA, as well as on the various committees and commissions in the Village, remain committed to protecting your interests and concerns. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to become involved, I encourage you to contact the EPOA via the contact link on our website at [www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org) so that we can hear and respond to you.

Please support our efforts by becoming a member of the EPOA. Joining is easy (see page 11 of this Newsletter) or go to our website at [www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org). You can also go to our website for updates on other Village issues and to email us with your comments or concerns on ANY issues.

## **EPOA Awards Scholarship**

The Eastern Property Owners' Association has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Chaminade High School senior John Manning. As in prior years, the EPOA focused its scholarship search on college-bound high school seniors from the East with outstanding records of community service.

The highlight of John's community service is the 330 hours per year he has devoted since 2008 to Camp ANCHOR, a special needs camp for disabled persons. Calling it "the most rewarding time of my life," John has spent the past three summers and winter Saturdays caring for a different camper each day. He has been given increased responsibilities each year and recently was hired to be a staff member. John also participated in a special project to raise money for Camp ANCHOR, personally raising \$1,000 in a swim-a-thon.

John's other significant community service activities are teaching religious education for three years at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and volunteering in an after-school program weekly at a parish school.

John runs cross country at Chaminade, participates in Sodality and Yearbook, where he is the sports editor, and has been on the honor roll for all four years and a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years. Before attending Chaminade, John was a student at the GC Middle School and St. Joseph School.

He plans on attending Georgetown University in the fall, where he will pursue a liberal arts education. "Among the many careers I am considering are teaching, sports management and journalism," John told the EPOA's scholarship committee. He was accepted at seven other colleges, including Villanova and Fordham Universities and the College of the Holy Cross. His parents are Tara and Michael Manning.

Congratulations, John, and thank you to all applicants for participating. Each of these young men and women were outstanding scholarship candidates with inspiring records of service to others.

## Cultural & Recreation News

by Andrew deLannoy

### *Come Hear an Update on the Pool Redevelopment Project*

Four residents from the eastern section, Michael Maloney, Marc Miner, Nicole Russo, and Bill Sweeney, have been working this past winter on the Pool Redevelopment Sub-Committee. Working in conjunction with the design team of deBruin Engineering P.C., they have been busy designing our next generation Village Pool

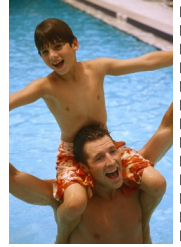
facilities. Come hear Kevin Ocker, Director of the Recreation Department, provide an update on the proposed Phase 1 and 2 plans for the redevelopment of this great facility at the June 6 EPOA Annual Meeting.

Overall goals of this project include the replacement of the wading pool, spray area and playground with an interactive water play area suitable for children up to 12 years old, as well as renovations to the slide and adult pool area. The project team has collected valuable input from committee members to formulate conceptual designs and construction cost estimates. Their next step will be to present the plans to the other Property Owners' Associations and current pool membership. Get a sneak peek at the Recreation Department's website [www.gardencityrecreation.org](http://www.gardencityrecreation.org).

The website is also full of events and seasonal reminders. Consult the website or our new Facebook page for:

- the latest Summer Camps Brochure—Village Pool Application—Miniature Golf Events at Community Park—
- 2011/2012 Tennis League Registration—Adult and Children's Tennis Lessons—Senior Events and Activities—

Recreation Department offices are located at 108 Rockaway Avenue. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am



## Hello Residents of the East and Members of the EPOA

*A letter from new School Board Trustee Tom Pinou*



To begin with, I would like to thank all those who supported my enthusiasm to join the Board of Education and to represent the East as your liaison School Board Trustee.

I have actually been a resident since 1999, but I moved into the western section in 2001. My wife Irene and I have two children (5 ½ year old twins-Andrew and Amanda), currently in kindergarten at Homestead School. I became active in the Western Property Owners' Association early on. Over the past 10 years I held various director positions, sat on many committees, then served two terms as treasurer, one term as vice president and finally completed my term as WPOA president last month. Since 2009, I also sit as a member of the ad-hoc committee to the \$36.5 million school investment bond.

