

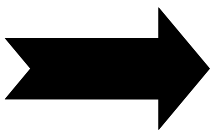
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# epoa news

**The Official Newsletter of the Eastern Property Owners' Association  
Garden City, New York 11530  
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**Annual Public EPOA Joint Meeting**  
**Stewart School Auditorium, Monday, June 4**  
**Elections, Issues Updates**  
**Resident Elector Voting from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm**



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## **President's Message** **by Judy Courtney**

As June brings about the summer "break" in the POAs, I wanted to share with our members some perspective on the past months, some changes we have made to improve the EPOA and some thoughts on how to continue the work we have begun this year.

Since September, we have worked through many issues, both large and small. A primary focus for this year has been to continue to influence development, both within and surrounding the Village. We view this as a critical issue that can directly impact the quality of life in the Village in very dramatic ways. We have had public meetings to debate both the 301 Franklin Avenue condominium proposal and more recently a public meeting to learn more about the proposed Roosevelt Field expansion.

Both projects have some positives; however, we believe that there are also risks that must be mitigated. Interested residents attended both meetings and there is much follow up to be done, especially related to the traffic study for Roosevelt Field. I strongly encourage residents of the East to attend these public development meetings, because it is really through large scale participation that we can ensure the best interests of the East are heard.

June also brings to a close the work of this year's Citizens Budget Review Committee. The volunteers on this committee spend endless hours assisting our Trustees and department heads during the budget process. They provide their expertise, analysis and suggestions on a variety of budget issues. They challenge us to think differently and are a vital resource to the Village's financial process. We would especially like to thank those members who have completed their terms - Joe Courtade, Tom McArdle, Courtney Rosenblatt and Kristina Russo. Their help has been invaluable over the past years.

During this year, we have also made considerable efforts to respond to our members input on the EPOA processes. In the spirit of continuously listening to our constituents' requests, at our May meeting, the EPOA Board reflected on several suggestions we have heard this year to engage even more residents in our work. In response to these suggestions, we have agreed on the following changes, effective immediately.

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## epoa officers and directors

### 2011—2012

President	Judy Courtney
Vice President	Christine Mullaney
Corporate Secretary	Debby Tennyson-Feinstein
Corresponding Secretary	Joseph Moody
Treasurer	John Lattuca
Directors	Mathilde Bellmer Jaime Gans Walter McKenna Tom Nappi Brian Noonan Sal Norberto Neil O'Malley Robert Orosz Nicole Russo Robert Rymers Leo Stimmler Matthew Teri Edward Welch

### representatives

#### from the east

##### Village Trustees

*Dennis Donnelly*  
*Nicholas Episcopia*

##### Acting Village Justice

*Brian T. Deveney*

##### School Board Trustee

*Tom Pinou*

##### Library Board Trustee

*John D. Schultz*

##### Architectural Design Review

*Celia M. Petersen*  
*Barbara Ruggiero*

##### Cultural & Recreational Affairs

*Kenneth Moody*

##### 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

The spring newsletter provides an opportunity to reflect on the 2012-2013 village budget. We were able to pass a budget which was well below the 2% tax levy cap, while at the same time maintained our AAA bond rating.

We were able to double the capital budget, thereby expanding our ability to repair roads, sidewalks, curbs and other infrastructure projects.

Specific projects planned or near completion include a completely revitalized pool complex. The new kiddie pool has been expanded and has a new state-of-the-art water feature. The main pool has been enhanced with new stairs and tile. The adult pool has added tables and chairs and a new shaded area, which will be enjoyed by our adult population.

We have two major projects included in the new budget.

- The complete redesign and reconstruction of our roller hockey rink at Community Park. The hockey rink is one of the most widely used facilities in the Village. The program now includes more than 170 children and over 30 adults.
- Expansion of the Village's senior center on Golf Club Lane. There will be an advisory committee with representatives for each POA to help plan and design both the future programs and facilities necessary for the expansion of our senior initiative.

**Police Department:** The police department has completed the renovation of headquarters with new safety measures and communications facilities. We will be maintaining the police force at 52 members. In an era when police departments throughout Long Island are laying off members and closing precincts we feel it is in the best interest of our residents to maintain a fully staffed and excellently equipped police force. During the coming year, the police will continue to patrol our streets but we also will have an initiative to slow the speed of traffic on our streets. We want to revive the reputation that if you speed in GC, you will be ticketed.