Over the years I have had the privilege of making some lifelong friends. This includes people from the East, Central and Estates. This is the beauty of Garden City: you can meet many great people. In the past I have always offered myself to people outside of my section, which is why I personally feel privileged to represent the East. I enjoy speaking to everyone, but most of all I enjoy listening to those who offer ideas, suggestions or even a new way to look at something. People have always told me I am a good listener, as well as being honest and fair. These are some of the values I try to instill in my kids as early as this age.

Understandably there is always something to talk about in this town, and it's okay to disagree, as long as it's done in a respectful, constructive manner. Whenever a problem existed in the WPOA, I made every effort to present the real facts, work with many people on that issue and always offer a logical, well established solution. Volunteerism to me has always meant a willingness to help your friends and neighbors and to give back to the community.

By way of background I have over 20 years of professional engineering experience in the public and private sectors. I received my BS engineering degree in electrical, mechanical and computer technology from the New York Institute of Technology and began my career in the government defense industry. I have been in the information technology/telecommunications field since 1998 and have an extensive background designing and building business infrastructures and data centers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative.

*Respectfully, Tom Pinou*

## Library News by Libby Huschle



This year has been especially busy for the library. Circulation has been up in all the departments, as has the attendance at programs. Many new audio and movie CDs have been purchased.

The library has introduced EventKeeper, a web-based service that enables the library to maintain its calendar of events online. EK offers online registration for children and young adult programs. EK Rooms allows staff, organizations and other patrons to request online meeting room reservations subject to availability.

Once again the library is gearing up for summer. The Children's Department is offering two Summer Programs: "One World Many Stories at Your Library" for children grades K through 5 and "Magic Carpet Riders Read-to-Me-Club" for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 who are not going to kindergarten in the fall. Registration starts on June 20 at 9:30 am.

Wednesday evenings will be family night. The first show is on June 22 at 7 pm, "The World of Stories with Agostino Arts." Tickets are required and will be available beginning Monday, June 11, at 9 am.

On July 13 and 20 the ever popular talent show will take place. Registration for performers entering grades K thru 5 begins on June 20. The movies "Gnomeo and Juliet" and "Storybook Classic: Tom Sawyer" will be shown on other Wednesday evenings.

Story times for Mother Goose, Toddler and Preschool children will be held on Mondays at 10 am, 11 am and 1:30 pm respectively. There will be no registration but space is limited. Please arrive promptly. Craft programs for this age group will be held on Tuesday mornings. Registration for those programs can be made online on Eventkeeper at [www.gardencitypl.org](http://www.gardencitypl.org).

The Young Adult Summer Program "You Are Here" is for middle school and high school. The theme is travel and the workshops "Vintage Travel Journal", Wednesday, June 29, and "Aboriginal Boomerangs of Australia", Wednesday, July 13, carry out the theme. Registration for the club starts on June 13 and runs thru July. Register in the Young Adult Department or online at [www.gardencitypl.org](http://www.gardencitypl.org).

The Friends of the Garden City Library is currently holding a membership drive. Please support them as they fund many of our programs.

Enjoy your summer. We look forward to serving you.

## Treasury Report by John Lattuca



The Garden City EPOA got off to another tremendous start in 2011, with over 650 households joining in the first four months of the year, and membership support continuing to grow each week.

As we progress into 2011, issues facing the Village and specifically the eastern section of Garden City continue to develop. To that end, communication continues to represent our largest and most important investment. Year-to-date, we have spent approximately \$4,175.00 in printing and mailing important communications, such as newsletters, voter cards and Village budget information to all residents of the east.

Most recently, we initiated our spring membership drive, which added over 40 memberships in the first two weeks of the campaign, as well as the annual election notification cards in preparation for the June 6 public meeting.

As of May 1, 2011, our assets totaled \$25,808.45, consisting of an FDIC insured checking account with a reputable bank in Garden City, and a bulk postage account with the Garden City Post Office. Our 2011 year-to-date expenses total \$8,487.48.

If you are an active member of the EPOA, we want to thank you for your support. If you are not currently a member, it is not too late to join this year. You can become a member by simply mailing your \$20 dues check, payable to the EPOA, to P. O. Box 7525, Garden City, NY 11530, or via credit card online at [www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org). By becoming a member of the EPOA, you will be joining an organization that will ensure we truly achieve our mission statement: "Progress through Participation."

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer season!

**TO ALL RESIDENT ELECTORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE EASTERN SECTION  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY  
JOINT MEETING—MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011—7:30 PM—GC LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL**

**Purpose of the Eastern Property Owners' Association Annual Meeting:**

**To Elect** (1) EPOA Officers and Directors for the 2011—2012 term  
(2) Four members of the seven member EPOA Nominating Committee  
that proposes candidates for EPOA Officers and Directors

**To Conduct** Other such business as may properly be considered

In accordance with the EPOA by-laws, a Public Notice listing the names and addresses of the following persons and the offices for which they were nominated, as well as the procedures and requirements for placing additional person(s) in nomination for said offices, was published in the *Garden City News*. No additional nominations for EPOA Officers and/or Directors have been received by the Corporate Secretary, as of press time. The current nominating committee has placed the following candidates in nomination:

**EPOA Officers, for a term of one year:**

President: Judy Courtney, 3 Tremont Street  
Vice President: Christine Mullaney, 104 Huntington Road  
Treasurer: John Lattuca, 61 Transverse Road  
Corporate Secretary: Ben Murolo, 81 Huntington Road  
Corresponding Secretary: Joe Moody, 166 Meadow Street

**EPOA Directors:**

*For a term of three years:*  
Mathilde Bellmer, 156 Poplar Street  
Jaime Gans, 9 Damson Street  
Leo Stimmler, 67 Huntington Road

**EPOA Directors:**

*For a term of one year:*

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Walter McKenna, 142 Washington Avenue | Sal Norberto, 88 Garden Street            |
| Tom Nappi, 7 Damson Street            | Nicole Russo, 29 Laurel Street            |
| Brian Noonan, 72 Washington Avenue    | Debra Tennyson-Feinstein, 39 Clinton Road |

**Purpose of the Resident Electors' Meeting:**

**To Elect:** All 10 members of the Garden City East Nominating Committee that proposes candidates for Village-wide offices, Village Board of Trustees and School Board Trustees. The EPOA Directors have placed the following 20 candidates in nomination for election to the 10 Member Garden City East Nominating Committee:

|                 |                           |                      |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| May Conti       | 45 Kenwood Road           | Christine Mullaney   | 104 Huntington Road |
| Sue Ellen Davis | 90 St. James Street South | Robert Orosz         | 28 Grove Street     |
| John Delany     | 1 Spruce Street           | John Pittoni         | 31 Locust Street    |
| David Foxen     | 16 Keenan Place           | Ted Rechner          | 256 Clinton Road    |
| Jaime Gans      | 9 Damson Street           | John Romeo           | 37 Clinton Road     |
| William Graham  | 104 Brook Street          | Allison Sparacino    | 32 Claydon Road     |
| Frank Livoti    | 138 Washington Avenue     | Robert H. Stark, Jr. | 103 Kingsbury Road  |
| Walter McKenna  | 142 Washington Avenue     | Leo Stimmler         | 67 Huntington Road  |
| Joseph Moody    | 166 Meadow Street         | Matthew Teri         | 46 Huntington Road  |
| Kenneth Moody   | 128 Poplar Street         | Mary Weille          | 73 Garden Street    |

Eligible voters must be (1) past their 18th birthday, (2) citizens of the USA, (3) residing within the corporate limits of the Village of Garden City, East of the center of Franklin Avenue, and (4) qualified to vote in this Village, in the County of Nassau, and in the State of New York for at least 30 days. All eligible voters described above may vote to elect the Garden City East Nominating Committee. Additional candidates for election to the committee may be proposed by not less than 15 resident electors by submitting a petition to the Corporate Secretary of the EPOA at 9 Damson Street, not later than 20 days prior to the June 6th meeting. The petition must set forth the name and address of each such candidate, and also be signed by each proposing elector, including their names and addresses.