Ernie Cipullo, our police commissioner, has retired effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. Ernie was the architect and the maestro of our police department. His influence in selecting our officers and directing the professionalism exhibited by our force will always be a hallmark of his tutelage. After 52 years of Village service, Ernie will be missed.

**Fire Department:** We continue to achieve positive results from our Fire Department reorganization. The staffing plan put forth by the Volunteer Chiefs, who are now in charge of the department, has saved close to \$150,000 in paid fire fighters' overtime over the past 16 months, with no diminution of service.

**Public Works:** This year, we plan to review our Village tree planting schedules in an effort to find ways to meet certain immediate needs. Due to necessary removal of diseased trees along St. James Street S, replacements and new shrubbery to screen the "Y" parking lot and railroad tracks are needed. Additional plantings are also needed on the south side of Meadow Street to screen the MacDonald gas station. We also will review the schedules for street paving and pot hole patching.

**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 3.5%. However, we are still at an impasse with our paid fire-fighters and mandatory arbitration will be the next step. An arbitrator will certainly consider this higher inflation rate when calculating an award. We have also been engaged in serious contract negotiations with the CSEA Supervisors Union and are

### Trustees' Update



by **Nicholas Episcopia**  
and **Dennis Donnelly**

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debating the merits of a compromise proposal.

With Police Commissioner Cipullo's retirement, there will be two senior administrators drawing pensions and a third who actually draws pension and health care benefits from Nassau County. We make no pension contributions for staff members who are drawing pensions. In 2008, senior staff members drawing pension benefits received a 1% pay increase, and the rest, 2%. None have received any increase since 2008, and they all now contribute to the cost of their health insurance. Changes to vacation policies that have been in place for decades are also being planned.

**Economic Development:** Economic development in the Village remains strong. The new deli on 7<sup>th</sup> Street is open; we have added "En Vie" costume jewelry, a renovated TCBY, the new Sugarplum store and, coming soon, a German restaurant and a Tea Emporium. The Bank of America has proposed a new branch at Franklin & Seventh Street. Calagero's restaurant is expanding. A new sushi restaurant and Dashing Diva's nail salon will be opening on Franklin Avenue.

The Engel Berman group has proposed building 54 condos at 301 Franklin Avenue. The proposal passed the zoning board, the Architectural Design Review Board, the planning commission and, at press time, was on schedule to be approved by the BOT. Although there was some controversy regarding this project, the developer worked with the Village to modify the project to accommodate the many interested parties. We were particularly pleased that additional buffers and significant plantings between the condos and Franklin Court will create a park-like setting between these two areas.

There are two lawsuits of some significance. The first, which challenged GC's zoning ordinances at the former Social Services site near the Supreme Court complex, is on the calendar of Federal Court. The suit, originally filed by ACORN (now carried on by MHANY Management), charges GC with discrimination. The Village filed a motion for summary judgment that was denied by Judge Arthur Spatt. The plaintiffs want to establish affordable housing in Garden City.

The second lawsuit of significance involves the Village, Geneseo, the EPA and Gordon Atlantic Corp. It involves pollution of the water supply in GC. This case, in which we are suing for damages for cost of water treatment and future costs, has also advanced in the courts with resolution hopefully in July.

**Board of Trustees:** As reported in the local press, there is clearly a problem on the BOT. Unfortunately, Mayor Brudie has shown little interest in considering opinions that differ from his own on a given matter, including St. Paul's. Over the past year, five of us have tried to speak with him privately in the hope that he would recognize our sincere desire to work with him as Mayor, just as we had when he was a Trustee. Clearly, he has forgotten that as elected Village Trustees, we have the right to information, to engage in open discussion, to form our own opinions, and to vote.

When he took office a year ago, his first action was to withhold the entire roster of Staff and Trustee appointments until late afternoon on the day of the Annual Organizational Meeting, thereby allowing us no time to study the information or suggest any changes to his unprecedented appointment of a singular Trustee to chair every significant Board committee.

Appointments as commissioners and committee chairmen have always been rotated so that no Trustee is denied hands-on experience working in all areas of Village operations. Five of us believe this is sound management practice that strengthens the institutional knowledge of all Board members. It also ensures that the responsibility of a committee chairman to effectively disseminate vital information is not vested in only one Trustee chairing almost all committees.

While Mayor Brudie provided the assignment roster in advance of this year's Organizational Meeting, he reappointed the same Trustee to chair every significant Board committee. He refused to discuss the issue with anyone in advance of the meeting. Left with no choice, five of us refused to approve the Mayor's roster; we created one that more evenly distributes assignments and benefits the Village as a whole. Also contrary to the Mayor's design, we voted to reduce the terms of senior staff appointments to one year, allowing flexibility to make personnel and policy changes if necessary.

A year ago, the Mayor dissolved the BOT's existing committee to review staffing, productivity and plan for succession of executive staff that was advocated by Trustees, the Citizens Budget Review Committee, POA boards and residents. It was clear he resisted change in staff policy and procedures. Under pressure from five of us, he finally said he would form his own succession committee but declined to state what the committee's charge would be.

Last year, we received the Mayor's memo directing us not to speak directly with Village department heads without his knowledge or permission to do so. Five of us ignored this because, as duly elected Trustees who are fully accountable to all of the people of Garden City, we refuse to relinquish our right to access vital information.

It is our sincere hope that Mayor Brudie will take the opportunity to join us in our effort to work cooperatively as a Board out of respect for each other and all of the people of Garden City whom we represent.

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*President's Message*

- **Public Meetings:** We will increase the number of public meetings. This will include both “topic” meetings focused on a particular issue (i.e. Roosevelt Field) and Board meetings. Our calendar with this information will be published in September.
- **East Board/Liaison Positions:** (i.e. Library Trustee or Planning Commission Liaison) Whenever a current member's term expires, the position will be open to all who may be interested, as opposed to simply renewing the incumbents term (including both incumbents and new candidates). This will ensure everyone gets the opportunity to participate in the many volunteer positions on various Village Boards.
- **Garden City East Nominating Committee:** Traditionally, in the East, this group has consisted of 10 members. In recent years, we have actually gotten more and more residents interested in serving on this important group. So, we have agreed to increase the number of members from 10 to 15 (similar to other POAs). This will allow for broader input and perspective from the group that is responsible for interviewing and selecting Board of Trustee candidates (both Village and School) from the East. It will also prevent the possibility of a tie-vote.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not comment on the overall state of the Village, including the work of the Board of Trustees. From my perspective, this has been a year of some very good work and some very frustrating problems. The Trustees worked long and hard to develop a budget that was both fiscally responsible and continued to address critical Village needs. Changes in Village employees pay and benefits have continued through difficult discussion, resulting in very positive changes for the Village, while still retaining our well-regarded Village staffs. Our pool is undergoing a major renovation, to improve an already terrific Village facility. Transitions of some senior Village staff have recognized the contribution of long-term Village leaders, while allowing new leadership to take charge. But, there continues to be significant turmoil among the Trustees, which only seems to be getting worse. While disagreements should be welcome, the degree of debate, gamesmanship, and in-fighting is not serving the Village interests. Lots of fingers can be pointed in many directions. Many have said that the root of the issue is really St. Paul's, which very well may be true. But, this leadership team needs to figure it out. We do not need another year like this if we are going to be able to address the complex issues that will challenge us in the coming years.

## Cultural & Recreation News

by Ken Moody



### *Garden City Pool Redevelopment*

The Garden City Pool redevelopment project is almost complete and will be finished in time for the pool's opening on Saturday, June 9, 2012. The new interactive apparatus in the children's pool area will consist of steps, slides, platforms and several interactive features. There will also be a separate toddler pool with a zero depth entry and a simple water feature for use by the young children. Applications for pool membership are now being accepted. If you did not receive one in the mail, you may download it from the website at [www.gardencityrecreation.org](http://www.gardencityrecreation.org) or visit the Recreation office at 108 Rockaway Avenue to obtain one.

### *Garden City Senior Center*

Plans are in the works for the Garden City Seniors Center on Golf Club Lane to receive a much needed expansion. The planning design will begin immediately with construction slated to begin in 2013. Other upgrades on the agenda include replacing the pool table, adding sofas and chairs, obtaining funding to rent coach buses for trips, senior picnics, additional money for guest speakers and opportunities for catered affairs at the center. Overall, there is approximately \$27,000 in activity money not previously present in past budgets. The projected plan proposes working through committees with interested seniors involved in the process. Once an architect is chosen, focus group meetings and work with the committees will begin. There will be a lot of opportunity for input with the goal to create a true recreation center. More information on programs for seniors can be found on the senior section on the Recreation website:

[www.gardencityrecreation.org/Senior\\_Section.html](http://www.gardencityrecreation.org/Senior_Section.html)

## Library News by John Schultz



My name is John Schultz and I am the newly appointed Trustee from the East to the Garden City Public Library. I currently work at Credit Suisse as the IT Financial Controller for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. My professional experience includes work relating to global budgeting and planning, forecasting, resource management, mergers, financial modeling & analytics, profitability, securities pricing and accounting. I have a BS in Accounting from Penn State and an MBA from Fordham in Finance and Economics.