The 2010/2011 EPOA (7 Member) Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons as candidates for election to the positions of Officers and Directors of the Association. The members of the nominating committee this year were Harry Oellrich, as chairperson, Peter Bee, David Foxen, James Morrell, Karl Schmidt, Allison Sparacino and Matthew Teri.

## Nominees for EPOA Officers

### **President: Judy Courtney**

**Judy** is a lifelong resident of GC and has been involved in a variety of Village activities, including GCAA, PTA and SEPTA. She graduated from Manhattan College and holds a BA and MA in career development. As a human resource professional, she has over 20 years experience in companies such as JPMorgan Chase, Fleet Bank and Swiss Reinsurance. She is currently employed by CapitalOne Bank. Judy served as an EPOA director in the late 1990s and again since 2008. She is currently finishing two years as vice president and is the liaison to the Continuing Education Committee. She has one daughter who graduated from GCHS.

### **Vice President: Christine Mullaney**

**Christine** has been a resident of GC for 37 years. She has been a director of the EPOA for five years and is completing two years as corresponding secretary. Chris, who serves as the newsletter editor, is a graduate of Fordham University, a former financial journalist and a longtime member of the New York Financial Writers' Association. She is a past member and

officer of the St. Joseph School Board and the GC PTA. She retired three years ago as senior writer in the Office of Institutional Advancement of St. Joseph's College and as associate editor of the college magazine. Chris and her husband Tom are the parents of two adult children.

### **Corporate Secretary:**

#### **S. Benjamin Murolo**

**Ben** has been a resident of GC since 1990. He is a CPA, a graduate of Queens College and holds an MBA from New York Institute of Technology. Ben is an instructor at Queensborough Community College, runs his own accounting practice and is a registered mortgage broker in NY and FL. He is the former treasurer, executive board member and chairman of the audit committee of Holy Cross HS in Queens. Ben and his wife have three children, one in college and two in the GC schools. He is completing his first year as an EPOA director.

### **Corresponding Secretary:**

#### **Joseph Moody**

**Joe** is a lifelong resident of GC and a graduate of GCHS and Adelphi University. He is self employed operating

Patriot Supply, a wholesale business of heating, ventilating and air conditioning supplies in Plainview. Joe has been an active member of the GC Volunteer Fire Department for 16 years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant and Captain. He also has been a Nassau County Francis X. Pendl Fire Museum Delegate since 2004. Joe served on the Garden City East (10 Member) Nominating Committee in 2009 and 2010. He and his wife Dina, a 31 year resident, have three children.

### **Treasurer: John Lattuca**

**John** is a lifelong GC resident and a graduate of GCHS and Quinnipiac University, where he earned a BA in media communications and history. John began his professional career in 1997 with Xerox Corporation in New York City and has held several positions in sales, marketing and management. Currently John is a member of the Xerox management team in New York with a focus on revenue growth and profitability in the media and financial marketplace. John is an active volunteer supporting the United Way & Special Olympics. John and his wife Cathy welcomed the birth of their son Vincent in May 2009.

## Nominees for EPOA Directors

### For a term of three years:

**Mathilde Bellmer** and her husband Bill have been residents of GC for over 45 years. She is twice retired as a registered nurse and as a travel agent. Mathilde has a long history of volunteerism in GC and is currently a volunteer in St. Joseph's Church Human

Services Program and had served in its Religious Education Program for 20 years, in addition to working at the GC Library. She has been a director of the EPOA since 2005 and is the liaison to the Streets & Traffic Commission.

**Jaime Gans** has lived in GC since 1981 and is the mother of six children.

A graduate of Marymount College, she earned an MS from Hofstra. Jaime retired from Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, where she was manager of litigation legal assistants for 25 years. A recipient of the Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Award for work with the Juvenile Rights Division, she is also a

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volunteer with Women at Risk and serves as both a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's. Jaime has been a director of the EPOA for six years and is finishing her second term as corporate secretary.