I served as a Director on the Board of the EPOA in 2008-2009 and served as chairman of the EPOA Nominating Committee in 2009. My wife and I have lived in Garden City for five years and have three children (all are, or will be, attending Garden City public schools).

I'd like to thank the EPOA Board for the opportunity to serve both the Library and the community. I hope that my personal and professional experiences will support and enhance the great work the Library Board of Trustees has accomplished over the last few years.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank Libby Huschle for her past service to the Board. Although these difficult economic times have placed a premium on financial expertise and experience, it in no way diminishes the passion and dedication Libby has shown in helping shape the Library as an essential public institution for all ages.

Thank you, Libby.

## Aircraft Noise Update by Elizabeth Bailey



Several developments related to aircraft noise have occurred since the last EPOA newsletter was published.

The FAA Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act was signed into law earlier this year. This legislation included funding for the NextGen system, which will replace the current radar-based system with satellite based technology. The expected benefits of the new technology (from the perspective of the FAA and the airlines) were described in an article published by the *New York Times* on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They include more efficient approaches and landings, which could result in reduced fuel usage. Since NextGen technology is more accurate, the standard distance between aircraft could be reduced, in effect increasing the airport's capacity. This is an unpleasant prospect for residents of Nassau County who live under any of the approach paths to JFK airport. TVASNAC (Town/Village Aircraft Safety Noise and Abatement Committee) members are greatly concerned about NextGen because the legislation did not include an environmental review to determine the impacts of its implementation on Nassau County residents. For the same reason, Representative McCarthy voted against the act.

Senators Schumer and Gillibrand have sent letters to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Port Authority (PA) asking that the two agencies establish a single noise complaint hotline. Representative McCarthy has also requested a single hotline. According to an article published in *Newsday* on May 1, the agencies have agreed, and a single complaint phone number will soon be available. This is something that Kendall Lampkin, executive director of TVASNAC, has requested several times to prevent either agency from referring people who are filing complaints to the other agency. Until the joint phone number is available, complaints can be addressed to the FAA by email at 9-AEA-NOISE@faa.gov and to the Port Authority by phone at 973-961-6026.

At the last TVASNAC meeting, Robert Grotell, special advisor to the Eastern Regional Helicopter Council (ERHC), discussed the issue of helicopter noise. The council has developed a proposal to reduce noise over Long Island. Aircraft departing from the West 30th Street heliport would go up the Hudson and turn east north of Manhattan. Aircraft departing from the Wall Street heliport would use the south shore route. If implemented, this proposal would likely benefit Garden City residents by reducing the helicopter traffic that follows the mainline of the LIRR. However, the ERHC's proposal may be superseded by new FAA regulations. According to an article published in the *New York Times* on February 19, Senator Schumer is urging the FAA to develop regulations for helicopter traffic over Long Island which would eventually result in most helicopter traffic being routed over the water. Regulations relating to north shore traffic could be implemented by the 4th of July weekend. Garden City residents who wish to file complaints about helicopter noise can contact the ERHC at 1-800-319-7410 or [erhc@planenoise.com](mailto:erhc@planenoise.com).



**TO ALL RESIDENT ELECTORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE EASTERN SECTION  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY  
JOINT MEETING—MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012—7:30 PM—STEWART SCHOOL**

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

- To Elect** (1) EPOA Officers and Directors for the 2012—2013 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: Sal Norberto, 88 Garden Street  
Corporate Secretary: Debra Tennyson-Feinstein, 39 Clinton Road  
Corresponding Secretary: Joe Moody, 166 Meadow Street

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For a term of one year: John Gentile, 88 St. James Street South

**EPOA Directors:**

For a term of three years:

Walter McKenna, 142 Washington Avenue  
Robert Orosz, 28 Grove Street  
John Lattuca, 61 Transverse Road

For a term of two years:

Tom Nappi, 7 Damson Street  
Brian Noonan, 72 Washington Avenue  
Nicole Russo, 29 Laurel Street  
Matthew Teri, 46 Huntington Road

**Purpose of the Resident Electors' Meeting (voting from 6:45 to 8:00 pm):**

**To Elect:** All 15 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 30 candidates in nomination for election to the 15 member **Garden City East Nominating Committee:**

James Carney	6 Chestnut Street	Neil O'Malley	55 Commander Avenue
May Conti	45 Kenwood Road	John Pittoni	31 Locust Street
Andrew DeLannoy	5 Maple Street	Ted Rechner	256 Clinton Road
Ken Drummond	105 Washington Avenue	Karl Schmidt	38 Russell Road
Robert Foxen	95 Brook Street	Jon Segerdahl	137 Locust Street
Jaime Gans	9 Damson Street	John Schlapp	95 Garden Street
William Garry	42 Locust Street	Allison Sparacino	32 Claydon Road
William Graham	104 Brook Street	Robert H. Stark, Jr.	103 Kingsbury Road
John Halloran	132 Meadow Street	Leo Stimmler	67 Huntington Road
Walter McKenna	142 Washington Avenue	Debra Tennyson-Feinstein	39 Clinton Road
Joseph Moody	166 Meadow Street	Matthew Teri	46 Huntington Road
Kenneth Moody	128 Poplar Street	Jeremy Walsh	53 Meadow Street
James Morrell	58 Wyatt Road	Mary Weille	73 Garden Street
Christine Mullaney	104 Huntington Road	John Wilton	29 Franklin Court
Gerhardt Muller	138 Willow Street	Rex Wood	92 Kingsbury Road

At press time, four additional candidates for the GC East Nominating Committee were nominated by petition:

Pamela Gentile 83 Kingsbury Road	Bob Kaliban 414 Stewart Avenue
Alison Metzler 4 Prospect Avenue	Caroline Vaughn 11 Mulberry Avenue

The 2011/2012 EPOA 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 Dorothy Episcopia, as chairperson, Tom Logan, Cheryl McAuliffe, Frank Livoti, David Foxen, Steve Illardi and Mary Weille.

## 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 was vice president for two years and is finishing one year as president. She has one daughter who attended GCHS.

### Vice President: Christine Mullaney

**Chris** has been a resident of GC for 38 years. She has been a director of the EPOA for six years, served as corresponding secretary for two, and is completing one year as vice president. 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 is retired from St. Joseph's

College as senior writer in the Office of Institutional Advancement. Chris and her husband Tom are the parents of two adult children. She served on the GC East Nominating Committee in 2011.

### Corporate Secretary:

#### Debra Tennyson-Feinstein

**Debby** and her husband, Ronald Feinstein, have lived in GC for four years. She has a long career teaching finance and economics at the university level, most recently at Hofstra University. Debby has a Ph.D. in health service administration and an MBA from the University of Alabama. While living in other communities, Debby volunteered for civic, 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. She is finishing one year as an EPOA director and has served as the EPOA corporate secretary since March.

### Corresponding Secretary:

#### Joseph Moody

**Joe** is a lifelong resident of GC and a graduate of GCHS and Adelphi University. He became an EPOA director in 2010 and corresponding secretary

last year. 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 17 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 GC East Nominating Committee in 2009 and 2010. He and his wife Dina, a 32 year resident, have three children.

### Treasurer: Salvatore Norberto

**Sal** 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 Affairs 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.

## Nominees for EPOA Directors

### For a term of three years:

**John Lattuca** 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 manage-

ment. Currently John is a member of the Xerox senior management team in New York with a focus on revenue growth and profitability in the healthcare and technology marketplace. John is an active volunteer supporting the United Way & Special Olympics. He is completing two years as the EPOA treasurer.

**Walter McKenna**, a director of the EPOA since 2006, served as president for two terms. He is completing a term on the GC East Nominating Committee. A graduate of the New York Institute of Technology School of Management and Accounting, he is currently the financial and operational controller

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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, and manager of financial accounting at Montefiore Medical Center. Walter and his wife Lynette have two children attending GC schools.

**Robert Orosz** and his family have been residents of the Village since 1991. His children are graduates of the GC school system. Bob has a degree in Business Management and Radiologic Health Sciences. He is also a licensed radiologic technologist and former instructor in C.T. Scanning, Cross-Sectional Anatomy at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Now retired, Bob has been increasingly active and concerned with quality of life and financial issues within GC. He has been an EPOA director for the past three years and was appointed by Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano to the Assessment Review Team to help fix the broken county assessment system.

*For a term of two years:*

**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 cur-

rently 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 serves as EPOA liaison to the Village Traffic Commission. He 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.