**Leo Stimmler**, a resident of GC since 1979, has been a director of the EPOA since 2005 and serves as its liaison to the Village's Environmental Advisory Board, where his special interest is monitoring the quality of our tap water. Leo attended the Fordham University School of Social Work, where he met his wife Kathleen. Their two sons graduated from the GC public schools. Until his recent retirement, Leo had been a social worker for 44 years, the last 34 with the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation, where he served as the administrative director of drug and alcohol treatment services in North Brooklyn.

*For a term of one year:*

**Walter McKenna**, a director of the EPOA since 2006, is completing two years as president. A graduate of the New York Institute of Technology School of Management and Accounting, he is currently the financial and operational controller at Specialty Brands of America, Inc., a leading branded packaged goods company headquartered on LI. Experienced in financial reporting, accounting, management and acquisitions, his professional credits include: assistant controller of the Museum of Modern Art, as well as manager of financial accounting at Montefiore Medical Center. Walter and his wife Lynette have two children attending GC schools.

**Thomas Nappi** is a GC native who graduated in 1990 from GCHS. He

went on to study at the College of Commerce and Finance of Villanova University, from which he received his BS in Finance in 1994. Tom also has an MS in Real Estate Development from Columbia University. He is currently vice president of New World Realty Advisors, LLC, in NYC, and previously served as a principal and vice president at Bank of America in fixed income derivatives marketing. Tom and his wife Julie have two young children.

**Brian Noonan** was born and raised in GC. He is a graduate of St. Joseph School and Chaminade HS. He and his wife Kathleen bought their current home in 2002 and have three young sons. Brian currently serves as vice president, claims & litigation management, at New York Presbyterian Hospital, where he manages all aspects of medical malpractice and personal injury litigation for the hospital and its two academic affiliates: Weill Cornell Medical School and Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. He received his undergraduate degree from Fairfield University and his law degree from Hofstra University. Brian is active within the Chaminade Alumni Association and has volunteered his time as a coach of GCAA baseball and soccer.

**Salvatore Norberto** grew up in Patchogue and moved to GC in 1990 when he and his wife Patti, a lifelong GC resident, were married. Sal graduated from Hofstra University with a degree in public accounting and is the owner and president of Norco Ltd/ Norberto Pools, which builds and renovates municipal, commercial and residential swimming pools. He has served on the advisory board of the Nassau County Department of Consumer Af-

fairs and has volunteered with the GC Community Church, Centennial Soccer, GCAA baseball and softball and the Boy Scouts. His son and daughter attend the GC public schools.

**Nicole Russo** has lived in GC for more than 20 years. She is a graduate of GCHS and Monmouth University, class of 2009, where she received a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. Nicole is currently the Web Communications Specialist at NYS Senator Kemp Hannon's district office in GC and a new media consultant for Nothing Left, a political marketing and advertising firm. She is executive vice president of the Nassau County Young Republican Club and president of the GC Young Republican Club. Other activities include the GC Chamber of Commerce, GC Kiwanis and the American Kidney Fund. Earlier this year Nicole was awarded the "Outstanding Sorority Alumni Award" by Monmouth University for her philanthropic efforts since graduating.

**Debra Tennyson-Feinstein** and her husband, Ronald Feinstein, have lived in GC for three years. She has a long career teaching finance and economics at the university level, most recently as an assistant professor and program director at Hofstra University. Debra has a Ph.D. in health service administration and an MBA from the University of Alabama. Her undergraduate degree is from California State University. While living in other communities, Debra volunteered in civic projects such as grounds clean-up and library book sales, in addition to PTA and school programs. She served on the Children's Coalition of Greater Baton Rouge Health Committee and the School-Based Health Clinics Quality Assurance Committee.

Effective January 1, 2011, NYS law requires all local municipalities to take on the responsibility of dog licensing. GC Village Hall is ready to assist all residents with this process and answer any questions you may have. [Every dog is required to be licensed.](#) Visit Village Hall at 351 Stewart Avenue or call 465-4000 for more information. Get a GC tag and ID number for your family friend. An annual renewal notice and reminder for rabies vaccine will be automatically sent to you each year.



The Board of Directors of the Eastern Property Owners' Association has selected the following 20 candidates for election to the Garden City East (10 Member) Nominating Committee. These will be voted on by Resident Electors at the annual public EPOA joint meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 7:30 pm in the main meeting room of the Garden City Public Library. This committee will propose candidates for Village-wide offices, Village Board of Trustees and School Board Trustees.

## Nominees for Garden City East Nominating Committee

**May Conti** has been a resident since 1971 and is a graduate of Fordham University. She retired from Willis Construction Services Corp in NYC in 2006 where she was assistant to the president and CEO. May has served as a director of the EPOA and on the Seven and Ten Member Nominating Committees. She is past president of the district-wide PTA and was a school board trustee from 1988 to 1994. May is also involved with St. Joseph's Parish, is a former president of the Religious Education Board and is a catechist for more than 20 years.

**Sue Ellen Davis** and her family have lived in GC since 1977. She was an EPOA director from 1997 to 2006, where she served as its liaison to the Environmental Advisory Board and monitored HUB development. Sue was a founding member of SAFE, the Subcommittee Against Freight Expansion. She has been an officer of Welcome Wagon and a board member of the GC League of Mercy Medical Center.

**John Delany** has lived in the East since 1971. He was a director of the EPOA for 9 years, served as the Library Trustee representing the East and was chairman of the Library Board of Trustees for 21 years. John has served on both the Ten and Seven Member Nominating Committees. A graduate of Villanova University and St. John's Law School, John is an insurance executive. He is married, has three children, including two daughters and five grandchildren living in GC.

**David Foxen** is a lifelong resident of the Village, graduating from GCHS in 1971. He has three children, who have

graduated from or who are now attending GC schools. David attended SUNY Brockport and has a graduate degree from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. He has extensive financial experience and has worked as a bond trader for several large financial institutions. In addition, David is very active in the wrestling community, having wrestled for various U.S. and Olympic teams. He is currently an assistant wrestling coach at Port Washington High School.

### **Jaime Gans**

(see Nominees for Director, page 8)

**William Graham** has lived in GC for 18 years with his wife Debbie and daughter Alexa. He is employed as a CPA, running his own firm in Brooklyn, NY. Bill has been active in the GC Fire Department for 16 years, including serving two terms as Chief of Department. Bill retired from Ladder Company 169, NYC Fire Department, after 20 years of service.

**Frank Livoti** first served as an EPOA director in the late 1980s/early 1990s, returning as a director in 2005. He is married, with two children who attended GC schools from kindergarten through high school. Frank is a 1978 graduate of St. John's University Law School and has been a practicing attorney for over 20 years, with offices on Franklin Avenue.

### **Walter McKenna**

(see Nominees for Director, page 9)

### **Joseph Moody**

(see Nominees for Officer, page 8)

**Kenneth Moody** was born and raised in GC. He graduated from GCHS in 1985, where he was captain of the track team and holds five school records. He received his BA from Boston College in 1989 and was inducted into the BC Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 2002. Ken has worked for Katz Media Corporation in NYC as an account executive for 18 years and is a member of the GC Volunteer Fire Department. Ken and his wife Marisa have two daughters in the GC schools who are very active in GCAA sports. The Moodys are active parishioners at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

### **Christine Mullaney**

(see Nominees for Officer, page 8)

**Robert Orosz** and his family have been residents of GC since 1991 and his children are graduates of GCHS. Bob has been a director of the EPOA for two years and last year was appointed by Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano to the Assessment Review Team to help fix the broken county assessment system. He has a degree in Business Management and Radiologic Health Sciences and is a licensed radiologic technologist. Now retired, Bob has been increasingly active and concerned with quality of life and financial issues within GC.

**John Pittoni** has been practicing law for the past 43 years, primarily in the Garden City/Mineola area. He has lived in GC for almost 40 years and has been involved with the EPOA for 38 years, serving as a director for many terms and as its youngest and

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longest serving president. He has also both served on and chaired the Ten and Seven Member Nominating Committees. His areas of legal concentration have been primarily in litigation, real estate and probate. John was also the village attorney for the Village of East Rockaway for 28 years. His law offices are on Seventh Street in GC.