**Nicole Russo** has lived in Garden City 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 (Criminal Justice & Music Industry). Currently, she is attending Vaughn College of Aeronautics & Technology and working towards a B.S. in Airport Management & Air Traffic Control. Nicole is one of the regional coordina-

tors of intergovernmental relations for New York State Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb. She serves as chairperson of the Nassau County Young Republican Club and corresponding secretary of the New York State Young Republicans.

**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 15 years, where he is VP for corporate global innovations. Matt 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 previously served as a member of the EPOA Nominating Committee. He wife Cathy teaches at Cathedral Nursery School and his children attend GCMS and Chaminade.

*For a term of one year:*

**John Gentile** has been a resident of GC since 1996. A graduate of New York University (1984) and Hofstra School of Law (1987), he is presently a partner in the law firm of Bellavia Gentile & Associates, LLP. The law firm concentrates in the areas of transactions and litigation on behalf of businesses including over 800 automobile dealers nationwide. John is also the owner/broker of Parkside Realty in Queens, a real estate agency specializing in residential real estate transactions. John and his wife Patricia have two sons, both of whom attended GCHS.

## Traffic Report by Tom Nappi

The Traffic Commission continues to be an active part of Garden City government, and the EPOA serves as an effective conduit for residents of the East to express concerns regarding traffic issues or request changes to signage.

The EPOA is currently working with the Commission on several matters that were raised by residents, including researching ways of preventing vehicular accidents with the LIRR underpass on Chestnut Street, and requesting from Nassau County a left-turn signal northbound on Franklin Avenue at 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Lastly, the EPOA has encouraged greater speed limit enforcement by the police, particularly on the more heavily trafficked streets in the East. Please contact the EPOA with traffic problems or suggestions through our website: [www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org). Click "contact" in the upper right corner of our homepage, fill out the form, and we will follow-up.





The Board of Directors of the Eastern Property Owners' Association has selected the following 30 candidates for election to the Garden City East Nominating Committee. These will be voted on by Resident Electors at the annual public EPOA joint meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012, in the Stewart School Auditorium. (Voting is from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.) This committee proposes candidates for Village-wide offices, Village Board of Trustees and School Trustees.

## Nominees for Garden City East Nominating Committee

**James F. Carney** and his wife Maryellen have lived in GC since 1995; their two sons attended GC schools. Jim was a two-term president of the EPOA and has served on multiple Village committees, including the Mayor's Committee on St. Paul's, the 1999 GC school bond and capital construction committee, and the current GC school bond and facilities committee overseeing the ongoing construction for the school district. Jim joined Citigroup in 2000, where he is managing director of global data center strategy, planning, risk and control. Before that he held senior management positions at ABC Television and Consolidated Edison. He is an engineering graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy and also holds an MBA from Baruch University in finance.

**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 EPOA and GC East 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 over 20 years.

**Andrew de Lannoy** and wife, BJ, grew up in GC, graduated from GCHS in 1978, and returned in 1988 to start their family. Andy represented the EPOA for 14 years on the Cultural and Recreational Affairs Commission, where he co-lead several projects including the reconstruction of tennis and paddle courts at Community Park, redevelopment of the St. Paul's recreation complex, and most recently the renovations at the GC Pool. He volunteered for over 15 seasons as a coach with youth athletics. Professionally, Andy is a management consultant working with stressed companies to overcome their challenges with changing business environments.

**Kenneth J. Drummond** is a Long Island native and has been living in GC's eastern section with his wife Wanda and son Cole for 10 years. He is currently CFO of a family office/investment holding company. Ken is a CPA with over 25 years experience in accounting and finance, focusing on financial management of high net worth individuals. Ken received his MBA in finance and his Bachelors in accounting.

**Robert Foxen** is a lifelong resident of the Village. He has a BS from Villanova University and an MS in environmental engineering from Manhattan College. Bob has extensive experience in water and waste management and is the founder and primary owner of Global Commons, an energy development company. He is currently a member of the Village's Environmental Advisory Board. Bob lives in the East with his wife Betsy and four children.

**Jaime Gans** has lived in GC since 1981 and is the mother of six. 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 volunteer with Women at Risk and is both a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's. Jaime has been an EPOA director for seven years and served two terms as corporate secretary.