**Theodore Rechner** has lived in GC for 26 years. He graduated from GCHS in 1985 and obtained a degree in electrical engineering from the Johns Hopkins University. He has enjoyed careers in information technology and management consulting and is experienced in a broad range of industries, including financial services. Like so many others who grew up in the Village, Ted returned to GC and has been happily back for eight years with his wife Deborah.

**John Romeo**, a native Long Islander, was raised in Commack and has lived in the eastern section of GC since 2007. John is a Director of Business Development at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, the global accounting and consulting firm, in Manhattan, where he has worked for the past 14 years. At one time, in a prior business life, John was the treasurer for the Garden City

Kiwanis club and was also active in the GC Chamber of Commerce.

**Allison O'Hare Sparacino** and her husband Michael have been residents since 1987. They have one son attending GCHS. Allison earned her BA in accounting at Queens College and started her career at what is now Pricewaterhouse Coopers. She worked at Citigroup until "retiring" in 2000 but continues working as a consultant in the financial services field. Allison served several terms as a director and secretary of the EPOA and has served on the EPOA Nominating Committee. She has been a catechist in St. Joseph's Religious Education Program.

**Robert H. Stark, Jr.** is a lifelong resident of GC and a graduate of GCHS. He received a BA in business administration from Gettysburg College and an MBA from Hofstra. For the past 11 years Bob has been providing financial solutions for middle market businesses at JPMorgan Chase. He was an EPOA director from 1998 to 2006, serving as membership chair, vice president and eventually president. Bob was a charter member of the Village's Environmental Advisory Board representing the EPOA. He chaired the Air/Noise Committee and was instrumental in reducing the number of air-

craft overflying GC in route to JFK.

### **Leo Stimmler**

(see Nominees for Director, page 9)

**Matthew Teri** has lived in GC since 2003. He is a graduate of St. John's University and has worked for the Estee Lauder Companies for the past 14 years. Tom is currently VP for Corporate Global Innovations, responsible for creating new strategic platforms for their global brand portfolio, with special focus on growth in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He serves as a mentor and internship sponsor for high school and college students interested in earning work credit, many of whom he has later hired. Matt recently served as a member of the EPOA (7 Member) Nominating Committee. He wife Cathy teaches at the Cathedral Nursery School and his children attend GCMS and Chaminade.

**Mary Weille**, a 30 year resident of the Village, is an associate broker with Coach Realtors' Garden City branch. Mary has and continues to volunteer in many professional, civic and charitable organizations. She is a former EPOA representative to the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee. Mary and her husband Ed have three children, all graduates of GC schools.

We greatly appreciate your membership in the EPOA. If you are not currently a member of the EPOA, we are asking you to join with your many neighbors and friends in the East who already belong to our 92-year-old civic organization that advocates for those residents who live in the Eastern section of our Village. We are, with 40 percent of the population, the largest section of Garden City and the largest of the four POAs.

## [EPOA Membership Drive 2011](#)

If you have not paid your 2011 dues, please consider supporting our efforts through your membership. It's as easy as writing a check for \$20, payable to the EPOA, and sending it to the Eastern Property Owners' Association, P. O. Box 7525, Garden City, NY 11530. Or you can go to our website—[www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org)—and follow the membership link, where you can pay online. These fees help fund newsletters, postcards, special communications (as needed) and EPOA polls and elections. If you give us your email address, we can send you timely updates and bulletins. We never share your email address.

Thank you from your friends and neighbors of the Eastern Property Owners' Association.

**Save the Date: Monday, June 6, 7:30 PM**

# **EPOA ANNUAL MEETING**

**Garden City Library, Lower Level**

**On the agenda: Election of EPOA Officers, Directors  
and Nominating Committee Members**

**Reports from Village Trustees Nick Episcopia and Dennis Donnelly  
and School Trustee Tom Pinou**

**Updates on Current Issues from EPOA President Walter McKenna  
Questions & Answers to Follow Speakers**

**Guest Speakers Andrew deLannoy, the East's Cultural & Recreation  
Affairs representative, and Kevin Ocker, head of the Recreation  
Department, will present the Pool Redevelopment Plan.**

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