**William P. Garry** has lived in GC for 57 years and, with his wife Barbara, raised his three children here. He is a 1965 graduate of GCHS and received a management degree from St. Bonaventure University. Bill is a senior managing director with Sungard Systems International. He formerly held senior positions with Deloitte & Touche, Chase Manhattan Bank and Bankers Trust. Bill has served as a travel soccer coach for

the GC Centennials and as a manager of the GC Little League. He also was coordinator of CYO basketball in St. Joseph Parish for 10 years.

**William Graham** has lived in GC for 19 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 17 years, including serving two terms as Chief of Department. Bill retired from Ladder Company 169, NYC Fire Department, after 20 years of service.

**John W. Halloran** is retired from the NYC Board of Education where he taught for 32 years. He is a former director, treasurer and president of the EPOA, serving for nine years until 1988. John also served with Cub Pack 7 and Boy Scout Troop 55 as cubmaster and advancement chairman. He is a former CPR instructor with the American Heart Association. John is a graduate of St. John's and CUNY. He and his wife Eileen have two grown sons, graduates of GCHS.

**Walter McKenna**  
(See Nominees for Director, page 7)

**Joseph Moody**  
(See Nominees for Officer, page 7)

**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 active in GCAA sports. The Moodys are active parishioners at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

**James G. Morrell** is an attorney who has practiced with law firms in New York City and on Long Island. He and his wife

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Patricia, also an attorney, have two children who have attended St. Joseph School from nursery through eighth grade. Jim attended Stewart School and Garden City Junior HS. He received his college degree from Franklin & Marshall College, a Master's degree in Special Education from Temple University, and his law degree from St. John's. He is a member of the Adult Choir at St. Joseph Church and served on the EPOA Nominating Committee in 2011.

### **Christine Mullaney**

(see Nominees for Officer, page 7)

**Gerhardt Muller** and his wife Gisela have lived in Garden City for over 40 years. All four of their sons graduated from GC schools. He was a member of the EPOA for nine years, serving five years as treasurer. He served as a council member of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, including president. He was a cub master and assistant scout master for more than 12 years. Professionally, he was with the Port Authority of NY & NJ for 30 years, after which he became a professor of international transportation at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, retiring three years ago. He continues to teach at various universities around the globe.

**Neil O'Malley** has lived in GC since 1995 and has been a member of the GC Fire Department since 1999, where he has just completed his third term as Captain of Chemical Company. Neil is currently completing his 5th year as a director of the EPOA and has served on the GC East Nominating Committee, most recently in 2010. He is employed as a key grip in the motion picture industry. Neil, who is also a NYS emergency medical technician, and his wife Sheila are the proud parents of four children.

**John Pittoni** has been practicing law for the past 44 years, primarily in the GC/Mineola area. He has lived in GC for almost 40 years and has been involved with the EPOA for 39 years, serving as a director for many terms and as its youngest and longest serving president. He has also both served on and chaired the EPOA and GC East 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 27 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 nine years ago with his wife Deborah.

**Jon Segerdahl** and his wife have been residents of GC since 1973. Jon is a retired public school administrator and principal. He is a former two-term GC village trustee, former EPOA president, vice president and director, and former chairman of the JCC. As a village trustee, Jon served as liaison to the recreation department, the department of public works, chairman of the traffic commission and liaison to the school board. He raised his three children here and was an assistant coach to the boys' travel soccer team and coached the girls' Division 1 travel soccer team.

**John Schlapp**, a lifelong resident of GC, is a member of the GC Fire Department, where he currently holds the rank of Ex-Captain. He has been an active member for over 20 years. John attended Nassau Community College where he met his wife, Valerie Rhodes, also a lifelong resident of GC. A graduate of St. John's University, he has been in the insurance and financial services industry for 25 years. Additionally, he is a vice president of the family fuel oil business in Hempstead. John and Valerie have three children.

**Karl H. Schmidt** and his wife Catherine have been residents of Garden City since 1976. Karl is a graduate of New York University with a BS and MBA in finance. Karl worked for Chase Manhattan Bank for 30 years in their commercial banking group with multinational clients. He is an active member of the New York Society of Security Analysts, most recently as chair of their Global Investing Committee. For more than 10 years Karl has been president of Bristol Advisors, Inc., a financial consulting company. He served for nine years on the EPOA board, until 2010, and as

treasurer for seven years. He also acted as liaison with the Village's Architectural Design Review Board.

**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 32 years Bob has been providing financial solutions for small and medium-sized businesses at JPMorgan Chase. He was an EPOA director from 1998 to 2007, serving as membership chair, vice president and eventually president. Bob was a charter member of the Village's Environmental Advisory Board representing the EPOA, and served as chair of the Air/Noise Committee.

**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.

### **Debra Tennyson-Feinstein**

(see Nominees for Officer, page 7)

### **Matthew Teri**

(see Nominees for Director, page 8)

**Jeremy Walsh**, a management specialist and senior consultant to CS Technology, has lived in Garden City since 2000. He graduated from Chaminade in 1989 and

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holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in environmental science. He received his JD from Fordham University in 2004 and practices law in GC. Jeremy has coached multiple sports and is cubmaster of Pack 7. Jeremy and his wife Tara have three children attending GC schools.

**Mary Weille**, a 31 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.

**John E. Wilton** has lived in GC for 28 years. He is the senior marketing director of Garden City Properties/GC Commercial and is a past recipient of the GC Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year award, which recognizes significant contributions to the local economy, the welfare of the community and advancement of the aims of the Chamber of Commerce. As chairman of the Chamber's Merchant, Professional and Retailers Group, John initiated the marketing campaign that encouraged GC residents to "pay it forward" by shopping locally. John and his wife Patricia raised their son and daughter in the Village.

**Rex Wood** has been a resident of GC for 40 years. Along with his wife, he raised three children here and has been involved in many community activities, including

serving nine years as an EPOA director. He has coached soccer and baseball, and served as a zone chairman and district captain for the GC Community Fund. Rex had a long career of 33 years with Avon Products serving in many different marketing and operation management positions. Since his retirement he has done consulting work with various companies. Rex holds a BS degree in chemistry and math and an MBA.

At press time, four additional candidates were nominated by petition. They are:

**Pamela E. Gentile**

**Bob Kaliban**

**Alison Metzler**

**Caroline Vaughn**

## EPOA Awards Scholarship

The Eastern Property Owner's Association has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to GCHS senior Cara Matina. 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. Cara will attend Hofstra University in the fall. Inspired by her music teachers from middle school through high school, she plans on becoming a music teacher "so that I can achieve the same life changing experiences for my future students."

The recipient of a Girl Scout Gold Award, Cara spent three years taping school concerts at the elementary, middle and high school level with the goal of inspiring young people to get involved in the arts. She said that scouting taught her the importance of giving back to the community, and how to volunteer and anticipate the needs of others.

When Cara's original scout troop dispersed, she continued alone to work on projects that included collecting books for a New Orleans school whose library was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina. She filled her family room with thousands of boxed books that were shipped to New Orleans with the financial assistance of St. Joseph's Church.

Congratulations, Cara, 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.

## Treasury Report by John Lattuca

As we progress into 2012, things continue to evolve in our Village. New stores and restaurants are opening in the heart of town, our schools are expanding and continue to be recognized nationally for performance and course curriculum, and our community pool is currently in the completion stage of a significant construction investment. In an effort to keep the residents of the East informed on all aspects of this, communication continues to be our primary objective. This can come in many different forms, whether we are reinforcing our position on issues facing the Village through special meetings, supporting our trustee representatives, or sending out our three newsletters, our goal is to represent the voice of the East.

As you should expect, the EPOA remains a financially strong organization. As of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, our current assets totaled \$23,437.99, consisting of a FDIC insured checking account, a savings account with a reputable bank in Garden City, and a bulk postage account with the Garden City Post Office. Year-to-date expenses total \$8,453.54, with our primary expenses being printing and mailing.

If you are an active member of the EPOA, we want to thank you for your support. If you are not, there is still time to join for 2012. A membership form and addressed return envelope are enclosed. Or you can pay via PayPal online at [www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org).

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer season!

**Save the Date: Monday, June 4, 7:30 PM**

# **EPOA ANNUAL MEETING**

## **Stewart School Auditorium**

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

**Reports from Village Trustees Nick Episcopia and Dennis Donnelly  
Meet new School Trustee Elect Robert Martin  
and new Library Trustee John Schultz**

**Updates on Current Issues from EPOA President Judy Courtney  
Questions & Answers to Follow Speakers**

**Voting for the Garden City East Nominating Committee  
will begin at 6:45 pm and end at 8:00 pm.**

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 93-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 2012**

If you have not paid your 2012 dues, please consider supporting our efforts through your membership. Your \$20 membership helps fund newsletters, postcards, special communications and EPOA polls and elections.

A membership form and addressed return envelope are enclosed.

Or you can go to our website—[www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org)—and follow the membership link, where you can pay online.

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.